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What made us fall in love with this home?

We were spellbound when we first arrived and stepped into the landscape. The house and outbuildings have been so specially sited: just below the broad hill top with scenic vistas opening to the east, south, and west. We are the fourth family to fall in love with and live in this 1760 house.

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What have we loved about living here?

We work at our farm and every morning, every day no matter what the weather, I relish walking up the back yard to the barns. At the close of the day, we appreciate the comfort of the house. The sunrises and sunsets are glorious! Super neighbors!

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What are the intangible benefits and pleasures living here?

There is beauty everywhere you look from landscape to the antique details of craftsmanship within the house. Always restful. Always restorative.

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Where are the special spaces in and around our home?

The gardens and broad stone walls that embrace the lawns. The open land across the lane from the house: ideal for vegetable and fruit gardening as well as lovely hay crops. The “L” shed formed where the “back house” meets the “little house”: a warm and comfy spot on sunny winter days. The keeping room. The traditional sleeping loft which has been used both as bedroom or, as we do now, office. The old orchard. The winter vista of Mount Wachusett. The sloped eastern woods where I trek with the goats. The stone pyramids in the woods: the remains of grapevine trellises. Birds everywhere, from hummingbirds to bald eagles. Walking walls. Old field walls in the woods. A chair by the woodstoves. Making cheese in the back kitchen.

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What have we enjoyed about living in this neighborhood?

We love our quiet road, and the fact that neighbors walk it regularly: it’s easy to catch up!

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What have we enjoyed about living in Hardwick?

We love have an active land trust that’s located just down the road, a treasure of a bakery, cultural events and athletic facilities at Eagle Hill School, and ready access to locally grown food. We enjoy going into Worcester and exploring the booming restaurant scene.

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