



Benjamin Ela Gallup was an early lawyer and real estate dealer in Chicago after 1853. After his death in 1896, his widow, Delia Hulburd Gallup, returned to spend summers in Rochester, her childhood home, and built a country home where her children and grandchildren could visit.

The barn is understood to have been built first, with a semi-finished upstairs where workmen lived while they built the house. It included stalls and stanchions for a few horses and cows. The present apple salesroom served as a garage which housed Mrs. Gallup's rubber-tired Studebaker surrey and a Rausch and Lang electric car.

A water tank on the windmill supplied water pressure and a thirty volt electrical system with batteries and a gasoline engine provided power before it was locally available.

When she died in 1921, the estate was sold to her husband's cousin, George Ela. His family expanded the original orchard with newer apple varieties. Today, some thirty varieties of apples and five varieties of pears are sold commercially during the autumn and winter season.

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