One of the prettiest farms in the area belongs to Don and Della Rowntree. The house is framed by lovely trees and well-tended plant borders. The Rowntrees purchased the farm in the 1960's from the Brook family, descendants of the original owners. The land was purchased from the government in 1842 by Joe Brook. The first house may have been built in the 1840's facing the nearby plank road from Rochester. The large barn on the property was built in 1869 according to its cornerstone. A new farmhouse, beautifully crafted of cut stone was built by Joe Brook's son, Jim in 1883. The date is legible high on the front of the house, indicating when it was completed. Jim Brook was a remarkable stonemason, and his craftsmanship is also visible in the little building near the road. Reportedly, Jim said that he was proud of his work and wanted it where people could see it.

Jim's son, Preston, inherited the farm, but had no heirs. A rather eccentric man, he reportedly said that he would leave his farm to someone who had not done him any good or harm. One day, he visited his nephew, Alfred Brook and family, and inquiring as to the children's names, he heard the youngest was Joe, in his teens at the time. "I'm going to will you my farm," he said. "Joe Brook had it to begin with, and when I get done with it, I want Joe Brook to have it back again." According to Roman Brook, Joe's older brother, the family didn't take it seriously; but when Preston Brook died, sure enough, he had left the farm to Joe.

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