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## Letters...

Letters to the Editor may be directed to [nandixon@gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@gisco.net) or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

I am submitting material for publication in the **INFORMER**. I know you asked for school pictures in the past, and I located some of mine and am including one which I hope you will be able to use (*see front page*). I have several, but this is the one in which I could identify most of the people. This is the 6th grade class at Academy Street School in 1930. I have included a list of the students to the best of my recollection. The teacher was Miss Cora Brown, a sweet, patient lady. The principal was Miss Marie Cahill, of the fiery red hair, and stern, raspy voice. Nobody talked back in those days! The school is no longer there. It was located at Academy and Clay or Jay Street. I'm a little hazy on those two. There was a great little neighborhood store up the block with lots of penny candy. Any and all corrections are welcome from anyone whose memory is better than mine.

I am also including a Pedigree Sheet (*see page 7*). I don't recall sending one in before.

I have been a member since your society was formed, and I'm pleased with the progress you have made.

At a later date, I will send a picture and information on my great-grandfather, whose family were among the early settlers in Jefferson County.

—Carolyn McCarty Springer  
 Fresno, CA

Hello, Nan,

Always enjoy the **INFORMER** since I grew up in Sackets Harbor, and now am living in southern California, still researching those upstate New York ancestors.

Henderson article and map were informative and did mark my War of 1812 ancestor Orrin Mathews. Several years ago when back East, I bugged them until they got a sign to put out by the highway showing where it was.

Will be checking out all the web sites you list and the grangers. Maybe someday will be back when you are having a meeting.

—Dorothy Schwaner

### INFORMER,

I am the Community Service Advisor for our Skills USA chapter here at the Bohlen Technical Center, Jefferson Lewis BOCES.

I was driving around recently and stopped at an old run down cemetery in LaFargeville where I noticed that someone was trying to clean it up and repair headstones. I find old cemeteries to be great historical places; it is sad that so many of them are deteriorating. I was wondering if I could put together a community service project that might employ the use of our students to choose an older cemetery to clean up, photo document, help fix headstones—anything in general that would help to beautify and show respect. Please contact me with ideas. Thank you,

—Laura M. Knapp  
 Bohlen Technical Center, Jefferson Lewis BOCES

## Welcome to New Members

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 Nelson/Porter/Thompson/Wood



## What's Going on with JCNYGS October Meeting

Our October meeting was held in the research room of the Thousand Islands Museum at their new location on James Street in Clayton. Librarian Janet Collins gave an overview of the notebooks in the archival collection and introduced Linda Schleher, executive director, who mentioned how pleased she was to see so many (37) attend the meeting. That is the largest number to be accommodated at the museum to date.

Janet also introduced Norm Wagner, Town and Village Historian of Clayton. Norm mentioned that the Depauville updated history is now at the printer. He also listed the variety of materials available at his office in the Clayton Town Hall basement. After a few questions, Janet encouraged all to explore the library collection.

## November Meeting

Mrs. Ann Wichelns (pictured), presented the program for her husband Dr. Jerome Wichelns, who was in the Carthage Hospital for unexpected gall bladder surgery. With the assistance of her husband's notes and some overhead projector images, Mrs. Wichelns gave a splendid program on the development of Jefferson County and the North Country as a result of the railroads, canals, paper mills, the Black River, water-power, and many other factors. So many interesting facts on population, specific names, companies, manufacturers, and geography were presented, that a request was made for Dr. Wichelns' presentation to be published in our newsletter. See pages 17-19.



## December Meeting

We held a "Show & Tell" last month. These meetings are always fun and you always gain some information after sharing with others. Items may be borrowed from the Repository, which we hope to have open at 6:00 p.m. before all our regular meetings at the Flower Library. We also had the Flower Library's Genealogy Room available to us at this meeting. Many thanks to Margaret Narrows and Alice Corbett for volunteering.



*Janet Collins (bending over), librarian for the Thousand Islands Museum in Clayton, answered questions about museum resources at our October meeting held at their new location.*

## Program Chairperson: Volunteers Anyone?

Hopefully by the time you receive this issue, we will have a program chairperson. Although several members have presented ideas, we still need an individual or perhaps a team of individuals to act as our chairperson(s) for the Program Committee.

If you have an interest in being Program Chairperson, being on the committee, or have any ideas for a future program, please contact President Bob VanBrocklin or any of the officers.

## Updates Needed: Member Information

Clancy and Patti Hopkins, Membership  
and Surname Committee

Of the two hundred plus 'blue cards' received from members for the surname issue, over 100 contained changes. Please keep us informed of address changes (winter and summer), area codes/phone numbers, e-mail addresses, spellings, surname interests, etc. You can mail info to the society at P.O. Box 6453, Watertown, NY 13601 or e-mail to [chopkins@imcnet.net](mailto:chopkins@imcnet.net).

## Repository Collection

We will attempt to have our Repository Collection resources available to members beginning at 6:00 p.m. before meetings held at the Flower Memorial Library.

# Adams Cousins on Pillar Point and Around the Country

Compiled\* by Virginia Adams, Pillar Point

The first Henry Adams came to America in 1638 with a wife, eight sons, and a daughter. They settled at Braintree, MA, 17 years after the Pilgrims who came on the Mayflower. Seven generations later a descendent also named Henry Adams came to Rodman, NY, in 1807 in an oxcart with a wife named Hannah Ingalls and a baby about a year old. That boggles my mind—traveling from southern New Hampshire to northern New York, probably in winter because trails through the woods and on dirt roads were too muddy in warm weather. There were no hotels, motels, or restaurants along the route, but perhaps an inn or a cabin once in a while. Our pioneer ancestors were courageous and adventurous, searching for land and hopefully a better life for their families.

Our ancestor Henry Adams was preceded by his brother, known as Captain John Adams, who came to Rodman in 1805 and married a Watertown girl named Rebecca Butterfield. His description of this area must have enticed his brother and Hannah to travel also—but with a one-year-old baby?! Another brother and sister who also came to Rodman were Moses Adams and Abigail Wyman. Their parents, John and Mary, followed about 1813.

In addition to the one-year-old son, whom we'll call Henry Jr., several other children were born in Rodman, one of whom was John, who settled on Pillar Point in 1834, the same year that Henry Jr. came here. John was the father of Seth, whose children included Will, the father of Belle Bowman, and Frank, the father of William Adams and Virginia Kilburn. Another son of Seth was Adelbert, from whom Doris Lee, Ruth Chapin, and Dorothy Danks are descended. Doris Lee was the author of *A History of Pillar Point*, while Dorothy Danks was a long-time volunteer in the Genealogy Room at Flower Library. Many of these cousins still live in the area and frequently come to family reunions.

Henry Adams Jr. moved from Rodman to Sackets Harbor after he married Eliza Spicer in 1828. His

father fought in the War of 1812 and the boys became intrigued with the urge to move down by Lake Ontario. Henry and Hannah (Ingalls) Adams came in 1832 by boat from Henderson with their younger children. Henry Sr. built the stone house at Adams Cove where he lived until he died at age 89. Sons Henry Jr. and John moved to Pillar Point in 1834.

After Henry Jr.'s wife died, he married widow Emily Ackerman Dickenson, who had three children by her first marriage. Henry Jr. and Emily had two more children, Edwin born in 1839 and Jane born in 1841. They lived on the family farm until 1843, when Henry Jr. purchased 66 acres of land from James Le Ray de Chaumont for \$42.21! It was on the North Shore, less than a mile east of his parents' home. He built a barn to house his six cows and a log cabin for his family. In 1853, Henry Jr. built a larger house, later lived in by his son Edwin, who stayed on the family farm.

When Ed's son Henry W. married Mattie Hoover (see the following article) in 1903, they lived on Cherry Island in the summer, with only a rowboat for transportation. Horses were driven to Point Salubrious and swam to Cherry Island, following a barge. In the winter the hay was moved across the ice and shipped by train from Chaumont to New York City. There was a good market for hay to feed the horses in the city, before automobiles replaced horse and wagon delivery.

In 1904 Henry W. built the home across the driveway from his father, Ed. This is where Gerald and Deborah now live. Wilford, Henry W.'s son, remodeled his grandfather Ed's home after he married Virginia Allen and he lived there until his death. Their children were Mary and Gerald. Mary married Lennart Aberg, who was of Swedish descent, and had two daughters, Christy and Erika. Gerald had two sons, Douglas and Steven.

In 1989, Wilford and his son Gerald's farm was recognized as one of the Century Farms of New York State, farms which had been farmed continuously by family descendants for over one hundred years. Theirs was the only Century Farm on Pillar Point.

## Adams Cousins... *continued*

Wilford's brother Merle married a widow, Gladys Johnson, who had daughter Barbara Jean by her first husband. Merle and Gladys then had two more daughters, Stephanie Salisbury and Lisa Hymen. There are several descendants.

Edwin Adams, son of Henry Jr., stayed on the farm with his father. He married Hattie Crandall from Rodman. They had four children: *Brayton*, father of Ruth Lanphear, Stanley, and Katharine Marshall; *Charles*, father of Niles, \*\*Irene Timmerman, Gilbert, and Leitha Schreiner; *Henry*, father of Wilford and Merle, and *Myrtie*, who died young.

There are many descendants. Some have moved away, and many are still living on Pillar Point and in Jefferson County. Many Adams descendants are well known as leaders in farm organizations, churches, schools and community service.

\*Many of the facts come from Doris Lee's book, *A History of Pillar Point*, and from *Genealogy of Henry Adams of Braintree Massachusetts from 1632 to 1897*, compiled by Andrew N. Adams.

\*\*For more information on Irene Timmerman's family, see "The Timmerman Family" on page 11 of the November issue of the **INFORMER**.

## The Hoover Connection

By Nan Dixon

**M**attie Hoover, mentioned in the foregoing article, was a descendant of another Jefferson County pioneer. Her great great grandparents, Revolutionary veteran William and Polly (Ross) Collins left Stonington, CT, at the end of the eighteenth century for Plainfield, Otsego County, NY. From there they made their way over wilderness trails to settle in what is now Stone Mills, in the Town of Orleans. Of their eight children, all of whom grew to maturity and had children of their own, John B. Collins was the eldest son.

He was born April 18, 1787, before they left Stonington, and was a young man of some 17 or 18 years old when they reached their final destination in Jefferson County, about 1805. By 1819, he and his partner, Peter Pratt, had built a stone grist mill on the stream that flowed through the little settlement, then called Collins Mills. A frame sawmill used the same flume, and because of the mills, the settlement soon adopted the name of Stone Mills. John B. married, probably in 1806, Clarissa Rhodes, daughter of another early family, Joseph and Rhoda (Wheeler) Rhodes. Joseph Rhodes had received his deed from James Le Ray de Chaumont in 1804. John B. and Clarissa had at least ten children, and possibly adopted two more boys.

Their middle child was Thomas, born December 23, 1819, the same year that his father's mill was built.

Thomas (pictured here) lived in the Town of Orleans, and in the Town of Alexandria, just across the town line. He was a farmer. He married a teacher, Martha L. Hamlin. They had five children, of whom Addie was the middle child. She was born in the Town of Orleans in 1855 and died on Pillar Point in 1936. She married Rudolph Hoover, 1853-1936, a descendant of Palatine Hubers from the Mohawk Valley. Rudolph, usually called Dolph, was the son of Hiram Hoover, who moved from Herkimer County to Pillar Point about 1853. The Hoover family lived in a log cabin on the North Shore Road. Dolph did custom threshing and silo filling for over fifty years. He started by using a horse operated treadmill, then modernized to a steam engine. The steam engines were often fueled by the waste straw from the threshing



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## The Hoover Connection... *continued*



*Dolph and Addie Collins Hoover had six children: Grace Belle, Nellie Elizabeth (right), Charles H., Ethel Mae, Mattie (left), and Frank.*

operation. Finally he had a gasoline powered tractor which ran the threshing machine, the ensilage cutter, and blower. The ensilage cutter cut corn and the blower blew the resulting ensilage into the silo.

Dolph was known as a water witch, and located the wells he drilled by means of dowsing, or water witchery. He owned a well drilling outfit and drilled many wells in the vicinity of Pillar Point. He started out with a small farm, and added to it until he owned 305 acres at his death in 1936. Among his many enterprises was the cheese factory on the North Shore Road. Brayton Adams (see preceding article) and Dolph Hoover started the Luther Hill Cheese factory around 1890. Elgin McTaggart and Austin Charles were early cheesemakers there.

Dolph and Addie Collins Hoover had six children: Grace Belle, Nellie Elizabeth, Charles H., Ethel Mae, Mattie, and Frank. Grace married Melvin Timerman, mentioned in the Timerman family article in the November **INFORMER**. Nellie married Arthur

Poole, a Pillar Point farmer, who was also a commercial fisherman. He and his father, William, used gill nets to fish for ciscoes off Marsh Point. He bought Cherry Island (mentioned in the Adams family article), from Edwin Adams, and worked it in summer, living in Sackets Harbor in the winter time. He had a scow that he towed with a sailboat, later with a motor boat. He used the scow to take machinery over to the island, and bring back the grain he raised there.

In the late 1920s, Arthur Poole bought a farm on Pillar Point. His son, Emmett, remembered the story of the cow that fell into the well. They pulled her out, loaded her onto a stone boat, and dragged the stone boat to the barn where they worked to revive her. The men gave her half a cup of "Great Stuff," and she recuperated. To explain: a stone boat is an extremely primitive vehicle, probably used from the dawn of time, consisting of planks slightly curved up in front fastened together. It had no wheels or runners. It was probably used by the early pioneers of Jefferson County to get their belongings through the narrow forest aisles that served for roads, when their wagons were too broad to fit between the trees. They used the wagons as far as they could, then dismantled them, and piled the pieces, including wheels, on a stone boat with the rest of their scanty belongings, and trudged through the wilderness after their slow oxen, or only slightly faster horses. The principle use of a stone boat to their descendants was to draw stones and boulders off their fields, fields which produced a new crop of stones and boulders yearly.

And the "Great Stuff" that worked the miraculous cure on the poor cow? That was an Indian medicine made in Watertown, intended for human use. The dose was probably measured in teaspoons, not cups. It was the alcohol content, no doubt, that electrified the cow back to life.

Charles H. Hoover married Edna Jeanette Dodge, and farmed on Pillar Point most of his life. Ethel Hoover married Donald N. McCumber, and Frank married Maude Johnston. This brings us back to Mattie Hoover, youngest daughter of Dolph and Addie Collins Hoover, who married, in 1902, Henry W. Adams of the previous article.

# Carolyn McCarty Springer

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## PEDIGREE CHART

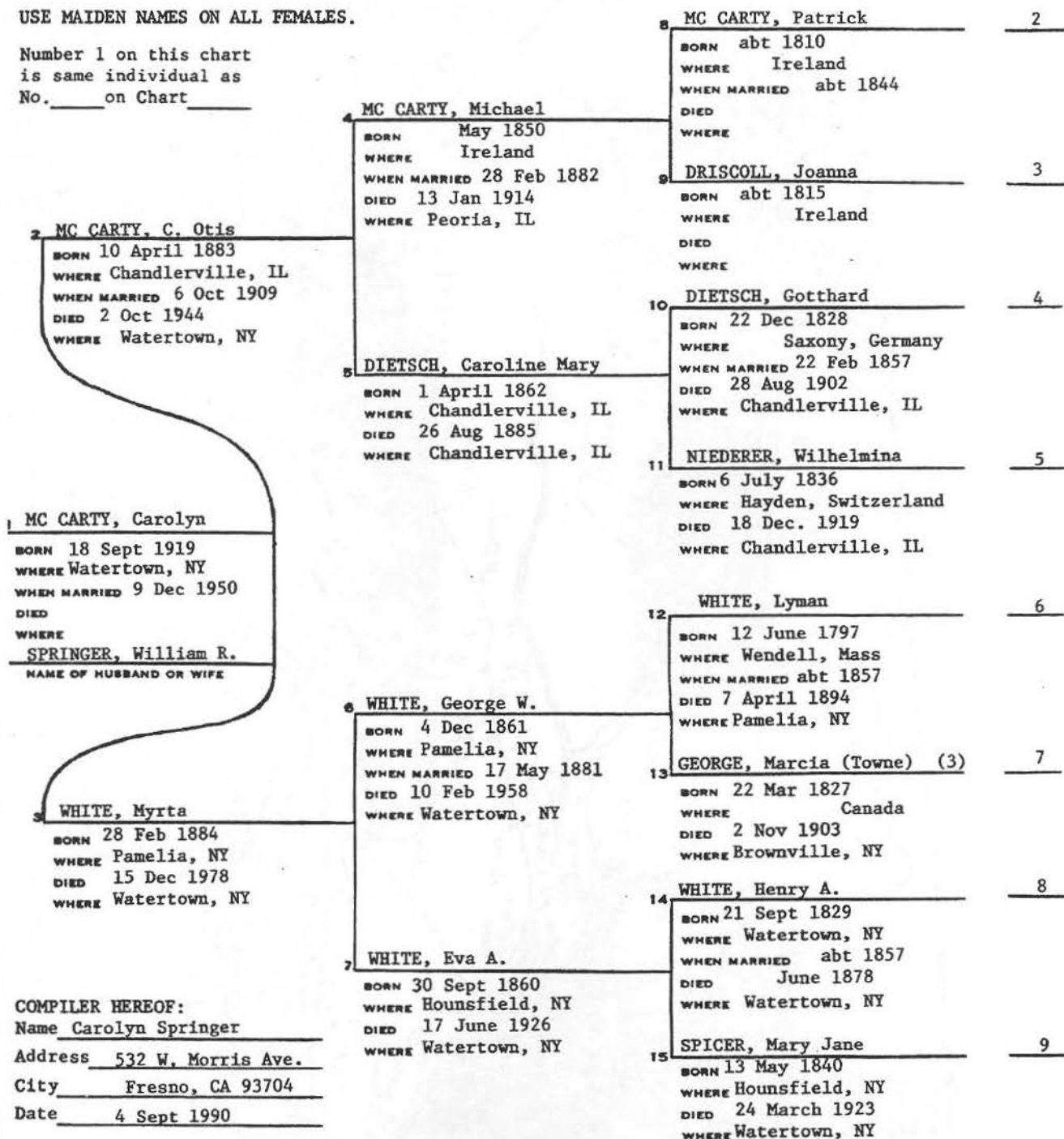
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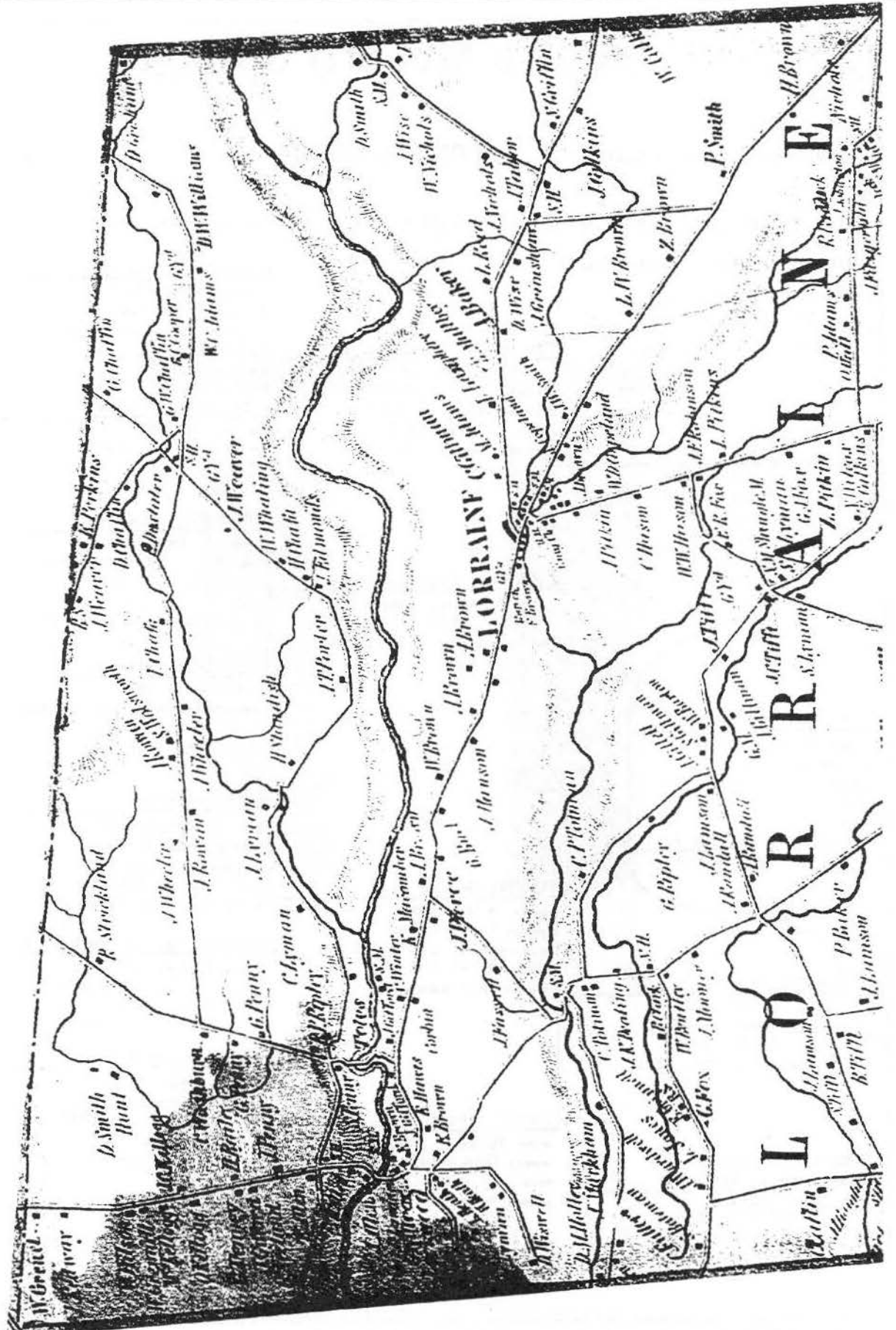
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on chart

USE MAIDEN NAMES ON ALL FEMALES.

Number 1 on this chart  
is same individual as  
No.        on Chart       









# Index to 1855 Map of Lorraine Township (pages 8-9)

By Don Dillenbeck, JCNYS Member

Column 1 consists of initial, column 2 is surname or main entry, column 3 indicates location of residents on the map. By dividing the town map into eight parts, Don used the letters L, O, R, R, A, I, N, E already on the map as locators. We see that J. Allen lived in the section where the letter "L" is found, North of the letter. Note that there are two letter R's: R1 and R2.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter-North/South
Bap. Ch. =	<b>(Baptist Church)</b>	Lorraine Vill.
B.S. =	<b>(Black Smith Shop)</b>	A-North
B.S. =	<b>(Black Smith Shop)</b>	L-North
Cab.Sh.	<b>(Cabinet Shop)</b>	L-South
Cong. Ch.	<b>(Congregational Church)</b>	Lorraine Vill.
Coop. Sh.	<b>(Cooper's Shop)</b>	L-South
G.Yd. =	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	A-North
G.Yd. =	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	I-North
G.Yd. =	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	Lorraine Vill.
G.Yd. =	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	N-North
G.M. =	<b>(Grist Mill)</b>	E-South
G.M. =	<b>(Grist Mill)</b>	R2-North
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	A-North
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	E-South
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	Lorraine Vill.
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	Lorraine Vill.
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	L-South
S.M. =	<b>(Sawmill)</b>	E-North
S.M. =	<b>(Sawmill)</b>	L-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	E-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	E-South
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	I-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	I-South
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	I-South
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	L-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Lorraine Vill.
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	L-South
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	L-South
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	O-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	O-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	R1-South
A	???	Lorraine Vill.
M.	Adams	I-North
P.	Adams	N-South
W.C.	Adams	N-North
	Albright	L-South
A.	Allen	O-South
E.	Allen	L-North
H.	Allen	L-North

J.	Allen	L-North
C.	Bailey	O-South
C.	Bailey	O-South
D.	Bailey	L-North
A.	Baker	N-North
P.	Baker	R1-South
S.	Baker	I-South
W.	Barton	R2-North
S.	Bateman	L-North
	Beach	A-South
J.	Belinger	A-South
W.	Bentley	O-North
I.	Benton	N-South
L.	Betinger	L-South
H.	Brigham	A-South
W.	Brigham	A-South
A.	Brown	E-South
A.	Brown	R1-North
A.	Brown	R2-North
E.	Brown	L-North
F.	Brown	Lorraine Vill.
H.	Brown	E-North
K.	Brown	L-North
L.W.	Brown	N-North
W.	Brown	R2-North
Z.	Brown	N-North
	Brown	N-South
J.	<b>Brown's Tavern</b>	I-South
O.	Buel	R1-North
A.	Calkins	I-South
J.	Calkins	E-North
N.	Calkins	I-South
Car	<b>Car (Carriage ?)</b>	E-South
H.	Cashburn	L-North
D.	Casler	L-South
A.	Catlin	L-South
I.	Chafe	A-North
D.	Chaffin	I-North
D.W.	Chaffin	I-North
G.	Chaffin	N-North

H.	Chafit	A-North
G.	Charmes	I-South
C.W.	Clark	L-South
J.	Clark	L-South
M.	Clark	L-South
N.P.	Clark	L-South
P.	Clark	O-North
S.	Clark	L-South
M.F.	Cole	R1-South
E.C.	Cooper	N-North
W.D.	Copeland	I-North
	Corbin	O-North
J.M.	Cornell	N-South
A.	Cox	R2-South
P.	Dactater ? (Dockstader)	I-North
J.K.	Dealing	O-North
J.	Edmonds	A-North
E.R.	Far ???	A-North
G.A.	Far ???	I-North
L.	Farmer	I-South
J.	Fassett	O-North
J.	Fee	E-South
W.	Fitzgerald	E-South
B.	Fletcher	I-South
H.	Foreman	A-North
G.	Fox	L-North
C.	Fuller	L-North
N.S.	Gardner	R2-South
S.	Gardner	A-South
S.	Gardner	R2-South
S.D.	Gardner	R1-South
	Gardner	R1-South
J.	Giffard	L-North
J.	Gifford	O-North
J.	Gifford	O-North
A.	Gillett	R2-North
C.	Gillman	E-South
C.	Gillman	I-North
J.	Gillman	R2-North
S.	Gillman	R2-North
D.	Graham	E-North
P.C.	Green	O-South
W.	Grenel	L-North
W.	Grennell	L-North
S.	Griffin	E-North
S.	Griffin	E-North
J.	Grimshaw	E-North
E.	Grinnell	L-North

M.	Hageman	I-South
	Hale	I-South
C.E.	Hall	O-South
O.	Hall	N-South
S.	Hall	R1-South
T.	Hall	R1-South
	Hancock	I-South
E.	Hawes	L-North
H.	Heath	L-North
I.	Heath	L-North
L.	Heath	L-North
Mrs.	Hill	I-South
A.	Hitchcock	I-South
T.	Hitchcock	I-South
W.	Hitchcock	I-South
D.M.	Holler	L-North
	Hunt	O-North
C.	Huson	I-North
W.W.	Huson	I-North
C.	James	L-South
I & T	James	L-South
T.	James	L-South
J.	Johnston	N-South
L.	Jones	L-North
J.C.	Kellogg	L-North
Mrs.	Kellogg	L-North
O.	Kellogg	L-North
J.	Lafour/Latour ?	N-South
G.	Laminer ???	L-North
J.	Lamphere	E-North
J.	Lamson	O-South
J.	Lamson	O-South
J.	Lamson	R1-North
J.	Lamson	R2-North
L.	Lanphere	I-North
H.	Larry	L-South
D.	Lockwood	L-North
	Lorent	E-South
	<b>LORRAINE VILLAGE</b>	Lorraine Vill.
S.	Love	E-South
L.	Lowry	O-South
P.	Lowry	L-South
C.	Lyman	R1-North
L.	Lyman	N-South
S.	Lyman	A-North
S.	Lyman	A-North
	Lyman	L-North
K.	Macomber	R1-North



N.	Maltbey	N-North
J.	Manson	R2-North
C./E.	Markham	L-North
A.	Marquart	E-South
J.	Marquart	E-South
G.	Marsh	R2-South
W.L.	Marsh	A-South
	Merrick	L-South
H.	Miles	R2-South
M.	Miles	O-South
M.	Miles	R1-South
R./B.	Miles	O-South
S.D.	Miles	R1-South
	Monteville	N-South
J.	Mooney	O-North
A.	Morrill	R1-South
O.	Neeland	L-North
J.	Nichols	E-North
L.	Nichols	E-South
W.	Nichols	E-North
	Nichols	E-South
O.	O'Neil	E-South
	O'Neil	E-South
R.	Paddock	N-South
	Paterson	E-South
G.	Penney	L-North
G.	Penny	O-North
G.	Penny	O-North
J.	Penny	L-North
S.	Penny	O-North
E.	Perkins	I-North
	Pickhard	E-South
J.	Pierce	R1-North
E.	Pitken	I-South
K.	Pitken	I-South
L.	Pitkin	I-South
A.	Pitkin	I-North
L.	Pitkins	I-North
S.S.	Pitkins	R1-South
A.J.	Poleck	E-South
J.	Pooler	N-South
A.T.	Porter	R2-North
A.	Randall	R1-North
A.	Randall	R1-North
J.	Redway	L-North
L.	Reed	N-North
A.	Remington	O-South
F.	Remington	L-South

J.	Remington	O-South
K.	Remington	O-South
Mrs.	Remington	R1-South
B.P.	Ripley	O-North
G.	Ripley	R1-North
J.F.	Robinson	I-North
J.	Rowan	R2-North
S.M. =	Sawmill	O-North
S.M. =	Sawmill	O-North
	<b>Shingle Mill</b>	A-North
D.	Smith	E-North
D.	Smith	O-North
P.	Smith	E-North
R.	Snyder	L-South
H.	Standish	R2-North
B.	Stillman	I-South
P.	Strickland	R1-North
L.	Tabor	E-North
B.	Tift	O-South
J.	Tift	L-South
J.C.	Tift	I-South
S.	Tift	L-South
S.	Tift	O-South
	Toles	O-North
C.P.	Totman	R1-North
C.	Totnam	O-North
T.	VanStack	E-South
J.	Wardwell	L-North
C.	Washburn	O-North
W.	Waterman	L-South
J.	Weaver	I-North
A.	Webb	I-South
W.	Whaling	A-North
A.	Wheeler	R2-North
J.	Wheeler	R1-North
N.	Wilcox	A-North
G.	Willcox	L-North
D.W.	Williams	E-North
W.	Wilson	L-North
C.	Winter	O-North
D.	Wise	N-North
J.	Wise	E-North
D.	Wiswell	L-North
S.	Wolsworth	R2-North
W.	Woolworth	L-North

# The Name Game: Community Name Origins

## Fact or Fiction?

**WHY DID THEY CALL THIS PLACE...** Alexandria? Both the Town of Alexandria and Alexandria Bay were named for Alexander, a son of James Le Ray de Chaumont. Alexander Le Ray obtained a colonel's commission during Texas's struggle for independence from Mexico, and died in a duel in 1836. Alexandria is the north easternmost township in the county. Alexandria Bay, originally a wooding (fueling) station for wood burning steam boats, became known as the heart of the Thousand Islands district in the latter part of the nineteenth century, and has been supported by the tourist trade ever since.

**WHY DID THEY CALL THIS PLACE...** Brown's Corners? Parley Monroe Brown started off in life with only the barest rudiments of reading, writing, and arithmetic. He aspired to become a Baptist minister of the gospel, and to this end he was largely self educated. Combining his calling with farming to support a family, he found he had to move his growing family from their comfortable stone house in Stone Mills to a better farm in the Town of Alexandria. There he settled at the corner where the road from Alexandria Bay to Redwood branches off to Plessis and built for his wife a larger house to supplant the log cabin they found at their new site. As his sons and daughters became teachers, ministers, evangelists, and solid business men, the family became the most important one of that little settlement, and the four corners there has ever since been called Browns Corners.

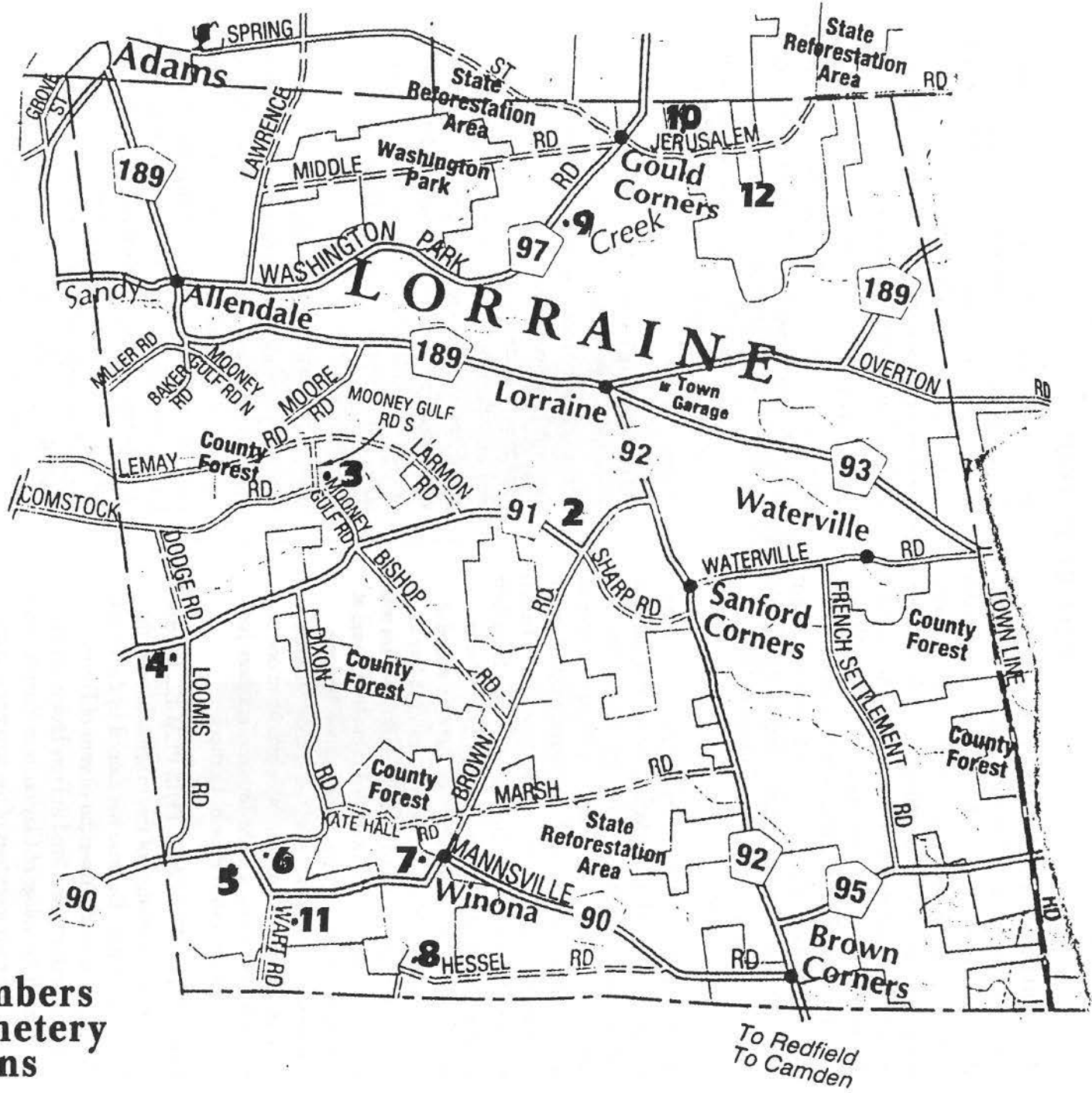
**WHY DID THEY CALL THIS PLACE...** Deferno? According to a resident of this neighborhood in the Town of Clayton, Deferno was named by the French Canadian, or newly American citizens of French Canadian extract, who lived in Frenchtown, on the outskirts of the village of Clayton, near French Creek. One of the early industries of the area was burning limestone to extract the lime, a process which required lime kilns. The foundations of these kilns are still to be found today, some miles to the southwest of Clayton. In those far off times, all the trees had been stripped from the area between Clayton and the bluff. The residents of Frenchtown had a clear view of the lime kilns, which burned all night and day. Pointing

them out, they said something which sounded like "look at de ferno," perhaps meaning "look at the furnace," or some similar phrase in French. Deferno stuck as a name, and today we have the Deferno Road, or someone might say, "Oh, they lived over in Deferno," meaning that general area.

**WHY DID THEY CALL THIS PLACE...** Plessis? From some jokester, probably running out of explanations, the name Plessis has been attributed to James de la Farge's dog. The town historian of the Town of Alexandria, in which Plessis is a hamlet, scoffs at the idea. Plessis was named, age avers, for a place in France.

**WHY DID THEY CALL THIS PLACE...** Smithville? This hamlet derives its name from Jesse Smith, one of the most energetic and active business men who have lived in the county. From a small beginning, he arose to affluence. He first settled in Rodman, when the town was new, and began life as a jobber, clearing land and making potash. At Smithville, he engaged in milling, distilling, and merchandise, and gradually became in-terested in the lumber trade, and Great Lakes shipping. He removed to Newark, Ohio. [from Hough]

**WHY DID THEY CALL THIS PLACE...** Stone Mills? The extended Collins family, with their in-laws, came too late to settle in the more desirable land in the Town of Brownville, and followed a little creek up past Perch River Flats to a place where they could build a grist mill. The area still has a number of lovely old limestone houses, and their mill was built of stone. Using the same dam and water power, a Dr. Andrus built a saw mill on the opposite side of the creek, thus providing for the surrounding farmers both grist and saw mills. Other activity sprang up around the mills, including a stagecoach tavern which was also a general store and post office, known as Collins's Mills. Church and school followed quickly, and newcomers, not knowing the Collins family, spoke of going to the stone mill. The name took root, and the pleasant little community is still called Stone Mills.



Large numbers denote cemetery locations



# Lorraine Cemeteries

by Debbie Quick, Historical Association of South Jefferson, P.O. Box 55, Adams NY 13605; Phone (315) 232-2616.

An **abandoned** cemetery is one which no longer accepts burials, and which is under the protection of the town. A **destroyed** cemetery is one from which all markers have been removed, all records lost, and is known as a general location only. Starred (\*) cemeteries are **inactive**. All Lorraine Cemeteries are maintained by the Town Highway Department, except Thomas Family Cemetery (11) and Hights Corners Cemetery, which are on private land and are maintained by the landowner. Contact Historical Association of South Jefferson, see address above, for lists of burials. The numbers below refer to the map opposite. We have used CR to indicate a county road number.

1. RURAL (VILLAGE), located on CR 189 just west of Methodist Church. Active.
2. LYMON, located on CR 91 just west of intersection with Brown and Sharp roads. Active.
3. \*MOONEY GULF (GARDEN or ZACHARY MOONEY), located on corner of Mooney Gulf Road and Comstock Road.
4. \*HAIGHTS CORNERS, located 1/4 mile down Loomis road from CR 19. It sits in a glade of trees on the south side of the road.
5. \*CLARK FAMILY (TIFFT FAMILY), set in reforested area off CR 90, 1/4 mile west of Dixon Road, 600+ feet off road.
6. \*ADSIT, located at southeast corner of CR 90 and Dixon Road on a small knoll.
7. \*GARDEN FAMILY, in Winona, exact location unknown.
8. \*REMINGTON (MILES), located on Hessell Road at junction with abandoned road.
9. \*GOULD DISTRICT, located on Washington Park Road about 3.5 miles from Allendale, south side of the road.
10. \*JERUSALEM ROAD, located a quarter mile up Jerusalem Road from Washington Park Road, north side of road.

11. \*THOMAS FAMILY, on Wart Road, 1/2 mile from CR 90, 600+ feet off road in a grove of trees.

## Scrapbook — Scraps

While researching in Saratoga County, New York, deeds at the LDS library today I found this deed: Book G, page 363; 19 September 1815, JOHN HAGADORN and BETSEY his wife of Ellisburgh, Jefferson County, N.Y. and SOPHIA, his mother of Galway, Saratoga County, to JOHN LEWIS of Broad Albion, Montgomery County, N.Y.. \$1950.00 ... 2 lots in Galway, Lot #1; 39 1/2 acres adjoining NATHAN JEWITT. Lot #2 ... 621/2 acres in Galway. Signed by JOHN HAGADORN; SOPHIA signed by X. This is on LDS # 556588.

—Clyde W. Downing

*Christian Advocate*, 19 Oct 1859. **How to Keep Poor**  
Buy two glasses of ale every day at five cents each, amounting in a year to thirty-six dollars and forty cents; smoke three cigars, one after each meal, counting up in the course of a year to fifty-four dollars and forty-five cents. Keep a big dog, which will consume, in a year, at least fifteen dollars' worth of provisions, a cat five more. Altogether it amounts to the snug sum of one hundred ten dollars and twenty-five cents, sufficient to buy several barrels of flour, one hundred bushels of coal, one barrel of sugar, one sack of coffee, a good coat, a respectable dress, besides a frock for the baby and half a dozen pairs of shoes.

*"A people who take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations."*

## Flower Memorial Library News

An update of the item on page 17 of our Nov. issue: Barbara Wheeler is the new head of the library.



# A View of Jefferson County History

Written by Rev. Dr. Jerome Wichelns and delivered to the Jefferson County Genealogy Society 10 November 2003 at Jefferson County Community College by Mrs. Anne Wichelns.

If, as Augustine tells us, the past exists and lives in a people as the present in memory, then what we will remember becomes for us genuine insight, a self-revealing window into who we are today, and who we might become on the morrow. My purpose today is to give us a brief glimpse through the glass of time into who we were — how hard our ancestors worked, and how stunningly successful they were — and how, in the process of wrestling with the perennial problems of the North Country — namely, geography and transportation — our predecessors became bold and inventive innovators by recognizing that, embedded in the raw stuff of challenge, were all the necessary components of genuine opportunity.

Three distinct historical benchmarks serve to mark our past progress. I will title them after the major technologies which defined them, technologies which evolved as solutions to overcome problems of geography, distance and transportation, solutions which, in turn, created new opportunities. The geographical problem? Jefferson County's major river, the Black, fed by streams out of the Adirondacks, is isolated from the Mohawk Valley by high hill-country, and navigable only for forty-two miles (between what today is Lyons Falls and Carthage.) But from there on, the Black River tumbles 480 feet down the escarpment to Lake Ontario. In colonial times, nobody could enter nor penetrate the interior from the lake because nobody could navigate upward and against the fierce rapids. Thus, the interior remained a wilderness, bypassed during earliest times. Settlements grew up along the navigable rivers north of us, along the St. Lawrence, and south of us, along the Mohawk, but the North Country interior remained inaccessible.

Yet, to an observant entrepreneur in the late colonial period, the Black River advertised its wealth — it gets its color and its name because its waters percolate through extensive deposits of iron — and so iron mining and smelting ovens sprang up as our first industry, as did the manufacture of potash. Roads were built to transport iron ingots to market, and the roads in turn attracted farmers to our abundantly rich lands. Thus, our first historical period, dating from the late colonial period to about 1825 is named the Age of the Turnpike. It's a period marked by what economists call "neighborhood

economies," because the problem yet to be overcome was distance to markets.

- 1808, the Oneida and Jefferson Turnpike Company built the first road from Rome through Sandy Creek to the north.
- 1810, the St. Lawrence Turnpike Company linked Carthage with Bangor and Franklin City in St. Lawrence County.
- 1812, the Ogdensburg Turnpike Company linked Carthage with Ogdensburg via Antwerp, Rossie, and Morristown.

Overland along the high road from Rome through Martinsburg and into Champion, settlers arrived by wagon. Transportation still remained a problem, but a promise of opportunity was emerging along the Mohawk Valley.

The Erie Canal was completed in 1825, linking ports on the Great Lakes at Buffalo with New York City. The canal is directly responsible for the urbanization of its corridor — cities like Rochester, Syracuse, and Rome-Utica owe their rapid development to the Erie — and the canal ushered in the first great population boom in the eastern United States. According to the census of 1820 (five years before the canal opened) there were 500,000 people in all of Central New York. By 1840, fifteen years after the canal opened, the population had swelled to 900,000. In short, in a scant twenty years, the population of Central New York had almost doubled.

And we in the North Country wanted to tap into that rich stream of commerce.

The idea of linking Carthage via the Black River to the Erie Canal in Rome first took hold in 1832, with the formation of the Black River Canal Company. Some well known names are connected with that first enterprise: Vincent LeRay de Chaumont, Philip Schuyler, John Brown. By 1832, the steamboat "Cornelia" was already making overnight round trips along the river between Carthage and Lyons Falls — an easy trip for a steamer because throughout that entire forty-two mile stretch of water, the river drops only 9½ feet. But elsewhere, this Black River is formidable, and presents serious obstacles to commerce. How did our ancestors



## A View of Jefferson County History...continued

overcome one of those obstacles – access to the Mohawk Valley – and open new channels of opportunity? Usher in the Age of the Black River Canal: 1825-1860.

I quote directly from the survey report: “From the Erie Canal terminus at Rome, rising 693 feet over a distance of 25 miles to Boonville, and thence descending 386 feet over ten miles to the High Falls (Lyons Falls), the Black River Canal...has 109 locks, overcoming a combined elevation and descent of 1,079 feet.”

What an achievement it was! And when the Black River Canal system opened for business in 1842, Leyden became a “port” – and Carthage could transport its goods via canal to markets in New York City and the world.

In the western part of Jefferson County, a different response to the river was being studied. Watertown village was incorporated April 5, 1816, for the express purpose of creating a water-works commission, and to examine the potential for harnessing the great power of the Black River. Remember: there is a 480 foot drop from Carthage to Lake Ontario; 112 feet of that drop is within Watertown city limits. To gauge this potential for power, a group of Watertown businessmen engaged a team of civil engineers. The results of their study? After allowing for waste, dam leakage and spillage, and calculating the dry season, the report concludes with an estimate that, year-round, the Black River consistently will deliver the equivalent of 27,976 horsepower! Now, that's industrial strength water power!

Paper and textile mills moved quickly to capitalize on the river's potential, ushering in what is called Watertown's Age of Power.

- 1808, Caswell's Paper Company pioneered the way.
- 1813, Black River Cotton and Woolen Company, financed by family names well known to us: Massey, Paddock, Keyes, TenEyck.
- 1824, Knowlton and Rice Paper Company.
- 1827, the Jefferson Cotton Works built a 250 foot long, three-story brick factory on Beebe Island, right in the middle of the river, and tapped its power to drive 10,000 spindles simultaneously!

I could go on and on. The point is, a powerful, water-driven manufacturing complex rose along the river

between Carthage and Dexter, stimulating the economy of Watertown and environs like nothing seen before. Local retail merchants responded to this industrial expansion to meet the demands of a growing population. As early as 1805, John Paddock and William Smith had driven a wagon filled with merchandise from Utica to Watertown to set up shop; by 1815, they and others had established a block of buildings three stories high, between Court and Washington streets, to form the outline of our downtown Public Square.

Successful? The 1827 census counts 2,039 people in Watertown village, a gain of 500 in just two years! Buried among the details of that 1827 census we find that Watertown boasted in that year two weekly newspapers, six physicians, seven schools, eight taverns, ten lawyers. And how fast we continued to grow!

The *History of Jefferson County* reveals that rapid growth indirectly. In describing the disastrous fire of 1849, which consumed much of the downtown area, it lists the destruction “...of about 30 extensive stores, a post office, two banks, and a Young Men's Association, as well as many dwelling houses.” Yet, even before the fire died out, this same *History* tells us, quoting an eyewitness: “...laborers were seen pulling the bricks, still hot, from the smouldering ruins, and laying the foundations of new and larger buildings on the site of the former.” Out of those ashes rose a new city.

So, our ancestors dreamed and studied and did their homework and created the first ingredient necessary to industrial success. They saw what was here and used it – water power – the muscle which had the potential to lift Watertown into state and world prominence.

The problem of geography was still with us, however; we were so far away from markets. Yes, the canals could get farm produce and lumber to New York City in a record time of two weeks; but the canals were not deep enough to handle industrial goods. Geography and distance were the enemy; mass transportation was still a dilemma. The roads were undependable, the canals were shallow, and both were vulnerable to the winter's freeze, difficult to maintain. There had to be a better way.

As early as 1832, Watertown businessmen Sherman, Coffeen, and Hungerford conceived of a railroad



## A View of Jefferson County History...continued

between Watertown and the Erie Canal terminus in Rome. It took thirty years to materialize, but their dream was completed in 1852, three years after the great Watertown fire. And it was unbelievably successful!

Between 1852 and 1875, the railroad paid over \$3,000,000 in dividends to its shareholders! I have no idea what that would be worth in today's dollars. By 1875, and known then as the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railway, (with connections in the north through Clayton and Cape Vincent to Niagara Falls and Montreal, and in the south with New York Central Roads at Rome and Syracuse,) the company was booming. In Watertown alone it employed over a hundred men.

Another railway, the Utica-Black River Railway Company, laid track and opened in 1874, connecting Carthage with the Erie at Utica.

How successful were these railroads? How important were they to opening up the North Country and finally overcoming the ageless problem of distance and geography? I draw your attention to one statistic from the year 1875. Buried within a detailed annual report to stockholders of the railroad's year end traffic and tonnage accounts, we find a very interesting statistic: a passenger tally for the year. In that one year, 1875, the combined number of passengers carried back and forth between the Mohawk Valley and Jefferson County over those two rail lines totaled 810,047 people! One year of passenger travel! Imagine! The tinker, the immigrant, and the gentry on tour — all reflecting the human excitement and uncertainty gathering together for the steaming, boisterous, clanging arrival and departure of seven trains daily (two on Sunday) in Watertown's terminal behind the Woodruff Hotel.

What impact did all of this have on us during this period from 1860-1920, a period of phenomenal growth? Let's look at one year, early in the boom period: 1875. The New York State census of 1875 ranked Jefferson County 19th — in the top third — among all 60 counties of New York State in aggregate value of dwelling places. Only 16 counties in the state had greater populations. Jefferson County had experienced over a four-fold increase in population in just one lifetime!

If a region may be said to have a Golden Age, then this is Watertown's Golden Age — from 1860-1920: The Age of Power and Rail — two great technologies harnessing the industrial water power of the river and the steam power of the railroads, uniting to produce and deliver Watertown's manufactured goods nation- and world-wide.

By 1890, Northern New York had become the paper manufacturing capital of the world. Between Carthage and Dexter, driven by the immense power of the river, there were 23 paper mills — the highest concentration of paper manufacturing in the world. And what an era it was! With manufacturing as its base, and the railroads as its link to the world, Watertown and all of Jefferson County boomed. And with the rails, the tourists came.

All this, at a time when the automobile was still just a rich man's toy. Yet, in 1906, John R. Van Amber of Watertown, responding to a bet, drove south from Watertown to Syracuse over back-country dirt roads in the then unheard of time of two hours and forty-five minutes, a record which stood for years, and a foreshadowing of things to come.

The Wall Street crash of 1929 hurt us a lot. Yes, other factors contributed, but the crash marks the end of an era for us. The annual springtide crazy rush of logs cut during the Adirondack winter came shouldering their rough way down the Moose River to the paper mills along the Black for the last time in 1948, ending a glorious run of more than 70 years. Yet, even during this decline in manufacturing, a new kind of economy was emerging in our region, one based not on water power nor steam, but on service — banking, retail merchandising, government.

Thus I conclude with this observation. There is so much to tell in this story of Watertown and its Jefferson County — stories of the rise of families and of fortunes, stories of the Flowers, the Herrings, the Woolworths, names that people outside our region recognize, and respond to with an appreciative hmmmmmm.

Such is the legacy of those of our sons and daughters who speak to us out of our past...who catch our attention in this, our present time...and who will continue even into our future to touch those among us yet unborn.

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## January 2003

Funeral records of Rev. Stewart, 1865; Presbyterian Church, Watertown  
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 Halliday, John, picture  
 Membership list of 2001 supplement  
 Town of Champion Cemeteries list & map  
 Town of Champion 1855 map with index

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Angel, James, house in Clayton  
 Available Back Issues of **INFORMER**, 1995  
 Clayton, Hawn Library Resources  
 Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown, records for 1932-33  
 Lowe, Alfred, General Store, Depauville 1885, picture  
 Norton, John Jr., 1798-1866, picture  
 Thousand Islands Museum notebooks  
 Town of Clayton Cemeteries list & map  
 Town & Village of Clayton 1855 Maps with index

## May 2003

Belleville Village map, 1855  
 Book review: Quick. *History of the Town* of Ellisburg  
 Cornwell family story  
 Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown, Records for 1933-34  
 Grindstone Island map, 1855  
 New York State Cemetery upkeep  
 Town of Ellisburg Cemeteries list & map  
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 Town of Clayton 1855 map, reissue

## July 2003

Available Back Issues of Informer, 2000  
 Brief history of Henderson, NY  
 Flower Library Genealogy Dept. brochure  
 From Jefferson Co. to Pennsylvania

Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown, records for 1934-35  
 Henderson Military Ball attendees, 1855  
 Historical Societies in Jefferson County  
 Presley, Hiram & Mary, picture  
 Presley, Joseph, family  
 Sutherland, Thomas, Civil War Veteran  
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 West Dorset settlers  
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Everest Family  
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 History of Dexter, NY  
 Jefferson Co. Will Abstracts, 1830-1850  
 My Genealogy Trip to Oswego & Jefferson Counties  
 Pioneers North, settlers from the Mohawk Valley found in *Child's Gazetteer*  
 Resources for Ontario/Canadian Research  
 Smith, Orren W., picture & article  
 Town of Hounsfield Cemeteries list & map

## November 2003

Bennett, Harriet L. Klock family picture  
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 Holiday wish list for genealogists  
 Jefferson Co. prisoners in Patriot's War  
 Modified Register for Harriet L. Klock  
 Resource addresses for Jefferson County  
 Smith, Orren W., and the Patriot War  
 Timmerman family, brief history  
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Make check payable to JCNYS and mail to Bill Dixon,  
 15407 Dixon Rd., Clayton, NY 13624

# Queries

Send Queries to: Suzanne L. Howard, POB 24, Chippewa Bay, NY 13623; LemmonMinnie@hotmail.com; Subject: Informer

## BABCOCK

Looking for info on parents and spouse of Roswell **Babcock**, b. abt 1788, CT. His daughter Sara(h) Ann **Babcock**, b. abt 1828, NY, md. abt. 1844, William H. **Baldwin**, b. Jun 1821, Antwerp, NY.

—Teresa Murray

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## BAGLOW/BAGLO

Looking for info on **Baglow** family of Town of Worth, NY, area. My grandmother was Clara/Clarissa **Baglo/Baglow**, b. 1859-1860, Worth area; md. 1875-76, James Alonzo **Casselman/Cosselman**, s/o Joseph **Casselman** of 3 Mile Bay. They moved to Albion-Gaines, Orleans County, NY, area where children born. My father, Irving Erwin **Casselman**, b. 1891. Clara's family were said to full-blooded French, from France. Does anyone know anything at all about the **Baglow's**, or know where I can find out?

—Elfreda Casselman Stangland

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## BALL

I am transcribing the Civil War letters of my gggrandfather, John **Ball**, b.1835, Rutland, NY. I have found out that he was adopted & am seeking any information that might help me trace his lineage.

Thank you,

—Cynthia Hanson

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## BATES

I was checking U.S. 1880 Census, District 1, Rutland, Jefferson, NY, NA Film# T9-0839 pg # 135A, for Benjamin **Bates**, emigrated from County Wexford, Ireland, early 19th century with 2 brothers, one was Thomas. The brothers separated in Brockville, Ont., CAN, or Watertown, NY. From the above Census, I located two Benjamin **Bates'**, one b. 1835, other one the father, b. 1802, both from Ireland & Watertown, Jefferson County, NY.

Sincerely, Ted Parks.

—Dr. J. Edward Parks

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ted.mag@rogers.com

## CARROLL/FORDE

Would like to make contact with anyone who has info on: Bridget (Traynor) **Carroll-McNamara**, b. ca 1835/36 Canada; d. 1925, Wilna, NY, or Rome, Oneida Co, NY. Md. 1st John **Carroll**, lived in Leeds/Grenville & Lanark, Ontario, Canada. Had 2 children: John, b. 1865, d. bef. 1900 & Mary A., b. 1867. She md. 1888, St. James Catholic Church, Wilna/Carthage, NY, Samuel J. **Forde**, lived in Smith's Falls, Lanark, Ont., CAN. Am interested in this **Carroll/Forde** union. Bridget md. 2nd: Patrick **McNamara**, b. 1815, Ireland; d. 1903 Wilna/Carthage, NY. Both buried in old St. James Cemetery. Children of Bridget & Patrick McNamara: 1. James, b. 1873, NY/Canada; 2. Ellen/Nell, b. ca 1874, d. ca 1907-1911 (believed to be bur. in old St. James Cemetery), md. Karl/Carl **Willis/Willes**; 3. Catherine A., b. ca 1875, d. aft. 1930, prob. Rome, Oneida, NY, md. ca 1896, Carthage, NY, Frederick E. **Ballard**; 4. Margaret, b. ca 1876, d. aft 1930, prob. Rome, Oneida, NY, md. ca 1905-1909, Carthage, NY, Clarence A. **Santiff**.

—Carolyn Murphy

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kncmurphy1@juno.com

## DYKE

I need help with family research on my gggrandmother, Mary Elizabeth **Dyke** (not sure of spelling), b. 1861, Jefferson Co., NY. Looking for birth certificate or info: date, parents, place, etc. She died with my grandparents on 5/9/1936, Pontiac, Oakland County, MI. Please inform me of where I can look or if any cost is involved.

—Gwen McDonald

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GEMMIAZ2@YAHOO.COM

## EBBLEY/EBBLIE/COMSTOCK

I am seeking family information & names of relatives for Alvin Morris **Ebbley/Ebbli**, b. 13 Apr 1851, Theresa, NY; spent life in Augusta, Wisconsin, & d. Clarkston, WA. Wisconsin 1880 Census says b. 1846. He md. Marcella May **Comstock**, b. NY, 1846-1850, parents b. N.Y. Will pay for copying &/or mailing costs. Thanks.

—Marilyn Robertson

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arobrtsn@bossig.com

## EVANS/MCCUMBER

My line is from Selah **Evans/Alcesta Evans McCumber**,



## Queries... continued

d/o **Ethni Evans**, widow of John **McCumber**. Alcesta md. Selah, b. NH, but I have very little about him except 1850, 1860 & 1870 U.S. Census. The Patriot War Prisoner list shows Selah **Evans**, age 35, injured but recovered & released. Where/how can I find out more about Selah's role & travels? I'd also like to find wedding /death & children's birth notices.

—Robert Gage Evans

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rgevans@sonic.net

### GARRISON/GARLOCK

Am researching the Peter **Garrison** & Mary Jane **Garlock** family. Found their names on a few sites but need much more: marriage dates, children's names & DOB's, etc... Peter was 27 in Lyme 1850 census, Mary Jane, 20. I would appreciate any information anyone could offer. If anyone wants to swap Oswego County information for this I would be happy to help.

—Barbara King

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### HICKS

I'm wondering if there is someone knowledgeable about Joshua **Hicks**: Joshua d. 9 Nov 1858, Philadelphia, NY, bur. Quaker Cemetery. Md. Mary(?), d. abt 1861. Children: 3 boys, 1 girl, youngest is my ggrandfather, Stephen. After mother's death Stephen moved to Michigan; md. abt. 1862, ? NY/Mich, Sarah Jane **Smith**, b.1836, NY.

—David A. Young

4860 Hosman Cir NW, Silverdale, WA 98383  
da.young@charter.net

### MARTIN

Looking for info on Almon W. **Martin**, b. 9 Jul 1827, Antwerp, Jefferson Co, NY. Md. 25 Sep 1851, Antwerp, Mary J. Gaylor. Children: Emily, b. Nov 1852 & Ellen, 16 Apr 1854, both in Antwerp; Clara, Bertha, Oscar, unkn date/place. Will pay for any copying/postage costs.

—Phyllis Breuer

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### MERRILL

Looking for the parentage of Nathaniel **Merrill**, b. ca 1804, NH, appears in 1850 census of Brownville, Jefferson Co., NY. Md. Charity Markell, d/o John & Anna **Helmick Markell**. Living next door to the family was

Mercy **Merrill**, aged 65 & b. VT. Mercy appears in the 1855 & 1860 census of Brownville. A male enumerated with her, Horace **Merrill**, had resided 20 years in Brownville at the time of the 1855 census. She had only resided in Brownville for six years. How are they connected?

—Steve Chartter

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### RAY

Trying to find parents/siblings for Robert Winfield **Ray**, stone mason/farmer, b. 7 May 1844, England, immigrated 1850, md. 21 Sep 1863, Luana **Green**. Children: Robert Henry, Winfield Thomas Scott, Ravina Anne, William Benjamin, Henrietta, George Elam & Gracie Lenora. Lived in Rodman, NY. Md. next Viola **North**, 19 Jun 1889. He was in Civil War, d. 26 Apr 1915, Rodman, NY, bur. Fairview Cemetery. Also lived Welland district, Canada.

—Nicole Ray

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### WOODS

My maternal grandmother, Louise **Woods Hegberg**, was the d/o Joseph Michael **Woods**, b. 1856, farmer. He didn't know a lot abt family as he was last born of a large family. Known siblings: Patrick (& wife & children), John, and James, who came with him & their parents to Watertown, NY, before moving to St. Joseph, MO. Parents died shortly after arriving in Watertown; don't know what happened to children. Joseph & possibly two other siblings moved to St. Joseph in 1870s. Joseph later moved to Cook Co., IL. Am looking for information on Joseph as well as what happened to the family after arrival in Watertown, info on his siblings, and the names of his parents. Also, any information on Irish in Watertown, any cemeteries where new immigrants were buried, and records on immigrants & where they lived in Jefferson Co. after arrival from Ireland, Dingle Bay, County Kerry. You may check my website for more info.

Thanks for the query space.

—Jennifer Heer Norman

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# Funerals from the Records of Rev. J. Stewart, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Watertown, NY\*

## 1870

(cont. from Nov. 2003 issue)

- Apr. 9 Fred E. eldest s/o Thos, & Tell ? Maldon  
(Maldoon), ae. 14, d. 7th  
10 Byron s/o James & Mary J. Magoony, ae. 53, d. 7th  
17 Jennie M. d/o Daniel E. & Mary L. Losee, of  
Dexter, ae. 3, d. 16th  
24 Mrs. Julia w/o Aaron H. Saunders of Wilna ae. 55,  
d. 29th
- May 7 Martha J. w/o Andrew Patrick of Hounsfield,  
ae. 40-8, d. 5th  
15 Hattie, only dau. of Lewis P. & Mary M. Phelps of  
Three Mile Bay, ae. 2-5-, d. 13th  
25 Mary youngest d/o William Lane of Pinckney,  
ae. 5-3-26, d. 23rd
- Aug. 5 Edwin G. McWayne of Dexter, ae. 27, d. 3rd.  
7 Maria w/o William Broomlaw of Pierpont Manor,  
ae. 47-6, d. 5th  
13 William H. Butterfield of Wtn. ae. 72, d. 11th  
14 Mrs. Polly wid. of William Sarvay of Wilna, ae. 78,  
d. 7th
- Sept. 2 Mrs. Clarissa H. Bent of Depauville, ae. 82, d. 1st  
18 Mrs. Cynthia, w/o Richardson of Wtn., ae. 77, d. 15th  
28 Isaac L. Gardner of Win., ae. 85-5-12, d. 26th
- Oct. 4 Mrs. Tama wid. of — Chase of Rutland, ae. 93,  
d. 3rd  
9 Mrs Amanda w/o Alanson Coldwell of Diana,  
ae. 72-2-6, d. 18th  
11 Marcus Johnson of Denmark, ae. 81, d. 8th  
13 Edwin L. youngest s/o Egbert & Caroline Cooley of  
Rodman, ae. 15, d. 11th
- Nov. 4 John B. Kimball of Dexter, ae. 63, d. 30th  
5 Chester S. Wright of Hounsfield, ae. 50, d. 3rd  
6 John Gould of Wilna, ae. 75, d. 24th  
15 Stephen Richardson of Hounsfield, ae. 77, d. 14th  
23 Calvin Auburn of Wtn., ae. 75-6, d. 19th

## 1871

- Jan. 5 Mrs. Martha w/o D. C. Franklin of Hammond,  
ae. 36-, d. 3rd  
11 Miss Mary only dau. of Theodore Waldo of Rutland,  
ae. 23-7-2-, d. 8th.  
13 Harrie E. only child of G.W. & Ellen Wood of  
Dexter, ae. 1-6-, d. 11th
- Feb. 4 Joseph Ryder of Chaumont, ae. 90-1-22  
15 Mrs. Judeth Brown of Henderson, ae. 75-, d. 13th
- Mar. 1 Hosea B. Persons of Ellisburgh, ae. 67, d. 27th

- 22 Solomon Hadsell of Champion, ae. 76-5, d. 20th
- Apr. 3 Chester Andrus of Natural Bridge, ae. 58-6, d. 31st  
7 Mrs. Sally wid. of the late Osborn Baker of Black  
River, ae. 60, d. 5th  
9 Mrs. Lucy w/o Timothy Smith of Wtn., ae. 75, d. 6th  
11 Mrs. Jane A. w/o Solomon Meyer of Dexter, ae. 52,  
d. 9th  
13 Mrs. Amanda Drury Lincoln of Dexter ae. 60, d. 10th  
14 Mrs. L. M. Hunt wid/o Jonathan Hunt of  
Brownville, ae. 65-9-4, d. 12th  
Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper of Hounsfield, ae. 78, d. 12th  
18 Mrs. Ann G. Hewitt of Wtn., ae. 77, d. 16th  
19 Mrs. Isabel B. Skinner of Wtn., ae. 59, wid/o A.R.  
Skinner, d. 15th  
25 Otis s/o Herman Cowan, ae. 11, d. 22nd  
27 Mary d/o Geo Lyon of New York City, ae. 6 mos.,  
d. 25th
- May 1 Mrs. Margrette A. w/o Calvin Mellis, ae. 41, d. 29th  
6 Orah Jane only d/o Edward and Laura Ca- i?-se,  
Wtn., ae. 7 mos.  
16 Charles E. Hunt late of Washington s/o T. Hunt,  
ae. 33, d. in Washington DC on the 12th  
17 Mrs. Jane w/o Geo Lynn of N.Y. City, ae. 22-8-25,  
d. 14th  
31 Grace A. only child of W.O. Baker,  
ae. 4 mos. 14 das.
- June 6 Thomas Falanders of Pamela, ae. 79, d. 5th  
(Falanders?)  
12 Miss Larissa Fulton of Natural Bridge, ae. 18-3-24,  
d. 9th  
20 Henry Allen of Diana, ae. 62-11-6, d. 18th  
27 Martha C. w/o Philip Weaver of Brownville, NY,  
ae. 7 mos.
- July 13 Albert Butterfield of Marsales, Ill., ae. 66. Killed by  
explosion of the steamer Maine on the St. Lawrence  
River.
- Aug.30 Mrs. Anna Joy, mother of Mrs. L. Case of Wtn.,  
ae. 84., d. 29th
- Sept.11 Mrs. Ennis(?) D. w/o — Kinsman of Natural  
Bridge, ae. 72-4-14, d. 9th  
13 Margarete w/o John Brothers of Dexter, ae. 59, d. 11th  
17 Mrs. Lavia Howe of Mansville, ae. 48-6-22, d. 15th
- Oct. 7 Mrs. Anna B. Sischo w/o Jerome Sischo of South  
Champion, ae. 29-4-24, d. 5th  
11 Ellis H. Ryder of Pt. Salubrious, ae. 52, d. 9th  
20 Loretta G. w/o Daniel Eastman of Rodman, ae. 59-11,  
d. 16th

## Funerals... continued

- Nov. 3 William Austin of Brownville, ae. 76-11-24, d. 1st  
 21 Alton Elmore s/o Augustus Spencer of Brownville,  
 drowned in a cistern.  
 9 Daniel B. Sheldon ae. 72. d. Dry Hill, Wtn., 7th  
 30 Miss Phebe Owen of Wilna, ae. 52, d. 28th  
 31 Jabez Weaver of Natural Bridge, ae. 76, d. 10th

### 1872

- Feb. 25 Jonathan A. Nicholas of Natural Bridge, d. 21st  
 Mar. 1 Clara B. only child of Jesse Lamb of Wilna, ae. 1-8-27  
 d. 28th  
 2 Winfield S. Whitaker of Wtn., ae. 68, d. 29th  
 14 Mrs. Amanda w/o William Stephens of Denmark,  
 ae. 40-, d. 12th  
 Apr. 5 Edward G. youngest son of Dr. E. T. Johnson of  
 Rutland, ae. 5 mos., d. 1st  
 4 Mrs. Mary A. w/o Myron Rose of Derby MO, ae. 28,  
 d. 28th  
 5 Levi Fox of Adams, ae. 66-2-29, d. 3rd  
 15 Mrs. Ella O. Long w/o Robert Long of Dexter, ae. 28,  
 d. 10th  
 21 Mr. Chester Sawtell of East Hounsfield, in the  
 77th yr. of his age, d. 19th  
 May. 6 Thos. H. Savage of Dexter, ae. 26  
 or d. in Buffalo on the 3rd  
 9 Funeral at George Adsit's in Wtn. NY.  
 8 William H. Granger of Evans Mills, ae. 86-10, d. 6th  
 12 Dr. A.P. Skeels of Northfield, Minn., ae. 40, d. 6th  
 at Northfield, Minn.  
 14 Mrs. Diana P. wid/o B. Allen of Perch River, ae. 69-2  
 d. 12th  
 June 8 Nancy Maud youngest dau. of Charles & Pamela  
 Braught<sup>2</sup> of Sanford's Cors. NY, ae. 10 mos. d. 5th  
 15 Gilbert Rud of Rutland ae. 51-10, d. 13th  
 14 Dr. N. W. Buel of Bellville, NY, ae. 43, d. 12th  
 Jul 18 Mrs. Tryphenia w/o Eze Andrus of Rutland, ae. 83  
 25 George W. s/o Geo. & Caroline Sidman of Dexter,  
 ae. 7 mos.  
 26 James Patrick of Hounsfield, ae. 65, d. 25th  
 Aug. 7 Seline Stanton of Picton, Ont. CAN, ae. 32-10, d. 6th  
 22 Geo. W. Spinning of Wtn., ae. 52, d. 21st  
 27 James Albert s/o A.E. & Ann A. Lord of Brownville,  
 ae. 6 mos 8 das.  
 28 Mr. Seaman's child 8 mos. buried at Huntingtonville

- Sep. 17 Daniel Whitney of Dexter, ae. 76, d. 15th  
 20 John Ferguson of Rutland, ae. 90-4, d. 18th  
 Oct. 5 Grace A. only d/o John A. & Libbie Blake of Wtn.,  
 ae. 4-6  
 14 John J. only s/o John N. Hill of Natural Bridge, ae. 4-  
 Dec. 12 Orlen S. Woodruff of Pamela, ae. 66-11. d. 10th  
 20 Mrs. Eunice Davis of Rutland, ae. 79-10-. d. 18th  
 26 Mrs. Orvilla P. w/o John T. Wood of Doxter, ae.  
 62-11, d. 23rd  
 31 Mr. Enoch Dewey of Chaumont, ae. 76-10. d. 29th

### 1873

- Jan. 5 Mrs. Betsey Curtis of Lacona, a.e. 72-7-27, d. 2nd  
 Feb. 18 Eva F. youngest d/o Edward Moor of Hounsfield,  
 ae. 4 mos. 21 das., d. 16th  
 Mar. 1 Mr. George Winter of Bloomfield, Ont., CAN,  
 ae. 17, d. 27th  
 12 Mrs. Hannah McOmber of Black River, ae. 71-,  
 d. 10th  
 20 Mrs. Sophia w/o John Saxe of Eliisburgh, ae. 45-5,  
 d. 5th  
 26 Alice Mary only dua. of Henry Hofford of Redwood,  
 ae. 3 yrs 4 das.  
 Apr. 3 Mrs. Patience wid/o Isaac Mendel of Ellsburgh,  
 ae. 75, d. 1st  
 11 Mrs. Lucy wid/o William Austin of Brownville,  
 ae. 71-, d. 9th  
 14 Marvin only son of Mrs. Henry Townsend of Wtn.,  
 ae. 1-2  
 May 20 Mrs. Joseph Case, Carthage, ae. 57, d. 18th  
 Jul 17 Mrs. Tylp.(?) P. Adams, Wtn., ae 38, d. 14th  
 25 Miss Amy Eggleston, g.d. of James Eddy of Rutland,  
 ae 17-10, d. 23rd  
 29 Wm. C. Babcock of Wtn., n. d.  
 Aug. 15 Mrs. L. O. Kilby of Henderson, ae. 33, d. 13th  
 Sep. 1 Mrs. Joanna w/o John Harris of Bloomfield, Ont.,  
 ae. not given, d. 29th  
 Oct. 10 Mr. Zuriel Penniman of Wilna, ae. 85, 7-23, d. 8th  
 Dec. 7 Mr. John M. Phileps of Hounsfield, ae. 92, d. 5th  
 14 Mrs. Amanda w/o Edward Evans of Hounsfield,  
 ae. 34-8-4, d. 12th  
 24 Mr. E. B. Freeman of Great Bend, ae. 64, d. 21st  
 27 Mrs. Elizabeth w/o Henry Countryman of Pamela,  
 ae. 73-8-9, d. 25th

*to be continued*

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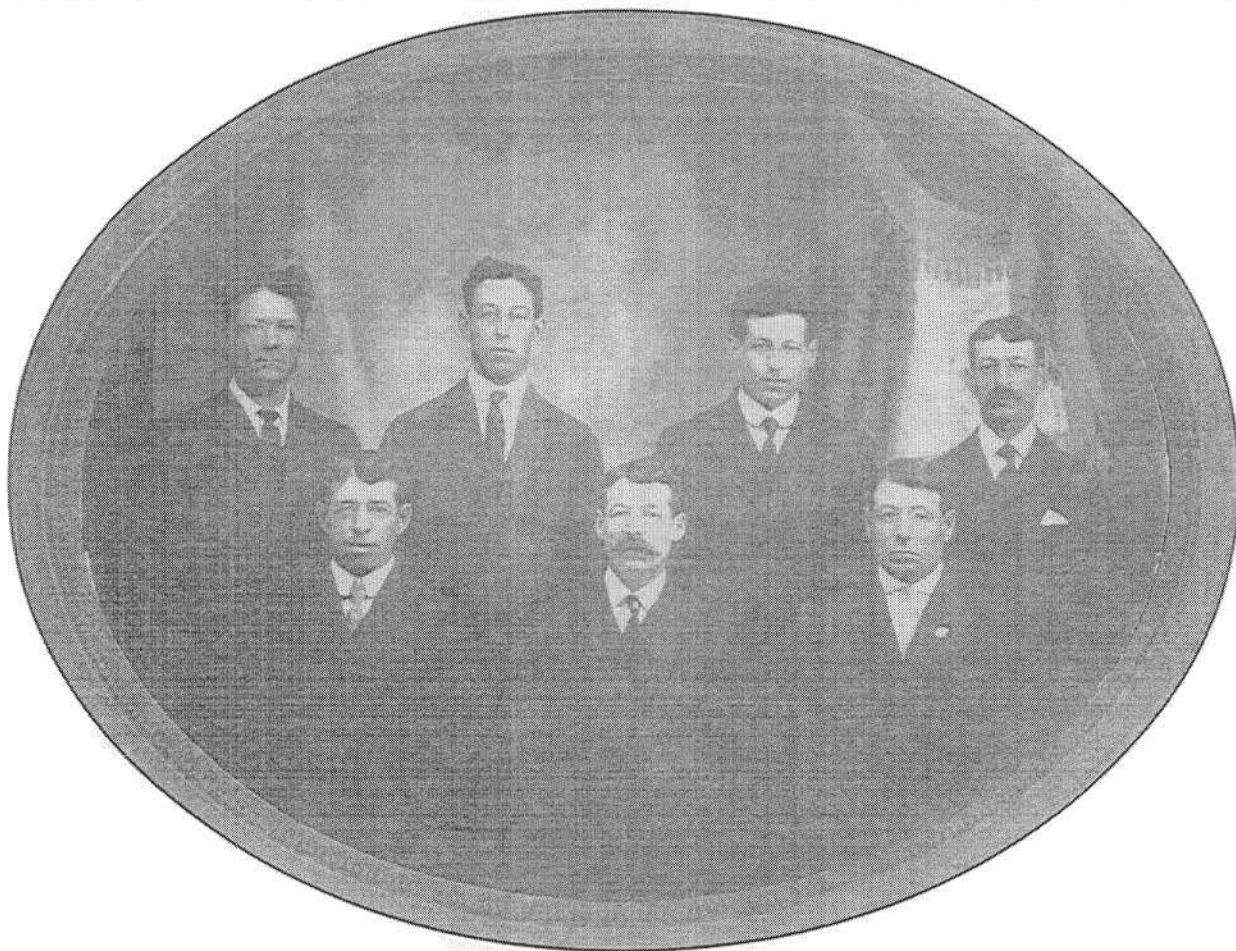


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***The Seven Seymour Brothers of Clayton, New York***

*Top row, left to right: Andrew (1872-1963), Robert (1880-1968), Augustus (1874-1947) and Charles R. (1867-1935). Bottom row, left to right: Franklin Charles (1870-1941), John (1865-1954) and William (1863-1930). For more information on this photo and the Seymour family, see page 4.*

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## Letters...

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Dear JCNYS:

I recently realized that my favorite column in the *Stars Magazine* of the *Sunday Post Standard* – the genealogy column – is “back.”

I think it would mean a lot if some of us expressed our thanks to the “powers that be” who apparently listened to our pleas when we wrote in protest of the column being eliminated.

Members and non-members of the Central New York Genealogical Society (CNYGS) read this column to learn about our meetings and speakers, so many genealogical groups in the area benefit greatly from the column being published. Please join me in letting them know how much we appreciate this welcome turn of events.

Many thanks,  
Diana J. Law, CNYGS

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Your Hoover article in the January issue was especially interesting since it included (very distant) members of the Collins, Rhodes and Wheeler families. I enjoyed reading how they fit into the area.

Sheila Rogstad  
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I am still looking for contributions to a booklet on Henderson's history, so if anyone has anything, I would be grateful. Also am looking for info on William Henderson of this town who bought and tried to sell the town in the early 1800s.

Thanks,  
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*My family tree is a few branches short...  
all help is appreciated!*

# What's Going on with JCNYGS

## January Meeting

Our January meeting was held in the Flower Memorial Library. Several interesting discussions were held that made for a very informative evening.

During Nan Dixon's Genealogical Collection Committee report, Tracy Robertson asked for a clarification of the committee's function. In the following discussion, it was explained that the committee collects hard copies of members' genealogies and sees that they are placed in the Repository. If each of our 400 members had their genealogies on file, it would be a great start toward documenting our Jefferson County genealogy.

Tom Bogenschutz began a discussion on cemetery restoration and collecting cemetery information. Many items were mentioned in the discussion including: a team specialist on cemeteries at Fort Drum; restoring stones; town care of cemeteries; perpetual care; family vs. cemetery association; and many others. There is interest in the possibility of having a program on this topic in the future.

The meeting concluded with president Bob VanBrocklin displaying a tabletop-sized, handwritten family genealogy that sparked his interest in genealogy a few years ago.

## February Meeting

Although only 10 members attended our February meeting, held at the Flower Memorial Library, we continued with "business as usual." Discussion of the Irish Festival in March was one of our main items; the dates are March 12, 13 & 14. At our March 8 society meeting, which is at the beginning of the Irish Festival week, we will finalize the schedule for sign-up of members to work our genealogy booth at the festival. Anyone who has ideas for materials at the booth or who wants more information, please contact Clancy Hopkins or the Dixons.

Alice Corbett also had the Genealogy Room open after our meeting for research and the newsletter committee held a planning meeting.

## New on the Web Site

<http://rootsweb.com/~nyjefferjeffsoc.htm>

### February

#### Jefferson County Migrations

A new link: New York Ancestry - P. James

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Felts Mills

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Plessis

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Great Bend

An 1864 map of The Village of Henderson

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of LaFargeville

An 1864 map of The Lost Community of Leraysville

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Lorraine

A new lookup: Pete Pierce has offered to do lookups in NOTABLE MEN OF CENTRAL NEW YORK by Dwight Stoddard, 1903. This is a mug book of pictures of over 1400 people who were prominent and noteworthy in Watertown, Auburn, Fulton, Little Falls, Oneida, Oswego, Rome, Syracuse and Utica.

An 1864 map of The Village of Mannsville

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Natural Bridge

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Omar

Added Bits and Pieces to Tidbits

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Pamela Four Corners

An 1864 map of The Village of Philadelphia

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Pierrepont Manor

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Redwood

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Rodman

An 1864 map of The Village of Sackets Harbor

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Sanford Corners

An 1864 map of The Lost Community of Spragues Corners

An 1864 map of The Lost Community of Sterlingville

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of St. Lawrence Corners

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Stone Mills

An 1864 map of The Village of Theresa

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Tylerville

### March

An 1864 map of The Village of West Carthage

An 1864 map of The Hamlet of Whitesville

A new BUNCE pioneer file listed as BUNCE, Jacob RUTLAND

# The Seven Seymour Brothers of Clayton, NY

By Al Seymour, JCNYS Member

From the group photo on the front page:  
Top row, left to right:



**ANDREW SEYMOUR**,  
b. December 8, 1872, Clayton,  
NY; d. May 25, 1963, Clayton,  
NY. Married Delia Canell Dec-  
ember 1, 1894, lived at 947 State  
Street and had 9 children all born

in Clayton: Clarence, died young; John, Alvah,  
Evelyn, Marguerite, Harold, Norman, Corinne and  
Corbett.

**ROBERT SEYMOUR**, b.  
December 22, 1880, Clayton, NY;  
d. 1968, Lyons, NY. Married  
Gertrude Maud Hartwell in  
Newark, NY, and had a son and  
two daughters there.



**AUGUSTUS SEYMOUR**,  
b. December 08, 1874, Clayton,  
NY; d. August 6, 1947, Clayton,  
NY. Never married and lived in  
Clayton all his life.

**CHARLES R. SEYMOUR**,  
b. November 16, 1867, Clayton,  
NY; d. June 24, 1935, Clayton,  
NY, at home. Married Caroline  
Langlois April 20, 1896, and  
then Mary Voodre Riley,  
November 15, 1932. He never had any children that  
we knew about.



Bottom row left to right:

**FRANKLIN CHARLES  
SEYMOUR**, b. September 27,  
1870, Clayton, NY; d. January 27,  
1941, Mercy Hospital, Watertown,  
NY. Married Margaret Marcella  
Neddo August 13, 1902 and had  
nine children all born in Clayton: Lena Mae,  
Harold, Gertrude, Jesoph Leo, Dorothy Elizabeth,  
Charles, James, Marguerite, and Amos.



**JOHN SEYMOUR**, b. Decem-  
ber 24, 1865, Clayton, NY;  
d. September 25, 1954. Married  
Almira May Byrum in Ohio, they  
had three daughters and five sons  
all born in Ohio.

**WILLIAM SEYMOUR**,  
b. February 24, 1863; d. April 7,  
1930, Clayton, NY. Married  
Margaret LaLonde June 2, 1885  
and had three children born in  
Clayton: William, John Roy and  
Lida. He then married Helen LaChance May 25,  
1901, and had two children born in Clayton:  
Gordon and Henritta Louise.



## There Were Still More Siblings...

The seven Seymour brothers also had three  
sisters born in Clayton: Margaret Seymour  
Turcotte, Louise Seymour Burns and Sophie  
Seymour LaRue Severson. Also, one other brother  
only lived a short time.



## The Seven Seymour Brothers... *continued*

**Margaret Seymour**, b. September 11, 1861, married John Turcotte about 1878 and they had ten children in or around Clayton: Elizabeth, Sophie, Hattie, John, Louise, Evelyn, Mary, Augustus, William and Alfred.

**Louise Seymour**, b. October 24, 1876, married Edwin Burns in 1897, possibly in Brownville, NY. They were living in California by 1935. They had at least one son.

**Sophie Seymour**, b. October 22, 1878, married first Oscar LaRue July 26, 1899 in Watertown. They had one daughter and one son in Clayton. Their son died after only 4 months. By 1920 Sophie was listed as living in Newark, NY, with Andrew Severson. I would like any information on Oscar LaRue, son of Godfrey and Delia Daniels LaRue.

**Joseph Seymour**, b. December 25, 1884 in Clayton, d. February 20, 1889.

### And Then There Were Parents

The brother's parents were **Dominic Seymour** and **Phoebe Lefebvre**. Dominic's family first appeared in Clayton before 1850, appearing in the 1850 census. His father was also Dominic. Dominic Jr. was a day laborer, sailor and river person (fishing guide, trapper). These trades were followed by most of his sons.

Dominic Jr. (I believe, but not proved) had a brother Richard who also lived in Clayton. They lived side by side in the 1880 census, and had four of their children with the same first name. The census listed them both as coming from St. Lawrence County. On the Seymour side I have no further documented information.

Phoebe Lefebvre was born in Vaudreuil, Quebec, Canada. Her family came to Alexandria Bay about

1851 shortly after her father's third marriage. Her mother was his first wife and they had seven children with Phoebe being the last. His second wife bore him three children, one of them being Clovis who was a famous decoy maker. Clovis's mother died, then Pierre, Phoebe's father, married the third time.

Some of the older children did not come to the States with the family. It appears from the 1860 census records that Phoebe was a maid in a boarding house. Phoebe and Dominic were married shortly after the census was taken, although no record has yet been found.

Phoebe's ancestors can all be traced back to France, with most of them coming to Canada in the 17th century.

The brothers' parents set up house on State Street in Clayton, just over the French Creek bridge. It was on this site that Andrew moved his house across Clayton Bay, from where it was in Clayton. Of course he did it in the winter when the bay was frozen over.

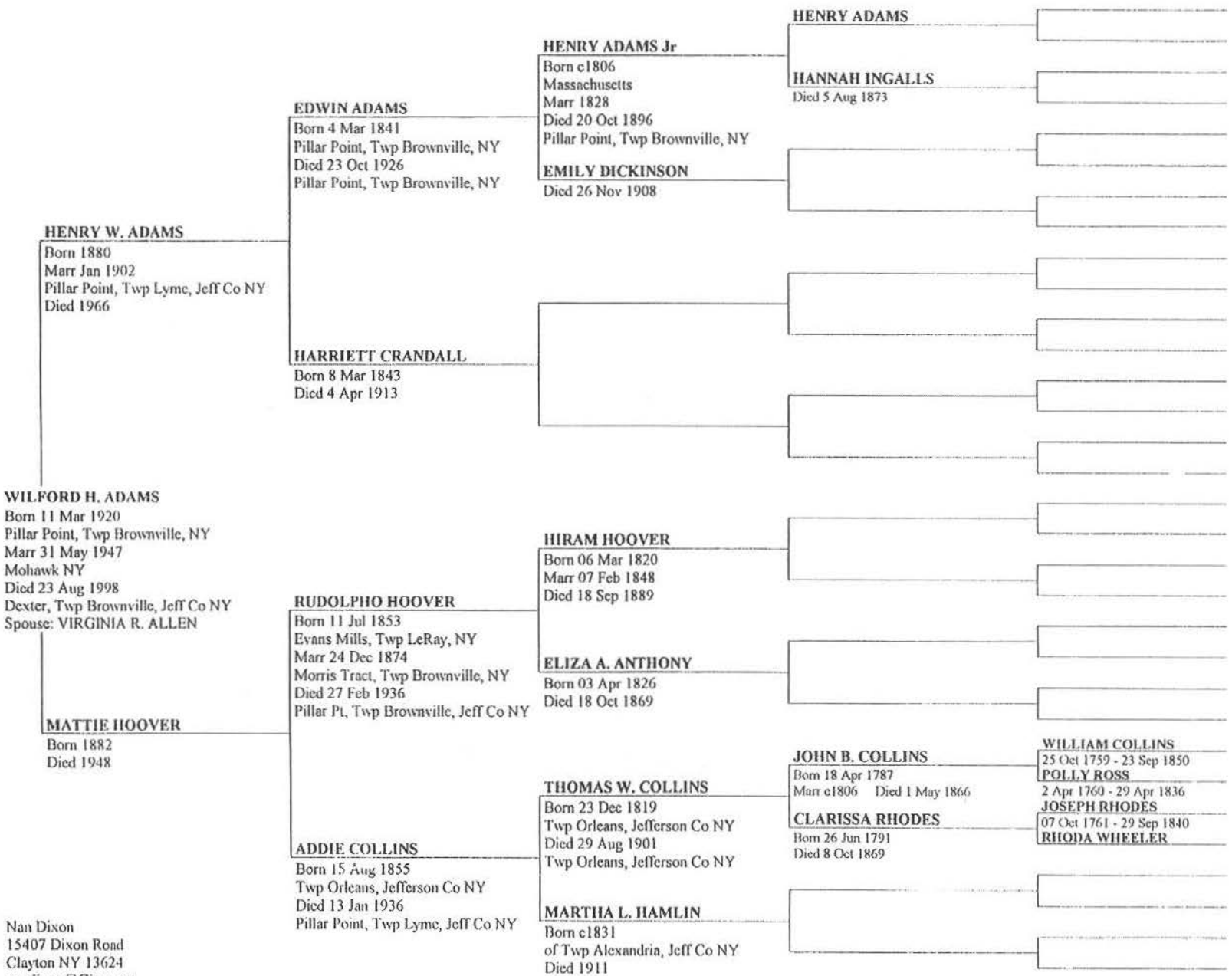
### Lookups Offered

Pete Pierce (ppierce@swbell.net) has offered to do lookups in *Notable Men Of Central New York* by Dwight Stoddard, 1903.

This is a mug book of pictures of over 1400 people who were prominent and noteworthy in Watertown, Auburn, Fulton, Little Falls, Oneida, Oswego, Rome, Syracuse and Utica.

# The Adams and Hoover Connection Pedigree

(see articles from January 2004 issue, pages 4-6)



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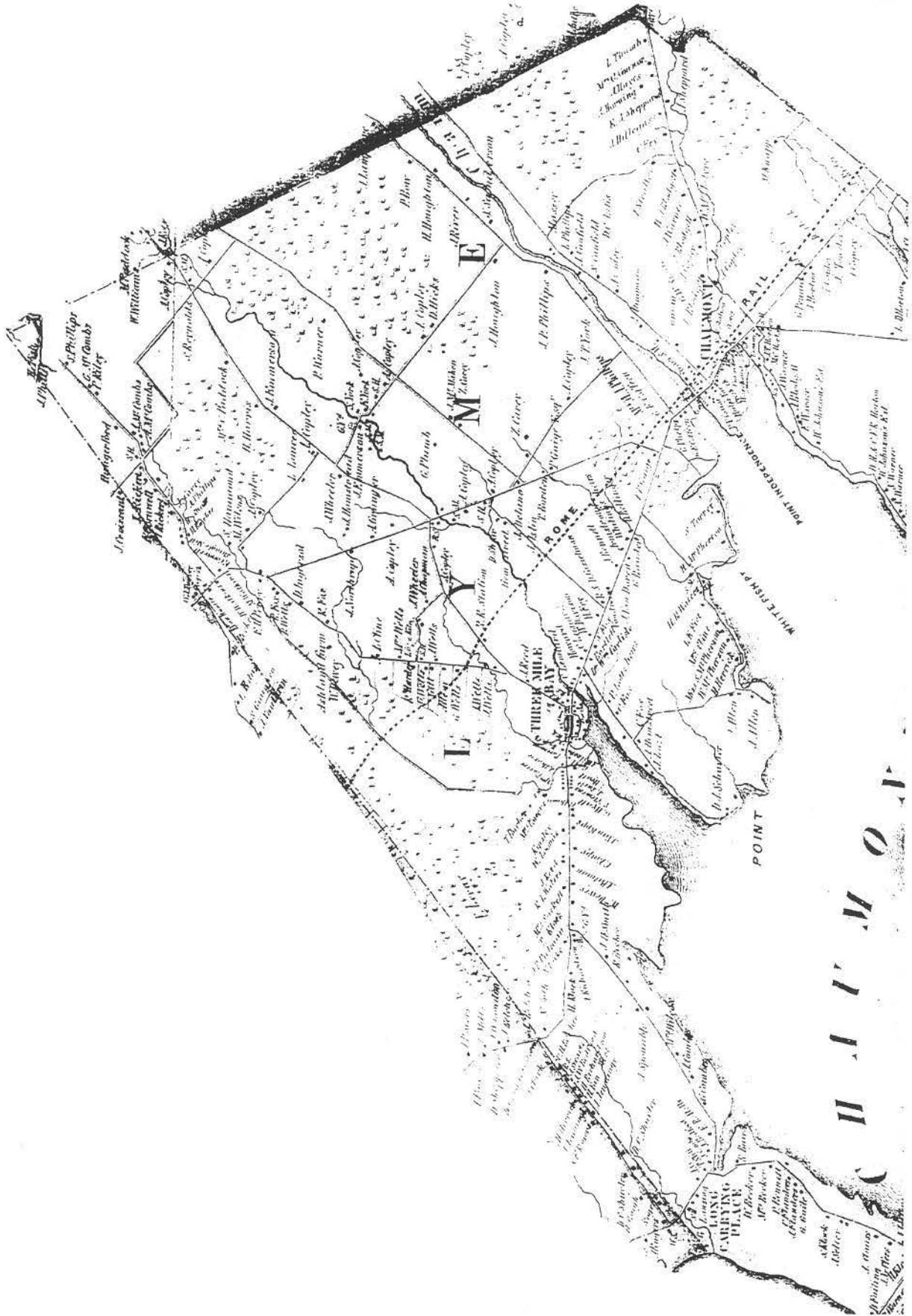
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Alexandria Bay..	33	Adams Center	
Antwerp.....	21	Alexandria Bay	
Belleville.....	43	Antwerp.	
Black River.....	26	Belleville.	
Brownville.....	11	Black River.	
Cape Vincent....	21	Brownville.	
Carthage.....	41	Cape Vincent.	
Champion.....	4	Carthage.	
Chaumont.....	25	Champion.	
Clayton.....	13	Chaumont.	
Depauville.....	11	Clayton.	
Dexter.....	11	Depauville.	
Ellisburgh.....	22	Dexter.	
Evans Mills.....	23	Ellisburgh.	
Felt's Mills.....	6	Evans Mills.	
Great Bend.....	2	Felt's Mills.	
Henderson.....	26	Great Bend.	
La Fargeville....	16	Henderson.	
Le Raysville....	16	La Fargeville.	
Lorraine.....	27	Le Raysville.	
Mannsville.....	41	Lorraine.	
Natural Bridge..	43	Mannsville.	
Ox Bow.....	23	Natural Bridge.	
Pamelia 4 Corners	22	Ox Bow.	
Philadelphia ..	27	Pamelia 4 Corners	
Pierrepont Manor	19	Philadelphia.	
Pillar Point.....	6	Pierrepont Manor.	
Plessis.....	37	Pillar Point.	
Redwood.....	18	Plessis.	
Rodman.....	33	Redwood.	
Sacket's Harbor..	12	Rodman.	
St. Lawrence....	17	Sacket's Harbor.	
Smithville.....	25	St. Lawrence.	
Stone Mills.....	7	Smithville.	
Theresa.....	12	Stone Mills.	
Three Mile Bay...	28	Theresa.	
*Tylerville.....	8	Three Mile Bay.	
Watertown.....	20	*Tylerville.	
Woodville.....	3	Watertown.	
Worthville.....	20	Woodville.	

\* South Rutland Postoffice.

# JEFFERSON COUNTY TABLE OF DISTANCES,

Showing the Distances, in Miles,  
between Principal Villages, by  
the nearest Public Road.

(from Child's Jefferson County Gazetteer and Directory, 1890)







# Index to 1855 Map of Lyme Township (pages 8-9)

By Don Dillenbeck, JCNYS Member

Column 1 consists of initial, column 2 is surname or main entry, column 3 indicates location of residents on the map. By dividing the town map into four parts, Don used the letters L, Y, M, E already on the map as locators. We see that **Ashland Farm** was in the section where the letter "L" is found, North of the letter. There are also several peninsulas that are listed by name.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter-North/South
Bap.Ch. =	<b>(Baptist Church)</b>	Three Mile Bay
B.S. =	<b>(Blacksmith Shop)</b>	Point Peninsula
B.S. =	<b>(Blacksmith Shop)</b>	Point Peninsula
B.S. =	<b>(Blacksmith Shop)</b>	Three Mile Bay
B.S. =	<b>(Blacksmith Shop)</b>	Y-North
B.S. =	<b>(Blacksmith Shop)</b>	Chaumont
Coop.Sh.	<b>(Coopers Shop)</b>	M-South
G.Yd. =	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	Long Carrying Place
G.Yd. =	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	M-North
G.Yd. =	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	M-South
G.M. =	<b>(Grist Mill)</b>	Chaumont
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	Y-North
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	Y-South
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	Y-South
S.M. =	<b>(Saw Mill)</b>	E-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Long Carrying Place
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Long Carrying Place
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Point Peninsula
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Point Peninsula
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Point Peninsula
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Three Mile Bay
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Y-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Y-South
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	M-North
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Chaumont
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Chaumont
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	M-South
W.S. =	<b>(Wagon Shop)</b>	Three Mile Bay
W.S. =	<b>(Wagon Shop)</b>	Three Mile Bay
J.	Allen	L-South
J.	Allen	L-South
	Allen	L-North
D.	Angel	Point Peninsula
D.C.	Antis	E-South
	Armstrong	Y-South

	<b>Ashland farm</b>	L-North
R.	Baird	Long Carrying Place
?	Ball	E-South
H.	Barber	Y-North
T.	Barber	L-South
G.	Barnes	Point Peninsula
G.	Barnes	Point Peninsula
	Bartlett	Three Mile Bay
G.	Bauder	Y-South
J.	Bauder	Point Peninsula
J.	Bauder	Point Peninsula
Mrs.	Becker	Long Carrying Place
W.	Becker	Long Carrying Place
J.	Bedford	Long Carrying Place
D.	Bellinger	Y-South
H.	Bellinger	Point Peninsula
A.	Bennett	Y-South
P.	Bennett	Long Carrying Place
F.	Bettells	Long Carrying Place
B.	Bisbee	Long Carrying Place
S.	Black	M-South
A.	Blodgett	Chaumont
J.	Blodgett	E-South
L.	Blodgett	E-South
W.J.	Blodgett	E-South
P.	Bow	E-South
N.	Burdick	Point Peninsula
A.	Canfield	E-South
S.	Canfield	E-South
A.	Carey	Y-North
Z.	Carey	M-North
Z.	Carey	M-South
Dr. Wm	Carlisle	Three Mile Bay
R & D	Casselman	Y-South
A.	Chapman	Y-North
E.	Chesbero	Point Peninsula
	<b>Churchs</b>	Three Mile Bay

D.	Clark	E-South
J.	Clark	E-South
L.S.	Clark	Point Peninsula
L.S.	Clark	Point Peninsula
A.	Clauss	Long Carrying Place
V.	Clemens	Three Mile Bay
H.	Cline	Point Peninsula
H.	Cline	Cherry Island
J.L.	Cline	Y-North
Mrs.	Cline	Y-South
G.E.	Coffeen	M-South
G.F.	Coffeen	M-South
H.	Collins	Point Peninsula
L.	Collins	Point Peninsula
L.	Collins	Point Peninsula
L.	Collins	Point Peninsula
A.	Combes	Long Carrying Place
G.	Combes	Long Carrying Place
J.	Combs	Long Carrying Place
Mrs. O.	Connor	E-South
C.C.	Cooley	Point Peninsula
J.	Cooley	Point Peninsula
A.	Copley	Y-North
A.	Copley	Y-North
A.	Copley	Y-South
A.	Copley	Y-South
A.	Copley	M-North
A.	Copley	M-North
A.	Copley	M-North
A.	Copley	M-North
A.	Copley	M-North
A.	Copley	M-South
A.	Copley	E-North
A.	Copley	E-South
A.	Copley	E-South
A.	Copley	E-South
A.	Copley	E-South
A.	Copley	E-South
A.C.	Copley	E-North
A.J.	Copley	E-South
E.	Cornwell	Y-North
F.	Cornwell	Y-North
W.	Davidson	Three Mile Bay
J.	Delano	Y-South
E.	Dewey	M-South
W.	Dewey	Long Carrying Place
W.	Dewey	L-North
Mrs.	Donnelly	Point Peninsula

N.	Dunham Jr.	M-South
A.	Edick	Point Peninsula
A.	Edick	Point Peninsula
J.	Emmerson	M-North
J.	Emmerson	M-North
C.	Empy	Long Carrying Place
N.L.	Enders	Point Peninsula
N.L.	Enders	Point Peninsula
N.L.	Enders	Point Peninsula
W.I.	Enders	Point Peninsula
B.	Failing	Point Peninsula
B.	Failing	Point Peninsula
D.	Failing	Long Carrying Place
H.	Farman	Point Peninsula
H.	Fay	Point Peninsula
N.L.	Fay	Point Peninsula
	<b>FERRY</b>	Point Peninsula
H.	Fish	M-North
S. & A.	Fisher	M-South
D.	Flander	Point Peninsula
Mrs.	Flander	Long Carrying Place
C.	Flanders	Long Carrying Place
J.	Flanders	Long Carrying Place
C.	Fox	L-South
L.	Fox	E-South
L.	Fox	E-South
R.	Fox	Y-North
R.	Fox	Y-North
S.	Fox	Y-South
C.	Fry	E-South
H.	Fry	Y-South
P.P.	Gaige	Chaumont
P.P.	Gaige	M-South
P.P.	Gaige Esq'.	M-South
F.	Getman	Point Peninsula
J.	Getman	Point Peninsula
	Gilhoun	Three Mile Bay
	Gill	L-North
	Gill	Three Mile Bay
A.	Granger	Y-North
G.	Guile	Long Carrying Place
S.	Hammond	Y-North
J.	Hamstead	Y-North
R.	Harder	L-North
H.	Harris	M-North
J.	Harris	Point Peninsula
S.	Harris	Point Peninsula
J.	Hayes	Long Carrying Place



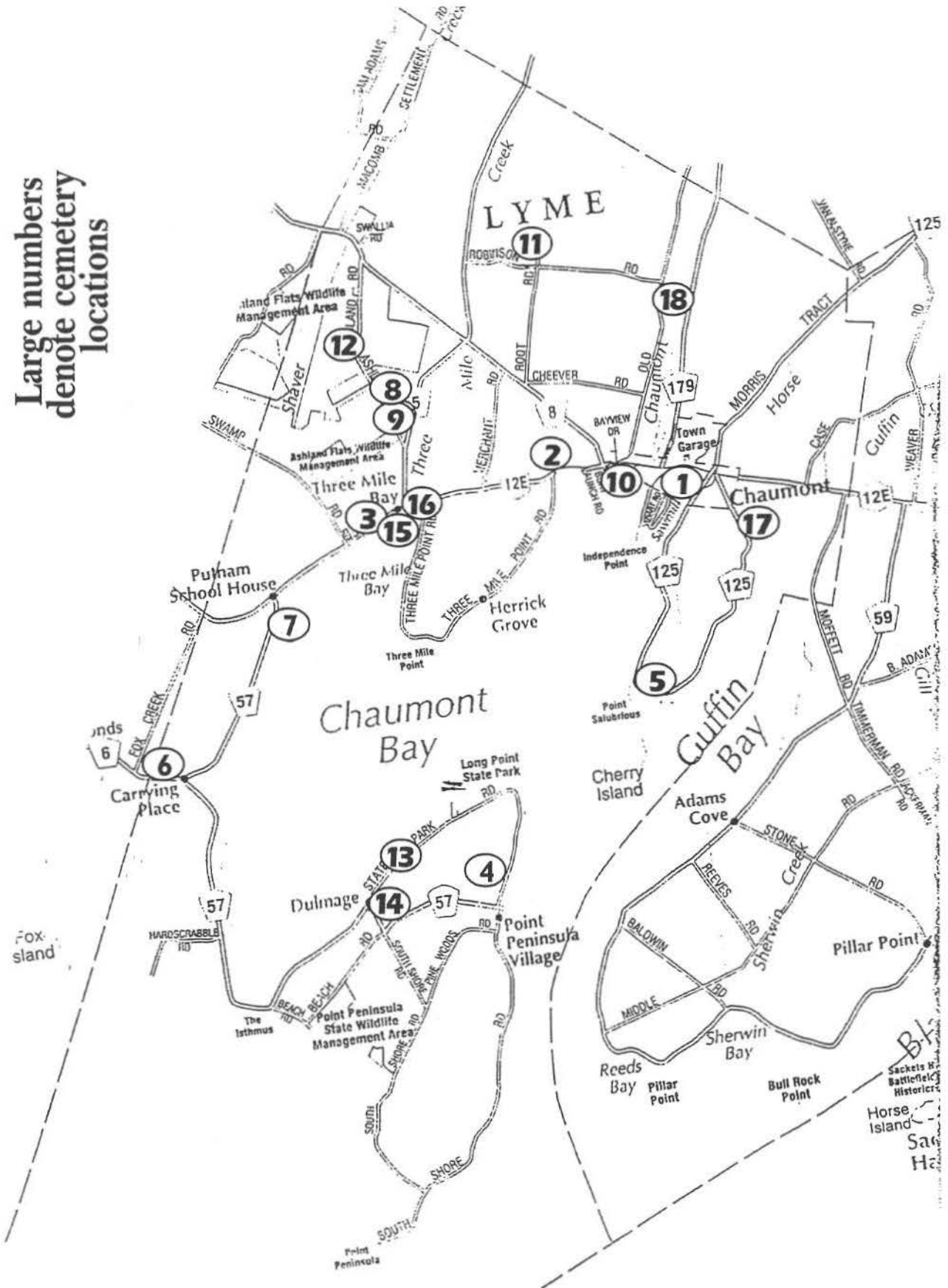
J.	Hayes	E-South
P.	Hayes	Long Carrying Place
H.	Hazleton	Long Carrying Place
A.	Hemstreet	L-South
	Hemstreet	Y-South
H.	Herrick	Y-South
D.	Hicks	M-North
J.	Hillegass	E-South
D.	Holbrook	Point Peninsula
A.	Horning	E-South
H.	Horton	M-South
J.	Horton	E-South
J.T.	Horton	Chaumont
L.D.	Horton	M-South
M.C.	Horton	Chaumont
Mrs.	Horton	M-South
WH & CVR	Horton	M-South
H.	Houghton	E-South
J.	Houghton	E-North
J.	House	Point Peninsula
H.S.	Howard	Long Carrying Place
	Howard	Three Mile Bay
A.	Hubble	Point Peninsula
O.V.	Huet	Point Peninsula
	Hungerford	M-North
G.	Hyatt	Three Mile Bay
G.	Hyatt	Three Mile Bay
D.	Ingersol	Y-North
J.	Islin	Y-South
	<b>ISTHMUS</b>	Long Carrying Place
I. ?	James	E-South
J.	Jeffers	Long Carrying Place
J.	Jeffers	Long Carrying Place
C.	Johnson	Point Peninsula
W.	Johnson's Est.	Chaumont
W.	Johnson's Est.	M-South
	Kinsley	L-South
H.	Klock	Long Carrying Place
H.	Klock	Long Carrying Place
S.	Klock	Long Carrying Place
T.	Klock	Long Carrying Place
M.	Knapp	E-South
N.	Lake	Long Carrying Place
P.	Lance	Point Peninsula
L.	Lancer	M-North
H.G.	Lansing	Long Carrying Place
J.E.	Larue	Point Peninsula
C.	Leonard	Three Mile Bay

C.	Leonard	Three Mile Bay
V.	Leray	Long Carrying Place
	Lime Kiln	Y-North
	<b>LONG BAY</b>	Point Peninsula
	<b>Long Carrying Place</b>	Long Carrying Place
W.	Loomis	L-South
P.	Lotts heirs	L-South
J.	Lutz (1850 census=Lutz)	L-South
J.	Main	Point Peninsula
M.A.	Manley	Point Peninsula
	Marcellus	Point Peninsula
	Massey	E-South
S.	Mayhew	Point Peninsula
S.	Mayhew	Point Peninsula
T.	Mayhew	Point Peninsula
A.	McCombs	M-North
A.	McCombs	M-North
G.	McCombs	M-North
W.	McIntyre	E-South
J.	McMahon	M-North
H.	McPherson	Y-South
Miss S.	McPherson	Y-South
W.	McPherson	Y-South
C.	Minor	Point Peninsula
R.	Minor	Point Peninsula
	North	Long Carrying Place
J.	Northrup	Y-North
L.	Northrup	Point Peninsula
L.	Northrup	Point Peninsula
E.	Nugent	M-South
	<b>P.O.</b>	Point Peninsula
Mrs.	Paddock	M-North
	<b>Parsonage</b>	Three Mile Bay
G.	Pennick	E-South
E.H.	Perry	Y-North
G.	Phelps	M-South
	<b>Phelps Tavern</b>	Chaumont
A.	Phillips	Y-North
J.	Phillips	M-North
J.P.	Phillips	E-South
L.	Phillips	E-South
Mrs. M.A.	Phillips	M-South
S.	Phillips	M-North
G.	Plumb	M-North
	<b>Point Independence</b>	Chaumont
	<b>POINT PENINSULA</b>	Point Peninsula
H.S.	Pomeroy	M-South
Mrs.	Powers	L-South

Mrs.	Powers	Three Mile Bay
Presb.Ch.	<b>Presbyterian Church</b>	Chaumont
A.	Putman	Long Carrying Place
J.P.	Putman	Long Carrying Place
J.	Reed	L-South
J.	Reed	Long Carrying Place
S.	Reynolds	E-North
L.E.	Rice	Y-South
A.	Richardson	Long Carrying Place
J.	Rickert	Y-North
L.	Rickert	Y-North
J.	Rider	E-South
P.	Riley	M-North
J.	River	E-North
R.	Rogers	M-South
R.R.	Rogers	M-South
L.	Roof	Point Peninsula
F.	Rowe	E-South
D.	Ryder	M-South
E.	Ryder	M-South
Mrs.	Sackett	Long Carrying Place
S.	Sanderson	E-North
D.J.	Schuyler	L-South
J.	Selter	Long Carrying Place
J.	Sharer	Three Mile Bay
H.	Shaw	Y-North
A.	Sheppard	E-South
K.J.	Sheppard	E-South
G.C.	Sherman	Point Peninsula
J.	Sherman	Point Peninsula
	<b>Shingle Mill</b>	Y-North
D.	Shur	Y-South
G.W.	Smith	E-South
J.H.	Smith	Long Carrying Place
W.H.D.	Smith	M-South
J.	Snell	Three Mile Bay
P.A.	Snell	Point Peninsula
G.S.	Spaulding	Point Peninsula
J.	Sponable	Long Carrying Place
	<b>Steam Saw Mill</b>	Chaumont
T.	Still	Long Carrying Place
	<b>Store</b>	Three Mile Bay
	<b>Store</b>	Point Peninsula
	<b>Storehouse</b>	Point Peninsula
	<b>Stores</b>	Chaumont
A.	Stratten	E-South
	<b>Tannery</b>	Chaumont
T.	Thumb	E-South

B.	Tirell	Point Peninsula
S.	Torrey	Y-South
	<b>Union Hotel</b>	Chaumont
J.	Van Doren	Y-South
A.	Van Epps	Three Mile Bay
E.	Van Houser	Y-North
H.	Van Valkenbery	Point Peninsula
	Wallace	E-South
	<b>Warehouse</b>	Chaumont
A.	Warner	Chaumont
B.	Warner	Long Carrying Place
E.	Warner	Chaumont
J.	Warner	E-South
N.	Warner	M-South
N.	Warner	M-South
P.	Warner	M-North
D.	Washburn	Point Peninsula
H.R.	Waters	Y-South
R.L.	Waters	Long Carrying Place
R.R.Station	<b>Watertown-Rome RxR</b>	Chaumont
RR Station	<b>Watertown-Rome RxR</b>	Y-South
M.	Watkins	Y-North
R.D.	Watkins	Point Peninsula
R.D.	Watkins	Point Peninsula
W.	Watkins	Y-North
B.	Wells	Y-North
G.	Wells	L-North
G.	Wells	L-North
I.	Wells	L-South
J.	Wells	L-South
J.	Wells	Y-North
Mrs.	Wells	Y-North
J.	Wheeler	Y-North
	Whiting's heirs	Y-South
	Wiggins	Point Peninsula
A.	Wilcox	Point Peninsula
C.	Wilcox	Point Peninsula
M.	Wilcox	Y-North
Mrs.	Wilcox	Long Carrying Place
	<b>Wilcoxville Hotel</b>	Point Peninsula
A.	Wilson	Three Mile Bay
G.	Wright	Long Carrying Place
E.	York	M-North
J.T.	York	E-South
S.	York	M-North
J.G.		Long Carrying Place

Large numbers denote cemetery locations





# Lyme Cemeteries

by Julia Gosier, Town Historian of the Town of Lyme

An **abandoned** cemetery is one which no longer accepts burials, and which is under the protection of the town. A **destroyed** cemetery is one from which all markers have been removed, all records lost, and is known as a general location only. Starred (\*) cemeteries are **inactive**. There are several single graves in the Town of Lyme. Limited records. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452. The numbers below refer to the map opposite. All telephone numbers are in the 315 area code. We have used CR to indicate a county road number.

1. CEDAR GROVE, also known as CHAUMONT VILLAGE., located at the end of Washington St. in Chaumont. Contact Pat Reome, 649-5227.
2. Extension of CEDAR GROVE, (listed above) on Rt. 12E west of Chaumont.
3. THREE MILE BAY, on Rt.12E western end of Three Mile Bay village. Contact Jane Failing, 649-2475.
4. POINT PENINSULA\*, on State Park Rd. on Point Peninsula. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
5. POINT SALUBRIOUS\*, often incorrectly referred to as Guffins Bay Cemetery. Located halfway around Rt. 125 on Point Salubrious. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
6. FOX CREEK\*, on CR 6 near Cape Vincent town line. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
7. PUTNAM\*, on Rt. 57. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
8. WELLS SETTLEMENT\*, on Ashland Rd. north of Three Mile Bay. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
9. WELLS FAMILY\*, also known as HARDER CEMETERY, located on Ashland Rd. south of Wells Settlement Cemetery. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
10. McPHERSON\*, also known as ORIGINAL CHAUMONT CEMETERY, located next to Chaumont village beach west of Chaumont. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
11. EMERSON\*, also known as HARRIS CEMETERY, on Robinson Rd. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
12. DEWEY PLOT\* (2 burials) on Ashland Rd. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
13. FAILING FAMILY PLOT\*, on State Park Road, Point Peninsula. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
14. Small farm plot, believed to have several graves\*. We have records of two. We have not located this plot. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
15. Tilkin graves on Flanders Farm\*. One burial, have record, no marker, on Rt.12E west of Three Mile Bay. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
16. THREE MILE BAY OLD CEDAR GROVE\*, located at Lotts Cove near Three Mile Bay village. Destroyed. Partial records. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
17. GUFFINS BAY\*, no records, have not located it, east of Rt. 125 on Guffins Bay side of Point Salubrious. We do know of people buried there. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.
18. OLD TOWN SPRING BURIAL GROUND\*. This was the location of first burials in Lyme, including Timothy Soper. Located on Old Town Spring Road near the spring. We have not located it. Contact Julia Gosier, 649-5452.

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*It's 2004—do you know where your  
gggrandparents are?*

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# Computer Corner

by Nan Dixon

They are still coming, those forwarded jokes, urban myths, and anecdotes. The bad thing about those forwards is that before you get to the meat, you download pages of addresses. To most of us, the content is a waste of time on a busy day when we have a hundred spam to delete, but even worse is that our address is out there for every spammer to harvest and send us more trash.

Please, if you are one of the guilty ones perpetuating this bad habit, remove those addresses before you send it out, and PLEASE don't send that cute thing, that patriotic motto, or that religious admonition to everyone in your address book. Stop and think! If this were a phone message you were splattering all over the country, would you expect a hundred people to drop what they were doing and welcome the interruption on a busy day? And some you hardly know, at that? Perhaps your computer is still a toy, but mine is my workplace!

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This is from Norm Young, of St. Lawrence County: Thought you might like to look at a family file I just posted on the St. Lawrence County website, as it contains many, many people from Jefferson County. It concerns the descendants of Othniel Brotherton, who died in Antwerp in 1843, and contains 2170 individuals, plus parents of many spouses. You can find the file at [www.rootsweb.com/~nystlawr/Brotherton/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nystlawr/Brotherton/index.htm).

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For those of us who have roots in the Mohawk Valley, Kelly Farquhar, county historian of Montgomery County, offers free queries in her newsletter, Heritage. Send to: Heritage & Genealogical Soc. of Montgomery Co.; c/o Montgomery Co. Dept. of History & Archives; P.O. Box 1500, Fonda NY 12069-1500 or email [hstarch@superior.net](mailto:hstarch@superior.net).

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*If only people came with pull-down menus  
and on-line help...*

Possibly most of you knew that New York State had an official genealogy site, but it was news to me. At [www.health.state.nv.us/nvsdoh/vr/forms/genealogy.htm](http://www.health.state.nv.us/nvsdoh/vr/forms/genealogy.htm) you find instructions on how to order birth, death, and marriage certificates for genealogical purposes. NOTE: You don't get the information there, just how to order it, costs, and time it takes. It's particularly useful for our out of state members. For those who live in NYS, it is cheaper (free, I believe) and much quicker to do it yourself. You can find most of the information, though you won't get certified copies of certificates, at New York State Archives in Albany, as well as at least two satellite locations in Syracuse and Rochester. Those last three places are self serve only. You go there, and do your own searching.

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Jefferson County GenWeb, with Shirley Farone, who is doing all the transcribing and arranging, is adding to its Tid Bits page ([www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer/tids.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer/tids.htm)). Bits and Pieces, newspaper clippings mainly from the Towns of Alexandria and Orleans, as well as Hammond and South Hammond in St. Lawrence County, range from weddings to obituaries, and things in between.

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Through the generosity and assistance of David Ward, a new and insightful biography of his father, Frank K. Ward (Keeper 1940-1952), has been added to the Rock Island Lighthouse Historical & Memorial Association website. Frank — a third generation lighthouse keeper — started his career tending lighthouses 10 years before he was appointed to Rock Island, and he served with the U.S. Coast Guard several more years after leaving Rock Island. The images in this biography were scanned by David's daughter Alison Sherrow. Please visit at [rockislandlighthouse.org](http://rockislandlighthouse.org) — click on "Meet the Keepers" and then select "Frank K. Ward."

—Mark A. Wentling  
[www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer)

## ASK AUNTY JEFF



Dear Aunty Jeff,  
I see the abbreviation (Thurso) frequently on the nyjeffer site. I must have a mental block and can't make a connection. Could you help enlighten me?  
—Kurt

Kurt,  
Thurso is the name of a settlement on Grindstone Island in the Town of Clayton, and not an abbreviation at all. It was once a thriving community, but is now reduced to summer homes.  
—Aunty Jeff

Dear Aunty Jeff,  
I was wondering if there is any index for the 1864 Jefferson County Atlas? I'm really looking for a location.  
—Edson

Dear Edson,  
A two volume (north half and south half) index prepared by Jean S. Wilson is available from J.W. Enterprises, Ltd, P.O. Box 260067, Highlands Ranch, CO 80163-0067. I don't remember the price, but at the time I bought mine I felt it was very reasonable for the amount of information it contained.  
—Aunty Jeff

Dear Aunty Jeff,  
I find on the Jefferson County GenWebSite that Elizabeth Joy, b. 17 Jul 1765, d. 3 Nov 1848, was buried in Clayton. Yet in the Town of Clayton deaths, Elizabeth Joy, 38 years old died of old age on 3 Nov 1848. 38 years old doesn't seem so old to me. What's going on?  
—Rita

Dear Rita,  
Aunty Jeff warns everyone not to accept anything on the internet as gospel. This is a good example. These people are merely printing what they find, and cannot change the wording. Typos abound in old records. When I subtracted 1765 from 1848, I got 83. Transpose the numbers, and I get 38. Incorrect, of course, but there it is. Also, have you proved that the 38 year old is the same person as the 83 year old?  
—Aunty Jeff

Dear Aunty Jeff,  
Could you tell me if there are any other burial records besides those of Bartlett's? I am trying to find Mary Hicks. In 1870 she was 83 and living with Cabrus (Chabris) Mack and his family in Antwerp.  
Sincerely,  
David

Dear David,  
First we'd better settle what we're discussing. The Bartletts, John and Ellen, with Gus Rogers, recorded cemetery *inscriptions*, not burial records. Gus crawled around all the cemeteries in the northern part of Jefferson County, harvesting those records, doing one town each summer, if he was fortunate. Ellen augmented the inscriptions, when she could, with other records, such as obituaries, in her extensive collection.

Burial records are quite another thing. These are kept, if one is very fortunate, by the cemetery association, and record in what plot a person was buried, dates, and perhaps parents or spouse or children. Another type of burial record is kept by the undertaker, again, only if you are lucky. The town clerk, in some cases, also has records. A church might keep burial records of its cemetery, but again, not all churches do, and some of those records disappear when the pastor moves on.

You are looking at Antwerp, and you might be lucky. The town historian, Nancy Raymon, has spent years collecting valuable records for the town historian's file. Aunty Jeff would contact her first. Next, the genealogy room at Flower Library, Watertown, has a large collection of burial records, both from undertakers and cemetery associations. They may also have some church cemetery records. If you believe the person was buried in a church cemetery, contact that church.

The November 2003 **INFORMER** has a listing of names and addresses of all the town clerks and historians. The **INFORMER** has started a series on cemeteries, and is endeavoring to find a contact person for each cemetery, printing the information by town. Another place to search is the Historical Association of South Jefferson. While they concentrate on the six southern towns of Jefferson County, Debbie Quick never turns away a resource! Aunty Jeff warns those looking for burial records, however, that chances of finding "that certain one" may be slim. The Town of Alexandria, for instance, has none that Aunty Jeff knows of. In the southeastern part of the county, cemeteries on Fort Drum are without an advocate to collect them. Some towns experienced a hiatus in personnel to care for records and they slipped away.



*Watertown Daily Times, August 2, 1899*

## THE LITTLEFIELD'S RE-UNION

GATHERING OF SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF A NUMEROUS FAMILY

### A Day of Social Enjoyment With an Interesting Program-The Clansmen Assembled from Many Places

Once upon a time, not so very long ago that naught would now be known to us of the event save for the untiring zeal and most persistent effort by one who followed him many generations after, into a certain home in England there came one day an infant son, who was named Edmund Littlefield. We know nothing of his childhood and youth, but one event of his life stands out as important to us. In the year 1635 he sailed from Tichfield, England, to Boston and settled in Wells, Maine. Years and centuries have passed and his descendants scattered and have grown in numbers and prosperity, until one day, born in the mind of one of their number, was a desire to have a gathering and invite all those scattered cousins to meet for a gala day and reunion, to exchange greetings.

And so, during the past few weeks the postal service has been carrying many a white-winged messenger to city and to hamlet, inviting all relations of the Littlefield family to be present at the first grand rally to be held in the beautiful grove and Lake View, Jefferson County, NY, July 25. The day came and was all that need be desired, and as tables were spread with all that the appetite might crave, both dainty and substantial, for the Littlefield housewives have long ago proved their worthiness as helpmeets in this as in all other lines, the following members of the family sat down and partook together of the good things provided:

Col. and Mrs. Calvin Littlefield, Belleville, NY; Rev. and Mrs. Milton Littlefield, Helen, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Littlefield, Miss Clara D. Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Littlefield, Watertown; Mr. and Mrs. M. Grant Littlefield, and children Jesse and Ruth, Freeport, Ill.; Mrs. Minnie Littlefield Scott and daughter Ethel, Goldfield, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Littlefield, Adams; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cook, Adams; Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Stacey, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Littlefield and children Harold and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Williams, Belleville, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Orren Cook and daughter, Miss Nettie Cook, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wood, Woodville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy,

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Green and daughter, Gladys, Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Littlefield, Rural Hill; Dr. and Mrs. George H. Littlefield and son George Oliver, Glendale, NY; Rev. and Mrs. L.L. Littlefield and daughter Clara Frances, Oriskany Falls, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Littlefield, Mrs. Milan Littlefield, Miss Cora M. Littlefield, Miss Grace D. Littlefield, Dean Littlefield, Rural Hill, NY; Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Laird, Woodville; Miss Fannie Wood, George M. Wood Jr., Mrs. Nathaniel Wood, Mrs. Elijah Littlefield; Alva A. Littlefield, Belleville; Horace Clark, Huron, Dakota South [sic]; Miss Evelyn Littlefield, Byron Littlefield, Belleville; Willard L. Cook, Fishers Landing; Mrs. Abner Durfee, Miss Florence Kennedy, A. Hungerford, Belleville; Rev. J. Keeling, Woodville. (The last two named were guests, though not relatives.)

At the head of the table was seated the Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, who had been chosen master of ceremonies. At his right was Col. Calvin Littlefield, who, with Willard Littlefield, were the two eldest of the generations represented there. After the feast was over came another treat in the presentation of the following program, which was successfully carried out. "Star Spangled Banner" in chorus. Address of Welcome, Col. Calvin Littlefield, who said: "Our welcome is based on cordiality." He gave a short sketch of Edmund Littlefield, who was famous in the French and Indian War, and ended by saying that, though no royal blood flowed in the veins of the Littlefields, there was no lack of loyalty, "that higher quality that dare grapple with royalty to obtain their rights and the rights of their fellow creatures." Willard Cook of Fishers Landing responded to his name and gave some reminiscences of his grandfather, Willard Littlefield, closing by the thought that, as advantages increase responsibilities, we of this generation ought to give earnest heed that we use our talents to promote the best good of ourselves and others. Then followed a song by Jesse Littlefield of Freeport, Ill., who represented the tenth generation of the family and whose baby sister, Ruth, less than 3 months old, was the youngest member of the family present. Frank M. Littlefield, of Rural Hill, next responded and gave a toast from "Us and our Folks to You and Your Folks," in the graceful and pleasing manner, which is so marked a characteristic. Rev.

## LITTLEFIELD'S RE-UNION...continued

Seward L. Littlefield of Oriskany Falls, spoke of our pride in the family history and expressed the desire that we of the present generation emulate the good of the past and forget not that to honor God has been one of the first principles of the family since its history began. George M. Wood then sang a solo which was followed by a recitation by Miss Grace D. Littlefield of a poem entitled "Alhambra" which was written by Miss Addie Littlefield of Muskegon, Mich. "The Red White and Blue" was then sung and M. Grant Littlefield, of Freeport, Ill., responded to the call of the toastmaster by relating a pleasing story. Rev. J. H. Keeling, a guest, responded by expressing his pleasure at being present, and his regret that he was not a Littlefield. Rev. Milton S. Littlefield then sang the "Sword of Bunker Hill," which was a favorite song of his soldier father, who had looked forward most eagerly to this gathering, but who died in March. Then came what to most of us was the most interesting part of the program, as Dr. George H. Littlefield of Glendale, NY came forward at the toastmaster's call, receiving a hearty greeting, and presented the history of the family from the time of the first settlement in Wells, Maine, in 1641, down to the present generation. This history has been compiled with the most diligent care, the writer spending more than a decade of years in travel and research, until now the record stands an almost unbroken line, a fact which will be appreciated more and more as the years pass.

Edmund Littlefield, the ancestor of the Littlefields who settled in Ellisburg in 1805, came from Tichfield, England, to Boston in 1637. Edmund, Jesse and Josiah, the fifth in descent from the above, were of revolutionary stock, their father, Edmund, having served in that war, in Capt. Amos Lincoln's company of Craft's artillery. In 1805 Edmund and Jesse moved from Vermont to Ellisburg with an ox team, the journey taking three weeks. Edmund was a Baptist minister and was one of the founders of the First Baptist church at Ellisburg. Jesse purchased of Edmund, his brother, 110 acres of land, settled upon it, and cleared it. His son, Jesse Jr. was but a lad of 7 when his father came from Vermont. When he was 16 he was at the battle of Sandy Creek, and assisted in carrying the cable to Sackets Harbor. He was a carpenter and builder, erecting a large number of buildings, among them the old stone Baptist church at Belleville. Josiah Littlefield, a brother of Edmund and Jesse, came from Vermont a

few years later and settled in Ellisburg. From these three brothers have descended all the Littlefields who have lived in Ellisburg, numbering over 100. The direct line of descent was traced from Edmund of Wells, Me., 1641, founder of the branch of Braintree, Mass., 1790. Nathaniel, of Braintree, Edmund, of Stoughton, to Edmund, Jesse and Josiah, the three brothers of Ellisburg. Over 40 Littlefields served in the revolution, ten of whom were of our own, the Braintree branch, and the name has been represented in every war from and including the French and Indian War down to the present time. It may be said of the family that they have filled positions in nearly all departments of life, from the most lowly to those of the highest honor and responsibility. After reading the history a hearty vote of thanks was given Dr. Littlefield for his laborious task in compiling so complete a record, and then letters of regret were read from the following persons: Charles E. Littlefield, D.R. Littlefield, Cleveland, OH; Mrs. Delia A. Corbin, great-granddaughter of Rev. Edmund Littlefield, John H. Littlefield and Fred Littlefield, Brooklyn; Charles L. Williams, Glens Falls; C. Alfred Littlefield and Albert C. Hill, Ph.D., Albany, NY.

The program closed with a few well chosen words from the toastmaster, who said: "We glory in our ancestry, but we must remember that there are others coming after us. We have ever been known as a Christian family. Our name has been found on the muster roll of every army. To perpetuate the record our fathers have made there is a demand for manhood. Let us strive to make a record of which we might be proud in coming years." The following committee was appointed by the chair to elect officers for the ensuing year and to formulate an organization to arrange for future meetings: Rev. S. Littlefield, George H. Littlefield, M.D., and Col. Calvin Littlefield. They presented the following report, which was adopted: President, Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, New York; secretary, Frank M. Littlefield; historian, Mrs. Cora M. Littlefield; committee of arrangements, H.P. Stacey, George M. Wood and Ira W. Littlefield. A grouping for our photograph, a delightful said on the blue waters of Lake Ontario, and the farewell words were spoken, a hearty handshake, and our ways parted, leaving in our minds and hearts a pleasant memory of the first reunion of the Littlefield family. "A GRAFT ON THE FAMILY TREE."

## Queries

Send Queries to: Suzanne L. Howard, POB 24, Chippewa Bay, NY 13623; LemmonMinnie@hotmail.com; Subject: Informer

### BLACKLEY

Seeking descendants of Bryce **Blackley**, d. 1924, & Cecelia **Lindroth Blackley**, d. 1959. Children: Mabel, b. abt 1914; Marien, b. abt 1915; & John, b. abt 1918. Bryce, Cecelia & Bryce's mother Anna are interred in North Watertown Cemetery.

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### CLARK

Lamberton **Clark** b. 1760 CT, & Martha Rexford b. 1764 CT, md. 1783 Meridan CT; U.S. Census 1800/10/20 lived Charlotte, VT with as many as 11 children. Lamberton, Rev. War Vet., received pension pay in Onondaga & Jefferson Co, NY, age 74 yrs, d. 28 Sep 1835 NY. I believe buried in Jefferson Co, NY. If you come across any information on Lamberton, Martha or their children please forward to me via my e-mail. Thank you for your help,

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### CORNWELL

I have an old wedding invitation for the marriage of Earl Robert **Cornwell** to Julia Margaret **Estill** that was to be held at the First Methodist Church in Austin, TX, on Wed., Dec. 11, 5 p.m. No year was mentioned but presume it was early 1900's. Who are the parents of Earl Robert? My Cornwell line is from **Isaac**, 1750-1837.

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### ENSIGN/HUBBARD

Looking for information on Lyman **Ensign**, born ca1799, listed in 1850 Wilna census, father of Jerusha **Ensign** (1829-1898), who married Samuel **Hubbard** (1815-1889). Thanks!

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### FILES

I am related to a Silas **Files**, from Canada, living city of Watertown in 1900 Census. He had sons: Charles, Louis, & Harold; also daughters: Albertha & Lillie M. All b. Canada, except Lillie. Does anyone have info?

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### FINLEY

My grandfather, Roy K. **Finley**, passed on limited information about our family roots. I have started trying to piece together information & am coming up with nothing. Looking for information on great-grandfather & grandmother, Leon & Elizabeth Finley. I was told they were buried in the Black River area, so far nothing has been found. In addition to my grandfather, some siblings are Ralph, Kermit, Rose, & Gertrude. If somebody has come across anything, please send me a note. Thanks for anything & everything.

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### FLITCROFT/CAUL/CALL

I would like to locate evidence of the birth of Edward Snyder **Flitcroft**, b. 22 Sep 1859, Watertown, Jefferson Co, NY (as tradition suggests) to Peter Snyder **Flitcroft** & Helen M. **Caul/Call**. Is Watertown where Peter & Helen married? I find Helen's family — Peter & Charlotte **Caul**, in Antwerp, Jefferson Co, NY in 1850 & 1860 censuses. I cannot find the **Flitcrofts** anywhere in New York in the 1850 & 1860 census. Thank you.

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### HENGGE/HANGGE

Seeking info: Joseph **Hengge** is my great-grandfather, dates unkn. He md. Elizabeth **Hanley/Hanlon**, date unkn. Two girls born in Watertown, NY: Gertrude b. 1886, & Bertha b. 1889. Gertrude m. John **Broadwell** & lived in Watertown, NY, then later Theresa, NY, where she died 1963. Bertha became **Hinkley/Hinckley** & md. Louis **Chicoine** & lived in Burlington, VT, d. 1950. Joseph **Hangge**, age 19, is in 1880 Census, in Pamela, where he lives with parents John & Catherine **Hangge**, & siblings Mary, Peter, Barbara md John **Heilman**, Lewis md Irene?), and Katie. Either Katie or Mary married Arnold **Wenk** of Oxbow, Jefferson Co. I note **Hengge** surnames in Parrish and North Watertown Cemeteries, but have not searched larger Watertown cemeteries. An obituary mentions John and Gertrude **Hessler Hengge** as parents of 14-year-old John **Hengge**, d 1876.

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## Queries...continued

### GARDNER

Looking for information on John & Phebe **Gardner**, parents of John S., Ira, David, Phebe, Norman, & Elisha T. Family moved to Sandusky County, OH, in 1823. I know from Ira's obituary that he was born in Sackets Harbor on July 10, 1811. Any info appreciated.

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### HOLMES/GARDINER

I have two sets of 4th great-grandparents in Jefferson Co. Seth **Calkins**, d. Brownville, 11 Sep 1857, 80 yrs, & wife Nancy **Holmes**, b. ?ME/NH, d. 16 Dec 1862, 80 yrs, bur Perch River cemetery; Jacob **Arnold**, d. Lyme, 26 Dec 1855, 76yrs, & wife Lydia **Gardiner**, d. 25 Mar 1835, 52 yrs, bur Freeman Cemetery. Lots of info avail. for Seth **Calkins** & Jacob **Arnold**, but almost no info abt wives, Nancy **Holmes** & Lydia **Gardiner** that has sources cited/substantiated. Can anyone give me a lead on what churches or funeral homes in Jefferson Co. these four might have attended so I could track down earlier info on the two ladies? Thank you very much.

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### HOUSEMAN

My family is everywhere in 1802, a George **Houseman** bought a house or land in Adams, NY, but in 1802 a George **Houseman** also bought land from Holland land company in Orleans County. I think that this may have been father and son. If any readers know anything about this or the family, please contact me.

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### ROSENBURGH

I'm looking for information about the parents of Martin **Rosenburgh** b. 29 Aug 1826, Ellisburgh, Jefferson Co, NY. He married Delia/Adelia Underhill, 12 Mar 1849, Adams, NY. Living in Ellisburgh during 1850 census. 1855 they had moved to Sheboygan County, WI. I have no information about Martin's parents or siblings & would appreciate any information. Thanks.

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### RUSSELL

This is what I know of Cresson E. **Russell**, b. 21 Dec 1899, Wellesley Island/Clayton area; d. 24 Oct 1976, A. Barton Hepburn Hospital, stricken at home, on the Bromaghin Road, Ogdensburg, NY, age 76. Father: Charles, b. 1873, d. 1941; Mother: Eva **Mayo**. He was something of a blacksheep in family as we believe he was in jail for rape when first wife, Gladys, died. He is the "father" of my dad, Donald Cresson, but dad was brought up by his grandparents, William **Belile** & Winnie of Philly, NY. Know he was in the Carpenters' Union on the St. Lawrence Seaway, & worked on the Lake Bonaparte Outlet Dam as a carpenter.

Parents may have come from Canada, buried with him & first wife in Theresa but no other info. Married 14 Oct 1922, Philadelphia, NY cert#34758, Gladys Harriet Belile, b. 3 Nov 1903, Antwerp, d. 2 July 1930/31. His first name spelled Crescent at that time. Believe they lived in Theresa, Antwerp, Philadelphia areas. Had child, Donald Cresson Russell, b. 27 Aug 1923. Second marriage Lena J. Page d. 1988, children: Joan b. 26 Dec 1936, Virginia, Nancy and Linda. Third significant other, Horton, don't believe he md. as she was receiving welfare, Russell/Ogdensburg areas, living with her when he died. I can't seem to get anywhere online—Census/hits/except SS#. Any light shed would be appreciated. I have lineages way back on Belile/Kesson/Percy/O'Connell from Philly, Sterlingville, Louisville, Theresa if it is of interest.

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### TRACY/FOLSOM/SLADE/SNOW

Researching the following names: Caleb Branch **Tracy**, b. abt 1800, Greenwich, Washington Co., NY, md. Jane Martine **Folsom** abt 26 Apr 1832. What were their children's names? Who were Caleb's parents? Was he a minister? What church? Where were they married? When & where did they die? Where are they buried? Any other **Tracy-Folsom** & Albert **Slade-Sarah Estelle Snow** info will be greatly appreciated.

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## Scrapbook — Scraps

### Teachers Training Classes of the Past

At the turn of the last century many young men and women entered local teacher training classes to qualify them to teach in their communities.

In 1894, New York State prescribed regulations providing for the establishment of teacher training classes. These regulations were published in a catalog by the New York State Education Department and made available to prospective students of these classes. The information for this article comes from the 1907 version of the Clayton High School catalog found at Hawn Memorial Library Archives room. The first Teacher Training Class held in Clayton was formed in 1901. The last class graduated in 1932.

Thirty thousand dollars was appropriated yearly for the instruction of competent persons to instruct teacher training classes. Potential instructors had to apply to the State Education Department for appointments each year and their salary was set at five hundred dollars. The state Superintendent of Public Instruction was given the authority to designate the distribution of training classes in academies and union schools among the school districts in the state. Not more than one-hundred-thirteen training classes were to be established each year. Regulations stated that schools to receive appointments must: equip a separate room in the school for sole use by the training class members; provide four periods of forty minutes each on the topics prescribed in the course of study (textbook titles were suggested); maintain the class for at least thirty six weeks; and provide opportunities for students to observe methods of teaching in several grades and practice teach in these grades under supervision.

Young men and women who wanted to enter into training classes had to qualify for admission but the instruction was free. An applicant had to be at least seventeen years old, possess good health and moral character, have an academic diploma, and declare their

intention to complete the course of study and afterwards teach in the schools of the state of New York. The school year started in September and consisted of two terms of eighteen weeks. The class size was between ten and twenty five members. Studies in the first term consisted of: Arithmetic, Psychology and Principles of Education, School Management, Geography, American History, Drawing and General Review. Studies in the second term were: Language, Composition and Grammar, History of Education, Physiology, Reading Spelling and Writing, Government School Law and General Review. Observation and practice work were deemed very important and so students spent at least twice a week in a classroom. The students prepared written plans for conducting lessons and were reviewed by their critic teacher.

Exams were conducted in January and June during the days Regents exams occurred. Those who attained seventy percent in all subjects received a professional certificate to teach valid for three years and renewable for five-year periods. The certificate also entitled the holder to one year advanced standing in a state normal school provided he had an academic diploma and taught for one year after graduation.

I also found the Circular of the State Normal and Training School Potsdam, NY dated 1903 at the Thousand Islands Museum Archives room in Clayton. The booklet states that "the purpose of the school is to train teachers for the public schools of the state." To enter the Normal School a uniform entrance exam was required after application to a commissioner or superintendent. The tuition again was free. Non-residents of the state were not encouraged, but could be admitted and were charged tuition. The school had the following Departments: Normal, Academic, Schools of practice which are Preparatory, Intermediate, Primary & Kindergarten; Vocal Music, Piano-forte, and the School of Design, including Painting and Drawing. The courses of instruction

## Scrapbook — Scraps... *continued*

were either English or Classical which included several foreign languages. The schools of practice were very important requiring one class per day for eighty weeks. The circular describes the campus buildings, clubs and societies available to join, and the board expense. Rooms were found in private family homes at three or four dollars per week.

While I was researching this topic I found very little information available but did find the two catalogs. Then I discovered items from a person who had been in a teacher training class in Clayton. Adelaide Patch was born in Depauville in 1883 to John B. and Jane Sommers Patch. She graduated from Clayton High School and then attended the Teachers Training Class. I found her training class certificate dated August 1901. There was also a class picture that showed her among her fourteen classmates with their names listed. I learned that she went on to Potsdam Normal School and then taught school in several places including Elm Flats near Depauville. An interesting Souvenir booklet from her 1904-05 term at the Morris Tract School in Brownville Township named her pupils and contained a small picture of Adelaide. She apparently gave these out as a remembrance. In 1906 she married Horace Jones and they lived on Caroline St. in Depauville the rest of their lives. They had three children, one [Florence Vincent] who became a teacher.

Addie was active in community affairs and was an organizer of the Depauville Free Library. Near the end of her life, the oldest resident of Depauville, she contributed to the publication of a history of the village. Adelaide died in 1976.

Teachers are a special group of dedicated people. A quote from Addie's souvenir booklet describes their belief "Knowledge is the only jewel that will not decay."

We know that Antwerp had a training class in the 1906-7 school year. Perhaps our readers could inform us of other townships in Jefferson Co. that had Teacher Training Classes.

## Volunteers Needed Program Chairperson

We still need an individual or perhaps a team of individuals to act as our chairperson(s) for the Program Committee.

If you have an interest in being Program Chairperson, being on the committee, or have any ideas for a future program, please contact President Bob VanBrocklin or any of the officers.

## Updates Needed: Member Information

Clancy and Patti Hopkins  
Membership and Surname Committee

Of the two hundred plus 'blue cards' received from members for the surname issue, over 100 contained changes. Please keep us informed of address changes (winter and summer), area codes/ phone numbers, e-mail addresses, spellings, surname interests, etc. You can mail info to the society at P.O. Box 6453, Watertown, NY 13601 or e-mail to [chopkins@imcnet.net](mailto:chopkins@imcnet.net)

## Repository Collection

We will attempt to have our Repository Collection resources available to members beginning at 6:00 p.m. before meetings held at the Flower Memorial Library.

## Queries...continued from p. 21

### WHIPPLE

Searching for information on Alonzo C. Whipple, b. 6 Aug 1854, d. 1928, md. Nellie Mills. He was s/o Calvin Whipple & Eliza Maria Clark. Did Alonzo and Nellie have children, who were they? Also need information on Alonzo brothers, William Franklin & John.

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LARRY CORBETT'S

## Missing in Adoption

[www.geocities.com/Heartland/  
Plains/9514/adoption.html](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/9514/adoption.html)

Are you researching genealogy in the southern part of Jefferson County—such as the Towns of Wilna, Champion, Rutland, Rodman, Adams, Lorraine, Ellisburg...?

We want you and your information! Those areas are underrepresented in our membership and repository collections and we would like to be more geographically rounded!

## INFORMER

Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society  
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*Rachel Collins Smith* was born 21 July 1789. By the time this photograph was taken, she was a widowed grandmother. Her black lace cap denotes widowhood. While her husband was alive, she probably wore a white one. She died 23 July 1876, the year of the centennial of her country, for which her father fought in the Revolutionary War.

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## Letters...

Letters to the Editor may be directed to [nandixon@gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@gisco.net) or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

Just got my copy of the INFORMER today. Nice job on the article; I especially liked page 4 with the use of the single pictures. Nice touch.

Thanks,  
Al Seymour

Concerning the letter in the previous issue from "Rita" about ELIZABETH JOY: The dates of 17 Jul 1765 and 3 Nov 1848 are correct.

Elizabeth Joy's husband, "Major" Abiathar Joy, is my 4th great grand uncle. Elizabeth (Burt) Joy and spouse Abiathar are buried in Clayton Center Cemetery. Should Rita want added data I would be happy to help.

Will someone please provide the surname of this lady?

—Randy Diefendorf  
[diefsea@msn.com](mailto:diefsea@msn.com)

## Updates

### Change of Address

**Lynn Mitchell Corbett:** 17926 W. Oregon Avenue, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

**SLVGS:** PO Box 205, Canton, NY 13617

### New Members

**Gary & Sharolyn Chicoine,** 207 Lyons Rd., Geneva, NY 14456; **Surname:** Hengge

## From the Editorial Committee: Contact Your Representative

This came from the Rootsweb Newsletter; what it means is that for the first time in history, someone would be able to copyright FACTS!

Bill HR3261 "The Database an Collections of Information Misappropriation Act" is presently before the House of Representatives. It would prohibit the republication of factual lists. This would handicap all genealogy publications and web sites. The editors of the INFORMER oppose this act.

Please contact your representative to express your opinion. You can find e-mail addresses at [www.house.gov.writerep/](http://www.house.gov.writerep/).

You can also write the sponsors of this bill:

- Howard Coble, North Carolina, Republican
- David Hobson, Ohio, Republican
- James Greenwood, Pennsylvania, Republican
- W. "Billy" Tauzin, Louisiana, Conservative Republican
- E. James Sensenbrenner, Wisconsin, Republican,  
Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee

You can read the bill at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.html>. Enter HR3261 into the search engine.

We regret the delay of the March INFORMER delivery due to the illness of our layout editor. —the Editorial Staff

# What's Going on with JCNYGS

by Jerry Davis, Recording Secretary

## March Meeting

After closing the business portion of our March meeting at Flower Memorial Library, President Bob VanBrocklin introduced **Norm Young**, President of the St. Lawrence County Genealogy Society, as our program for the evening. Norm's topic was "The Search for the Brothertons—a Jefferson/St. Lawrence Family." After a short overview of his work on the Brotherton family, Norm gave a listing of other surnames that surfaced from his research. Many of the names had connections with Watertown and several members mentioned that they had connections with some of the names. He also mentioned the possibilities of a wide variety of information that could be obtained from Obituaries, Probate records, Land records, and others.

## April Meeting

**Rex Ennis** spoke to us about a "work in progress." Stay tuned for a summary in the July INFORMER.

## Coming Events

Meetings of the Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society are held on the second Monday every month. Most meetings are held in the Dillenbeck Room of the Flower Memorial Library, Watertown, NY.

## Your Coming Event

If you have a family reunion or an upcoming genealogy event that you would like others to know about, please let one of the officers know or e-mail Recording Secretary Jerry Davis at [maridavis@aol.com](mailto:maridavis@aol.com)



### Irish Festival Genealogy Booth

*One of our members of Irish descent (and resident leprechaun) **Clancy Hopkins**, talked to some budding genealogists.*

## Family Reunions

The **PROVEN-ROSE** Family Reunion will be Sunday, July 4, 2004, 12 noon at the Stone Mills Museum, Town of Orleans, Jefferson County, NY. This includes relatives of Roy Perl Proven and Mabel Mildred Rose. For info: [LemmonMinnie@hotmail.com](mailto:LemmonMinnie@hotmail.com) or PO Box 24, Chippewa Bay, NY 13623.

The **CHEEVER** reunion will be the third Sunday in July at Marilyn Peter's in Cape Vincent.

The **CLARK** Family Reunion for 2004 will be at the Thompson Park Pavilion, Watertown, on Sat. July 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 94th Annual **DILLENBECK** Reunion will be held August 7 & 8, 2004. The 7th will be in Johnstown, NY, and the 8th will be at Wiles Park in Fort Plain. Contact Rose Dillenbeck, secretary, at [dillenbeck177@att.net](mailto:dillenbeck177@att.net) for more information.

## Meeting E-mail Reminders

Our publicity chairpersons have been sending e-mails to some of our 400+ members to remind them of an upcoming meeting and adding any other new details of interest. If you are not on the list but would like to be, please e-mail Ed Thompson at [SwimmerEd@aol.com](mailto:SwimmerEd@aol.com).

## Program Chairperson: Volunteers Anyone?

We still need a program chairperson. Although several members have presented ideas, we still need an individual or perhaps a team of individuals to act as our chairperson(s) for the Program Committee.

If you have an interest in being Program Chairperson, being on the committee, or have any ideas for a future program, please contact President Bob VanBrocklin or any of the officers.

### Reminder:

ALL membership renewals are due by July 1.

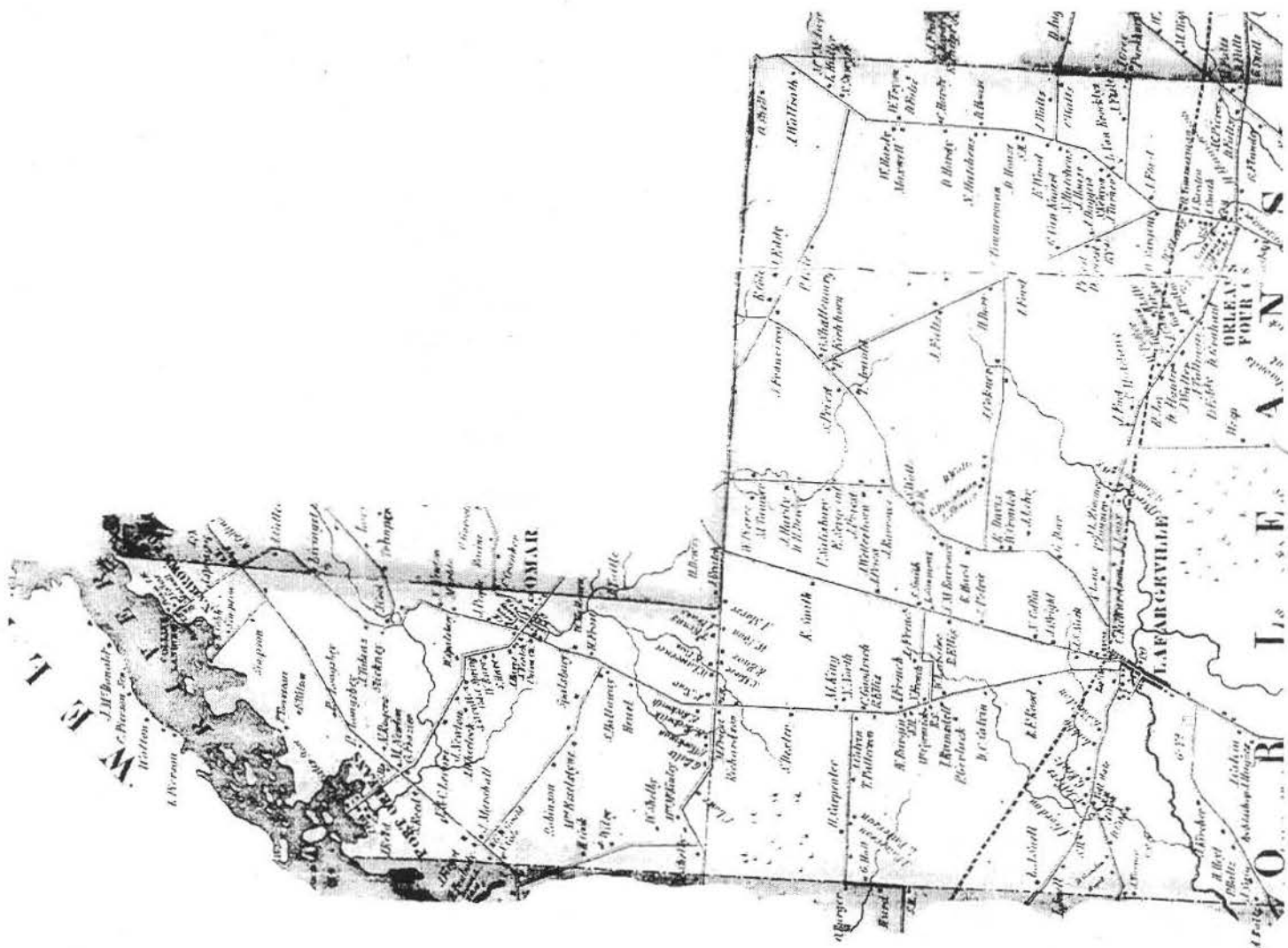
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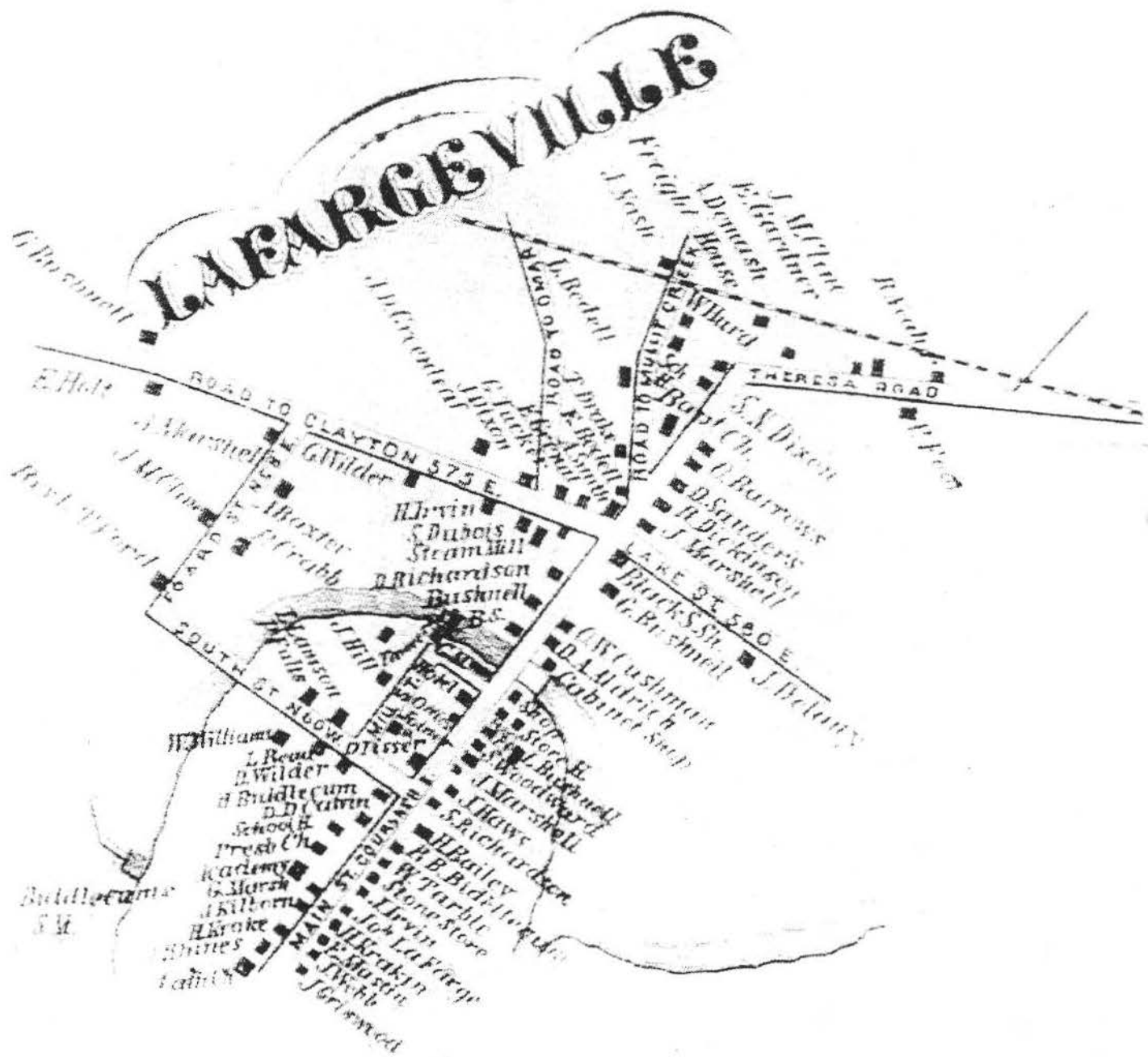
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# Index to 1855 Map of Orleans Township (pages 4-5)

By Don Dillenbeck, JCNYS Member

Column 1 consists of initial, column 2 is surname or main entry, column 3 indicates location of residents on the map. By dividing the town map into seven parts, Don used the letters O, R, L, E, A, N, S already on the map as locators.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter-North/South
Bap.Ch.	(Baptist Church)	Lafargeville
Bapt.Ch.	(Baptist Church)	LAFARGEVILLE
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	O-South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	R-North
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	R-South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Stone Mills
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Omar
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Orleans Four Cnrs
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	LAFARGEVILLE
Black S.Sh.	(Blacksmith Shop)	LAFARGEVILLE
Cath.Ch.	(Catholic Church)	LAFARGEVILLE
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	R-North
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	Stone Mills
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	N-North
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	Omar
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	LAFARGEVILLE
P.O.	(Post Office)	Lafargeville
Presb.Ch.	(Presbyterian Church)	LAFARGEVILLE
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Port Orleans
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	O-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	O-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Stone Mills
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Omar
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Omar
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	LAFARGEVILLE
S.H. =	(School House)	O-North
S.H. =	(School House)	O-North
S.H. =	(School House)	O-South
S.H. =	(School House)	R-North
S.H. =	(School House)	R-North
S.H. =	(School House)	R-South
S.H. =	(School House)	R-South
S.H. =	(School House)	Omar
S.H. =	(School House)	L-South
S.H. =	(School House)	E-North
S.H. =	(School House)	E-South
S.H. =	(School House)	E-South
S.H. =	(School House)	N-South
S.H. =	(School House)	S-North
S.H. =	(School House)	Orleans Four Cnrs

Sch.H.	(School House)	LAFARGEVILLE
	(School House)	LAFARGEVILLE
Store H.	(Store House)	LAFARGEVILLE
Un.Ch. =	(Union Church)	Stone Mills
W.S. =	(Wagon Shop)	E-North
	Academy	LAFARGEVILLE
G.	Ackert	E-South
D.A.	Aldrich	LAFARGEVILLE
	Archbishop J. Hughes	R-North
	Archbishop J. Hughes	R-South
T.	Arnold	A-North
H.	Bailey	LAFARGEVILLE
E.	Baldwin	O-South
Z.	Baldwin	L-South
W.	Ballard	S-South
G.	Balts	R-North
P.	Baltz	O-North
P.	Baltz	O-South
J.	Barden	Orleans Four Cnrs
W.	Barder	R-South
J.	Barrows	E-North
J.M.	Barrows	L-North
J.M.	Barrows	E-North
O.	Barrows	LAFARGEVILLE
F.	Bauder	R-South
F.	Bauder	R-South
J.	Bauder	R-South
N.	Bauder	R-South
A.	Baxter	LAFARGEVILLE
F.	Baxter	R-South
Mrs.	Beadle	E-South
E.	Beckwith	R-North
E.	Beckwith	R-North
E.	Bedell	LAFARGEVILLE
G.	Bentz	R-North
H.	Biddlecum	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Biddlecums S.M.(Saw Mill)</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
R.B.	Bidellecum	LAFARGEVILLE
A.	Blodan ?	N-South
	<b>Board Street N58 E.</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
C.	Bort	R-South



E.	Breidenbacker	E-South
O.	Breitess ?	N-South
	<b>Browns Store</b>	Stone Mills
G.	Budlong	E-South
W.	Burgin	R-North
W.	Burr	R-North
? I./L.	Bushnell	LAFARGEVILLE
G.	Bushnell	LAFARGEVILLE
G.	Bushnell	LAFARGEVILLE
	Bushnell	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Cabinet Shop</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Cable	O-South
A.	Calvin	R-North
A.	Calvin	R-North
D.	Calvin	O-North
D.C.	Calvin	R-North
D.D.	Calvin	LAFARGEVILLE
?	<b>Carlisle's Store</b>	Port Orleans
H.	Carpenter	O-North
J.	Clark	O-South
J.M.	Cline	LAFARGEVILLE
J.M.	Cline	LAFARGEVILLE
H.	Clock	A-South
L.	Clock	A-South
G.H.	Cobb	R-North
N.	Coffin	L-North
J.	Cokner	A-North
	<b>Cold Spring</b>	R-North
B.	Cole	N-North
N.	Cole	O-North
P.	Cole	N-North
J.	Collins	Stone Mills
J.	Collins	Narrows P.O.
W.	Collin's heirs	A-South
	<b>Collins Landing</b>	Narrows P.O.
A.	Cook	O-North
H.	Cook	O-North
J.	Cool	L-North
E.	Coon	R-North
W.	Coon	L-North
J.	Costler	Orleans Four Cnrs
A.	Countryman	R-South
P.	Crabb	LAFARGEVILLE
W.	Crouch	E-North
Mrs.	Crunan	R-South
O.W.	Cushman	LAFARGEVILLE
A.	Daggert	N-North
J. ?	Davis	N-South
R.	Davis	E-North
P.	Dean	L-South

J.	Delany	LAFARGEVILLE
A.	Demash	LAFARGEVILLE
H.H.	Dewey	E-North
S.	Dexter	R-North
R.	Dickenson	LAFARGEVILLE
<b>W.</b>	<b>Dillenback</b>	A-South
C.	Dingelman	E-North
J.	Dixon	LAFARGEVILLE
S.N.	Dixon	LAFARGEVILLE
G.	Dorr	E-North
H.	Dorr	N-North
T.	Drake	LAFARGEVILLE
S.	Dubois	LAFARGEVILLE
<b>Rev.</b>	<b>Ebson</b>	R-South
I./J. ?	Eddy	N-North
B.D.	Edmonds	A-South
P.	Eichhorn	A-North
B.	Ellis	R-North
B.	Ellis	L-North
R.	Enos	R-North
F.	Epps	O-South
Mrs.	Esseltyne	R-North
A.	Evans	L-North
T.	Evans	L-North
J.	Everett	R-South
R.	Everett	R-South
	<b>Fanning Mill</b>	R-South
J.	Fiegot	O-North
S.	Fish	Port Orleans
G.	Flander	S-North
J.	Foot	A-North
P.	Foot	LAFARGEVILLE
A.	Forbes	E-South
A.	Ford	N-North
A.	Ford	S-North
Rev. L.T.	Ford	LAFARGEVILLE
A.	Fort	E-South
J.	Francisco	N-North
G.	Frazier	O-North
F.	Freeman	A-South
F.	Freeman	A-South
	<b>Freight House</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
A.	French	L-North
I.	French	R-North
N.	French	R-North
H.	Frost	L-North
D.	Fulls	E-South
S.	Fulls	E-South
D.	Fults	Orleans Four Cnrs
D.	Fults	S-North

J.	Fults	N-North
J.	Fults	S-North
M.	Fults	S-North
P.	Fults	LAFARGEVILLE
D.	Galy	L-South
J.	Galy	L-South
E.	Gardner	LAFARGEVILLE
S.W.	Gates	R-South
S.W.	Gates	L-South
E.	Gerlach	S-South
C.	Gerlack	A-South
P.	Gerlack	R-North
	<b>German Lutheran Church</b>	O-South
A.	Getman	N-South
C.	Gillett	O-South
E.	Gillett	O-South
C.	Goodrich	R-North
N.	Goodrich	E-South
A.	Gordon	O-North
D.	Gordon	O-North
G.W.	Gould	O-North
D.	Graham	Orleans Four Cnrs
J.	Gray	R-South
J.	Green	E-South
S.	Green	O-South
J.D.	Greenleaf	LAFARGEVILLE
E.	Grenat	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Griswood	LAFARGEVILLE
	Haase	E-South
G.	Hall	O-North
S.	Hallaway	R-North
W.	Hallaway	L-North
J.	Haller	O-South
B.	Hard	E-North
C.	Hardy	S-North
D.	Hardy	S-North
J.	Hardy	E-North
W.	Hardy	S-North
S.	Hare	R-North
J.	Harter	E-South
J.	Haws	LAFARGEVILLE
Mrs.	Haydon	R-South
A.	Hayes	R-North
A.	Hayes	Omar
B.	Held	O-South
R.	Helmer	O-South
	Heuel	R-North
	Heyel ? (Heyt later)?	O-North
J.	Hill	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Hills	E-South

J.H.	Hines	LAFARGEVILLE
E.	Holt	LAFARGEVILLE
E.	Horr	Stone Mills
S.	Horr	Stone Mills
	<b>Hotel</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
D.	House	S-North
D.	House	S-North
J.	House	S-North
H.	Howard	O-South
A.	Hughes	E-South
A.	Hughes	A-South
F.	Hughes	S-South
J.	Hughes	E-South
M.	Hughes	N-South
Miss	Hughes	S-South
L.	Hulter	S-North
H.	Hummerman	Orleans Four Cnrs
R.	Hungerford	E-South
D.	Hunter	Orleans Four Cnrs
W.	Hurd	LAFARGEVILLE
C.	Hutchens	A-North
N.	Hutchens	S-North
N.	Hutchens	S-North
J.	Invin	R-South
H.	Irvin	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Irvin	LAFARGEVILLE
C.	Jeffers	O-North
J.	Jenkins	S-South
	<b>Joiner</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
B.	Joy	Orleans Four Cnrs
J.	Kealch	R-North
J.	Kealch	Omar
S.	Kenyon	S-North
L.	Kiefer	L-South
H.	Kilborn	R-South
J.	Kilborn	LAFARGEVILLE
<b>Dr.</b>	<b>King</b>	R-South
M.	King	R-North
J.	Kircher	R-North
D.	Klock	L-South
J.	Klock	A-South
	Klock	A-South
H.	Krake	LAFARGEVILLE
H.	Krakin	LAFARGEVILLE
	Labbo	R-North
Joh.	LaFarge	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Lake Street 560 E.</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
L.	Lamson	LAFARGEVILLE
G.	Lanks	S-South
W.	Larabee	R-North

G.	Lauks	S-South
W.	Lawrence	R-North
J. & C.	Lecure	O-North
S.	Lee	L-South
T.	Lee	L-South
T.	Lee	L-South
G.	Lehr	O-South
J.	Lehr	E-North
M.	Lehr	O-South
M.	Lehr	O-South
W.S.	Lewis	S-North
H.	Lilly	Orleans Four Cnrs
P.	Longsbey	R-North
P.	Longsbey	R-North
C.	Loux	Lafargeville
L.	Loux	E-North
C.	Lowe	O-North
<b>Luth.Ch.</b>	<b>Lutheran Church</b>	Orleans Four Cnrs
P.	Lutz	S-South
	<b>Main Street Cour N58 E.</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
	Marble	L-North
G.	Marsh	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Marshall	O-North
J.	Marshall	L-South
J.	Marshell	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Marshell	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Marshell	LAFARGEVILLE
R.	Martin	O-North
E.	Mastin	LAFARGEVILLE
A.	Mather	A-South
D.	Maxwell	Narrows P.O.
	Maxwell	S-North
B.	Maybe	N-South
	McCormick	R-North
N.	McCoy (in 1860 census)	N-South
J.	McDonald	Wellesley Island
Mrs.	McKinley	O-North
	<b>Mill Street</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
D.	Mitchell	O-South
H.	Mitchell	R-South
M.	Mitchell	O-South
H.	Moody	R-South
A.	Morse	L-North
S.	Morse	R-North
J.	Nash	LAFARGEVILLE
J.S.	Nash	L-North
S.	Ne ?	N-South
R.	Neahr	LAFARGEVILLE
R.	Near	R-North
S.	Nellis	L-South

J.	Newton	R-North
M.	Newton	R-North
N.	Newton	L-North
N.	North	R-North
	<b>Office</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Parsonage</b>	O-South
	<b>Parsonage</b>	Orleans Four Cnrs
J.	Patterson	O-North
L.	Patterson	O-North
T.	Patterson	R-North
H.	Payne	R-South
W.	Payne	S-South
H.	Peabody	O-North
J.	People	Omar
	<b>Perch Lake</b>	N-South
D.	Petrie	O-South
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J.	Petrie	L-North
J.	Petrie	E-South
S.	Petrie	E-South
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W.	Potter	Orleans Four Cnrs
H. & G.	Pratt	O-South
J.	Price	A-South
J.	Price	N-South
A.	Priest	L-North
D.	Priest	N-North
J.	Priest	E-North
M.	Priest	R-North
S.	Priest	A-North
	Priest	N-North
D.	Pulse	S-North
I./J. ?	Ramsdell	R-North
H.	Rapp	A-South
Mrs.	Rarley & Pickhard	N-South
L.	Read	LAFARGEVILLE
	Read	Port Orleans
J.	Reed	Port Orleans
S.	Reed	O-North
E.	Reyford ?	R-South
C.	Richardson	Lafargeville
D.	Richardson	LAFARGEVILLE
S.	Richardson	LAFARGEVILLE

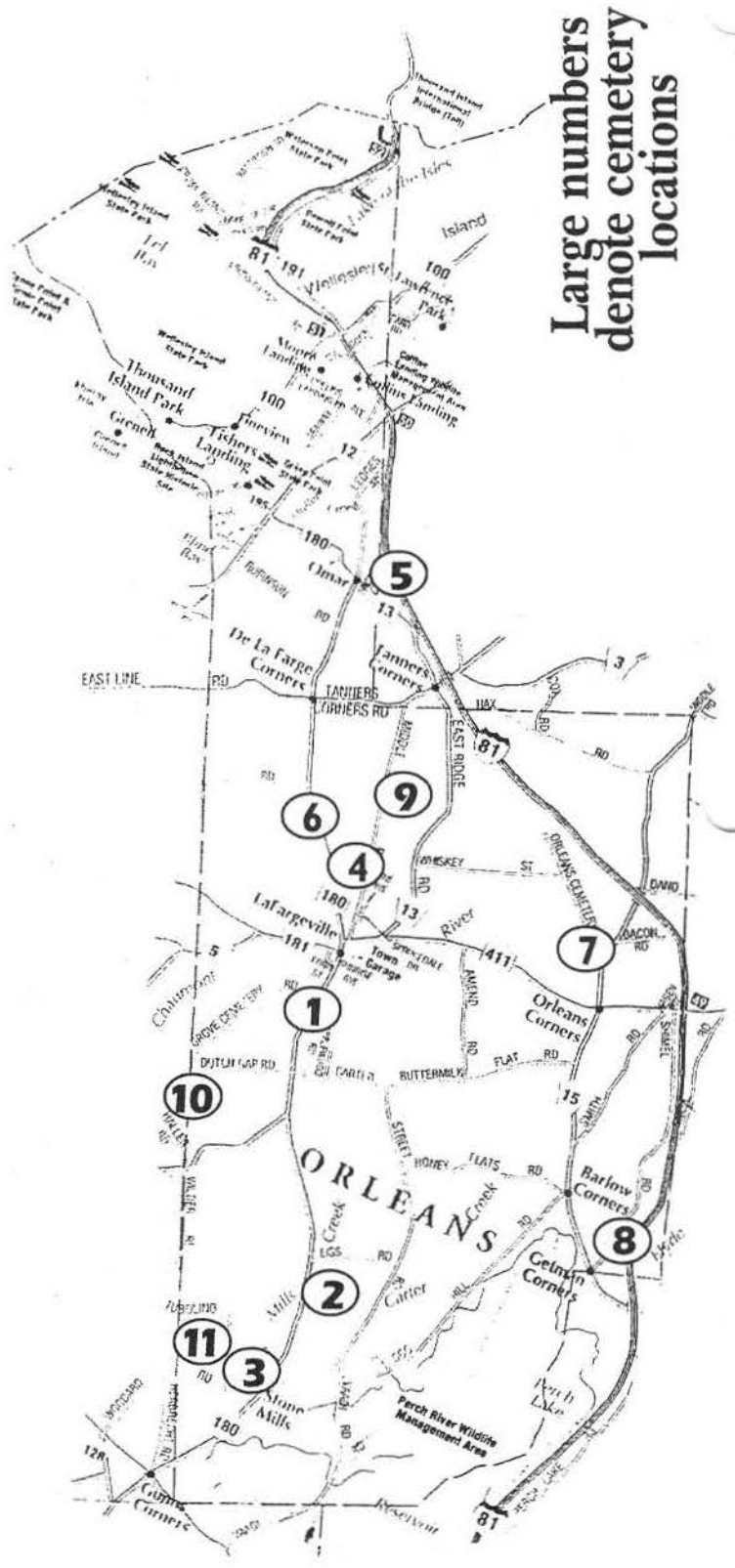


	Richardson	R-North
	<b>Road to Clayton 575 E.</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Road to Mullit Creek</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Road to Omar</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
	Robinson	R-North
N.	Rogers	R-North
B.F.	Rood	R-North
J.	Rosback	E-South
J.	Rosbeck (in 1860 census)	Orleans Four Cnrs
J.	Rothieres	O-South
J.N.	Rothieres	R-South
A.	Rouse	Stone Mills
D.	Rouse	O-South
U.	Salisbury	E-North
D.	Sanders	LAFARGEVILLE
Z.	Sanderson	O-South
L.	Sargent	A-South
W.	Sargent	E-South
W.	Sargent	A-South
W.	Sargent	S-North
J.	Savin	O-North
S.	Sawyer	S-North
W.	Schram	Stone Mills
J.	Schuyler	R-South
J.	Scovill	E-South
S.	Scovill	E-South
E.	Sergeant	E-North
G.	Shallenbery	A-North
L.	Shaver	E-North
S.	Shed	R-South
M.	Shelby	O-North
W.	Shelby	O-North
B.	Sheldon	R-North
A.	Shell	R-South
I.	Shell	L-South
O.	Shell	S-North
B.	Shimmel	S-South
C.	Shimmel	S-South
	<b>Shop</b>	R-South
	<b>Shop</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
L.	Simmons	L-North
	Simpson	L-North
H.	Sloat	R-South
W.	Sloat	L-South
A.	Smith	Orleans Four Cnrs
A.	Smith	LAFARGEVILLE
D.	Smith	L-South
F.	Smith	R-South
J.	Smith	A-South
R.	Smith	R-South

R.	Smith	L-North
S.	Smith	L-North
W.C.	Smith	R-South
J.	Snell	A-South
J.	Snell	A-South
J.A.	Snell	L-South
J.A.	Snell	E-South
L.	Snell	O-North
L.A.	Snell	O-North
	Snell	A-South
	<b>South Street N60 W.</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
W.	Spalsbury	R-North
W.	Spalsbury	L-North
	Spalsbury	R-North
	Spalsbury	L-North
M.E.	Spicer	O-South
S.	Spicer	O-South
	<b>Star Hotel Post Office</b>	Stone Mills
	<b>Steam Mill</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
<b>Steam S.M.</b>	<b>Steam Saw Mill</b>	S-South
	<b>Steam Saw Mill</b>	Narrows P.O.
	<b>Steam Saw Mill</b>	Narrows P.O.
	Stickney	L-North
	<b>Stone Store</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Store</b>	Stone Mills
J.	Stratton	R-North
J.	Sykes Jun.	O-South
A.	Tallman	Orleans Four Cnrs
A.	Tallman	Orleans Four Cnrs
J.	Tallman	L-South
J.	Tallman	Orleans Four Cnrs
M.	Tanner	E-North
	<b>Tannery</b>	R-South
	<b>Tannery</b>	Omar
W.	Tarble	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Tavern</b>	Omar
	<b>Tavern</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
	<b>Theresa Road</b>	LAFARGEVILLE
C.	Timmerman	R-South
F.	Timmerman	S-South
G.	Timmerman	Orleans Four Cnrs
G.	Timmerman	Orleans Four Cnrs
J.	Timmerman	E-South
P.	Timmerman	L-South
R.	Timmerman	S-South
W.	Timmerman	S-South
	Timmerman	N-South
D.	Tisser	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Tobias	L-North
	<b>Toll Gate</b>	O-North

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	Toll Gate	Orleans Four Cnrs
P.	Toussseau	R-North
W.	Tryon	S-North
G.	Tucker	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Turner	O-North
J.	Turner	R-South
J.	Turner	S-North
R.	Turner	R-South
	<b>Union Church</b>	Omar
L.	VanBrooklyn	S-North
	VanBrooklyn	Orleans Four Cnrs
D.	VanCamp	E-South
G.	VanKunert	N-North
J.	Vellerly	S-South
A.	Wagner	A-South
A.	Wallrath	S-North
H.	Wallrath	S-South
J.	Walter	Orleans Four Cnrs
	Walton	Wellesley Island
C.	Walts	S-North
J.	Walts	S-North
D.	Watts	E-North
S.	Watts	E-North
J.	Webb	LAFARGEVILLE
N.	Welch	O-South
F.	Wellerhorn	A-South
J.	Wellerhorn	E-North
W.	Wellerhorn	N-South
	Wesp	A-North
W.	Whaley	E-South
A.	Wheelock	R-North
D.	Wilder	LAFARGEVILLE
G.	Wilder	O-South
G.	Wilder	LAFARGEVILLE
J.	Wilder	O-South
E.	Wiley	S-South
	Wiley	O-North
W.	Williams	LAFARGEVILLE
E.	Wilson	R-North
E.	Wood	S-North
S.	Woodward	LAFARGEVILLE
P.	Workman	R-North
J.	Wright	L-North
G.	Zimmer	E-North
J.L.	Zimmer	E-North
P.	Zimmer	E-North



# Orleans Cemeteries

by John Marriam, Town Historian of the Town of Orleans

An **abandoned** cemetery is one that no longer accepts burials, and which is under the protection of the town. A **destroyed** cemetery is one from which all markers have been removed, all records lost, and is known as a general location only. Starred (\*) cemeteries are **inactive**. For these, contact the Town of Orleans at 658-9950. We have used CR to indicate a county road number. The numbers below refer to the map opposite. All area codes are 315.

1. GROVE is on the south edge of Lafargeville on Rt. 180, active. Contact Margaret Schell, 658-9946.
2. MITCHELL FARM\*, Rt. 180 between Stone Mills and Lafargeville, approximately 1 mile north of Stone Mills.
3. STONE MILLS, behind the Methodist Church in Stone Mills. Active. Contact Timothy A. Baty, 658-2374.
4. LARABEE FARM\*, Rt. 180 toward Omar, on the right.
5. OMAR contains Town of Orleans names, but is actually located in the Town of Alexandria off CR 13. See **INFORMER** May 2002.
6. ST. JOHNS is on Rt. 180, approximately 1.5 miles from Lafargeville toward Omar on the left side of the road. Active. Contact St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clayton, 686-3398.
7. ORLEANS CORNERS\*, located off 411 at Orleans Four Corners on the Cemetery Road, approximately 1 mile north of Rt. 411.
8. PAYNE FARM\* is located on the Shimmel Road, on right, just north of Getman Corners.
9. SMITH\*, Middle Road, across from the LaFargeville water tower, approximately 2 miles north of Lafargeville.
10. OLD GERMAN, also known as DUTCH GAP, off Rt. 180 to Dutch Gap Road. At the four corners, left on Haller Road. It is a short distance on that road to the left. This cemetery is actually in the Town of Clayton, but with many Orleans names. Contact Town of Clayton, 686-5122.

11. ROUSE\*, on the Frederick LaClair farm, located on Woodard Road between Stone Mills and Gunns Corners.

## The Name Game: Community Name Origins

WHY DID THEY CALL THESE PLACES... Log Mills and Stone Mills? These were actual mills in the Town of Orleans, both having other names. Log Mills, the first mill having been built by a Dr. Andrus of Vermont in the early days of Penet Square, when it was a part of the Town of Brownville. It became LaFargeville, in honor of John LaFarge, who owned a considerable portion of Penet Square. The mill, being made of logs, gave the locality its name.

Dr. Andrus was an active man, building another sawmill across the creek from John B. Collins and Peter Pratt's stone grist mill. The two mills used the same flume, the same water propelling the two separate water wheels. The settlement was first named for the Collins family, numerous and enterprising, and called Collins Mills. Its post office, according to Hough's Jefferson County History, published in 1854, was called Collins Mills P.O. Farmers taking their grist to be ground at the mill referred to it as the stone mill, probably an unusual building material for a mill, and the locality became known as Stone Mills, which it is today. The post office name was changed to Stone Mills.

WHY DID THEY CALL THIS PLACE... Mudge's Mills? The little settlement on Mullet Creek, also in the Town of Orleans, had a similar name change. A grist mill was an absolute necessity for the early pioneers, and they were scattered liberally throughout Jefferson County. In 1820 William and Treat Mudge built their saw and grist mills on Mullet Creek, and for many years little else marked the spot. In 1837 there were only six houses. When the new post office was established there in 1843, the residents took a more sedate name, and today it is known as Omar, a tiny hamlet five miles north of larger LaFargeville.



## Rachel Collins Smith



Rachel Collins, whose photograph appears on the front of this issue, was born in Stonington, Connecticut, 21 July 1789, daughter of William and Polly (Ross) Collins. She was only 9 years old when her parents packed up their six children, all their

worldly belongings, and with friends and neighbors, set out for Unadilla, a name given to a large part of Otsego County, NY.

According to a chronology of Stonington, a ship set out in May 1798 with settlers bound for Unadilla. The Collins family, in their trek from southeastern Connecticut, followed an unusual migration route. By a small ship from Stonington, through Long Island Sound to New York City just after the Revolution, they sailed up the Hudson River to Albany. From there they had to find their way to Unadilla, probably by boat again by way of the Mohawk.

In 1799, Rachel's father, William, was an overseer of highways in Plainfield, Otsego County. The Collins family wasted no time in settling in. The farther frontier called, however. After two more children were born in Plainfield, Rachel, a girl of 15, accompanied her family north to the Black River Country. Her eldest sister, Polly, was already married to Truman Kilborn, another pioneer from Stonington.

Rachel's granddaughter, Irene (Dixon) Bamford, wrote of their trip north: "They came not by steam cars [train] nor automobile but in the month of June through wilderness on covered waggons [sic] drawn by oxen with loaded rifles ready for any emergency from danger of bears or wolves." This part of the trip probably took them nearly two weeks, the oxen plodding along at about ten miles a day. They slept in their

covered wagons, a caravan of "several New England families moved with them." By night, they kept bright fires burning around their camp to frighten the wild life abundant in those days.

Another traveler wrote of the same trip, "the road became bad and difficult to traverse, and long before reaching their destination they were compelled to abandon their cart and construct a log sled or slide boat, to which was transferred the goods and the little children. This could be dragged over the rough road and around through the woods where trees and logs had fallen across the trail, where the cart could not go."

On reaching the Stone Mills area, then Penet Square in the town of Brownville, the travelers quickly became settlers, hacking out lots to put in a crop, and building tiny log cabins which would be their shelters for some time to come. Rachel married another early settler, Robert Smith of Schenectady. By 1810, when her first child, Harmon or Harmonious, was born, they had a farm in the Carter Street area.

Lillie Herrick wrote in her autobiography, *My Yesterdays*, of finding "plenty of wild animals available for food; bear meat was used as we use pork; the flesh of deer served for our beef. Wild fowl and their eggs were plentiful. There were many 'bee trees' which yielded honey as a substitute for sugar. The maple trees gave a delicious syrup, also maple sugar. There were no fruit trees here, but the many kinds of wild berries helped to supply the family larder. Cranberries were used in place of apples. My mother told me that in one year the family gathered sixteen bushels of these from the banks of Cranberry Creek [in the Town of Alexandria.] These they placed on the log barn floors to ripen and cure. Of course the rivers furnished fish. Animal hides were saved for shoes. Corn meal and rye were the main bread foods used. Some people ground their own meal, others went to

## Rachel Collins Smith...continued

the grist mill when the roads were passable." Lack of grist mills was a hardship to the settlers, and Rachel's brother John B. Collins built a stone mill, with partner Peter Pratt, by 1818. Thus, Stone Mills got its name.

Her granddaughter described Rachel, her Granny Smith: "I often went visiting to Grandmother Smith's... nothing elegant nor grand but everything so neat and clean, shining. And the warm welcome was best of all and Granny so neat in her dress and apron and black lace cap knitting or piecing quilt blocks...Grandmother would say, "come out in the garden and see the new double hollyhocks: and there would be rows of real carnation pinks on long slender stems, all colors, white, red, spotted, fringed, the most beautiful old fashioned flower garden I ever saw. Big double poppies, zinnias, ribbon grass, four o'clocks and not a weed to be seen, and the vegetable garden the same."

Rachel and Robert had eight children: Harmon, Daniel, Nancy, Nicholas, Polly, Hannah, Robert B., and William Collins Smith. Their daughter, Nancy, married a neighbor, Robert B. Dixon Jr. In the 1850s New York State was in a depression during which Robert and Nancy Dixon lost their farm near Stone Mills and moved to the Town of Cape Vincent. From there they took a farm on the foot of Wolfe Island, Ontario, Canada. Robert and Nancy's oldest daughter, Irene, taught in the common schools, both in Cape Vincent and on Wolfe Island. Irene, or Aunt Renie as she was known to her many nieces and nephews, was fascinated with family history and left letters retelling the tales she had heard as a child. She was fortunate to know three great-grandfathers who had fought in the Revolutionary War, who all settled near Stone Mills in today's Town of Orleans: Nicholas Smith, a Dutchman from Schenectady; Curtis Dixon from Rhode Island and Massachusetts; and of course, William Collins.

From Aunt Renie's letters come details of pioneer life: "The women of the neighborhood used to make it a point of business to visit each other Saturday afternoon, after they had sent word through the week that they were coming... The hostess had all things garnished and brightened in great style.

The floors were scrubbed as white as hard wood maple could be made, a white sand stone burnt and pounded fine and sprinkled thickly over the floor and then by drawing a splint broom in waves and checks the room was prepared for visitors...almost always parlor, kitchen, and dining room combined in one and an old fashioned wooden cupboard instead of a pantry. And a bed in a corner hidden by very highly colored flowered curtains fastened to a sort of canopy, or in a recess with long gay [sic] curtains in front of the bed. Most of the rural people lived in log houses with wide stone chimneys built up on the outside of the house. In summer time the fire place was filled and decorated with branches of maple trees (every Saturday a.m.) with their pretty shining leaves."

Aunt Renie married Wells Bamford, whose vessels sailed the lakes and provided employment for many of his in-laws. Aunt Renie's sister, Rachel Dixon married Wells's brother Devolson, and on his early death became a cook on one of the Bamford boats. She, too, told family tales as she heard them.

Their brothers, John and Victor, were sailors on Bamford boats. When steam replaced wind, they could not find work, and John went farming, moving back to the Town of Lyme in the U.S. where his daughter Florence, youngest of ten children, was born, and then to the Anthony farm in Pamela. Their sister Helen died young, and brother Victor disappeared and was never heard from again. The youngest of Nancy Smith Dixon's family, William Collins Dixon Sr., moved, like his brother, back to Jefferson County.

# ASK AUNTY JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:  
Aunty Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,  
Clayton NY 13624  
or E-mail [nandixon@Gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@Gisco.net)

Dear Aunty Jeff:

I have tried to copy the map of Belleville, Town of Ellisburg, from the Jefferson County GenWebSite. Can only get upper left section. I need the Mathers Mills section but can't get it to print that section when it is on the screen.

—Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

Aunty Jeff is almost totally computer illiterate. She can, however, help people find things. It occurs to her that if you look at the FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) for that site, you will find suggestions on how to print maps. Look at [www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer/faqs.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer/faqs.htm) and you will find a section on printing maps.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

How far can you continue the Brown tree?

—An interested Brown

Dear Interested,

You have just presented the ultimate non question for Aunty Jeff. Aunty Jeff does not do your family history. She barely has time for her own. When you ask for help in family history, you must be specific. In which Brown family are you interested? Where were they located? At what time were they residing in that place? What do you have already? (Be very brief on that topic!) You need to present a query stating **WHAT** you wish to know about **WHICH** family (specific nuclear family) residing **WHERE** in **WHAT TIME FRAME**. It is never appropriate to ask a researcher to share **ALL** her research. Always sign your name.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I am conducting a genealogy search looking for any member of the Stratton family. The date the Strattons arrived in Watertown is not known, however they were there in 1647. Samuel Stratton was chosen surveyor for the coming year (1648).

—Agatha

Dear Agatha,

This sort of question arrives repeatedly, almost once a month. Once more: Neither Jefferson County nor Watertown existed at that time period. You need to continue your search in Watertown, MA.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

Where is Penet Square?

—Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

Penet (pronounce it pen-AY) Square is a 100-square-mile tract of land, presented by the Oneida Indians for reasons unknown, to a Frenchman by the name of Peter Penet in 1789. See Franklin Hough's *History of Jefferson County* for a full explanation. Located originally in the Town of Brownville, when Orleans was created in 1821 it became the foundation for that Town. The western four miles later became part of the Town of Clayton when that town was created, and a piece to the south of Perch River Flats was transferred to the Town of Pamela. It passed through a turbulent contest for ownership, finally settling into the hands of John LaFarge around 1817, and sold by him in land contracts to some the people then occupying and farming the land. Original possession and location of the early settlers is difficult to find, since about 20 years elapsed between settlement and granting of deeds.

## Coming in the July INFORMER

- We will feature the **1855 map of Pamela**.

Members are encouraged to send in information, stories and photos relating to Pamela genealogy/history; contact editor Nan Dixon.

- We will begin a new series: **Dollinger House Register, Redwood, NY**

(Mr. Alson Orendorf, Proprietor, May 14, 1887–April 17, 1888), thoughtfully transcribed and provided by society member Linda Malinich.



# Computer Corner

by Nan Dixon

It is my pleasure to announce the release of a new free resource for Town of Hounsfield researchers – the “Master Index to Town of Hounsfield History.”

The index lists every name that appears in chapters and segments covering the Town of Hounsfield, in seven books, including: Childs, Emerson, Everts, Haddock, Hough, and others...

In total, the index contains more than 6,000 references from seven books to over 5,100 people from nearly 1,200 families.

The index is available for use now at: [www.usgennet.org/usa/nv/county/jefferson/hounsfield/](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/nv/county/jefferson/hounsfield/) – click on “Master Book Index” from the menu.

I hope this helps everyone doing Hounsfield research!

Sincerely,  
Mark A. Wentling, Coordinator, Hounsfield ALHN

Jefferson County GenWeb Site at [www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer) has been busy since the new year began. It now has all the villages and hamlets on line from the 1864 Jefferson County Atlas.

Gus Rogers sent updates for the massive Bartlett-Rogers cemetery inscriptions, which are now all on line, and which should be completed before you receive this **INFORMER** issue.

The Jefferson County Pioneers Project, which has been on hold for nearly four years, and has a backlog of a hundred pioneers, is now started again.

The site is spidered\* twice a month, so if you haven't logged on lately, you might be pleasantly surprised.

An updated resource for Jefferson County family historians is [www.nc3r.org/archives/Archives\\_Content.html](http://www.nc3r.org/archives/Archives_Content.html). This is the old “4-R's” brought up to date, with many sites to choose from. It covers all of Northern New York, by county. Unfortunately, not all libraries take advantage of their service, but let's hope it is a good beginning.

Our March speaker, Norm Young of the St. Lawrence County Genealogy Society, reminded us that some library help from the *Watertown Daily Times* is available at [www.wdt.net/services/archives.asp](http://www.wdt.net/services/archives.asp). You will be expected to pay for it, and it is copyrighted so it cannot

be reprinted for sale. Remember they can only search back to 1988. For older issues, you must do your own searching on microfilm, one copy of which is at Flower Library, just across Washington St. from the *Times* office.

A site to keep watch of is Jen Wylie's The Islands, at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~theislands/index.html>. It has been featured before in this column. Many of our early Jefferson County settlers came from Wolfe Island, Canada, set in the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, and in plain sight from the U.S. shore. Jen has 35 pages of photos alone, with intriguing “mystery photos” pages as well. If your brick wall stopped at Ontario, Canada, you might try this source. The genealogy section is hosted by Chris Morrell, and is located at [www.gencircles.com/users/islandfamilies/15](http://www.gencircles.com/users/islandfamilies/15) with the unique idea of connecting everyone with everyone else. It's fun just to pick a name and see where it goes! There are now 20,733 individuals, all connected in some way, if only by marriage, with roots in “The Islands.”

Thanks to Len Cole for information about this site. Many people are not aware of the great disruption caused by the expansion of Pine Camp, now Fort Drum.

The (federal) Farm Security Administration and Office of War photos of Depression era Jefferson County are in a collection at the Library of Congress, and are available online at the following link: [memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fsaPlaces30.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fsaPlaces30.html).

There are multiple pages for Jefferson County, and the above link points to a list where other pages can be found. The link for the entire FSA-OWI collection, which includes area all across the country is: [memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fahome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fahome.html).

To get to the previously mentioned page, click on “Geographical Location Index,” and scroll about halfway down the new page until you see the link for New York: “New York–Jefferson County–Calcium.” That takes you to the page with the links to Jefferson County locations.

I found it interesting because there are many photos of the old Pine Camp in the collection.

\*To spider: The World Wide Web needs indexing from time to time. The Jefferson County GenWebSite has a Free Find search engine, which is updated twice a month by the Free Find people who send a robot “spider” throughout the site to capture and index each and every name.



# Orleans\* 1825 Census

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Lee Lord  
James Spooner  
Elijah Horr  
Peter Pratt  
Jonathan Miller  
Gideon Ellis  
Charles B. Avery  
Lloyd B. Farrow (?)  
George Fluno  
Peleg Arnold Sr.  
Caleb Arnold 3rd  
Benjamin Ellis  
Orren Keyes  
Harmonious Smith  
Cornelius Sixberry  
Stevens Johnson  
Joseph Spencer  
Edward Arnold  
Abraham McOmber  
Ezekiel Cheevers  
William Waffle  
Obed Dodge  
Samuel Cheevers  
Jesse King  
William Mitchell  
Amos Reynolds  
David Reed  
Jason Wright  
Bezalel Wright  
William Wright

Charles Lawrence  
Alpheas Brown  
Aaron Keyes  
Daniel C. Rouse  
Collins Rouse  
Simpson Wilder  
John B. Francis  
Samuel Wordsworth  
Caleb Lobdell  
Daniel R. Maxson  
Samuel Arnold  
Danel H(?) D(?) rur  
Willis Howard  
Thomas Ballard  
Charles Sexton  
Samuel Hammond  
Rufus Canfield  
Erastus Canfield  
William Lea  
Amos Gillet  
Abraham Ackert  
Beriah (?) Carpenter  
Nathan Walsworth  
Nathan Gould  
Lazarus Vaughn  
Edmund G. Ely  
Harney Lawrence  
Warren Flowers  
Joel Forbes  
Ebenezer Jackson

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John McClary  
Samuel Thomas  
William Rouse

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Jacob Arnold  
Charles Walsworth

### *Confused about why you're seeing your Depauville ancestors in the Town of Orleans in 1825?*

*The Town of Clayton was created in the 1830s. It was then that the western four miles of Penet Square, including Depauville, became part of the new township. For more on Penet Square, see page 16, "Ask Aunty Jeff."*

John Kibbee  
Simeon Rouse  
Truman Kilburn  
Levi Otis  
Percy (Perry(?)) Babcock  
Jacob Low  
Gideon Low  
Abel F(?) Low  
Joseph Clark  
Sampson Phelps  
Erastus C. Larkin  
Samuel Putnam  
David Gibbs  
Edward Closson  
Ether Mathews  
John Smith  
John H. Jemson  
John Closson  
George Walkup  
Daniel Corp  
Anson Fowler  
Amos B. Page  
William Frame  
Gaylord Enos  
Igel Smith  
Jacob Tousley  
Peter B. Beedle  
Timothy Sanderson  
Solomon Johnson  
Stephen Johnson

John Murdock  
John Spencer  
Daniel Warriner  
Daniel Hayes  
Elijah Payne  
Anthony Atwood  
Isaac D. White  
Jonathan Hall  
Asa Fuller  
Robert D. Walker  
Eli Burgin  
Caleb Closson  
James Spencer  
Archibald Cowan  
Willis Rice  
David Baker  
David Tousley Jr.  
Jesse Worden  
Edmund Allen  
Lyman Cory  
Bailey Goodrich  
Francis McOmber  
Peleg Arnold Jr.  
John Barnett  
Selina Goss

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Peter Visger  
Ebenezer Johnson  
Job Butts  
John Middlemass  
Charles Johnson  
Sumner Kibbee  
Augustus Caprin  
James Anderson  
Phillip Grant  
Cardner Jones  
Joseph Burnham  
Samuel Farmer Jr  
Jared Drummond

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Jarat (?)/Jacob(?) Ingram  
Francis Depau  
Clark Hall  
Thomas Holbrook  
Daniel Holbrook  
Jared Nobles  
Roderick Davis  
Calvin Cowan

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Moses Drummond	Harvey Crocker	Thomas Martin	Elkanah Corbin
Samuel Farmer	Andrew Rhines	Peter Martin	Thomas Vincent
Jacob Burnham	Chauncey Bartholomew	Elihu Slocum	Timothy O'Connor
James Templeton	James Gloyd Jr.	Amasa Smith	Benjamin Vincent
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Joseph Epps	Richard Smith	William Martin	Truman Barker
Don C. Holly	William Durrell		Shepard Lee
John Prentice	Charles S. Cady	PAGE 8	(-) Darling
Solomon Gorham	Benjamin Hall	Luther Loveland	(-) Linnell
Roger Severance	Lemuel Blackmore	Loving B. Loveland	David Barnum
Joseph Casselman	Thomas B. Weaver	Nathan Munn	John A. Dougherty
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Jothan Hotchkiss	PAGE 7	Nathaniel R. Reed	Thomas Cumming
Charles Grant	Senson Dakin	Horrace Whitehouse	David Greenfield
William Thompson	Clark Frasier	Amos Gloyd	Ebenezer Eddy
John Eastwood Jr.	William Larabee	Grace L. Carton	Charity Cobleigh
	Jabez Knapp	Martin Minor	Richard Taylor
PAGE 6	Noah Schofield	Schyler Osborn	Philip Carpenter
John Fry	Joseph Smith	Thomas S. Osborn	John Taylor
Adam Fry	Benjamin B. Sheldin	William Baldwin	Hezekiah Munroe
Richard Durham	Norman Wordsworth	Major Ferris	Edward Guess
Henry Fry	Daniel G. Gould	John Wetmore	William Quick (?)
Stephen Herrington	Jedediah Hill Jr.	Anson Ormsby	Onws Briggs
Levi S. Stanley	Thomas Webb	Nathaniel Norton	John L. Dyer
Robert Bruner	John Nims	Phineas Osborn	(-) Dart
Alexander Stockwell	Garret F. Sisco	Abraham Vincent	David Rice
Lucy Stockwell	Christian Cassalman	Thomas Whitehouse	Ebenezer Scoville
John Everson	Colby Loveland	Josiah Holladay Jr	Erastus Warner
Oliver Smith	Wareham Case	Elias Ormsby	Solomon Atwell
Edward Gray	Ira W. Pachin	Abner Gould	Ambrose Adams
William D. Hosford	Amos Gould	Gideon Rogers	Isaac Mitchell
William Vincent	Ahahel Holley	James Pierce	James Everett
Anson Squires	Joseph Newton	James Whitney	Jotham Marshall
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Thankful Gray  
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Isaac Niles  
Horace Dickinson  
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Samuel Mixer  
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Woodbridge C. George  
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Arnold Earl  
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Orlando W. Cushman  
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Ami R. Holt  
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### NEWELL/SEGUIN/SAYERS/SIMONDS/ PINSONEAULT/ERWIN

I have been searching in vain for info regarding my ancestors with connections to Jefferson Co, some in Watertown. My maternal grandfather was Everett Emerson **Newell**, s/o Cyrus & Laura **Erwin Newell**. Laura was d/o Henry **Erwin** & Louisa **Simonds**; Louisa d/o Joseph **Simonds**. I believe the origin of **Simonds** was VT. Even more baffling is the search for my maternal ggrandparents who were from French Canada. My grandmother Helen **Sayers Newell**, Everett's wife, had French-speaking parents & I'm sure she was born in Watertown, although her siblings were born in Canada. Her mother's name was ?Amelia **Pinsonault**, called Minnie. Her husband was Joseph **Seguin**. I believe the name **Seguin** was Americanized to **Sayers**. I don't find them in any census, possibly because of the missing 1890 census. If anyone knows of Amelia/Minnie **Pinsonault Sayers** or Joseph **Seguin/Sayers**, who had daughter, Helen b abt 1891-2, md Everett Emerson **Newell** who ended up moving to Rochester, NY & had Ruth Catherine **Newell** b 1914, please contact me. Thank you.

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### SHELDON/POWERS/RADLEY/GOSIER/CARTER

I am a descendant of the **Sheldon** family from Jefferson Co, NY. I have Benjamin **Sheldon**, b 1820, 3 Mile Bay, md Charity/Cherry/Charry **Powers**. Their children: Frederick, George, Mary A., Frank, Mittie B., Ward. Frederick md Mary **Radley**, children I know: William F., b 1886 & George, d abt 1960. William md 15 Sep 1915, Nettie **Gosier**, children: Bernard & Rosemary. Bernard md 1 Jun 1940, Virginia **Carter**. Bernard & Virginia are my grandparents. Can anyone help me grow my family tree? Anything will be GREATLY appreciated.

Lara Matarrese  
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E-mail: DpLdMat807@aol.com

### WILLIAMS

Would like information on Merriett M. **Williams**, 1836-1914, bur Fairview Cem, Wilna Twp, Civil War vet. Need parents, siblings, place of birth.

Jean White  
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### PECK

Need family name of Submit, b ca 1811, NY, d 1870-1880 prob. Hammond, St. Croix, WI, wife of Holland **Peck**, b 24 Jan 1811, Lewis Co, NY. Resided also in Jefferson Co, NY & may have married around 1835.

Carolyn Blount  
2026 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102  
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### FINN/KNICKERBOCKER/WOOD/WALSTEIN/ RIDDELL/RIDDLE

I am descended from George **Finn** & Hannah **Knickerbocker**, lived in Ellisburg & poss. Belleville. George's 4th son Edwin Riddell **Finn** Sr. is my ggrandfather, md Elvira Orrilla **Wood**, 1843 & fathered 3 children. He was in CA for the Gold Rush. I have info on the family back to George b 23 May 1781, but little prior. I believe his father was Henry **Finn** who may have died in Jefferson Co, & who apparently had a sister, Ann/Anna who it seems md Jeremiah **Knickerbocker**, brother of George's wife. There were many Hannahs in the generations & gets confusing. Am also researching **Walstein & Riddell/Riddle**. **Riddell** may be of Scots-Irish origin, changed to **Riddle** in the US. **Walstein** sounds Dutch, is middle name of Edwin's brother. **Riddell** may be last name of George's wife or mother. I am not certain where George was born, possibly Albany. I have been to the "Old Stone House" in Woodville where my grandfather & other ancestors were born. Hoping to hear from you,

Richard C. Finn  
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### COLE/STREETER

My ggrandfather, Horace **Streeter**, d 1840, md Rebecca **Cole**; lived in Sackets Harbor area; 5 children, including: Horace, Hiram, Roxy, & Norman. After Horace died, Rebecca & children moved to Pennsylvania to live with brother Rodney. Am trying to establish relationships back to the Revolutionary War but only have knowledge back to Horace. Any info on Horace pre-Sackets Harbor, or any prior info on Rebecca would be helpful. Thank you.

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608-363-9744

### CROWDER/COON

Simon **Crowder** b 1835, Canada; then to US abt 1850; served in Civil War in 20th NY Cavalry; in Canton, NY

## Queries...continued

in 1880. Parents: William & Sally **Coons Crowder**. Does anyone know about this family, possibly in Jefferson Co, NY as the 20th Cavalry recruited in Sackets Harbor?

Mary Ruth Judd  
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### HALL/PATRIE

Re: Ronald **Hall** md Anna Georgianna **Patrie**. 1920 Watertown, Jefferson Co, NY census: Ronald **Hall**, 31y, b NY, parents b NY, store owner, appear to be renting home from Roswell F **Clark**; Georgia, 26y, b NY, parents b NY; Louella, daughter, 7y, b NY. 1930 Watertown, Jefferson Co, NY census: Head - Hall, Frank, 65y, NY, 1st md at 22y; Wife - Jennie L, 61y, NY, 1st md 18y; son - Leon J., 38y, NY, 1st md 21y, no wife listed; son - Ronald A., 42y, NY, 1st md 23y, shop owner, served WW, no wife listed. Anna Georgianna went by Georgia & later md David **Broderick** in Michigan. Looking for info of birth 2nd daughter Elanor, & info abt divorce btwn 1920 & 1930. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you.

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### COMSTOCK

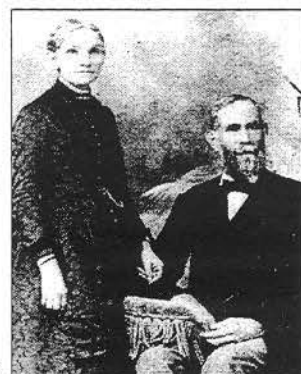
I am hoping to find 1855 census listing for family of Daniel **Comstock** from Evans Mills. I have 1850 census with some info but would like to know more about children & his wife. Do not know her maiden name or where she was from. Daniel was one of the Comstocks from Greenfield. They all died but Daniel's wife, Ann in a tragic fire in April of 1858. I have the obit and story.

Jim Comstock  
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### GRANT/MILLS

Seeking info on Cora Edna **Grant** of Watertown, NY, md Walker Hines **Mills**, from Tennille, Georgia, 4 Oct 1918 at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church of Watertown. Marriage performed by Minister Duane C. **Johnson**. Cora Edna Grant Mills died approximately six months after marriage, a victim of the influenza epidemic of that era. Please reply to:

Floyd A Mills  
90 Barrett Woods Rd, Covington, GA 30014  
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### THE MERRIAM FAMILY

The enclosed photo was found in a box of pictures from my husband's grandmother, Belle **Jackson Merriam**. No name on back of picture, but **Lewis**, Carthage, NY on the front. We are hoping someone can identify the couple.

Belle was the daughter of Bela and Catherine **Becker Jackson** and granddaughter of Daniel and Martha "Patty" **Kellogg Jackson** also of Carthage. The **Merriams**, Marshall and Mary **Driggs Dowd** settled in Jefferson Co about 1806. They had 2 daughters, Polly and Rhoda from Mary's first marriage, and Marshall and Mary had 3 children from their marriage: Daniel, who with his sons owned a carriage-making shop; Sylvester, who was my husband's great-great-grandfather; and Molly (Mary). In 1826, my great-great-grandparents, Sylvester and Cynthia **Johnson Merriam** migrated with four other families to LaGrange Township, Lorain, OH. Polly, daughter of Mary **Driggs Dowd Merriam**, who married David Manville Jr., stayed in the area. Polly is buried in LaFargeville, NY. Daniel **Merriam** and family stayed in the Champion area. Molly and husband David **Young** also migrated to the LaGrange, OH area. Mary, wife of Marshall, passed away in 1813 and is buried in Hillside cemetery, Champion, Jefferson Co, NY. Marshall migrated with Sylvester and family to Ohio in 1826. Marshall is my husband's great-great-great-grandfather. Any help in this will be greatly appreciated.

On September 15, 2003, George passed away very suddenly from the same condition as the actor John Ritter. Over the last year or more, George had talked with our children about the importance of "FAMILY" and how that was one of the reasons we had started our research. He so enjoyed finding FAMILY and corresponding with them. Our three children and older grandchildren have asked that I continue to research the families. Our son, Frank, and Martressa, one of our two daughters, have started helping me.

I will continue to subscribe to JCGS. Thank you in advance for your help in this. Sincerely,

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## The Art of Spelling

The following notice was written 1865. It "appeared in Antique Week, November 24, 1997"

OCUPSYSHUN—CENSUS TAKER I am a census taker for city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in recent years & now in 1865, it has become a hard & time consuming job to count all the peephill. There are not many that can do this work, as it is necessary to have an eju-cashun, wich a lot of persons still do not have. Another attribute needed for this job is god spelling, for many of the peephill to be counted can hardly speak english, let alone spell these names.

## Re: Mike Quencer Inquiries

"Please Note — Those people who tried to send Mike Quencer inquiries during November, December and January, please resend your inquiry. I think I have eliminated the operator problems. Thank you, Mike Quencer [mquencer@northnet.org](mailto:mquencer@northnet.org)"

## Missing Address

From our Queries List:

SKINNER

Jefferson County Portrait dated 1830. I have a portrait of my great-great-grandfather Calvin Skinner, who came to Adams to practice law in the late 1820's, after graduating from Hamilton.

(The address information has been lost or was missing)

## Letters ....

Letters to the editor may be directed to [nandixon@gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@gisco.net) or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624

## You know you're An Addicted Genealogist!

- when you brake for libraries
- when you get locked in the library overnight and never even notice
- when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery
- if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall
- when you think every home should have a microfilm reader
- if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book
- when you know the town clerk in every county by name
- if the town clerks lock the door when they see you coming
- when you're more interested in what happened in 1797 than 1997
- if you store your clothing under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals
- if you can pinpoint Kirkcaldy and Inverness on a map but you're not sure if Whitehorse is in the Yukon or Northwest Territories
- when all of your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin"

**Due to illness, this July INFORMER delivery has been delayed. We regret this delay.**

**- The Editorial Staff**

## FAMILY REUNIONS

The PROVEN-ROSE Family Reunion will be Sunday, July 4, 2004, 12 noon at the Stone Mills Museum, Town of Orleans, Jefferson County, NY. This includes relatives of Roy Perl Proven and Mabel Mildred Rose. Info: LemmonMinnie@hotmail.com or POB 24, Chippewa Bay, NY 13623.

The CHEEVER reunion will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. in July at Marilyn Peter's in Cape Vincent.

The CLARK Family Reunion for 2004 will be at the Thompson Park Pavilion, Watertown, on Sat. July 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 94<sup>th</sup> annual DILLENBECK Reunion will be held Aug. 7 & 8, 2004. The 7<sup>th</sup> will be in Johnstown, NY, and the 8<sup>th</sup> will be at Wiles Park in Fort Plain. Contact Rose Dillenbeck, secretary, at dillenbeck177@att.net for more information.

## What's Going On With JCNYGS April Meeting

Rexford Ennis gave the group a very interesting presentation of his own genealogical experience and then went into details of the Grindstone Island Historical Society, its newly refurbished web site, and various projects being researched. From the Historical Society's use of the School House to tours of the Island by the 1000 Islands Land Trust, from the annual Island Picnic in July to the four red Grindstone Island granite columns in the Senate Chambers in Albany, everyone was captivated by Rex's presentation. It was interesting to hear that Grindstone Island granite went through the Great Lakes to become streets in places like Cleveland and Chicago. An 1864 map with names became a start of Grindstone Island genealogy that now numbers over 9000 names. Grindstone Island has an Upper Cemetery, a Lower or Civil War Cemetery, and several family cemeteries with names such as Black, Carnegie, Slate, Smith, and others. Rex is himself working on a story of Robert Forsyth who introduced the quarrying on Grindstone. Another project is a list of the names of all the islands, both old and new, Canadian and American, some of which have had several different names. It was a very pleasant evening with many questions and much social talk.

## May Meeting

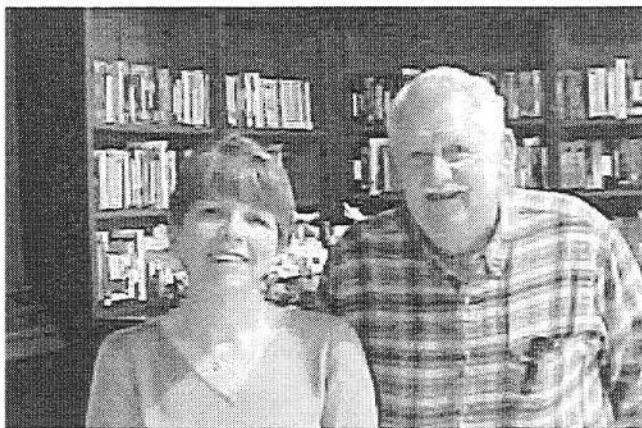
After joining members at the Panda Buffet at 5:00, Barbara Wheeler, the new Flower Library Director, presented the JCGS meeting at the Flower Memorial Library with a program on the library's "Restoration - Regeneration" campaign. She immediately conveyed to all in attendance how in the short time she has been in Watertown,

she has come to love and admire our Flower Memorial Library. From the Lions, the original art work, sculpture, the dome, the woodwork, and the beautiful structure itself, which she labeled "a treasure", Mrs. Wheeler demonstrated her skill and expertise with her research and observations of the library's needs.

Mrs. Wheeler presented a journey through the history of the library which started with a 1901 approach of Andrew Carnegie, Emma Flower Taylor's donation, 1903 cornerstone, November 1904 dedication, and a January 1905 opening. One most interesting item she mentioned when she continued through the 1970's addition was the library's loss of the "Roof Garden" on the second level with its marble columns, benches, fountains, and flowers. Most at the meeting were not aware that there was such a garden.

Listing concerns for "Restoration - Regeneration" Mrs. Wheeler included among many others, water damage from the dome, the 3 window transoms being buckled and cracked (but fixable), the 2 skylights, art work vandalism, worn and torn rugs, many closed off areas, a locked New York State Room, and poor use of space. Among the changes being considered, she listed a redesign of the children's area to get more children into the library, removing a wall to create more flow, getting material to a place where people can actually use it, open closed off and locked areas, lowering book shelves with more seating and reading areas, new furniture, better place for technology, more for young adults with their own area, lots of books needing weeding, and developing the Rotunda area for more events with coffee area and catering possibilities.

Mrs. Wheeler said that her biggest concern is that she wants the community to use the library, a library which will be much more inviting and attractive. She concluded by mentioning that these plans are very preliminary and ideas from everybody are welcomed. She mentioned that this is a very exciting time for the library and that "the people of Watertown had a great vision when the library was created and today people who care have that same vision."



Flower Library Director Barbara Wheeler and  
JCGS President Bob VanBrocklin

## JCGS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 12, 2004

Vice President Rose Dillenbeck called the meeting to order at 6:33 and asked for the reading of the minutes, the treasurer's report, and the corresponding secretary's report.

Charlotte Brenon from the Repository Committee reported that because of the popularity of the VCR tapes, she had decided to bring them all to the meeting and had a sign-out sheet for those who wish to borrow a tape. She also had several magazines and society newsletters that will be added to the Repository.

Linda Malinich reported for the Publicity Committee that over 80 emails were sent for the meeting.

Having no Program Committee Chairman, Phyllis Putnam took over the meeting. She declared herself to be Program Committee "Coordinator" and with following discussions, questions, and answers announced that our programs for the rest of the year would be:

**May** – Clancy Hopkins (Barbara Wheeler, our new Flower Library Director.)

**June** – Lis Couch (Oswego County genealogy connection with Charlene Cole.)

**July** – Nan Dixon (Marguerite Raineri, the Director of the Stone Mills Museum.)

**August** – Charlotte Brenon (the Grange with possibly Audrey Miller.)

**September** – Rose Dillenbeck (Technology Workshop. September is also our annual meeting.)

**October** – Linda Malinich & Nan Dixon (Laura Prievo, Wilna Town Historian. A day meeting, possibly on Sat.)

**November** – Patti Hopkins (Donna Dutton. Will not be able to use Flower Library.)

**December** – Al Seymour ("Why did your ancestor come to New York State?")

Bill Dixon for the Newsletter Committee reported that the May Informer was ready, Editor Nan Dixon has the July Informer started, and Publisher Clancy Hopkins will have the May Informer sent to the publisher upon receipt from Tracy Robertson.

For the Genealogical Collection Committee, Nan Dixon presented a variety of printed material that will be placed in the Repository and challenged every member to have a "Register Style" report or family story on one of their pioneer relatives to be placed in the Repository.

Clancy Hopkins mentioned the Membership Committee had little activity but did have a few address corrections.

Tracy Robertson reported for the Publications Committee that there was progress with the Will Book and a map that was to be included.

Under New Business, Nan Dixon showed three 1911 group photographs that she was placing in the Repository unless someone could first identify anyone in the pictures. She also brought attention to the June 24-26 "Palatine Footprints" to be held in Albany. Tracy Robertson showed the group a scrapbook by her ancestor from 1850 to 1903 that she would leave out for display after the meeting.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn, Hollis Dorr seconded. Nan Dixon introduced Rex Ennis as our speaker for the evening.

## JCGS MEETING MINUTES MAY 10, 2004

President Bob VanBrocklin called the meeting to order at 6:30 and asked for the reading of the minutes, the treasurer's report, and the corresponding secretary's report.

Charlotte Brenon from the Repository Committee reported that the VCR tapes are available. She also had a few books that she thought might be of interest to members. Magazines and newsletters that will be added to the Repository were also available.

Phyllis Putnam, Program Committee "Coordinator", asked Lis Couch to speak about June's meeting. Lis has spoken with Charlene Cole who will speak about the Sandy Creek History Center and her work as Historian for the town of Sandy Creek. Also Shawn Doyle will speak about the Halfshire Historical Society and the Oswego Co. Fair.

Bill Dixon for the Newsletter Committee reported that the July Informer was 2/3 done.

For the Genealogical Collection Committee, Nan Dixon mentioned that people have asked what a Register Report was and what was needed for a genealogy collection. Nan showed 3 different kinds of reports that served to show members some possibilities.

Clancy Hopkins mentioned the Membership Committee had 4 new memberships since last month and renewals are beginning to come in.

Old Business: Phyllis Putnam inquired about meeting minutes and program summaries being put into the Informer. It was mentioned that the next informer would include that information.

President Bob presented a request from the Thousand Island Sun to use some of our Informer articles for their newspaper. Nan Dixon mentioned that she was pleased that President Bob brought up the "Sun" request because Jean Snow of the Thousand Island Sun has given the Informer permission to print anything from the "Sun" in the Informer. Pauline Zach mentioned that it would be beneficial if the "Sun" were to mention not only that the article came from the Informer but that the Informer could be purchased and give the cost and contact. Sue Grant made the **Motion: The JCGS give the Thousand Island Sun permission to use Informer articles in their newspaper.** Seconded by Elaine Jobson. Passed.

New Business: Clancy Hopkins had correspondence from someone about glass negatives and mentioned that he would give the information to the Historical Society. Clancy also had a fellow society member Gayle Cornwall's Family Tree DNA document to show members. Clancy mentioned that after struggling several years ago to have enough finances to operate the society, we have recently done very well and as the Flower Library Fund Drive is on, Clancy presented the following **Motion: That the JCGS give the Flower Memorial Library \$1000 over a 3 year period.** Bob VanBrocklin seconded. Passed.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn, Nan Dixon seconded. Clancy introduced Barbara Wheeler, our new Director of

The JCGS Repository has among its VCR tapes collection a recently purchased 4 video package of Genealogy Tapes from the New England Genealogy Society. Charlotte and Grover Brenon administer our Repository.



[**Patricia R. James** (or Pat) publishes a small, supplemental **Jefferson County newsletter** 3 times a year. Contact her at [NewYorkAncestry@aol.com](mailto:NewYorkAncestry@aol.com) or P.O. Box 4311, Boise, ID 83711.]

**Church Records:** (A Summary of) The Minutes of the Black River Annual Conference, 32nd Session held from April 17th - 24th, 1867 in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Syracuse, NY Contributed by Patricia R. James

This 80 page booklet contains much information within the six topics it covers. From a genealogist's perspective the last section is where the 'gold' is. It contains over 32 pages of contributors to the missionary fund—approximately 10,000 members who were then living in the Conference's area spread over at least 8 northern New York counties! Approximately 2,000 of those were from Jefferson County. (For those who wish to know if their ancestor is listed, please see the end of this page.)

The first section records the minutes from each of the six days of business: reports of committees, various theological questions and the formation of church policy.

The second section records which preachers are stationed in which districts and charges. The Black River Conference at this time contained 8 districts: Adams, Camden, Ogdensburgh, Oswego, Potsdam, Rome, Syracuse and Watertown. (See following page for list of charges in each.)

The third section is nine pages in length and contains tables of much information including number of members, deaths at each charge, and amounts collected for the Bible Society, Missionary Society, Tract Society and the Church Extension Society. The fourth section reports on these Standing Committees: Bible Cause - Abstract; Centenary Funds; Church Extension; Education (includes reports on Genesee College, Wesleyan University, and Ft. Plain Female College); Freedmen's Aid Society; Missions; Observance of the Sabbath; Parsonages; Periodicals - Abstract; Popular Amusements; Sin of Using Tobacco; State of the Country; Sunday Schools; Temperance.

The fifth section eulogizes three ministers deceased in the previous year of 1866:

Rev. John V. HUMPHREY, b. Aug. 24, 1835 in Russia, NY; d. Sep. 23, 1866 buried in Heuvelton, NY

Rev. George McMULLIN, b. Apr. 3, 1810 in Western, NY; d. Dec. 31, 1866 in Florence, NY

Rev. J. C. VANDERCOOK, b. Aug. 3, 1814 in Lyons, NY; d. May 27, 1866 in Adams, NY

The sixth section is entitled "Missionary Contributions." It contains both men and women contributors and the amount of their gift. (\$10.00 was a good-sized donation. Usually the figure was around \$1.00.) The names of both husband and wife and the contribution of each are often separately listed.

### Black River Conference Districts and their Charges

Notice how the names of each district do not necessarily represent the county wherein that particular Town is located. For instance, the Adams (Jefferson County) district contains Bremen, Copenhagen, Lowville, Martinsburgh, and Turin which Towns are in Lewis County. Also, one 'charge' may consist of two Towns as in Adams District: Lorraine and Worth are listed as one. The Towns of Rome, Steuben and Watertown are divided into two charges.

#### Adams District:

Adams, Barnes Corners, Belleville, Champion, Copenhagen, Henderson (names of contributors not given) Lorraine and Worth, Lowville, Mannsville, Martinsburgh, New Bremen, Rodman, Sacket's Harbor, Turin, Watertown (State Street).

#### Camden District:

Camden, Cleveland, Constantia, Mexico, New Haven, North Bay, Ontario, Orwell, Oswego East, parish, Pultaski, Scriba, Vermillion, Vienna, Volney, Washingtonville and Williamstown.

#### Rome District:

Boonville, Brockett's Bridge, Constableville, Delta, Fairfield, Floyd, Forrestport, Frankfort, Herkimer, Ilion, Little Falls, Marcy / Schuyler, Middleville, North Western, Norway, Ohio, Remsen, Rome (Court Street), Rome (First Church), Salisbury Centre, St. Johnsville, Steuben / Trenton Welsh Mission, Steuben, and Trenton / Russia.

#### Ogdensburgh District:

Antwerp and Spragues Corners, Buck's Bridge, Canton, De Kalb, Depeyster, Edwards and Fine, Gouverneur, Hermon, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Macomb, Madrid, Morristown, Ogdensburgh, Rensselaer Falls, Richville, Russell, Somerville and Ox Bow, South Canton and Pierpont, and Waddington.

#### Oswego District:

Baldwinsville, Butler, Conquest and Cato Center, Fair Haven, Fulton Granby and South Hannibal, Hannibal, Huron, Lysander, Martville, Oswego Center, Red Creek, Victory, Weedsport, West Oswego, and Wolcott.

#### Potsdam District:

Bangor, Belmont, Brasher Falls, Chateaugay, Constable, Fort Covington, Lawrence, Louisville, Malone, Massena, Moira, Nicholville, Norfolk, North Potsdam, Potsdam, and West Stockholm.

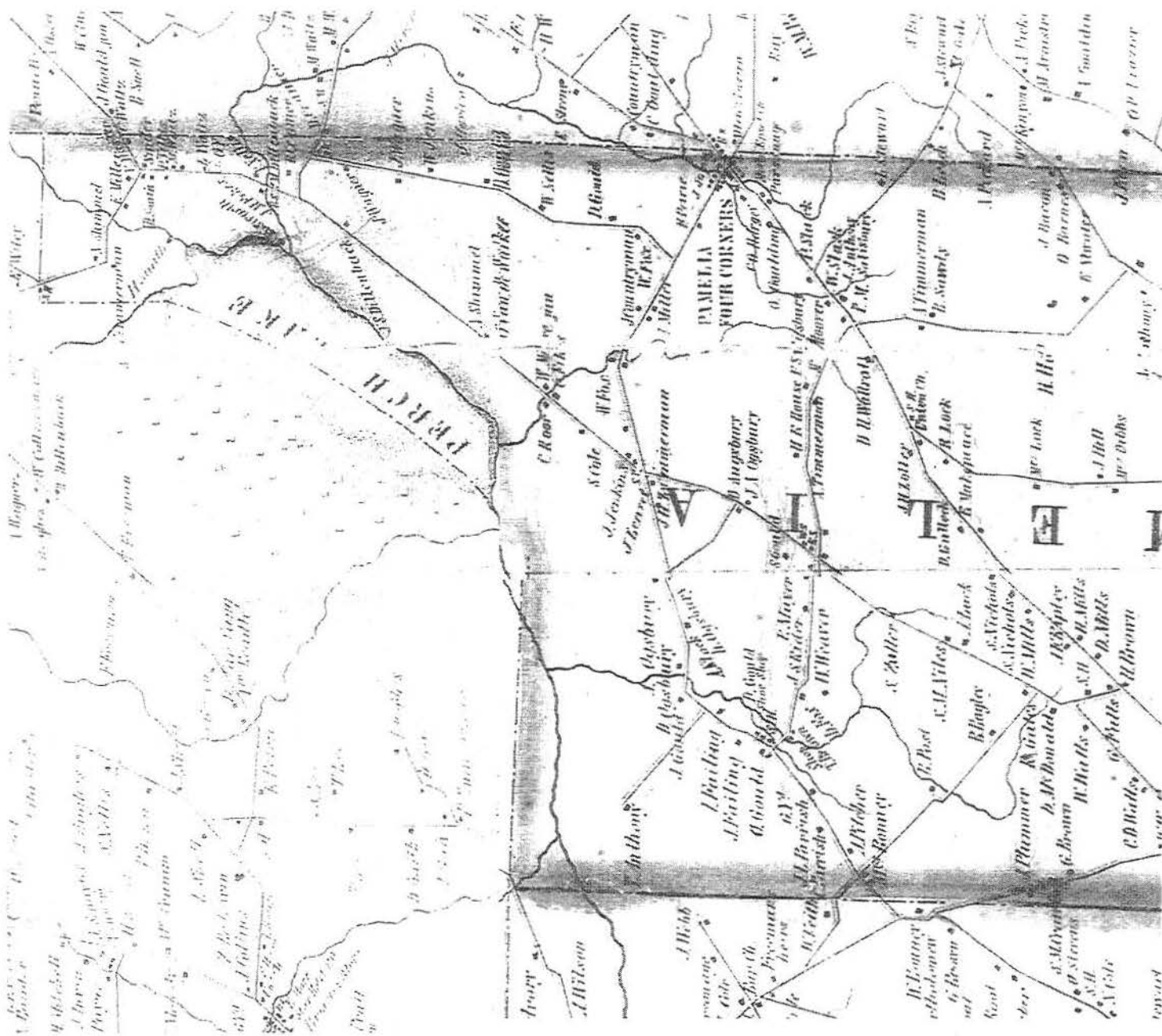
#### Syracuse District:

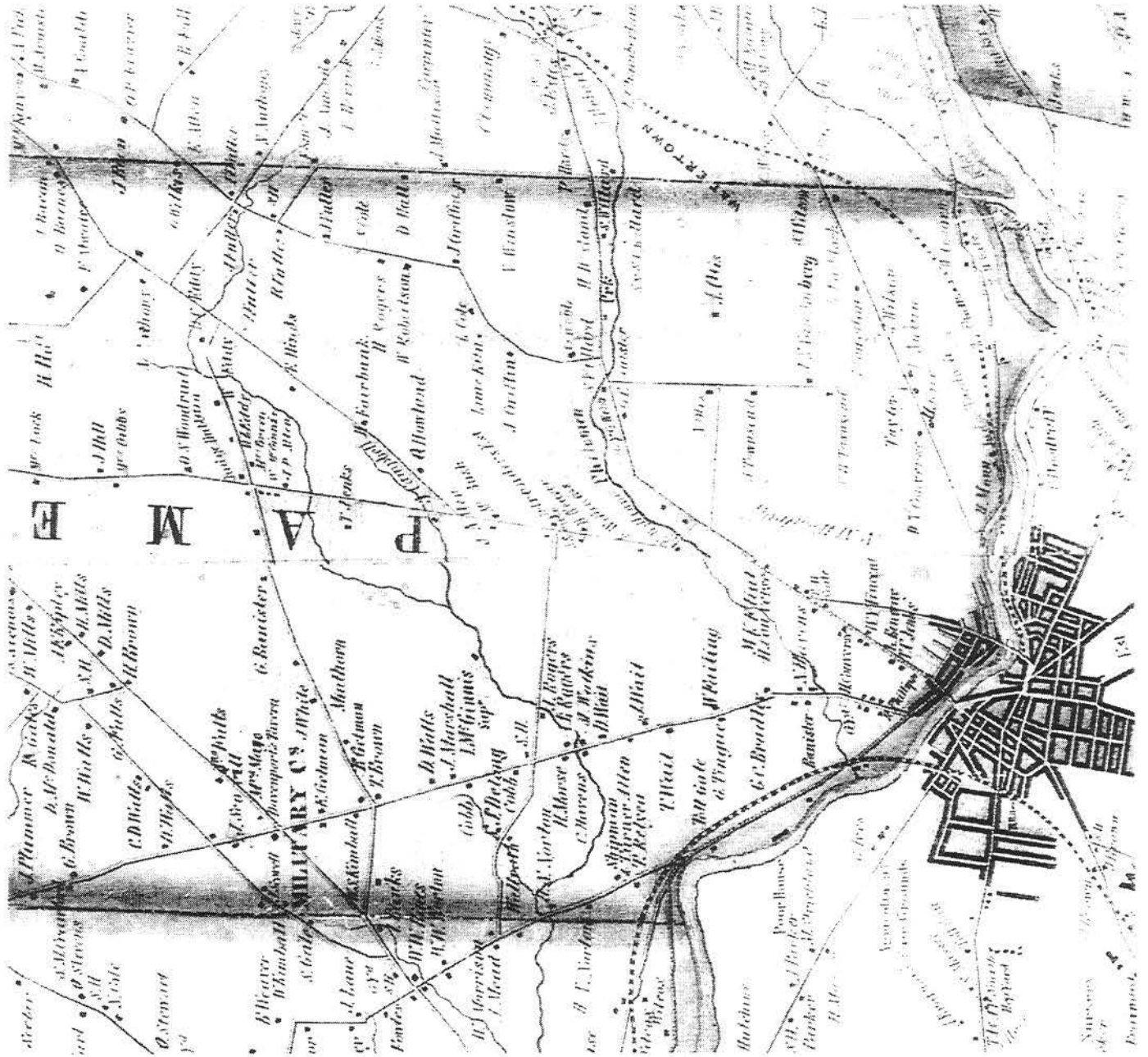
Bridgeport, Central Square, Centreville, Collamer, Durhamville, Euclid, Geddes, Lee Center, New London, North Manlius, Phoenix, Syracuse (First Church) Taberg and Van Buren.

#### Watertown District:

Black River, Brownville, Carthage, Depauville, Evans Mills, Lafargeville, Natural Bridge, Pamela, Philadelphia, Pillar Point, Theresa, Three Mile Bay, and Watertown (Arsenal Street).







## Index to 1855 Map of Pamela Township (page 6)

By Don Dillenbeck, JCNYS Member

Column 1 consists of initial, column 2 is surname or main entry, column 3 indicates location of residents on the map. By dividing the town map into 7 parts, Don uses the letters P, A1, M, E, L, I, A2 already on the map as locators.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter-N/S
B.S. =	<b>(Blacksmith Shop)</b>	I-West
B.S. =	<b>(Blacksmith Shop)</b>	Perch Lake area
Crk	<b>(Creek)</b>	NE of Watertown
G.Yd.	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	N of Watertown
G.Yd.	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	NE of Watertown
G.Yd.	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	I-West
G.Yd.	<b>(Grave Yard)</b>	Perch Lake area
Meth.Epis.Ch.	<b>(Methodist Episcopal Church)</b>	I-East
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	P-West
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	A1-East
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	E-West
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	L-East
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	I-West
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	A2-East
S.H. =	<b>(School House)</b>	Perch Lake area
W.S. =	<b>(Wagon Shop)</b>	I-West
J.	Allen	P-East
J.P.	Allen	A1-East
	Allen	N of Watertown
A.	Anthony	M-East
J.	Anthony	L-East
T.	Anthony	A2-West
E.	Atwater	E-East
D.	Augsburg	I-East
L.	Austin	NE of Watertown
J.	Bacon	E-East
R.	Bagley	E-West
G.	Banister	A1-West
O.	Banister	NE of Watertown
	Banister	N of Watertown
I.	Banks	P-West
O.	Barnes	E-East
P.	Basler	Perch Lake area

I.	Benway	N of Watertown
Mrs.	Bonney	L-West
	Bosworth	Perch Lake area
G.C.	Bradley	N of Watertown
G.	Brown	E-West
H.	Brown	M-West
T.	Brown	P-West
T.	Brown	I-West
Mrs.	Bush	P-East
J.	Campbell	P-East
	Cobb	P-West
	Cobb	P-West
W.	Coburn	NE of Watertown
L.	Cole	P-East
S.	Cole	P-East
S.	Cole	A2-East
S.	Congdon	NE of Watertown
D.Y.	Converse	NE of Watertown
H.	Converse	N of Watertown
H.	Converse	N of Watertown
J.	Countryman	A2-East
R.	Cramer	Perch Lake area
	<b>Davenport's Tavern</b>	A1-West
S.S.	Delong	P-West
J.S.	<b>Dillenback</b>	Perch Lake area
M.T.	<b>Dillenback</b>	Perch Lake area
D.C.	Eddy	M-East
W.	Eddy	A1-East
W.L.	Eddy	A1-East
I.	Failing	I-West
J.	Failing	I-West
W.	Failing	N of Watertown
H.	Fairbanks	P-East
G.	Fikes	A2-East
J.M.	Fikes	Perch Lake area
M.T.	Flint	N of Watertown
D.	Fox	I-West
W.	Fox	A2-East

W.	Fox	A2-East
J.	Fuller	A1-East
J.	Fuller	A1-East
R.	Fuller	A1-East
G.	Fulls	M-West
Jno.	Fults	A1-West
R.	Gates	E-West
E.	Getman	P-West
E.	Getman	A1-West
Mrs.	Gibbs	M-East
D.	Gould	I-West
D.	Gould	A2-East
J.	Gould	A2-West
O.	Gould	I-West
D.	Gould	A2-East
S.	Gould	I-West
O.	Goulding	I-East
Mrs.	Green	A1-East
J.	Griffin	P-East
J.	Griffin Jr.	P-East
D.	Gulleck	L-West
D.	Hall	P-East
H.	Hall	E-East
C.G.	Harger	I-East
C.	Havens	N of Watertown
N.	Havens	N of Watertown
J.	Hill	M-East
E.	Hinds	A1-East
	Hinller	A1-East
Mrs.	Hoover	I-East
H.E.	House	I-East
H.	Howland	NE of Watertown
O.	Howland	P-East
<b>Judge</b>	<b>Hubbard</b>	A1-East
W.	Isham	NE of Watertown
J.	Jenkins	A2-East
W.	Jenkins	Perch Lake area
T.	Jenks	A1-West
T.C.	Jenks	N of Watertown
J.	Jones	A2-East
W.S.	Kimball	P-West
A.	Klock	A2-West
J.	Learet	A2-East
	<b>Lime Kiln</b>	P-East
A.	Lock	L-West
Mrs.	Lock	E-East
R.	Lock	L-East

E.	Makepeace	L-West
H.	Mann	NE of Watertown
J.	Marshall	P-West
P.	Mayer	I-West
Mrs.	Mayo	A1-West
D.	McDonald	E-West
W.	McGinnis	A1-East
L.	McGinnis (Supn.(Supervisor)	P-West
	<b>MILITARY Cs.(Corners)</b>	A1-West
F.	Miller	Perch Lake area
I.	Miller	A2-East
D.	Mills	M-West
H.	Mills	E-West
W.	Mills	E-West
	Minthorn	A-West
W.	Moore Jun.	A2-East
H.	Morse	N of Watertown
P.	Nellis	Perch Lake area
P.	Nellis	Perch Lake area
W.	Nellis	A2-East
S.	Nichols	E-West
S.	Nichols	E-West
S.M.	Niles	L-West
H.N.	Norton	N of Watertown
A.	Ogsbury	A2-West
D.	Ogsbury	A2-West
D.	Ogsbury	A2-West
J.A.	Ogsbury	I-East
A.	Olis	NE of Watertown
A.	Olis	NE of Watertown
	Ostrander's Est.	NE of Watertown
L.	Paddock	NE of Watertown
	<b>Pamelia Four Corners</b>	I-East
C.	Parrish	I-West
J.L.	Parrish	I-West
	<b>Parsonage</b>	I-East
H.	Petrie	A2-East
R.	Phillips	N of Watertown
	Philomen	NE of Watertown
A.	Pitcher	L-West
J.	Plummer	E-West
B.	Post	L-West



T.	Relyea	N of Watertown
O.	Rice	NE of Watertown
J.S.	Rider	I-West
A.F.	Ripley	E-West
W.	Robertson	P-East
H.	Rogers	P-East
L.	Rogers	N of Watertown
J.	Rogers	N of Watertown
C.	Roof	A2-East
P.	Salisbury	I-East
P.M.	Salisbury	L-East
B.	Sawdy	L-East
J.	Scovill	A1-West
A.	Shimmel	A2-East
	<b>Shipman &amp; Turner</b>	N of Watertown
	<b>Shoe Shop</b>	I-West
	<b>Shop</b>	I-West
N.	Shummel	Perch Lake area
P.	Slack	I-East
W.	Slack	I-East
H.	Smith	Perch Lake area
H.	Smith	Perch Lake area
	Snyder	Perch Lake area
J.	Sowell	A1-West
J.	Sowle	NE of Watertown
	Taylor	NE of Watertown
A.	Timmerman	I-East
J.H.	Timmerman	A2-East
N. ?	Timmerman	Perch Lake area
G.	Tingue	N of Watertown
	<b>Toll Gate</b>	N of Watertown
	<b>Toll Gate</b>	N of Watertown
	<b>Toll Gate</b>	NE of Watertown
J.	Townsend	NE of Watertown
T.B.	Townsend	NE of Watertown
	<b>Union Ch. (Church)</b>	L-East
J.N.	VanAmberg	NE of Watertown
G.	VanDeWalker	A2-East
W.Y.	Vincent	N of Watertown

J.	Wagner	Perch Lake area
J.	Wagner	Perch Lake area
D.	Wait	N of Watertown
J.	Wait	N of Watertown
T.	Wait	N of Watertown
	Wallrath	P-West
D.H.	Wallroth	L-East
C.	Waltz	Perch Lake area
L.	Waltz	Perch Lake area
M.	Waltz	Perch Lake area
<b>Judge</b>	<b>Wardwell</b>	NE of Watertown
M.	Watkins	N of Watertown
C.D.	Watts	M-West
D.	Watts	P-West
W.	Watts	M-West
W.	Watts	E-West
H.	Weaver	NE of Watertown
W.	Weaver	I-West
G.	Webb	NE of Watertown
G.	Webb	NE of Watertown
J.	White	A1-West
G.	Wilkis	M-East
S.	Willard	NE of Watertown
S.	Willard	NE of Watertown
S. & S.C.	Willard	NE of Watertown
E.	Williams	NE of Watertown
E.	Williams	NE of Watertown
J.	Wilson	NE of Watertown
W.	Wilson	NE of Watertown
N.	Winslow	P-East
N.M.	Woodruff	NE of Watertown
O.S.	Woodruff	M-East
J.H.	Zoller	L-East
S.	Zuller	L-West

## ASK AUNTY JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:  
Aunty Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,  
Clayton NY 13624  
or E-mail [nandixon@Gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@Gisco.net)

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I'm sorry to inform you that your column for January, 2003, is in error. You stated there that all vital records, birth, marriage and death records are to be found in the town clerk's office. I inquired both at Evans Mills in the Town of Leray, and Chaumont in the Town of Lyme. In those two places, at least, the Village Clerk keeps the records for events happening in the village, and the Town Clerk keeps track for the towns.

- Alice Corbett

Dear Alice,

Thank you for your alert. Aunty Jeff rechecked both Evans Mills and Chaumont, and found that you were entirely correct. It gets worse. Clayton requires the Town Clerk to keep ALL records, including the ones for the Village of Clayton. Most others, I believe, do the same.

For the Village Clerks who keep the records, the file starts only after the village was incorporated, and since they were incorporated at different times, there is no set date after which village records are kept in the village. On the other hand, some villages were able to turn their record keeping over to the Town Clerks, after keeping them for an indefinite period. In that case, only a portion of the records may be found in the Village clerk's office. The rest are with the Town Clerk. Some towns, of course, kept all records in the Town Clerk's office from the very beginning.

Some Village Clerks issue marriage licenses, but do not keep the marriage RECORD, which may be found in the Town Clerk's office. Since this whole rigamarole is so confusing, please consult the list of pertinent addresses, which may be found in the November 2003 issue, pages 14-17. Call or write the Town or Village Clerk to see where the desired record may be found. These addresses are updated periodically, but Aunty Jeff would appreciate knowing if any are outdated.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I had a ggg Grandfather named George w he was married to a Mary and had a son named Gilbert. G W was born in NY, could they be the same?

The Mary that my gggrandfather was married to was born in circa in 1851 and Walter was one of their kids and he was born in Jackson Co WV.

- Very Confused

Aunty Jeff includes this query, which really came this month, only as an example of what not to do. She despairs of any answer at all. Please remember that a query must state WHO, WHERE, WHEN and WHAT YOUR QUESTION IS.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

Is there a Roman Catholic Church in Watertown, composed of largely French or French Canadian Parishioners?

- Searching

Dear Searching,

Aunty Jeff turned this question over to one of our Catholic members, whose wife answered: Yes, there was, and still is, a Sacred Heart church on the north side in Watertown. It used to be for the French and Irish but they split and the Irish went to St. Patrick's while the French remained at Sacred Heart. The burials would probably be at either Calvary Cemetery (Alice Corbett: at [corbi@a-znet.com](mailto:corbi@a-znet.com)) or Glenwood (Clancy Hopkins, [chopkins@imcnet.net](mailto:chopkins@imcnet.net)). Hope this answers your question.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

According to my information, Jeremiah Winslow married Clarissa Sawyer in Jefferson County, probably in Brownville or Watertown, between 1815 and 1820. Can you tell me where to go to get a copy of or an extract of their marriage certificate?

Thanks. Glenn

Dear Glenn,

This question appears in various forms about once a week. Again, vital records in New York State did not begin until about 1881, with the exception of 1847, 1848, and 1849, when special records were kept by town. To my knowledge, there were no records kept at the times you mention. Your only hope is a Bible record, or a record by a clergyman or a justice of the peace.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I find repeatedly that family members have relocated to the Pillar Point and Brownville area of Jefferson County from Warren and Washington Counties in the early 1800's. Is it obvious to you what would have brought them to this area at that time? Were there land grants or something else that would have drawn them to this area just after the War of 1812? Lastly could this area have been considered the "western part of NYS" at that time? Many thanks.

- Diana

Dear Diana,

Other than its lure as prime agricultural land and few settlers, I know of nothing to bring the flood of settlers that appeared here at that time. As for a specific place immigrating to a particular area, there are plenty of instances. People tended to settle in groups, be it family, church, or neighborhoods. In venturing into unknown territory, it was comforting to know your family, friends, or neighbors were there before you. This has been a basic principle of migrations for centuries.

I know of no land grants, but soldiers sent up here for the War of 1812 saw the possibilities of the country first hand, and were eager to take advantage of them. Yes, this could have been considered western NY. Not until the Erie Canal was there easy access to the west.

## Pamelia Cemeteries

An abandoned cemetery is one which no longer accepts burials, and which is under the protection of the town. A destroyed cemetery is one from which all markers have been removed, all records lost, and is known as a general location only. We have used CR to indicate a county road number. An asterisk (\*) denotes an inactive cemetery. All phone numbers are area code 315. The numbers refer to the map on page 11:

1. North Watertown. Although within the city limits of the City of Watertown, it was originally chartered in the Town of Pamelia. Located on the west side of Bradley Street (NYS Rt 12) about 1/2 mile south of the city line. Contact Mr. Richard Williams at 782-5960.

\*2. Jefferson County Home is located on outer West Main St. approximately half way between the railroad underpass and Rt. I-81 on the south side of the road. A large monument is near the road. Contact the business office of the Jefferson County Home at 782-9272.

3. Parish is located on the west side of CR 16 approximately one mile from NYS Rt 12. Contact Mr. Walter Cole at 629-4787.

\*4. Perch Lake is located on the east side of Perch Lake Rd north of CR 16 approximately 1/2 mile north of CR 17. Contact Mr. Dennis Hoiston at 785-9792.

\*5. Shady Lawn, sometimes called Bannister, is located on the west side of Rt 11 north of Watertown 1/4 mile north of Plaza Drive. Contact Mr. Dennis Hoiston at 785-9792.

\*6. Augsburg Cemetery is located on the west side of Perch Lake Road just north of the hamlet of Knowlesville. It is not visible from the road. For information contact Rev. Robert Cough at 649-2730 or Mr. Mason Mosher at 782-0829.

\*7. Countryman Farm is located just south of Knowlesville Road just west of NYS Rt 37. All stones are weathered limestone with no readable inscriptions. Mr. DeWitt Countryman informed us that all remains were moved to Evans Mills Cemetery some considerable time before 1930 when his grandfather died.

## REPORT OF NYSCOGO REPRESENTATIVES

Bill and Nan Dixon attended the spring meeting of NYSCOGO, New York State Council of Genealogical Organizations April 24. Bill is the delegate for JCNYGS, and Nan represents NY GenWeb. The mission statement for NYSCOGO has been clarified. It is to provide leadership in:

1. facilitating the work of nonprofit organizations with genealogical and/or family history orientations throughout New York State,

2. encouraging the development of genealogical and/or family history orientations in areas of the state not currently served by such organizations,

3. identifying and creating resources which have statewide genealogical and/or family history significance.

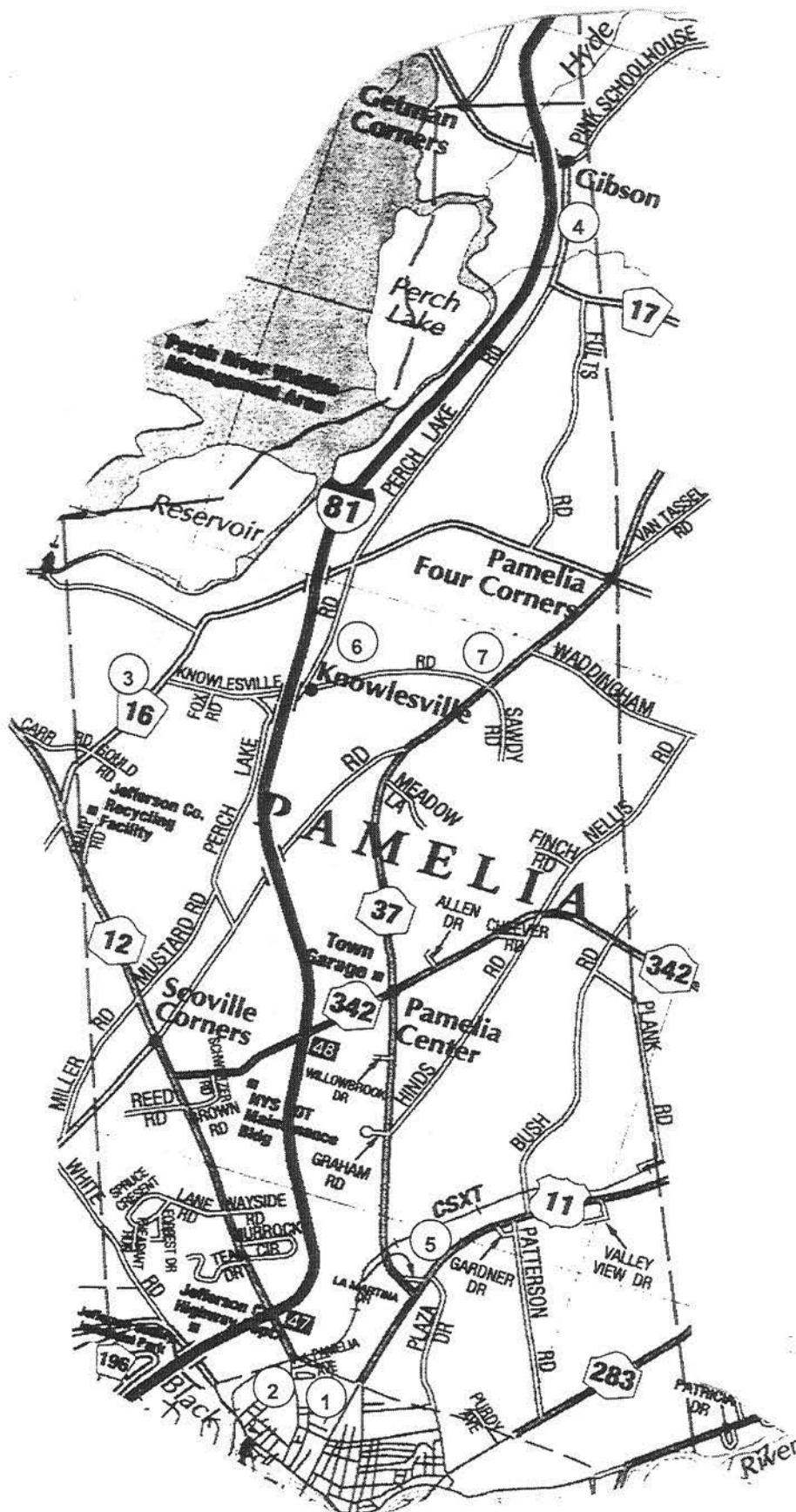
4. representing the interests of New York State genealogists in state and national venues.

Referring to the representation section, see article on "Crisis in Vital Records."

The April 30, 2005 meeting will be a full day leadership training workshop in conjunction with the spring Trustee/Delegate meeting of NYSCOGO. It will be held at the First United Church of East Syracuse. It will be open to officers and members of organizations interested in the study of genealogy or family history. Experienced leaders both within and outside the world of genealogy will lead the workshop. This meeting is open to all those interested in family history, whether or not they have had any association with NYSCOGO. More on this will be available in a future issue, or contact Nan or Bill Dixon.

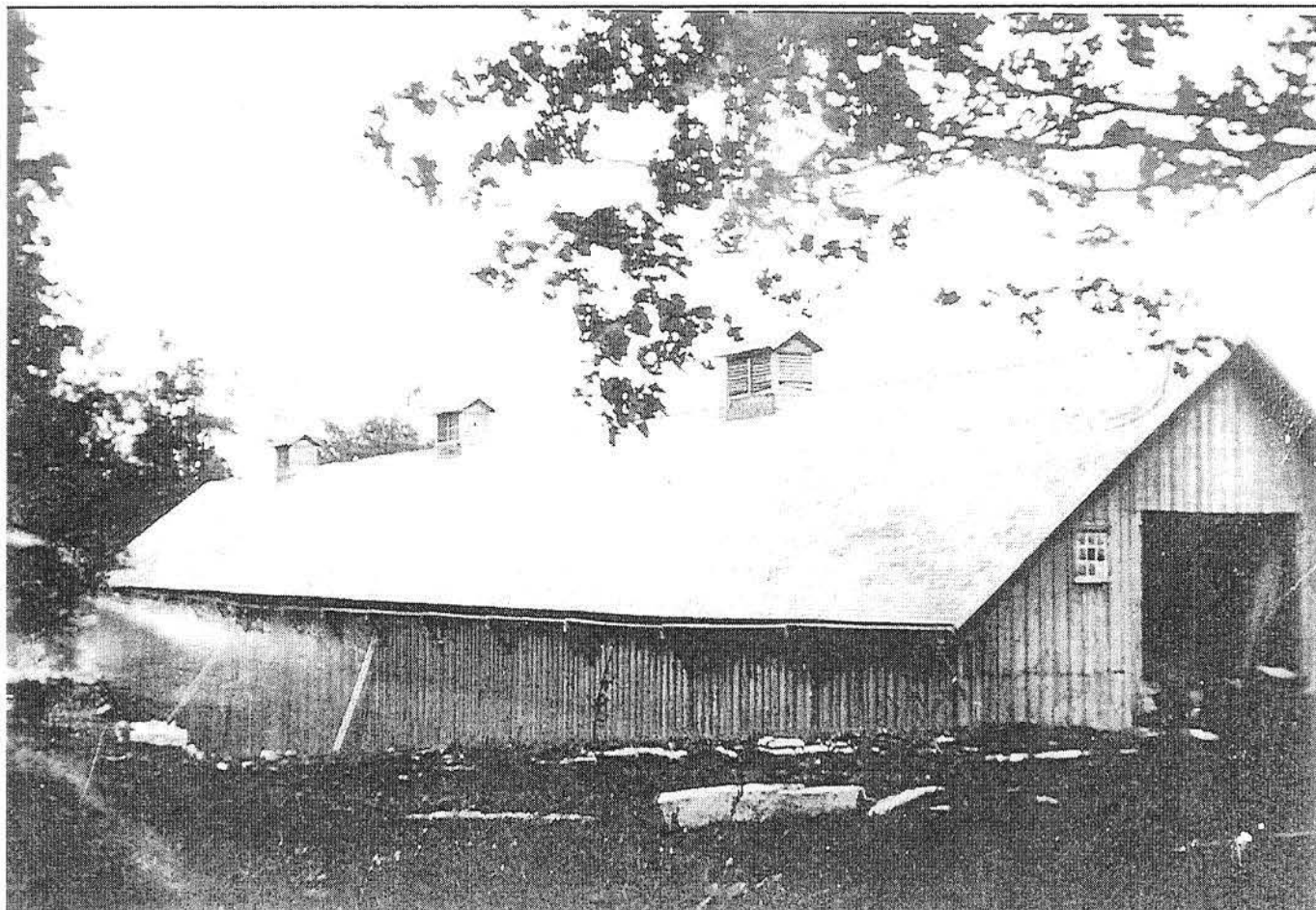
The ongoing publishing project for NYSCOGO is on the topic of searching for your Native American ancestor, a book length compilation of the various sources, institutions, museums and libraries which contain helpful references to that subject. The title of the book is to be announced. Publication is hoped for by next year.

The speaker for the day was Tom Henry from Phoenix, NY. He is a history teacher in Liverpool as well as a re-enactor for St. Marie mission site in central New York. He discussed the map-making Jesuit missionaries of that mission in the late 1600s. The meeting closed with a tour of the restored site of Ft. Brewerton.



- ① North Watertown
- ② Jefferson County Home
- ③ Parish
- ④ Perch Lake
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- ⑥ Augsbury Cemetery
- ⑦ Countryman Farm





## The Anthony Farm

The road leading over the Perch River Flats, now Route 12, passes within a mile and a half of what was once the largest barn in New York State. This barn, built by the late Tom Anthony, a pioneer farmer, was constructed between two hills and was more than 150 feet long. The greater part of the work land on the Anthony farm was on high land and the wagons loaded with hay were drawn onto a floor near the roof and the hay dumped down into deep mows on either side, effecting a great saving of labor at a time when virtually all farm work was done with hand tools.

Tom Anthony employed milk maids to milk the large herd he housed in the barn, and someone reminisced recently that his aunt and her daughter got up early to walk to the farm to milk the cows. All milking was done by hand, in those early pre-machine days.

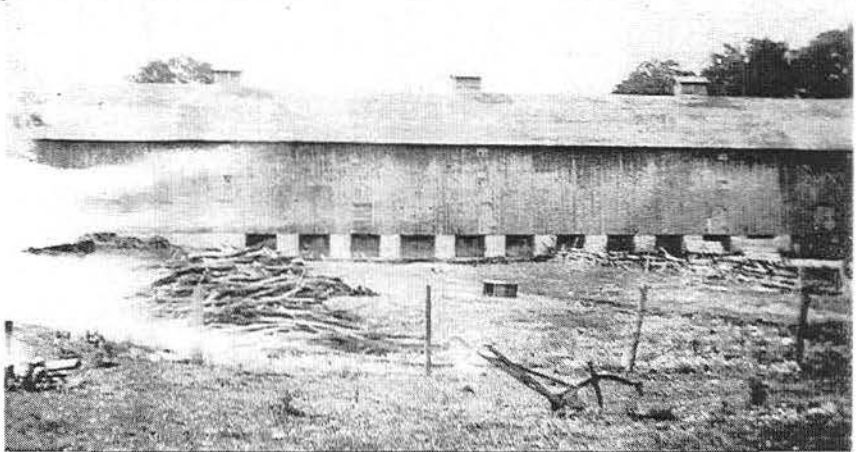
Some time before 1890, the Anthony Farm, as it was known, was rented or leased by John Dixon, (grandson of Rachel Collins Smith, in the May issue) who moved his large family into the lovely stone house belonging to it. The barn, long since gone, is shown in these pictures. The lovely house is no longer as it was. The Dixon family worked the farm until the death of John Dixon, New Years Eve, 1903. They had moved from Wolfe Island, Ontario, in the early 1880s to Three Mile Bay area, and then later to the Anthony Farm.

The barn is gone, and the lovely stone house has been torn apart in the interests of modernization. The memories linger on in the memories of those who heard the stories of the nine lively children who lived in that house, and were married from it, to scatter all over the United States.

## The Seven Bridges

Roy E. Fairman in "The Roaming Reporter" in the Syracuse Herald-Journal for Jan. 13, 1946:

Every motorist who has had occasion to travel between Watertown and Clayton on the St. Lawrence River is familiar with the place known as Seven Bridges, at a point where the state highway crosses Perch River and its adjacent flat lands.



The Anthony Barn from the back

What some may not know, however, is that the name, Seven Bridges, is a misnomer. There never were seven bridges there. For many years there were eight. Now there are three. Perch River rises in Perch Lake and flows into Lake Ontario below Limerick, about 14 miles from its source. During most of the year, it meanders along its narrow, crooked channel in many places little wider than a distance a man can jump. But in times of melting snows or heavy rains it carried a considerable volume of water, a volume such as the stream cannot carry away, partly because of the tortuousness [sic] of its channel and partly because near its mouth, it flows through a narrow gorge which helps to back the water upstream. Consequently, in times of freshets\*, it overflows its banks and its water spread out over adjacent flat land bearing in width from one-half to three-fourths of a mile.

The Watertown-Clayton highway passes over one of the widest places in the so-called Perch River flats. So when that road was constructed in the early days of the 19th century the builders found that a bridge over the channel of the stream was not enough. When water was high much of the route across the flats would be inundated if there were only one bridge. So, to minimize such danger, the highway engineers raised the roadbed a few feet above the level of the flats and besides the bridge crossing the river channel constructed seven other small bridges, which, in reality, were little more than sluices. It may be that the name, Seven Bridges, came from the fact that there were seven sluices.

\* **Freshet:** Overflowing of a stream, as during spring snowmelt, and spring rains.

When, nearly 30 years ago, the present concrete highway was constructed, the road across the flats was raised considerably higher than the old one had been. The eight bridges were taken away and in their places were built three concrete spans, one over the channel and two others between the viaduct and the southeastern side of the flats, but all having clearance to allow passage of large volumes of water. Since that time, there have been relatively few occasions when any water flowed over the highway. Perch River took its name from its source, Perch Lake, which at one time was prolific with fish of that name. But the river itself was for many years a widely known bullhead hole and anglers traveled by horse and buggy from places as far distant as Watertown on fishing expeditions.

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Mr. Anthony also achieved considerable fame through the construction of a low, solid wood wheeled wagon with a big platform on which could be loaded a railway carload of baled hay. It was drawn by six or more horses.

## The Winegar Family

Charles E. Winegar, 76, Corvallis, OR, cites the fact that he is the great-grandson of Mrs. Leah Winegar, first white woman to settle in what is now the village of Dexter. Native of the Mohawk valley, where she was born Aug. 28, 1788, she was one of the first to settle in the township of Brownville in 1799, the year that Major General Jacob Brown came there with his family from Bucks County, PA to open up and develop the Jefferson County wilderness. At the time of her death, May 30, 1878, she lacked but a few months of being 90.

Mr. Winegar relates that he is a member of a long-lived family, his father having died but six years ago at the age of 96. He is himself a native of this county and named for his grandfather, Charles Winegar.

His predecessors have been contemporaries not only of the distinguished Jacob Brown family, who gave Brownville its name, but of many of the other prominent old families of Brownville and Hounsfield who have many descendants residing in this section today.

Among them were the Reeves, the Phelps, the Patricks, the Gilmores, the Emersons, the Woods, the Knapps, and many others. There was a M. Wood of Dexter, who operated a store in that village for many years and there was Capt. Horace O. Gilmore, noted Lakes sailor and veteran of the New York 10th Heavy Artillery of Civil War days, whose great-grandson, Horace H. Gilmore of this city has written several books on the building of ships and boats.

Dexter was first known as Fish Island. It was part of the lands of John and Jacob Brown. In 1811 they began the first development there of constructing a dam, which was swept away by a flood, but was rebuilt later, after which they constructed a sawmill, which they got into operation in February, 1813. Other developments followed in ensuing years and S. Newton Dexter of Whitesboro became one of the most prominent industrialists in the community.

A post office was established in 1836 and on March 1, 1837 the Dexter Village joint-stock company was formed to layout the village on a tract of 249

acres south of the river and 800 acres north of the river. So the name of Dexter replaced that of fish Island and May 8, 1855, the village was incorporated.

Mr. Winegar has submitted to the Times a clipping from the June 17, 1878 issue of the Watertown Reformer giving an interesting sketch, reprinted herewith, regarding his great-grandmother, and the history of the village with mention of many of its old families. The text follows:

"Mrs. Leah Winegar, who died at Dexter on the 30th of May at the advanced age of nearly 90 years, was not only the oldest inhabitant, but the first settler of Dexter. Her death, therefore, possesses a local interest to the people of our village which seems to call for more than the usual simple announcement. It seems fitting that some of the facts of our history, as called to mind by her removal, should be printed and preserved.

"Her maiden name was Leah Burwell, and she was born in the Mohawk valley Aug. 28, 1788. The Burwells removed to Brownville in 1799, the year that Gen. Brown began his settlement.

They followed the blazed trees for a portion of the distance. At Brownville she met Jeremiah Winegar, a young man nearly ten years older than herself, who came singly to Brownville from Herkimer the same year the Burwells came. To him she was married in 1803, being then a little more than 15 years old. Her first child, Mrs. Jedidiah Corey, was born in 1805, and still lives at the age of 72.

"Previous to 1812 the territory at the mouth of Black River, now Dexter and its precincts, was an unbroken forest. The locality was known as Fish Island, from the island in the river, where vast quantities of fish were taken. In 1811 the Browns began the erection of a dam at Fish Island. This structure was swept away and rebuilt the next year. It was in the spring of 1812 that the Winegars came to Dexter to work on the dams. They live at first in a board shanty and she cooked for the men. A frame house was soon completed, and this was the first house in Dexter. The family moved into this and Mr. Winegar ran the sawmill, in which he made lumber that was rafted to Sackets Harbor and used in building the barracks.



"For a short time they were the only residents of the village but soon a family named Chamberlain built and occupied a log house on the high bank on the south side of the river, just back of where the boat house of Mr. John Patrick now stands. The next settler, the second in Dexter proper, was David Little, who put up a shanty on the site of the old red tavern. He took a contract from the Browns to clear 100 acres, beginning at the nearest westerly line of Mrs. Abner Reeves and extending along the river to beyond the present home of O.M. Wood. About 1815 or 1816 Little erected the old red tavern which stood back of the present post office.

"Not long after this, several settlers took up land and began farms along the road that now runs along the back street of Dexter, known as the old Pillar Point road. First among these was Jeremiah Phelps, who took up the place now occupied by Mr. Philander Welch. His log house stood somewhere between the present houses of John Babcock and George Winegar. He was the father of Mrs. J. Curtis Knapp of Brownville. Then came Shubael Little who built a frame house, still standing, as part of the present house of Samuel Moyer. Shubael Little afterward built and lived over the river where Oscar Perry now does, and later still where Capt. H. O. Gilmore now lives. He built the present dams on contract. He was a minister of the Christian persuasion, though not a liberally educated man. He preached for many years at Dexter and Pamela.

"About this time Elijah Emerson, father of the late Alfred Emerson, settled on what is known as the Whitney place, on the east side of Perch River, near the bridge at the mouth. But neither he nor anyone else could stay there long, for fever and ague, bred in the adjoining marshes, drove them away. Fire has removed the buildings of this place and none has taken their place.

"Returning to Jeremiah Phelps, we find the next settler to be a Mr. Rogers, who lived on the place now occupied by W.H. Everett. His log house stood in the lot now owned by Jacob Bass, where there is an orchard. Farther on was Elam Rockwood, whose log house stood back of the present premises of George Round. He was the father of Lewis Rockwood and of the wife of Charles Winegar, who is the third child of Leah and Jeremiah Winegar. Amos Wheeler built a log house where the house lately

owned by Ephraim Wilder now stands. This house was torn down and a frame house erected down nearer the water. This old frame house now stands in the lot, deserted. Near the present house of Mrs. Abner Reeves, Abram Bull settled and built a log house.

"Matthias Howk built a log house on the location now occupied by George Anderson. He was the father of our fellow citizen, Mr. John Winegar. Beyond Mr. Howk, on the present Riggs place, Aaron Rhodes settled and built a log house.

All these settlers came in before 1823, the year in which the grist mill was built. This grist mill stood nearly on the ground of the present Newgle mill and part of the original wall remains. A dwelling house for the miller was built and stood between the spot on which the house of Mr. T.J. Strange now stands and the bridge, a few feet from the present causeway. It is now bare rock but then the soil was deep enough for a cellar without excavation the rock. When the floods threatened it in later years it was moved back and became part of the present house of Mr. Henry Binniger. This was the second house on the island. The first house and the sawmill stood near the north end of the long dam. It disappeared long ago and the very ground on which it stood has been partly washed away by the cutting of a new channel in high water.

The Winegars lived a short time in the first house and many years in the second. They then went onto the farm owned by Mr. John Brothers and lived there a long time. Mr. Winegar died in 1865. He was a soldier of the Patriot War, was captured at the Windmill, and after a detention of about six months was released. Mrs. Winegar has lived with us till now, and has been a resident of Dexter 66 years and has seen our village in every stage of its development from primeval forest to the present.

She has seven sons and four daughters, all of whom grew up, and all married save one. Her living grandchildren number 37, great-grandchildren 58, great-great-grandchildren seven. Two of the latter were at her funeral, and there is a photograph in which the five generations are presented. All her posterity living and dead probably number not less than 150 souls.

**In 1904 crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.**

**Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.**



## Computer Corner

By Nan Dixon

You've reached your brick wall, and no one is answering your emails? What are you putting in your subject line? With all the spam, many of us are taking short cuts, and deleting every email from strangers which does not have a meaningful subject. Many viruses come with a blank subject, or "Hi," or "Hello." When someone on several mailing lists goes down his email, he often deletes anything that doesn't pertain to his particular line, which includes the foregoing topics. Give yourself a break, and the rest of us, too. "Smith family" might get a quick look, but "Hyacinthe Smith," if it is my line, is going to get a thorough going over. Even "John Smith" or "Robert Smith," if they are in my family, will get a second glance. It helps you, it helps me. It's netiquette. And while we're on the topic of netiquette, I'm still getting emails in all capital letters. That's tantamount to shouting in my face, folks. Look at what you are typing, and if you forgot the Caps Lock, do it over.

And more on the same topic: Here is a query from the Jefferson County mailing list. "I am looking for any information and records for the following families from Lew and Jefferson Counties NY. Specifically in the Champion, Great Bend, Theresa, Philadelphia, Wilna, Worth cities of Jefferson and Lowville, Copenhagen, Denmark and surrounding areas for Lewis County. BARNES FREEMAN FRANCIS STRICKLAND KEEGAN STIEGELBAUER HENRY FREDENBBUEG (H) LOOMIS PHELPS OTIS OATMAN STOUT Shirtleff MOSHER CHILD ROBERTS LEWIS COON COMLEY FISHER TOWNSEND SEAMAN BRONSEN GRAY ROGERS TUCKER SHEW PADDOCK MIDDLETON LARAWAY CADY SERVICE KITTS WOOLWORTH PARKS KELLOGG Rarrick MCDERMOTT." Pat R. replied to the query. "I assume you have made some attempt to do research on these families and can break down the Town, Date, Location and etc. information on all of the families that you requested information from us on. I would like to ask that you be able to give us the location, date and more detailed information that you must have. Have you written to the Town Historians, Town Clerks and local County Archives for Information? That information would guide us. You have checked the census reports? If so, give us more definite information and dates to go on. Since there are so many names (surnames) with no given names it would be a full time job for a genealogist to give any information to you directly without doing a full scale research. Break down your information and I am sure many would help you with your missing information. Regards, Pat R"

Back to the old curmudgeon in charge: Don't you see how confusing that batch of surnames is? Even with my trifocals, I have a hard time separating the names. If you are really serious about research here, how difficult is it to write a separate email for each name? Or group two or three related names in one email? The addition of where, when, and what would be a plus. Maybe, just maybe, that brick wall is yourself!

Jon Holcombe has just given the Hawn Library website a fresh, new face, and promises more on it. On the Jefferson County GenWebSite, we have deleted all the URLs for libraries which do not have a current site. Please, if the library in which you are interested doesn't have a site, ask someone there to get a volunteer to get it on line. Perhaps you are that volunteer! Having current hours posted is a boon to all of us.

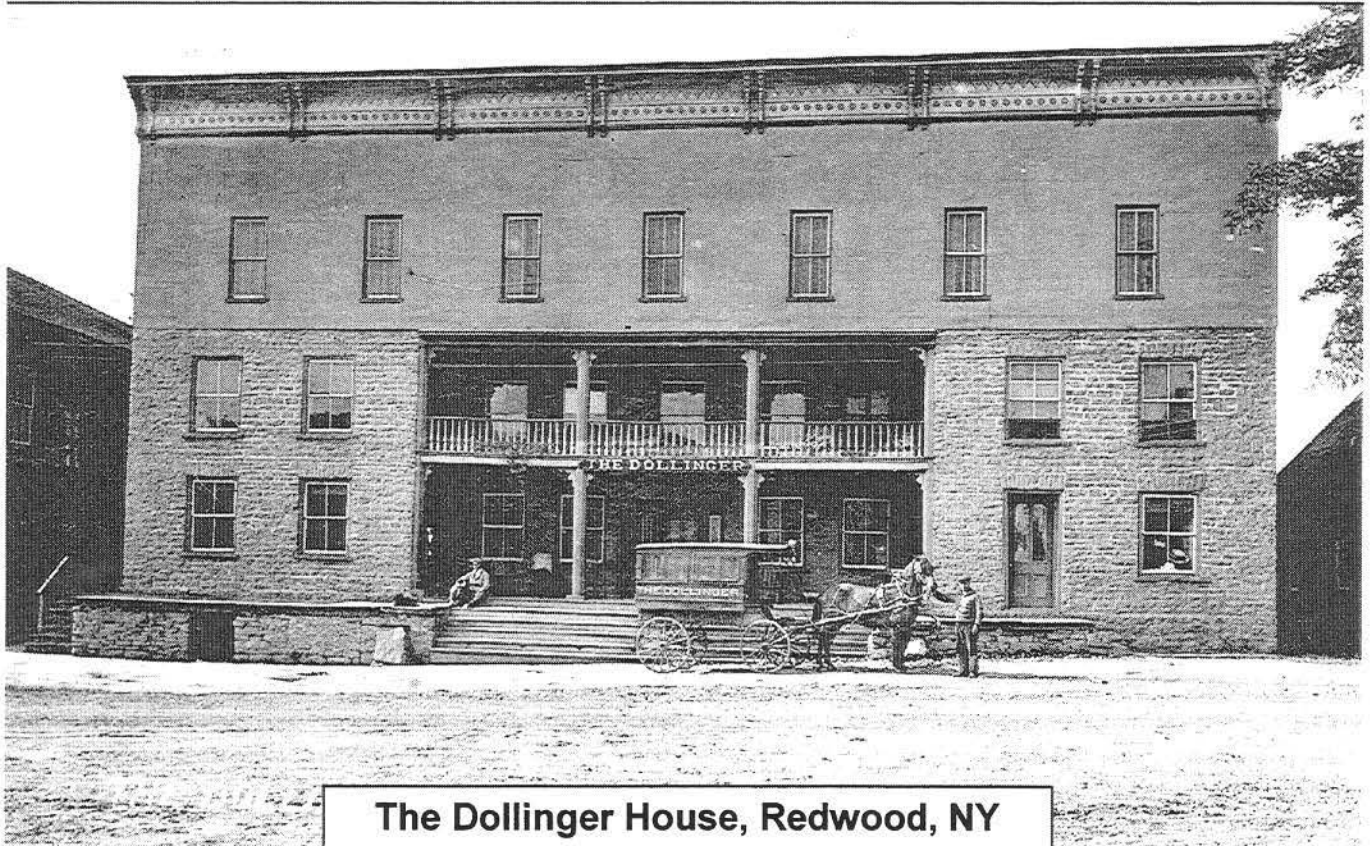
I also checked out the North Country Library site, which used to be the old 4 R's site. It's fabulous! If you haven't been there lately, take a look at all the information they have crammed into it! Not only libraries, but museums, as well, along with what you can find on line, and where. If you are coming from miles away, you can do some of your museum and library homework here, at <http://www.nc3r.org/>.

Rex Ennis's presentation on Grindstone Island pointed up a change in policy on the Grindstone Island website at <http://www.grindstoneisland.org/Gen/index.html> to allow queries. This is good news for many of us. The site has also been refurbished and reorganized. Notice the fresh, new appearance.

A St. Lawrence County site which seems to have little connection with Jefferson County or family history is the Sylvia Lake site, <http://www.sylvialake.org/index.html>. Those people with an interest in Depauville, or the history of the Depau family, however, might find the history of the name of Sylvia Lake of interest. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer>.

### Coming in the September INFORMER

We will feature the **1855 map of Philadelphia** with the index of names provided by Don Dillenbeck, JCNYS Member.



**The Dollinger House, Redwood, NY**

The Dollinger House was built in the hamlet of Redwood, Town of Alexandria, in 1836 by Poneratus Dollinger, who came to the United States from France nearly 20 years earlier. Possibly prompted by the traffic the glass factory generated, it was a favorite stopping place in stage coach days. Mr. Dollinger built to last. When it was razed in 1941, the workers discovered walls three feet thick, with hand hewn beams to bear the floor joists and the studding.

A newspaper article described the "frost-nipped traveler, bundled to the nose in great coat, heavy woolen yard [long] tippet with hands clothed in thick mittens" alighting from the picturesque horse drawn coach on squeaking runners, to dash as quickly as possible with his cold stiffened limbs into the hotel with its blazing wood fires. Later travelers, such as the ones who signed this register, came for the fishing in Butterfield and nearby lakes. In an age when travel was by buggy, guests from as nearby as Alexandria Bay and Plessis chose to stay overnight after a grange meeting or a dance, rather than find their way over dark and unpaved roads, in a horse drawn vehicle, with a top speed of perhaps five miles an hour, depending on weather and road conditions.

Mr. Donald Wingerath, a long time resident of Redwood with an interest in local history, came up with some other additions to the story of the Dollinger House. In 1860 a horse barn was built behind the hotel, to accommodate the many visitors to an agricultural fair held that year. This horse barn became an adjunct of the Dollinger House, and was able to hold a hundred horses and their buggies. A few years later, in 1865, a 60 by 80foot annex was constructed, and connected with the Dollinger house only at the second floor. The first floor of the new building held three stores, while the upper floor became the largest ballroom in the county. Mina King described dances still being held there at the turn of the century. It had been well constructed, she said, with springs in-

stalled underneath the floor. "We thought this just grand when we had big dances. The Lancers performed one night and we used the springs. We danced the Virginia Reel, the Rye Waltz, and the Square Dance which was very popular."

She also wrote of the annual firemen's dance and dinner there. "I can still see [the firemen] in their brown uniforms with the black braid trimming. At this time Fred Hartman was the fire chief and he was in charge of seeing that just the right number of people would be seated in the dining room for dinner. These dances were very popular, and the firemen's treasury grew from them."

In later years the second floor was also used for basketball games. As there was no running water in the annex at all, the sweaty players had to run home before they could clean up. In 1931 the annex was partly destroyed by fire, and was torn down completely in 1932, according to Mr. Wingerath.

The Dollinger House had a remarkable record of ownership. It was the property of the Dollinger family for almost a hundred years. After Poneratus Dollinger stopped running it, his son, John, succeeded him. From 1909 to 1918, William W. Dollinger was its proprietor. In the latter year she sold his interest to John J. Dollinger, for many years a well known game protector of the county, who continued operation of the hotel until his death, May 30, 1930. For about a year after the death of her husband, Mrs. Dollinger operated the hotel. In September, 1932, the hostelry was closed and the wood portion was taken down.

The above was approved by Don Wingerath, who knew the place, and gave me most of the material.

Dollinger House Register  
Redwood, NY

Mr. Alson Orendorf, Proprietor

May 14, 1887 - April 17, 1888

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**Abbott, M.P.** Gouverneur  
July 19

**Adn/Aeln/Alln/Allen?, John** St. Johnsville  
Jan 26 (Montgomery County)

**Adams, John** Albany  
Apr 9

**Agnew, Edward** Antwerp  
Dec 8

**Aldrich, L.M.** Philadelphia, NY  
Jun 25, Aug 17, Nov 25, Dec 27  
Llewellyn M. Aldrich (Child's - Philadelphia,  
(M.E. Aldrich & Son: drugs, groceries, etc.)

**Alford, Forest** Canton  
Oct 16, Oct 26  
Forest D. Alford (1870 Census - Town of Pierpont,  
St. Lawrence County, 9 years old)

**Alger, W.P.** NY  
Oct 11

**Allen, Geo. W.** Oswego  
June 28  
George Allen Jr. (1892 Oswego Dir, cigarmaker)  
George W. Allen (1855-1897, Riverside Cemetery,  
Oswego, NY)

**Allen, H.J.** Schnectady  
Mar 27

**Allen, Henry** Oneida  
June 15 (Madison County)

**Allen, J.F.** Watertown  
Feb 23, Mar 27  
John F. Allen (1888 Watertown Dir,  
bottler, 108 Court)  
John F. Allen (1853 - 1915)  
(North Watertown Cemetery - Pamela)

**Allen, J.R.** Sandy Creek  
Nov 3 & 4

**Allen, James** Carthage  
Mar 5

**Allen, James** Hammond  
Feb 25

**Allen, James** Syracuse  
Feb 11

**Allen, John** A\_?  
Mar 21

**Allen, L.G.** Watertown  
May 17, Jun 4, Jun 30, Sept 22, Nov 21  
L.G. Allen (1888 Watertown Dir, com. trav,  
55 Massey)

**Allen, T.W.** Watertown  
Nov 28, Mar 21  
T.W. Allen (1888 Watertown Dir, 55 Massey)

**Allen, Theo.** Philadelphia  
Jan 31

**Allen, Will H.** Hammond  
Nov 18  
Will H. Allen (1866 - 1948)  
(Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Hammond)

**Alperowitz, A.** Boston  
Feb 8

**Andrews, D.** Syracuse  
Dec 26

**Andrews, E.A.** Watertown  
Aug 31  
Edward A. Andrews (Watn City Dir, 29 Public Sq,  
(Sargent & Andrews, stoves & tinware)

**Andrus, D.** Albany  
Mar 30  
David Andrus (1889-90 Albany Dir, traveling  
Salesman - Rathbone & Sard & Co,  
stove manufacturers)

**Andrus, D.** Syracuse  
Jun 21, Aug 23, Sept 13, Oct 4, Oct 31, Nov 30,  
Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 19, Apr 17  
David Andrus (1887-89 Syracuse Dir, com. trav,  
located at Pierrepont Manor & 103 Water)

**Anker, L.** Albany  
Aug 22, Dec 10  
Lewis Anker (1890 Albany Dir., peddler)

**Apley?, Henry**  
Nov 16

**Archer, John** Clinton  
Mar 8 (Oneida County)

**Ardley, Geo.** Alex Bay  
Oct 13

**Arnold, Byron D.** Natural Bridge  
June 29

**Arnold, W.R.** LaFargeville  
Dec 26  
William R. Arnold (Child's - Orleans, laborer)

**Augsbury, M.** Antwerp  
Aug 15  
Morgan Augsbury (Child's - Antwerp, general  
merchant & prop. grist mill)  
Morgan Augsbury (1827 - 1916)  
(Hillside Cemetery - Antwerp)

**Austin, C.B.** Utica, NY  
Mar 28

**Avery, Wm W.** Plessis  
Dec 2



William W. Avery (1863 – 1945, Plessis Cemetery)

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<b>Babcock, A.A.</b> Feb 3 Austin A. Babcock (1880 Census – Ogdensburg, manufactures pumps, age 52)	<b>Ogdensburg</b>	<b>Baxter, A.</b> May 31, Mar 12 Albert W. Baxter (1867 – 1950) (Brier Hill Cemetery, Town of Morristown)	<b>Brier Hill</b> (St. Lawrence County)
<b>Babcock, D.F.</b> Jan 11 Daniel F. Babcock (Child's – Alexandria, cheesemaker and farmer) Daniel F. Babcock (1849 - 1916) (Barnes Settlement Cemetery, Alexandria)	<b>Alexandria</b>	<b>Baxter, H.W.</b> Sept 2	<b>Amsterdam, NY</b>
<b>Babcock, G.H.</b> Aug 31 Geo. H. Babcock (1890 Watn City Dir, manfr) George H. Babcock (1852 – 1916, Section Q) (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)	<b>Watertown</b>	<b>Beard, Wm. S.</b> Mar 29 William S. Beard (1893 Rochester Dir, salesman)	<b>Rochester</b>
<b>Backus, Geo.</b> Apr 2	<b>Elmira</b> (Chemung County)	<b>Beaw?/Beaus, D.E. &amp; Wife</b> Aug 12	<b>N.Y.</b>
<b>Baker, L.F.</b> Mar 26	<b>Albany</b>	<b>Beckwith, A.C.</b> Oct 12, Nov 23 Alpheus C. Beckwith (1887 Utica Dir, clothing agt)	<b>Utica</b>
<b>Baldwin, C.G.</b> Jul 11, Dec 9, Jan 5, Mar 6, Apr 17 Charles G. Baldwin (1888 Watn City Dir.) (Watertown Times collector) Charles G. Baldwin (1851 – 1901, Section V) (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)	<b>Watertown</b>	<b>Beckwith, E.M.</b> Nov 3, Dec 13 (White, Rose W&B), Jan 12, Feb 21, Mar 23	<b>Utica</b>
<b>Baltz, A.P.</b> Feb 27, Mar 23 Andrew P. Baltz (1889 Watertown Dir, grocer & milk dealer, 70 Court) Andrew P. Baltz (Child's – Watertown, pres. Jefferson County Milk Association, manuf. & wholesale dealer in Limburger cheese, dealer in groceries & provisions, 70 Court, h 63 Arsenal).	<b>Watertown</b>	<b>Beebee, F.E.</b> Sept 19 Fred E. Beebee, Plessis (Child's – Alexandria, waiter & peddler)	<b>Plessis</b>
<b>Bangs, E.</b> Aug 20, Oct 24, Dec 14, Mar 10 Elmer Bangs (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)	<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>Beebee, Geo.</b> Dec 20, Feb 22 George D. Beebee (Child's – Alexandria, general merchant, res. Plessis)	<b>Plessis</b>
<b>Barlow, A.</b> July 18, Feb 25	<b>Warren, Mass</b>	<b>Beebee, Hugh L.</b> Sept 19 (Rattled)	<b>Plessis</b>
<b>Barr?, John</b> Aug 30 (several John Barrs in Ogdensburg)	<b>Ogdensburg</b>	<b>Bee_mich, E.M.</b> Aug 29	<b>Utica</b>
<b>Bartlet, Joseph</b> June 22	<b>Omar</b>	<b>Bell, Charles</b> Aug 12, Aug 13	<b>Herkimer</b>
<b>Bartholmew, C.C.</b> Aug 15 Dr. Charles C. Bartholomew (d 1927, age 81) (Ogdensburg Cemetery)	<b>Ogdensburg</b>	<b>Bensen, Gifford</b> Nov 10 Gifford W. Bensen (Child's – Alexandria, steam yacht pilot) Gifford W. Bensen (d 1897, age 48) (Walton Street Cemetery, Alexandria)	<b>Alex Bay</b>
<b>Bates, C.T.</b> Jan 12 & 13, Mar 6	<b>Hammond</b>	<b>Bentley, Joseph</b> Dec 5 Joseph Bentley (Child's-Philadelphia, cheesemaker)	<b>Philadelphia</b>
<b>Battle?, Byran</b> Sept 15	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Bepell?, E.A.</b> Dec 21	<b>Utica</b>
		<b>Bernhard?, J? B.</b> Apr 3	<b>Syracuse</b>
		<b>Bishop, W.M.</b> Sept 17	<b>Richville</b> (St. Lawrence County)
		<b>Bissell, E.A.</b> Jun 3, Jun 30 Ellison A. Bissell (1891 Utica Dir – com. traveler)	<b>Utica</b>
		<b>Blackman, G. P.</b> Oct 5 Gerald P. Blackmon (1829-1902, Fineview Cem.)	<b>Hammond</b>
		<b>Blackuson?, G.S.</b> Oct 31	<b>Lowville</b>
		<b>Blechman</b> July 1	<b>Alex Bay</b>



## Queries

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### PALMER/BARTO/MILLS

Since my last e-mail I have filled in some blanks & need to home in on the Watertown, et al, NY area around 1800 to 1840. My ancestor, Russell **Palmer**, b. Stonington, CT 1771 md Phebe **Barto**, b. Dorset, VT 1776, & two of their children, Ann **Palmer**, b. 1800 & John Darrow **Palmer**, b. 1799 were born in VT. By 1825 there was a Russell **Palmer** in the NY State census living in Pamela, NY. I have Russell's ancestors back to England via CT. On Sep 22, 1822 Ann **Palmer** md David Woodruff **Mills** in Pamela, NY. I have DW **Mills'** ancestors back to England via CT as well. Ann's Brother, John Darrow **Palmer** md Margaret Wright **Mills** – don't know when nor where, but probably in or around Watertown, NY. I need this info, & Margaret's parents. I'm thinking she may be related to my other **Mills** line. Ann **Palmer** & David **Mills'** daughter, Alma Elizabeth **Mills** was b. Feb 28, 1829 in Watertown. John Darrow **Palmer** & Margaret Wright **Mills'** son, Pembroke Somerset **Palmer** was b. Aug 13, 1830 in NY state, possibly in & around Watertown. These two first cousins, Alma **Mills** & Pembroke **Palmer**, got married & became my Great Grandparents. I seek Margaret **Mills's** info as well Pembroke's birth records. Also would like confirmation that the 1825 Russell **Palmer** was mine, etc. Thank you for your help.

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### CARPENTER/MCGREGORY/ GREGORY/THORN

Will the real Phoebe/Phebe **McGregory/Gregory** please make yourself known? According to a document from the National Archives, my ggggrandfather Asaph/Asa **Carpenter** m. Phebe **McGregory** in Bolton, Warren County, NY on January 27, 1815. She d. in Brownville, Jefferson County, NY on 2 May 1849, at 54 years of age. Asaph's son, James Asa **Carpenter's** death record lists his mother as \_\_\_\_\_ **Gregory** without the "Mc". Having reached a dead-end in finding Phebe **McGregory**, I am researching **Gregory's** and have found a Phoebe **GREGORY** b. 17 October 1795 to parents Joseph & Sarah **Thorn Gregory** of Bolton, NY, Warren County. "On 27 February 1846, the said Sarah **Gregory**, Phoebe's mother, then a resident of Brownville, Jefferson County, New York applied for pension on account of the services of her former husband, Joseph **Gregory**" [Rev. War Record]. The pension was denied but the application listed her children

& their DOB's [Phoebe's DOB shown above]. All of the pieces seem to fit, leading me to believe that Phebe **McGregory** & Phoebe **Gregory** are one & the same. I am seeking the link that will prove or deny this. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Regards  
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### FAIRMAN

Am seeking information about William B **Fairman** b December 1860 in Jefferson County, NY. I have been unable to place him with one of the **Fairman** families living in Jefferson County. I fear that he may be the son of the William **Fairman** of Jefferson County, who was killed in the Civil War in 1862. Any Information or suggestions would be appreciated. Thank you very much

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### BAKER/DENNIS

I am interested in finding any information about my great grandfather, Joseph L. **Baker** who, according to his Civil War papers, claims to have been born in Jefferson County about 1817. He married at Watertown, Elizabeth **Dennis**, a native of England, in September of 1844. She might be some relative of William **Dennis** who was a paper maker in Watertown. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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### GOLDSTEIN

Have you any advice on finding vital records in Eastern Europe, especially specific communities in Belarus, Ukraine & Lithuania? My brother & I found a lot of material in U.S. records, but we don't have many anecdotes from family.

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## PALMER/MILLS/BARTO

I am related to Russell **Palmer**, b. Stonington, CT 1771. 1820 census living in Pamela, NY. His daughter, Ann, b 1800 in Vt. md David Woodruff **Mills** also from Jefferson Co. Russell's son, John Darrow **Palmer**, md Margaret Wright **Mills**, b NYS – don't know where. I am interested in information about Russell's wife, who I believe was a Thebe (Phoebe) **Barto**, and her ancestors, plus anything else about the family. Thank you for your help.

William E. Palmer  
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## EBBLEY/EBBLIE

I am trying to verify that Alvin Morris **Ebbley** was born in either Alexandria or Theresa, Jefferson County. Obit states birth date 13 April 1851. Another source lists birth year as 1845, & parents as Jacob and Julia (Suts) **Ebbly**. Does anyone have information?

Marilyn Robertson  
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## CROSS/SLOCUM

I am researching James **Cross**, b 1789, Otsego, NY; d 1860, Cape Vincent, NY; md Deborah **Slocum**, b 1793, Otsego, NY; d 24 Apr 1865. Their daughter, Sarah **Cross**, b 1829, Chaumont, NY. Any information you can give will be appreciated. Thank you,

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## WHEELOCK/LAWRENCE

I am looking for information on some ancestors of mine. My Grandfather's Grandmother, Jennie (Jennifer) **Wheelock**, was born in Orleans, Jefferson, NY around 1856. Apparently, her father fought for the South for during the Civil War, & ended up in jail for it. Her mother died before this. Jennie & her brother Jay were sent to live with their Aunt Susan (**Wheelock**) **Lawrence** in Michigan, near Battle Creek. Susan & their father were siblings. Their grandfather (Susan's father) was Rev. L. **Wheelock**. Jennie md John R. **Brown** (from Livingston NY) in Calhoun Co. Michigan. That is all the information I have! Thank you for any help that anyone can give me! My address is

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## DEWEY/SCHAFFER

I am researching William **Dewey** b. 1801 & Hannah **Schaffer** b.1807. Their children: Alanson, Wm. Henry Harrison, Melinda, Loretta & Cordelia. I am trying to determine William & Hannah's birthplaces & put a name to their parents. Thank you for any assistance.

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## DIXON/SMITH/NELLIS/GRAY (Town of Orleans)

Daniel and Sallie (**Dixon**) **Smith** had daughter Emogene/Emily 9 Aug 1847. Did she marry a **Nellis**? They also had daughter Jane about 1842. Did she marry a **Grey/Gray**? Need children, if any.

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## KAPLAN

My birth certificate states that my father, Harold Milton **Kaplan** was born in Watertown, NY, but gives no date. I would suppose that it was around 1920, as I was born in October, 1938. At that time Harold **Kaplan** was living in Muskegon, Michigan where I was born. Any information would be happily received. I never knew my father as he was killed in WWII. I have always been interested in finding out something about him. Below is my adopted name and email contact information. Thank you for any help you may be able to offer.

Robert Milton Brownson  
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## CASE

I am seeking information about Elma **Case**, b. 22 Apr 1906 in Adams, Jefferson, NY. I especially want to know the grave site (I believe she died August, 1991), place of death & any information about her life. Also, I would love to find a living relative who is willing to supply me with information about her. Thank you.

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## SKINNER

Jefferson County Portrait dated 1830. I have a portrait of my great-great-great-grandfather Calvin **Skinner**, who came to Adams to practice law in the late 1820s, after graduating from Hamilton

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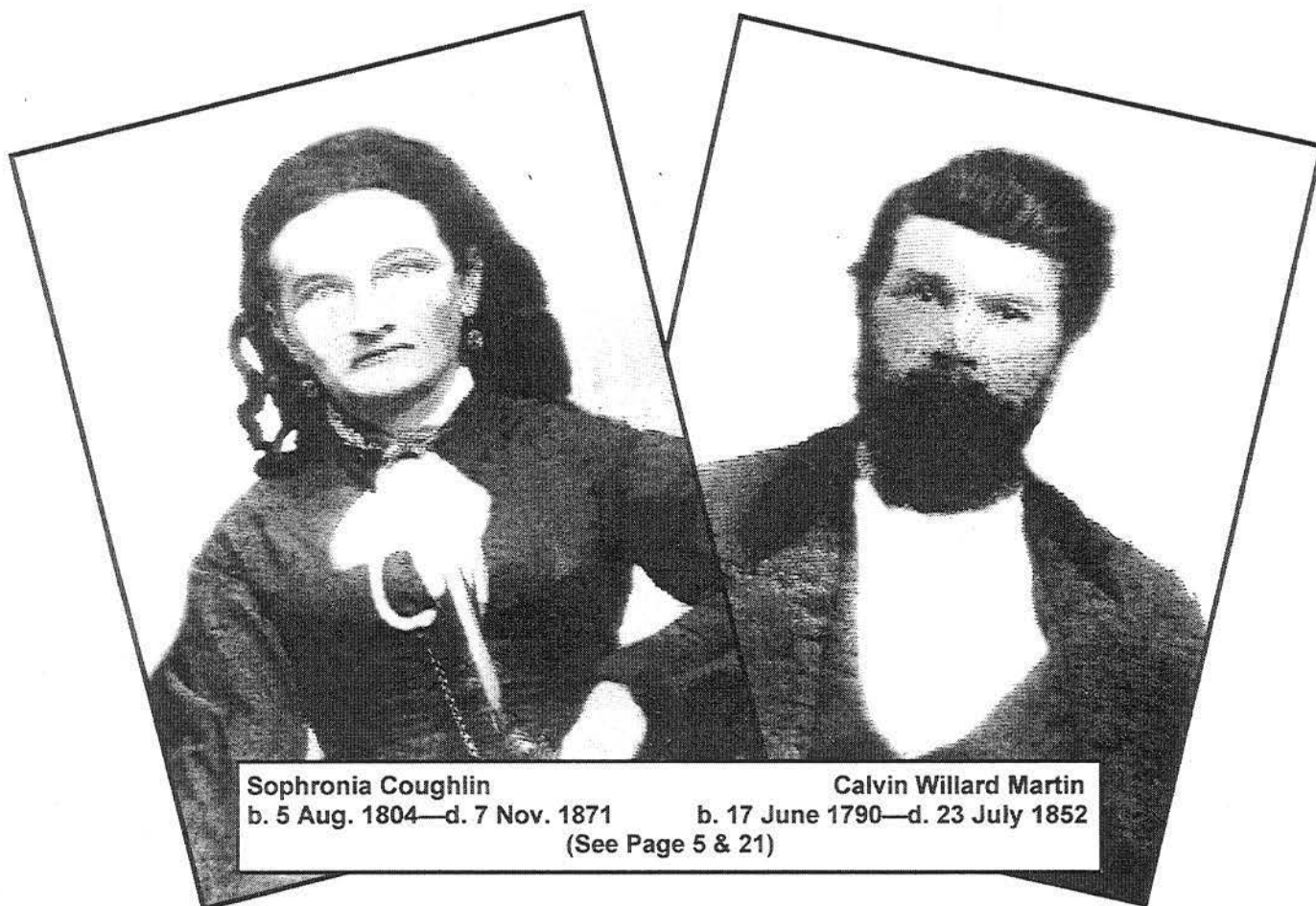
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**Calvin Willard Martin**

b. 17 June 1790—d. 23 July 1852

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## Letters...

Letters to the Editor may be directed to [nandixon@gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@gisco.net) or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

I wish to thank the members of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society of New York for all your hard work in entering this 1850 census.

I found out that my g-g-grandfather came to Wisconsin in 1851 from New York, Jefferson County. I wanted to have proof of his New York residency and have found him and his family in this census. The last name is Wilcox, William in case you are wondering.

The hard part comes now, with no leads to go by for the rest of the family back to William's grandfather and so on.

Thanks again for your hard work. Please pass my appreciation on to the group.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Wilcox Traver

From Russ Sprague, St. Lawrence County mail list administrator:

I recently completed uploading Oxbow church records (baptism, marriage, death) to a rootsweb free-pages site. They cover the period of approximately 1863-1912 and are fully indexed. For several years my focus has been on St. Lawrence county records but I have ancestry from St. Lawrence and Jefferson county and these records were made available to me by Kurt Laidlaw.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~stlawrchurch/PresOxbowidx.html>

There are roughly 767 unique names, many with multiple mentions.

From the editor: New members, changes and additions should have been appearing in previous issues. The editor regrets their omission, and hopes that the members will point out any mistakes or misspellings for us to correct not only in The INFORMER, but also in our records. This list will continue on, with any new additions, into the November issue. If, after you receive your November issue, you find your name still omitted, please resend the information.

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## More In November

## What's Going on with JCNYGS

By Jerry Davis, Recording Secretary

### June Meeting

After joining members at the Panda Buffet at 5:00, Charlene Cole and Shawn Doyle presented the evening's program. Charlene is the Sandy Creek Town and Village Historian and the Lacona Village Historian. Shawn is the President of the Half-Shire Historical Society. Both speakers co-chair the Heritage Hall at the Oswego County Fair.

Each person in attendance received a packet of information on the 147<sup>th</sup> Oswego County Fair, the Half-Shire Historical Society, the Heritage Hall events at the fair, the Oswego County Genealogy Society, the Restoration of Historical 1891 Railroad Depot, a community information guide for the Town of Sandy Creek and the villages of Sandy Creek and Lacona, "Heritage Day" in August at the Oswego County Fairgrounds, and a representative article of Charlene's Historian's Corner which she writes for the newspaper.

The speakers displayed many of the books and publications from their various Oswego County connections. They commented on being able to work within the State Rules and Regulations for town and village historians. Each speaker went through the development of his work and the buildings and rooms which house their material. After a few questions about where and what buildings in which genealogy researchers could find various materials, most everyone stayed to look through the books and publications and to speak personally with each of the speakers.

### July Meeting

Dee Brown gave the society a personal and very interesting overview of the history and development of the Redwood Historical Society. While not a native herself, she became intrigued by Redwood and its people when the 1998 ice storm put her and most of her neighbors in the Fire Hall for food and warmth. From listening and speaking with people at the Fire Hall, she learned of things that happened in their school and community in the past. The community's

loss of identity after the school closed in 1969 became especially evident. Later at a hair cutting appointment she was encouraged to go see Jeannine Walts whom Dee calls her Redwood Historian, with all her scrap books of obituaries, marriages, and Redwood information. Jeannine came with Dee to the society meeting with her scrap books.

Friends from the Fire Hall and others encouraged Dee to speak with several others. Many started to drop off pictures and Redwood related items. She then displayed some of these items on a table at the Redwood Holiday Happening celebration and got encouragement to "Go with it! Something is going on here!" She then displayed a book with the question, "Are you interested in forming the Redwood Historical Society?" With a beginning of 5 empty lines, the book ended up with over 25 names. After a call to Fred Rollins of Watertown and a frantic "What do I do?" the Redwood Historical Society is now 3 years old with its own Constitution and By-Laws. They also have their Charter. For 3 years they have had a Veterans Service honoring the local veterans, participated with tables at the Redwood Fireman's Field Days, and events like the Ice Cream Social to raise awareness of the Historical Society.

Dee mentioned some of the reasons that gave Redwood its beginning. Among them were the Redwood Glass Factory which closed in 1881, the cheese factories, the Dollinger House, the Butterfield House (one of few original houses left in Redwood, which the society hopes to acquire to be a museum), the churches (such as the Catholic Church built in 1853 from field stone people brought in from the area), and the railroad which came through Redwood with connections to Alexandria Bay. Dee related an interesting story of Mrs. Dollinger buying a big church bell in Utica, covering it with quilts so as not to be damaged on its journey from Utica to Redwood.

### Donated to JCNYGS

Grace Louise Frink Reinman of Clayton recently gave to the JCNYGS pages from a family bible owned by Marian E. Tucker Frink, stepmother of Grace Louise. Births, deaths and marriages are recorded. The last entry under births is Marian E. Tucker, March 24, 1897. First birth recorded is George Tucker, Feb. 9, 1824.

## JCGS MINUTES JUNE 14, 2004

President Bob VanBrocklin called the meeting to order at 6:30 with 27 members in attendance and asked for the reading of the minutes. Motion by Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Nan Dixon for the approval of the May minutes.

John Butler reported our Treasury balance to be \$7213.23. Sue Grant moved and Hollis Dorr seconded approval of the report.

Charlotte Brenon from the Repository Committee reported that she had on display some obits and servicemen rosters that might be of interest to members. The sign out sheet was on the table for anyone to take out items from the repository.

Linda Malinich for the Publicity Committee mentioned that she sent out over 80 emails about our meeting and had several returned as undeliverable. She requested that anyone with email address changes, who would like the meeting information, please let her know.

Bill Dixon for the Newsletter Committee reported that he thinks it's ready but had been unable to communicate with Tracy Robertson about the delivery. Work has begun on the September Informer.

Nan Dixon, Informer Editor, mentioned that she had met a man with the Parish Cemetery Plot Maps who would like to have us make a copy and also put a copy into our repository.

Publisher Clancy Hopkins mentioned that the Jefferson County Bicentennial Committee is looking for a copy of the 1805 Jefferson County Map. Can anyone help? He also mentioned that **the July issue of the Informer would be the last issue for anyone who has not renewed their membership.**

Clancy Hopkins mentioned the Membership Committee has renewals beginning to come in. Clancy also read a complimentary letter about a member's trip to Jefferson County to do research.

Old Business: Nan Dixon mentioned that we were not up to date with our NYSCOGO dues. Pauline Zach made the **Motion: That JCGS pay the NYSCOGO dues of \$50.00 to bring us up to date.** Seconded by Elaine Jobson. Passed.

New Business: Nan Dixon mentioned that Bonnie Borrello is back and is working with family information at the Hawn Library by put the information into acid free folders. The library needs more folders. Lis Couch made the **Motion: That JCGS give the Hawn Library \$100 specifically for the acid free folders and the work with family information.** Seconded by Janet Butler. Passed.

President Bob mentioned that this year's nomination committee will be: Bill Dixon, Pauline Zach, Hollis Dorr, Patty Hopkins, and Elaine Jobson. They will present the slate of officers at the August meeting to be voted on at the September meeting.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn, Hollis Dorr seconded.

Lis Couch introduced Charlene Cole and Shawn Doyle for our evening's program.

## JCGS MINUTES JULY 12, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Immediate Past President Linda Malinich at 6:40 with 22 members in attendance. The minutes were read and approved by motion of Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Pauline Zach.

Clancy Hopkins reported for the treasurer a balance of \$7189.66. Clancy mentioned that a soon to be deposited collection of over 30 membership checks will substantially increase our balance. Hollis Dorr moved and Jean Coyne seconded approval of the report. Clancy made the following **Motion: That the society approve President VanBrocklin's appointment of Hollis Dorr to finish the present treasurer's term of office.** Nan Dixon seconded. Passed. (John Butler has resigned as treasurer because of illness. The JCGS thanks John for his service as treasurer and wishes him well.)

Linda Malinich for the Publicity Committee reported that the newspaper information and the email notices had been sent again.

Nan Dixon, Informer Editor, mentioned that we have a good beginning on the September issue.

Patti Hopkins mentioned for the Membership Committee that membership is remaining fairly constant. Being asked for a membership count, Patti mentioned that it is on the computer but she didn't have the information with her at the meeting.

The Publications Committee report with Jean Coyne included an inquiring discussion of perhaps publishing the wills book in soft cover to get the book into circulation sooner. While the discussion brought out several interesting possibilities, there was no action taken on any changes. Jean mentioned that work on the second book of abstracts is underway.

For the Resource Committee, Bonnie Borrello mentioned that she would like to visit some places for some research but would like some help. Anyone who has an interest in the research is invited to join Bonnie in a trip to perhaps Plessis, Alexandria Bay, or even another area of their interest.

New Business: Pauline brought up the possibility of post cards to those who have not renewed their membership. Clancy reviewed the present procedure with his colored notice "This Is Your Last Issue" to go into the July (or first issue mailed as of July).

Past President Linda Malinich reminded the society that the next meeting program is with Chairperson Charlotte Brenon. Patti Hopkins volunteered to call Charlotte as a reminder.

Nan Dixon moved to adjourn, Hollis Dorr seconded.

Nan Dixon introduced Dee Brown of the Redwood Historical Society for our evening's program.



## A Narrative on Sophronia Coughlin and Calvin Martin

Bettie Brewer Francis sent notes on the Martin and Coughlin families. The following narrative has been done from those notes:

Calvin Willard MARTIN's birth date is recorded in the MARTIN Family Bible as 17 June 1796. He was born in Vermont or possibly Washington Co., NY. Undocumented records indicated he was in the War of 1812. He married Sophronia COUGHLIN 1 Jan 1822 in Champion, Jefferson County, NY and is found there in the 1825 census. Sophronia was born 5 Aug 1804 in Marlboro, Windham, VT.

They were in Denmark, Lewis County by the 1830 and 1835 census, and according to Lewis County property records, they bought land there by July 3, 1832 and July 4, 1834 from Henry Rosbeck. Although all their children seem to have been born in New York, by the first of February 1848, Calvin bought land in Wisconsin. He appears to be one of the first settlers, because he attended the first town meeting in Fountain Prairie there, and was named supervisor, one of the highest town offices. The 1850 census finds them still in Fountain Prairie, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Calvin died 23 July 1852 in Fall River, Columbia, Wisconsin.

Sophronia's parents were Richard COUGHLIN born 1775 Chesterfield, Cheshire, NH, and Sally (-) born 1782. They moved to Marlboro, Windham, VT in 1800 where Sophronia was born. They also had Richard, Jr. born 5 Jan 1806 and daughter Charlotte born ca 1807. Charlotte died 30 Sept 1824 in Champion, NY. Sally also died in Champion, on 30 Sept 1824.

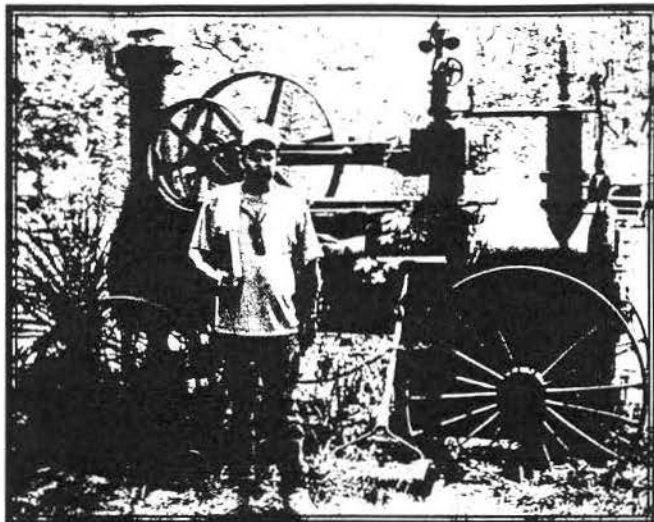
Richard Sr's brothers Thomas and George COUGHLIN are also in the 1820 census of Champion. Richard Sr evidently moved to Fountain Prairie with his daughter Sophronia (Coughlin) Martin, because he is in the 1850 census of Fountain Prairie, WI with the MARTIN family. Son Milo MARTIN was in the Civil War 1862-1865 from the state of WI. He was a farmer in Fountain Prairie until his death on 15 Sept 1903. Daughter Cynthia and husband Hiram MANVILLE moved to WI with her parents in the late 1840s. After her father Calvin died, her mother Sophronia moved with daughter Cynthia and her husband to Clinton Falls, MN where the three of them are buried.

The children of Calvin Willard MARTIN and Sophronia COUGHLIN were:

1. Cynthia M., born 15 Feb 1823 in Champion. She married Hiram MANVILLE of Champion 10 Nov 1842.
2. Frederick Augustus born 7 Oct 1825 in Champion. He married Mary J. EDWARDS 5 June 1851 in Columbia Co, WI.

3. Milo Willard born 25 Feb 1830 in Denmark, Lewis, NY. He married Mary COPELAND 8 Dec 1852 Hampden, Columbia WI.

4. Milton Calvin born 16 June 1834 Denmark, NY. He married Ellen (-).



See page 23 for picture related Query

### An Additional Query (after page 23)

I tried to contact Mr. J Baldwin regarding this matter. Could you help me reach him with this information?

While visiting Black River NY, I bought a used Bible. The names of the family that owned it were in it. This is the information as best as I can read it:

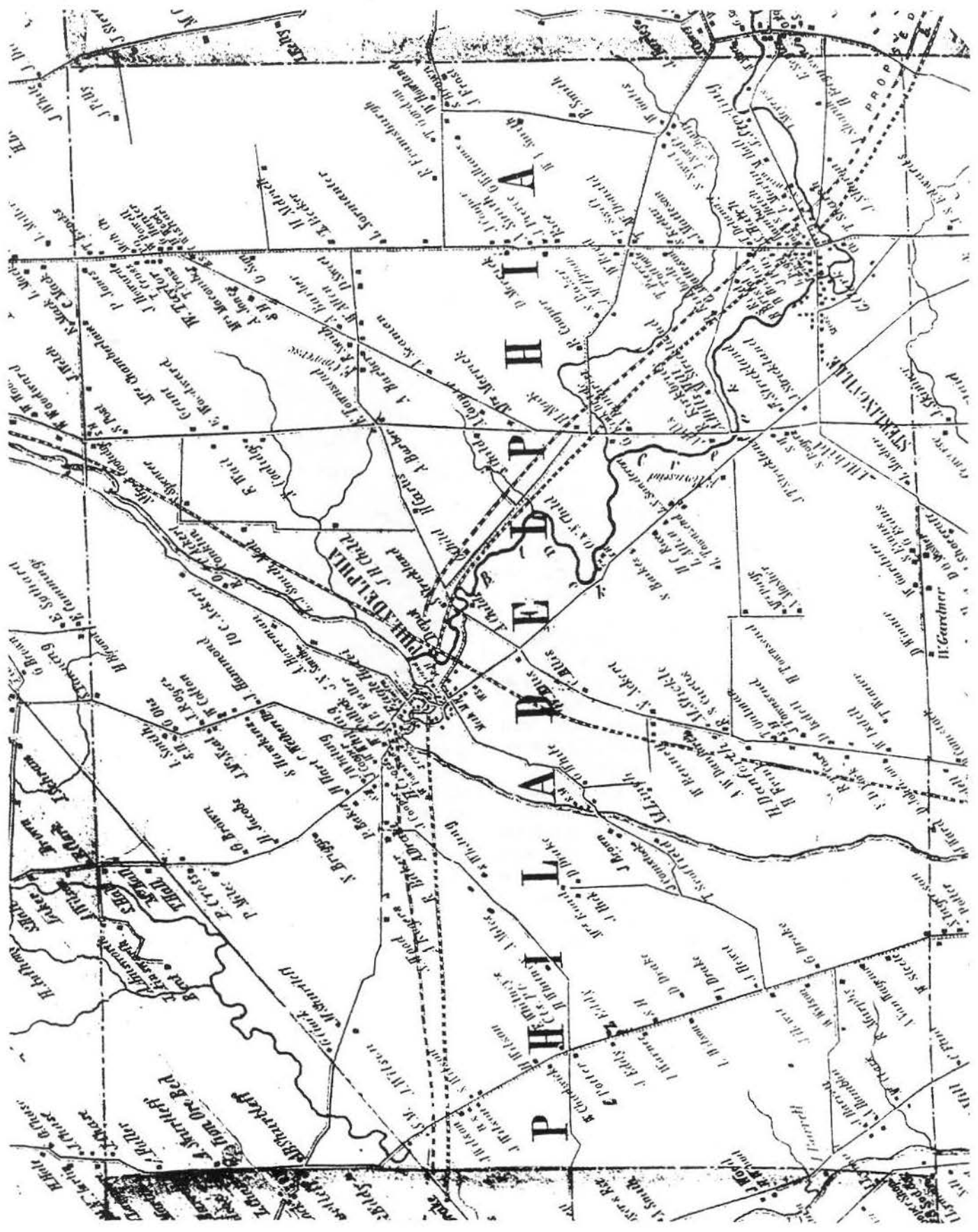
"JANE JONSON was born March the 2=1772; JERMAH MARCH was born November the 27=1815; SALLY TETRIE was born December the 27=1822; JERIMAH MARCH was married to SALLEY TETRIE April the 11=1839; JONAS hen MARCH was born August the 9=1840; JANE an MARCH was born April the 28=1842; BETSY MARCH was born February 17=1847; CHARLES MARCH was born the 25 March 1854; MARY MARCH was born the 24 September 1806; IDA MARCH was born August 20, 1866; LOUISA SIMSTRUTH? was born Feb. 11/26 (this date could be 1826); CHARLES MARCH was married to Louisa Simstruth Dec. 22, 1880."

The Bible also goes on to list dates of death... "JANE JONSON died Dec. 20 1882 age 90 years, 9 months, 18 days; CHARLES E. MARCH Jan. 7, 1888 age 90 years 9 moths 12 days; BETSY A. (or S.) MARCH died April 10, (here the page is torn out some) age 96 years - 2months."

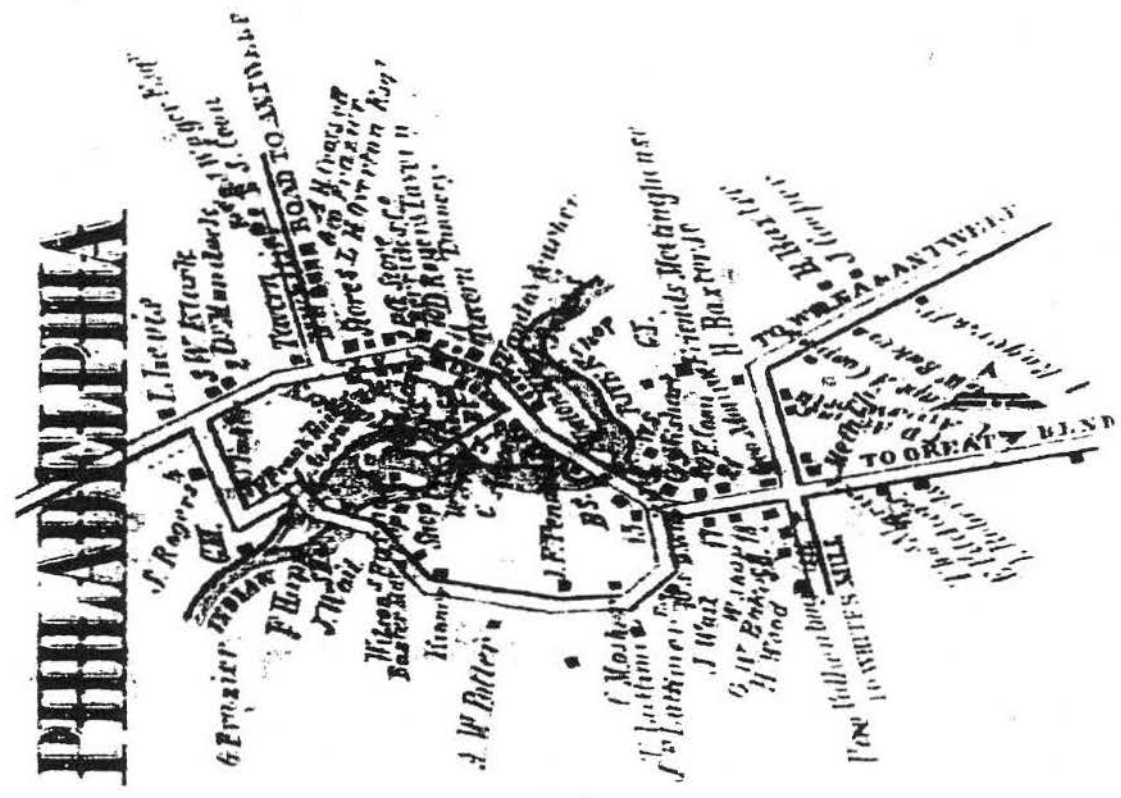
If you are related to these folks, please, I would like to return this old bible to your family. Contact me at [chulacheep@msn.com](mailto:chulacheep@msn.com)

Yolanda Luna  
7709 67th St.  
Marysville, WA 98270





16 J. Flaherty  
 17 d.  
 18 J. Ward  
 19 J. B. Fuller  
 20 H. Baxter



1 A. E. Tucker  
 2 D. Harbeck  
 3 W. Clark  
 4 S. Rogers  
 5 S. P.  
 6 J. Insworth  
 7 H. Adams  
 8 E. Edwards  
 9 C. E. D. Woodward  
 10  
 11 Wm Strong  
 12 Crois  
 13 B. Allen  
 14 C. Mosher

## Index to 1855 Map of Philadelphia Township (page 6)

By Don Dillenbeck, JCNYS Member

Column 1 consists of initial, column 2 is surname or main entry, column 3 indicates location of residents on the map. By dividing the town map into 12 parts, Don uses the letters P1, H1, I1, L1, A1, D, E, L2, P2, H2, I2, A2 already on the map as locators.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter-N/S
B.S.	(Blacksmith Shop)	P1-North
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Philadelphia
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	I2-North
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Sterlingville
Ch.	(Church)	Sterlingville
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	Philadelphia
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	Philadelphia
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	Philadelphia
Meth Ch	(Methodist Church)	Philadelphia
Meth.Ch	(Methodist Church)	I2-North
P.O. Store	(Post Office - Store)	Philadelphia
P.O.	(Post Office)	I2-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	P1-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	A1-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	A1-South
S.H. =	(School House)	H1-South
S.H. =	(School House)	D-North
S.H. =	(School House)	Philadelphia
S.H. =	(School House)	D-South
S.H. =	(School House)	L2-South
S.H. =	(School House)	P2-North
S.H. =	(School House)	P2-South
S.H. =	(School House)	I2-North
S.H. =	(School House)	Sterlingville
Union M.H.	(Union Meeting House)	Philadelphia
W.S. =	(Wagon Shop)	Philadelphia
W.S. =	(Wagon Shop)	Philadelphia
W.Shop	(Wagon Shop)	Philadelphia
I.O.C.	Ackert	E-North
N.	Ackert	D-South
O.C.	Ackert	E-North
A.	Adams	Subscriber in Phil
H.H.	Adams - Contractor	Subscriber in Phil
A.	Adams - Farmer	Subscriber in Phil
A.	Ainsworth	I1-North
C.	Ainsworth	Philadelphia
C.D.	Ainsworth	Philadelphia
J.	Ainsworth	I1-North
H.	Ainsworth - Farmer	Subscriber in Phil
H.	Aldrich	A2-North
L.	Allen	L2-South

S.	Baikes	L2-South
G.W.	Baker	Philadelphia
G.W.	Baker	Philadelphia
G.W.	Baker	Subscriber in Phil
P.	Baker	A1-North
G.W.	<b>Baker - Mechanic</b>	Subscriber in Phil
A.	Barber	P2-North
A.	Barber	H2-North
J.	Barrett	P1-South
H.	Baxter	Subscriber in Phil
B.	Baxter	Philadelphia
H.	Baxter Jr.	Philadelphia
	<b>Baxter Mat. Shop</b>	Philadelphia
L.	Becker	I2-North
W.	Bennett	D-South
	Bent	I1-North
	<b>BLACK CREEK</b>	P2-South
G.	Brazier	Philadelphia
B.	Bristol	Sterlingville
R.	Bristol	Sterlingville
T.	Brooks	I2-North
G.	Brown	L1-North
J.	Brown	L1-South
S.	Brown	A2-North
W.	Chadwick	H1-North
J.	Chase	P1-North
J.H.	Child	L2-North
J.H.	Child	P2-South
O.	Child	L2-North
O. & N.	Child	L2-South
S.	Child	P2-North
A.	Childs	E-North
O.	<b>Childs C.E. (Civil Engineer)</b>	Subscriber in Phil
G.	Clark	Sterlingville
Mrs.	Clark	P1-South
G.	Clark Esq.	Subscriber in Phil
W.	Colton	D-North
J.	Comstock	L1-South
E.	Converse	H2-North
Alfred	Coolidge	P2-North
S.	Coolidge	P2-North
B.S.	Coon	Philadelphia
F.	Coon	Philadelphia
A.	Cooper	P2-North
Capt. A.	Cooper	Philadelphia
J.	Cooper	A1-North
J.	Cooper	A1-North
J.	Cooper	Philadelphia
J.	Cooper	I2-North
R.	Cooper	H2-South
N.	<b>Cooper - Farmer</b>	Subscriber in Phil

R.T.	Cox	A1-South
H.	Cross	A1-North
J.	Cross	D-North
P.	Cross	L1-North
T.	Cross	I2-North
T.	Cross	I2-North
A.H.	Crossell	Philadelphia
H.	Curtis	L2-North
L.Pearl ?	<b>Dairy farm ?</b>	Sterlingville
A.W.	Danforth	D-South
H.	Danforth	D-South
Hon. A.W.	Danforth	Subscriber in Phil
T.	Delaney	Sterlingville
A.	Demarest	P2-South
	<b>DEPOT</b>	E-North
D.	Drake	H1-South
D.	Drake	L1-South
G.	Drake	I1-North
L.	Drake	H1-South
	<b>Eagle Hotel</b>	Philadelphia
J.	Eddy	H1-South
Z.	Eddy	H1-South
C.	Ellis	D-South
W.	Ellis	D-South
G.	Evans	L2-South
S.	Evans	L2-South
R.	Framsburgh	A2-North
Geo.	Frazier	Philadelphia
	<b>Friends Meeting House</b>	Philadelphia
H.	Frink	A1-South
J.	Frost	A2-North
A.	Fuller	P1-North
A.B.	Fuller	Subscriber in Phil
A.E.	Fuller	D-North
	Furman	Philadelphia
W.	Gardner	E-South
W.	Gates	A2-South
T.	Gordon	A2-North
	Grant	P2-North
J.F.S.	<b>Gray - Engineer</b>	Subscriber in Phil
M.	Hall	A2-South
Mrs.	Hall	L1-North
S.	Hall	L1-North
T.	Hall	L1-North
A.	Hamblin	P1-South
J.	Hammond	D-North
H.	Hart	A1-North
S.	Hatch	Sterlingville

A.	Haverman	E-North
S.	Hawkins	D-North
	<b>Herricks Co.</b>	Philadelphia
J.	Hewit	H1-South
J.	Hewit	I1-North
J.	Hick	L1-South
A.	Hills	P2-South
A.	<b>Hills Mill Hotel</b>	P2-South Sterlingville
J.	Howard	I2-North
W.	Howland	A2-North
G.	Hunter	I2-North
F.	Hupp	Philadelphia
	<b>INDIAN RIVER Iron Ore Bed</b>	Philadelphia P1-North
D.	Isdell	D-South
W.	Isdell	A1-South
H.	Jacobs	L1-North
D.	Johnson	A1-South
A.	Jones	I2-North
P.	Jones	I2-North
G.	Kinkbride	P2-South
	Kinner	Philadelphia
R.	Kirkbride	P2-South
J.	<b>Kirkbride - Hotel Keeper</b>	Subscriber in Phil
W.	Klark	Philadelphia
J.F.	Latimer	Subscriber in Phil
J.F.	Latimer	Subscriber in Phil
J.F.	Latimer Esq.	Philadelphia
T.	Lattimer	Philadelphia
L.	Levis	Philadelphia
M.	Linch	A1-South
H.	Mack	P2-South
Mrs.	Macomber	I2-North
	<b>Main St.</b>	Philadelphia
Thos.	Mariet	Philadelphia
L.	Martin	Sterlingville
G.	Matteson	I2-South
T.	McDonald	I2-South
J.	McNeal	D-North
D.	Merrick	I2-North
Mrs.	Merrick	P2-North
J.	Meyers	A2-South
A.	Miles	L1-North
P.	Miles	L1-North
Geo.	Monroe	Philadelphia
C.	Mosher	Philadelphia
A.	Moshier	E-South



	Mott	L2-North
Dr.	Mundock	Philadelphia
A.	<b>Murdock - Physician</b>	Subscriber in Phil
R.	Murphy	I1-North
L.	Normanter	I2-North
T.	Oatman	D-South
G.	Otis	D-North
L.H.	Overton	Subscriber in Phil
Mrs.	Page	E-South
W.	Pallock	D-North
J.	Petty	Sterlingville
J.	Petty	A2-North
J.	Pierce	I2-South
T.	Pierce	I2-South
E.	Pitcher ?	Philadelphia
S.	Post	P2-North
A.W.	Potter	Philadelphia
C.	Potter	H1-South
W.	Powell	I2-North
S.	Reed	Sterlingville
W.	Reed	I2-South
H.C.	Rice	L2-South
	Rice	I2-South
Mrs.	Road	L1-South
	<b>Road To Antwerp</b>	Philadelphia
J.	Roberts	Philadelphia
A.	Rogers	L1-North
J.	Rogers	D-North
R.	Rogers	L1-North
S.	Rogers	Philadelphia
S.	Rogers	P2-South
D.	<b>Rogers - Hotel Keeper</b>	Subscriber in Phil
A.	Rogers Jr.	Philadelphia
D.	<b>Roger's Tavern</b>	Philadelphia
L.N.	Sanderan	L2-South
T.	Scofield	L1-South
A.	Seaman	H2-North
A.	Seaman	Sterlingville
J.	Sharan	A2-South
J.S.	Sharan	A2-South
T.	Sharan	A2-South
S.	Sharp	A2-South
	<b>Shop</b>	Philadelphia
Jas.	<b>Short - Farmer</b>	Subscriber in Phil
A.	Shurtleff	P1-North
A.B.	Shurtleff	P1-North
G.	Shurtleff	H1-North

H.	<b>Sisson - Merchant</b>	Subscriber in Phil
A.	Smith	I2-South
B.	Smith	A2-South
I.	Smith	D-North
J.N.	Smith	E-North
R.	Smith	H2-North
W.V.	Smith	A2-North
S.	Spenser	L2-North
W.	Steele	I1-North
S.	Sterling	A2-South
	<b>STERLINGVILLE</b>	I2-South
	<b>Store</b>	Sterlingville
E.	Strickland	P2-South
J.	Strickland	P2-South
J.T.	Strickland	P2-South
M.	Strickland	P2-South
S.	Strickland	Subscriber in Phil
S.	Strickland	E-North
G.	Sun	I2-North
D.	Sweet	I2-North
S.	Sweet	A2-South
J.	Swift	A2-South
P.	Swift	I2-South
	<b>Tannery</b>	Philadelphia
S.	Tanning	D-North
	<b>Tavern</b>	Philadelphia
	<b>Tavern</b>	Philadelphia
	<b>Tavern</b>	Philadelphia
	Tavern	Philadelphia
W.	Taylor	I2-North
	<b>To Great Bend (Road)</b>	Philadelphia
	<b>To White's Mill (Road)</b>	Philadelphia
	<b>To Wilna &amp; Antwerp (Road)</b>	Philadelphia
	<b>Toll Gate</b>	I2-South
R.	Tonklin	E-North
E.	Townsend	P2-North
F.	Townsend	L2-South
H.	Townsend	E-South
J.	Townsend	D-South
L.	Townsend	L2-South
W.	Townsend	A1-North
G.R.	<b>Tucker - Post Master</b>	Subscriber in Phil
E.	Vanderwarker	Philadelphia
A.	VanWagenar	I1-North
	VanWallenburg	Philadelphia
D.J.	<b>Wager - Attorney</b>	Subscriber in Phil

D.J.	Wager Esq.	Philadelphia
D.J.	Wagner Esq.	Subscriber in Phil
E.	Wait	P2-North
J.	Wait	Philadelphia
J.	Wait	Philadelphia
J.	Wait	Subscriber in Phil
D.	Wait ?	Philadelphia
I.	Warner	H1-South
J.	Welch	H2-North
C.	Wetherill	D-North
G.	White	A1-South
J.	Whiting	A1-North
S.	Whiting	L1-North
W.	Whiting	A1-North
N.	<b>Whiting - Merchant</b>	Subscriber in Phil
N.	Whiting Esq.	Philadelphia
H.	Whitney	I1-North
E.	<b>Whitney's Cts. P.O.</b>	H1-South
G.	Williams	A2-North
H.	Wilson	H1-North
J.	Wilson	P1-North
J.	Wilson	P1-North
J.	Wilson	H1-North
L.	Wilson	H1-South
S.	Wilson	P1-North
W.	Wilson	I1-North
	Wilson	Philadelphia
T.	Winner	D-South
C.	Wishart	I2-North
G.	Wishart	Philadelphia
C.	<b>Wishart - Farmer</b>	Subscriber in Phil
H.	Wood	Philadelphia
H.	Wood	I2-North
S.	Wood	I1-North
F.D.	York	A1-South

## Computer Corner

By Nan Dixon

A news item in the *Watertown Daily Times*, spotted by member Janet Butler, promises to be of help to society members near and far, who wish to use the primary resource in Jefferson County.

Wireless computer access available at library. Patrons of Roswell P. Flower Memorial can now bring laptops capable of receiving wireless Internet service and link up to the Web almost anywhere in the library.

The library switched to a wireless router because the library's circulation computer program was shutting down while staff was using it, said library Director Barbara J. Wheeler. "Someone suggested going wireless," Mrs. Wheeler said. So far, the library computers have stopped shutting staff out of the library system, Mrs. Wheeler said, and as a bonus, library patrons can go online wherever they happen to be working in the building. This means we can take a lap top or hand held, with a whole data base, with us and never wish we had included that one sheet of paper we neglected.

Another item came in by email from Bob Sullivan, State Coordinator for NY GenWeb: "In the course of hunting for a reference to something else, I stumbled across this: <http://genealogyblog.com/index.php?cat=6> which contains a number of tidbits related to census materials in various New York counties." The introduction has this to say: "Hidden genealogical resources are those not on the Internet, not in the Family History Library catalog, and known only to the people who live within a few miles of where they are located. I have been researching New York with a vengeance, and finding hidden resources. New York has one thing going -- the New York State Library/Archives online catalog. In New York, inventories of archival materials sitting in local libraries, museums, or historical societies, are being inventoried and cataloged in the New York state listings at the state library and archives. Essentially, the state archival materials have been expanded to include every facility in the state, treating each like a small annex. By cataloging everything in the small facilities, a statewide picture emerges that is unique. I don't know of another state that is doing this." While Jefferson County is not mentioned specifically, it's really worth while to see what is available in other counties and since this is called a "Blog" (Web log, to the uninitiated!) other tidbits may be added at any time.

The New York State WebCat may have been mentioned here before, but if it has, it's still worth another look. <http://nysl.nysed.gov/uhtbin/cgisirsi/Fri+Sep+22+13:16:33+EDT+2000/0/49> and I do wish there were a shorter version of the URL. Those with time enough could spend days surfing around this site. If you will be visiting the State Archives or State Library, what a wonderful way to prepare, and save time when you are on site!

And at the risk of being redundant, there is a new **scam** out there which is aimed at the genealogy crowd. Because it said: [RESEARCHSUPPORT@INVESTIGATEBACKGROUND.US](mailto:RESEARCHSUPPORT@INVESTIGATEBACKGROUND.US). I was almost taken in. Who doesn't want to link up with someone researching similar names! But read the whole thing, folks, and delete it. Or just delete it first and go on to something more promising, and certainly safer. A much more experienced web surfer than I am said he's getting these at a couple a week, with different come-ons, different addresses. Does it never end?



## Philadelphia Cemeteries

An abandoned cemetery is one which no longer accepts burials, and which is under the protection of the town. A destroyed cemetery is one from which all markers have been removed, all records lost, and is known as a general location only. We have used CR to indicate a county road number. An asterisk (\*) denotes an inactive cemetery. All phone numbers are area code 315. The numbers refer to the map on page 12:

1. Quaker. Sand St., Philadelphia, NY, located across from playground at Indian River Elementary School. No burials there in several years. Contact Town of Philadelphia at 642-3421.

2. Sandy Hollow. Located about two miles from the village on Sandy Hollow Road. Still used for burials, also contains several vacant lots. Cared for by Sandy Hollow Cemetery Association. Contact Quentin Rudes at 642-3314 or 642-3229.

3. La Fave Family. Elm Ridge Road, Philadelphia, NY. Take the Sandy Hollow Road to Elm Ridge Road, then turn right and travel about a mile to the intersection at Whitney's Corners. Just past the corner are two homes on the right. The family cemetery is located at the rear of the second home and contains the grave of Robert La Fave, 7 Jan 1939—10 Aug 1993. Contact Mrs. Sara La Fave, 642-3227.

4. The Brancatella Family. Located on the Ore Bed Road, Town of Philadelphia, NY. From the La Fave Cemetery proceed to Shurtliffe's Corners, junction of Elm Ridge Road, Rt 26 and the Ore Bed Road. Proceed on the Ore Bed Rd. about a mile and this cemetery is located behind a home on the right side. Two burials have been made in this cemetery: Brancatella, Pasquale, 13 Apr 1941-16 July 2001; Brancatella, Lorraine J. 11 May 1944 -13 Aug 2003. Contact Mrs. Tina Vanderbogart, 642-0117.

5. This is a future cemetery on Rt. 29, Town of Philadelphia, NY, on land owned by the Town of Philadelphia. Much of the work has been done by the town crew and volunteers. Contact Town of Philadelphia at 642-3421.

There are two cemeteries, Catholic and Protestant, on Ft. Drum that are located at what was once Sterlingville before the government annexed the land prior to World War II. The Philadelphia American Legion Post # 798 puts flags on the veterans' graves each year. The army from Ft. Drum keeps the cemeteries mowed and repaired. Sterlingville was part of our township. Contact Mr. Neville, 772-9007.

## Queries

The following queries were incomplete or not included in the July issue of the INFORMER:

### SKINNER

Jefferson County Portrait dated 1830. I have a portrait of my great-great-grandfather Calvin **Skinner**, who came to Adams to practice law in the late 1820s, after graduating from Hamilton College. I was wondering if any other portraits from this era are known & if anyone knows the artist. Thanks.

*Charles Skinner, London, England.*

*U.S. address: PSC 801 Box 15 / FPO, AE 09498-4015.*

*chazskin@btopenworld.com*

### KERRY/FORTUNE/TARNETT

Trying to locate death record for Robert **Kerry**, date of death unknown, place of burial unknown. he had daughter Elizabeth **Kerry**, w/o Alexander **Fortune** who lived in Jefferson County in the 1860's. She died in 1862 in Jefferson County. Her mother Sarah (**Tarnett**) is buried in Malone, NY. Thanks!

*Pauline Crahan*

*202 W. Chancery Lane Deland, FL*

*Crahan@cfl.rr.com*

### SAMMIS

I am working on a family tree and history & came across a New York Prison Pardons webpage with pardons from 1823. One of my relatives, Israel **Sammis**, was pardoned after serving only 2 1/2 years of a ten year sentence for manslaughter. He was convicted in Jefferson County on June 20, 1821. There was no other information about the crime or reason he served such a short term, perhaps died in prison? I would love to find out more about this incident & Israel **Sammis**. In the 1820 Jefferson County census his home town was listed as Hounsfield. If anyone can point me in the right direction to find out the details of Mr. **Sammis**'s story I would greatly appreciate it, Thanks.

*Bob Sammis*

*86 Wilson Street, Staten Island, NY 10304-4129*

*BOBSLED46@aol.com*

### BRADT/BROTT

Looking for the father of Oliver **Bradt (Brott)** b 27 Jun 1823, Lake Pleasant, NY whose mother was Sally **Congdon** & married to a **Bradt/Brott**. Thank you for anything you can find on this.

*Bradt Family Society*

*P. O. Box 56*

*Mechanicville, NY 12118-0056*

*e-mail: BRADTFSSec@nycap.rr.com*

## Coming in November INFORMER

We will feature the 1855 map of Rodman. Members are encouraged to send in information, stories and photos relating to Rodman genealogy/history. Contact editor Nan Dixon.



# Interview

## With Gwen Acheson

Town and Village Historian of Philadelphia

**Informor:** *How long have you been the Philadelphia historian?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Oh, over 25 years.

**Informor:** *Who were the first people to settle in the Town of Philadelphia?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** It was settled by a group of nine Quakers from the Town of LeRay. Mr. Merrick, one of the group, was expelled from the meeting [Quaker Church], but later he was allowed back in. Later the Presbyterians built a church here, which was turned into a Congregational Church and later became Methodist.

**Informor:** *What about the other hamlets in the Town?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Well, there was Sterlingville. At one time it was considered the principal place. It had a railway station, and blast furnaces. Mr. Sterling owned [iron ore] mines at Antwerp. Ore Bed Road in Antwerp still has mines. Farmers used to haul ore to the blast furnaces in their off seasons.

Mr. Sterling was a large man, over six feet tall. He was proud of his size. They said he used to put weights in his pockets when he got on the scales, in order to weigh more.

There was Nauvoo, too. It was right on the border.

Children used to come to school in Philadelphia on the train.

**Informor:** *Every day?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Oh, yes. They could get on the train at Sterlingville, and get off here in Philadelphia. They could go to Carthage, too. They had a Teacher's Training Class in Carthage.

**Informor:** *What about Antwerp? Didn't it have a Teacher's Training Class?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** They had Ives Seminary in Antwerp. When the Gouverneur Seminary closed, it combined with Antwerp.

**Informor:** *What was it like in the old days?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Well, it was much different. You know, the government took a lot of land for Fort Drum. They demolished Sterlingville. They had two cemeteries there, the Catholic and the Protestant, and they take care of them, mow them. But Sterlingville, at one time was larger than

Philadelphia, and they just tore everything down. Everything's different now. We have a lot of military families. And retired military, too. People like the schools here. And some even like the climate!

**Informor:** *Where are the vital records kept? In the village offices, or in the town?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** The town clerk has the records, the birth, death and marriage records. We have a museum here in the library. We have some family information here.

**Informor:** *What are some of the old family names in Philadelphia? Besides Sterling?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Oh, I don't know: Childs, Strickland, Tucker, Rogers, Hagens. A lot of Irish names. They came from Ireland, and then they crossed over into Alexandria Bay, and then they came to Philadelphia. Most were farmers. Kavanaugh was one. A famous name for Philadelphia was Cassius Coolidge, you know, the one who painted the dog pictures.

**Informor:** *Dog pictures?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Yes, the dogs playing cards. They were very famous at the time. His daughter wrote a short biography of him, and we have a copy of that. There's one of his pictures, right over there.

**Informor:** *What about cheese factories? Philadelphia is known for its cream cheese.*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Isaiah Cross had a cheese factory, and he raised potatoes for market.

**Informor:** *Do you have family files?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** I have a card file of 2064 names.

**Informor:** *Can anyone use it?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** I'm putting it on computer, but it's slow work. Yes, you can use the computer.

**Informor:** *Do you have to be here, or can it be used any time?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** Oh, it's very simple. [Here she showed us how it worked. It has only basic information, which she has annotated as to source. Much of it is from obituary clippings.]

**Informor:** *Does Philadelphia have a newspaper?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** It did at one time. The Aldrich family started it. The Philadelphia Advance, from the 1890s until World War II. It went out of business when the building burned in the '40s. For a while it was printed in Clayton.

**Informor:** *Do you help people looking for their family history?*

**Mrs. Acheson:** I don't see how you can separate family history from any other history. I am always ready to answer any question that I have any knowledge about.

## DEXTER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 231

Dexter, NY 13634

July 3, 2004

To Society Members, Organizations, Churches, Businesses and Community:

The Dexter Area Historical Society is pleased to announce that the former "Dexter Universalist Church" property was conveyed by Frontier Housing Corporation to the Dexter Area Historical Society and a warranty deed recorded on May 7, 2004 in the Jefferson County Clerks Office.

The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and will be renamed the "Dexter Area Historical Society." The board members will promote and increase interest in the historical background of Dexter and the surrounding area. The society will collect and display written, pictorial, photographic and local and area artifacts in the building for the benefit and education of the general public.

The Dexter Historical Society will be participating in the annual Riverfest Celebration and Parade the weekend of July 24 and 25, 2004 with a table selling hand made articles and collectibles and will again sponsor a tour of the Dexter Jail.

The Village of Dexter was incorporated in 1855 and will recognize their 150th Year with a celebration sponsored by the Dexter Area Historical Society on August 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th of the year 2005. Representatives from area organizations, churches, businesses and individuals are being sought to form a committee that will help organize events for this celebration. An information and organization meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the church to discuss the society's tentative plans and events. The Village of Dexter and the Dexter Area Historical Society Board Members would like the community and surrounding area to become involved for this historical weekend.

The Dexter Area Historical Society will continue to sponsor programs and fund raising events to benefit the society and for any renovations needed to the building. Volunteers are also needed and if you are interested or have any questions, please call Theta at 639-6608 or Barbara Haller at 639-6848.

The Dexter Area Historical Society appreciates your continued support throughout the year and if you would like to become a member please contact Theta or Barbara.

Sincerely,

Dexter Area Historical Society Board of Trustees

## Background for Sterlingville Article

The following newspaper article on page 16 was written by Ernest Cook, a local historian who was writing articles for the *Watertown Daily Times* as early as 1912. His stories appeared more or less regularly until late in the 1940s. Many of his articles were reprinted in the *Thousand Islands Sun*, who has given us permission to print any articles from that paper. The date of the following article is missing, but in 1929, in answer to hundreds of questions, he wrote: "Getting material for stories is much like hunting foxes, I suppose, you get on the track of one and follow the scent. Older people in different sections can give you much helpful information. They have a first hand description of events from their fathers back when the country was first settled. But you have got to find the right people..." Here he described tracing down a story, as he went from person to person, treasuring leads not only to the story on which he was working, but making notes for future trips for more stories.

He knew best the Theresa area, but traveled extensively to Lewis and St. Lawrence areas, following the scent of a story which interested him. When he first started, in interviewing a person who was 80 years old, he was reaching back to people born in the 1830s, who heard stories from their grandparents reaching back to the first settlement of the county. We would have lost countless reminiscences like Miner Reed's description of Sterlingville, had Ernest Cook's curiosity not led him down innumerable back roads in search of memories. The story might have been written in 1940, but Mr. Reed was remembering a hamlet as it existed just after the Civil War.

Lyme Heritage has for sale at least six collections of Ernest Cook articles. Contact Lyme Heritage Center, Chaumont, NY for more information.

### The Year 1904

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks.

From a scrapbook at the Antwerp Museum, Antwerp Library (undated, but probably came from the '30s or '40s).

## Sterlingville's Busy Days

by Ernest G. Cook

Sterlingville When It was a Busy Industrial Community Is Recalled by Miner C. Reed, Now of Philadelphia—Says that He Doesn't Know of a Community of Comparable Size that Sent as Many Men to the Civil War as Did Sterlingville.

"Yes, sir, I've seen the time when Sterlingville was doing more business than the village of Philadelphia and when Reedville was a thriving community with sawmill and a sash and blind factory."

So said Miner C. Reed, now of Philadelphia, as he discussed some of the former events in the village of Sterlingville and recalled some of the business men of other days.

"I was born out here at Cattail Corners," said Mr. Reed, as he continued his story, "and that is off Sterlingville way, so I have seen quite a few people come and go in that section in my 70 or more years. And before I forget it, I want to say that I don't know of a community around here that sent more men to the front in the Civil War days than Sterlingville did, that is for a community of its same size.

"Why, Sterlingville had the big Sterling furnace, the Essington foundry, carriage shops, saw mills, shingle mills, and several other manufacturing plants. You remember the old Northern Farmer stove, or didn't you ever see one? Had the oven up high at the rear of the stove with the pipes going up to it to permit the heat to circulate around the baking place. A good many old time farm kitchens had that stove. Well, that was made in Sterlingville by Essington, and he turned out some good stuff. Say, I guess that the stoves in the Protestant church at Sterlingville today were made by Essington.

"And the water power we had in those days was not to be sneezed at. Why, today there is more water going through Black Creek at Sterlingville than in the Indian River at Woods Mills in the summer time. You see Black Creek is fed by many streams from the Pine Plains and that keeps up the flow of water.

"Of course the furnace was the big thing in those early days. It was located on our side of the village, known as furnace hill. There is where we used to have the cannon we made the racket with

on Fourth of July celebrations. That was where John Rhubarb got his arms blown off. But that is another story. You see that furnace was started about 100 years ago by John Sterling and for a time it handled the ore from several of his mines, such as the one at Shurtleffs, the one on the Gouverneur road, and others. They brought the iron there by teams and it was a busy sight to see all those rigs coming there to unload. I think the first blast, which lasted several weeks, ran off 150 tons of iron. And it was choice iron, too."

A survey of the business houses of Sterlingville just after the Civil War—the time referred to by Mr. Reed, shows that Peter Pratt was operating a basket making establishment. The blacksmiths were William Rhubarb and David Seaman. Boots and shoes were made by Lewis H. Mills. Palmer Hatch was the butcher. Robert E. Odbert and Fletcher Odbert were carriage makers. The carpenters were Eleazar Gates, William Murray, John Myers and George Salisbury, and Lewis H. Mills handled butter and cheese.

There was a cheese box factory which was run by George Salisbury, and Lyman E. North had a chair shop and did quite a business. Vincent Smith was the community cooper while Martin Porter made the pumps for the country in and about Sterlingville. L.H. Mills made and sold clothing and Miss T. Gill was the dressmaker. Frank Comstock and James Shurtleff were the drovers or dealers in livestock.

There were four sawmills with Caleb Essington operating one, Elbridge Hatch another and George Salisbury and James Sterling having mills. Of course the big business was the furnace, owned and operated by James Sterling for a long time, but later by other men and many of the local industries centered about this industry. The grist mill was operated by Caleb Essington and this was down the stream from the furnace, according to Mr. Reed, and at this point there was a canal to take water to these mills and return it to the main stream. Joseph Essington was the man who manufactured the iron from the furnace into different articles and built up a good business, for he produced worthwhile goods. Christopher Mosher did the mason work and Fletcher Odbert was the painter. Drs. Hopkins and Wafel were located at this point and we must not forget the shingle mill run by Elbridge Hatch. Lyman E. North had a wood turning establishment and Elijah P. Daily had a clock repair shop. There were several merchants and thus we see that the village with a population of over 300 was quite an active community.



## Report on Palatines to America Conference

By Nan Dixon

The national Palatines to America Conference at Albany, 24-26 June of this year, found some good speakers on topics of interest. John Humphrey, the former director of the National Genealogical Society's Learning Center, proved himself a good teacher in his lecture on "Developing Skills to Become a Genealogist." This is the gist of part of his talk, as absorbed by one listener.

The family historian needs to know what records to use and how to use them. When one is working with deeds, for instance, knowing about land measurements is useful. All genealogists need to learn basic analytical skills, applying to all phases of research, to determine which facts are pertinent to one's particular family.

He emphasized over and over the pitfalls of assumptions. Some of the biggest and most difficult brick walls are the ones the researcher makes himself. Assumptions top that list. They can be deliberate or unconscious. They limit the ability to see research problems properly. They can also limit the ability to find the all-important records that can lead to successful problem resolutions.

Develop skepticism. It's one of the best tools in your toolbox. Skepticism can be the medicine that can cure a lot of wrongs. It can help us to recognize erroneous assumptions and conclusions. A healthy skepticism will enable the researcher to use published resources or information found on the internet with caution. Question every record. Question your own research. Question others' research. Even eminent historians can cause you problems when they depend on others' skills. Published records, when read hastily or mistakenly, can make you stumble.

Many family historians gather a lot of information, but they never take time to evaluate it. Like tourists taking countless pictures of their trip, if they don't stop and document, or review soon after gathering the pictures, they can't place them. The value of a record is greatly enhanced if one understands the reason the document was created, and the process of creation. Information can come in a variety of records. Even lists where ancestors are only a name has value because those lists exist for a reason.

Assembling data is like putting a jigsaw puzzle together. As the puzzle nears completion, one sees which pieces are missing. One can identify holes in one's research, sources missed, and worse, inconsistencies. If the details on a family are pulled together and viewed collectively as they are found, the family historian can define the missing information. An added benefit is the ability to redefine and

focus all additional research. Assemble the data and think analytically about it. Useful new insights can be synthesized by combining information found in one set of records with those found in another. One needs to realize it is possible to take two pieces of information found in different records and combine them to get a previously unknown fact, one that may not be in any existing record. Genealogy is a compilation. Bring it together to make sense.

Develop the skill to recognize the object of the search. When reconstructing families, or looking for ancestors, it's easy to lose the focus of the information needed. One might become obsessed with the finding a particular record, such as a will or baptismal record. Often family historians fail to recognize the record is not the object of the search; a family relationship is. In these situations, family historians need to develop the ability to refocus in order to analyze what they seek.

Genealogists need to analyze their own research methods and habits. They have to ask themselves when they quiz colleagues or professionals, do they really listen, or do they offer "yes, but" arguments? Is the question being asked to find an answer, or is it being asked to tell the tale of their own research? They need to be aware of how they react when they find information which has been the focus of an intense search. In the exhilaration of the find, do they forget to analyze the record correctly? Do they make certain the information was recorded thoroughly?

Determination and a positive attitude are other tools in your researcher's toolbox. Some research problems seem insurmountable, but brick walls can crumble.

*Palatines to America* is a genealogical society dedicated to the study of ancestors from all German-speaking lands, not just the Palatinate. We take our name from the fact that some of the earliest German-speaking immigrants to the American colonies came from a region in present-day Germany known as the Palatinate and were called Palatines.

We maintain a rapidly growing library that is available to all who are researching German-speaking ancestry. We also publish a quarterly journal and other publications on German-speaking genealogical research.

We have our own domain name with the URL <http://www.palam.org/>.



# ASK AUNTY JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:  
Aunty Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,  
Clayton NY 13624  
or E-mail [nandixon@Gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@Gisco.net)

Dear Aunty Jeff,

Could you please tell me what MRd stands for in the cemetery listings? At first I thought it meant murdered, but perhaps it does not.

- Jim

Dear Jim,  
Interesting speculation. While b is understood as born, and d as died, some people must fancy up the m for married, and thus we have your question, a perfectly logical one. Both md and mrd stand for married.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

Hi! I am trying to find my family I was told that they are buried in Ellisburg.  
The only name I have is Myron Johnson. I do not have dates. If you please help me.

- Newbie

Dear Newbie,  
This is like trying to find a needle in a haystack, without knowing the size or color of the needle. The Historical Association at South Jefferson at 9 East Church St., Adams, NY, 13605 is the logical place to start. As for dates, it would be helpful to know in which century the Johnsons lived. An approximate date is better than none.

Post a query in this newsletter. Send your query to Suzanne L. Howard, POB 24, Chippewa Bay, NY13623. Make sure you include your snail mail address. Though the society does not do research, the queries are published without cost to you. Others may see your query and answer.

You should be aware that Johnson, like Brown, Green, and Williams, is one of the most common surnames in the United States. There are bound to be Johnsons in Ellisburg, as well as in each of the other towns of Jefferson County. Though Myron is not as common a name as Johnson, yet it is not unheard of. If you do find a Myron Johnson, how can you tell that he is the one for which you are searching?

And lastly, if this is your family, it is very strange that you do not know the name of a child or grandchild to better pinpoint this Myron. That, too, would be an aid to the searcher.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I received a death certificate from the city of Watertown for my great grandmother, Amanda Anderson Porter, who died 9/27/1904. I believe she lived at 12 Boyd St. in the city at that time.

The parents listed on the certificate are incorrect and I have a family Bible record that shows this. None of her family lived in Watertown at the time of her death and she actually was buried in Big Rapids MI with her husband, Alvaro Porter.

Does anyone know what can be done about this, if anything?

-Carolyn

Chris Andrie is sitting in for Aunty Jeff this time:

Dear Carolyn,  
First of all, in genealogy it is not only common but also very likely that you won't ever see two records for the same event that agree in all respects. That is why critical evaluation of the evidence is such an important part of the genealogical research process. Secondly, it makes sense that because none of her family was living in Watertown at the time, there was no informant available who knew the correct names of her parents. I have seen a lot of New York State death records and in most cases, the birth information is incorrect or missing.

While there may be a process for submitting corrections to vital records, you can't go around correcting everything, especially in cases where the error is subject to interpretation (which would be most of them). Your other option is to produce a quality genealogical work showing all the evidence you've found, properly sourced and evaluated, and then publish it, either in print or on the web so that other researchers can come to the same conclusion that you did about the data.

-Chris Andrie

**The Dollinger House Register****(Continued from July Informer)**

<b>Bogart, Jno. H.</b> Jun 7, Jan 10	NY City	Henry S. Breslow (1865 – 1932) (Clayton Village Cemetery, Clayton)
<b>Bogert, J.H.</b> Jan 14		<b>Bretch, P.B.</b> Sept 17 Peter B. Bretsch (1856-1928) (Omar Cemetery – Orleans) (Child's – Orleans, farmer)
<b>Bogert, Jim</b> Oct 21, Nov 25 James C. Bogart (1880 Census – Antwerp, cheesemaker, age 31)	Redwood	
<b>Bogert, John (also Bogurt)</b> Feb 13, Apr 3 & 4, Apr 10 John H. Bogart (1856–1929, Old Theresa Cemetery)	"P?", Theresa	<b>Brittan, Ale?</b> May 14
<b>Bogost?, J.J.</b> Jan 23		<b>Broga, M.M.</b> June 28 (Chautauqua County)
<b>Bogurt, Mr.</b> Dec 3	Plessis	<b>Brooks, James</b> Mar 21 Amsterdam
<b>Bolton, Frank</b> Nov 5	Alex Bay	<b>Brooks, James</b> Mar 1 Rochester
<b>Booth, A.B.</b> Jun 8, Jun 11, Jul 25 Augustine B. Booth (1888 Rochester Dir, flour) (d. 8 May 1936, Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester)	Rochester	<b>Brown?, Dr. Al_? &amp; 2 children</b> July 25 Utica
<b>Booth, Fred</b> Mar 22	New York	<b>Brown?, Frank</b> Apr 9 Oneida (Madison County)
<b>Boshart, A.C</b> Oct 27, Dec 17 Alfred C. Boshart (1895-96 Lewis Co, NY, Village of Lowville, dealer in farm produce & implements Alfred G. Boshart (1880 Census – Lowville, (age 32, farmer)	Lowville	<b>Brown, H.?</b> May 26, Jul 25, Aug 8 Herbert J. Brown (1891 Watn City Dir, millinery)
<b>Botsford, Geo.</b> Jun 1 (Utica), Nov 23 (Boston) George Botsford (1889 Utica Dir – com. traveler)	Utica, Boston	<b>Brown, J.H. &amp; wife</b> July 22 Cape Vincent
<b>Bowles, J.G.</b> May 23 John G. Bowles (1857-1930 (Plessis Cemetery - Alexandria)	Plessis	<b>Brown, James</b> Dec 23 (Clayton), Jan 26 (Omar) Clayton, Omar
<b>Bowman, M.</b> Sept 1 Michal Bowman (1880 Lewis Co Census, Denmark, age 39, farmer) Michael Bowman (d. 1918, age 75, (Castorland Union Cemetery, Lot 57, Lewis Co.)	Castorland	<b>Brown, James</b> Feb 27 Malone
<b>Br_nn?, John</b> Dec 17	Syracuse	<b>Brown, James</b> Dec 7 New York
<b>Branough, W.</b> June 17	Carthage	<b>Brown?, John</b> Dec 12 Lowville
<b>Brannaugh, W.A.</b> Sept 8		<b>Brown, John</b> Oct 8 Utica
<b>Brannaugh, J.W., Jr.</b> June 17 John W. Branaugh (1854-1894) (Redwood Cemetery – Alexandria)	Redwood	<b>Brown, Jno H.</b> June 7 New York City
<b>Breslow, H.S.</b> Apr 6 Henry S. Breslow (Child's – Wilna, clerk for Simon Breslow, clothing dealer, bds Hotel Elmhirst)	Carthage	<b>Brown, Rob</b> Mar 7 Buffalo
		<b>Bryan, C._?</b> Feb 3 Ogdensburg
		<b>Bryan, Morgan</b> Jun 17 (Utica), Jul 25 (Utica), Sept 7 (Adams), Oct 3 (Adams), Oct 7 (Adams), Nov 16 (Adams), Dec 23 (Adams), Dec 26 (Adams), Feb 2, Feb 6, (Adams), Mar 6 (Adams), Mar 30 (Adams), Apr 16 Morgan S. Bryan (Child's – Adams, com. trav for Comstock Bros.) Morgan Bryan (1900 Census – Adams, age 67) (d. 3/15/1909 Winsted, CT ( <i>Jefferson County Journal</i> , March 17, 1909)) (marker for him: Elmwood Cemetery, Adams)
		<b>Bryant, Jno H.</b> Dec 15, Feb 28 Theresa
		<b>Bu_h?, John H.</b> Jan 25 Sheldon, VT (Franklin County)
		<b>Bucannon, James</b> Sept 2

<b>Buckingham, E.D.</b> June 21 E.D. Buckingham (1888 Utica Dir-music&art gal.)	<b>Utica</b>	Charles H. Campbell (Child's – Alexandria, painter)
<b>Bullard, P.D.</b> Dec 7	<b>Theresa</b>	<b>Campbell, E.</b> May 17, Oct 1 <b>Alex Bay</b>
<b>Burdick, John</b> June 8 John Burdick (1826-1889) (Barnes Settlement Cemetery – Alexandria)	<b>Alex Bay</b>	<b>Candel?, W.H.</b> Apr 6 <b>New York</b>
<b>Burns, James</b> Dec 20 – Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 31, Jan 31, Feb 4, Mar 6, Apr 10	<b>Ogdensburg</b>	<b>Canfell?, Geo.</b> Feb 13 <b>Alex Bay</b>
<b>Burns, N.A.</b> Feb 17	<b>NY</b>	<b>Cantin?, John</b> Feb 9 <b>Camden</b> (Oneida County)
<b>Burns?, Robert</b> Mar 6	<b>Camden</b> (Onedia County)	<b>Caple, Walter</b> May 23 <b>Jewetts Corners</b> (LeRay)
<b>Burns, W.A.</b> Mar 28	<b>NY</b>	Walter Caple (1839-____) (Hillside Cemetery – Wilna; Civil War Vet)
<b>Burns, W.W.</b> Aug 29	<b>NY</b>	<b>Carroll, John</b> Aug 24
<b>Burt, E. _?</b> Mar 7	<b>Ogdensburg</b>	<b>Carroll, W.H.</b> Sept 12, Oct 25, Feb 14 <b>New York</b>
<b>Burt, Peter</b> July 11 (Peter Burt's man)	<b>City</b>	<b>Carter, A. B.</b> Feb 22, Mar 19 <b>Utica</b>
<b>Burtis, W.W.</b> Aug 17	<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>Carter, H.C.</b> Apr 11 <b>Ogdensburg</b>
<b>Bush, C.J.</b> Oct 17	<b>Gouverneur</b>	<b>Castle, Charles C.</b> Feb 15 <b>Syracuse</b> Charles C. Castle (1888 Syracuse Dir, commission agent)
<b>Butterfield, W.W.</b> Jul 25, Aug 2, Aug 8, Aug 11, Aug 19 & 20, Aug 27, Sept 2, Nov 14 (Redwood), Mar 23 William W. Butterfield (1822-1909, Redwood Cem) (resided: Redwood, summer home at Jolly Oaks) (Owner & Manufacturer of Redwood Glass)	<b>Jolly Oaks</b> (Wellesley Island)	<b>Caswell, Horace D.</b> Nov 28 (dinner), Nov 29 Horace D. Caswell (Alexandria Bay, Child's – Alexandria, farmer, leases) Horace D. Caswell (1865 – 1944) (Plessis Cemetery – Alexandria)
- C -		<b>Cavanaugh, John</b> Jan 24 <b>Theresa</b> John C. Cavanaugh (Child's – Theresa, farmer)
<b>Cable?, E.</b> June 25, July 4	<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Cerusgood?, W.</b> Feb 7 <b>Redwood</b>
<b>Cajer?, Elie</b> Mar 22	<b>Theresa</b>	<b>Cha__is, __</b> June 27
<b>Calen, James</b> Dec 29	<b>N.Y.</b>	<b>Chamberlin, W.H.H.</b> Nov 5 <b>Syracuse</b> Wm. H.H. Chamberlin (1880 Census, Town of Geddes, Onondaga Co., age 18) William H.H. Chamberlin (1888 Syracuse Dir, shipper, salesman)
<b>Calen, James</b> Aug 15 James Calen (1880 Census – Forest Port, Oneida County, hotel keeper, age 36)	<b>Utica</b>	<b>Chandler, H.G.</b> Oct 5 <b>Ogdensburg</b> Hiram G. Chandler (1890 St. Lawrence Co. Dir, resides Mitchell Dam) (1880 Census – Potsdam, age 23, farmer)
<b>Callahan, T.D.</b> Aug 16, Oct 24, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 17 Thomas D. Callahan (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)	<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>Chaney, G.T.</b> July 16 <b>Herman</b> Gaylord T. Chaney (1864-1938, Section3) (Old Herman Cemetery – Herman)
<b>Calvin, J.</b> Nov 10	<b>Utica</b>	<b>Chapman, B.W.</b> Nov 5, Nov 7 <b>Rochester</b>
<b>Campbell, Chas. H.</b> Oct 1, Jan 11	<b>Alex Bay</b>	

# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

No. 1 on this chart is the same as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed.

- B Baptized
- E Endowed
- SP Sealed to parents
- SS Sealed to spouse
- F Family Group Record exists for this couple
- C Children's ordinances completed

2 Calvin W. Martin  
 (Father of no. 1)  B  E  SP  SS  F  C  
 Born/Chr 17 June 1796  
 Place VT or NY  
 Married 1 Jan 1822  
 Place Champion, NY  
 Died 23 July 1852  
 Place Fall River, WI

1 Milo Willard Martin  
 B  E  SP  SS  F  C  
 Born/Chr 25 Feb 1830  
 Place Denmark, NY  
 Married 8 Dec 1852  
 Place Hampden, WI  
 Died 15 Sept 1903  
 Place Fall River, WI  
Mary Ann Copeland  
 (Spouse of no. 1)  B  E  SP  SS

3 Sophronia Coughlin  
 (Mother of no. 1)  B  E  SP  SS  
 Born/Chr 5 Aug 1804  
 Place Marlboro, VT  
 Died 7 Nov 1871  
 Place Clinton Falls, MN

Your name and address	
Bettie Brewer Francis PO Box 2432 Oakhurst, CA 93644	
Telephone number	Date prepared
559-683-7824	5./8/04

4 (Father of no. 2)  B  E  SP  SS  F  C  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

5 (Mother of no. 2)  B  E  SP  SS  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

6 Richard Coughlin  
 (Father of no. 3)  B  E  SP  SS  F  C  
 Born/Chr 1775  
 Place Chesterfield, NH  
 Married ca 1803  
 Place Marlboro, VT  
 Died 1850's  
 Place Fountain Prairie, WI

7 Sally (Sarah)  
 (Mother of no. 3)  B  E  SP  SS  
 Born/Chr ca 1782  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 19 Sept 1827  
 Place Champion, NY

8 (Father of no. 4)  B  E  SP  SS  F  C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

9 (Mother of no. 4)  B  E  SP  SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

10 (Father of no. 5)  B  E  SP  SS  F  C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

11 (Mother of no. 5)  B  E  SP  SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

12 Richard Coughlin  
 (Father of no. 6)  B  E  SP  SS  F  C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place England  
 Married ca 1774  
 Died 11 March 1801  
 Place Marlboro, VT

13 Sarah Peacock  
 (Mother of no. 6)  B  E  SP  SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr 9 Oct 1750  
 Place Hardwick, MA  
 Died 1810  
 Place Marlboro, VT

14 (Father of no. 7)  B  E  SP  SS  F  C Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_

15 (Mother of no. 7)  B  E  SP  SS Cont. on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Born/Chr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_



Perch Lake Cemetery, Pamela (from Lynette Stilley)

## Biographical Sketches

Grave of Peter Busler, Pioneer, is in Small Cemetery  
In Vicinity of Perch Lake  
By Ernest G. Cook

In the little cemetery located high on the crest of the steep banks that overlook the creek that flows west into the waters of Perch Lake, but a half a mile away, sleep Peter and Lucy Busler, their graves marked by two substantial but simple monuments. Just over the cemetery fence is one of the Busler farms and off in the distance the whiteness of the Methodist Protestant church, a church in which the Busler family worked, shows clear.

"Peter Busler," reads the inscription, "died Dec. 17, 1864, aged 90 years."

It was Peter Busler who pioneered lands in this section and purchased a farm from John LaFarge, which is still owned and operated by the Busler descendants. Peter Busler was residing in the Palatine section of Herkimer County when he decided to investigate the prospects in northern New York and so in 1820 he came into Jefferson County and located first on land not far from where now stands the Methodist Protestant church of Perch lake. But that was only for one winter. The next year, after looking about, he went to lands a mile distant and there began his clearing. It was wilderness land and the purchase was from John LaFarge, 150 acres. From where he decided to locate his house, which was some distance back from the highway, he could, with the trees cleared away, catch sight of the waters of Perch Lake. The house was located on a rise of ground and a part of the original building stands today as a part of the homestead home.

Peter Busler was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Walts, who died in Herkimer County. Later he married Lucy Taylor of Herkimer county and it was she who came north with him to establish a home in the wilderness. Their oldest son was named Peter and he was born in September 1810. He was ten years old when the family moved north in 1820. They were not far from the LaFarge mansion, which was located on the point of land that extends out into the lake.

Family tradition has it that the family of the pioneer Peter Busler's father was also named Peter, but they have no records to show for it. The coming of Peter Busler to the Perch lake region brought others of the Palatine section, for Peter Nellis came to locate on a farm just a few rods from where the cemetery is now located and the Nellis family was amount the leaders in the old Palatine church built in 1770. The Timmermans came also and near the Busler lot in the cemetery at Perch lake is a stone

erected to the memory of John Timmerman, soldier in the war of 1812, who died Oct. 15, aged 61 years, and his wife, Gertrude, who lived to be 92, passing away Dec. 29, 1884.

It was Peter Busler the second who seemed to enter into the leadership of the Perch lake section. Born in 1810, he married Margaret Timmerman, who was born in Oct. 1820. It was he who with Peter Nellis and Hiram Walts became leaders in the Protestant church at Perch Lake, organized in 1867, and these three men were trustees. Peter Busler was one of the foremost contributors.

Peter Busler, the second, died May 27, 1893 and is buried in Oakwood cemetery, Theresa. The homestead farm was taken over by John and Ida Busler, children of Peter. Clinton, another son, purchased the Walts farm which borders the cemetery. It is John and Ida Busler who own the homestead today and it is interesting to note that Leonard Busler, son of Clinton, and now mayor of Theresa, has a son bearing the name of Peter Busler and Peter the younger would be a great great grandson of the pioneer who took up the wilderness land at the time that John LaFarge was active in North Country affairs. A daughter of Clinton Busler became the wife of Floyd Shimmel of the Perch lake section and is well known in home bureau circles, as is her husband. That the Shimmel family were early settlers near the lake is born by the fact that near the Busler monument is one to the memory of Conrad Shimmel, born Jan. 8, 1794 and died Sept. 4, 1881. His wife, Margaret, born April 14, 1799, died Nov. 9, 1897.

It should be mentioned that Foster Shimmel, former master of the Pamela grange, the largest in Jefferson county, is a great great grandson of Peter Busler, the pioneer.

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To our article on the **Anthony Farm** in our July INFORMER, we can add the following information.

From an unknown, undated newspaper clipping of Mr. Mason Moshier:

### LANDMARK TO GO.

This barn on the old Thomas H. Anthony farm in the town of Pamela, largest barn in Jefferson County, is going to be razed. The structure is located on property now owned by the state conservation department near Perch Lake and it is expected bids for its demolition will be sought shortly. The barn, believed to be between 80 and 100 years old, is 250 feet long, 40 feet wide and nearly 60 feet high. There is a drive floor directly under the gabled roof. The farm is located on a cross road about three-fourths of a mile from the Parish Street Road and approximately eight and one-half miles from Watertown.

## Queries

Send Queries to: Suzanne L. Howard, POB 24, Chippewa Bay, NY 13623; LemmonMinnie@hotmail.com; Subject: Informer

### BALDWIN

I am seeking birth records on the following: William George **Baldwin**, b abt 1832, son Frank b 1860 or 61, Nellie, Fred & Samantha (Matty), all born between 1862-1869. The LDS leads indicate that Jonas **Baldwin** married a Ruth **Granger**, who died in 1853. Sally could be his 2nd wife. Ruth could be the mother of Wm G. **Baldwin**, as shown in the 1850 Census, unless there was an even earlier wife. There is a Jonas **Baldwin** in the 1840 Census, New York, Jefferson County, Alexandria, with appropriate ages; 1860 Census, New York, Jefferson County, Theresa.

*Thank You,  
Sue Baldwin*

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### DAVIES

I am researching my family tree & have found out that my great uncle Evan Llewelyn **Davies** born in Baglan, Glamorgan, Wales. He emigrated to the United States in 1923, entering at Ellis Island, his wife & daughter came with him. They settled in Watertown, Jefferson County, NY & later had three sons. I would like to gain information about the sons that were born in the USA. Please note: If any members need help with their genealogy in the Worcestershire, Warwickshire counties of England, I would be happy to search for them in return for some information regarding the **Davies** family of Watertown, Jefferson County.

*Thanking you so much,  
Janet Crowe*

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DOUGLAS300556@aol.com

### GOLBY/HEMINGWAY

I am looking for information on Joseph **Golby** b abt 1820, England. He died before 9 Jul 1890, bur Golby Cemetery, Town of Theresa, Jefferson County, New York. He md Elizabeth **Hemingway** b 18 Feb 1830, New York State; d 3 Mar 1892, in Town of Theresa, Jefferson County, New York; bur **Golby** Cemetery, Town of Theresa, Jefferson County, New York. I would like to know their parents & siblings, & any family info. Also, any info on their children: Alfred md Mary **Sweeney**, Eliza md Alanson Franklin **Dunn**, Alva md Lydia **Swinning**, Wm md Isabel **Finley**, Margaret, George & Bert.

*Thank you,  
Suzanne Howard*

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### HYDE

Need help connecting the St Lawrence & Jefferson County, New York **Hyde** families. Abel **Hyde** arrived in Macomb, St Lawrence County around 1840...in my research I have found a large **Hyde** family in Jefferson County....not sure how they relate....if they relate.

*Thank you for your help!*

*Nancy Thivierge*

605 Ogden Dr, Mt Holly, NJ 08060

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### STEAM ENGINE CO. MAKERS

(See picture on Page 5)

I am looking for information on a steam engine that will be given to the LSU Rural Life Museum. The engine was made in Watertown NY. I have found the engine listed in the Encyclopedia of American Steam Traction Engines by Jack Norbeck. There is one on display at the Ford Museum but at the time of publishing in 1976 they did not have any information on where or when it was built. The engine says: 22/ Steam Engine Co./ Makers/ Watertown, NY. We would like to know who owned the company, years in business, etc. If you have any information on this company or know of anyone who would know, I would appreciate anything you could send me.

*Thanks,*

*David*

LSU Rural Life Museum

Att: David Nicolosi

P.O. Box 80498 Baton Rouge, La. 70898

dnicol1@lsu.edu

This is our museum web site. <http://rurallife.lsu.edu/>

### MITCHELL

I need help researching my father's family. I have Horace **Mitchell** b 1852, d 4 Sep 1921 in Watertown, NY; his wife, Maria **Blair**, b 1852, ?England, d 19 Mar 1919, Watertown, NY. Their children: 1] Loren, b 27 Oct 1877/78, Ft Covington, NY, d 13 Mar 1951, Potsdam, St Lawrence Co, NY; md 1849, Mary **Mason**. 2] George **Melvin**, b 23 Dec 1891, Brasher Falls, St Lawrence Co, NY, d 29 Jan 1951, Watertown, NY; md Elizabeth **Owens**, b 28 Apr 1892, ?Canada, d Dec 1955, Syracuse, NY. 3] Walter md Agnes ?. 4] Minnie md Guy **Kinney**. 5] Lydia md Benjamin **Collins**. 6] Vitta (Elvida) b 20 Mar 1890, d 31 Jan 1982, md George **Castle**. 7] Delilah md George **Jock**. Any info on parents, siblings & children would be greatly appreciated.

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(See Page 5 for an additional Query)

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To the records listed in  
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Of the Village of Clayton, NY**  
And

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This is an alphabetical listing of over 3000 names and the pages where the baptismal, marriage and death records are located in Rev. Garand's 1902 publication. Ideal for identifying surname spelling variations; brides and grooms listed separately. Send check or money order for \$12 (includes S&H) to Jefferson County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 6453, Watertown, NY 13601.

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Re: INFORMER, MARCH 2003, Cover page  
showing men in front of Alfred Lowe Store:

Man identified as GEORGE FRAME more  
likely Dr. Luke FRAME then about 43 years old.  
George FRAME, grand nephew of Luke born Jan  
1877.

My best to all, Randy Diefendorf, gr-gr grand-  
son of Luke Frame.

To Whom It May Concern:

We at The New York Genealogical & Bio-  
graphical Society would like to invite your members to  
join us November 17—19 for our Research in Albany  
program.

With best wishes,  
Lauren Maehrlein, MA  
Director of Education

The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society  
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## What's Going On With JCNYS

Jerry W. Davis, Recording Secretary  
**August Meeting**

Audrey Miller is a 50+ year member of the Grange and she is presently the State Deputy Master of the Jefferson County Pomona Grange. She began her presentation with a brief outline of the history of the Grange from its beginnings after the Civil War about 1867 with 7 founders including Oliver Hudson Kelley who is often mentioned as the founder of the Grange, to Carolyn Hall, Oliver Kelley's niece, who insisted on women becoming equal members of the Grange.

An explanation of the "degrees" in the Grange and the various programs in which the Grange participates was included in Audrey's remarks. Interesting points that were mentioned included the Grange involvement in the Grange League Federation that we all knew as the G.L.F. and the Grange relation with Rural Free Delivery or the R.F.D. on some of our earlier mailing addresses. The State Grange headquarters is in Cortland and the National Grange is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Audrey presented a video tape of the History of the Grange. She also had several history books for people to look at after the meeting. Many questions and Grange memories were shared after the program.



**State Deputy Master of the Jefferson County Pomona Grange Audrey Miller and JCGS's own Charlotte Brenon.**

## September Meeting



The evening's program on Technology and Genealogy was conducted by our own Rose and Don Dillenbeck. Rose started with a brief explanation of how to use some basic equipment such as a laptop or desktop computer, digital camera, scanner, Palm, GPS, and a cellphone. She passed around a variety of technology magazines for members to look at. With a projector hooked directly to her laptop computer, Rose continued with visual examples. She showed uses of the variety of equipment also by presenting actual examples of the genealogy that she and Don have in their collection. Some programs on her Palm that she referred to included 3 versions of the Holy Bible, Bluetooth or wireless connection software, calendar, email, memos, notes written on screen, Word, Excel, Power Point, GedWise genealogy program, maps, games, et. al. There were many questions during and after the program.



Rose Dillenbeck and Clancy Hopkins discuss the 'Jump Drive' while President Bob VanBrocklin listens in on the conversation.

**JCGS MEETING MINUTES**

Jerry W. Davis, Recording Secretary  
**AUGUST 9, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob VanBrocklin at 6:30 with 21 members in attendance. The minutes were read and approved by motion of Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Bill Dixon.

Treasurer Hollis Dorr reported a balance of \$7361.74. Sue Grant moved and Patti Hopkins seconded approval of the report.

Charlotte Brenon pointed out new material for the repository that she had displayed on the tables.

Bill Dixon for the Newsletter Committee reported that July finally got printed and thanked all involved with getting the issue out. September issue is close and November has been started.

Editor Nan Dixon mentioned that the September issue is in Clancy's hands and November is on our minds.

Publisher Clancy Hopkins confirmed that he did have the September Informer in his hands and that the printer would have it in the morning. He plans on 2 weeks from Tuesday for putting it together and mailing it out. He also brought up his bright color dues reminder.

Clancy Hopkins mentioned for the membership committee that numbers remain fairly constant. When new members and address changes arrive, they are sent to editor Nan Dixon and are put into the INFORMER. Clancy mentioned that since he and Patti have been keeping records, they have over 800 names of past members while the active membership remains at about 385.

Jean Coyne reported for the publications committee that in the interest of time, we might still consider publishing the Wills book in a soft cover edition such as is the recent Depauville book. Work on the next book is continuing.

President Bob mentioned that our annual audit has been done early to coincide with our change in treasurers and will be discussed at the next meeting. President Bob thanked Sue Grant for her work.

Bonnie Borrello mentioned for the Resource committee that to date, she has received no response from her request for help with visiting areas of interest.

Old Business: President Bob expressed thanks to Linda Malinich for presiding over the last meeting in his absence. He also thanked Hollis Dorr for taking over the job as treasurer. Bob mentioned that the society now has a stamp to use to help in placing the long string of numbers asked for on documents.

New Business: Bill Dixon started a discussion on society bills for supplies and reimbursement. After considerable explanation and debate, it was a consensus that we are presently set up well to process such transactions without any further changes at this time.

Pauline Zach from the Nominations Committee **Moved: That the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President be added to our list of officers.** Seconded by Rose Dillenbeck. After further discussion, Nan Dixon called the question. The Vote was 13 to 1 in favor. President Bob referred the motion to our September meeting and possibly the new board of officers as a change in By-Laws will be necessary.

Bill Dixon reported for the nominations committee: President – Linda Malinich; Vice-President – Bob VanBrocklin; Recording Secretary – Jerry Davis; Treasurer – Hollis Dorr. Pauline Zach will check with Phyllis Putnam as to whether she will continue for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The vote will take place at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by motion from Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Hollis Dorr. Charlotte Brenon introduced Audrey Miller as our speaker for the evening.

**JCGS MEETING MINUTES**

Jerry W. Davis, Recording Secretary  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob VanBrocklin at 6:30 with 22 members in attendance. The minutes were read and approved by motion of Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Bonnie Borrello.

Treasurer Hollis Dorr reported a balance of \$8,608.97. Patti Hopkins moved and Don Dillenbeck seconded approval of the report.

Phyllis Putnam gave the Program Committee report over to Linda Malinich who brought us up to date on the October Meeting. It will be held as a 'Day Meeting' on Tuesday, October 12 with lunch and speakers Laura Prieto & Lynn Thornton at Keddy's, 11:30 am at 15 Bridge Street, West Carthage. Then we will move to the Heritage Room at the Carthage Free Library, 412 Budd Street, Carthage. Linda would like notification of who will be at the lunch for menu consideration by Keddy's.

Bill Dixon for the Newsletter Committee reported that the editorial staff met earlier and they are working on a village map of Rodman, an early 1900s group picture for the cover, and a variety of articles for inclusion in the November INFORMER. Bill also mentioned a NYCOGO meeting that he will attend later this month and will report back later.

Editor Nan Dixon mentioned that we are always open for pictures and family stories to enforce the genealogy concept of the INFORMER issues. She encouraged everyone to help contribute to the efforts of the committee.

Publisher Clancy Hopkins mentioned that our society renewals were slow with the confusion with the July issue of the INFORMER. The September issue will go out tomorrow morning and hopefully all will return to normal with the November issue.

Nan Dixon for the Collection Committee reported that she took a look at the collection and was startled at the size of it, as she said "it was big." After this week she will begin to bring in the collection piece by piece.

Clancy Hopkins mentioned for the membership committee that with the renewals, they were basically just trying to catch up.

Bill and Nan both spoke for the Publications Committee. Bill referred to progress on the Will Book and Nan mentioned indexes for the INFORMER being found and that Al Seymour will be working on them.

Audit Committee letter from Sue Grant was read by President Bob and mentioned our books as being complete and accurate.

Bonnie Borrello for the Resource Committee that we're going to make more efforts for visitations next year.

Under Old Business President Bob recommended that the motion for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President be referred to the new Executive Board at their upcoming meeting.

For New Business, Phyllis Putnam referred to a letter she received requesting information on the McComber-Williams Store Journal such as who has it and where it is.

Bill Dixon mentioned that there has been mention of making the number of issues of the INFORMER 4 times a year rather than 6. After discussion, no action was taken.

At 7:05 President Bob appointed Bill Dixon as President Pro-Tem for the Election of Officers. Bill presented the Nominations Committee report: Linda Malinich, President; Bob VanBrocklin, Vice-President; Jerry Davis, Recording Secretary; Phyllis Putnam, Corresponding Secretary; and Hollis Dorr, Treasurer. After a call for further nominations, Clancy Hopkins **Moved: To close nominations and that the secretary cast one vote for the slate of officers.** Seconded by Pauline Zach. Passed

New President Linda Malinich called for an executive board meeting at Flower Library on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn and Bob VanBrocklin seconded.



## Cover Picture Names

The only information that we have other than these names is that we think the picture was taken in the LaFargeville area in the early 1900s.

First row left to right: Grace Dietrich, Fern Hal-ler Uhl, Alberta Heyl Dorr, Ethel Smith Walters, Florence McNickle, and Emma Babcock Eagen.

2nd Row: Ray Dietrich, Grafton Furst, Fern Hoyt Garner, Fern Klock Richardson, Nellie McCoy, Florence Foote Livingston, Edith Hill McMullin, and Bertha Wagoner.

3rd Row: Alvera Garner, Charles Uhl, Arthur Babcock, Harold Eckert, Elmer Snell, and Ralph Hoyt.

## Focusing on a Twig, Branch or Limb

Previously published in RootsWeb Review: Vol. 7, No. 1, 7 January 2004.

Some suggestions that might help you reach some of your genealogical goals for 2005:

Which ancestor do you most want to find? Put him or her down as No. 1 on your "MUST FIND" list. Focus on that individual and find everything, genealogically and biographically, you can about him or her.

Which families do you have the most information on? Research (also known as "the chase") is the fun part of genealogy, but there comes a time when you should compile what you have gathered. You will be surprised to discover how much information you actually have. Go back through the files. You'll probably find some answers that you've overlooked. Spend some time inputting data into your genealogy software application and put it into a written format others can understand and build upon should you not be around to greet 2006.

What documentation is needed most? You believe your John is the son of William, but you need more evidence? Focus on what records might exist that could provide this information. Perhaps you need to do some additional search on John's siblings, especially his sisters. Focus on finding and studying the records that most likely will answer the questions instead of hunting hither and yon by surname in databases.

Which family line do you really want to find this year? Pick one, only one, and call it your "family of the year." Splatter the appropriate message boards and mailing lists with queries on this particular family. Update your old queries by adding what you have found since you

originally posted. Let the world know about this family – not just about your ancestor, but all his siblings and the in-laws. There are cousins out there – find them.

Resolve to divide your time between research (a.k.a. hunting), analyzing, and compiling. When less-than-perfect weather keeps you indoors spend some quiet dedicated time analyzing and compiling your research information and posting online. Update your GEDCOMs. Write detailed reports to yourself. Proof-read them. You might be surprised at the data inconsistencies and the gaping research holes and other problems that will pop up when exposed to closer scrutiny.

Focusing on fewer projects and just a twig, a branch or a limb instead of the whole tree will enable you to accomplish more. The quality of your work will be better also.

## Served with Love

By Charlene Mann charlenemann@yahoo.com

My three children and their spouses were thrilled with their presents from me this year. I bought three blank books, made a table of contents on the first few pages and listed all my recipes that I've made in the 47 years of my marriage. Often my children will call and ask for one of my recipes so I thought I'd just give them my entire recipe list.

There were plenty of blank pages to put new recipes that I find and send them from time to time. They were so happy that I had handwritten all of them too but anyone could type, print and paste. On some of the blank pages I wrote a few things that weren't recipes – like a song I have sung to all my children and grandchildren, and my favorite Bible verse and so on.

Hope this gives others an idea for a present that will make their children as happy as it did mine.

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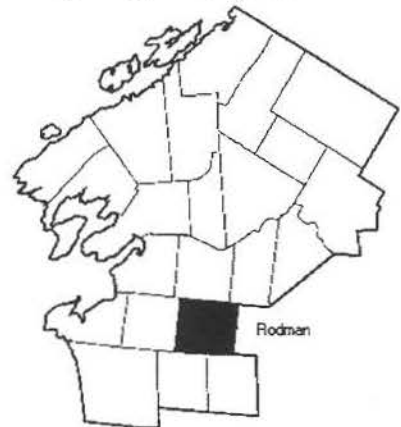
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The Town of Rodman is one of the six southern towns, with the Towns of Worth and Lorraine on its south, Adams, the mother town, to the west, and the Town of Watertown on its north. Rodman borders Lewis County on the east. Rodman, first called Harrison from an early proprietor, was formed from Adams 24 March 1804, Adams having been created from Mexico two years earlier.

Settlements in Rodman at one time included Rodman village, Unionville, also called Zoar, and Whitesville, all located from west to east along Sandy Creek. Lesser centers were Whitford's Corners, alternatively known as West Rodman or Toad Hollow, and Tremaine Corners.



## Index to 1855 Map of Rodman Township (page 6)

By Don Dillenbeck, JCNYS Member

Column 1 consists of initial, column 2 is surname or main entry, column 3 indicates location of residents on the map. By dividing the town map into 6 parts, Don uses the letters R, O, D, M, A, N already on the map as locators.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter-North/ South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	R-North
E.Ch. =	(Episcopal Church)	UNIONVILLE
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	R-South
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	O-North
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	O-South
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	UNIONVILLE
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	R-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	A-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	A-South
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	N-South
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	R-South
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	O-North
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	O-North
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	D-South
S.H. =	(School House)	R-North
S.H. =	(School House)	R-North
S.H. =	(School House)	O-South
S.H. =	(School House)	D-South
S.H. =	(School House)	D-South
S.H. =	(School House)	M-North
S.H. =	(School House)	M-South
S.H. =	(School House)	M-South
S.H. =	(School House)	A-North
J.	Adams	O-South
S.	Adams	A-North
D.	Allen	M-North
J.	Allen	M-North
H.	Ballard	A-North
W.	Barton	D-South
O.	Basten	D-North
H.	Bibbins	M-North
	Blackston	N-North
F.	Blackstons	N-North
H.	Blanchard	O-South
L.	Boington	UNIONVILLE
C.	Boynton	O-North
D.	Boynton	O-North
J.	Boynton	M-North
J.	Boynton	A-North
W.	Bristol	N-North
J.	Brooks	N-North
	Brooks	N-North
G.	Brown	M-North
J.	Brown	O-North

J.	Brown	A-North
O.	Brown	N-South
S.	Brown	O-North
Z.	Brown	A-North
C.	Budleny	N-South
O.	Buel	O-North
Z.	Buel	UNIONVILLE
T.H.	Burleigh	A-North
E.	Burley	A-North
J.D.	Burt ???	R-South
E.	Burton	O-North
H.	Cardownier	R-North
H.	Chaffin	O-South
G.	Chandler	O-South
N.	Chapman	O-South
Dr.	Christie	O-South
N.	Clark	N-South
D.	Cole	M-South
J.	Coleman	A-North
C.	Cook	O-South
Mrs.	Cook	M-South
	Cook	R-North
A.	Cooley	D-North
D.	Cooley	D-South
E.	Cooley	M-South
J.E.	Cooley	O-North
L.	Cooley	D-North
O.	Cooley	O-North
S.	Cooley	A-South
B.	Crandall	M-South
M.	Crandall	D-South
E.A.S.	Cropman	N-North
	Davis	R-North
	Deam ???	N-North
W.	Dodge	A-North
Miss	Downs	D-North
A.	Durfee	M-South
	Dye	D-North
A.	Eastman	A-South
D.	Eastman	D-North
D.	Eastman	D-South
H.	Eastman	D-South
H.L.	Eastman	D-South
L.	Eastman	M-South
	Eastman	A-South

D.	Eaton	D-South
	Edmond	N-North
A.	Edmonds	N-South
J.	Edmonds	A-North
B.	Fassett	A-North
	Fassett	M-North
J.	Ferrill	M-South
Mrs.	Flynt	N-South
Mrs. E.	Flynt	A-South
	Flynt	D-North
J.	Freeman	R-North
A.	Fuller	R-North
D.	Fuller	R-North
C.	Gage	O-North
G.	Gardner	A-North
J.	Gardner	A-North
P.	Gardner	N-North
G.	Gates	R-North
W.	Gill	O-North
L.	Glazier	R-North
W.	Grant	D-North
A.	Green	O-South
A.	Green	O-South
D.	Green	D-South
T.R.	Green	R-North
T.R.	Green	R-North
R.	Greenley	N-South
S.K.	Greenly	A-South
H.	Handy	M-South
H.	Harrington	R-North
N.	Harrington	R-North
B.	Harwood	O-South
A.	Heath	O-North
<b>E. &amp; G.</b>	<b>Heath</b>	R-South
J.	Heath	R-North
J.	Heath	R-North
H.	Herring	O-North
D.	Hill	UNIONVILLE
J.	Hill	A-South
O.	Hill	A-North
T.	Hungerford	M-North
M.	Inman	M-North
L.H.	Jenks	M-South
D.	Jennings	M-South
D.	Jennings	M-South
S.M.	Jones	M-South
P.	Jordan	O-South
G.	Kellogg	D-South
G.W.	Kellogg	N-South
J.	Kellogg	N-South
S.	Kellogg	N-South
S.	Kellogg	N-South
G.	Kilts	M-North
A.L.	Kinney	D-North
A.S.	Kinney	A-North
L.	Lawrence	R-South

D.	Legross	D-South
A.	Lockwood	N-North
D.	Louks	M-South
L.	Loveland	R-South
L.	Loveland	R-South
L.	Loveland	R-South
S.	Macomber	M-South
C.	Maltby	O-North
C.	McKee	R-South
C.	McKee	R-South
J.	Merwin	A-North
N.	Merwin	M-North
N.	Merwin	M-North
T.	Merwin	A-North
	<b>MINE</b>	M-North
A.	Moody	D-North
C.	Newton	M-South
W.	Newton	A-South
	Newton	M-South
E.	Paneast	M-South
A.	Parker	R-North
W.	Parker	R-North
C.	Parmentor	R-North
E.	Parsons	M-South
J.	Pauling	D-North
A.	Perkins	M-South
W.	Perkins	N-North
J.	Perry	A-South
E.	Pettengill	M-South
J.	Plank	D-North
J.	Plank	A-North
S. & A.	Plank	N-North
D.	Post	O-North
H.	Priest	D-North
J.K.	Priest	O-North
A.	Ralph	M-North
M.	Ralph	M-North
D.B.	Redfield	UNIONVILLE
D.	Reed	M-South
J.	Reed	M-South
J.	Richardson	A-South
O.	Robenson	N-North
O.	Robenson	N-North
	<b>RODMAN</b>	O-North
E.	Ross	O-South
J.	Ross	R-South
E.	Scovill	N-South
J.S.	Sill	R-North
W.	Sill	R-North
E.L.	Simmons	O-North
D.	Smith	D-North
D.	Smith	D-North
D.	Smith	M-North
D.	Smith	M-North
G.	Smith	R-North
G.W.	Smith	UNIONVILLE



	Smith	R-North
	Smith	M-North
	Smith	M-North
Mrs.	Spencer	N-South
G.	Staplin	M-North
	<b>Steam S.M. (Saw Mill)</b>	O-South
B.	Stevens	N-North
A.	Stone	D-North
A.J.	Stone	UNIONVILLE
C.	Stone	D-North
	Store	UNIONVILLE
L.	Strickland	R-South
	Strickland	O-South
H.	Strong	R-North
E.	Thomas	N-South
J.	Thompson	M-South
P.	Thompson	R-South
	Thompson	R-South
A.	Tibbetts	O-North
G.	Tisdale	M-North
G.	Tisdale	M-North
D.	Todd	N-North
J.	<b>Todd Sh. (Shop)</b>	UNIONVILLE
G.	Tremaine	R-North
G.	Tremaine	R-North
S.	Tremaine	M-South
	<b>TREMAINE'S C's. (corners)</b>	M-South
A.	Utley	O-North
G.	Utley	O-North
P.	VanderVoort	R-North
J.	Vroman	A-South
D.	Wait	A-North
M.S.	Wait	A-North
N.	Walsworth	R-South
C.	Washburn	O-South
M.	Washburn	O-South
R.	Washburn	O-South
O.	Waterman	N-North
O.	Waterman	N-North
P.	Watt	O-South
J.	Webb	R-North
A.	Whitcomb	D-North
	<b>WHITESVILLE</b>	N-North
E.	Whitford	R-North
G.W.	Whitford	R-North
N.	Whitford	R-North
	<b>WHITFORD'S Cs. (corners)</b>	R-North
C.	Williamson	O-North
C.J.	Wilson	A-North
A.	Wolcott	M-South
J.	Wood	O-South
M.	Woodward	R-North
J.	Woolworth	D-North
N.A.	Wright	O-North
P.	Wright	M-South
O.C.	Wyman	O-North

**(More Letters.....)**

To the editor:

I was surprised in reading The Informer for September, that there is a Redwood Historical Society, and has been for three years. Would you please send me an address for Dee Brown and her phone number? When I was inquiring about a place for my Redwood postcards, I could not find a historical society address. It didn't seem to exist so those postcards went to Alex Bay.

When you have an article about any society, please publish a contact person's name and address, or for the society. I know small town societies are not open all the time, or every week. I live in a smallish town.

The same comment goes for the June meeting writeup. It's not easy for out of staters to find information. I know historians often change due to new politicians. And I did not know there is an Oswego Genealogy Society. I've been a member of Central New York for years.

As usual, a great issue with interesting news.

Sincerely, Shirley Barnes.

From the editorial staff:

It is a pleasure to get such letters as the foregoing. It tells us when we are headed in the right direction, and where we can improve. The editor is sending a personal reply to Shirley, and we should implement an idea that passed by us some time ago, to have a "Society Page" with all the little societies listed, their contacts, and their programs, if any. We try to include an updated section on the Resources of Jefferson County from the Resource Committee every couple of years, or so, and have just received a request to publish it soon again.

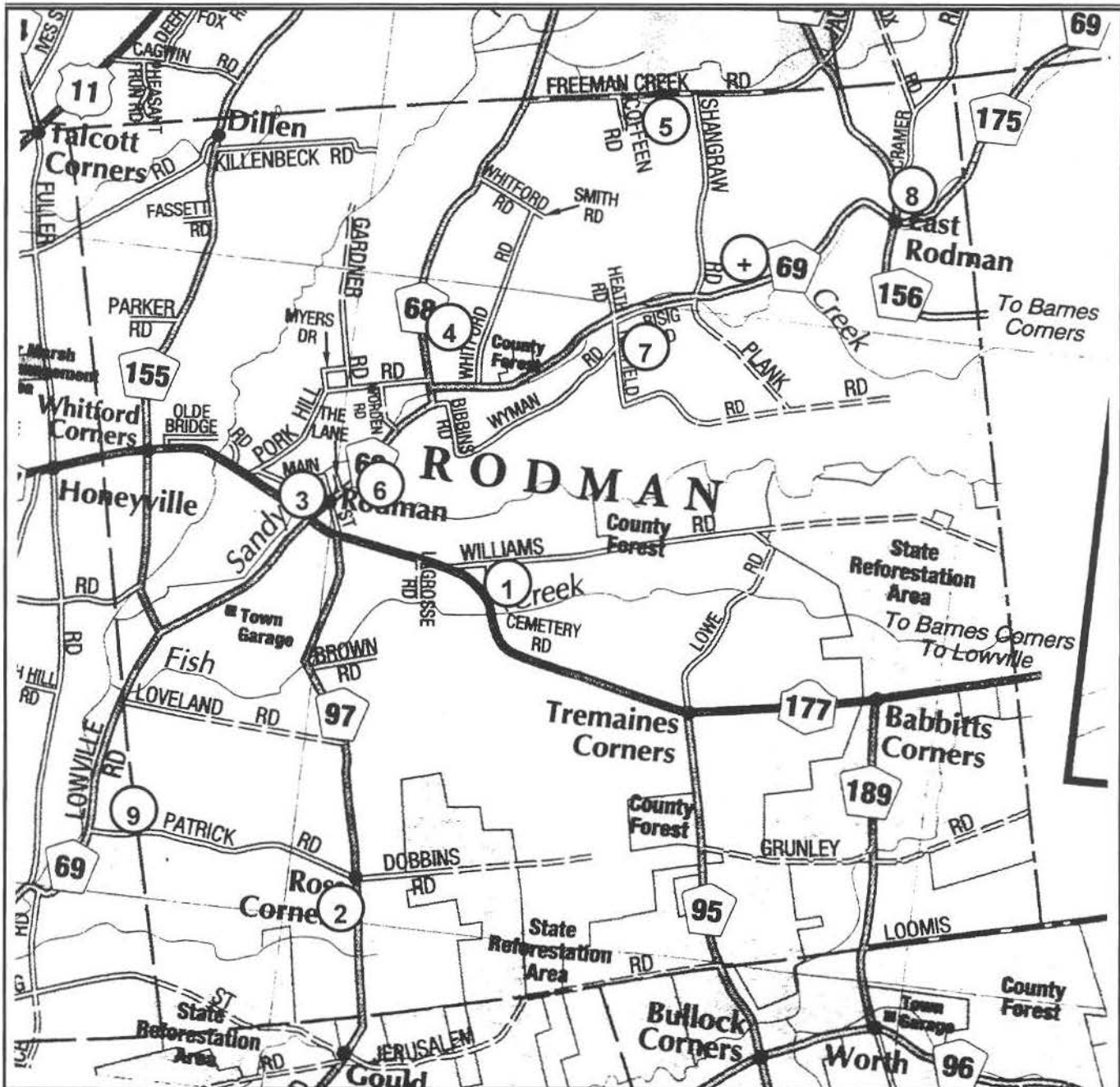
We invite suggestions, criticisms, articles, and pictures to go with articles or genealogies. You can help The Informer staff even if you are a continent away.

## Rodman Cemeteries

An abandoned cemetery is one which no longer accepts burials, and which is under the protection of the town. A destroyed cemetery is one from which all markers have been removed, all records lost, and is known as a general location only. We have used CR to indicate a county road number. An asterisk (\*) denotes an inactive cemetery. All phone numbers are area code 315. The numbers refer to the map on page 10.

The Town of Rodman has only one active cemetery, Fairview. Gordon Brown has done a tremendous amount of work on the Fairview Cemetery, which is posted at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer/fair.htm> For Fairview Cemetery only, contacts are Gordon Cole and Chris Benner, at (315) 232 - 2522. The rest are inactive, the contact being Dan McConnell at (315) 232-2522 (same number.) For more information call Rebecca Stone, town historian, at (315) 232-2486. **(Continued on page 10)**





1. Fairview, active, Cemetery Road off Rt 177 south-east of Rodman.

The following are inactive.

2. \*Ross Corners, located on Washington Park Road just west of the corner with Patrick Road, in a grove of trees in a field on private property on the south side of the road. It is not visible from the road.

3. \*Wood Family, located just off the corner of Rt 177 and Rt 69

4. \*Unionville or Zoar Road, located on Rt 68, just north of the junction of Rt 68 and Rt 69

5. \*Freeman, located on Freeman Creek Road, west of Rt 68

6. \*Gulf Stream, or Old Rodman, located to the north-east of Rodman on Rt 69

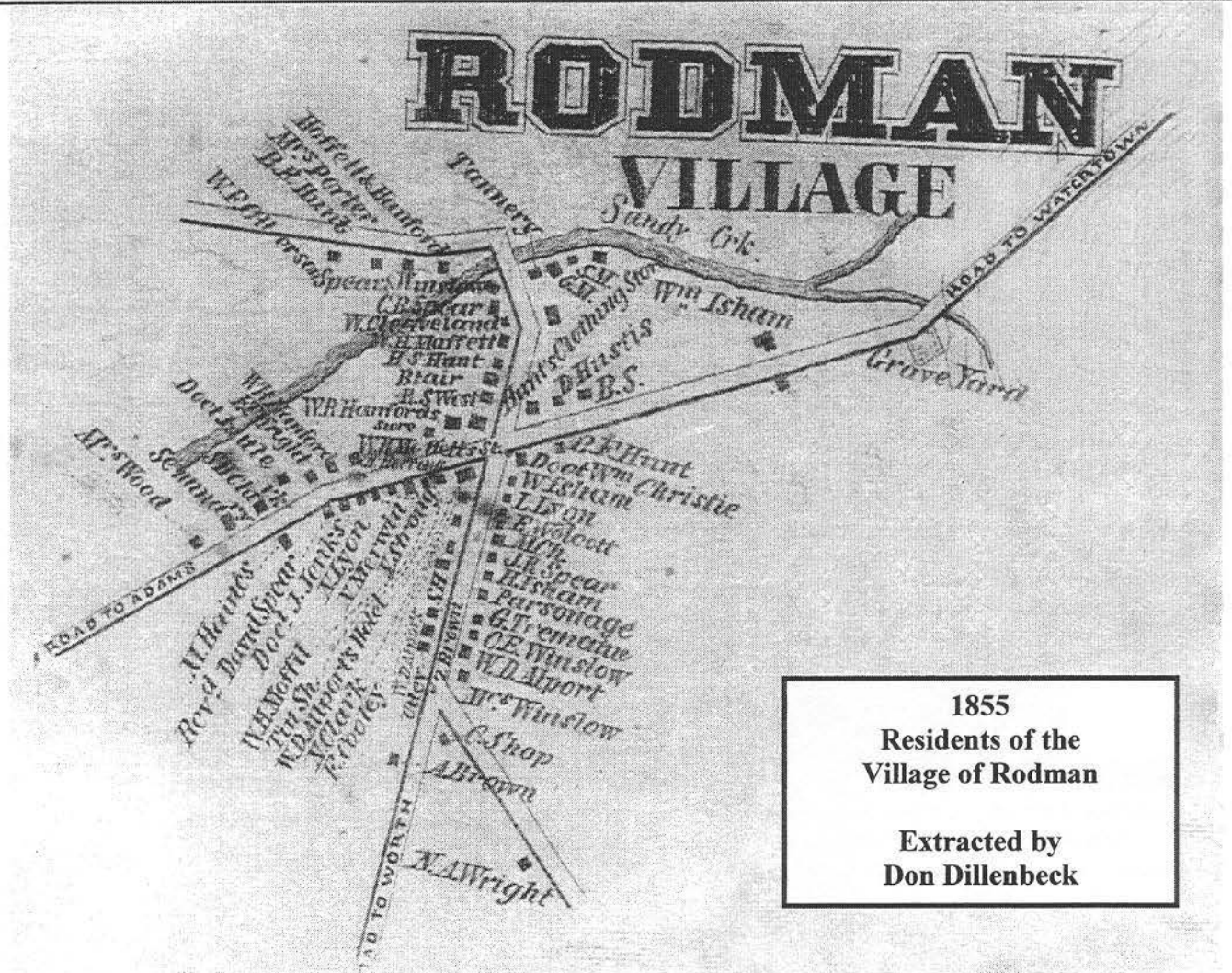
7. \*Crandall-Hill, located on Kenfield Road? Near Wyman Road, on old Ward-Babbit Farm

8. \*East Rodman or Whitesville, located on Rt 156 north of East Rodman

9. \*Patrick Road, located on Patrick Road just off Rt 69, on the north side of the road, near the Adams-Rodman town line.

+ unknown was found on the 1864 map.

\* There is also a Fassett's cemetery referred to in the Jefferson County GenWebSite but location is unknown.



**1855**  
Residents of the  
Village of Rodman  
  
Extracted by  
Don Dillenbeck

Initial(s)	Surname
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)
M.Ch.	(Methodist Church)
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)
S.H. =	(School House)
W.D.	Allport
W.D.	Allport's Hotel
	Blair
A.	Brown
	C.Shop (Cooper/ Carp?)
Doct. Wm	Christie
N.	Clark
S.H.	Clark
W.	Cleveland
E.	Cooley
	Grave Yard
M.	Haines
W.H.	Hanford

W.R.	Hanford's Store
H.	Herring
B.F.	Hunt
B.R.	Hunt
H.S.	Hunt
	Hunt's Clothing Store
D.	Hustis
H.	Isham
W.	Isham
Wm	Isham
Doct. J.	Jenks
L.	Lyon
N.	Lyon
N.	Merwin
	Moffett & Hanford
W.H.	Moffett's St. (Store)
W.H.	Moffit Tin Shop
W.F.	Otterson ???
	Parsonage
Mrs.	Porter

	Road to Adams
	Road to Watertown
	Road to Worth
	Sandy Crk. (Creek)
	Seminary
J.R.	Spear
Revd.David	Spear
C.B.	Spear
	Spears & Winslow
N.	Strong
	Tannery
G.	Tremaine
Doct.	Tuttle
	Utley
B.S.	West
Mrs.	Winslow
E.	Wolcott
Mrs.	Wood
E.	Wright
N.A.	Wright

Our thanks to Rebecca Stone, Rodman Historian, for these pictures.



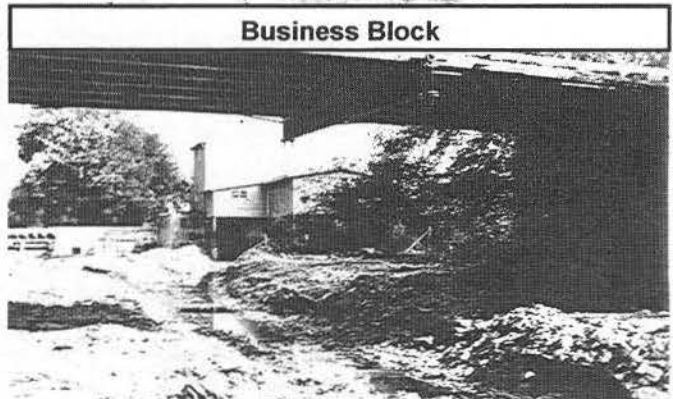
Main hotel on Main Street directly across from the business block



Business Block



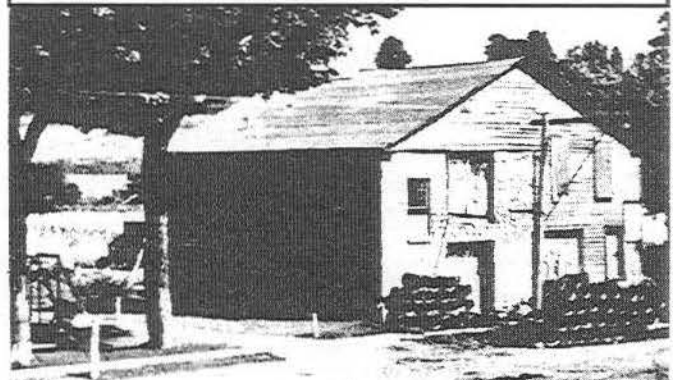
Another view of the Wise Saw Mill along the creek that runs on the edge of town



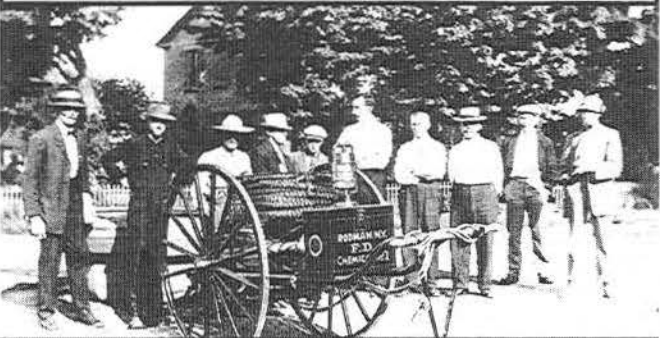
Wise Saw Mill. Along the creek that runs on The edge of town



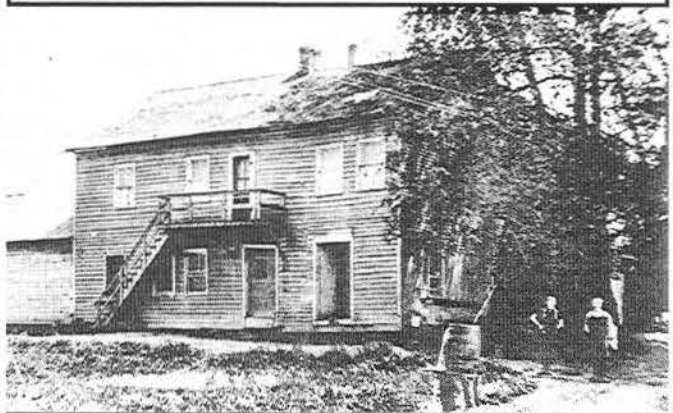
The blacksmiths shop was in the center of town



The Village Armory



The Rodman Fire Department



The Rodman Cheese Factory



## Computer Corner

Among the things that have turned up in my email:

<http://usigs.org/library/gensoc/newyork.html> This is just part of the USIGS page. It's worth checking out.

More from Russ Sprague: In a previous issue we gave you the Oxbow URL. He's now explaining that there are more church records to be put on line:

Not too long ago I mentioned to you how I had put the Oxbow church records on line. Earlier this month, I was able to locate the Spragueville Methodist church records. I had been told they were at the Antwerp church but it turns out the church secretary has them at her apartment in Gouverneur. I hope to get copies of those and put them on line also. It likely would be early next year before that happens but at least I've located them, spoken personally to the church secretary and have a local person (Barb Littlebrandt in Gouverneur) who should be able to copy the records.

- Russ

While this is a plea for volunteers, the documents posted may help some of you in your search for family. John Martino is coordinating volunteers who are copying records to be posted on the internet. We have completed and are working on several major databases for the NYC Metro area. Below are 12 of the projects we have finished or are nearing completion.

- 1-The Southern District Naturalizations for NARA covering Manhattan and the Bronx and recorded in Federal Courts. (completed)
  - 2-The Bronx Naturalizations (completed)
  - 3-NYC Manhattan Death index 1891-1900 (completed)
  - 4-NYC All-Boros death index 1900-1911 (completed)
  - 5-NYC All-Boros death index 1912-1919 (completed but still to be posted)
  - 6-Brooklyn & Manhattan Grooms index 1895-1897 (completed but still has to be posted)
  - 7-All Boro grooms index 1908-1936 (completed but still has to be posted), 1897-1907 in progress.
  - 8-Nassau & Suffolk counties naturalization indices (completed)
  - 9-Brooklyn Brides index up to 1937 (nearing completion)
  - 10- All Boro death index 1920-1929 (coming soon)
  - 11-Eastern District naturalizations for NARA covering Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond up to 1926 (nearing completion)
  - 12-Eastern District Naturalizations from 1927 on up (still to be started)
- All of these indices are or will be available at the Italian Genealogy Groups website at

[www.italiangen.org](http://www.italiangen.org) and the best part, we insist on these things being free to all genealogists.

If you think you would like to help, you can contact John Martino directly at [JohnM16881@aol.com](mailto:JohnM16881@aol.com) and let him know. We can have some of those Eastern District Index pages in your hands in a matter of days. John will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Much has been filmed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake. If you are anywhere near a Family History Center, you can borrow the films for a modest fee. <http://www.familysearch.org/> will get you to the catalog and list of Family History Centers worldwide. From what I saw from the catalog, film number 894446 is the general index to wills 1830-1900 and film number 895401 is a record of wills for the years 1876-1885, both for Jefferson County. I have found that it is usually best to check the index first.

A neat explanation to a question I never thought to ask: Databases can be either searchable or browseable.

Browse: To view the entire contents of a file or a group of files.

Search: To look for specific data or occurrence of text in a file.

**RODMAN:** called "Pinckney," then "Harrison," then "RODMAN" after Daniel Rodman, then clerk of the assembly and a great favorite.

The surface is elevated with many hills and gorges. The town was surveyed in 1798 and divided into 56 great lots. The town was opened for settlement in 1801 at \$3.50 per acre.

The first settlers in 1801 were: Anson Moody, Eben Moody, Jonathan Davis, Noah Davis, Aaron Davis, Simeon Hunt, Benjamin Thomas, and William Rice.

Settlers in 1802 were: Timothy Greenley, Thomas White, Daniel Todd.

1803—William Dodge, Reuben Smith

1804—Jesse Smith, Aaron Moody, Horace Townsend, Thomas White, Joseph Nickles, Arnold Stone, Nathan Whitman, Avery Walsworth, Joseph Dana, Titus King, Thadrick Case, Leonard Farewell, Joshua Finney, John Vaughan, Leonard Baker.

Surnames from 1805-1811 include: Buell, Cook, Wright, Butterfield, Burton, Heath, Harrington, Priest, Gleason, Blanchard, Eastman, Yandes, Rhodes, Stone, Post, Clifford, Thomas, Russell, Murray, Woodward, Walsworth, Loveland, Underwood, Kellogg, Eastman, Tremaine, Babbitt, Swift, King, Woolworth, Blackstone, Wright, Harrington, Whitman, Burr, Flinet, Field, Kinney, Ralph, Pratt, Cummings, Parmeter, Buck, Brainard, Edwards, Kelsey, Russell, Booth, Glass, and Hill.



## Limerick Home Bureau

October 20, 1920—September 25, 1923

Contributed by JCGS member Pauline Zach

The hamlet of Limerick is located on NYS Route 12 E between Brownville and Chaumont, NY.

In October 1920 nineteen ladies of the village and surrounding area met to discuss the possibility of forming a Farm and Home Bureau. According to the minutes, Mrs. Ada Wells was elected chairman; Harriet K. Roseboom was elected secretary; Mrs. Clarence Wells, clothing project; Beatrice A. Smith, junior project; Mrs. Lena Smith, clothing project; Mrs. Clarence Peck, food project; Beatrice G. Smith, junior project and Lucy Roseboom, canning project. After setting the date and place for the next meeting and conducting a "penny drill" all "departed to their homes." Amount received, 26 cents.

Meetings continued on a monthly basis. Among other items on Nov. 17 they voted to hire Mrs. Booth's hall\* for an all day meeting in January. The secretary was asked to write to Miss Fields for a list of library books. Miss Fields from the Watertown Home Bureau office was apparently the overseer of the group. Also the group was asked to bring sandwiches and another dish to the next meeting. At every meeting that followed there was a "penny drill."

At the November 29 meeting they elected a librarian and arranged to send a lady to the Chaumont Home Bureau to bring back a program to the Limerick group. They also drew 50 cents to purchase coffee and had a silver collection that drew two dollars and seventy three cents. At every meeting they had a lesson such as "one piece dresses with bias seams", "straight seams", "dress forms", "cutting a one-piece pattern."

As the year continued the women went into lessons on canning foods, had an active library and worked with the youth. A boys group and a girls group were formed. Some members attended meetings of the Chaumont Home Bureau and received and gave lessons there. The Limerick Home Bureau song and the Chaumont Home Bureau song were sung at meetings.

In September officers of the Limerick Home Bureau met with delegates from the Chaumont, Perch River, Dexter, Pillar Point, Depauville, and East Hounsfield units to arrange for the following years work.

Home nursing was added to their program in March 1922. Pedro parties were established for fundraisers with the proceeds going to the Orphans Home. The minutes of the April 11, 1922 meeting mention a "discussion as to having our next meeting a civic or sewing lesson. It was decided to have the two piece skirt lessons and then a corset demonstration before any more civic lessons."

\*The parcel known as the Limerick Hotel was owned by the Booth Family.

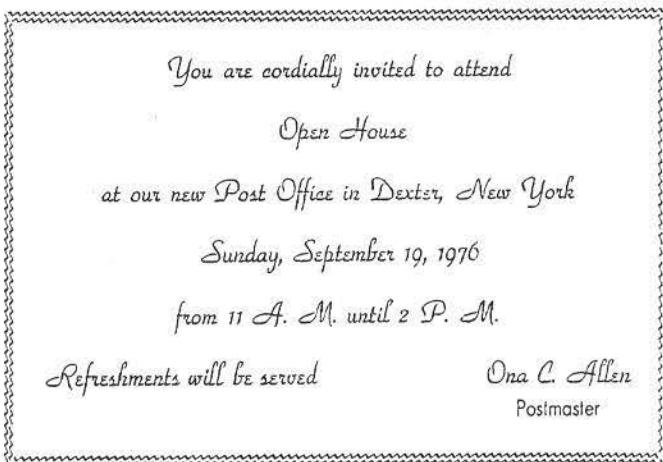
**Alexander**, Myrtle  
**Allen**, Alice  
**Allen**, Jessie (wife of Walter Allen, died 1953. Daughter of M/M Linus Munson)  
**Allen**, Mrs. Julie  
**Allen**, Stella  
**Allison**, Annie  
**Allison**, Ethel (Ethel Denie, wife of Ray Allison)  
**Allison**, Gertrude (Gertrude Moffatt wife of Frank E. Allison)  
**Allison**, Luna (Luna Timmerman, wife of Edward Allison)  
**Allison**, Mrs. Wayne  
**Arkle**, Mrs.  
**Babcock**, L.M.  
**Banks**, Bella (Belle)  
**Bauder (Bauter)**, Ella  
**Bent**, Prudence  
**Booth**, Flora  
**Brown**, Eliza  
**Brown**, Hazel  
**Brown**, Mrs. Sedate  
**Bullis**, Lucy  
**Burgen**, Mrs.  
**Burger**, Mrs.  
**Burgess**, Mrs. Bertha  
**Card**, Mrs. Mildred  
**Case**, Ethel  
**Clark**, Loretta  
**Collins**, Mrs.  
**Davis**, Blanch  
**Diefendorf**, Edith  
**Dixon**, Elsie  
**Elliott**, Mary  
**Field**, Irene A. (Watertown Office of Home Bureau)  
**Heath**, Lillie (Lily)  
**Herkimer**, Mrs. (A visitor from Depauville)  
**Johns**, Lillian Munson (Wife of William Johns, station master in Limerick. Sister of Julia Munson McCormick)  
**Johnson**, Addie? (Became ill and was sent a sunshine basket Feb. 1922)  
**Johnson**, Lloyd (Received Consolation Pedro prize)  
**Johnson**, Mabel  
**Johnson**, Mrs. Walter  
**Johnson**, Mrs. William  
**Klock**, Ola (Wife of Earl Klock. Daughter of Preston and Nellie Hollenbeck)  
**Lannard** (?), Frances  
**Leightert** (?), Mrs. (Special meeting to tie comfortables as she was in very poor health)  
**Lidster**, Mable  
 (New Member Dec 1921)  
**Lingenfelter**, Florence (Received 3rd prize for work exhibited at the fair)  
**Linnell**, Clara Pierce (Wife of H. Wells Linnell whose parents were William J. and Harriet Wells Linnell)  
**Loomis**, Emma  
**Loomis**, J. Skyler (1st prize for writing the best essay.)  
**Markle**, Mrs. John  
**McClain**, Blanche  
**McCormick**, Julia (Wife of William McCormick. Obit)  
**Moffatt**, Carrie (New Member Dec, 1921)  
**Monro**, Miss (Stenographer in H.B. Office in Watertown. To marry in June)  
**Munson**, Mrs. Belle  
**Norton**, Edna  
**Peck**, Brayton (Pedro Prize. Son of David and Ella Edgar Peck)  
**Peck**, Ella  
**Peck**, Ethel (Ethel Bent married Clarence W. Peck)  
**Pierce**, Nellie  
**Pratt**, Cora  
**Ramson**, Hazel  
**Roseboom**, Harriet K. (1st secretary of group. Daughter of Lucy. Became a school teacher. Married Charles W. Niles, Died 1978, age 80)  
**Roseboom**, Lucy (Wife of Lew Roseboom)  
**Smith**, Beatrice G. (School Teacher in Sackets Harbor. Died 1963, age 71)  
**Smith**, Lena (Madeleine Dorr, wife of Irving Smith. (Wells&Smith Store)  
**Smith**, Miss (Most likely Annette Smith, daughter of Irving and Lena Smith)  
**Weaver**, Bertha  
**Weaver**, Lucy  
**Weider**, May  
**Wells**, Ada (Wife of Luke Wells (Wells&Smith Store) Daughter of Ellington B. and Gertruce B. Crysler. 1st president of the group.)  
**Wells**, Lillian G. (Mrs. Clarence Wells, mother of Luke Wells)  
**Wells**, Mrs. L.E.  
**Wilder**, May  
**Wrape**, Collace

**DEXTER NEW YORK POST OFFICE 13634**

The first post office in Dexter was in a little building across from the present diner by the laundromat and back of the Pub restaurant. It was then moved to the Bloom block, now the vacant lot across the street from the bank. Then to the Casler block which is now the Stove Parlor. The next move was to the Clark block which is the vacant space next to the diner. Then back to the Casler block, to the former Eveleigh block where the diner is. The post office stayed there till the present building was built during the term of Ona Allen as postmaster.

**POSTMASTERS**

Joshua Eaton	Jan 25, 1838
Oliver D. Freeman	Jan 10, 1845
Nathan Bassett	Dec 18, 1846
James A. Bell	Sep 14, 1849
Julius C. Riggs	Jul 26, 1853
Herman F. Wood	Aug 16, 1856
Edwin S. Clark	Jul 10 1861
Robert Thompson	Oct 11, 1865
Gaylord S. Casler	Feb 19, 1875
George W. Wood	Aug 01, 1894
Herbert V. Clark	Jul 21, 1898
Harry E. Savage	Oct 13, 1914
Mabel Alverson	Mar 12, 1923
Edwin L. Markham	Oct 15, 1929
Bert W. Wood	Mar 27, 1934
E. Ray Eveleigh (acting)	Oct 20, 1943
Ray Leonard	Jun 11, 1944
Ona C. Allen	Oct 29, 1969
Ray Saber	Feb 09, 1979
Nancy Smith	Aug 02, 1996
Brian N. Belanger	Dec 30, 2000
Richard Davis	Apr 14, 2003

**Early marriages in Towns of Philadelphia and LeRay, 1810 - 1849**

From a bound Volume at Montgomery Cty. Department of History and Archives, titled "Vital Records of Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties."

From the minutes of the Indian River and LeRay *Preparative meeting of Friends*. The following marriages are from the Intentions of marriage declared by the intending parties, does not give the precise day that they were married, but it was usually within a week or two. When a young man married "Out of meeting" or "not of our faith" he was dealt with by a committee after the act, as soon as possible. Therefore the dates as given from the minutes are only approximate.

**MARRIAGES AND INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE**

Musgrove Evans & Abi Brown	6th of 2nd month	1811
Darius Reynolds & Eunice Cox		1816
Isaac Van Amber & Grace Roberts		1821
Edmund Tucker & Ann Strickland		1819
Stephen Baker & "one not of our faith" by a justice		1823
Samuel Rogers & Rachel Strickland	4th of 12th Mo. Proposal	1823
Allen Cooper & Lydia E. Baker	4th of 11th Mo. Proposal	1824
Job Peckham & Sena Mosher	12th Mo. Proposal	1825
Robert Townsend & Hannah Minard	30th of 11th Mo. Proposal	1826
Nathaniel Macomber & "one not of our faith"	2nd Mo	1827
Caleb Mosher & Abigail Freeman	20th of 4th Mo.	1831
Jonathan N. Mosher & Elizabeth Wood	29th of 2nd Mo.	1832
Daniel Macomber & "Out of meeting"	5th Mo.	1832
Henry Hitchcock & Sarah Haviland	2nd of 1st Mo. Proposal	1833
Robert Kirkbride & (2nd marriage)	11th of 1st Mo.	1834
James Cooper & (Married out of meeting)		1834
Simeon Hicks & Lydia Mosher	26th of 6th Mo.	1837
Lorenzo Palmer & Pamela Merritt (out of meeting)	30th of 6th Mo.	no yr
Joseph Mosher & "One not of our faith"	30th of 6th Mo.	1838
David Gardner & Persis Cooper	29th of 12th Mo.	1849
Pardon Wood & Sarah Cooper	2nd of 5th Mo. proposal	1849

## Are you and your Genealogical Records prepared for a Disaster?

After reading about the researcher's recent computer problem and the loss of her computerized info as well as the recent disaster in Florida, I would like to share an article with you that I wrote for the Augusta GA Gen. Society Newsletter. My home burned in January and there are a few things that you really need to know. If it could happen to us trust me it can happen to you.

### ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A DISASTER? QUESTIONS TO PONDER

**Computer Files** - When was the last time you backed up your files? Do you have a hard copy of everything saved on your computer? Where are the back-up and hard copies located? near the computer? in your car? at a friend's house? in a commercial safe deposit box? Are your contacts recorded?

**Photos** - Have you scanned copies of your irreplaceable photos? Are your photos framed behind glass or plastic? Are they matted or up against the viewing surface?

**Original documents and Resource Materials** - Have you scanned or copied your original documents? Where are your originals filed? Are they in file folders, cardboard boxes, plastic boxes, file drawers, fireproof files, or a safe deposit box? Are your files all in one place or spread throughout your home?

Essentially, are you prepared for a disaster and what would break your heart if you lost it?

### MY STORY:

I am a safety-conscious person (almost to a fault), however, on 28 January 2004, due to a series of unusual events, our house burned. Treasured items including quilts, Haviland china, art, a collection of Gillette memorabilia, antiques, and a library of about 1500 books were lost to fire, heat, smoke, and water.

The garage's 5/8" sheetrock walls and its fire-proof steel door to the office, which was rated for 20 minutes and held for an hour and half, saved the office from fire. However, smoke and carbon got in everything. Four years of genealogy research (a drop in a bucket to those of you who have been at it for 20 or 30 years) was saved but not without a price. The documents smell atrocious, and those that are not covered with soot, will need to be photocopied. Our insurance will cover up to \$1,000 to copy and replace. The photos that didn't fuse to the glass or melt need to be scanned and placed in airtight containers as you can't get the smell out. Published family histories and other books will be replaced if still available. I was planning to back up all of my computer files in February - something I had never done. The computer monitors melted but a young man was able to recover data from the hard drives. Had a little luck there.

What I learned is that my organization helped in some cases and didn't in others. Some items stored in plastic containers didn't fare well because the containers melted and everything fused together. In one particular closet, documents stored in cardboard containers didn't burn because wet clothes fell and covered them. Three such containers were dug out of a burned, wet and smelly pile almost 2 feet deep. The firemen had trouble extinguishing the fire in a 4-drawer file cabinet (not a fireproof model) which had holes in the back. Photo's (representing 35 years) were stored in a 6-board heart-pine chest (essentially, fat-lighter) and didn't do well except for the albums which were wedged so tight that only the edges burned. Water, of course, dampened every page. Videos, CD's, and 8mm film are toast.

The firemen placed a huge tarp over the files that were stored on the bottom shelf of an antique English Pine table in the office. This act, and the fact that the boxes were later removed from the house in case the fire started up again, saved a photo album kept by my husband's grandmother. Her brother (my husband's great uncle) played football at Notre Dame Univ. in the early 1900s. He (Charles E. "Gus" DORAIS) threw the first forward pass in football to the infamous Knute ROCKNE. The album contains pictures and signed photos of the team. In the dark, in the early morning hours, I was able to find this album (my organization helped) and we were able to cut the album apart and lay out the pages to dry. The images will require conservation measures because of their exposure to chemicals created during the fire but thankfully they didn't burn.

### A FEW SUGGESTIONS

I end with a few suggestions:

- (1) TODAY (not tomorrow for that may be too late) PHOTOGRAPH EVERYTHING IN YOUR HOME. If you have access to a video camera, describe the items in the view finder (how you obtained it, how much you paid for it, etc).
- (2) Make sure your insurance policy has "replacement" coverage.
- (3) Place your historic photos and your photo and film inventory in a commercial safe deposit box.
- (4) Back up your files. Inventory your books and CDs. Create a log of contacts, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, web pages, credit card numbers, bank account numbers, insurance policy numbers, etc. Place all in a safe deposit box and keep one of the keys in a separate location.

And finally, be generous to any who suffer a disaster, the emotional and financial costs to start over are staggering. Our Modoc, SC neighbors, relatives, and friends from here and afar have been great. I have taken the time to share my story because, if it happened to us, it can happen to you.

### BE PREPARED, BE SAFE, AND HAPPY SEARCHING

Nancy (TILGHMAN) Lindroth, author



**From "Our Heritage: Town of Rodman 1801-1895",  
assembled by Dorothy Thomas, Town Historian.**

The territory we now know as the town of Rodman was in 1775 a cool, green forest, crisscrossed by bubbling brooks and fast running streams unchecked by mill wheels. The creatures of the forest were undisturbed save by an occasional Indian passing through. The first white men known to set foot in the town were British soldiers accompanied by a war party of Oneida Indians. They had been defeated in the battle of Fort Stanwix, where the city of Rome now is, in 1777, and were fleeing to Canada. They rested for a time at the site of an old Indian encampment at the top of what is now called Dry Hill, then went on to Canada.

In 1796 Benjamin Wright made the first survey of our area and commented, "It is pretty level, with gentle ascents and some hills, and Sandy Creek is a fine stream with some good mill-seats." In 1808 Silas Stow, agent of the proprietors Harrison and Hoffman, opened the town for settlement at \$3.50 an acre.

Because of the many gulfs in the southern part of the town early settlers, who were bound for Rodman and followed blazed trails through Redfield, found it easier to come to Adams and follow Sandy Creek and its branches east. In 1801 the first eight men came in, made small clearings and built log houses. They were Anson and Ebenezer Moody, Jonathan, Noah and Aaron Davis, Simeon Hunt, Benjamin Thomas, and William Rice. Mrs. E. Moody came in the fall, the first woman to live in the town. A few months later the Moodys had a son, the first child born in the Town of Rodman. He was named Walter Harrison Moody after the proprietor, who had promised a hundred acres of land to the first child born. The boy had not received the land when he died at three years, but Mr. Moody received a deed for fifty acres.

The route into the town through Champion was a part water route; on the Black River, then over heavy hills, across a large gulf on a pole bridge, then over more hills and down through Sandy Creek valley. One settler's wife said, "When I got across that bridge I felt I had said, Good-bye, to everything. I was very sure I would never go back across that place." Simeon Hunt built a large cabin at the junction of the Gulf Stream and Sandy Creek and kept an inn. His wife saw no other woman for six months after coming here.

Settlers who came in 1802 and 1803 were Timothy Greenley, who purchased the first land he came to inside the town in the southeast corner. He purchased 2669 acres at 18 shillings an acre. This was the largest number of acres purchased by one person in the town. Also to come in at this time were Daniel Todd, Reuben Smith (who built several mills), Caleb Woodward, William Dodge, John Fasset, and Jonathan Wyman, also Thomas White who settled on North Sandy Creek in the eastern part of the town, and gave his name to the village which soon sprang up there.

The landholder's books show the names of the following who contracted for land under the date of December 1, 1804: Jesse Smith (later the founder of Smithville), Aaron Moody, Horace Townsend, Joseph

Nickles, Arnold Stone, Nathan Whiteman, Avery Wallsworth, Joseph Dana, Titus King, Noah Davis, Thadrick Case, Leonard Farewell, Joshua Finney, John Vaughn, Leonard Barker. Listed on March 25, 1805, were Buell, Westcott and Nathan Freeman. In August 1805, Hawks, French, Pierce, Lampson and Wright Mead.

It is hard for us now to realize that during those early years there were no stores or groceries of any kind. After enough land had been cleared so that corn could be raised, the tops of the hardwood stumps would be hollowed out, and the corn reduced to meal by pounding it in the hollows. In those early days, bread was made mostly from cornmeal. When more land was cleared and wheat could be planted, white bread became plentiful. Salt pork was the standard diet. This with pumpkins and potatoes, sugar from the maple tree, and plenty of milk and cream made up their living. Wild grapes, apples and berries were their only fruit. Cattle roamed at will through the forests, and if they failed to return at milking time, the musical tinkle of bells hung around their necks on leather straps showed where they lingered.

## A Rodman Business Man

Orrin Heath, Sr. started in the cheese making business for himself in 1909. During the depression of the thirties not all of the cheese could be sold locally and Mr. Heath shipped some to a commission merchant in New York. However, he was dissatisfied, not only with the amount of payment but with the merchant's report that the cheese was poor quality and didn't sell well. "I'm going to New York and find out what ails that cheese", he told his wife, the former Susie Cagwin. The family noted that before he started out he printed his name and address on a small card and placed it inside his derby hat. In New York he hunted up the merchant he had come to see, and introduced himself as a cheese wholesaler from Pennsylvania. "I've come up to see if I can find a shipment of soft, creamy cheese such as my customers demand", he told the merchant. I have just what you want, a shipment I just got from upstate. I'll show you. Whereupon the man took Mr. Heath into a storage room and showed him the cheese he himself had sent. Mr. Heath said it looked good and asked the price which turned out to be quite high. "The price is rather steep", he told the merchant. "What makes it so expensive"? "Quality" returned the merchant. "If you want real quality you have to pay for it." Mr. Heath hesitated. "Are you sure it's the highest quality"? "Absolutely. You won't find any better anywhere". This was what Mr. Heath had waited for. Taking off his derby, he held it so the man could read the card inside. "This is who I am", he said. Staring at the card, realizing how he had been outfoxed, the merchant was too nonplussed to speak, slowly he held out his hand. "I'm pleased to meet you, Mr. Heath. I can assure you nothing like this will ever happen again". The sons declare they sold that same man thousands of pounds of cheese after that, always receiving top prices.

# ASK AUNTY JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:  
Aunty Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,  
Clayton NY 13624  
or E-mail [nandixon@Gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@Gisco.net)

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I'm researching the family of Rosetta Youngs and Edwin E. Williams who resided in the Town of Lyme probably about 50-75 or more years ago. Friends of mine who do not have internet access, know that Rosetta was native American. They also would like to find out which tribe she belonged to. I realize this is NOT easy nor much to go on.

*Thank you. Janet Burrows*

Dear Janet,

Oh, dear. Aunty Jeff would not even attempt this one, but it is the second time in a week that the topic has come up, and Aunty Jeff has something of the sort in her own research. Word-of-mouth is your best bet, and when the object of your search has been dead for a century, word-of-mouth is impossible. NY-SCOGO, the New York State Council of Genealogical Organizations to which JCNYGS belongs, is compiling a directory of resources for this sort of research, but it is aimed more toward those native Americans living on, or who had lived on, reservations.

One aspect that makes verification even more difficult is the 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> century attitudes toward native Americans, or even any persons of color, as second class humans, let alone second class citizens. Children of mixed marriages actively worked to conceal the information as did the spouses and the extended families. The facts are more likely to be hidden, rather than written down. The twenty first century, while it is hardly free from prejudice, has certainly made great strides from the previous centuries.

To complicate matters, many native American organizations where one might find information, also shield their records from investigation, having endured lifetimes of snobbery. While it may be a fascinating topic for us, as family historians, it is certainly otherwise for many others.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

Do any of the children have children still living in the Ellisburg area?

*Just asking*

In showing what a query is NOT, this is a prime example. Understand that this is the entire query, and that there was no explanatory missive before or later. Aunty Jeff realizes she's preaching to the choir, but for any newbies out there: a query states concisely WHO you are researching, WHEN this person lived, WHERE this person lived, and exactly WHAT information you desire. And yes, for you doubt-

ing Thomases, this is a real query and it did arrive in Aunty Jeff's email...and was deleted.

Dear Aunty Jeff

I have purchased an 1850 house in Cape Vincent, and I would like to know where I can get original photographs of the house as it was when it was first built. Information about the families, stories and background of the home, as well as pictures, would all be welcome. If actual photographs exist for purchase, please let me know, as I would be very interested in buying them and having them sent to me. Thank you in advance for any help.

*Karen*

Dear Karen,

Aunty Jeff has had similar questions, but never one referring to photographs. It would be highly unusual to find a photo, although itinerant photographers went through the country in the late 19th century, taking pictures of houses and their occupants (of those affluent enough to pay!) Your best bet would be to write both the town and village historians of Cape Vincent, and also the city historian of Watertown, giving the exact location or address of the house. The city historian's office has shelves of scrapbooks, many made up of Watertown Daily Times clippings, of the Jefferson County area. If it is a stone house, you may have a ghost of a chance.

Possibly either Jefferson County Historical Society (don't know if they keep such things) or Flower Library Genealogy Room might have a photo in the files they keep on many things of historical interest.

You might also go the query route: Try a query in the JCNYGS Informer. Send it to Suzanne L. Howard, POB 24, Chippewa Bay NY 13623. Try a letter to the Thousand Islands Sun, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607. If you have a picture of the house as it is today, they might publish it as an article. They like glossy copies. Don't expect your picture back. The Jefferson County mailing list, accessed from Jefferson County GenWeb-Site at [www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer), reaches an audience interested in Jefferson County.

If you know the names of the original owners, put that in your inquiry. It might jog a memory, or it might bring you a tidbit of information. You might find more information in your abstract of deed. Certainly if you are in the area some time, you should look up your deed in the County Clerk's office.

And if you are successful, Aunty Jeff would really like to know what worked for you.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I have searched and searched for information as to where my gg and ggg grandparents were buried. I know they lived in Jefferson County.

*Dolly*

Dear Dolly,

Here are some ideas to consider. If the wife outlived her husband, her children often didn't bother to give her a stone, or put her name on her husband's stone, so the wives might be buried with their husbands with no indication on the stone. This worked both ways. The husband might put up a stone for his wife, as Robert Dixon Sr. did in Stone Mills Cemetery. He lived on for another twenty years, and in his very old age he went west to live with a son in Indiana. When he died, he was buried in Indiana, as he put it: "Hear in a strang land."

Often there just wasn't money to put up a stone, so neither spouse had one.

Sometimes the name on the stone was so mangled in spelling, no one could recognize it.

If a couple did not have caring relatives in the area, perhaps no stone was provided.

Gravestones, over the years, have been the particular target of vandals. Often caretakers just pick up the pieces and dump them to make the cemetery easier to mow. One Jefferson County historian, indignant over finding so many vacant places where head stones had been a year ago, investigated to find that the caretaker had gotten tired of mowing around the stones, and had simply removed the greatest (to him) offenders. Let me hasten to add that the vast majority of caretakers are painstaking and conscious of the importance of stones, and do their best to trim around them, maintaining "their" cemeteries with pride.

Records for many cemeteries have been poorly kept, or not kept at all, so if the stone has disappeared, there's no way to discover who was buried where.

You did not say whether you have walked any cemeteries yourself. Some stones have weathered to illegibility. Some are right there, tipped over face down, and grassed over, so they are invisible. One has to dig for them. Finally, the best of us can walk right by a stone we are searching for, and just not see it.

## GRAVESTONE SYMBOLS

Found in CALKINS WORLD newsletter. Author unknown.

Ever wonder what the meaning of the various symbols on gravestones mean?

Here are a few:

Anchors and Ships—The seafaring profession  
 Arches—Victory in death  
 Bouquets—Condolences, grief  
 Buds—Renewal of life  
 Bugles—Resurrection, military profession  
 Crossed Swords—High ranking military person  
 Darts—Mortality  
 Doves—The soul, purity  
 Flowers—Brevity of earthly existence, sorrow  
 Flying Birds—Flight of the soul  
 Fruits—Eternal plenty  
 Handshakes—Farewell to earthly existence  
 Hearts—The soul is bliss, love of Christ  
 Hourglass—Swiftness of time  
 Lambs—Innocence  
 Sheaves of Wheat—Time, the divine harvest  
 Shells—The pilgrimage of life  
 Suns—The resurrection  
 Thistles—Remembrance  
 Willows—Earthly sorrow

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In answer to a question about early orphanages in Watertown, Jefferson County from Larry Corbett:

Nan: Although the official name of the institution, as given to the census enumerator was St Patrick (no apostrophe's) Orphanage, I agree that not all of the inmates/residents were orphans.

Many were motherless and had fathers who were unable to care for children alone. Some of the children went back into their own homes when the father remarried. (This from personal knowledge of various family members of mine)

Later on, into the 50s, there were many more poor children, especially children whose parents were divorcing, or families with illness, who were moved temporarily into the home. There are also elderly listed in the earlier one, I'm not sure if these were elderly nuns, or lay persons, all appear to be female.

When the old St Pats was torn down during Urban Renewal, I believe that the Orphanage was relocated at the Sisters of St Joseph motherhouse on outer Washington St for a time. (The Sisters of St Joseph did not operate St Pats, at least in the early days, although the order which did operate it escapes me now)

I know of at least one unmarried teen who lived there in 1969 during her pregnancy. It now serves as a rest home for elderly retired nuns of the Sisters of St Joseph. Larry



## The Dollinger House Register

(Linda Malinich, JCGS member and President for 2004-5, has given us the following information on her work with the Register of the Dollinger House which was in Redwood, NY.)

"The following is an alphabetized listing of all the names appearing in the Dollinger House Register, covering the period from May 14, 1887 to April 17, 1888. Underneath each name are the dates each was registered. Listed to the right of each name is the hometown. A variety of resources were used to confirm names and hometowns. Among these were cemetery records from Jefferson County and St. Lawrence County, census records, and city directories which usually listed occupations (many of these city directories are available on-line). Many of the guests appeared in Child's 1890 Business Directory for Jefferson County.

Reading and interpreting the handwriting was perhaps the most time consuming part of this project. There is still confusion with several similar looking surnames: Bogart, Bogert, Bogost, and Bogurt. They were listed as being from NY City, Redwood, Theresa, and Plessis. Sometimes a person registered at the Dollinger House where it was later discovered that there was more than one person in the area with the same name. Daniel Garlock (of Clayton) was a guest on October 3rd, however there are two Daniel Garlocks buried in the Clayton Village Cemetery and they were both were alive in October of 1887. There were also several John Barrs from Ogdensburg, so it would be impossible to determine which one registered at the Dollinger House."

(JCGS is discussing with Linda the possibility of publishing this work on the Dollinger House Register. The July and September issues of the INFORMER have printed the first four complete pages of this work. The complete work is well over thirty pages. The following are a few selected and edited entries.)

**Crabb, Charles C.** Theresa  
(Child's - Theresa, dealer - house furnishing goods, tinware, crockery & glassware, five & ten cent goods a specialty)

**Folts, William** Theresa  
William W. Folts (res. Redwood, Child's - Theresa, 1,000 sugar trees, breeder of grade Holstein cattle, prop. stock horse "Stephen A. Douglas, Jr.")

**Gossman, Harry** Watertown  
Henry Gossman, fireman (1896 Watertown City Directory)

**Graystone, Henry R.** Utica  
Henry R. Graystone (1889 Utica Dir, cigar maker)

**Guthrie, W.J.** Philadelphia  
William J. Guthrie - Child's (Appointed PostMaster (1897) Philadelphia)

**Haffrey, John H.** Ogdensburg, Theresa  
John Haffrey (Child's - Theresa, marble cutter, manager marble works for F.A. Gaudett, bds Getman House)

**Houghton, A.H.** Alexandria Bay  
Almon H. Houghton (Child's - Alexandria, dealer in groceries, notions, sporting goods & crockery; agent for Do-

mestic sewing machine)

**Hoyt, F.N.** Plessis  
Frank N. Hoyt (1866-1932, Grove Cemetery) (Child's - Orleans, carpenter & undertaker)

**Keeler, E.S.** Alexandria Bay  
Edwin S. Keeler (1880 Census - Alexandria, S.B. Captain, age 25)

Edwin S. Keeler (Child's - Alexandria, steam yacht engineer & captain)

**Kinzinger, Henry**  
(76 pickerel, bass & perch) (1888 Utica Dir, alderman, dealer in fresh and cured meat)

**Mahoney, J.H.** Theresa, NY  
Jerry Mahoney (1854-1897, Oakwood Cemetery) Jeremiah H. Mahoney (Child's - Theresa, barber, hair-dresser, and saw filer)

**Mosher, Henry M.** Carthage  
Henry M. Mosher (Child's - Wilna, (Carthage), John E. Strickland & Co. (wholesale & retail dealers in hardware)

**Pawling, A.D.** Watertown  
Angelo D. Pawling (1889 Watertown City Dir, Tea dealer)

**Phillips, W.H.** Syracuse  
William H. Phillips (1888 Syracuse Directory) (com. trav - Whitney Wagon Works)

**Reed, Geo.** Redwood  
(35 pike, 27 bass, 19 pickerel, 140 roaches, 19 bullheads, 3 eels)

**Roberts, William** Philadelphia  
William Roberts (Child's - Philadelphia, manuf. of & dealer in lumber, lath & shingles, Burket Hall patent, sheathing lath, owns woodland)

**Schiller, Chas H.** Utica  
Chas. H. Schiller (1895-6 Utica Dir, 175 Genesee, diamonds & jewelry, h 82 Oneida)

**Simonds, Dr. E.A. & wife** Carthage  
Edwin A. Simonds (Child's - Wilna, physician & surgeon)

**Smith, A.T.** Theresa  
Almanson T. Smith (Child's - Theresa, dealer in drugs, groceries, confectionery, stationery, paints, oils, tobacco & cigars, bds Getman House)

**Stark, Joseph** LaFargeville  
(Child's - Orleans, Limburger cheesemaker)

**Starring, Daniel** Alex Bay  
Daniel W. Staring (Child's - Alexandria, state game protector)

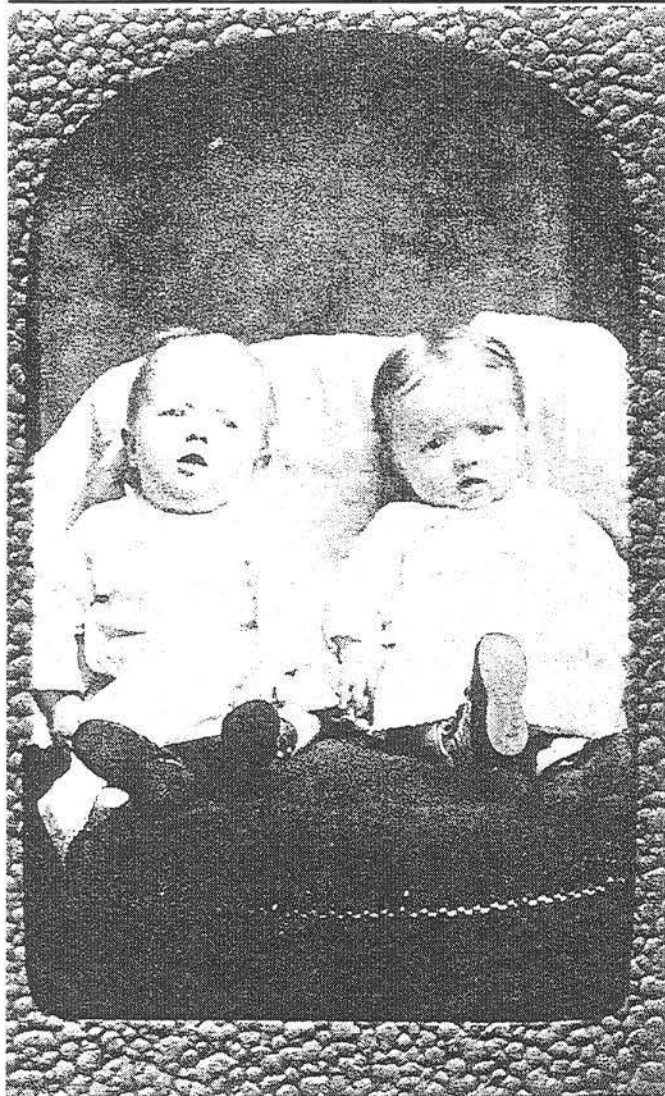
**Thompson, H.H.** Brooklyn, NY  
Harry H. Thompson (1888 Brooklyn Dir, piano tch)

**Townsend, Geo. A.** Utica  
George A. Townsend (1895 Utica Dir, photographer for *Saturday Globe*, h 42 Grove Pl)

**Wart, Sherman** Sandy Creek  
Sherman Wart (1880 Census - Sandy Creek, Oswego County, granite & marble dealer, age 31)

**Whelpley, J.W.** Washington, D.C.  
James W. Whelpley (1890 Washington, D.C. Dir, assistant treasurer of the United States)

**Williams, A.D.** Plessis  
Adelbert D. Williams (Child's - Alexandria, cows, breeder of Clydesdale & Hamletonia horses)



**G. L. LAMSON, Photo. LaFargeville, N. Y.**

Rufus and Frances Smith  
Born July 9, 1883

To Samual G. and Nancy C. (Getman) Smith  
Grandparents William E. and Mary Ann (Leonard)  
Smith  
And Stephen and Mary (Waggoner) Getman

William C. and Marv Ann (Leonard) Smith Familv

William C. Smith B-10-Nov-1816, NY D-11-Feb-1883,  
LaFargeville NY

Married 6-Oct-1836

Mary Ann Leonard B-20-Mar-1815, MA D-21-Nov-  
1901 G-Trenton MO

The parents of William C. Smith were Rufus and  
Lucinda (Degroat) Smith. William C. and Mary Ann  
Smith lived in the town of Orleans, Jefferson County  
NY for the 1850 thru 1880 Census and had 8 children:

1. Caroline H. Smith (18-Feb-1838--14-Oct-1900, Oak-  
wood Cemetery) married \_\_\_ Tallman
2. Rufus M. Smith (24-Jul-1839--29-Nov-1914, Grove  
Cemetery) married Mary J. \_\_\_ (23-May-1834--8-Nov-  
1902)
3. John M. Smith (26-Oct-1840--30-Mar-1906) mar-  
ried?
4. Lyman L. Smith (2-Jul-1844--1932) married?
5. Ellen P. Smith (18-Mar-1846--3-Feb-1891) mar-  
ried ? Randall
6. Mary Jane Smith (29-Jan-1850--26-Feb-1931)
7. Charles W. Smith (22-Oct-1851--8-Mar-1877, Oak-  
wood Cemetery)
8. Samual George Smith (15-Aug-1854--5-Feb-1940,  
Trenton MO) married Nancy C. Getman 29-Mar-1874  
and they had 10 children.

Rufus and Lucinda (Degroat) Family

Rufus Smith B-1783, MA D-19-Jul-1861 G-Grove  
Cemetery, LaFargeville NY  
Married

Lucinda Degroat B-Aug 1795 D-28-Feb-1839 G-Grove  
Cemetery

Rufus and Lucinda (Degroat) Smith lived in the town  
of Orleans, Jefferson County NY by the 1840 Census.  
Lucinda's parents were Samual and Rachel Degroat  
(Sep 1772--2-Apr-1841, Grove Cemetery)

It appears Rufus Smith married Elida ? (B-ca 1790) by  
1850

Children of Rufus and Lucinda Smith:

1. William C. Smith (10-Nov-1816--11-Feb-1883 Mar-  
ried Mary Ann Leonard (20-Mar-1815--21-Nov-1901)
2. Eladsit T. Smith (1823--18-Nov-1848, Grove Ceme-  
tery)
3. Harriet Smith (B-ca 1830)
4. Henry Smith (B-ca 1832)
5. Waite(?) Smith (B-ca 1833)
6. Delia Smith (B-ca 1836)
7. Warren Rodman Smith (1837--30-Sep-1925) Mar-  
ried Electa Douglass

Note: This list may not be complete.

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## A Cheever Letter

A letter to Paul and Mark Cheever from Fannie C. Burton, Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 5, 1901.

Dear Cousin,

You expressed the wish, when you were up here, to get some information in regard to your father's family. I find in our old Bible records the following:

Ebenezer G. Cheever born April 24, 1765

Hannah Holt born January 11, 1767

Ebenezer G. Cheever married to Hannah Holt, January 9, 1787. This were my grandmother and grandfather Cheever. Their children were as follows:

Polly Cheever born Sept. 28, 1787

Hannah Cheever born Aug. 29, 1789

Ebenezer Cheever born May 12, 1791

Isaiah Cheever born Aug. 5, 1793

Richard Cheever born Aug. 11, 1795

Sophia Cheever born Jan. 1, 1799

Lydia Cheever born March 16, 1801

Sophia Cheever born Dec. 4, 1802

Rebecca Cheever born Feb. 1, 1804

Ezra Cheever born March 31, 1807

Sylvester Cheever born May 9, 1809

William Cheever born Aug. 12, 1811

Of these uncles and aunts of mine I only knew Ebenezer Cheever your grandfather, Richard Cheever, Lydia Cheever, Sophia Cheever, Rebecca Cheever and Ezra Cheever and my own father of course, William Cheever.

I think that Hannah Cheever married a Dewey and their only son Oscar is now living in Kansas. Of course your grandfather Ebenezer Cheever you know about. Isaiah Cheever lived in Jefferson County, New York, and father used to tell me that during the war of 1812, he was stationed on the St. Lawrence River and that there was a British fort opposite them that had some brass cannons mounted on the earth works. Isaiah told the other soldiers that some dark night he would go over and get one of those cannons. He did so one dark night, carried the cannon on his shoulder about a half mile to the river and brought it over in a boat. This brass cannon is still in existence at Ellisburg in Jefferson County, New York and is used by the people at 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations and other public ceremonies. I saw it when I was there a few years ago and tried to purchase the cannon but they refused to sell it. It is a heavy lift for a very strong man.

Richard Cheever was a well-to-do farmer near Ellisburg in Jefferson County, New York and lived to be 92 years old. I visited him when he was 91 years of age and he hitched one of his horses to a buggy and drove me to Laurel Hill I think. It is about ten miles from there. He took me to visit his sister Lydia who was then 87 years old and lived alone and did her own house-work. She was a good sized woman. She weighed about 200 pounds I think. I think she died when she was about 90 years.

Sophia Cheever married a Mr. Snow for her first husband and moved to St. Charles, Kane County, Ill. some time about 1840. I think she never had any children. She afterwards married quite a wealthy farmer, a Mr. Foote and died at St. Charles of typhoid fever when she was about 70 years I think. Aunt Sophia was a remarkable woman, physi-

cally and intellectually. She was intensely religious as a Methodist and afterwards as a Free Methodist. Aunt Sophia was large would weigh about 200 pounds or more I think. She had a face like Martin Luther's and was very much such a character. She had a remarkable soprano voice. I have heard her sing, a mile over the prairie, on a clear morning and could always hear her voice distinctly when there were fifty or more singing. She also would have made a fine actress. Her powers of imitation were unusually strong. She however resented vigorously any idea that she could or would ever be an actress. She frequently delivered addresses at religious conventions and societies in her church and these addresses were always pronounced very able.

Lydia Cheever was married twice and spent most of her life in Jefferson County, New York.

Rebecca Cheever married a Mr. Wiswell. They moved to Kane County, Ill. some time in the forties. She had six or eight children. Her husband was quite a wealthy farmer.

Ezra Cheever moved to DeKalb County, Ill. some time in the forties. He afterwards moved to Somonauk. I think he was about 80 when he died, and was quite wealthy.

Sylvester Cheever I think died quite young. My father, William Cheever, you know about, I believe.

My grandfather, Ebenezer Cheever, was a remarkably strong man. From what father told me, I should judge that he was of medium height, square shouldered and a powerfully built man. All of his teeth were double. Father told me that he was the strongest man in Jefferson County, New York, in those pioneer days. Father told me, that he has seen him raise a full salt barrel from the sidewalk by taking hold of it with his teeth, and there was never anyone who could lift with him at barn raisings and other events of that sort. He died September 8, 1830 at the age of a little more than 65 years and is buried at Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., New York.

Grandmother, Hannah Cheever, was a rather tall woman, very strong physically, with a will something like that of Andrew Jackson. When she was about 80 years of age, she came from Jefferson County, New York, to St. Charles, Ill. in a sail boat, taking about a month for the trip, and afterwards lived with her daughter Sophia Snow. She died March 17, 1864, aged about 97 years. She is buried at Geneva, Kane Co. Ill.

Aunt Sophia Foote, told me that grandmother Cheever, walked two blocks to church with her only two weeks before her death. That her hearing was somewhat impaired but intellectually she could understand the sermon and discuss matters of interest with intelligence.

Besides the records of death that I have already given, I found the following:

Sophia Cheever died Sept. 21, 1801

Polly Harris Cheever died March 12, 1815

Sylvester Cheever died Oct. 25, 1814

Isaiah Cheever died Aug. 15, 1826

Rev. Ebenezer Cheever died Jan. 1, 1867

William Cheever died Aug. 6, 1872 at Ann Arbor, Michigan

Emeline Cheever died at Ann Arbor, Mich. Aug. 30, 1901, aged 92 years, 6 months and 21 days.

These facts and dates I got out of the records of our old family Bible.



## Queries

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### WRIGHT/WILLIAMS

I am looking for information on Clarissa Maria **Wright**, b. Feb 1811, CT; d. Sept 1898, Carthage. Married 1830 at Watertown, Jefferson Co, to Dexter **Williams**. Need names of her parents, siblings. She may have had a brother living in Rodman Twp. in the early 1860's.

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### WILLIAMS/ROBERTS

I am looking for information on the family of Aurelia "Rilla" Williams **Roberts**, b. 1832, Jefferson Co., d. Sept 1917, Carthage, buried Sunnyside Cem. Her husband was Jacob **Roberts**, b. 1831; need his death date. Was he also buried in Sunnyside Cem? Their son was William L. **Roberts**, 1860-1939.

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### HOUSEMAN/HAUSSMANN

My name is Daniel Houseman and in looking around I have found that **Haussmann** lived in the Black River tract and had a few children. While they did buy land from the Holland Land Company, I found that they bought as a new settler land in the town of Adams in 1802. Has any one run across this family in records they have and if so can you share this information. The name is George **Houseman**, his daughter was Polly along with George Jr., John and a few others. This part of the family I have and am looking for his father and family.

Thanks, Dan  
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### YOUNG

I have a quest of locating any possible descendants of James W and Edith S **Young**. James W **Young** is my grandfather. He left Galesburg, Illinois in 1927, never to be heard from again. I have recently confirmed that he lived at 957 LeRay, Watertown, NY in 1939 while working in Syracuse. I also confirmed that he died in Largo, FL in September 1962. At the time of his death, he was married to Edith S **Young**. Tonight I found that James W and Edith S **Young** still resided at 957 LeRay in the 1944 Watertown City Directory. I have his SSN, if that would be of any help locating information. James had 7 children in Galesburg when he left. I am trying to determine if he had any more children (who would be my

aunts/uncles) after he went to NY. I would appreciate any help and information you could find for me.

Thank you,  
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## To the Board of Health

### "Why Your Ancestor Has No Birth Certificate"

April 10, 1887

Upon taking the office of Registrar, it was found that no entries had been made since December 1886, though many of the certificates had been handed in. I visited the doctors, clergymen and undertakers collected all returns which had been held back and informed them they would be required to report promptly. I received from Fathers Glenn and Graw a number of marriage certificates properly filled out but which had never been sent to the clerk. Five of these certificates should have been left for registration during the year 1885.

It has been difficult to induce Dr. A. S. Law to report births. Two cases which he attended and which should have been reported in January and February respectively were not given to the registrar until the doctor had been repeatedly asked. And afterwards when the reports were made, only the name of the father of the child appeared upon the blanks and it was necessary to walk about two miles to get the desired information. One other case, which occurred December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1886, he has not reported at all, but it was obtained by the registrar at considerable trouble, and registered. In March, delayed records to the number of 22 were registered. Regular records - January - Births, 21; deaths, 15; marriages, 5 - 41. February - Births, 25; deaths, 20; marriages, 5 - 50. March - Births, 33; deaths, 15; marriages, 13 - 60. This is a total of 173 births, marriages and deaths registered by me during the three months.

Respectfully Submitted  
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