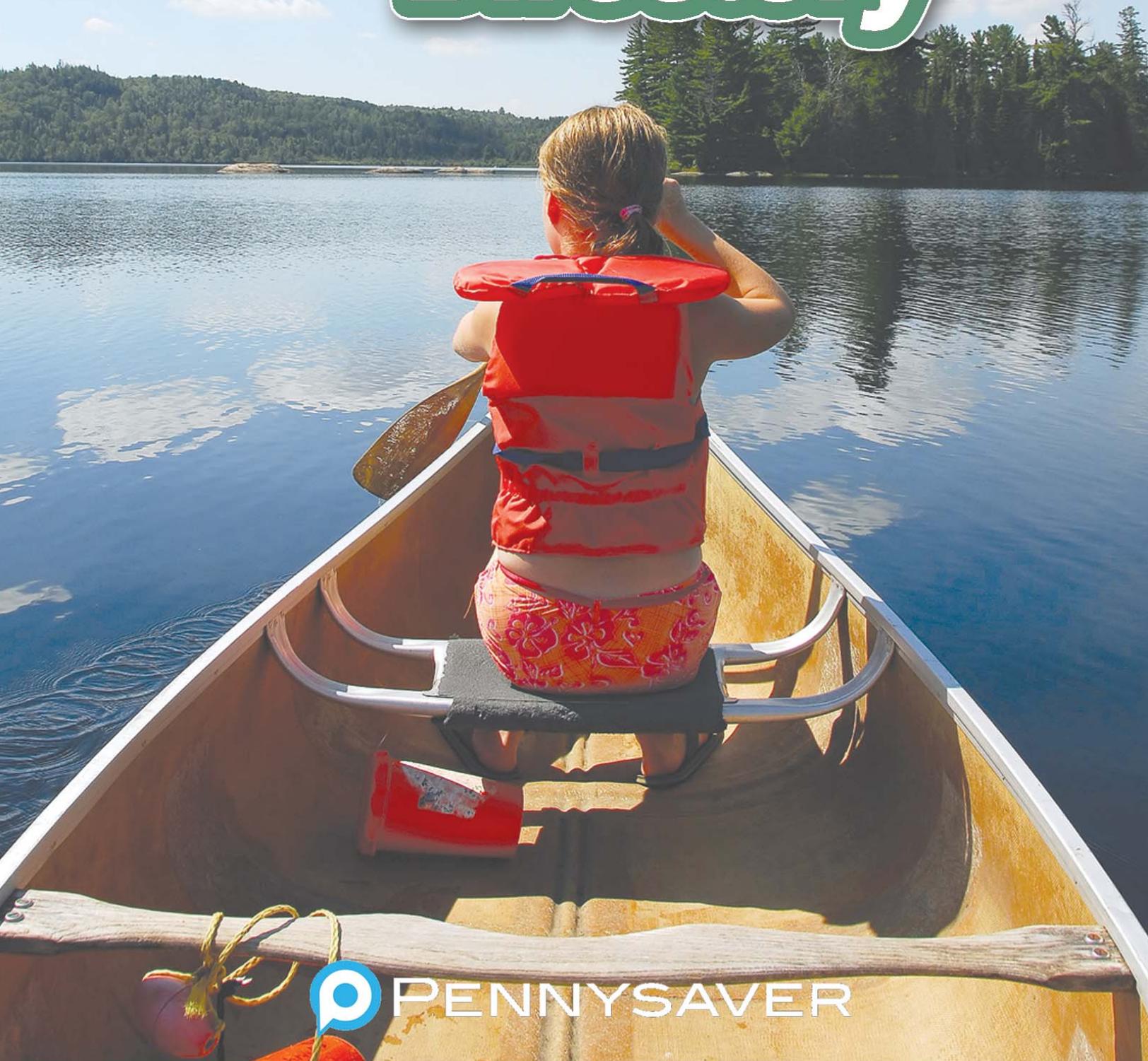


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History of Otsego County

The close of the Revolutionary War found the valley lands of the Susquehanna River and its tributaries still sparsely settled. However, strong factors were now pushing colonists westward. In 1787 a treaty with the Indians had pushed the so-called Indian Frontier to the far side of the Unadilla River, out of the area called Otsego. Also, most of the lands east of this had been sold or granted by the Colonial government to men who were land speculators. The land had been surveyed and divided into lots ready for disposal. Frequently these grants required that these lands become tenanted.

One of these landowners had visited the northern part of the area and been so impressed that he had an unusual approach for the newcomers. He knew they had very little money, so he suggested a small down payment with a mortgage on the rest, and only small interest. The colonist, thus, could anticipate the future ownership of the property and was given a definite incentive to improve it. This was how William Cooper, formerly of New Jersey, became the greatest colonizer in New York State, disposing of his lands and acting as agent for many other landowners. This method was in great contrast to the rental system existing in surrounding areas and the rental wars caused by it. Cooper's first sales were in 1786.

As early as 1741 a settlement called Cherry Valley was made on the east-west turnpike. This and Cooper's town, the village established by William Cooper, were in what had been called Tryon County. In 1784 it had been renamed Montgomery County. The state began to realize Montgomery

County was too large so in 1791 the three towns of Cherry Valley, Cooperstown and Harpersfield were put in Otsego County which was erected for that purpose. In 1812 the state named Cooper's town was no longer just the town of Otsego, but now Cooperstown in the town of Otsego and the county seat. Today there are 24 towns in the county.

Otsego County had many features which appealed to the newcomers. There were two large navigable rivers with many tributaries which flowed south crossing the state. This would furnish transportation to the south through Pennsylvania, even to Baltimore. The gentle sloping hills were covered with virgin timber of many desirable kinds. The timber was accessible and could be floated downstream during high water. Wagon trains could also be easily loaded with timber and sent to Albany or to the Hudson. Wild lands were valuable for they were a great source of pearl and potash. Maple sugar could be made and there was honey and beeswax for the gathering. The many wild animals would furnish skins and meat. The pioneers liked what they saw.

Agriculture was to become the most important industry of the county. The other industries would depend on it and be determined by its demands. As early as 1800 a surprising business developed. Because of the abundance of cheap water power, cotton was shipped via the Hudson River and hauled over the Catskills to be processed and woven. Another important factory not connected with the farm involved the production of the tinsmiths. On a high specially designed wagon the tin peddler visited all the rural areas. Rags of all kinds were sold to the papermill. First they were sorted, then the linen rags were used to make the best quality of paper; woolen and cotton rags for the poorer grades, and wrapping paper out of the jute bags. Phinney's printing presses in Cooperstown were the source of 8,000 Bibles and many thousand other books annually, and used much of this paper, as did the local newspapers. In the 1840's hop raising became a major crop. In fact, in 1885 over three million pounds were raised in the valley. By 1860 New York State was raising nearly 90% of the hops raised in the United States and one third of these came from Otsego County and considered of the best quality. But this hop raising required many supplies such as poles, string, bags, special drying and much labor. Then labor problems developed and disease hit the vines. So ended the hop raising.

Education was not forgotten. The town of Cherry Valley which was settled in 1741 was to win the reputation of having the first church west of the Hudson where preaching was in English. The town's minister was the Reverend Samuel Dunlop of Trinity College, Dublin. Knowing the importance of learning, he started a school for local boys. Popular demand produced a boarding school and this was the first classical school west of the Hudson, est. 1742. When Cherry Valley rebuilt after the massacre of 1778, an academy was established there which rivaled Union and Columbia both in reputation and number of students.

Other schools followed. John Christopher Hartwick labored long for a Lutheran Seminary and it was finally opened in

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1815. It was the first Lutheran Seminary in the United States. It moved to Brooklyn in 1929. Hartwick College in Oneonta was an outgrowth of the old Seminary. Long established on another of Oneonta's hills was the training school which grew into the Oneonta Normal School. In 1938 the 4 year college course was inaugurated and it became a unit of the State University system.

Early settlers had been of many races including the Scotch Irish, Hollanders, Germans, Palatine Germans, English and especially Yankees or New Englanders. Later others would come. German skill and Yankee ingenuity devised many valuable inventions which would improve all kinds of business. George Fairchild was to foresee the possibilities of I.B.M. machines, and to actively promote them, thereby making millionaires out of his investing friends. His son, Sherman, was to be the inventor of the early 1920s-70s. The Huntingtons, Collis and Henry, became railroad magnates and helped develop the west. There were others who, both home and away, became influential politicians, lawyers, judges - the list goes on. One, James Fenimore Cooper, must be named. Many of his stories, based on local and now called Leatherstocking tales, were the first to bring popularity to the area as young and old read them.

Today Otsego County is still a dairy county with beef and sheep raising. Gone are most of the factories. Even the railroad is a shadow of the past. Today Oneonta is an educational center. The county concentrates on its many recreational features. There is the Baseball Hall of Fame and its library in honor of supposed baseball founder, Abner Doubleday. Several museums, especially the Farmers' Museum and the Fenimore House, filled with collections of all kinds, are found in Cooperstown. The lakes afford both winter and summer sports. Hiking, hunting, fishing, etc. even just enjoying beautiful homes, historical places, the serenity of the countryside and the peaceful life indicated, awaits you.

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The O.C.C.A. spends almost all of its membership dues, grants and other fund-raising revenues on a variety of worthy programs in the areas of education, research, public awareness, recycling, land-use planning, watershed protection, agricultural and forestry practices, legislative development and the maintenance of a constant vigil with regard to environmental degradation.

As a member of the Association, you will receive our quarterly newsletter, as well as all of our other mailings, to keep you well informed as to the ongoing efforts to protect and preserve our natural resources: what new threats may arise, and what successes and breakthroughs we may achieve. You will receive invitations to various special events – such as workshops and seminars – throughout the year, including our Annual Membership Dinner Meeting. And, best of all, you will be comfortable in the knowledge that your contribution is making a difference in the efforts to keep Otsego County’s natural resources as unspoiled and enjoyable for future generations as they now are for us. Your support is vital. Won’t you join us today?

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The following recycling information covers Otsego County. Recyclables may be taken to the Oneonta Transfer Station, the Cooperstown Transfer Station, local drop-off sites, or picked up by a hauler.

All recyclables must be clean. Labels may be left on containers.

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Newspaper

Magazines

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Early settlers came from New England. Township named after Burlington, New Jersey by William Cooper and Andrew Craig, early land patent owners. At an early time the Butternut Creek was dubbed "Burlington Creek" as well but the name didn't stick.

Burlington was formed from the Town of Otsego, April 10, 1792. It retained its original dimensions until 1797, when Pittsfield (and what would come to be New Lisbon) was set off. It was further diminished in area by the erection of Edmeston, in 1808.

The 1878 history describes the community of Burlington Green as having two churches, a general store, lawyer office, hotel, gristmill, creamery, two blacksmith shops, two wagon shops, a cooper and shoe shop and photography studio, but "This village at one time was a place of much more mercantile and manufacturing interest than at present, having a comb-factory, a hattery, two tanneries, an iron-foundry, a fur-

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niture-factory, three stores, two hotels, a cloth-dressing and wool carding-factory, and a card factory." The heavily textile based economy of the Butternut Valley was an influence in the number of sheep and immigrants that arrived from Scotland and established the United Presbyterian Church at Burlington Green June 8, 1835.

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CHERRY VALLEY

History of Cherry Valley

The town of Cherry Valley was formed from Canajoharie (Montgomery County) Feb. 16, 1791, more than half a century after the first settlement was made within its borders. It retained its original dimensions until 1797 when the towns of Middlefield, Springfield, and Worcester were formed and further reduced in size in 1854 when the town of Roseboom was formed.

The history of Cherry Valley has been greatly influenced by its location. In 1738, a grant of 7,050 acres was made by King George II to four men, one of whom was John Lindesay, a Scotchman. He surveyed the Patent and settled here in 1739. Other settlers followed, among them the Rev. Samuel Dunlop who established in 1743 the first English-speaking church and the first classical school west of the Hudson. At the opening of the Revolution, the population had grown to over three hundred.

Again, because of Cherry Valley's location - an exposed position on a route the Indians used to travel from the Susquehanna to the Mohawk - it became the scene of a savage massacre on November 11, 1778. Most of the population was either killed or taken captive.

At the close of the Revolution, the survivors returned to the area and began to rebuild. In 1800, when the Great Western Turnpike was built, Cherry Valley, again because of its location, became a prosperous and thriving village, the largest settlement south of the Mohawk River. There were fifteen taverns, a marble works, a cabinet maker, iron and brass foundries, a dentist's office, and tanneries and last factories. Iron plows, melodians, guns and clocks were manufactured here and Cherry Valley became the largest settlement west of Albany.

The village was incorporated on June 8th, 1812. On August 6, 1818, the first Fire Co. was formed and on October 7, 1818, the National Central Bank began business. At this time, the population numbered nearly 900.

The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 and the New York Central Railroad diverted the main stream of commerce from the Great Western Turnpike and also from Cherry Valley. Still the village continued to be the residence of many professional men who enjoyed national reputations as doctors, lawyers and politicians. In the year 1870, a railroad was built connecting

Cherry Valley and Sharon Springs with Cobleskill and Albany. This later became a part of Delaware and Hudson and continued to serve Cherry Valley until 1954 when it was discontinued.

There is the Cherry Valley / Springfield Central School located on County Rte. 54, 2 miles from the village and in the village, a museum, five churches, a library, a health center, stores and many active organizations. Today Cherry Valley remains a typical rural village. It played an important role in the history of our country.

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COOPERSTOWN

History of Cooperstown

The village of Cooperstown is situated on the south shore of Otsego Lake, the famed Glimmerglass of James Fenimore Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. Cooperstown is the archetyp-ical example of what a small American village should be in the 21st century. It is home for some 2,100 souls who are able to make a satisfactory living within its boundaries, while enjoying a way of life which appears to be eroding in many sections of the country.

As one casts a look backward over more than two centuries of history to 1786, when the village was founded, and then comes forward to the present, one cannot fail to be impressed by the extraordinary good fortune with which it has been blessed in having men and women of exceptional talent guiding the village throughout its history.

Cooperstown was founded in 1786 by Judge William Cooper, father of the novelist James Fenimore Cooper. Judge Cooper bought 40,000 acres of a 100,000 acre patent original-ly owned by George Croghan and started his settlement at the foot of the lake. When Otsego County was formed in 1791, Cooperstown was made its County Seat. Cooper then sold land tracts to others granting generous mortgage terms, rather than keeping title and leasing land. His foresight in this respect saved the headaches which struck the Hudson Valley in the 1840's when settlers there took up arms against the landlords from whom they had been forced to lease their holdings.

From the start, Cooperstown grew at a steady pace with agriculture as the dominant industry for well over a century and a half. James Fenimore Cooper, who lived in the village as a child and again as a farmer from 1813 until 1817, returned to the village in 1834 where he lived until his death in 1851. He set the tone for what was to become the Cooperstown image for the next 125 years when he foresaw its future as a place blessed with a unique natural beauty, more suited for a role as a resort community than as an indus-

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try community.

Five years after Cooper's death, Cooperstown was blessed again with its continuing good fortune when Edward Clark, whose wife had been born in Cooperstown, purchased a summer home in the village. Clark was a New York lawyer who served as counsel to Isaac M. Singer, the inventor of the first practical sewing machine. The combination of Singer's inventive genius and Clark's extraordinary business ability let the Singer Sewing Machine Company into the top ranks of American industry, while making a substantial fortune for both men.

Three of Edward Clark's grandsons made a major impact on the village during the first half of the 20th century. Edward Severin Clark built the original structures of the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital during World War I and he and two of his brothers completed the Otesaga Hotel which had been started by their mother prior to her death. Edward Severin Clark also built the first Alfred Corning Clark Gymnasium and the main buildings of what is now the Farmers' Museum, originally a showcase dairy farm. He also built as his home the large Georgian mansion which is now the Fenimore Art Museum.

Stephen C. Clark, Sr. was the more influential of the grandsons. Following the death in 1933 of Edward Severin Clark, Stephen Clark continued the family support of the Bassett Hospital and expanded it into one of the leading rural medical centers in the country. Today, Bassett Healthcare, as it is now known, is the region's largest employer with more than 2,200 employees. It encompasses a comprehensive network of physicians and other providers, hospitals, and community health centers in eight counties, all of whom work together to improve patient care and community health in the area.

And although Stephen Clark, Sr. also brought the New York State Historical Association to Cooperstown and subsequently founded the Farmer's Museum, he is probably best known to the general public as the creator of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum which was established in 1939. It has been a key element in the growth of Cooperstown as a tourist center, currently attracting upwards of 400,000 visitors annually. The Hall of Fame has, over the years, accounted for untold millions of dollars flowing into the local economy.

In addition to being a mecca for baseball fans, Cooperstown

is also home to the Glimmerglass Festival, which came into being through the efforts of local Cooperstown residents who hoped to bring opera to their community. Glimmerglass Opera presented its first season in the summer of 1975, when four performances of La Bohème were staged in the auditorium of the Cooperstown High School before a total audience of 1200 local residents. In the years since, Glimmerglass has grown to international stature and now offers 43 performances of four operas, all in new productions, each season. Its 900 seat Alice Busch Opera Theater, which opened in 1987 at the head of Lake Otsego, is an architectural gem.

And while there is little doubt that Cooperstown has changed a great deal in its over two hundred year history, it nonetheless has maintained a great deal of its charm with its historical buildings, intriguing history and interesting opportunities. The Village and Lake Otsego, constituting the Glimmerglass Historic district, were named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. However, in spite of all its charm and activities, what really makes Cooperstown Cooperstown is its residents who choose to call it home.

For further information about Cooperstown, contact the Village of Cooperstown website at www.cooperstownny.org, the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce at www.cooperstownchamber.org or the Village of Cooperstown historian at coophist@stny.rr.com.

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EDMESTON

Edmeston History

The town of Edmeston, in Otsego County, extends to the west as far as the Unadilla River, a line that was established by the 1768 Treaty of Fort Stanwix between the British and the Iroquois, negotiated by Sir William Johnson. The town's name came from the brothers, Robert and William Edmeston, who had been granted 10,000 acres of land in what is now the northwest corner of the town. The hamlets of West Edmeston and South Edmeston are situated in the Unadilla Valley, while the hamlet of Edmeston lies in the Wharton Valley. Earlier settlers came from New England; for most of the settlers, it was planned as a stopover on their way west. A strong Baptist influence came with the settlers. Universalists, Methodists and Roman Catholics soon arrived. The town was established from the Town of Burlington in 1808.

Dairy farming has historically been the main business of the area. Cheese factories, creameries, livery stables, blacksmith shops, and tanneries were created to support the dairy industry. One room schoolhouses were scattered throughout the town. By damming the creeks, power was created for foundries and mills. Hop growing and maple syrup production were seasonal occupations. Each of the town's communities developed business districts and became self-sufficient.

The population of the town has not increased much through the years. It still remains largely rural. Organizations like the local Rotary Club, American Legion and Fire and Emergency Squads have active volunteers that provide community needs in lieu of governments in the hamlets. Edmeston Central School is the center of activities.

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FLY CREEK

History of Fly Creek

Fly Creek Village, located at the crossing of State Routes 28-80 and County Route 26, has a population of 357 (within the general area of the 4-corners). While adapting to the changes caused by the decrease in active farms - the increase in new homes and the corresponding change in services and business needed.

Fly Creek has a rich historical heritage with the first settlers coming about 1788 or earlier. A few of the earliest settlers were Jesse Pierce, William Jarvis, John and Stephen White, Abijah Hubbell, Abraham Marvin, William Cheney, John Adams and Ezekiel Grummon. More than 100 people belong to the Fly Creek Area Historical Society, founded in July 1989 with the mission to research, present and preserve this heritage.

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GILBERTSVILLE

Gilbertsville

A National Register Historic Site.

The village of Gilbertsville is located in a scenic township at the western end of the historic Butternut Valley. The valley has nurtured mankind for 12,000 years. Pre-revolutionary settlement by British dairymen led to growth of a dynamic integrated agricultural economy. Exportable products, Cheese and Butter united with a full spectrum of leather craft production financed community cultural endeavors lasting over 100 years.

An industrial hamlet spread along the Butternut creek near the center of the town. A Stagecoach stop on a spur of the Catskill Turnpike grew to become the prosperous and sophisticated village of Gilbertsville. The early appearance of substantial churches and comfortable residences hint at this and survive to this day. The work of seventeen architects have been identified in the township. Religion and education were the foundation of the cultured community.

The historic and architectural significance of the entire municipality was recognized in 1982 by the National Register of Historic Places. A 100 year old park and stone arch bridge in the center are surrounded by historic stone buildings. In the 21st century the village, with its important agricultural economy, has become a center of horse farms, artists' studios, riding stables, and art galleries attracting visitors from all over the world. © Leigh C. Eckmair, Registered Historian, 2015

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HARTWICK

History of Hartwick

The Township of Hartwick is located at the geographic center of Otsego County and includes lands granted by the 1752 Indian Deed and the 1761 King's Patent. The Township was established in 1802.

In early settlement, mills harnessed the plentiful water of creeks to manufacture a myriad of products. Church steeples rose from the valleys to mark small communities. Farmland was abundant and forests were seemingly endless.

Five hamlets were scattered throughout the Township, with smaller enclaves supporting families' needs for socialization, goods and services. Toddsville, South Hartwick and Clintonville grew into successful mill towns, making productive use of the tributaries that run into the Susquehanna River, which is the eastern border of the Town.

It was, and is, a resilient community who live here, some for generations. Cemeteries situated across the Town attest to the patriotism of Hartwickians, with headstones from every war.

The community of Hartwick Seminary, located along the Susquehanna River, was named after John Christopher Hartwick, founder of the first Lutheran Theological Seminary in America. The seminary is the foundation of Hartwick College, Oneonta. Today, the Cooperstown Dreams Park, a nationally-acclaimed youth baseball camp, attracts thousands of families to Hartwick Seminary every summer. The Park has spawned growth of restaurants, hotels, recreational businesses and retail stores throughout the Town, but especially in the Hartwick Seminary area, known as the Route 28 Corridor.

The largest hamlet is Hartwick, located in the center of the Township. This hamlet reached its peak in business and population during the "trolley era." The central car barns, headquarters and power station for the Southern New York Railway, an electric rail between Oneonta and the Mohawk Valley, were located in the hamlet in 1901. The electric railway provided jobs and transportation for both people and goods and was critical to small industries. When the trolley ended in 1941, the hamlet gradually became more residential and a bedroom community for those with jobs in Oneonta, Herkimer, Utica, and Cooperstown.

Town-wide services and community activities often are centered in Hartwick Hamlet. The Town's library, historical society and food pantry are located within the hamlet, along with Husky Park. The park includes two walking trails, baseball fields, a playground and basketball court, and is the location for New Year's Eve Fireworks, the Annual Tractor Pull and other Town celebrations.

The Town is a steward of the environment by hosting easy-to-access recycling and two Clean Sweep events to encourage reuse and proper disposal of items. Hartwickians band together to volunteer for their fire departments, library board, government committees, and beautification efforts — for the greater good of the families and citizens who live here.

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JORDANVILLE

History of Jordanville

The village of Jordanville is situated in the northern half of the town of Warren. Warren township was taken out of the town of German Flatts by Act of Legislature, Feb. 5, 1796. In 1812 the present town of Columbia was removed from the western half of Warren and in 1869 a small portion of the land in the northeast of the town was added on to Stark.

The land in the northern half of the town including Jordanville was part of a land grant issued in 1739 to Dr. James Henderson, a Scottish surgeon. Theobald Young (Jung) received a grant from George II of England that comprises the southern half of the town.

Jordanville was settled in 1788 at the intersection of the Minden Turnpike running from Utica to Fort Plain (Jordanville Rd.) and the state road from Little Falls to Richfield Springs (Rte. 167). It is situated near Fish Creek or Ocquionis (its Indian name) on which saw mills and grist mills were established. The village also boasted two stores, a carriage shop, three blacksmiths' shops, a tailor's shop, a millinery, two shoe shops, a lawyer, a physician and an undertaker. The post office was established Dec. 1845 with Henry Bell - Post Master.

Jordanville got its name from the use of a dammed up portion of the creek that was used for Baptisms during a wave of revivalism that swept the area. It was felt by many that the experience was so close to being Baptized in the River Jordan that the area became known as Jordanville.

The village had two churches. The "Warren Baptist Church" was organized in 1799, with the dedication of its church edifice at its present site on land donated by Eber Hyde Nov. 15, 1837.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in two areas outside the village as early as 1814 (Bloomfield Church) and 1815 (Kingdom Church).

The one in the village started with a class of eight people following a disagreement with the Kingdom Church. They procured land in 1846 and dedicated their new building in 1847. The congregation grew to 65 members and it was decided to replace the building with a larger one which was dedicated June 11, 1872. In 1962 the two churches formally merged to become the "Jordanville Federated Church of Christ." In 1960 the Baptist Church building was lifted from its foundation and moved to one side enough to allow a new cinder block basement to be dug and constructed and the building returned to its original site. The basement houses the dining hall and kitchen.

The Methodist Building was razed in 1972 and the site made into a mini park which displays the old bell taken from the belfry. *Garry Aney, Town Historian*

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LAURENS

Town of Laurens

Village of Laurens- Mt. Vision- West Laurens

Laurens Township, part of the Otego Patent, a 69,000 acre grant purchased from the Indian owners in 1769. The area was intended to be a Quaker settlement. The Revolutionary War interrupted this until 1785 when the original settlers returned from New Jersey, being joined by families from New England.

Landmarks are the Quaker Cemetery, the Presbyterian Church built in 1822 (the Union Church), Crafts Hotel (east of Laurens Central School), the 1816 house across from County Rte. 11a, Saint Matthews Lutheran Church. The birthplace of Dr. Mary Imogene Bassett (1856-1922) is located in Mt. Vision, West Laurens on State Rte. 23.

Originally, Craftstown the township was re-named Laurens after Henry Laurens, a hero of the Revolutionary War years. The Township was formed in 1810 and the Village of Laurens, May 30, 1834.

information by Bernice Wardell, Author: History of Laurens

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The Society's goal is to bring together people of all ages interested in exploring and preserving our local history. A recently donated building on Main St. Schenevus will be the Society's future home but for now, meetings, including a local history topic program, are held at the AmVets Hall in Schenevus at 2:00 pm on the last Sunday of each month, March through December.

All interested visitors are always welcome.

For further information

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3717 County Hwy. 35,
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TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - T.M.H.A.

OLD MIDDLEFIELD SCHOOLHOUSE

The Old Middlefield Schoolhouse in the rural hamlet of Middlefield is a two-story frame building constructed in 1875 for the district school. The picturesque setting includes tree-shaded grounds bordered in part by the Cherry Valley Creek and the original playground. The ball field and soccer field on the adjoining community recreation area are available to the public for pick-up games, Little League baseball, soccer, and family fun.

The schoolhouse is headquarters of the Town of Middlefield Historical Association. It features a restored schoolroom, local history exhibits, and gift shop. The Old District No. 1 Schoolhouse and the hamlet of Middlefield are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

During the summer and fall special community events are sponsored by the Association in cooperation with the Middlefield Fire Department, the Middlefield Youth Commission and the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The Annual Middlefield Community Days is held in early July, with programs running most every Sunday through the summer. Fall Festival and Craft Show highlights Columbus Day weekend in October. Our season finishes with our Annual Christmas at the Schoolhouse program the first weekend of December. The schoolhouse is open for the summer on Sundays with programs held in the afternoons, from 1-4 pm. Sunday programs are open to the public and feature craft demonstrations, workshops, tours and local history.

Membership to TMHA is open to all persons interested in the history of the area. For further information, write the association at P.O. Box 348, Cooperstown, New York 13326 or visit our website at www.middlefieldmuseum.org

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MILFORD

History of Milford

The township of Milford has an area of 28,172 acres and a population of 2383 in the census of 1970. It has one incorporated village - Milford, and these unincorporated villages: Portlandville, Colliersville, Cooperstown Junction and the hamlet of Milford Center. The former hamlet of Edson Corners is now only a crossroads.

In 1773 Matthew Cully, a Scotchman from Cherry Valley, came via the Cherry Valley Creek, to the Susquehanna with his two sons and began a settlement near the river at the present Milford Center. He cleared some land, built a log cabin, and started to build a mill before he was forced to return to Cherry Valley because of the war in which he became Major Cully. His cabin was used by the Indians and left standing.

In 1783 Major Matthew Cully returned to his place on the Susquehanna but soon sold it to Thomas Mumford and his sons. The Mumfords bought more land, built mills and were the prime movers in the development of this part of Milford township. Mumford's son-in-law, James Wescott came about the same time and settled near Mumford. James' brothers Benjamin and Reubin Westcott came soon after and became prominent leaders in the new settlement.

April 5, 1796, the name "Suffrage" was adopted at the first town meeting held at the house of Issac Collier. James Moore was elected Supervisor and Henry Scott, Town Clerk. Soon after in 1800 another town meeting was held at Eaton's Tavern and the name Suffrage was changed to Milford.

In 1814 the river was dammed at Portlandville by a company formed by George Gardner, John and Joseph Mumford, John Low, William Fairchilds and David Cully. They built a saw mill, a grist mill (still standing) and a carding, fulling and cloth dress-

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ing mill. The place assumed the name of "Company Mills."

David Wilber opened a bank in Milford in 1854. In 1855 John Eddy and he founded the largest hop brokerage firm in the county. Between 1830 and the early 1900's Otsego County was the leading hop producing county in the U.S. and Milford township was the leader in the county.

Milford Central School became one of the first centralized schools in the state in 1928. In 1971 the BOCES school opened. It is located in Milford Township.

Moses Ford and John Moore were the two earliest settlers and were here as early as 1784. Ford owned most of the western half of the present village and Moore the eastern part. By 1820 they had sold off many village lots particularly on West Street. There were 35 houses in 1835.

The first tavern in the village was in a log cabin on the site of the present Methodist Church, owned by James McCollom. In 1788 the first grist mill was built by David Culley on Eddyville Creek near the river.

In 1869 Cooperstown and Susquehanna Valley Railroad opened for business. By 1901 ten trains a day stopped at Milford depot.

In 1890 Milford Village was incorporated. George Bissell was the first president.

Around the year 1900 A.O. Weatherly, a cheesemaker from Norwich, came to Milford and established the famous Pineapple Cheese manufacturing plant. He and his son-in-law Stuart Haight made and shipped this fancy cheese (also cheddar) all over the U.S. and even to Europe. In the early 1900's they won the World Exposition Award for excellence.

In 1937 Eggleston Enterprise, the private business of Niles Eggleston, moved into Sayre House which is now owned and occupied by Greater Milford Historical Association.

The Greater Milford Historical Association was organized in 1971.

LIBRARY/MUSEUM

MILFORD FREE LIBRARY

64 South Main Street607-286-9076

LOCAL SERVICES

GARBAGE COLLECTION

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POST OFFICE

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TELEPHONE COMPANY

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WATER DEPARTMENT

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BOCES

Otsego Area Occupational Center
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MORRIS

History of Morris

The town was settled around 1770.

Morris was formed from the Town of Butternuts April, 1849. The town was named after General Jacob Morris, the son of Lewis Morris a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who was granted land due to property lost during the revolution. In 1859, a part of Town of Pittsfield was transferred to Morris. Some historical data shows population for 1850 of 2155, in 1855 there were 2038, in 1860 pop 2320, in 1865 a total of 2191, in 1870 pop 2253, and in 1875 there were 2303. After this local population declined the textile mills closed, numbers of sheep plummeted, hops began to give way to dairying, and the local bank failed after speculating in silver mines in New Mexico. There were several projected railroad lines through the vicinity since the mid-19th century. The most promising was a Sidney to Utica trolley line sponsored by Silas Kelsey of Burlington. At the same time Dr. Lewis Morris, who owned the Unadilla Valley

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Railroad, was sponsoring his own railroad extension from New Berlin through Morris to Oneonta where he intended to have an interchange yard with Delaware & Hudson and Ulster & Delaware railroad lines, land which he donated to Oneonta in 1914, as Neahwa Park. Surveys for both routes were completed and staked but not all of the right of ways given, and the trolley line was built over the Otego Valley instead.

LIBRARY/MUSEUM

MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

152 East Main St., Morris607-263-2080

LOCAL SERVICES

POST OFFICE

127 Main Street607-263-5130

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VILLAGE CLERK

118 Main Street607-263-5400

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93 Main Street607-263-5944

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93 Main Street607-263-5944

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39 Grove Street607-263-5556

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93 Main Street607-263-2224

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44 Lake Street607-263-5255

TOWN ASSESSOR

Morris, NY607-263-5060

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ORGANIZATIONS

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The Butternut Valley Arts & Crafts Center (BVACC) is a non-profit organization that offers activities throughout the year to area residents. Art classes, kits to work on at home, art scholarships to Morris Central School graduating seniors, yearly holiday art & craft sale, and collaborative events with other community organizations
To receive our newsletter, write to
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COOPERSTOWN.....607-547-4247

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NEW LISBON

History of New Lisbon

The names of the villages and hamlets in New Lisbon, the names of the roads within its borders, continue to commemorate some of the early settlers who cleared the land and built a home and families who owned and worked its farms. The inventory of Todd's General Store at the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown is based on the records of the Hard & Peck store in Noblesville at the intersection of what is now county Routes 14 and 12.

There are 26,899 acres within the town, containing numerous hills and valleys. Major water bodies are the Butternut Creek in the western part of the town, the west branch of the Otego Creek in the eastern part of the town, Gilbert Lake in the southern part of the town and Turtle Lake, which is now called Crystal Lake, in the northwestern part of the town. The population in 1810 was 1,982 people. In 2000, the population was 1,116 people.

The Butternut Creek, first known as the Tienuderrah River, runs southwesterly from the northern part of Burlington through the towns of the Butternut Valley, Burlington, New Lisbon, Morris, and Butternuts, and empties into the Unadilla River. New Lisbon was formed from Pittsfield on April 7, 1806, as Lisbon. Two years later on April 6, 1808 the name was changed to New Lisbon. The town of New Lisbon was originally a part of the towns of Otsego, Burlington and Pittsfield. The name was changed to the town of New Lisbon in 1808 because there was a town of Lisbon in St. Lawrence County. The first town meeting was held on March 3, 1807 at the house of Nathaniel Daniels, an innkeeper in Garrattsville. The first elected town officials were William Garratt as town supervisor and Eli Dimock as town clerk.

Among the earliest settlers in the area were William Lull and Increase Thurston who carved a settlement in the wilderness in 1775. Other early settlers were S. W. Park, Moses Thurston, William and John Garratt, after whom Garrattsville was named, Elnathan Nobles, an early settler in the village of Noblesville that took his name. John Stewart and Joseph Balcom were among the first settlers in Stetsonville.

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In 1778 the settlers in the area were driven off by the British and the Indians and were not able to return until the end of the Revolutionary War. It is recorded that John Garratt and his wife, upon seeing a party of Indians approaching, fled their home with their silver and a clock which they hastily hid under an overturned pig trough. They were taken captive and carried off, but upon returning from their captivity, after an absence of seven years, to the overgrown property they found the silver and the clock where they had been secreted. The returning settlers rebuilt their homes and re-cleared their fields.

Sally Thurston was the first child born in New Lisbon, James McCollum taught the first school, Charles Eldridge owned the first inn, William Garratt had the first store. Over the years New Lisbon has had four churches, only one of which, the Presbyterian Church, is still active as a house of worship. A Baptist church was formed on West Otego Creek, in 1804, by Elder Micah French. The First Congregational Church in Noblesville was formed by the Reverend William Stone in 1805 and is now a private residence. The Methodist Church in Garrattsville, was built in 1870 and organized in 1879.

Early hamlets in the town were Garrattsville, Noblesville (later called New Lisbon), Stetsonville, New Lisbon Centre (later called Welcome), Potters Corners (later called Lena), Fall Bridge and Gardnertown. Early businesses in the town consisted of farms, grist mills, inns, general/hardware stores, saw mills, cheese factories, blacksmith shops, fulling mills, cooper shops, a shoe shop, carpenter shops, a hammer factory, tanneries, a wagon maker and a marble works.

A wonderful map of the cemeteries of Otsego County, available from the Otsego County Planning Department, shows the location of the cemeteries and names of the cemeteries, if known, around the county. Twenty cemeteries are located within New Lisbon's boundaries. On the web at www.rootsweb.com/~nyotsego/cemetery.htm is available survey of the cemeteries of New Lisbon prepared by New Lisbon Historian, Virginia Schoradt.

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TOWN CLERK.....607-965-8508

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History of Oneonta

We are on the Catskill Turnpike going west from Delhi when we come upon the hamlet of North Franklin. Here a right hand turn over an old toll road leads us to Franklin Mountain. We proceed down the mountain in the midst of a beautiful panorama of rocks and trees, sky and leaves, and a gently flowing river. This is Oneonta - a place of hills and overhanging rocks, which is the meaning of the Indian word Oneonta.

Had we been with Richard Smith in 1769 when he came down the Susquehanna from Otsego Lake in a canoe, we would have stopped at the Indian villages at the mouths of Charlotte and Otego Creeks, for this was Iroquois territory. Many of these Indians were friendly to the white man while others treasured scalp locks. In any event, they were a powerful group. With the coming of the Sullivan-Clinton expedition during the Revolution, the power of the Iroquois was broken, and white people now dared to settle the area.

From Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont they came to find an area suitable for agriculture. The lowlands along the rivers provided rich soil for growing grain and the staples - corn, beans and squash. Many would have perished if not for the help of the Indians, who showed early settlers how to use both the land and the forests. In about 20 years, the number of settlers had grown so much that they were ready for organization of the territory.

This territory, which is now the Town of Oneonta, was set off from Unadilla on February 5, 1796. It was known as Otego until April 17, 1830, when the name was changed to Oneonta. One of the earliest settlers was James McDonald, who lived in a house at the corner of River and Main Streets. Farther to the east Jacob Dietz settled near the present Dietz Street corner, while on the land now occupied by the Wilber National Bank lived Frederick Brown. It was at Brown's house that in 1786, the First Presbyterian Church - the first church in the town - was organized.

There were gaps along Main Street, but these were farms rather than city blocks. People settled on the west side of Main Street since the east side was a steep bank. Many years went by before the east side filled up with homes.

By 1828, Oneonta had a population of about 150. At the head of Broad Street, a school was built in 1811. A physician named Dr. Joseph Lindsay, who had come in 1807, not only practiced medicine, but also carried the mail from Oneonta to Delhi weekly and ran a select school. The first pastor was Mr. Von Horne while the first teacher was Mr. Maxwell, followed by Mr. Waldo. Another leading citizen was Carleton Emmons, whose father Asa ran a cotton and carding mill at the mouth of Charlotte Creek.

The area continued to grow rapidly, and in 1831, the first town meeting of the Town of Oneonta was held, at which time William Richardson was elected supervisor. Farming was the main occupation, especially the raising of grain and hops. By the 1860's, the need for a railroad was on the minds of the citizens, who envisioned a line from Albany to Binghamton with its potential for transporting coal and grain to Boston and other places in the Northeast as well as Canada.

In 1865, the dream became a reality as the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad began operating, and carloads of grain, lumber and other commodities were on their way. In 1870, the

first load of anthracite pulled out of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, bound for Oneonta. In time, the Albany and Susquehanna was taken over by the Delaware and Hudson.

The railroad proved to be the main artery of commerce and provided the economic backbone of Oneonta. Car shops for inspection and maintenance were built. Work in these shops attracted immigrants from northern and southern Europe, and hundreds of men found employment here. As time went on, the population increased, and Oneonta grew to be known nationwide as a booming railroad center with the largest roundhouse and biggest turntable in the world as well as the center at which the "hump" system of switching cars had its origin.

To the southeast, the Ulster and Delaware Railroad ran from Oneonta to Kingston. Since New York City with its large population was in constant need of dairy products, this route was a boon to both areas. It was not unusual for as many as 26 carloads of milk to pass daily over its tracks. The first freight to be carried over this road was a load of food from the Oneonta Grocery Company.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, interest began to grow in an electric railroad north from Oneonta. This came to fruition in a line from Oneonta to Index and eventually to Mohawk, and came to be known as the Southern New York Railroad.

The health needs of railroad workers were met by the opening on October 5, 1900 of the Aurelia Oxborn Fox Memorial Hospital, built by Colonel Reuben Fox in memory of his wife Aurelia. A hospital advocate group had been working for some years before on establishing a local hospital. When informed of this need, Colonel Fox offered the money if the group would provide the site. Today, it stands on Norton Avenue as a fine rural health center.

As the population grew, so did the educational needs of the people. By petition of citizens, a union free school opened in 1868. This led to the development and construction of a new high school around 1904. Americanization classes were held for those who wanted to learn the English language and ways of living in America.

To provide better educational opportunities for youth through better teaching, the Oneonta Normal School was established in 1889. For over 50 years, classical and professional studies, together with practical experience in the training school, prepared aspiring teachers for careers in teaching in the elementary grades. Early in the 1940's, a program for preparation of secondary school teachers in special fields was begun. The school expanded and became part of the State University of New York at Oneonta. From the first graduating class of 11, graduates now number in the thousands.

On an opposite hill stands Hartwick College; established in the early 30's as a Liberal Arts college with many offerings. Here also we find an outstanding art museum as well as a fine collection of Iroquois artifacts collected by Willard Yager.

In 1909, the main population center of the town obtained a charter designating it as the city of Oneonta.

These changes have created serious economic problems for Oneonta. Although the railroad runs through the area, it is no longer the Delaware and Hudson, and the runs are not regular. At present, the colleges and the hospital provide the economic backbone of the community. Time will continue to bring more

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changes and hopefully, growth. In the meantime, we “lift our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help.”

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OTEGO

History of Otego

In 1996, the town of Otego celebrated a date significant in its history. On February 5, 1796, the towns of Suffrage, Otego and Butternuts were formed from the town of Unadilla. Suffrage covered what later became Milford and a large part of Oneonta, Butternuts included present day Morris, and Otego comprised the balance of the area afterwards Oneonta, Laurens, and that portion of Otego lying east of the Otsdawa (from Huntington's Old Time Notes, vol. 5). Later other boundary changes were made; in 1807 by a vote of 138 to 121, it was decided to divide Otego which until then had included West Laurens and parts of Oneonta. Another item in Huntington's Notes says the Otego Post Office was in what became Oneonta Plains.

While the name Old Otego was used for this area, the village at least was listed in 1810 as Hamburg. In Spafford's Gazetteer of 1820, Hamburg was said to contain 30 houses. On April 12, 1822, the town of Huntsville was formed and apparently included some land from Unadilla and Franklin. Huntsville was named for Ransom Hunt, and early settler who owned the hotel where the town meeting was held and he also owned grist mills and other businesses. Again from Huntington's Notes, April 17, 1830. The name of the town of Huntsville is changed to Otego while most of the old town of Otego with the addition of a portion of Milford is now embraced in the new town of Oneonta, formed this day. The History of Otsego Co. (1878) lists Otego and Huntsville existing together in 1830.

Early settlers in Otego included the Brimmers, Ogdens, Blakelys, Calders, Bundys and Hunts. Some residents of Otego today are descended from these early arrivals. The stories of these and other families parallel the development of the town and are recorded in A History of Otego (1907) by Dr. Stuart Banyar Blakely and A Bicentennial History of Otego (1976) by Helena Myers. The village of Otego was incorporated in 1892 and a brief history of the village was written by Helen Secor Groves in 1992.

Present day Otego is a pleasant, active community, Otego is the headquarters for the New York State Archeological Association, housed in the Roland B. Hill Museum.

May new houses, streets, and developments have appeared since the last complete listing of the houses and occupants was made, nearly 20 years ago. An appeal has been made to residents to write a biography of their houses, giving the history, if known, and the present circumstances. These biographies could be left at the town clerk's office or Harris Memorial Library.

Helen S. Groves, August 1995.

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PITTSFIELD

Pittsfield History

The town was first settled around 1793.

The Town of Pittsfield was formed from part of the Town of Burlington in 1797. The territory of Pittsfield was reduced two times, in 1806 to form Town of New Lisbon, and in 1859 to form part of the Town of Morris. It was named by the Noble family from Pittsfield, MA, for their old home, who settled in the Pittsfield Centre vicinity.

The hamlet of Pittsfield, or "Pittsfield Centre," had an unmanned whistlestop station and siding on the Ontario & Western RR branch to Edmeston from New Berlin, later purchased by the Unadilla Valley RR. During World War I Richard Freeman and Charles Walton shipped lumber by the carload from here, milled over in Ketchum.

Ketchum takes its name from the Rev. Orvib Ketchum who founded a congregational church on the headwaters of Aldrich Creek in the east part of town, the church was later sold by the Wyoming Conference to the Americana Village near Hamilton, NY. A schoolhouse, store, several steam sawmills and cemetery also existed here. The Ball family operated several "rope walks" nearby, where hemp was wound into twine and the rope.

County Route 13 between Morris and New Berlin is referred to as "the turnpike" by locals, originally constructed in 1832, it was the last section to operate a tollgate due to being the most expensive to build.

Ebenezer Chapel, near the southwest border, was coincidentally named after a nearby resident, as was a small settlement originally known as "Hayti" at one time. In 1956, a nearby house made statewide news when a moonshine still was busted up.

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RICHFIELD SPRINGS

Town of Richfield- Village of Richfield Springs

The Town of Richfield and the Village of Richfield Springs, located near the geographic center of New York State on the Route 20 corridor, represent what was a prosperous community in the late 1800s and is still a growing, vital community today.

The Village, incorporated in 1861 was once known as Brimstone Swamp because its sulphur springs, seventeen within a radius of a mile. The use of those springs led to the development of a resort area that became famous the world over. During the "Golden Age" guests who took advantage of the baths, beautiful scenery and rejuvenating quiet proved that this was a perfect summer retreat for the prosperous visitors. This resulted in the growth of the community of year round owners. While the hotels that dotted the streets are no longer there, the Village is now host to the many families who visit the surrounding areas, providing housing, restaurants and activities of interest to all.

Located in the northern part of Otsego County, Canadarago Lake, the second largest lake in the Susquehanna watershed, provides fishing and water sports for all seasons. It also holds the Indian lore of Sunken Island and that of the original inhabitants of the area who knew of the healing powers of the magic waters. With a rich history of farming as well as diversified small industries, businesses and education opportunities, the Town and Village continues to grow in its rejuvenation efforts, becoming a viable entity looking at its past history for direction in the future.

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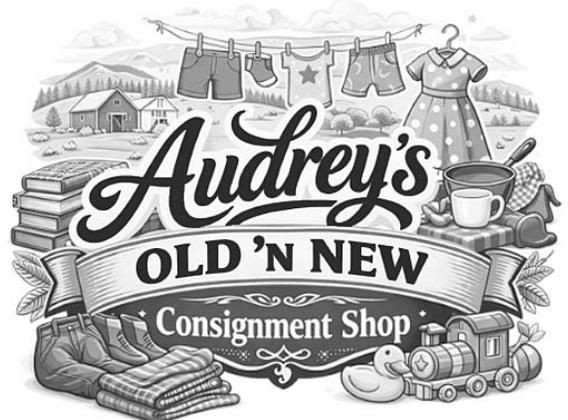



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SCHUYLER LAKE

History of Schuyler Lake

The town of Exeter was formed from the town of Richfield on March 25, 1799. Soon thereafter, a tiny hamlet appeared in the eastern part of the town. Initially called Leroy, it was later renamed for a family of Schuylers who pioneered in a crude cabin at the foot of Canadarago Lake.

During the 1800's, Schuyler Lake was to become the industrial center for the community and out-lying districts, having four mercantiles offering a variety of goods and services. The combinations were: Grocery & hardware, dry goods & grocery, groceries & candy and a drug store. To further augment the fulfillment of human needs, there were two hotels, a bank, three churches, two blacksmith shops, a post office, three millinery shops, a harness shop, cheese factory, cheese box factory, a steam saw & grist mill, chair & cabinet shop, a tannery, some fifty-five dwellings, and over two hundred inhabitants. There was a Lodge of Good Templars and one of Masons. The trolley line delivered mail to the Schuyler Lake Depot and transported passengers, connecting the little village to the outside world. The line was disconnected in 1933.

The drug store on its corner location was replaced in the 1930's by a gas station, where now a Quickway & gas pump exists.

Where the stone building housing the post office once stood the Masonic Lodge is located.

The building which had been the Citizens' Bank has been successfully operated as The Brass Lantern Restaurant for more than twenty-five years by Andrew and Starr Madaras.

Adjoining the hotel, Richard Tunnicliff built the building where the first post office was opened in 1829 with Mr. Tunnicliff as postmaster. Politics played an interesting role in appointments to that office, readily switching as presidential politics changed. The Tunnicliff building, having been a dry goods store for more than a century, was recently purchased. Robert and Celia Ferguson purchased the Bullion Hotel, demolished the building and in 1959 erected an attractive, modern post office. Celia B. Ferguson served as postmaster from 1955 to 1978. The building is currently owned by Lawrence and Estella Robinson. The present postmaster is Shelly Phillips.

The Methodist Church on School Street, erected in the early 1800's on a small parcel given from the Rose Family Farm is

still actively serving the people of that faith.

Adjacent to the Methodist Church is the brick building, pride of the town, The Schuyler Lake High School. Many are the graduates and attending students who have expressed their gratitude for the good basic education and preparation for life obtained there. Having been vacant for years, the building was purchased in 1990 by Mr. & Mrs. Barrett Clarke.

George Herkimer, a nephew of the renowned Revolutionary War General, Nicholas Herkimer, was the architect of the Stone Church on Main Street. Built in 1839-40 the early Greek Revival architecture, it is a landmark of exquisite beauty. Services of both the Universalist and Anglican faith are being held in the church.

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SHARON SPRINGS

History of Sharon Springs

The town of Sharon, called New Dorlach by its German settlers, is located in the northwest corner of Schoharie County. From 1772 to 1795 it successively belonged to the counties of Tryon, Montgomery, and Otsego, before being joined into the new county of Schoharie in 1795.

The village and the springs lie in a ravine. They are nine hundred feet above the Mohawk Valley with pure air, magnificent views, natural scenery and a variety of rural life.

The village of Sharon Springs was incorporated in 1871, bringing together the former hamlet of Rockville and the summer resort surrounding the springs.

The name, Sharon Springs, comes from the mineral springs abounding in the area. Even the Indians are said to have recognized their curative powers. By the early 1800's the Springs had become world famous. Sharon Springs reached its peak as a health spa in the 1920's when it boasted nearly 60 hotels and rooming houses which accommodated over 10 thousand people.

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Two major thoroughfares, the Great American Turnpike (Rte.20), and the Loonenberg Turnpike (now partially abandoned), serviced the area. Both were constructed in 1811. A spur of the Delaware and Hudson railroad ran through the village from Cobleskill to Cherry Valley from 1870 to 1956.

Today Sharon Springs continues as a summer health resort on a limited basis. It has an active Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The Sharon Historical Museum, the Sharon Free Library and the swimming pool are all open to the public. An 1800 one-room school has been moved to the Museum grounds (Main St., Sharon Springs), and was dedicated September 18, 1993, after much restoration and painting, etc. There are a number of service organizations and local churches which welcome residents and visitors alike to take part in their activities.

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Town of Springfield History Springfield Historical Society

by Noel Dries, President of the
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Before the Town of Springfield was established on March 3, 1797, the land was part of the towns of Cherry Valley and Otsego. The eastern portion is essentially the entire Springfield Patent that was granted to nine individuals including John Groesbeck and Peter Waggoner, whose names are frequently associated with the patent. This patent was granted November 4, 1741. The western portion is made up of portions of the Prevost Tract, along the shore of Otsego Lake and portions of what is commonly called Stewart's Patent, around the Allen's Lake area. The Prevost Tract was 6060 acres that was part of the 100,000 acre George Croghan's Otsego Patent granted November 30, 1769. Since, at that time, no patentee could be granted more than 1000 acres he had 99 "silent" partners that released their share to him. The grant was made as compensation for the land he was forced to lose upon the establishment of the Fort Stanwix Treaty. Augustine Prevost was his son in law, being married to Croghan's only white daughter. The other Croghan children were of an Indian mother. The Prevost Tract is also known as Low's Patent and Cary's Patent. Stewart's Patent was granted April 1769 and extended west to Canadarago Lake.

It is believed that the first white men to visit the area were Dutch fur traders before the mid seventeenth century. This documented on the 1685 Visscher map that was copied from a 1659 map. The area at the Susquehanna headwaters is indicated by "canoo-makers." In a report to the New York colonial government, Cadwallader Colden, the Surveyor General declared "goods may be carried from this lake (Otsego) in bateaus, or flat bottomed vessels, through Pennsylvania to Maryland and Virginia." Fifty years later, a canal was proposed connecting Otsego Lake to the Mohawk River. George Clarke, the great grandfather of the builder of Hyde Hall, during his tenure in New York colonial government advocated the populating of the western Mohawk area as a means of deterring incursions from the north.

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in 1762. German Palatines came from the Mohawk Valley and ScotchIrish from nearby Cherry Valley. The area was part of Albany County, one of the original counties established in the Province of New York. After Tryon County was established, Springfield was part of the Canajoharie District.

On June 18th 1778, Indians lead by Joseph Brant destroyed Springfield, Andrustown and other settlements near Otsego Lake. On November 11th 1778, the infamous Cherry Valley Massacre occurred. The frontier raids lead to the planning of the only major campaign of 1779, the Clinton-Sullivan Expedition. General James Clinton brought an army of some 1500 plus men and 220 bateaus up the Mohawk River to Canajoharie, then across land to Otsego Lake. They were encamped at the present Fassett Farm and later at the head of the lake, Swanswick, and at Hyde Bay. The army proceeded down the lake, dammed the mouth of the Susquehanna River to allow the accumulation of water. When the dam was broken, there was sufficient water to float the bateaus down river. They combined with General John Sullivan's army to destroy the Iroquois villages along the southern tier. The Iroquois fled to the protection of Fort Niagara.

After the ratification of the Treaty of Paris, there began an influx of settlers. Many had taken part in the Clinton Campaign. Many of the survivors of Indian and Tory raids returned to their land. The many fresh water springs provided the necessary water for survival. Griffith Evans, after attending a conference at Fort Stanwix, passed through

Springfield on his trek down the Susquehanna. Captain Evans referred to his understanding of the naming of Springfield due to the many springs. Of note, the spring on the Walrath farm and Cold Spring on Hinds Road were cited.

A Baptist congregation was established in 1787. A Presbyterian congregation was established in 1796. A Congregational congregation was established in 1806. A Methodist congregation was part of the "Otsego Circuit" and met at "preaching places" as early as 1796-97. A Universalist Church was organized in 1854. Saint Paul's Episcopal Church was erected in 1874 and a Roman Catholic congregation was organized in 1890.

With the building of the Great Western Turnpike, more people came to and passed through Springfield. The water courses, Springfield Creek, Hayden Creek and Cripple Creek provide ample water for the establishment of mills. The Gilchrists and Youngs had mills on Springfield Creek. One Tunncliff, Elisha Hall and later Hezekiah Hayden operated mills on Hayden Creek. Later Oliver N. Shipman built the Spring and Axle Works just north of Springfield Center. The first mill in Springfield was built before 1769 by Augustine Prevost, at Swanswick, on Cripple Creek. Later mills here were operated by the Lows and Carys.

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The town was first settled around 1790 by pioneers from Vermont. However, it is claimed that the first settler in Westford was Robert Roseboom from New Jersey, who settled in what is now known as Maple Valley. During the 1790s Westford received an influx of land-hungry settlers from New England who subsequently established the first churches and schools in Westford.

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The township of Winfield, named for Gen. Winfield Scott, was formed in 1816 from parts of Litchfield in Herkimer Co. and Richfield and Plainfield in Otsego County. It is near the headwaters of the Unadilla River. Sheep were raised in large numbers by early settlers, but after some years dairy farms became the most important industry. The manufacture of fine leathers by Hiteman Leather Co., successor to earlier tanners, became the principal commercial source of employment. Also the A.J. Smith Sausage Co. was an important town industry. Both plants are now out of existence.

The town has one village, West Winfield.

The earliest settlers came mostly from Connecticut and Massachusetts, settling in the northern and southern heights about 1790. They survived the privations and hardships of living in this area by obtaining supplies from Fort Herkimer. After 1840, Mr. Walker, taking advantage of the water power in the western part, built some mills and prompted the rise of the small community known as Walker's Mills.

Sawmills, grist mills and lumber yards were established and were operated until the early 1900's. Interestingly, a small tannery, erected in 1820 and eventually purchased by E.D. Beckwith and John and Henry Hiteman, operated until recently. A waterworks enterprise was established in 1878 with water being pumped from six artesian wells.

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Two plank roads were constructed early in the history of the town, one from Utica, the other from the south, and later the construction of the Cherry Valley Turnpike (now Route 20) in 1805 played a major role in establishing a comparatively easy communication route between Albany and other points.

In 1870 the Utica-Chenango and Susquehanna Valley Railroad was constructed and passed through West Winfield. This was subsequently rented to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad and also contributed to the expansion of the area.

The wholesale and retail services available in Winfield include almost every essential commodity. First class medical treatment is dispensed at the Medical Center and the volunteer fire department is second to none in the state. It also sponsors a Class A ambulance service.

Education has always been a prime factor in the town. District schools were set up at about the same time as the Township. An academy of higher learning flourished for 40 years. In 1850 the West Winfield Academy, a sixty by forty,

three story building, was established and was well known for its considerable library, and enrolled about 200 students per year. In 1883 it was changed to a Union Free School and became part of the Town's school system. It was succeeded by a High School in 1892 and centralized in 1931. It merged with many other districts about 1970 including Bridgewater and Leonardsville to become Mount Markham Central School with an enrollment of about 1700-1800, touching 11 townships and 4 counties.

Four churches figure in the history of West Winfield: the Congregational Church, organized in 1799; the Baptist Church, organized in 1796; the Methodist Church, constructed in 1828; and the Roman Catholic Church, organized in 1867.

West Winfield had a newspaper as early as 1859 and the present "West Winfield Star" has been published since 1892.

Although the Village of West Winfield was formally incorporated May 9, 1898, it was a thriving community from the early 1800's. Original settlers of the area were mostly from New England.

Millers Mills

An appreciation of history and a strong sense of community define Millers Mills, a small hamlet in the extreme southern tip of Herkimer County. In 1890 Andrew Miller and his family established their home in what was then wilderness, five miles from their nearest neighbors, and next to Little Lake Unadilla, the headwaters of the Unadilla River. After constructing a log cabin and a dam across the stream, a grist mill and a saw mill, powered by the water running over the dam, soon followed. The frame house that Miller built two hundred years ago still stands today.

From these humble beginnings, the community grew and thrived. Over the years, it offered many needed services to its residents - church, school, general store, post office, blacksmith shop, cheese box factory, train depot, grange, and milk station. With the passage of time, the change from an agriculture based economy, and the advent of the automobile, the complexion of the community became more residential.

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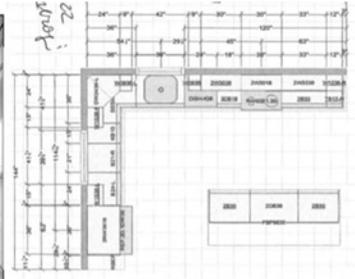
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