

## Glens Falls Street Names

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Arlington Street 7/29/37

From below Faxon west to 242 South

This Street is one of a development including Franklin, Boylston, Beacon, Tremont and Woodward Streets which were opened about twenty-five years ago by the Montrose Real Estate Corporation of Boston, Mass. These streets were named for streets in Boston.

Ashley Place 7/21/37

From Kensington Rod beyond limits southerly to Coolidge Ave

This street, which was opened about ten years ago, was named for the late Eugene L Ashley. Mr. Ashley formerly owned a mile tract of land in that vicinity, and when the section was developed recently it was decided to name a street in his honor.

Baldwin Avenue 7/8/37

From 189 Bay east to D & H RR

This street was named for the late Philander Baldwin, who came here from Chestertown, purchased a tract of land and laid out the street. Mr. Baldwin's home stood on the corner of Bay Street and Baldwin Avenue.

Basin Street 6/29/37

From 84 Park south to end of Glendon Ave

This street was so named because it ran down the hill off Park Street to the "basin," where canal boats were brought in for repair work.

Bay Street 3/30/37

From Monument Square north to City limits

Bay Street was so called because it was part of the road leading to "the bay," at Lake George, a road which in pioneer times was rather dangerous. The low swamps between the early village and the hills harbored panthers and other wild animals.

Berry Street 3/31/37

From 65 Glen Street east to Church St

Berry Street was named for the late Sydney Berry, whose home stood opposite it in Glen Street. Mr. Berry established a school in 1837 at the corner of Church and Berry Streets.

Birch Avenue 5/6/37

From 263 Glen Street east to Gage Avenue

Birch Avenue was named for rows of birch trees which were planted by the late William H. Gildersleeve when the street was laid out in 1919. Rows of trees were planted on both sides of the street. None of the trees survived.

Bowman Avenue 5/25/37

From Glen easterly

The first three houses on this street were built by the late Dr. Sands J. Bowman, from whom the street derives its name. Dr. Bowman was a well-known dentist in Glens Falls for many years and owned considerable property in the City.

Broad Street 4/6/37

From 69 South to limits

Broad Street was formerly known as West Street, but the name was changed some years ago because its residents objected to notoriety at that time associated with sections of the "west end" of town. The name Broad Street was chosen because it is a broad street.

Bush Street 4/21/37

From Knight south to Feder Canal

Bush Street was named for the late Henry Bush. Mr. Bush lived in Glen Street, but he owned property in the vicinity of Bush Street, South Street, and Haviland Ave.

Center Street 6/30/1937

From 48 Warren north to 121 Maple

This street was originally a lane which ran from Warren Street through the General Morgan farm. The path was called the "Center Lane."

Charlotte Street 6/11/37

From 35 Notre Dame to 26 ½ Grove Ave

This street was named in honor of Charlotte Conkling Sherman, second wife of Augustus Sherman, for whom Sherman Avenue was named.

Chester Street 6/8/37

From 271 Glen east to 112 Bay Street

The late Joseph Fowler, who owned the property in the vicinity of this street, was a native of Chestertown. When the street was opened, he named it in honor of his former home.

Church Street 4/12/37

From Oakland north to 93 Maple Street

When Church Street was named, the title was even more appropriate than now. In addition to St. Mary's Church, opposite it in Warren Street, and in the Baptist Church, facing it on Maple, the Methodist Church stood at its Warren Street entrance, and nearby, the Presbyterian Church.

Columbia Avenue 7/2/37

From 103 South West to 10 Delaware Ave

This street originally Coffin Street, named for the late Martin Coffin and Sanford Coffin, prominent property owners. During the period of the World War, the present name was adopted for its patriotic significance.

Coolidge Avenue 5/24/37

From 307 Glen west to city limits

This street was named by the late Arthur W Sherman for his wife, Gertrude Coolidge, after he opened the street in the territory of that vicinity which was, before 1895 the City fair ground. Mr. Sherman and R. A. Little bought the fair grounds and laid out streets there.

Cooper Street 5/12/37

From 160 Maple Street north to Sanford

Cooper Street was in all probability named for James Fenimore Cooper, who was not a resident of Glens Falls, but whose historical novels made this country famous.

Cooper Street 7/16/37

From 160 Maple Street north to Sanford

This street whose present name was probably chosen for the association between James Fenimore Cooper, novelist, and the history of this section, was originally Paddock's Lane, and led to the Paddock farm, past the Warren Pepper brickyards. The Paddock family lived on the site of the Wilmarth Funeral Home. The name of the street was changed about seventy-five years ago.

Crandall Street 4/2/37

From Pine north to Horicon Ave

Until about twenty years ago, Crandall Street was known as Uncas Street - Uncas being an Indian name associated with local history. The change to Crandall Street was made to honor the late Henry L Crandall, Glens Falls philanthropist.

Davis Street 6/14/37

From 21 Grove Ave north to Lincoln Ave

Davis Street was named for the late Judge Isaac Davis. Judge Davis owned much of the property in that section. His home stood in Glen Street, on the site of the present High School Building. Was Hancock Street before being changed to Davis St.

Dix Avenue 5/10/37

From 133 Ridge east to limits

Dix Avenue was named for one of the City's notable citizens, the late John A Dix, native of Glens Falls and a former Governor of New York State. Mr. Dix lived at the corner of Ridge and Dix Avenue. (Incorrect)

Elizabeth Street 4/15/37

From near 40 Crandall west to Darwin Avenue

Elizabeth Street was named for Miss Elizabeth Powers, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John S. Powers. Mr. Powers dealt extensively in real estate, laying out Elizabeth Street, and numerous houses in its vicinity, as well as in Orville Street, Darwin Avenue, Sherman Avenue and Crandall Street.

Elke Street 7/20/37

From Sanford east to Sierra

Like Sierra and Tahoe Streets, the name of this street has no local significance but was chosen by W. Stanislaus Kelleher, local real estate operator and a former resident of Nevada, in honor of his former home. Elko is a village in Nevada.

Exchange Street 7/7/37

West from 126 Glen Street to 11 Elm Street

This street was formerly known as "the Lane," running from Glen Street to "the Back Street," now Elm Street. From 1836 to 1838, E. Williams operated a store on the site of Erlangers' Men's Store, known as "The Exchange," and from this enterprise, the present name of the street was derived. This corner was also the site of the first brick store to be erected in the Village, in 1814.

Fielding Street 6/2/37

South from 64 Montcalm to 117 Broad Street

About sixty-five years ago, Isaac Fielding moved his house from Broad Street to the street which now bears his name. The house, a brick building, is still standing in Fielding Street, and is the home of his daughter, Miss Etta Fielding. The Fielding home was first in the street.

Fort Amherst Road 5/11/37

East from 409 Glen Street to Bay

Fort Amherst Road commemorates one of the series of fortifications which stretched between Fort Edward and the redoubts at the head of Lake George during the Indian wars. The site of the fort is believed to be near the road.

Fredella Avenue 5/18/37

From 82 Oakland north to Warren Street

Fredella Avenue was formerly Lime Street, named for one of the City's major industries. The name was later changed to honor Joseph Fredella, a contractor who developed the street.

Garrow Place 7/8/1999

Part of Big Cross Street was renamed after William Garrow who was the Principal at Big Cross Street School for many years. Resolution # 244 for 1999

Geer Street 7/9/37

North from 142 Warren to Dix Ave

This street was opened about twenty-five years ago by the late Walter Rogers and named for the Geer family, of which he was a descendent. The family was prominent in the early history of the Village, and formerly owned a farm in that section of the City. William Beebe, of New York, famous naturalist and under seas explorer, is a descendent of the Geer family.

Glen Street 3/27/37

North from River to city limits

Glen Street is one of many local streets which have derived their names from prominent residents of the community. The city's main thoroughfare was named for that same John (or Johannes as it is sometimes written) Glenn for whom, in consideration of a wine supper, Wing's Falls is said to have become Glenn's Falls.

Glenwood Avenue 4/24/37

Glenwood Avenue was originally Brick Yard Road. The present name was adopted about thirty years ago when Charles D. Moore and the late Charles A. Hovey began to develop the section. Because of its opening on Glen Street, and since it commanded a view of the forests, the new residents chose the name "Glenwood" as most appropriate.

Goodman Avenue 5/26/37

South from Cunningham Ave

Named for the late Samuel Goodman, this street which runs between Grant Avenue and Sheridan Street was once part of a farm pasture land and truck garden which was owned and operated by Mr. Goodman for many years.

Goodwin Avenue 7/3/37

East from 257 Glen Street to 94 Bay Street

This street was named for the late James B. Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin owned the majority of the houses on the street, which was for many years private. Mr. Goodwin was a great uncle of Mrs. Lawrence E. Ross, Fort Amherst Road.

Grand Street 6/26/37

East from 111 Bay to 130 Ridge

Like Fulton and Washington Streets, the name of this street has no local significance, but was taken from a street of the same name in New York City by the late Martin J. Coffin. Pearl Street was similarly named. This group of streets was laid out about 1850.

Grant Avenue 7/12/37

From 288 ½ Glen to Western Ave

This is one of a group of streets in this section which were named for the country's chief executives, and was so called in honor of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War general and president.

Graves Street 5/22/37

From 206 Ridge Street west to Lexington Ave

Graves Street, which runs from Ridge Street to Lexington Avenue, was opened in 1923. It was named for the late Amos Graves. The street was laid out near the site of the old Graves homestead.

Grove Avenue 5/1/37

West from 266 Glen to Garfield

Grove Avenue was named for a grove of pine trees which formerly extended from it to Marion Avenue, Glen and Charlotte Streets, covering an area of two blocks. The grove was cut down about 1890.

Harrison Avenue 5/14/37

West from 278 Glen to 17 Garfield

Harrison Avenue was originally called Lydia Street, named by the late Isaac Crandall in honor of his sister-in-law when he deeded the street to the City about sixty-five years ago. During the presidency of Benjamin Harrison, the name was changed to Harrison to correspond with other streets in that section which were named for presidents

Hartford Ave. 4/7/37

East from 247 ½ Ridge St

About twenty years ago, John Q. Reynolds, of Ridge Road, deeded to the City a small tract of land, and since he was a former resident of Hartford, N. Y., Mr. Reynolds asked that the street constructed in this section be named Hartford Avenue.

Haviland Ave 4/17/37

Southwesterly from 30 Knight to Feeder Dam

As with many streets which were named for men who helped develop the City during its early history, Haviland Avenue was so called in honor of the late Roger Haviland. Mr Haviland lived at the corner of Knight and South Streets, and owned much property in that section.

Horicon Ave. 4/1/37

West from 318 Glen Street to Roosevelt Ave

The name Horicon is of Indian origin and recalls the Indian history and legend in which this section abounds. There seems to be no particular reason why "Horicon" is more applicable to this street than any other; it was merely a word of local significance.

Horicon Place 7/26/37

West from 318 Glen to Roosevelt Ave

Horicon Place, which provides one of the main entries into the Broad Acres development, was so named because it is a natural projection of Horicon Avenue across the extension of Lincoln Avenue.

Hoyt Avenue 6/4/37

West from 174 Ridge to 19 Vanderheyden

At the same time that the late George W. Vanderheyden opened Vanderheyden Street, he laid out another street in his property and named it Hoyt Avenue in honor of his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Hoyt. Hoyt Avenue was opened about sixty years ago.

Ida Street 4/26/37

Westerly from 22 ½ First to 13 Second Street

One of several streets in the City which bear feminine names, Ida Street was so named by the late L.P. Juvet in honor of one of his nieces, Mr. Juvet owned several lots in that section of the City.

John Street 5/7/37

East from 161 Bay to Kenworthy Avenue

John Street was named for the late John L Kenworthy, grandfather of Councilman Walter G Kenworthy. Mr. Kenworthy owned a farm in that section, and his name was given to the street when it was laid out about forty years ago.

Keenan Street 7/6/37

From 96 Warren north to 191 Maple

This street was named for the late John Keenan, who lived in Warren Street opposite its intersection. Mr. Keenan was president of the Village of Glens Falls in 1871, 1875 and 1876. He ran for office again, but was defeated, according to the record, because of his energetic campaign for brick sidewalks. Previous to this time, board walks had served.

Kenworthy Avenue 4/14/37

North from 88 Sanford to Mason

Kenworthy Avenue was named for the late John Kenworthy, grandfather of Councilman Walter G. Kenworthy. The street was laid out by the councilman's father, George Kenworthy.

Lapham Place 7/17/37

From 145 Glen to 38 Ridge

This street was formerly Park Avenue, so named because it was laid out next to City Park. The present name was adopted about eighteen years ago in honor of the late Byron Lapham, who built the Lapham Apartments in the street.

Lawton Ave

East from 149 Ridge

named after Mr. Lawton Dix

Lexington Avenue 5/21/37

East from 201 Bay to 216 Ridge

Lexington Avenue was originally Roberts Avenue, named for a family which formerly lived there. In 1933, the majority of the residents of the street signed a petition asking that it be known as Lexington Avenue, a name suggested by Howard G. Potter, real estate operator who helped to develop that section.

Lincoln Avenue 5/13/37

West From 298 Glen to Garfield

Lincoln Avenue, one of several streets in the City whose names were chosen for their general historical significance, was so called in memory of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln Avenue 7/13/37

West from 298 Glen to Garfield

To correspond with Washington, Jefferson and Madison Streets, and Grant and Harrison Avenues, which were named for presidents, Lincoln Avenue was named for Abraham Lincoln. The street was originally known as Dixon Road, leading from the plank road past the old fairgrounds to the Dixon farm, now owned by Jabez N Ingalsbe. The name was changed about thirty-five years ago.

Little Street 6/9/37

South from 114 Park to 47 Mohican

Although the Little family has been prominent in the City's history for generations, Little Street, has no connection with the family. The name Little was chosen as being merely descriptive, referring to the shortness of the street.

Madison Street 7/23/37

North from 8 May to 15 Grand

This street is another in a group in honor of the country's chief executives. To correspond with Washington and Jefferson Streets, and Grant, Harrison and Lincoln Avenues, the street was named for James Madison, the fourth chief executive.

Maple Street 4/5/37

East from 11-13 Bay to McDonald

Probably every city has one or more of its streets for trees, and Glens Falls, noted for its beautiful trees, has an reasonable a claim to this practice as any. Maple Street is one of several in the city so named. The maples which line it make it particularly suitable.

Marion Avenue 5/15/37

West from 254 Glen to Charlotte

Marion Avenue was opened by the late D.W. Sherman, who named it after his wife, Marion. The Marion House at Lake George is also named after her.

Mason Street 5/28/37

East from 181 Bay to end of Cameron

In the 1870's the late John P. Mason bought a tract of land on Upper Bay Street and opened up Mason Street which he gave to the City. He developed the street as far as Stoddard Avenue. Mr. Mason's daughter, Miss Helen Mason, now resides at 14 Gage Avenue.

May Street 6/23/37

East from 73 Bay to 90 Ridge

This street was named by the late Martin Coffin in honor of his wife. In his early married life, Mr. Coffin laid out the street and built his home at the corner of Ridge and May Streets, opposite the site of the Ridge Street School. May Street was opened about 1850.

McDonald Street 6/22/37

North from 120 Warren to Dix Ave

Half of this street was given by the late Walter and Leonard McDonald, for whom it was named, and who owned much of the property in that section. The late Sanford Coffin, father of Dr. Henry Coffin, gave the other half. The street was laid out about 1870. The McDonald homestead stood on the site of the Glens Falls Home.

Mission Street 4/10/37

North from 81 Broad to 46 Montcalm

Mission Street derives its name from the West Street Mission, which stood opposite its entrance in West Street, now Broad Street. The street was so named nearly fifty years ago on the suggestion of a Swedish gardener and was approved by the City. Until that time, this street, which had been in existence for some time, was without designation.

Monument Avenue 4/22/37

From Glen east to Parker

Monument Avenue, one of the newer streets of the City, was named for the monument which stands in Crandall park opposite its Glen Street intersection. In the base of the monument are interred the bodies of the late Henry Crandall, Glens Falls philanthropist, and his wife (Betsy Crandall).

Murdock Avenue 5/8/37

North from 94 Sanford to Mason

Murdock Avenue was named for a real estate promoter of that name who developed the property in that section of the City, dividing it into lots and laying out streets.

New Pruyn Street 7/14/37

North from 95 South to 16 Broad

This street was named for the late Samuel Pruyn, who purchased what was formerly known as the West Street burying ground and developed that section in the late '80's and early '90's. "Pruyn Street," as he originally intended to name the street, conflicted with Pine Street, so he

named it New Pruyn instead. Mr. Pruyn's home stood on the site of the Clark Textile Mills. Mr. Pruyn built nearly all the houses on New Pruyn Street.

Oak Street 4/20/37

North from Oakland to 165A Maple

The oak trees which years ago distinguished this street have long since vanished, but the name Oak Street, chosen when it was appropriate has remained unchanged.

Ogden Street 7/1/37

North from 28 Sanford to Hope Ave

This street was named for the late Levi Ogden, who lived in Bacon Street, but who owned property in that section. Mr. Ogden was a prominent real estate operator and owned and operated a fleet of canal boats as a transportation line.

Pearl Street 4/8/37

From 118 Maple Street north to Lawrence

In the early history of Glens Falls, a persistent attempt was made to name the City "Pearl Village" or "Pearlville." Since these attempts never succeeded, and since Pearl Street is located in the older section of the city, it seems reasonable to suppose that the name "Pearl" may be a remnant of this early agitation.

Philo Avenue 4/13/37

From 533 Glen St East to dead end at Glens Falls Cemetery

Philo Avenue was named after Hiram Philo, surveyor, who owned hundreds of feet of frontage on Glen Street in that section. He built the first house on the street and also remodeled the small corner house facing Glen Street, built about 100 years ago. Mr. Philo's name appears on many old Glens Falls deeds.

Pine Street 6/10/37

314 Glen St west to Broad

One of the streets in the City which have been named for trees, the history of Pine Street is perhaps the most unusual. At one time, a pine tree grew in the center of the street, and it was from this tree that the street was named.

Platt Street 6/21/37

From 216 Warren north to and beyond Dix Ave

This street was named by the late Martin Coffin, an Uncle of Dr. Henry Coffin, Warren Street, who laid it out through property which he purchased from Elmore Platt. The property formerly comprised the Platt farm.

Potter Street 5/20/37

From 7 Graves northerly to Lexington

Potter Street was named in honor of the late Warren Potter by his grandson, Howard G Potter, local real estate operator, when he opened the street in 1923.

Quade Avenue 6/1/37

From Sherman Ave north to Grant Ave

Quade Avenue was named for the late Timothy J. Quade, who owned much property in that section. His son, John E. Quade, who for many years operated a store at the corner of Sherman Avenue and Cortland Street, now lives at 10 Quade Avenue.

Rainville Avenue 6/17/37

This street, which runs from the Boulevard to Dix Avenue, was named for the late Alec Rainville, who built the house which stands on the corner of Rainville Avenue and Boulevard, and which is now owned by Arthur O/ Lee, about thirty-five years ago. The home of Mr. Rainville's son, Dominic Rainville stands opposite the Lee home.

Ridge Street 3/29/37

From 165 Glen (Bank Square) northerly to City Limits

The origin of the name Ridge Street is obvious. In pioneer days a trail along the higher ground of the "ridge" was the logical one to follow through the wilderness toward the eastern bay on Lake George. Ridge Street marks the beginning of this road.

Ridge Street 6/19/37

From 165 Glen (Bank Square) northerly to City Limits

Formerly known as Quaker Street because it led to the Quaker cemetery on the ridge, this street was later called Ridge after the Sanfords Ridge community to which it ran, which in the early days was a thriving business settlement.

Rogers Street 7/10/37

From 256 Warren northerly

This street was laid out by the late Walter Rogers and named by him for his family. Mr. Rogers also named Geer Street

Rogers Terrace 7/19/37

This street was formerly known as the Shermantown Road, since it led to the settlement known as Shermantown, where the Sherman Mills were located. The present name was taken from the Rogers family, for whom Rogers Street, located a block away and running northerly, was named by the late Walter Rogers, who opened the street.

Sanford Street 5/5/37

From 481 Glen Street east beyond city limits

Sanford Street was named for David Sanford, who settled in 1795 on the ridge above Glens Falls which bears his name. The house which he built about three miles above Glens Falls facing the Sanfords Ridge Road is still standing and is now the home of John Ferguson.

Sargent Street 6/15/37

From Fowler Ave Northerly to Queensbury

This street, one of several which were laid out recently by D. J. Fitzgerald, Jr., postmaster, was named by him for Edward H. Sargent of Albany, Chief Engineer in charge of constructing Sacandaga Reservoir.

School Street 5/17/37

From 73 Park north to South Street

School Street was so named because its South Street intersection faces the site of the former Union School, which was located in Union Square, formed by the intersection of Broad Street, School Street and South Street.

Sherman Ave 4/16/37

From 410 Glen Wet to city limits

Sherman Avenue was originally known as Hawk – eye Street, in honor of the Fenimore Cooper character. About 1850 the name was changed to Sherman Avenue in recognition of Augustus Sherman, who owned much land in that section and who built the house now standing at the north corner of Sherman Avenue and Glen Street.

Sierra Street 6/5/37

From 82 Dix Ave North to Sanford St

The name Sierra was chosen for this street by W. Stanislaus Kelleher, who lived for some years in the Sierra Mountains of California and Nevada. When Mr. Kelleher purchased the development in that section of the City, he named one of the streets which he laid out in honor of his former home.

Smith Street 6/18/37

From 42 Sanford St north to Hope Ave

Smith Street was named for the late John Holmes Smith, father of Powel J. Smith, Charles A. Smith and Mrs. B. E. Hall, all of whom now reside in Smith Street. The Smith homestead was built between 1870 and 1872 and is now the home of Powel Smith. Before the street was laid out in building lots, the property consisted of limber land owned by the late Powel Smith, an uncle of the present Powel Smith and brother of the late John Holmes Smith

Staple Street 4/19/37

From 154 Broad St southerly to Knight Street

Another of the City's streets deriving its name from a property owner is Staple Street, which was named for the late Abram Staple. Mr. Staple formerly lived at 7 Haviland Avenue, and owned much real estate in that part of the city.

Stevens Street 7/22/37

From 116 Sherman Ave south to 89 Montcalm St

This street was laid out and named by F. E. Stevens, who lives on the County Line Road between Hudson Falls and Sanford Ridge and who is well known here since he has delivered milk in this City for more than sixty years. Mr. Stevens bought property around the site of the street and developed it during the late 90's, building most of the houses.

Stewart Avenue 7/15/37

From 221 South west to Staple Street

This street was named for the late Alexander Stewart, a Civil War veteran who lived at the corner of South and Fifth Streets. Mr. Stewart was the father of Mrs. Jennie Davison of South Glens Falls.

Stoddard Ave. 4/9/1937

From 76 Sanford St north to Mason St

Stoddard Avenue was named for the late S. R. Stoddard, world traveler, photographer and lecturer, whose residence was situated there. (Seneca Ray never lived on this street.) Mr. Stoddard was probably best known for the stereopticon slides which he prepared in connection with his photography when this diversion was popular.

Tahoe Street 6/28/37

From Byrne Ave east to Sierra St

This street, one of several laid out recently by W. Stanislaus Kelleher, was named by him for Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Mr. Kelleher formerly lived in California and Nevada.

Terra Cotta Avenue 6/7/37

From 209 Bay St east to 7 Webb St

Terra Cotta Avenue is named for what was formerly one of the City's important industries. The terra cotta works were located in the vicinity of the street.

Vanderheyden Street 6/3/37

From 32 William North to 103 Sanford

Vanderheyden Street was so named by the late George W. Vanderheyden when he opened the street about sixty-five years ago. Mr. Vanderheyden, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Edward M. Angell lived in Glen Street, but he owned property in that section.

Walnut Street 4/3/37

From 156 Maple St north to 35 Dix Ave

Like many street names the term Walnut Street lost its original significance long ago. But at one time, when the village was more sparsely settled, it was quite appropriate, since groves of walnut trees were a distinguishing feature of the section.

Warren Street 5/19/37

From 141 Glen (Bank Square) east to City Limits

Warren Street was named for General Joseph Warren, of Revolutionary War fame. The street follows the course of the old military road from Fort Edward to Lake George.

Washburn Avenue 6/16/37

From Bay north to Birch Ave

This street was named for the late Noah Washburn, who lived on the corner of Bay Street and Washburn Avenue. He owned the land there and laid out the street.

Washington Street 6/24/37

East – from 55 Bay Street to 110 Ridge Street

West – 54 Bay Street to Ridge Street

This street is one of a group which were named about 1850 by the late Martin Coffin for streets which he particularly admired in New York City. Mr. Coffin and his two brothers, John and Sanford, owned much of the property in this section of the City. Sanford Coffin built his home at the corner of Washington and Ridge; the John Coffin home stood on the site of the Ridge Street School, and Martin Coffin's home stood at the opposite corner of May and Ridge.

Note: Someone wrote in a newspaper article that Washington St was called Private Street before 1936. Can't confirm it at this time.