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Dear Mr. Muller,

The following item appeared in the Feb. 10, 1849 issue of the Rochester Daily Democrat, on p. 3:

MARRIED

At Vienna House, on the 27th ult. by William Hildreth, Esq. Mr. ABRAHAM VANWORMER, of Seneca, to Miss HANNAH B. HANES, of Phelps.

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Can you please tell me what and where Vienna House was?

I have tried, without success, to find out. One correspondent checked Jannie Marsh Parker's "Rochester -- a Story Historical", also one of Arch Merrill's books, but found no reference.

Mr. Fred Rollins, Assistant Curator of History at the Rochester Museum searched the Rochester historical records, including examination of the Rochester Daily Democrat for 1846-1850 and found no further mention of either the Vienna House or Abraham Van Wormer.

Anne Ackerson, Director of the Seneca Falls Historical Society researched records available to her, and found that Phelps had a previous name -- Vienna, but did not find any reference to Vienna House. She suggested that I contact you for help.

Abraham and Hannah (Hanes) Van Wormer supposedly adopted our grandfather, William (born William Booth) Van Wormer, who was born April 6, 1854, somewhere in New York.

From this distance I find it quite difficult to do much searching, with so little to go on, and every clue offers another glimmer of hope of solving this Van Wormer mystery. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Irene Van Wormer

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(Mrs. Bernard Van Wormer)