

## RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY RICHMOND, VERMONT 05477

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Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation,

The Richmond Historical Society supports listing the house and barn located at 1492 Kenyon Road Richmond in the Vermont State Register of Historic Places.

The Richmond Historical Society does not have any early information on the farm itself. What we do know is that Azariah Flagg, who owned this farm at one time, grew up on a farm on the Hinesburg Road just south of Fays Corner. He married Sarah Fay.

June Tabor Giroux, now deceased, grew up on the 1492 Kenyon Road farm after her mother inherited it. The Historical Society talked with June and one of her sisters in 2016. They described growing up on the farm and June, one of five girls, mentioned she did a lot of the outside farm work. She recalled that when electricity came to the farm in 1941 the first thing her father did was buy a milking machine. Kenyon Road at that time did not have a name as the Tabor's address was simply Fays Corners. June shared photos, taken around 1948, of the farm and sugar house. Those are the earliest photos we have of the farm.

We feel that by listing the house and barn on the Vermont State Register of Historic Places, it will serve to help the current owners secure grant funds to restore and maintain the buildings. The listing will also encourage future owners to maintain these important structures for following generations.

Sincerely, Frances Thomas *Frances* 7 *Thomas* President Richmond Historical Society