

## Russell Carroll's Family Farm - History of Merchant Sweets Oswego River Farm



Figure 1 - Farm Purchase

**Buying the Oswego River Home** -The farm was purchased from L. Doris Wood in Aug 1945 by Russell Carroll for immediate possession as reported in the Oswego Palladium<sup>1</sup>, see **Figure 1** and recorded in Index of Deeds<sup>2</sup>. This included a large tract of land bordering the old canal and extending north-east to route 57. Approximately 100 acres as shown on the map see **Figure 2**. The property is just off the right of Walter Island and on earlier maps is defined as tract 94 in Schroepel Township situated about 2 miles from Phoenix, NY on the Oswego River Road. Russell does move into this old farm home immediately but this is a very old home showing its age with none of the conveniences of the prior Cortland home - a definite hardship.



Figure 2 - Aerial View of Farm

<sup>1</sup> "Purchases Farm at Hinmanville.", *Oswego NY Palladium*. August 28, 1945, p. 7, col. 2, <http://fultonhistory.com/>.

<sup>2</sup> "United States, New York Land Records, 1630-1975", database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:ZM58-PWPZ> : 3 March 2021), Russell Carroll in entry for MM9.1.1/ZM57-BL2M:, 1946.

**Early Recollections of the "Old Home"** This two story historical home sitting on a hilltop with its classical columned entrance way and two wings (**Figures 3 & 4**) spoke of an elegance not equaled along the early homes populating the canal road from Phoenix to Himanville.



Figure 3 - North Wing Old home



Figure 4 - South Wing Old Home