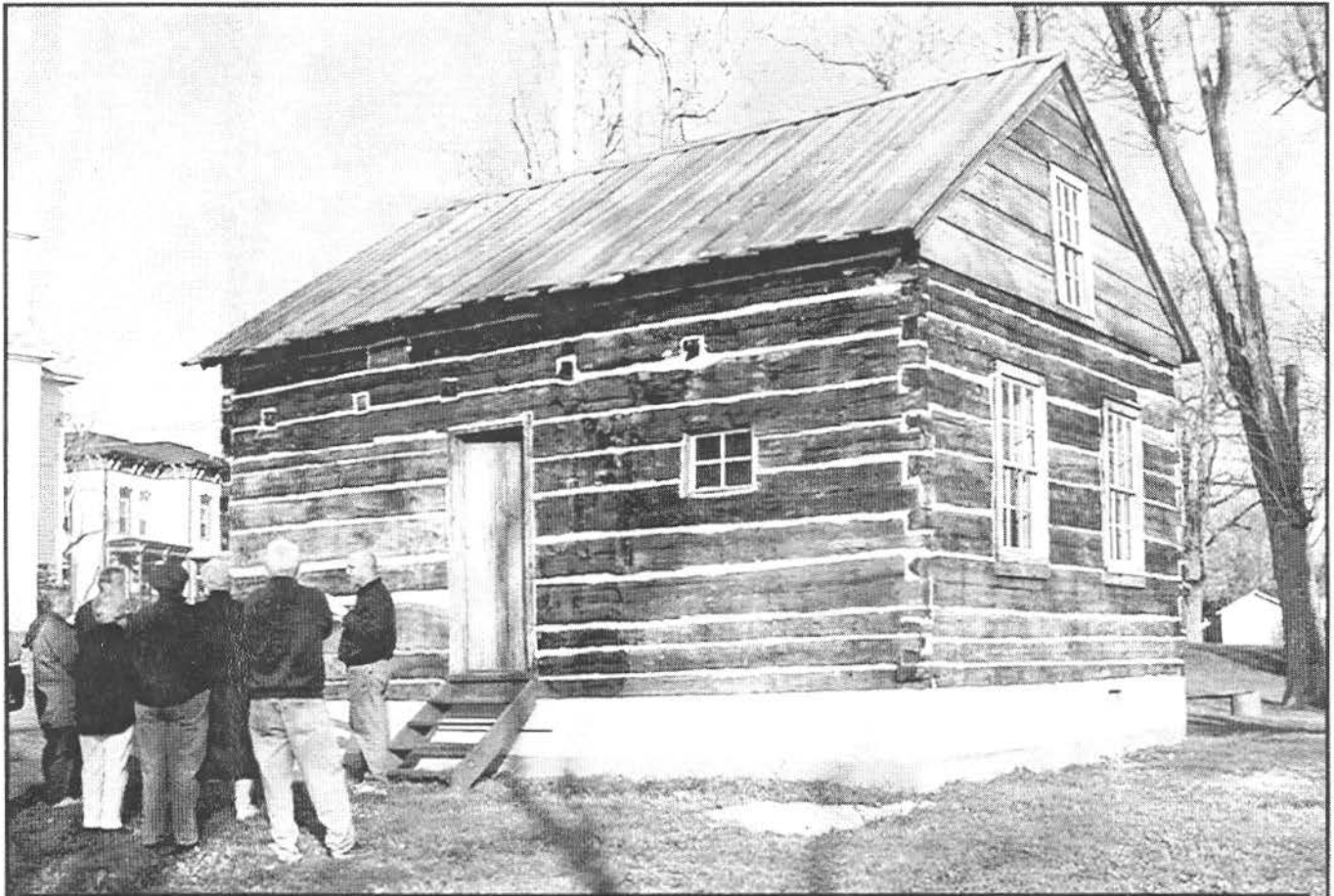


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Henderson Historical Society President Eric Anderson explains details of their Log Cabin to JCNYGS Members and Guests at their November Meeting

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Letters.....

Letters to the editor may be directed to nandixon@gisco.net or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

Dear Nan,

It is with sadness that I let you know of the death of Joanne Martin of Centennial, Co. She died July 14 after a valiant 3 yr. struggle with cancer.

She was a very dedicated and careful genealogist and volunteered at the Family History Center in Denver. Her family tree was published in a previous issue of "The Informer". The family names in Jefferson Co. are Barnett, Rhoades, Mills, Collins and Wheeler.

Sincerely,
Sheila Rogstad

Nan,

I was delighted to find some names of the Jenks family relatives in the Worth maps & lists. (Don Dillenbeck should really be commended for all the work he has put into those surname lists to accompany the town and village maps for the past couple of years!) I have not had the time to pursue Boomer Jenks and his family in NY but found them on the map. I knew he and his wife were buried in Rising Cemetery but didn't know where it was. Those maps and information on the cemeteries have been a great contribution to us researchers!

Bonnie Borrello

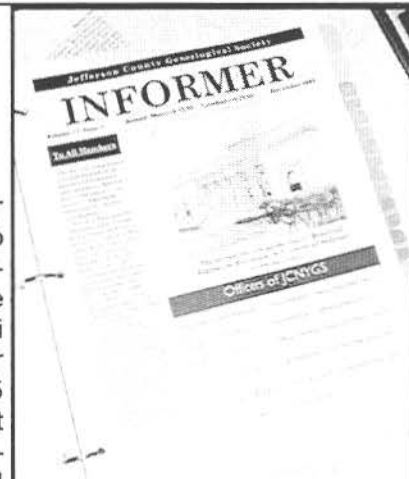
Informer December 2005 Issue

We extend our compliments to Membership & Surname Committee Clancy and Patti Hopkins for their December 2005 *Informer* issue that contains our member information and

surnames that have been submitted to our society. With 8 pages of membership information and 13 pages of surnames, it is obviously a very daunting task. But as we use this surname issue, we marvel at what a fine job Clancy and Patti have done. Again! Our compliments!

It might also be appropriate to quote Clancy and Patti's cover statement: "We strive for an error free issue; however, should you find any errors in the surnames or submitters, please let us know. We hope there are no mistakes; however, if there are, we apologize for them and will correct them."

The *Informer* staff will try to include any updates on membership and surnames in future issues on this Editor's page.



What's Going on with JCNYS

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

October Meeting

Julia Gosier, Town of Lyme Historian, spoke to the group about the resources of the Lyme Heritage Center. Julia had two handouts for us: one was a list of the resources available; the second was a list of the books the Lyme Heritage Center offers for sale. Following this brief presentation, Julia took us across to the Heritage Center where we were able to look through the records and resources and ask her more questions. There is a microfilm reader and all federal censuses for Jefferson County (1810-1920) are available on microfilm. Also on microfilm is the Antwerp Gazette (issues mainly from the late 1870s and 1880s). There are family files, county history books, notebooks, and much more. The Heritage Center is very well organized and has much material on Lyme and surrounding Towns.



Julia Gosier and Phyllis Putnam at the Lyme Heritage Center (Above) and lunch at the Duck Inn (Below)



What's Going on with JCNYS

By Jerry Davis for Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

November Meeting

Eric Anderson is president of the Henderson Historical Society and the Henderson Town Historian. The program was held in the former Henderson Universalist Church which is now the Henderson Historical Society Museum pictured on the bottom of this page. Eric reviewed the organization of the museum in the last 7-8 years from archival town records, a large assortment of artifacts, personal genealogy collections, maps, books and much more that fills the church. This was a huge change from the Historical Society's original 2 bookcases.

The log cabin project, pictured below, was a major undertaking and Eric took members outside for a tour around and through the structure. Eric also mentioned the society's newest undertaking, that of collecting and displaying paintings of local artist Frank Springsteen.



JCNYGS MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2005

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

President Linda Malinich called the meeting to order at 1:30 at the Town Meeting Hall in Chaumont with 16 people present. The minutes of the September 12 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Bob Van Brocklin, seconded by Phyllis Putnam.

Treasurer Hollis Dorr reported a balance of \$8,698.50. His report was approved on a motion by Janet Butler, seconded by Elaine Jobson. The complete report is attached.

For the Genealogical Collection committee, Nan Dixon sent word that not much has been done since the summertime.

Phyllis Putnam reported as Publicity Chairman that she sent out the usual announcements to the newspapers. Linda Malinich sent out emails to members reminding them of the meeting.

Phyllis Putnam passed out a list of upcoming programs:

November 12—Saturday—at 1:30 at the museum in Henderson—Eric Anderson will present resources and records available.

December 12—Monday—at 6:30 at the Jefferson Co. Historical Society, Washington St., Watertown, Director Dr. Tim Abel will be the presenter.

January—No Meeting

February—No Meeting

Phyllis needs suggestions for programs in 2006, beginning with March. Please contact her with your ideas/suggestions.

Jerry Davis reported for the Newsletter Committee. The November issue is almost ready. The Town being highlighted is Worth. The issue will also have names and addresses for Jefferson County Town Clerks and Town and Village Historians.

Clancy Hopkins was not able to attend, but he sent word for the Membership and Surname Committee that anyone whose membership dues have not been paid will not receive future issues of the *Informer*.

Jean Coyne brought the Society up to date on the work of the Surrogate Committee. Abstractors have completed all 91 wills from Will Book #1 and 22 wills from Will Book #2. These abstracts have been photocopied and are ready to be sent to the typist. We have

also had more blank abstract forms printed. They can be found in a notebook at the Surrogate's Office. Anyone who would like to help with the abstracts can contact Jean for information on what to do.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Hollis Dorr, seconded by Elaine Jobson.

JCNYGS MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2005

By Pauline Zach for Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The November meeting of the JCNYGS was held at the Henderson Historical Society in Henderson at 2 p.m. November 13.

Vice President Jerry Davis opened the meeting. Minutes of the October meeting were accepted on motion of Clancy Hopkins and second by Don Dillenbeck. Passed.

Clancy Hopkins read the treasurer's report that is attached. Total \$8,279.88. Motion to accept by Phyllis Putnam and second by Doris Monterey. Passed.

Clancy Hopkins reported that he had many newsletters from other organizations and he gave them to Nan Dixon for the repository. These will be available at each meeting held in the library.

Clancy also had more pedigree charts that had come in the mail and were given to Phyllis Putman for the Pedigree Book she is getting together.

Nan Dixon had no report for the Repository Committee.

Phyllis Putman reported for the Publicity Committee that she had sent notices regarding this meeting. Phyllis Putnam also reported for the Program Committee that the December meeting would be at the usual time and will held at the Jefferson County Historical Society with Dr. Tim Abel.

Bill Dixon reported for the *Informer* that the January issue is under way. There are four empty pages at this point. Next committee meeting is Nov. 17. There will be a table of contents prepared for 2005.

Clancy reported that the surname issue with 1300+ names is done and will be sent in December.

Al Seymour reported for the Resource Committee that he was working on putting the resource books into electronic format and is about ¾ through.

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Surrogate Committee. Doris Monterey reported that no further work had been done and that she needed a person to help her one day a month. Lis Couch volunteered to help.

NEW BUSINESS

The Constitution and By-Laws were amended regarding the addition of a 2nd vice-president. Motion by Pauline Zach, second by Nan Dixon and carried. This will be presented at the December meeting.

Clancy reported that he is working on a proposal to get New York State index to vital statistics (birth, death and marriage) into Flower Memorial Library. At the present time they are available in Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo.

Phyllis Putman reported that Julia Gosier's Coroner's books now have an index started by Al Seymour. Phyllis had it available at the meeting for members to look at.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn, seconded by Nan Dixon. President of the Henderson Historical Society and the Henderson Town Historian Eric Anderson presented the day's program.

Available Back Issues of The 2005 *Informer*

(Our thanks to fellow JCGS member Bonnie Borrello for compiling the following information.)

JANUARY 2005

Available back issues of *Informer*, 2004
Black River Men and Factories
Black River Village History
Felts Mills, 1855 map with index
Interview with William Reichard, Town of
Rutland & Village of Black River Historian
Jefferson County Historical Soc. (part 1)
Town of Rutland Cemeteries list & map
Town of Rutland, 1855 map with index
Whipple, Fred E., Black River
photographer, picture

MARCH 2005

Antwerp man tells about cutting wood
The Brick Hotel in Evans Mills
The Desormeaus, Theresa stories
Flower, Roswell Pettibone, bio & picture
Interview with Larry Honeywell, Theresa
Town Historian
Stroll through by-gone Theresa
Theresa and vicinity, 1870
Theresa history
Theresa Village, 1855 map with index

Town of Theresa Cemeteries list & map
Town of Theresa Chronology
Town of Theresa, 1855 map with index

MAY 2005

Burrville store is sold to Foley
City of Watertown Cemeteries, map
The JCNYGS repository-contents
Jefferson County Historical Soc. (part 2)
North Country visits by Ernest Cook
120-Year-Old school at Burrville closes
Town of Watertown Cemeteries list & map
Town of Watertown, 1855 map with index
Village of Watertown, map 1855
Watertown Cemetery History
Williams, True W. picture & bio

JULY 2005

Fox, Daniel & Hannah, pioneer couple
with pictures
Jefferson County maps, 1805 & 2005
Jefferson County Bicentennial Series:
Towns, Villages & Communities
Lewis County formed
Mail service
Village of Dexter historical pictures
Watertown- a history by Wiley students
What's Where in Dexter? 1855 map
When Watertown was only three log
cabins

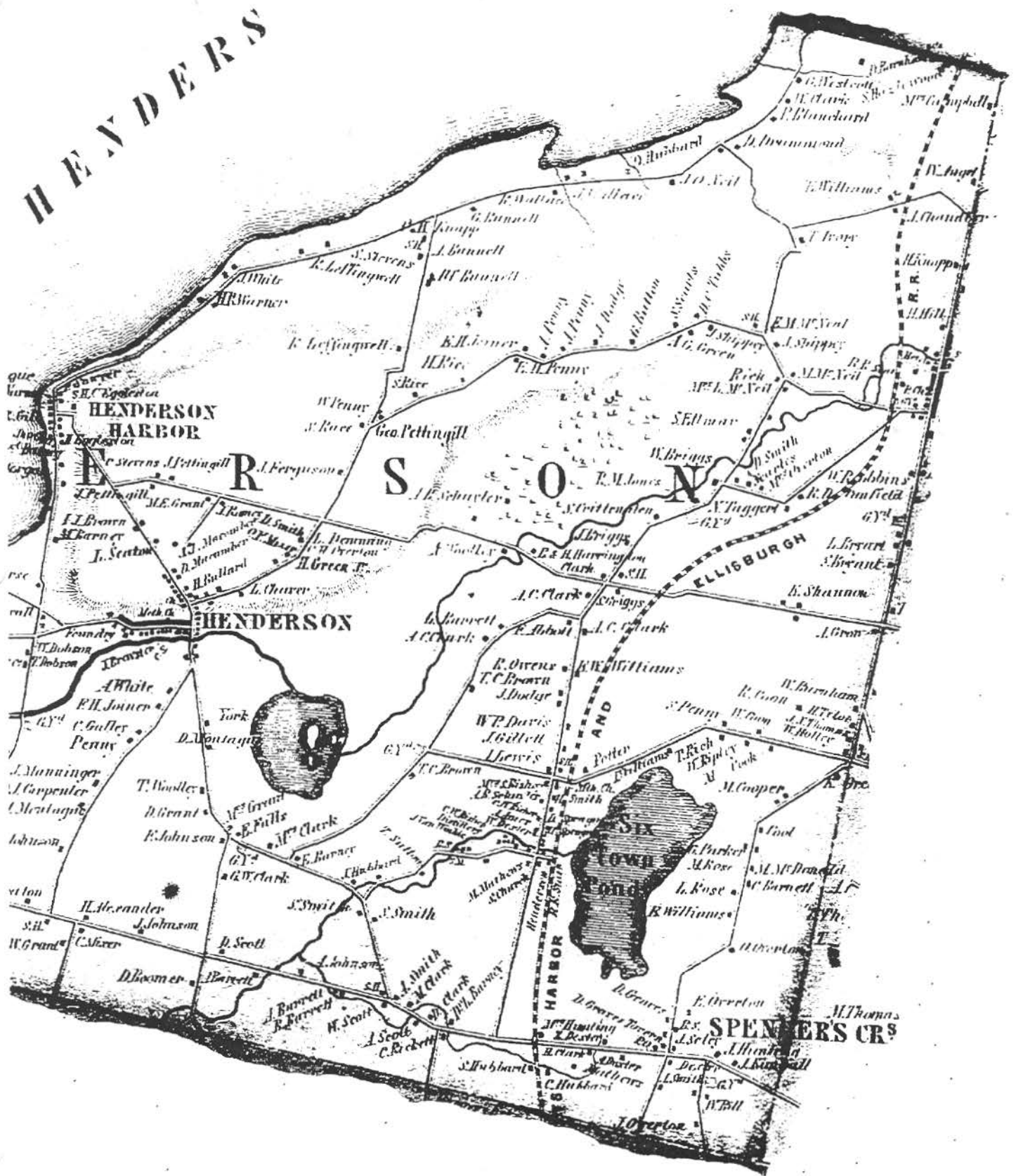
SEPTEMBER 2005

Black River passenger boats
Grandpa's Story
Old ferry at Carthage
Pictures of Carthage buildings
Stewart, Patrick S. with picture
Town of Wilna Cemeteries list & map
Town of Wilna history
Town of Wilna, 1855 map with index
Village of Carthage, 1855 map with index

NOVEMBER 2005

Jefferson County Town, Village Clerk,
Historians' addresses
Dollinger Hotel Register, 1887-88
Pastor recalls days lost in forest
Town of Worth Cemeteries list & map
Town of Worth history
Town of Worth, 1855 map with index
Van Brocklin, Charles W. picture & bio
Wilcox, Joseph 1762-1849
Wilcox, Levi, picture & bio

Back issues are \$4 each including shipping.
Make checks payable to JCNYGS and mail to
Bill Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd., Clayton, NY 13624



Index to 1855 Map of Henderson Township (page 6 & 7)

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 9 parts, Don uses the letters H, E1, N1, D, E2, R, S, O, N2 already on the map as locators.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter- -North/ South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	D-South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	S-South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	N2-South
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	E2-South
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	R-South
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	S-South
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	N2-South
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	N2-South
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	N2-South
G & SM	(Grist & Saw Mill)	D-South
Meth Ch	(Methodist Church)	E2-South
Meth. Ch.	(Methodist Church)	Smithvillre
Mth.Ch.	(Methodist Church)	O-South
P. Ch.	(Presbyterian Church)	Smithvillre
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	S-South
S.H. =	(School House)	N1-North
S.H. =	(School House)	N1-South
S.H. =	(School House)	E2-North
S.H. =	(School House)	E2-South
S.H. =	(School House)	S-North
S.H. =	(School House)	S-South
S.H. =	(School House)	O-South
S.H. =	(School House)	O-South
S.H. =	(School House)	N2-North
F.	Abbott	O-South
E.	Alexander	D-South
H.	Alexander	E2-South
A.	Amer	O-South
R.	Andrews	N1-North
W.	Angel	N2-North
D.	Aspinwall	E2-South
C.	Barnett	N2-South
Dr. L.	Barney	S-South
E.	Barney	R-South
M.	Barney	E2-South
D.	Barnham	N2-North
W.	Barnham	N2-South
A.	Barrett	R-South
B.	Barrett	S-South
J.	Barrett	S-South
L.	Barrett	O-South
W.	Bill	N2-South
C.W.	Bishop	O-South
Mrs. S.	Bishop	O-South
C.W.	Bishop, Distiller	S-South
P.	Blanchard	N2-North
D.	Boomer	R-South
B.	Boyce	N1-North

D.	Boyce	E1-North
S.	Boyce	N1-North
J.	Brewster C.S. (Cooper Shop)	E2-South
J.	Briggs	O-South
W.	Briggs	N2-North
A.	Brown	H-South
E.	Brown	H-South
E.	Brown	N1-South
H.	Brown	E1-South
I.J.	Brown	E2-South
T.C.	Brown	S-South
T.C.	Brown	S-South
S.	Bryant	N2-South
L.	Bryant (Bryant?)	N2-South
H.	Bullard	R-South
A.	Bunnell	S-North
A.H.	Bunnell	S-North
G.	Bunnell	S-North
G.	Button	N2-North
J.	Campbell	H-North
J.	Campbell	E1-North
Mrs.	Campbell	N2-North
R.D.	Canfield	N2-North
J.	Carpenter	E2-South
S.	Champlain	E1-North
A.	Chandler	N2-North
S.	Church	O-South
L.	Chuver	R-South
A.C.	Clark	O-South
A.C.	Clark	O-South
A.C.	Clark	O-South
D.	Clark	S-South
G.W.	Clark	R-South
H.	Clark	O-South
M.	Clark	S-South
Mrs.	Clark	R-South
W.	Clark	N2-North
	Clark	O-South
M.	Cook	N2-South
	Cool	N2-South
R.	Coon	N2-South
W.	Coon	N2-South
M.	Cooper	N2-South
S.	Crittenden	N2-South
H.	Crittinden	E1-South
H.	Crittinden	N1-South
W.P.	Davis	O-South
L.	Demming	R-South
A.	Dexter	O-South
W.	Dexter	O-South

Z.	Dexter	O-South	G.	Hungerford	N1-North
	Dexter	N2-South	W.	Hungerford	N1-North
C.	Dickey	D-South	J.	Hunting	N2-South
C.	Dickey	D-South	Mrs.	Hunting	O-South
J.	Dobson	N1-South	T.	Ivory	N2-North
T.	Dobson	E2-South	A.	Johnson	R-South
W.	Dobson	D-South	E.	Johnson	R-South
W.	Dobson	E2-South	F.B.	Johnson	N1-North
J.	Dodge	O-North	J.	Johnson	E2-South
J.	Dodge	O-South	L.	Johnson	E2-South
D.	Drummond	N2-North	W.	Johnson	N1-North
D.A.	Dwight	N1-North	E.H.	Joiner	O-North
P.	Dwight	N1-South	F.H.	Joiner	E2-South
C.	Eggleston	E2-North	R.M.	Jones	O-South
H.	Eggleston	E2-North	I.	Kemp	N1-South
S.	Ellman	N2-North	J.	Kimball	N2-South
E.	Falls	R-South	H.	Knapp	N2-North
D.	Farman	N1-South	O.H.	Knapp	S-North
J.	Ferguson	S-North	R.	Leffingwell	R-North
S & C	Finney & Co.	D-South	R.	Leffingwell	S-North
S & G	Finney & Co.	N1-South	A.	Lewis	O-South
	Foundry	E2-South		Lighthouse - Stoney Point	H-South
C.	Galley	E2-South	D.	Macomber	R-South
J.	Gillett	O-South	J.J.	Macomber	R-South
N.	Gleason	E1-North	J.	Manninger	E2-South
D.	Grant	R-South	M.	Massman	N1-North
M.E.	Grant	R-South	M.	Mathews	O-South
Mrs.	Grant	R-South		Mathews	O-South
W.	Grant	E2-South	M.	McDonald	N2-South
A.G.	Green	N2-North	E.M.	McNeal	N2-North
H.	Green	H-South	M.	McNeil	N2-North
K? R?	Green	N2-South	Mrs. L.	McNeil	N2-North
H.	Green Jr.	R-South	C.	Mixer	E2-South
J.	Greenfield	E1-North	O.F.	Mixer	R-South
S.	Griggs	O-South	A.	Montagne	E2-South
A.	Grow	N2-South	D.	Montagne	R-South
D & H	Harrington	O-South	C.	Moody	H-South
H.	Harris	E1-North	L.	Moody	N1-South
S.	Hazlewood	N2-North	R.	Moody	H-South
	Henderson	O-South	P.	Morgan	E1-South
	HENDERSON	R-South	E.	Morse	E2-South
	HENDERSON HARBOR	E2-North	W.G.	Nicholas	H-North
H.	Hill	N2-North	A.	Nutting	E1-South
W.	Holley	N2-South	C.	Nutting	N1-South
	Hotel	Smithvillre	E.	Nutting	E1-South
J.	Howard	N1-North	L.	Nutting	E1-South
C.	Hubbard	O-South	N.	Nutting	E1-South
D.	Hubbard	N2-North	O.S.	Nutting	N1-South
F.	Hubbard	N1-South	R.	Nutting	H-South
J.	Hubbard	S-South	S & H	Nutting	N1-South
S.	Hubbard	H-South	S.	Nutting	N1-South
S.	Hubbard	O-South	S.	Nutting	N1-South
A.	Hungerford	N1-South	S.	Nutting	N1-South
A.	Hungerford	N1-South	W.	Nutting	E1-South
B.	Hungerford	N1-South	J.	O'Neil	N2-North

C.H.	Overton	R-South	A.	Smith	S-South
E.	Overton	N2-South	A.	Smith	N2-South
J.	Overton	N2-South	D.	Smith	R-South
Mrs.	Overton	N2-North	D.	Smith	N2-North
O.	Overton	N2-South	H.	Smith	O-South
R.	Owens	O-South	S.	Smith	N1-South
D.	Parker	N1-South	S.	Smith	D-South
G.	Parker	N2-South	S.	Smith	S-South
A.	Penny	O-North	S.	Smith	S-South
E.H.	Penny	O-North	W.P.	Smith	H-North
J.	Penny	O-North	D.	Snow	D-South
S.	Penny	N2-South		SPENCER'S Corners	N2-South
W.	Penny	S-North	D.	Sprague	O-South
	Penny	E2-South	M.	Sprague	O-South
Geo	Pettingill	S-North	C.	Stevens	E2-North
J.	Pettingill	R-North	G.	Stevens	H-South
	Potter	O-South	S.	Stevens	S-North
H.	Quarts	N1-North		STONEY POINT	H-North
	R.R. Station	O-South		Stoney Creek	N2-North
	R.R. Station	Smithville	T.	Sutton	S-South
S.	Race	S-North	N.	Taggart	N2-South
J.	Ramey	R-South	J.N.	Thomas	N2-South
J.	Ray	H-South	D.C.	Tubbs	N2-North
H.	Rice	S-North	H.	Tylor	N2-South
S.	Rice	S-North	J.	VanWinkle	S-South
T.	Rich	N2-South	C.	Vorce	H-North
	Rich	N2-North	C.	Vorce	E1-North
C.	Rickett	S-South	J.	Wallace	O-North
W.	Ripley	N2-South	R.	Wallace	O-North
W.	Robbins	N2-North	H.	Warner	H-North
K.	Rogers	N1-North	H.R.	Warner	R-North
R.	Rogers	N1-North	G.	Westcott	N2-North
L.	Rose	N2-South	A.	White	E2-South
M.	Ross	N2-South	E.	White	N1-North
	Sackets Harbor & Ellisburgh R.R.	O-South	J.	White	N1-North
	Saw & Shingle Mill	N1-South	J.	White	R-North
P.	Sawyer	E2-North	J.M.	White	N1-North
A.B.	Schuyler	O-South	E.	Whitney	N1-South
A.R.	Schuyler	O-South	E.	Whitney	D-South
A.	Scott	S-South	S.	Whitney	D-South
D.	Scott	R-South	S.	Whitney	D-South
W.	Scott	S-South	T.O.	Whitney	D-South
S.	Searles	N2-North	E.	Whittier	E1-South
	Searles	N2-North		Whittier	D-South
L.	Seaton	D-South	M.L.	Wilkinson	D-South
L.	Seaton	E2-South	S.	Wilkinson	N1-South
L.	Seaton	E2-South	W.	Wilkinson	N1-North
J.	Seley	N2-South	D.	Williams	N2-South
E.	Shannon	N2-South	E.	Williams	N2-North
J.	Shippey	N2-North	F.	Williams	N2-South
J.	Shippey	N2-North	R.W.	Williams	O-South
C.	Sias	N1-South	A.	Wooley	O-South
H.	Sias	H-South	T.	Wooley	R-South
	SIX TOWN POND	O-South		York	R-South

More From the Dollinger House Register

Here is more of the 1887-88 Register of the Dollinger House which was in Redwood, NY. This work by Linda Malinich, our JCNYS President, was first featured in the July and September 2004 issues of the *Informer* as well as the November 2005 issue. The following two pages continue after those pages. There is also a summary of Linda's work on page 20 in the November 2004 *Informer* that will be of interest to readers.

Day, Geo. B. Syracuse

Feb 2, Apr 5

George B. Day (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav, located at Watertown)

George B. Day (1888 Watertown Dir, com. trav)

Deano, Aron Lansdowne

Jan 23 (Ontario, Canada)

Aron Dano (1881 Census – Lansdowne Front, Leeds

South, Ontario, farmer, age 21)

Deano, Geo. Lansdowne

Jan 23 (Ontario Canada)

George Dano (1881 Census – Lansdowne Front, Leeds South, Ontario, age 19)

Delaney, Patrick Rossie

Sept 22

(d. 1899, age 69, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rossie)

Delaney, Wm. LaFargeville

June 8

Demick, Chas. Hammond

Sept 27

Charles W. Demick (*Farm Directory, St. Lawrence County, 1918*, "Elmside Farm", Hammond (Mary

J) Charles N. Demick (1861 – 1930)

(Fairview Cemetery, Hammond)

Densmore, L. Utica

Mar 31

Derbyshire, D. Brockville

Oct 5, Oct 10

Derthich?, G.M. & wife Richfield Spa

Oct 6

Devendorf, D.M., M.D. Herkimer

Sept 5

David Devendorf (1880 Herkimer Census, age 43, physician)

Devendorf, S.L. Little Falls

Aug 27

Dewey, C.J. LaFargeville

Feb 1

Charles J. Dewey (1864-1891, Grove Cemetery)

Dickerman, R. Carthage

June 24

Rollin R. Dickerman (1834-1897)

(Fairview Cemetery – Wilna)

Dier, Morris

May 17, Aug 17

Morris Dier (1880 Census – Pitcairn, St. Lawrence County, laborer, age 32, wife: Nellie)

Morris Dier (1880 Census – Diana, Lewis County, laborer, age 30, wife: Nellie)

(Note: Morris moved in 1880 about the time the Census was taken – same wife & dau, Jessie)

Morris Dier (1895 Watertown Directory, contractor, builder & lumber dealer)

Dillenbeck, E.A. NY City

Jun 7, Jan 10

Dillion, ? Theresa

July 22

Dings, Thomas Ogdensburg

Apr 16

Thomas Dings (1880 Census – Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, laborer, age 34)

Drekmi/Dlekmi __?, W.J. Utica

Aug 21

Dodge, John Brockville, Can.

Mar 17

(Ontario, Canada)

Dodge, .R. 1000 Island Park

Aug 2

(Wellesley Island)

Dodge, Walter Utica

June 29

Walter K. Dodge (1888 Utica Dir, salesman)

Dodge, W.R. Utica

Sept 27, Nov 1, Dec 6

Rufus W. Dodge (1888 Utica Dir, salesman)

Dollinger, Mrs.

Mar 9

Dollinger, Edward

Oct 3, Dec 8

Edward D. Dollinger (1870-1959)

(Redwood Cemetery – Alexandria)

Dollinger, Fred (Waterhouse)

Sept 11

Fred Dollinger (Child's – Alexandria (Redwood), section hand R., W.&O.R.R.)

Dollinger House (Child's – Alexandria (Redwood), C.C. Gates, prop., livery stable connected, Main

Donald, T?H. City

June 17

Doolittle, O.B. Watertown

June 14

Oswald B. Doolittle (1888 Watn City Dir – agent)

Dorus?, Sam Camden

Jan 26

(Oneida County)

Dow, J.W. Syracuse

Dec 21

James W. Dow (1889 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)

Dowling, E.H. Fine

Dec 27

Edwin H. Dowling (Child's Gazetteer of St.

Lawrence County (1873-74, merchant)

Edwin H. Dowling (1834 – 1913)

(Woodland Cemetery, Fine)

Downer, J.E. Poland

Apr 12, Apr 17

(Herkimer County)

Dre e?, James Mexico

Feb 9

Drury, W.E. Albany, Wolcott

Oct 8 (Albany), Nov 18 (Albany), Feb 9 (Wolcott)

DuBois, Rob (Debois in register) Alex Bay

Oct 13, Dec 17

Robert H. DuBois (Child's – Alexandria, prop. livery stable)

Duck?, M.C. LaFargeville
Sept 19

Duffney, Willie LaFargeville
Nov 10

Duggan, Eddie
Aug 24

Duggan, R. Theresa
Oct 14

Dunkle, Isaac hostler old deed
Oct 18, Feb 7 (with wife, "left today for Cherry Valley)
Isaac Dunkle (1880 Cen., Cherry Valley, Otsego County, laborer, age 26, wife, black)

Dunning, A. Oneida
Jun 11, Feb 15 (Madison County)
Amos Dunning (1888 Oneida Dir, traveling agent)

Dyer, Wm. Redwood
Nov 22
William Dyer (Child's - Theresa, farmer)

Dygert, Chas Clayton
Feb 2
Charles Dygert (Child's - Clayton, carpenter)
Charles D. Dygert (1861 -1907)
(Clayton Village Cemetery, Clayton)

Dygert, P.G. (Digert) Hammond
Jan 25, Feb 2
Peter G.W. Dygert (Child's Gazetteer-St. Lawrence County, 1873-74, (Redwood), farmer)
Peter G.W. Dygert (1880 Census - Hammond, (farmer, age 67)
Peter G.W. Dygert (Child's - Clayton, ret. Farmer)
Peter Dygert (b. 1812 - d. 1894 Clayton)
(buried: Rarick Cemetery, Hammond)

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Edick, M. Fulton, NY
Sept 10

Edmonds, H.B. Carthage
Oct 27
Henry B. Edmonds (Child's - Wilna, general insurance agent)

Edwards, J.A. NY
Oct 6

Ehrlicher, F.M. Watertown
Mar 22
Fred M. Ehrlicher (1888 Watertown Dir, lawyer, bds 42 Academy)

Ehrsam, John & wife Utica
Aug 22
John Ehrsam (1886 Utica Dir, cabinetmaker)
John Ehrsam, Jr. (1886 Utica Dir, hats, caps & furnishing goods)

Ellis, D.B. Johnstown, NY
Mar 27

Elmore, Emory Rifford?, NY

Mar 26 (maybe Stafford, Genesee County)
Emory Elmore (1880 Census - Batavia, Genesee County, drug store clerk, age 37)
Emory Elmore (1888 Rochester Dir, salesman, 212 West Avenue)

England, Jas. H. Utica
Jan 25
James England (1880 Cen - Utica, traveling agent)

Esselstyne, H.S. NY
Jul 14, Sept 1, Dec 22, Feb 7, Mar 10, Apr 13

Estes, J.B. Alex Bay
Jan 11
Jerome B. Estes (Child's - Alexandria, carpenter)
Jerome Estes (1818-1899, Church St. Cemetery)

Estes, J.S. Alex Bay
Jan 11

Ethridge, A. Rome
Dec 22
Alfred Ethridge (1880 Census - Rome, Oneida Co.,
wholesale grocer, age 62)

Ethridge, Cleos/Chas? (hired man) Rome
Sept 12

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Faichny, G.L. Watertown
May 29, Jul 12, Aug 31, Oct 25, Dec 9, Feb 16, Apr 11
Geo.L. Faichney (1890 Watn City Dir, com. trav)
George L. Faichny (1849 - 1918, Section 2)
(Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)

Failing, W.A. Redwood
Aug 22, Sept 10, Sept 13, Oct 18, Oct 24
Walstein A. Failing (1846 - 1908)
(Redwood Cemetery - Alexandria)
(Child's - Alexandria, produce dealer)

Fairbanks, A.A. Antwerp
June 14
Albert A. Fairbanks (d. 1888, age 39)
(Hillside Cemetery - Antwerp)

Fairhead, Geo. B. Utica
July 4 (*Grand Army Journal*)
Rev. George B. Fairhead (1888 Utica Dir.)
(Fairhead & Ballou, Publisher: *Grand Army Journal*)
George B. Fairhead (b 1835, d ca 1934 age 99,
Glenside Cem., NY Mills, Lieut. Co. D 117th NYV)

Farley, John Gouverneur
John Farley (d. 1894, age 47, Section B)
(Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur)

Farrell, T.H. Troy, NY
June 27
Thomas H. Farrell (1890 Troy Dir, trav. Salesman)

Fay, Gain L. Utica
Sept 1



Babbitt School

(On Smithville Road next to the Brodie Road)

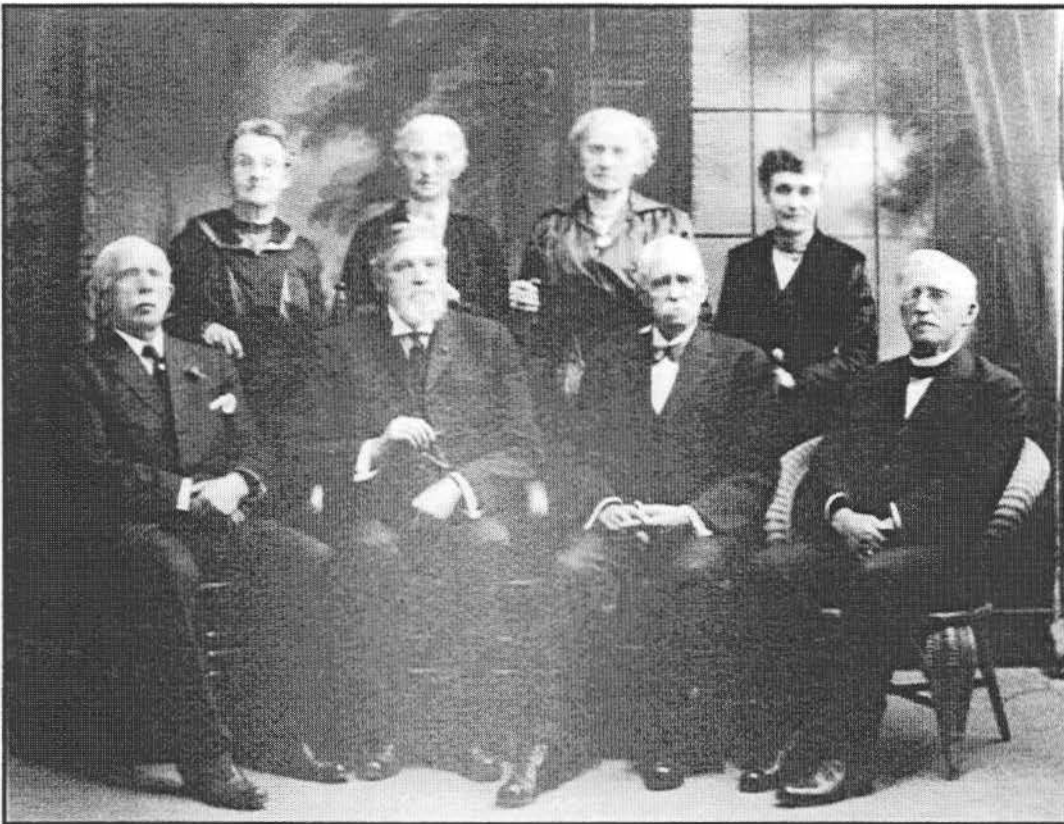
Back Row: Perry Green, Arthur Blade, Frances Van Alstyne, Harold Penny, Bino David

Front Row: Alice Gilsby, Harold Blade, Alice Penny, Ada Van Alstyne

(Can anyone correct names and help with a date?)

Henderson Town History

When Benjamin Wright surveyed the town now known as Henderson in 1796, he called it "a pretty good town," with a good harbor, plenty of desirable timber in the interior, and fine mill sites below the pond, though none above. He called Stony Creek the largest stream in the township, and mentioned its pond and the 400 acre cranberry marsh about it. In 1801 the township was subdivided into lots, and sales of the lots began that year, but no permanent settlement or improvement was made until the following year. Henderson, named for William Henderson, the original owner of what is now the Towns of Pinckney in Lewis County, as well as Henderson and Rutland and part of Worth, is bounded by Lake Ontario on the west and north. Adams is its eastern neighbor, and Ellisburgh lies to the south. Henderson's villages include Henderson, once called Salisbury's Mills, Henderson Harbor, and Smithville, which lies partly in the Town of Adams.



Seated from Left:

George Bull
 Harrison Montague
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 Henry Bull

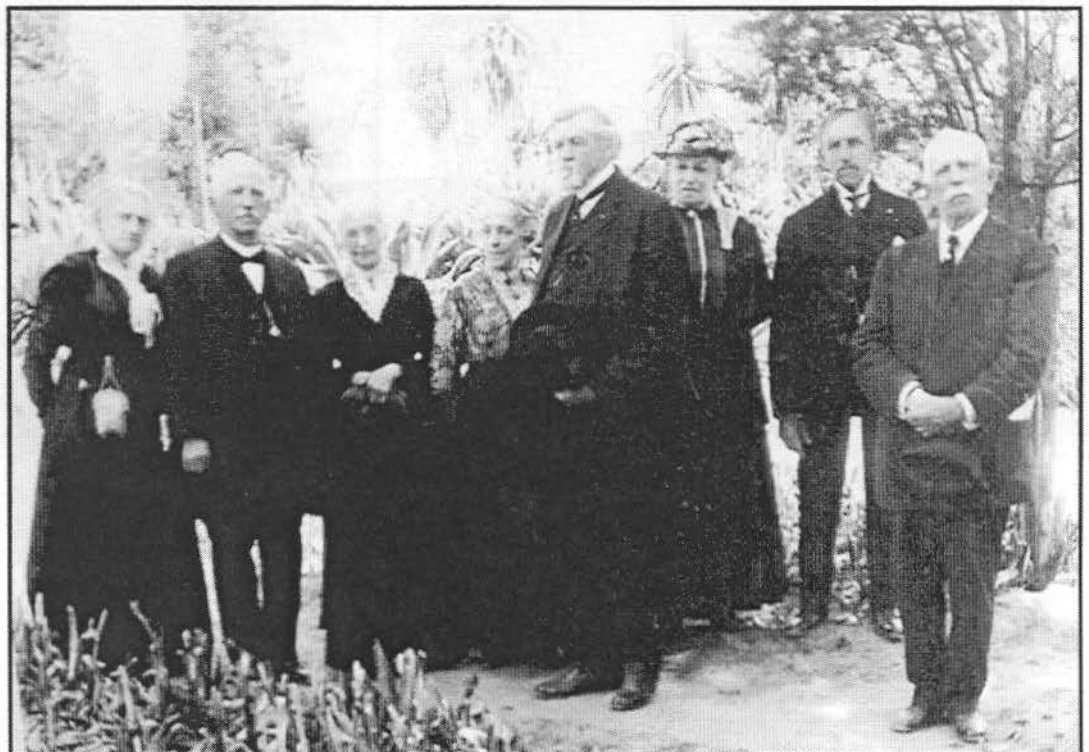
Standing from Left:

Henrietta Eggleston
 Eunice Bull Mather
 Frances Bull Swan
 ???

Any help correcting and adding names as well as dating and placing these photos would be appreciated. Notify either the *Informer* or Eric Anderson at the Henderson Historical Society.

From Left to Right:

Frances Swan (Bull)
 Henry Bull
 Eunice Mather (Bull)
 Laura Littlefield
 Harrison Montague
 Min Bull (Mrs. Harold)
 Amasa Hungerford
 George Bull



Henderson Once a "Hive of Industry"

Writer Recalls History of Jefferson County Hamlet as Shipbuilding Center

Roy E. Fairman in his column "As Time Goes By" in the *Syracuse Herald-American Sunday* (1951) wrote about Henderson Harbor. His column is herewith reprinted.

By Roy E. Fairman

Relatively few of the thousands of Syracusans and other residents of New York state who are familiar with Henderson Harbor as an ideal fishing and vacation spot may know that long before it gained such a reputation it was a hive of industry and had high hopes of becoming one of the most important ports on Lake Ontario.

The town of Henderson, Jefferson county, in which Henderson Harbor is located, took its name from William Henderson, land speculator, who bought a tract now embracing the town from William Constable, who owned much of what are now Lewis and Jefferson counties and whose name is perpetuated in Constableville, Lewis county village, where his former home stand as a museum.

The first land in the town cleared of virgin trees was a 25-acre tract along the shore of Henderson bay which William Henderson laid out in village lots. The embryo village was named Naples. That was in 1806. The first house was erected by William Hopkins, Henderson's agent, who used it as a land office.

Henderson had ambitious plans for the community. He procured the passage of a law authorizing the opening of a state road connecting it with Lowville. The road was laid out between Lowville and Pinckney but was never completed.

Hopkins, who had been an aide to General Washington and General LaFayette during the Revolutionary war, in 1812 built a large schoolhouse which was also used for religious meetings. He also built a residence which for many years stood on a site later occupied by the Cill house, a summer hotel. The school was opened in 1813.

The first industry in the little village was established in 1812 by William Knox who migrated from Vermont,

The second, that of ship building, which dominated the community for many years, began in 1813. That year William W. Warner, who arrived from Rensselaer county, in partnership with Jesse Hopkins built a small schooner, which they named the *Henderson*. Its capacity was about 40 tons.

In October of that year the vessel was impressed into the service of the United States with Warner as captain and was burned after landing her crew at Ogdensburg to prevent her from falling into the hands of the British. The next year Warner built the *Lily*, a schooner of 70 tons burden.

William Warner died in 1817 but his son followed him in the ship building and sailing business. And he, Capt. John W. Warner, sailed the lakes for 41 years after which he and his son operated a summer hotel at Henderson Harbor known as the Warner house.

In the early days of Henderson Harbor, whose name soon supplanted that of Naples, large quantities of livestock and grain were shipped, most of it going to Kingston, Ont.

Shipbuilding, however, flourished for 70 years. Most such work was carried on during the winter although in some instances shipyards had unfinished boats on the ways at all times of the year.

At times several hundred men were employed in cutting oak trees, operating sawmills in which the trees were sawed into ship timbers, ship carpentry, calking, fitting and painting. Most of the boats turned out were two-masted or three-masted schooners and during the later years of the industry a few steamboats were built.

The last large vessel built at Henderson Harbor was the *Jennie White* which was launched in 1877. She had a capacity of 270 tons and was capable of carrying 15,000 bushels of grain. She was engaged in lake trade between Ogdensburg and Chicago for many years.

Though ship building at Henderson Harbor was discontinued many years ago, many residents of that hamlet and nearby Henderson village have followed sailing careers on the Great Lakes as ship captains or engineers.

Down through the years among the names which have connected the Henderson area with maritime pursuits are Montague, Whitney, Bunnell, Boyce, Scott, Algate, Kilby, White and Rogers, to mention only a few.

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Fast Balloon Trip From West Ended in Crash at Henderson

John Wise and Three Companions Riding Hurricane in a Free-Flying Balloon Averaged About 65 Miles Per Hour in Fast Trip From St. Louis, Mo., to Henderson Nearly 100 Years Ago—Intrepid Airman Was First to Discover Prevailing West to East Wind.

**By Robert S. Rhodes, Jr.
Of The Times Staff (1955)**

We sometimes speak of hurricanes and tornadic winds as though they never happened before. A look backward reveals that nearly 100 years ago next month one of these winds roared in from Lake Ontario, driving before it four frightened men in a free-flying balloon.

On July 2, 1859, riding a hurricane that snapped branches from trees like matches, four men in a balloon crashed on a farm near Henderson. They had covered 1,200 miles from St. Louis, Mo., in 19 hours. Until 1910 it was the longest balloon trip ever made in America. It also was probably the fastest that human beings had ever traversed 1,200 miles—the trip had averaged about 65 miles per hour.

Acting as director of the flight was John Wise, known as the father of ballooning. Credit also must be given him as the first airmail pilot, for in addition to the men and their equipment, the balloon carried a sack of U. S. mail.

Born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1808, Wise over a 40-year period, made 446 free balloon ascensions. His efforts were entirely scientific and not at all of the fair or carnival type, common years later. Probably most important of his discoveries was the fact that wind at a high altitude blows constantly from west to east. It was this discovery of the constant flow of air current that made balloonist Wise decide he could make a trip across the Atlantic ocean.

A detailed account of the flight from St. Louis to Henderson is given by Esther M. Douty, in the June, 1955, issue of *American Heritage* magazine. She is preparing a forthcoming book dealing with the adventures of the pioneer airman.

The balloonist first published his discovery of the west-east air current theory in 1843 and he declared himself willing to undertake the Atlantic ocean trip, if he could get financial backing to build a balloon big enough and strong enough to stay in the air 50 hours or more.

It seemed to Wise that congress should appropriate the money for such a project which he felt would be of public benefit. So he applied for an appropriation of \$20,000. Congress failed to act, however, and in 1851 he applied again. This time his proposal was discussed in the senate—it may have been the first time things aeronautical were ever aired in the nation's capital—but again the request was pigeon-holed.

Wise's efforts had been preceded by experience. In 1822, when he was 14, he built and launched a small fire balloon. Its ill-fated trip ended when it crashed into a house in the center of Lancaster setting it afire. In May, 1835, Wise had saved enough money to build and inflate a full-sized hydrogen balloon. His first ascension and flight—nine miles from Philadelphia to Haddonfield, N.Y.—was a success, and Wise promptly gave up piano-making to launch a full-scale program to make America balloon-conscious.

There are several conflicting stories about balloonist Wise, and how he got his first transcontinental craft constructed. It is conceded that he met John LaMountain from Troy. Under Wise's direction LaMountain built the balloon with money furnished by O. A. Gager, a Vermont businessman.

When the huge silver globe was finished the men dubbed it "Atlantic," feeling that it would call attention to their ultimate efforts of spanning the Atlantic ocean. It was 50 feet in diameter and 60 feet high. The men called their venture the Trans-Atlantic Balloon Company.

The "company's" balloon was bigger and better than any balloon the world had ever seen before, with a lifeboat slung below the car and with auxiliary propelling machinery. The date for a trip from St. Louis to "somewhere" in New York was set for July 1, 1859.

At 6:45 the Atlantic was cut loose and after a graceful and easy ascent moved off in an easterly direction. In the wicker basket was John Wise, and in the boat underneath were Messrs. Gager, a scientific observer, LaMountain and a Mr. Hyde, an eager-beaver reporter for the *Missouri Republican*, who had never been near a balloon in his life.

Hardly had they gotten comfortable settled than Wise noticed that the huge bag was unevenly slung. It was resting on just six ropes, instead of the 36 intended to support it. The men managed to get them untangled and then settled down for the silent trip through space.

As the huge bag gained height it filled out. Before long the hose, used to fill the sphere with highly poisonous coal gas,

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was drawn up back into the car and proceeded to discharge its deadly gas into the face of Mr. Wise. He was asleep when this happened.

It was by luck that Gager called to Wise and, receiving no answer, climbed the ropes to the basket. He removed the hose and thus probably saved the airman's life. The rest of the night passed uneventfully.

Wise observed the weather next morning and didn't like the looks of things. He kept the information to himself, however, trying to guess the speed at which the craft was sailing through space.

As the balloon reached Lake Erie it was losing altitude. At many points along the course over the Niagara River to Lake Ontario, it dipped precariously near the waves. Wise gave the order to throw everything overboard, but still the craft clung to the water.

It was decided to land Gager and Hyde near Rochester. They could forward the mail cargo to New York and Wise and LaMountain, with the lightened ship, could continue to Boston or Portland, Me.

Unfortunately a hurricane was roaring over Lake Ontario. Unknown to the men in the balloon they had been pushed at speeds up to 100 miles an hour by winds preceding the storm. To keep out of the water the men in the boat climbed into the basket and cut the wooden weight loose. (An old engraving shows the wrecked balloon with the boat intact but later information revealed that the boat was chopped loose.)

Major Thompson Skinner Brown

(From Dr. Charles D. Wrege, Management Historian, part of the Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives at Catherwood Library, Cornell University.)

Major Thompson Skinner Brown was Chief Engineer for the New York & Erie RR in the 1840's. Born 1806 or 1807, Brownville, N.Y. (data of birth varies depending on sources, Chris Hutchins family tree says 1806, West Point records show 1807).

For two years, I have been studying the emergence of organizational structures on the New York & Erie RR, which was 460 miles long in 1851, the longest railroad in America.

In 1838, they hired Major Thompson Skinner Brown (West Point graduate 1825) to survey a route for the Erie from Dunkirk, N.Y. to Hornellsville, N.Y. in Western, N.Y. In December 1838, he presented the results

to the board of directors, along with a report on proposed stations and other buildings and, most importantly, his ideas on the "running of the road" when it would go into actual operation. I have been studying the original minutes of the Erie, but the report is not attached. Finding it would be important.

Major Brown became the Chief Engineer of the Erie in 1844 and continued to give reports. The later reports deal primarily with construction plans and costs. In June of 1849, Major Brown was offered the position of consulting engineer on the St. Petersburg to Moscow Railway in Russia, to replace Major George Washington Whistler, who died in St. Petersburg in April 1849. Major Whistler's son is famous for a portrait of his mother, Anna Whistler known as "Whistler's Mother."

Major Brown's salary on the Erie was \$5,000 a year, but Czar Nicholas offered \$12,000, a villa and servants. Brown took the job, resigned from the Erie in December 1849, moved to Russia in 1850. He served in Russia until 1854, when he resigned because of poor health "consumption" due, in great measure because of being on the site of the railway in all weather. He moved to Naples, Italy, but died on June 30, 1855. Czar Nicholas died under the same conditions, the same year. Major Brown's wife and daughter remain in Italy.

My research seems to indicate that Major Brown did have a lot to do with the Erie's organizational efforts in the 1840's. They drew up plans for a "perfect organization" in 1840, 1841, 1842, and after Brown left in 1852. These are part of their minutes, but Brown's reports are not. I am interested in ANY Thompson Skinner Brown papers that I can find.

I certainly appreciate Nan Dixon's aid and any help you or your readers can extend in this research. In a way time is important. I am 81 years old still working for Cornell and a cancer survivor. I would like to solve the problem of Brown's contributions if possible.

Sincerely,

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I might add that Major Brown's famous trip over the New York and Erie RR on December 22, 1848, to check out the line before the initial public run on December 27, 1848, can be found on the internet for your readers on catskillarchive.com/rrextra/erddiv.html under the title: "First Train Over the Delaware Division: The construction of this division along the Delaware, through rocky cliffs etc., was one of the greatest civil engineering feats and Major Brown played an important role.

Constitution And By-Laws

Jefferson County Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 6453
Watertown, NY 13601

Amended on November 12, 2005 at a meeting at the Henderson Historical Society and on December 12, 2005, at the Jefferson County Historical Society, Washington St., Watertown.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME

The name of this society shall be Jefferson County Genealogical Society

Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the society shall be:

1. Promote and encourage original genealogical research.
2. Disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of genealogy and its history in the county of Jefferson, state of New York.
3. To gather, preserve, display and make available for study: genealogy information, manuscripts, papers, books, photographs, electronic data, and other records and materials relating to the genealogy and history of Jefferson County.

Article III

ORGANIZATION

The Society is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, genealogical and religious purposes as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or enter into (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Society exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of a future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by an organization contribution to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law)

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP

Any person interested in the purposes of the Society and who tenders the necessary dues shall become a member.

Article V

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Society, for the election of officers and to hear the year end report of the finance and audit committee and adopt a budget for the new year shall be held in September, with 21 days prior notice.

Article VI OFFICERS

The governing body of the Society shall be the officers, to include a President, 1st Vice-president, 2nd Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of one year and may be reelected to succeed themselves for one additional term. Officers may again be reelected to the same office provided at least one year has passed since they last filled that office.

Article VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by members present at the annual meeting. Elections shall be by paper ballot.

2. Not less than two months prior to the annual meeting, a committee on nominations, appointed by the executive committee, shall select a slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting. A candidate for election shall be an individual active member.

3. Officers shall be installed at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. Officers' vacancies shall be filled by a special election at the next regular meeting following the meeting at which such vacancy is declared.

4. The executive committee shall meet as necessary. A meeting may be called by any member of the executive committee. A quorum for an executive committee meeting will be three members. An officer may be replaced if absent from two successive business meetings without executive committee approval.

Article VIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution and after the membership has been notified, all of the remaining assets and property of the Society shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or to another organization to be used in such a manner as in judgment of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the state of New York will best accomplish the general purposes for which the Society was formed.

BY-LAWS

Article I ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Section 1. Anyone interested in genealogy or history of Jefferson County and its environs shall be welcomed at all Society functions and meetings.

Section 2. A member of the Society is anyone who pays annual dues. Members will receive mailings and newsletters of the Society.

Section 3. The Society shall hold at least ten business meetings per year.

Section 4. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings.

Section 5. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Society, appoint all committees with the approval of the executive committee, serve as ex officio voting member of committees and generally perform all duties associated with the office as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 6. The 1st Vice President, in the event of absence or disability of the President or of a vacancy in that office, shall assume and perform the duties and functions of the President.

Section 7. The 2nd Vice-President, in the event of absence or disability of the 1st Vice-President or of a vacancy in that office, shall assume and perform the duties and functions of the 1st Vice-President.

Section 8. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all business and executive meetings of the Society, prepare an agenda for each meeting, giving at least 15 copies to the President before the meeting and shall perform other duties that are generally associated with the office as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 9. The Corresponding Secretary shall tend to all correspondence of the Society and shall perform other duties that are generally associated with the office as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 10. The Treasurer shall accept all incoming money, shall provide a list of members to the membership chairman, pay expenses incurred by the Society, prepare monthly financial statements and shall perform other duties generally associated with the office as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

Article II**COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the six officers.

Section 2. The President shall, with the advisement of the Executive Committee, appoint the following:

- 1) Repository Committee
- 2) Publicity Committee
- 3) Program Committee
- 4) Newsletter Committee
- 5) Genealogical Collection Committee
- 6) Membership Committee
- 7) Surname Committee
- 8) Publication Committee
- 9) Finance and Audit Committee
- 10) Genealogy Facilities Committee and other committees as needed for the society's operation. No person may chair more than two committees.

Section 3. The Repository Committee shall evaluate gifts given to the Society for the permanent collection. A detailed record of all gifts shall be kept, complete with the name and address of the donor, and the disposition of materials, whether original or photocopy kept, etc. Thank you notices shall be sent to the donors.

Section 4. The Publicity Committee shall publicize meetings, programs and events of the Society.

Section 5. The Program Committee shall arrange for programs for the Society's meetings, and shall assist the Publicity Committee by providing details of planned programs in time for appropriate publicity.

Section 6. The Newsletter Committee shall compile a bimonthly newsletter, the "Jefferson County, New York- Genealogy Informer", ready for printing.

Section 7. The Genealogy Collection Committee shall encourage the research and collection of genealogical and historical information with associated organizations and individuals doing similar work.

Section 8. The Publication Committee shall publish and distribute the newsletter and all other material authorized by the executive committee.

Section 9. The Membership Committee shall keep current the list of members and their addresses and make this list available to any other committee. They will print labels as needed. They shall notify members whose dues are in arrears. They are responsible for preparing a packet for each new member which will include a least a copy of the Constitution and By-laws and copies of the "Informer" from the previous July issue to the time of their joining.

Section 10. Surname Committee shall collect the surnames which members are researching and make the list available for use by members.

Section 11. The Finance and Audit Committee shall annually review the Treasurer's records and report to the general membership at the annual meeting. They shall prepare a budget to be approved by the executive committee and accepted by the majority of those present at the annual meeting.

Section 12. The Genealogy Facilities Committee shall be responsible for inventorying the genealogy records in facilities in Jefferson County. The inventory of each known facility will be kept for reference and for the use of individuals who are attempting to locate genealogy records in the area.

Section 13. All Standing Committees shall make written progress reports to the Recording Secretary of the Society previous to each scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE III**CHANGES AND RULES**

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by following the proper rules as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. The Society may amend these By-laws by a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, providing notice of the amendment has been give to members 21 days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and By-laws and any special rules of the Society may adopt.

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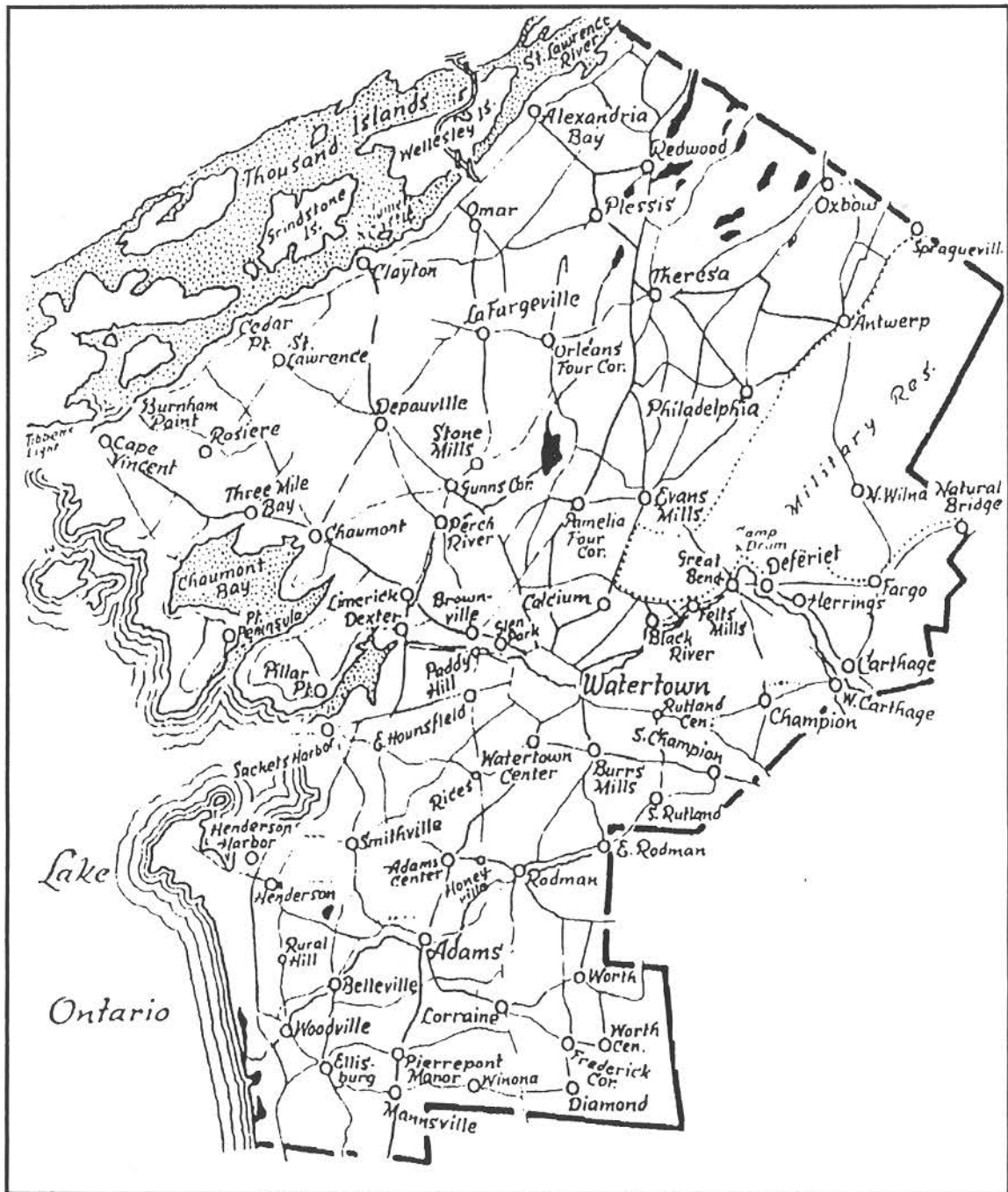
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Suggestions/Comments

About JCNYS

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society was formed in 1994 with about 30 members. Our membership has grown to over 400 from all states of the Union and many other countries. The Society is a not-for-profit, all volunteer, organization.

Our purpose is to encourage our members in their pursuit of genealogy and family history.

Our monthly meetings are normally held the second Monday of the month in the Dillenbeck Room of Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown, NY. The business meeting is at 6:30 pm, and the program is at 7 pm.

In addition to the monthly meetings and programs the most important means of providing assistance to our members is through our bi-monthly newsletter, the *INFORMER*. Regular features include articles concerning research in and about Jefferson Co., pedigree sheets from our members, vital records of various kinds, news about the society and genealogical happenings from surrounding areas and several pages of queries which are printed at no charge.

The Society is accumulating a repository at Flower Memorial Library available for members perusal at monthly meetings. Some of the items include:

Naturalization Records of New York State

Carthage Library Obituary Notebook

Archive of previous *Informers*

Board of Supervisors books

Brownville District Schools 1891—1930

Genealogical and local History books in print

1919 Roster of Service Men from Southern Jefferson Co.

“The Computer Genealogist”

“New England Genealogist” 1995

Catalog of Montgomery Co. by the Dept. of History & Archives at the Old Court House in Fonda

The 1864 topographical Atlas of Jefferson Co.

Two notebooks assembled by the Resource Committee listing the materials available at various locations within the county

Queries

Send Queries to: Jerry W. Davis, POB 275, Clayton, NY 13624; maridavis@aol.com; Subject: Informer

Arkland/Ferguson

My name is **Amy Lathrop**. I have been searching for the father of Henry D. **Arkland** and Gertrude **Arkland Henry** and Gertrude's mother, Fanny (Fannie) **Ferguson** b. 1807 was the half sister of Gad **Ackely** of Ellisburgh, NY. I suspect that Henry's father came across Lake Ontario from Kingston, Ontario area. He possibly escaped indentured servitude in the Kingston Area in or around 1817 and may be a Mr. David **Arkland**.

I am searching the Jefferson, NY area because of it's proximity to Kingston, Ontario and the presence of Fanny **Ferguson's** siblings and family in the 1810-1840 Ellisburgh, Jefferson, NY census records. Fanny's siblings were:

Half-brother John **Coleman** m. Anna or Amy **Smith**

Half-brother Gad **Ackely** m. Emma **Foote** & Mary (Polly) **Pond**

Full Brothers: John **Ferguson** m. Mary **Smith**, Jared **Ferguson**, and Fanny's twin brother Francis **Ferguson** m. Lucy **Adams**

Full sisters: Nancy (Namy) **Ferguson** m. Joseph **Bullock**, Minerva **Ferguson** m. Dudley **Phillips**

Fannie herself was married again to a Mr. A. B. **Palmer**. The earliest record I can find of Henry D. and Gertrude **Arkland** is in 1850 living with the A.B. and Fanny **Palmer** family in Monroe County, NY. I assume this means their father passed away or left before that. I wonder if there are any records in Jefferson County that show an **Arkland** between 1817 and 1850. Common misspellings of **Arkland** are **Arckland**, **Archland**, **Askland**, **Ackland**, **Aikland** and **Aukland**. There may be others. I would appreciate anything you could find.

Thank you,

*Amy Lathrop
Buffalo, NY*

Parham/Bristol

Does anyone have info on James **Parham** and his wife Ann **Bristol**? I only know that they died in Adams in 1849 and 1848, respectively. They (with several children) came to Adams from England, probably in the 1830s. I'm hoping there might be death certificates or other documentation of this event. I'm looking for references as to whom their parents might have been. Thanks so much,

*Don Verhees
31, Av Cmdt Bret
06400 Cannes
France*

Hodge

I am looking for info on Garrison and Harriet **Hodge**. They came to Jefferson County in the mid 1870's. They first lived at Three mile Bay. Later they lived in Adams Village. They had a son Ephraim and daughter Mande (?Amanda). Any info would be greatly appreciated.

*Charlyn Bailey
baileyrosa@verizon.net*

Woodward/Read/Preston

James **Woodward** was a seaman around Sackets Harbor. We recently found that the generations we had do not belong to our James. So we are now scratching to correct mistakes and not finding much. Here is what we know:

James **Woodward**, born between 1775-1794 in England and not naturalized by 1820, listed as engaged in commerce. He married about 1819 to Laura **Read**, daughter of Squire **Read** and Submit **Preston**. I have found Squire in some of the Jefferson County Town Histories, namely Adams, Hounsfield and Brownville. I am interested to learn more about the Rev. Mr. **Woodward**, missionary, who is listed in the Adams history. James and Laura had the following children:

1. George H. b. 27 Oct 1821 d. 17 Sep 1823
2. James b. 22 Jul 1823 (Upper Canada-Kingston, Ontario) d. 26 Oct 1887 Huntington, Emery County, UT, buried there 2 days later. m. 30 Jan 1844 Nauvoo, Hancock County, IL to Nancy **McCurdy-Koyle**, daughter of John **McCurdy** and Mary **Ring** of Franklin County, PA.
3. Charles b. 5 Jun 1825 d. 19 Sep 1826
4. Charles Hiram b. 9 Sep 1827 Brownville, Jefferson County, NY d. 6 Feb 1907 Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT m. 3 Jan 1846 to Maria Annie **Kronkright** (marriage and death information is documented, not sure of birth information, it came from family histories)
5. Samantha Ellen b. 5 Mar 1829 Brownville, Jefferson County, NY d. 29 Jun 1912 m. Feb 1855 in NY to John **Miller** (I have no documentation for any of her information, just what can be gleaned from Census records)

Any help with James **Woodward**, born 1775-1794, is appreciated!!

Thank you,

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JCNYGS To Publish Pedigree Charts Vol. 2

The JCNYGS plans to publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We are asking that those who have a Jefferson County, NY connection and whose pedigrees were not published in Volume 1 submit their most up-to-date pedigree chart for publication in Volume 2. We will give preference to those charts which have been computer generated, but legible hand-written charts will also be accepted. We ask that the pedigrees be limited to 2 pages and that the submitters name and address should appear on each chart. Submitting the chart implies permission to publish. Send as soon as possible to:

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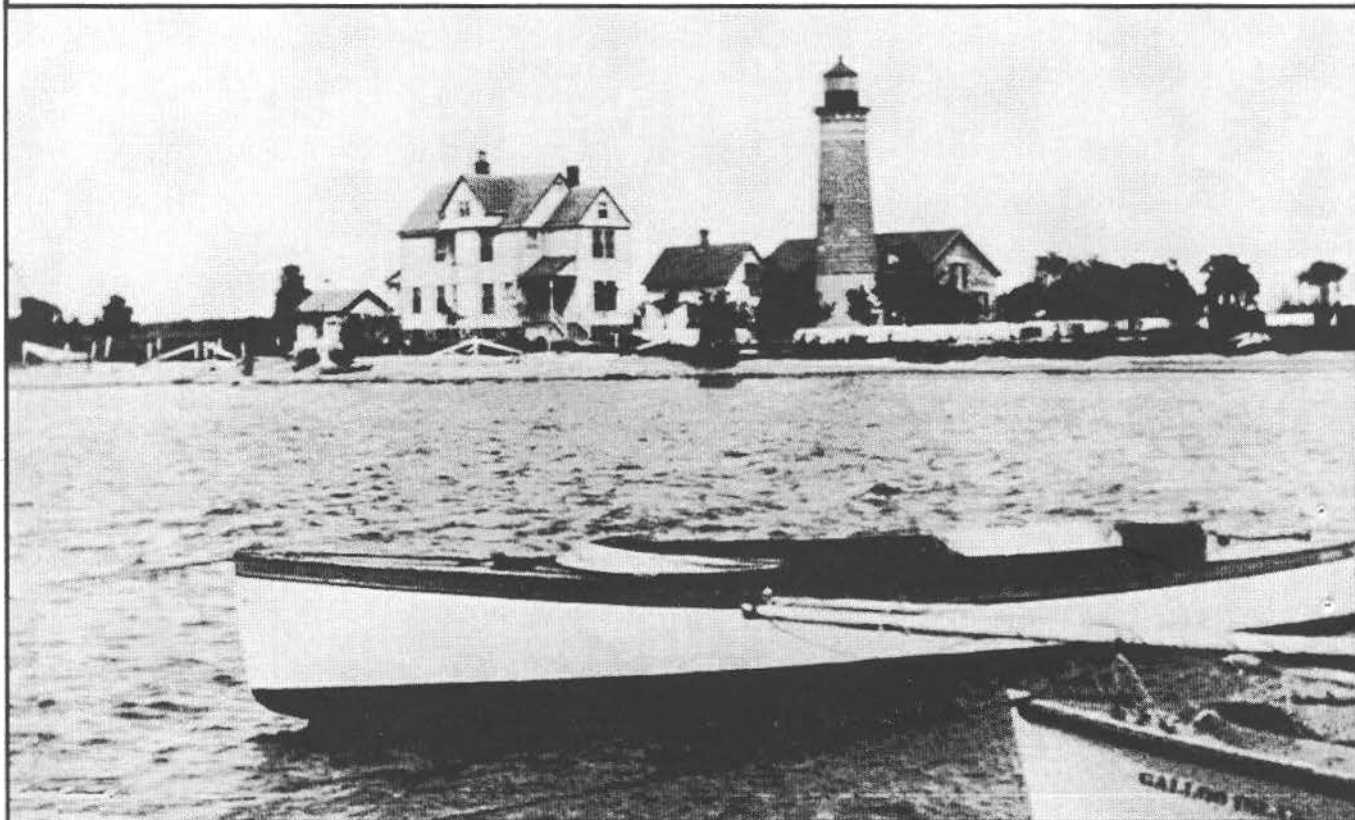
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The articles in this newsletter are written purely to stimulate interest in the genealogical history of Jefferson County. If comments are in any way offensive, this was not the intent. All articles, submissions, etc., are the viewpoints and research of various contributors. As such, they do not necessarily reflect the views of the executive committee or members of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society.

Letters.....

Letters to the editor may be directed to nandixon@gisco.net or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

Nan,

I just finished reading the last INFORMER issue. The photos were excellent, I presume someone has a digital camera. My congratulations for a really fine issue.

*Randall A. Diefendorf
Seahurst, Washington*

Congratulations on another well constructed issue. The membership application was inspired. Glad to see the Constitution and By-Laws, now everyone has his own copy. Loved the balloon crash story. The page of items the Society is offering for sale - good. I am always looking forward to the Dollinger House Register - you never know. The minutes and program summaries lets our distance members know that we are alive and kicking. And the pictures add spice to the pages. Good job all.

*Phyllis Putnam
Chaumont, NY*

The Town of Hounsfield celebrated it's 200th birthday on February 18th. In celebration, several new features are planned for <http://www.hounsfieldhistory.net>. Some additions made in recent days include:

- 1895 Map of Madison Barracks
- 1830 Federal Census Transcription
- Early Jewettsville Remembered
- Biographies of Merrick Bates, Aaron Blodgett, Anson Potter & Abby Fall and Andrew Smith
- Sackets Harbor Union School photo
- Lakeside Cemetery photos

- Old Railroads (links to Russell Nelson's site - a must see!)

- Tourism Information updates - updated info about lodging, things to do, etc.

One more feature I would very much like to add to the website to mark the occasion is a Hounsfield "Ancestor Registry" - if you have ancestors who lived in the Town of Hounsfield (including the village of Sackets Harbor), please consider sending me your ancestor's name, the year of their arrival in Hounsfield, and your name with an email address and/or website address where others can get in touch with you to learn more. Contributions will be compiled and rolled out on the website.

Thanks in advance!

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Make these changes in your December 2006 *Informer* issue. If you would like to receive email notification of our meetings, send Linda Malinich an up-to-date email address, since many of the emails she sends out are bouncing. (Linda's address information is in the box at the top of this page.)

What's Going on with JCNYGS

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

December Meeting

The Earl Farmstead Site in the Town of LeRay

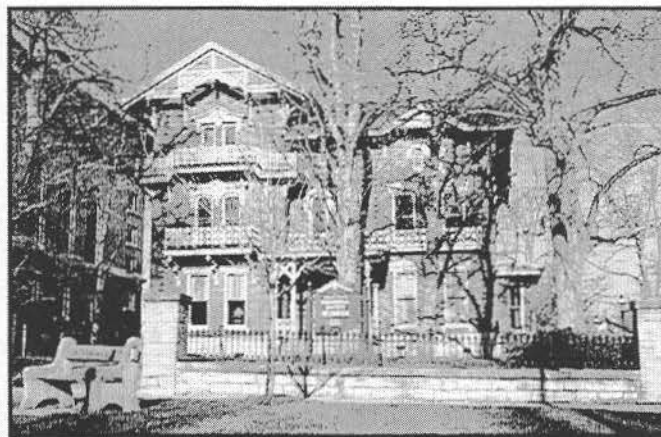
Members attending the December meeting of the JCNYGS were treated to an excellent program by Dr. Timothy J. Abel. Dr. Abel, a native of Ohio, holds a doctorate in Anthropology from the State University at Albany. For the past 25 years he has trained and practiced in the field of archaeology. He now lives in Carthage and is concentrating his research on the archaeology of northern New York State and surrounding regions. He has had 29 articles published in a variety of magazines and journals. In July 2005, Dr. Abel became the Executive Director of the Jefferson County Historical Society. His goals for the Society include a review and assessment of current accession and curation policies, restoration of the Pink Schoolhouse building, renovation of the Paddock Mansion, and updating of the museum display rooms. In the future, Dr. Abel hopes to incorporate his archaeological research into the museum's educational and research programs.

The evening's program was a slide show presentation and talk about the steps Dr. Abel followed in gathering information and drawing conclusions about the Earl Farmstead Site. This site is located on Rt. 11 in the Town of LeRay on land Walmart is developing for its superstore. Dr. Abel was hired to conduct an archaeological survey of the area to see if there were any artifacts of historical significance on the property. After locating some remnants of a homestead, Dr. Abel began his research to discover the time the house was built, the ownership of the house, and the time when it was destroyed. First, he consulted the 1855, 1864, 1888, and 1892 maps of LeRay. He found that a G. Earl owned the property according to the 1855 and 1864 maps, but that W. Earl was listed on the later maps. Then he examined census records, searching for the Earl family. Of particular value to him were the New York State agriculture surveys in censuses from 1855 and 1865. To learn more about the Earl family, he accessed the LDS website, www.familysearch.org. From all these sources, Dr. Abel was able to form a picture of the Earl family and their homestead. He concluded that what he had uncovered on the Walmart property was the remains of a house built between 1840 and 1850 and occupied by the George Earl family. No other family ever lived there, and the house

burned to the ground between 1870 and 1875. Wright Earl most likely built a second house near the original homestead after it was burned.

Many of the tools Dr. Abel used are available to us as we do genealogical research. Although Dr. Abel does not recommend that we begin digging up our property to find relics of our past (we probably wouldn't be knowledgeable about what we find), the maps and censuses and genealogical websites are excellent places for us to start tracing our ancestors and learning about their lives. This is especially true for farmers in New York State during the nineteenth century. The agricultural surveys provide a wealth of information on how our ancestors lived. By comparing the information from one census to the next, we can see how their lives changed over time. Using genealogical websites can be extremely helpful, but they can also provide inaccurate information. So, Dr. Abel reminded us to use information found on them with caution.

After the conclusion of the slide show and talk, Dr. Abel answered questions about the Earl Homestead project and also about the Pink Schoolhouse. The school is on the grounds of the Historical Society. Plans are to restore it and use it for school groups to learn about education in earlier days. Dr. Abel said that oral histories have been taken from everyone they can find who either attended or taught in the Pink Schoolhouse. The school was built in the 1840s and closed about 1945. He hopes to have it completely restored by the spring of 2007.



The December meeting of the JCNYGS was held at the Jefferson County Historical Society on Washington Street in Watertown.

The editorial staff of the *Informer* would like to express our thanks to those who have helped us with our March issue especially Mark Wentling and Sackets Harbor village historians, Bob and Jeannie Brennan. Bob and Jeannie even joined us for our staff meetings.

Minutes of the December 12, 2005 Meeting of the JCNYS

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The December meeting of the JCNYS was held on the 12th of the month at the Jefferson County Historical Society in Watertown. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by vice-president Jerry Davis. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved, motion by Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Hollis Dorr. The treasurer's report was read and accepted, motion by Jean Coyne and second by Tracy Robertson. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The Corresponding Secretary, Clancy Hopkins, reported that he has several pieces of mail to answer. He also mentioned that the Flower Memorial Library will be holding a tea for patrons in the Music Room of the library on December 14. We are invited to attend. Clancy also mentioned that the Index to Vital Records that he is trying to get into the Flower Library will be some time in coming. In response to a question from Tracy Robertson, Clancy told us that the Index is on microfilm. A motion by Nan Dixon, seconded by Hollis Dorr directed the Corresponding Secretary to send a letter to authorities in Albany supporting reduced fees for vital records needed for genealogical research. The motion was passed.

For the publicity committee, Linda Malinich asked that a notice be put in the next Informer asking **those who want to receive email notification of our meetings to send her an up-to-date email address, since many of the emails she sends out are bouncing.**

For the Program Committee, Phyllis Putnam sent a reminder that there will be no meetings in January or February and the March 13 meeting will be at the Flower Memorial Library. It will include a tour of the remodeled library. Clancy Hopkins will be in charge of the program for the March meeting.

Clancy Hopkins, for the Membership/Surnames Committee, reported that the surname issue has been mailed out to the membership. Several members congratulated Clancy and Patti on the fine job they did in putting the surname issue together.

There were no reports from the Repository Committee, the Surrogate's Committee, Resources Committee, or the Genealogical Collections Committee.

The Newsletter Committee reported that the January issue of the *Informer* was ready for the printer and should be in the mail shortly. The March issue will fo-

cus on the Town of Hounsfield; the May issue will focus on the Town of LeRay. These issues will complete the series on the Towns of Jefferson County and the 1855 maps. Suggestions for future issues are welcomed. Some ideas the committee has talked about are: the railroads, another series on the towns using the 1892 map, hospitals/doctors/medicine, boat building, churches, schools, fire departments, military, focus on individuals.

Under 'Old Business' the membership was presented with the amended constitution and voted unanimously to approve the amendment, which added the position of 2nd vice-president to the officers of the organization. A copy of the amended constitution and by-laws will be included in the January issue of the Informer. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Under 'New Business' a motion was made directing the Treasurer to move up to \$4,000 from the savings account into a short term Certificate of Deposit that will earn a higher rate of interest. The motion was made by Clancy Hopkins and seconded by Pauline Zach. It was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 on a motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Hollis Dorr.

Following the business meeting, Dr. Tim Abel, director of the Jefferson County Historical Society, presented a program on the archaeology of the Earl Farmstead Site in the Town of LeRay.



Elisha Camp was an unusual man. He graduated with highest honors – valedictorian of his class – at Columbia College in 1804. He then studied law. With his brother-in-law, Judge Sacket, he bought land in Jefferson County, N. Y., and went to Sacket's Harbor to live.

Ezra Hounsfield's Vision

Spreading east from Lake Ontario's shore, the Town of Hounsfield's scenic beauty emerges.

Dramatic uninterrupted vistas and breathtaking limestone waterfront cliffs characterize the Town's 27, 291 acres of natural beauty. Once renowned for flourishing dairy farms and prosperous cheese factories, today the Town is the hub of cultural tourism in Jefferson County's central region.

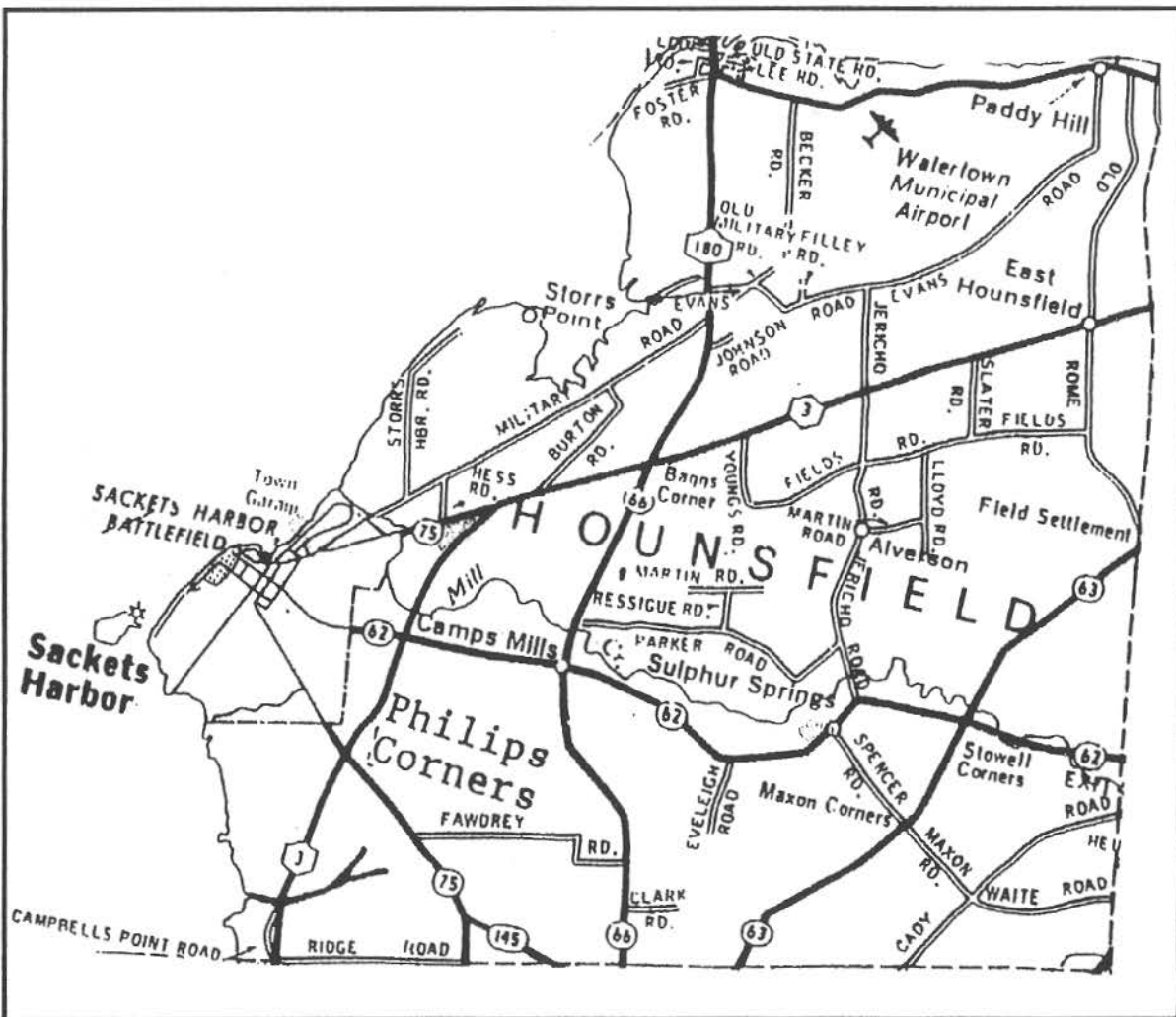
Water is a key feature. Mill Creek flows through its center. Its borders are defined by Black River, Black River and Henderson Bays. The islands of Gull, Snake (Bass), Calf, Great and Little Galloo and Stony expand the Town's shoreline.

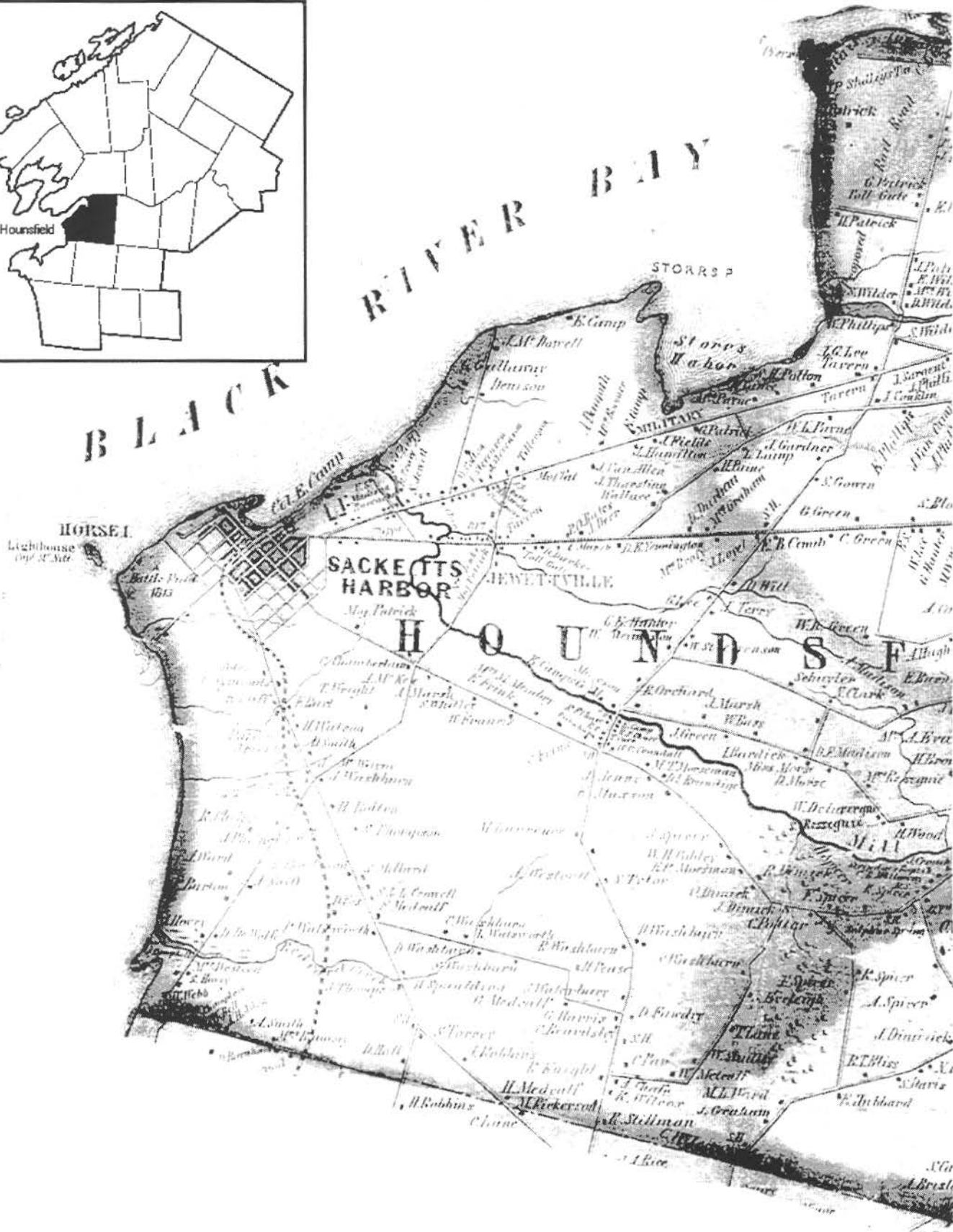
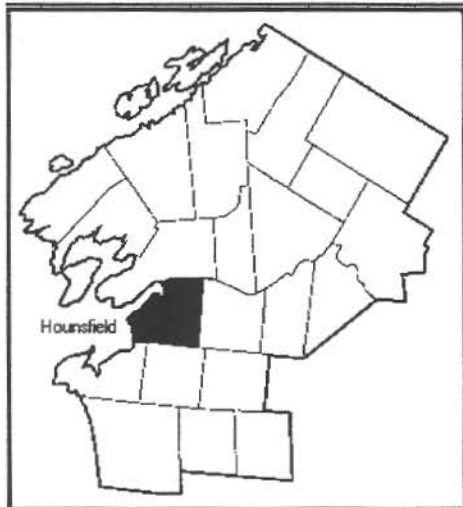
The Town named after Ezra Hounsfield, was formed from Watertown on February 17, 1806. Settlers arrived quickly as news spread of abundant forest, fertile soil, bountiful fish and game.

Nestled on the Town's western boundary is Sackets Harbor which housed the military and naval headquarters for the US Northern Frontier during the war of 1812.

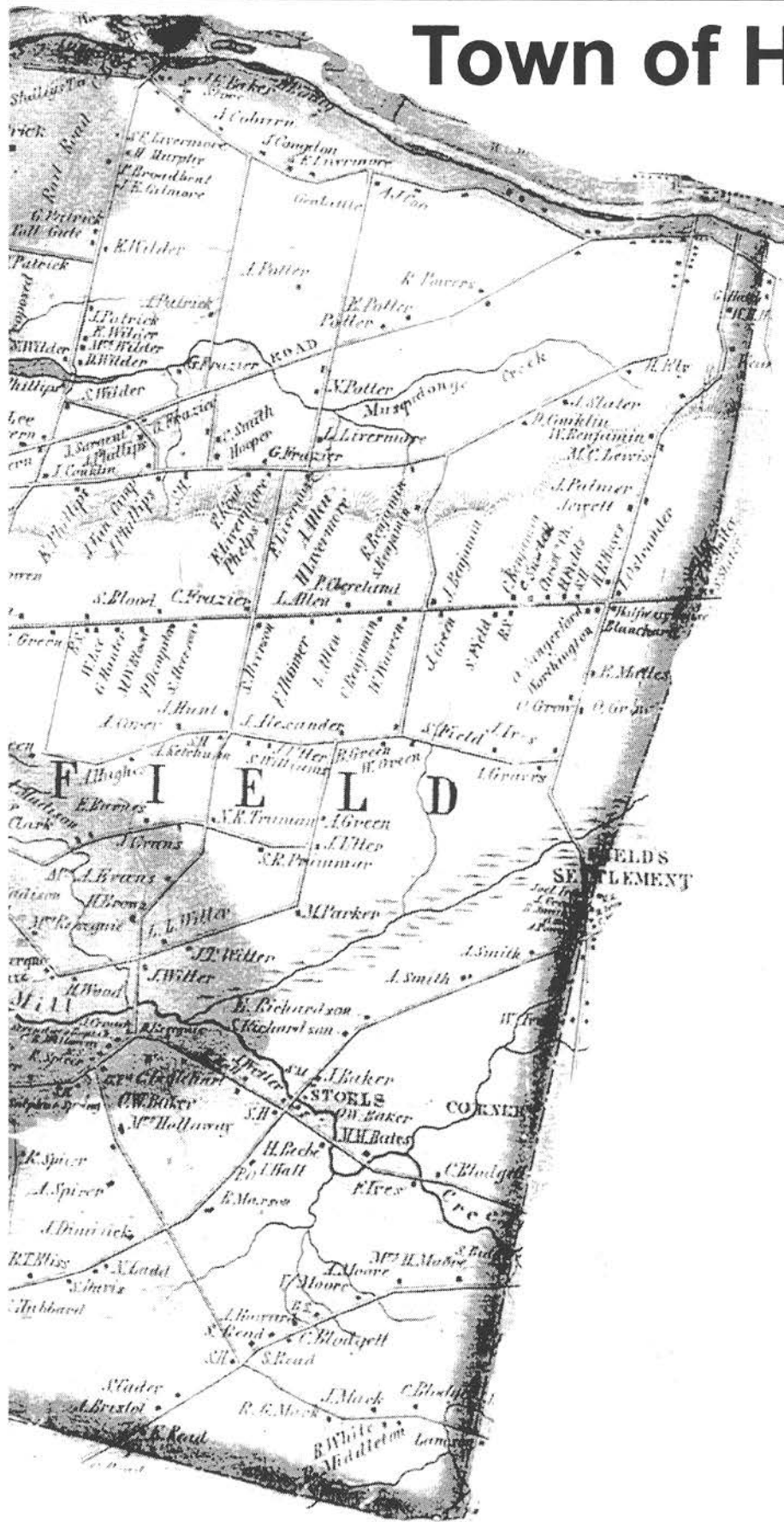
Early settlers recognized the rich opportunities in the Town's land and water resources. The population has grown from 2,700 in 1880 to today's 3,300 figure. Two hundred years after settlement, the Town of Hounsfield is a popular place for both year-round residents and visitors.

Robert and Jeannie Brennan
Town Historians





Town of Hounsfield



On 20 June 1801, Augustus Sacket bought the land now comprising the Town of Hounsfield. He named the new town after an Englishman, Ezra Hounsfield, a businessman who once owned the southern part of the township. Mr. Sacket began at once to make improvements in the town, and to build himself one of the most pretentious houses in the area. February 17, 1806, the town was created. Hounsfield is best known for its historical connection with battles in the War of 1812. Sackets Harbor was one of the best known Great Lakes ports of its day. Madison Barracks, still standing, were built of stone between 1816 and 1819. Sackets Harbor was the center of operations during the embargo period and the War of 1812.

Hounsfield lies in the center of the western boundary of Jefferson county, and is bounded north and west by the Black River and by Black River and Henderson Bays, and is thus washed by the waters of Lake Ontario. It includes the Galloup Islands, one over 2,000 acres and the other about 48. Stony Island has some 1,500 acres, and Calf Island, some 34 acres. The Town of Brownville is to the north of Hounsfield, the Town of Watertown to the east, while Adams and Henderson are on its south.

In the 1800s East Hounsfield and Sackets Harbor were the only centers of population within the borders of the town of Hounsfield. Dexter and Brownville are on its borders. Camp's Mills was once a hamlet.

Index to 1855 Map of Hounsfield Township (page 6 & 7)

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 10 parts, Don uses the letters H, O, U, N, S, F, I, E, L, D already on the map as locators.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter- -North/South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	H-North
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	U-South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	F-North
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	F-South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	L-South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	D2-North
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	H-North
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	O-North
G.Yd.	(Grave Yard)	F-South
P.O. =	(Post Office)	E-South
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	O-North
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	L-South
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S.H. =	(School House)	E-North
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S.H. =	(School House)	E-South
S.H. =	(School House)	D2-North
J.	Alexander	L-North
A.	Allen	L-North
L.	Allen	L-North
L.	Allen	L-North
S.	Alverson	I-North
S.	Alverson	E-North
H.	Bailey	E-North
J.	Baker	L-South
J. E.	Baker	I-North
O. W.	Baker	I-South
O. W.	Baker	L-South
E.	Barnes	I-South
W.	Bass	D1-South
M. M.	Bates	L-South
P. O.	Bates	U-North
	Battle Field - 1813	H-North
O.	Beardsley	N-South
	Bedford Creek	H-South
H.	Beebe	L-South
W.	Bell	H-South
W.	Benjamin	D2-North
B.	Benjamin	D2-North
C.	Benjamin	L-North
C.	Benjamin	D2-North
J.	Benjamin	D2-North

S.	Benjamin	D2-North
J. D.	Bent	F-North
	Blanchard	D2-North
B. T.	Bliss	F-South
C.	Blodgett	E-South
C.	Blodgett	D2-South
C.	Blodgett	D2-South
M. W.	Blood	I-North
S.	Blood	I-North
H.	Bolton	H-South
Mrs.	Boomer	U-North
A.	Bristol	I-South
P.	Broadbent	F-North
Mrs.	Brofy	D1-North
H.	Brown	I-South
D. I.	Brundige	N-South
L.	Burdick	S-South
	Burnham	U-South
C.	Burton	H-South
S.	Cadey	I-South
E. B.	Camb	S-North
E.	Camp	U-North
E.	Camp	N-North
E.	Camp	N-South
J.	Campbell	H-South
E.	Camp's G.M.(Grist Mill)	U-South
F.	Carl	H-South
A.	Chafa	N-South
C.	Chamberlain	H-South
	Champlain	H-South
R. F.	Chase	U-South
R. J.	Chase	N-South
	Christ Church	D2-North
N.	Clark	S-South
P.	Cleveland	L-North
W.	Cluglehart	I-South
W. H.	Cobley	D1-South
J.	Coburn	E-North
	Col. E. Camp	H-North
J.	Congdon	E-North
D.	Conklin	D2-North
J.	Conklin	F-North
A. J.	Coo	L-North
W.	Cotton	O-North
A.	Cover	I-North
W. C.	Crandall	N-South
J.	Crouch	I-South
J.	Crouch	D2-South
S. & L.	Crowell	H-South
A.	Dannoth	U-North
S.	Davis	F-South
	Davis	O-North
J.	Deer	U-North

W.	Deluergne	F-South
P.	Dempster	I-North
	Denison	O-North
D.	DeWolfe	H-South
J.	Dimick	D1-South
O.	Dimick	D1-South
R.	Dimick	D1-South
J.	Dimmick	I-South
D.	Durban	D1-North
D.	Durkee	U-North
H.	Ely	D2-North
J.	Evans	I-South
Mrs. A.	Evans	I-South
J.	Eveleigh	D1-South
D.	Fawdry	N-South
S.	Field	D2-North
S.	Field	D2-North
H.	Fields	D2-North
J.	Fields	H-South
J.	Fields	N-North
	FIELD'S SETTLEMENT	D2-South
D.	Fox	H-South
W.	Francis	O-South
C.	Frazier	E-North
G.	Frazier	I-North
G.	Frazier	I-North
G.	Frazier	E-North
C.	Frink	U-South
E.	Frink	O-South
C.	Gallaway	O-North
J.	Gardner	S-North
J. E.	Gilmore	I-North
S.	Gowen	S-North
J.	Graham	D1-South
Mrs.	Graham	D1-North
J.	Graves	D2-North
A.	Green	L-South
B.	Green	L-North
C.	Green	S-North
C.	Green	F-North
G.	Green	F-North
J.	Green	D1-South
J.	Green	D2-North
W.	Green	L-North
W.	Green	D2-North
W. K.	Green	F-North
O.	Grow	D2-North
O.	Grow	D2-North
H.	Green	D2-South
F.	Haimer	L-North
	Halfway House	D2-North
A.	Hall	E-South
D.	Hall	H-South
R.	Hall	E-South
J.	Hamilton	N-North
G.	Harris	N-South
H. B.	Hayes	D2-North
A.	Holden	H-South
Mrs.	Holloway	I-South

	Hooper	E-North
W. H.	Hopkins	D2-North
	Horse Island	H-North
	Horse Island Lighthouse (Capt. McNitt)	H-North
J.	Hovey	H-South
S.	Hovey	H-South
A.	Howard	E-South
S.	Howland	H-South
E.	Hubbard	S-South
A.	Hughes	I-North
O.	Hungerford	D2-North
G.	Hunter	I-North
G. E.	Hunter	N-North
J.	Hunter	E-North
F.	Ives	D2-South
J.	Ives	D2-North
Joel	Ives	D2-South
Mrs.	Jenks	O-North
J.	Jenne	N-South
N.	Jewett	H-North
	Jewett	D2-North
	JEWETTVILLE	O-North
A.	Ketchum	I-North
R.	Knight	U-South
N.	Ladd	F-South
L.	Lamp	D1-North
T.	Lane	D1-South
M.	Lawrence	U-South
G.	Lee	D1-North
W.	Lee	F-North
C.	Leonard	F-North
M. C.	Lewis	D2-North
Geo	Little	L-North
F.	Livermore	E-North
F.	Livermore	L-North
H.	Livermore	L-North
L.	Livermore	L-North
S. E.	Livermore	I-North
S. E.	Livermore	E-North
J.	Loyel	D1-North
E.	Luff	H-South
J.	Mack	L-South
R. G.	Mack	L-South
A.	Madison	F-South
D. F.	Madison	S-South
J.	March	D1-South
A.	Marsh	H-South
A.	Marsh	U-North
E.	Matteson	D2-North
E.	Maxson	N-South
R.	Maxson	I-South
J.	McDowell	O-North
A.	McKee	H-South
J.	McWayne	H-South
J.	McWayne	H-South
F.	Medcalf	H-South
G.	Medcalf	U-South
H.	Medcalf	O-South
Mrs. M.	Membray	U-South

W.	Merson	N-North	E.	Richardson	L-South
R.	Middleton	D2-South	S.	Richardson	L-South
	MILITARY ROAD	N-North	M.	Rickerson	U-South
	Mill Creek	S-South	I.	Robbins	O-South
S.	Millard	H-South	T.	Root	E-North
	Moffat	O-North	J.	Sargent	I-North
A.	Moore	D2-South	C.	Sawtell	D2-North
Mrs. H.	Moore	D2-South		Schuyler	S-South
V.	Moore	L-South		Sevenday Bapt. Ch.	F-South
	Morrison	U-South	J.P.	Shelleys Tav. (Tavern)	S-North
D.	Morse	S-South	J.	Slater	D2-North
Miss	Morse	S-South	F. W.	Smiley	D2-North
M. T.	Morseman	N-South		Smiley	D2-North
E. P.	Morsman	D1-South	A.	Smith	H-South
H.	Murohy	I-North	A.	Smith	D2-South
	Musquelonge Creek	L-North	A.	Smith	D2-South
B.	Orchard	N-South	C.	Smith	E-North
I.	Ostrander	D2-North	D.	Smith	H-South
H.	Paine	D1-North	R.	Smith	D2-South
J.	Palmer	D2-North		Soles	H-South
C.	Par	N-South	H.	Spaulding	H-South
M.	Parker	L-South	A.	Spicer	F-South
A.	Patrick	E-North	F.	Spicer	S-South
G.	Patrick	D1-North	H.	Spicer	S-South
G.	Patrick	F-North	J.	Spicer	D1-South
H.	Patrick	S-North	R.	Spicer	F-South
J.	Patrick	S-North	R.	Spicer	F-South
J.	Patrick	F-North	A.	Stevenson	O-North
Maj.	Patrick	H-North	J.	Stevenson	O-North
Maj.	Patrick	O-North	W.	Stevenson	D1-North
S. H.	Patton	S-North	R.	Stillman	N-South
Mrs.	Payne	D1-North		STOELS CORNER	L-South
W. L.	Payne	S-North		Store	I-North
H.	Pease	U-South		STORRS POINT	N-North
A.	Perry	H-North		Storrs Habor (Harbor)	D1-North
J.	Phelps	H-South	W.	Studley	D1-South
R.	Phelps	H-South		Sulpher Spring	F-South
	Phelps	E-North	A.	Swift	H-South
A.	Phillips	I-North	D.	Swift	H-South
E.	Phillips	F-North	C.	Symonds	H-South
J.	Phillips	I-North	W.	Taner	S-North
W.	Phillips	F-North	L.G.Lee	Tavern	F-North
A.	Potter	E-North		Tavern	O-North
E.	Potter	D2-North		Tavern	F-North
N.	Potter	L-North	J.	Terry	D1-North
	Potter	L-North	J.	Thompson	H-South
A.	Powers	D2-South	S.	Thompson	H-South
R.	Powers	D2-North	J.	Thursting	N-North
S. R.	Primmar	E-South		Tillerson	O-North
	Proposed Rail Road	F-North		Toll Gate	O-North
	Puffen	H-South		Toll Gate	F-North
Mrs.	Ramsey	H-South	S.	Torrey	H-South
E.	Read	I-South	Lt.	Tracy	H-North
S.	Read	E-South	N. R.	Truman	E-South
S.	Read	E-South	S.	Tylor	U-South
A.	Reeves	S-North	J.	Utter	E-North
D.	Reseguie	I-South	J.	Utter	L-South
Mrs.	Reseguie	F-South	J.	VanAllen	U-North
S.	Reseguie	F-South	J.	VanCamp	I-North

	Wallace	N-North
L.	Walsworth	O-South
P.	Walsworth	H-South
A.	Ward	H-South
W.	Warren	D2-North
C.	Washburn	O-South
D.	Washburn	O-South
D.	Washburn	N-South
J.	Washburn	H-South
R.	Washburn	N-South
S.	Washburn	O-South
S.	Washburn	D1-South
J.	Waterbury	N-South
H.	Watson	H-South
	Weaver	D2-North
W.	Webb	H-South
J.	Weller	E-South
A.	Westcott	U-South
Mrs.	Westcott	H-South
B.	White	L-South
S.	Whitler	O-South
J.	Whitter	I-South
J. T.	Whitter	I-South
L. L.	Whitter	I-South
C.	Wilcox	D1-South
R.	Wilcox	N-South
D.	Wilder	F-North
E.	Wilder	F-North
E.	Wilder	F-North
Mrs.	Wilder	F-North
S.	Wilder	F-North
S.	Wilder	F-North
S.	Williams	E-North
D.	Witt	D1-North
H.	Wood	F-South
	Worthington	D2-North
T.	Wright	H-South
D.E.	Yerrington	N-North

Names from 1855 Map of Village of Sacketts Harbour On Page 12

By Don Dillenback, JCNYS Member

Name	Map Letter- -North/South
Rd. to Watertown	Sacketts Harbor
Rd. to Brownville	Sacketts Harbor
Black River Bay	Sacketts Harbor
Camp St.	Sacketts Harbor
Main St.	Sacketts Harbor
Washington St.	Sacketts Harbor
Edmond St.	Sacketts Harbor
Caroline St.	Sacketts Harbor
Hill St.	Sacketts Harbor
Bay St.	Sacketts Harbor
Bayard St.	Sacketts Harbor
Embrose St.	Sacketts Harbor
Ogden St.	Sacketts Harbor
Browd St.	Sacketts Harbor
Whoolsey St.	Sacketts Harbor
Monroe St.	Sacketts Harbor
Levenworth St.	Sacketts Harbor
Cummings St.	Sacketts Harbor
Williams St.	Sacketts Harbor
Sacketts Harbor & Ellisburgh RXR	Sacketts Harbor
Navy Yard	Sacketts Harbor
Ship Point	Sacketts Harbor
HARBOR	Sacketts Harbor
Railroad Depot	Sacketts Harbor
Custom House	Sacketts Harbor
U.S. Madison Baracks	Sacketts Harbor

Hounsfield to Celebrate Bicentennial

By H. Michael Jalili

Times Staff Writer

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Kenneth M. Lawrence says 2006 will be a special year in Hounsfield.

The town is ready to celebrate its past as it enters its bicentennial year.

"It's exciting to be part of the 200-year celebration," Mr. Lawrence said. "It's important for any town to celebrate the accomplishments of its 200 years."

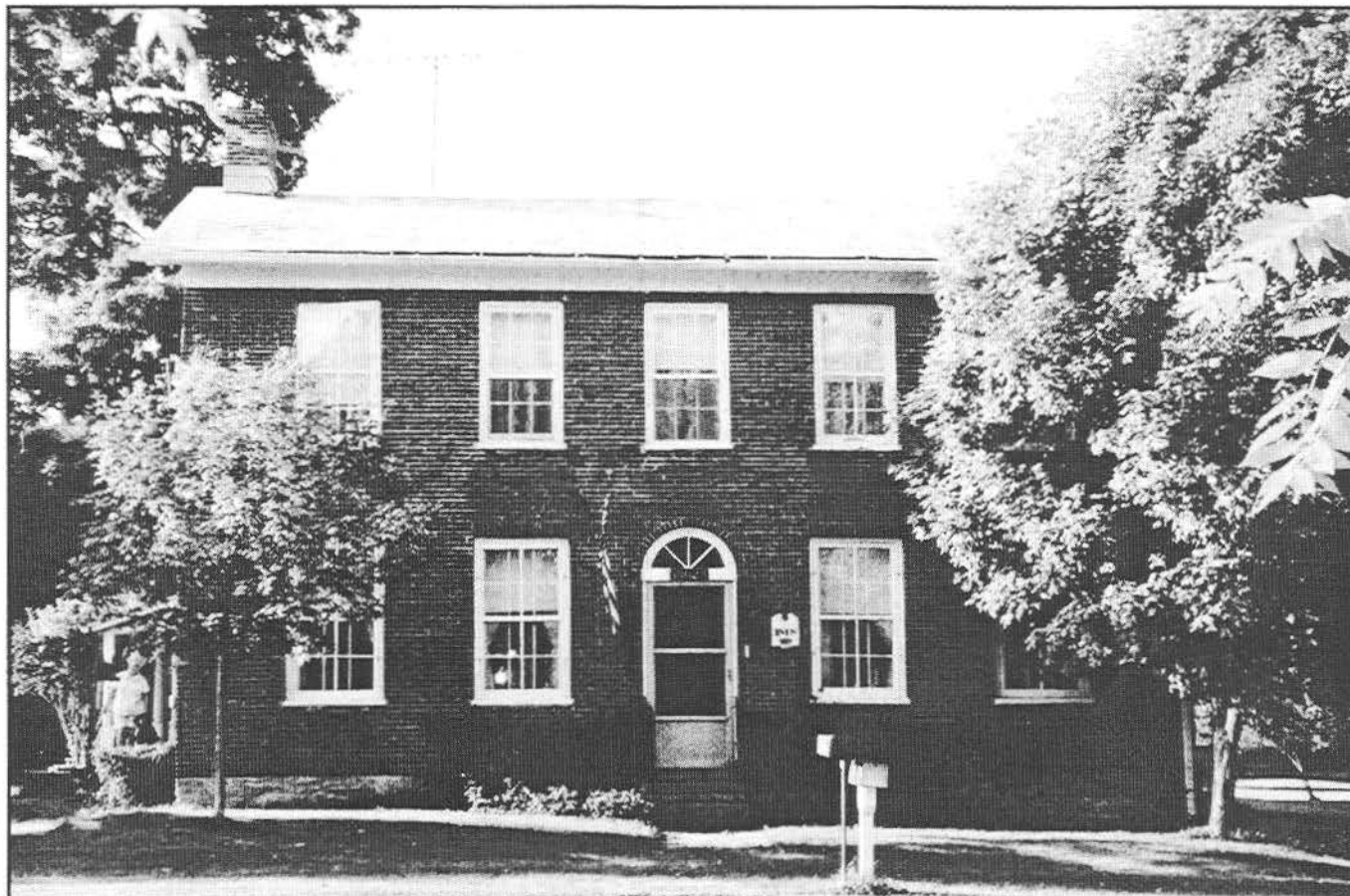
The 25-year-old, who took a seat on the Hounsfield Town Council this month, is part of a tradition: his fam-

ily has been involved with the town for three generations. The Eveleigh Road farm he lives on was owned by the town's first supervisor, Augustus Sacket, after whom Sacketts Harbor is named.

The town's birthday is Feb. 17. In 1806, residents of this waterfront settlement held their first meeting on that day. The town will kick off its bicentennial year by marking the event with an open house at the Town Hall on Feb. 18, followed by a party June 4 at Old McDonald's Farm.

"We just want townspeople to get together," said Town Clerk Diane M. Nier, who's organizing the bicentennial events.

A live band will play at the open house, and the town will provide refreshments. Mrs. Nier also is collecting and framing old and historical photos to decorate the Town Hall walls for the event.



Guthrie Home, built in 1818, of locally produced bricks, in the former hamlet of Jewettsville.
Dr. Guthrie discovered chloroform & developed the percussion cap for firearms.
Present owners are John and Joan Thomas.

BIOGRAPHIES AND FAMILY SKETCHES

for the
TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD
From
The Growth of a Century
By JOHN A. HADDOCK, 1895

Dr. Samuel Guthrie

One of the most unique characters that ever rose to prominence in Jefferson county was Dr. Samuel Guthrie, of Sackets Harbor, the discoverer of chloroform. He was born in Brimfield, Mass., in 1782, his father being a physician. He began to practice medicine soon after reaching his majority, removing to Smyrna, N.Y. During the War of 1812, he held the position of examining surgeon in the army. While at Smyrna he had paid considerable attention to the manufacture of gunpowder, and after coming to Jewettsville, one mile east of Sackets Harbor, he manufactured gunpowder in a small way. He was a great experimenter, often receiving painful injuries as a result of his carelessness. But he must have had an inventive and highly

intelligent mind, for his experiments resulted in two great discoveries—chloroform, now the standard anesthetic in medicine, and the principle of percussion, as applied to the firing of guns. Years ago, there was no means known for alleviating the pain of an operation in surgery, and the percentage of deaths under operations was very much in excess of the present time. During the Civil War there were over a million fluid pounds of chloroform used in the Union Army, and the benefits it conferred upon poor wounded men are almost beyond description.

The application of the principle of communicating fire to the charges of a gun loaded with powder, by simple percussion, was first applied in the village of Sackets Harbor, preceding all other similar efforts. Dr. Guthrie was the inventor, but he never realized a dollar in money from his discovery. His fulminating powder, igniting by a slight blow, was the beginning from which have sprung all the later high explosives, used in all countries, and of inestimable value.

After a life of great usefulness, Dr. Guthrie died at the home of his daughter in Jewettsville, near Sackets Harbor, October 19, 1848.

More From the Dollinger House Register

Here is more of the 1887-88 Register of the Dollinger House which was in Redwood, NY. This work by Linda Malinich, our JCNYS President, was first featured in the July and September 2004 issues of the *Informer* as well as the November 2005 and January 2006 issues. The following two pages continue after those pages. There is also a summary of Linda's work on page 20 in the November 2004 *Informer* that will be of interest to readers.

Feor, J.M. **Watertown**
June 25

Fee, John H. **Ogdensburg**
Jan 12
John H. Fee (1870 Census – Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County, store clerk, age 22)
John Fee (1880 Census – Ogdensburg, clerk in a dry goods store, age 30)

Felt, J.M. **Watertown**
July 19
James M. Felt (1910 Town of Watn Census, age 68)
James M. Felt (1841 – 1920, Section B) (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)

Ferguson, Charles **Hammond**
Aug 18

Fiestler?, H.? **Buffalo**
Jan 19

Fikes, E. **Theresa**
Jan 19
Erwin Fikes (Child's – Theresa, carpenter)

Fingerhut, C. **Oswego**
June 6
(1892 Oswego Dir lists Carl (machinist) & Charles (gardener), both res at 364 W. Fifth)

Fisher, J. **Natural Bridge**
Nov 19, Feb 18

Fisher, John **Philadelphia**
Jan 12

Fitzgerald, M.J. **Utica**
Sept 28, Nov 9, Dec 6, Feb 16, Mar 28 & 29
Michael J. Fitzgerald (1888-90 Utica Dir, salesman & com. traveler)

Flack?, C.L.
Nov 28
Clarence L. Flack (1870 Census – Lisbon, age 5)
Clarence Flack (1880 Census – Lisbon, age 16)

Flanagan, W.H. **Syracuse**
Jun 27, Aug 30, Oct 24, Apr 17
William H. Flanagan (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)

Folts, Mat. S.
Nov 22
Matthew Folts (1863 - 1946)
(Oakwood Cemetery, Town of Theresa)

Folts, W.J. **Theresa**
Nov 22, Dec 26
William J. Folts (1865 – 1929)
(Redwood Cemetery, Alexandria)

Folts, W.W. **Redwood**
Nov 22, Dec 26, Jan 9
William W. Folts (res. Redwood, Child's – Theresa, 1,000 sugar trees, breeder of grade Holstein cattle, prop. stock horse "Stephen A. Douglas, Jr.")

Fonda, Thomas **New York**
Aug 17

Foot, H.J. & Lady **Philadelphia**
Aug 19
Handley J. Foote (d. 1900, age 62)
(Hillside Cemetery – Antwerp)

Forbs, Wm **Plessis**
Dec 20, Jan 4, Feb 10 (W.W.), Feb 22 (W.W.)
William H. Forbes (1833-1920, Plessis Cemetery)
William H. Forbes (Child's – Alexandria, road commissioner, retired hotel keeper, farm)

Fort, F.W. **___?**
Mar 29

Forter?, J. **Binghamton**
Feb 18

Foster, Abbott **Utica**
June 27

Foster, David S. **Utica**
July 16
(1890 Utica Dir, T. Foster & Sons-hardware&coal)

Foster, F.W. **Richville, NY**
Mar 28 (St. Lawrence County)
Fred W. Foster (1862 – 1894)
(Wayside Cemetery, Richville, DeKalb, NY)

Foster, I. **Binghamton**
Sept 13, Nov 23, Feb 17

Foster, L.J. **Utica**
Mar 29
Luther J. Foster (1888 Utica Dir, com. traveler)

Fournier, E.L. **Utica**
June 9, Aug 17, Sept 22, Dec 2, Jan 11, Feb 18

Fox, Chas? A. **Watertown**
Mar 27

Fox, James **Carthage**
Feb 22

Fox, John **N.Y.**
Apr 10

Franklin, D.C. **Theresa**
Dec 9, Feb 22
David Franklin (1880 Census – Theresa, carpenter, age 53)
David C. Franklin (Child's – Theresa, carpenter)
David Culver Franklin (ca 1827 - 1913)
(Rarick Cemetery, Hammond (obit))

Frasier, C.W. **Carthage**
Feb 10
Charles W. Frasier (1845-1829, Co H 185th NYC.W. (Fairview Cemetery, Wilna)

Freeman, E.J. **Orleans**
Aug 29, Apr 16

Freeman, J.B. **Watertown**
Oct 25 – 27

Freeman, J.M. **Syracuse**
Feb 23

Freeman, N.W. **Alex Bay**
Sept 16, Feb 22
Nathaniel W. Freeman (1842-1934)
(Plessis Cemetery – Alexandria)

(Child's – Alexandria, teacher, justice of peace)		
Frost, Jonas	Plessis	
Jan 4		
Jonas Frost (1880 Cen – Alexandria, farmer, age 43)		
Fry, J.D.	Morristown	
Feb 7		
John D. Fry (1880 Census – Morristown, (constable, age 56)		
John D. Fry (1890 Census – St. Lawrence County, for Civil War Veterans, a lieutenant)		
Fuller, E.	Westfield, Mass	
Sept 7,		
Fuller, W.E.	Westfield, Mass	
Sept 13		
Fuller, Wm. W.	Philadelphia	
Sept 27		
- G -		
Gale, Le.A.L.	Worcester, Mass	
Sept 1, Nov 17, Feb 25		
Leland A. L. Gale (1890 Worcester, Mass Dir, salesman, pg 168)		
Gallagher, F	Hammond	
June 6, June 15		
Frank Gallagher (1862-1944, Fineview Cemetery)		
Gardner, Geo. B.	Rochester	
Oct 31		
George B. Gardner (1893 Rochester Dir, salesman)		
Gardner, _rek	Theresa	
Sept 20		
Gardiner, A.		
Feb 7		
Gardiner, H.		
Feb 7		
Garlock, Daniel	Clayton	
Oct 3		
Daniel Garlock (1822-1907) and (1847-1912) (Clayton Village Cemetery – Clayton) (Child's – Clayton, farmer)		
Garvey, T.J.	Watertown	
Nov 23, Feb 14		
Thos. J. Garvey (1891 Watn Dir, route agent)		
Gates, C.C.	Carthage, Redwood	
Apr 2 (Carthage), Apr 4 (Carthage)		
Calvin C. Gates (Child's – Alexandria, prop. Dollinger House, Main (Redwood))		
Gates, M.Z.	Syracuse	
Mar 19		
Mortimer Z. Gates (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav, location at Gouverneur & Syracuse)		
Gates?, W.C.	Carthage	
Apr 16		
Gault, Wm C.	Watertown	
June 10		
Gaudett, F. A.	Redwood	
May 14		
Frederick A. Gaudett (Child's – Theresa, prop. marble works, John Haffrey, manager, h at Redwood)		
Frederick A. Gaudett (1842-1910) (Redwood Cemetery – Alexandria)		
Gay?, D.H.	Schnectady	
Aug 11		
Gay, Joseph	Troy, NY	
Apr 2	(Rensselaer County)	
Gazley, E.H.	Rochester, NY	
Jul 1, Dec 9		
Ernest H. Gazley (1889 Rochester Dir, salesman, Gazley Bros., shirt manufs, 363 Exchange)		
George, B. F?/T?	Ithaca	
Aug 26, Aug 27		
George, H.A?	Alex Bay	
Oct 1		
George, J.B.		
July 2		
George, W.G.	N.Y.	
Nov 24		
Getman, E.	Theresa	
Jan 11, Mar 18		
(Child's – Theresa, Getman Brothers: Edgar, Edward & Edson; props. Getman House)		
Gew_arp?, A.		
Jan 19		
Gibbens, A.		
Nov 4		
Gillen, Daniel	Rossie	
Apr 4		
Daniel M. Gillen (1864 – 1899) (St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rossie, St. Lawrence Co.)		
Gillespie, J.	Saratoga, NY	
Oct 2, Oct 10		
Glatt, Theo M.	Utica	
May 29, Sept 5, Sept 30, Nov 4, Dec 13		
Theodore M. Glatt (1888 Utica Dir – com. traveler)		
Glazin, Geo. H.	Gouverneur	
Sept 16		
Gokey, Lewis	Hammond	
Nov 10		
Lewis Gokey (1880 Census – Hammond, St. Lawrence County, farmer, age 42)		
Lewis Gokey (b. 1837 Morristown – d. 1911) (Ingham Cemetery, Town of Morristown)		
Gonepl?, John	Utica	
Mar 1		
Goodall, G.	Lansdowne, Ont.	
Jan 30		
George Goodall (1881 Census – Escott Front, Leeds South, Ontario, farmer, ge 34)		
Goodyear, C.A.	Detroit	
Dec 1		



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UNION HOTEL & MASONIC ORDER

Corner of Ray & West Main Sts., Sackets Harbor, Jefferson Co., New York

Constructed between 1816-1817 by **Frederick White** (reputedly the wealthiest man in Jefferson County, and once President of the Jefferson County Bank, when it was located in Adams) to take advantage of the post-War hotel trade, the Union Hotel was by far the most splendid of the many stone buildings erected at Sackets Harbor in the early days. Its well-crafted masonry work, featuring smooth stone quoins, lintel courses above the windows, and an elliptical arch above the entrance, may have been executed by Scottish stonemasons who migrated to the area from Canada after the War. The building once also featured stepped gables and a lunette window in the peak—by masking a sloping roof, stepped gables were felt to create a more urbane, less "domestic" appearance. The well-preserved interiors are counted among the finest of any Federal-era building in New York.

From its earliest days, the Union Hotel was asso-

ciated with the Masonic Order—the Athol Lodge formed there in 1818 and met in a room in the attic story. By 1864 the building's hotel days had passed; when purchased by the Masons the following year, it was being used as a warehouse. It has been said that Morgan, who published an exposé of Masonry, was brought to this lodge room soon after his mysterious disappearance. In 1897, the Order rebuilt the roof and installed a new meeting room on the third floor, with a stained glass window still visible on the facade (top photo, upper right).

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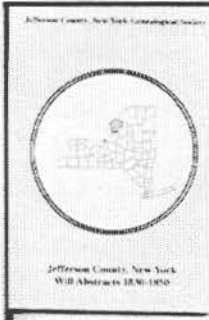
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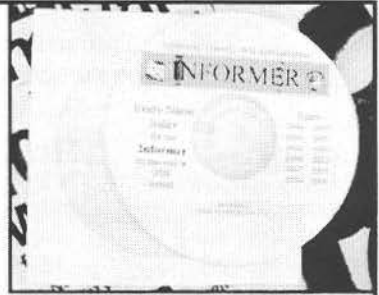


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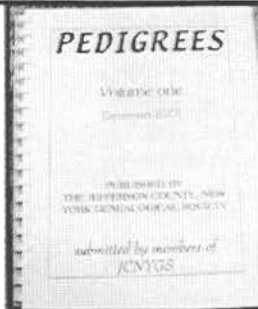
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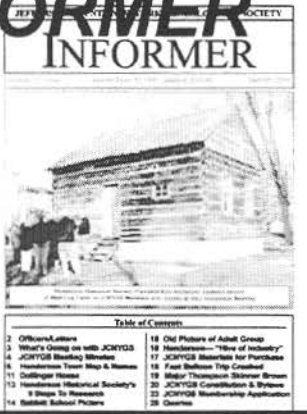


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Raymo

I am seeking death/burial information on Jeremiah **RAYMO**. At age 90 he was found in the St. Alban's list on 28 Feb 1922, traveling from his home in Newburgh, Ontario, to live with his grandson, Archibald **HAMEL** at 330 Engine St., Watertown. I do not find Jeremiah in the 1925 State census with Archiblad, so it's likely he passed away between 1922 & 1925. Jeremiah was Catholic. His daughter, Emily, married Stanislaus **HAMEL** 19 Nov 1879 at Camden, Addington County, Ontario. I'd be happy to communicate with anyone regarding these people. Thanks for your time,

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Crane

I need help gathering information on my maternal great, great grandparents, Charles Augustus **Crane** (from Toledo, Ohio) and Mary A. **Hill-Crane** (the daughter of Ellis **Hill** of Lyme Township, Jefferson County, NY). They were married on October 12, 1847. The 1840 U.S. Census lists an Ellis **Hill** in Lyme Township. At that time, he had eight children ages "Under 5" to 20 years old. His occupation was listed as "manufacturing and trade." I would greatly appreciate any information your Society members could provide regarding Ellis **Hill** and his family, especially his daughter, Mary A. **Hill**. I would also be interested in any 1700s to 1800s period information about Lyme Township (Brownville) or the surrounding area. Thank you very much for your assistance.

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Powers, Crabb

This is a tough one. Who is Charles **Powers**? I have a question about the Peter J. **Crabb** family as it relates to a Charles **Powers**. Peter **Crabb** 1850 lives in Jefferson County somewhere. In the coming censuses he had a son Charles whose age closely matches my Charles **Powers** in 1860, 1870, and 1880. Peter moves to Norfolk St. Lawrence County in the 1850's. It would appear that his son Charles born in the late 1850's or 1860 marries Minnie **Fullerton**. They reside in Seneca Falls for the rest of their lives. I went to the Sanderson Funeral Home in Seneca Falls to obtain death records only to learn that Charles "**Powers**" death record very specifically shows his father as Peter J. **Crabb**! Did Charles change his name after age twenty as the census never shows a **Powers** in the **Crabb** household? Did the **Crabb** family withhold his real name. Was Charles adopted? Did the census just miss him as a Powers all along. Who is Charles **Powers**?

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Dear Aunty Jeff

Where is "Upstate New York" to you? I ask this because people living in greater New York City area think of "Upstate" as NYC to Albany. I have most always used the term "Northern NY State" when referring to the area north of the Mohawk River & Erie Canal from Albany to Syracuse.

Florence

Dear Florence,

Chris Andrie, who maintains a website devoted to upstate New York Genealogy, maintains for the purposes of his site, that upstate New York is all of the state outside of the five boroughs of New York City and Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island. Aunty Jeff differs. She feels, as she believes most Northern New Yorkers do, that the area of Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, Franklin and Clinton Counties comprise Northern New York, and upstate, as in the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, is south of that area. Northern New York is a term familiar to most residents of Jefferson County.

Aunty Jeff.

COMPUTER CORNER

When he noticed a message "Contains Magnetic Media—Please do not X-Ray" on a package holding a CD, he just had to look it up to verify that CDs are OPTICAL media, not MAGNETIC media.

He searched until he found "X-RAY MACHINES: Compact disks do not use magnetic technology to store the data and unlike floppy disks, are not affected by the X-ray machines in airports." That wasn't good enough for him, so he found a bulletin put out by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, called Special Publication 500-252. The NIST is the federal version of NYS's Division of Weights and Measures.

<http://www.itl.nist.gov/div895/carefordisc/CDandDVDCareandHandlingGuide.pdf>

He told us we should read the whole thing, as it was pretty interesting, but he included the pertinent excerpt. 5.1.5 Magnetism, X-rays, Microwaves, and Radiation.

The effects on optical discs of magnetism, X-rays, microwaves, and radiation can be summarized as follows:

1. Magnetism should have no effect on CDs or DVDs.
2. X-ray exposure (e.g. from airport detectors) will not harm optical discs.
3. Microwaves in a microwave oven will destroy a disc. (It may also destroy your microwave oven because of the metal in the disc.)
4. Information on the effects of radiation is currently available from testing done in connection with the U.S. Postal Service's irradiation of mail to counter bioterrorism threats. CDs and DVDs have been tested at exposure levels of 60 to 300 kilograys of radiation. According to the results, disc data were unaffected by the radiation; the packaging and discs themselves, however, showed some discoloration and had a burnt-substance odor. There were no traces of residual radiation on any of the packages or discs (High-Tech Productions, no date).

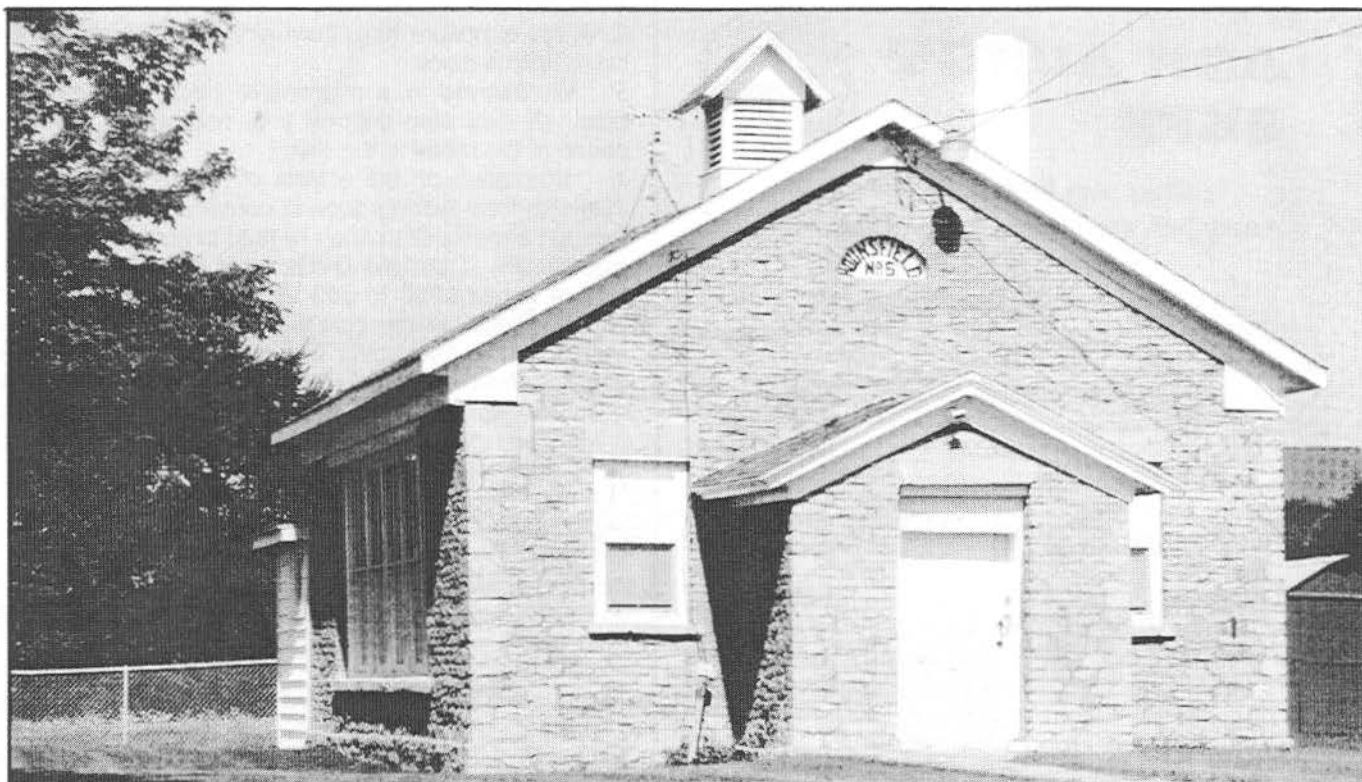
How many of you have used the Northern New York Library Network's page of Northern New York Historical Newspapers? Go to <http://news.nnyln.net/> to view an impressive list of newspapers which might or might not have that obit that has been eluding you.

The online collection currently consists of more than 250,000 pages from fifteen newspapers. To search a particular newspaper, click on the title. Each title opens in a new window. Although none of them are from Jefferson County, the surrounding areas are certainly covered. Listed are papers from Akwesasne, Canton, Elizabethtown, Fort Covington, Fulton, Lowville, Malone, Plattsburg, Saranac Lake and Ticonderoga. None are current papers, but they reach back to 1811 for the Plattsburg Republican to 2002 for the Akwesasne Indian Time.

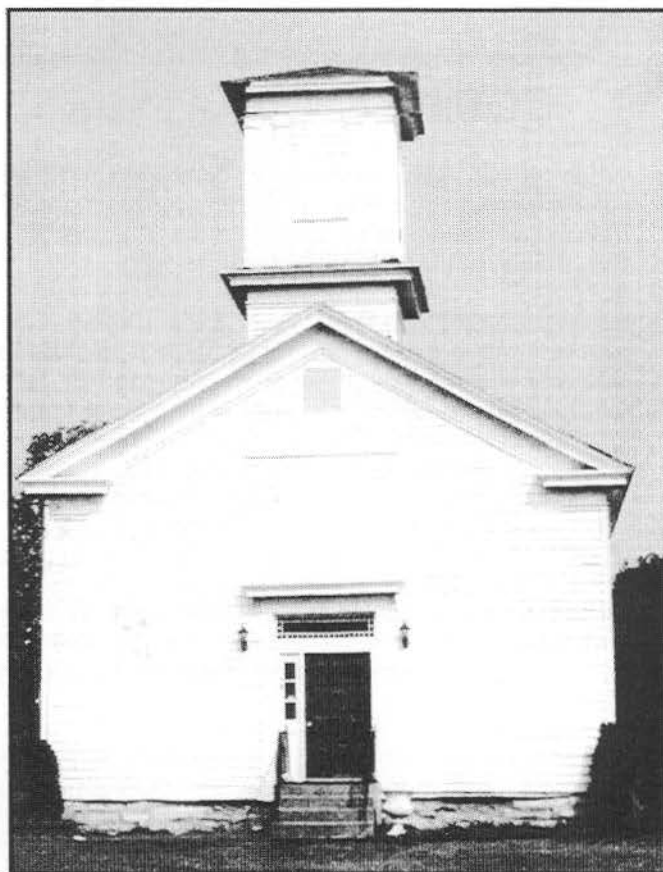
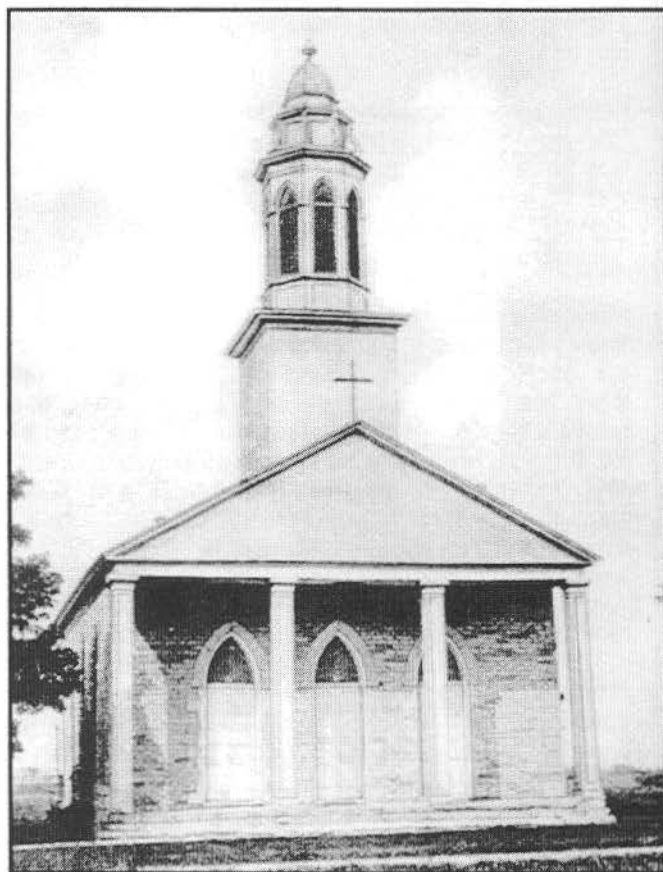
For those familiar with the Jefferson County GenWeb-Site, the Northern New York Library Network's click has been on the Library page all along. Just never thought to explore it. Go to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer/libry.htm> and browse.

Mark Wentling reminds us that regarding Google searches, in case some folks aren't aware, you can put quotation marks around multiple words to have them treated as a phrase and thereby filter less-relevant results out of your results. This is a good trick for finding names, just be sure to search both inverted and uninverted forms like "Nan Dixon" and "Dixon, Nan" to get mentions in sentence context as well as from organized lists.

And since we have mentioned Mark, if you have any interest in Hounsfield at all, you need to look at his site at <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ny/county/jefferson/hounsfield/index.html>, where you will find census records for 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1855, 1865, and 1880. He has a wealth of material on a very attractive site.



Camps Mills Schoolhouse No. 5 (above) is one of four one-room schools built of limestone donated by Elisha Camp from his quarry at Chaumont in the 1830's. Below left is the Episcopal Church, Sackets Harbor and is the oldest church building in Jefferson County. The corner stone was laid in 1823, building finished in 1832. Below right is the East Hounsfield Christian Church, founded in 1820-21, built in 1844.



Queries

Send Queries to: Jerry W. Davis, POB 275, Clayton, NY 13624; maridavis@aol.com; **Subject: Informer Query**
(Some readers don't have internet access. Please include mailing address & phone numbers as well as email.)

Wilkie

I descend from Olive **Wilkie Cullen** (1804-1895), daughter of **Matthew Wilkie** (c.1770-1860) and Phebe -?- (c.1778-1859); parentage not proved, but given the ages at the deaths of Olive, Matthew and Phebe, it looks good! She married **John Cullen** (1811-1872). They resided in Jefferson County as a married couple from about 1835 to 1854. Their first child was born there in 1839, their last in 1853. They moved to Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, in 1854 with some of John's family. **Wilkies**, however, tended to move to Illinois at that time. Olive, I suspect, lived in Jefferson County all her life until then (except for trips back to New England to visit with Matthew's and Phebe's families).

I would like to prove Olive's parentage. Her obituary said she had a brother, **Frank Wilkie** (which I believe is an incorrect name) and sister, **Mrs. Davis** (**Almira Wilkie**, I believe), still living in 1895.

Sincerely,
Katherine Cullen King
703-799-0970
kcking@cox.net

Goodrich

I'm looking for the best local history of Jefferson County, NY that would cover the earliest times to at least 1900. I have ancestors from Orleans, Lafargeville, and one from Stone Mills. They were the **Goodrich** family—**Bailey Goodrich** (died in 1838), **Nelson G.** (who married **Catherine Snell**), then **Lewis Cass G.** who moved to WA state in the late 1800's with my great grandmother, **Martha Mary Goodrich**.

There may be **Goodrich's** or **Snells** in Jeff. county that I'm related to. My mom was a part of the **Snell/Bush** reunion thing. But, remember I'm looking for a really good history book of the Jeff. county area for background insight into life in those days. Like, why **Lewis Cass Goodrich** stopped farming in the late 1880's or early 1890's in Jeff. county, left all his family (**Nelson Goodrich**, etc) in Theresa and Orleans and went across country to WA state. Drought? Bad economy?

I'd like to fill in my genealogy with info about the history they lived through.

Here's my SR/DAR documented lineage for info, using **Goodrich** Family in America, by Case, 1889, and Fed Census, Birth Certs, etc.

Jan **DeWitt**

Jo Ann **Coyle** / Donn **DeWitt**

Evelyn **Rice** / Frank **Coyle**

Martha Mary **Goodrich** / John **Rice**

Lewis Cass **Goodrich** / Mary **Bowles**

Nelson **Goodrich** / Catherine **Snell**

Bailey **Goodrich** / Eunice **Smith**

Micah **Goodrich** / Elisabeth **Hills**

Thanks,
Jan David DeWitt
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269-381-5009

Roberts

Planning a spring visit to Jefferson County. Would like to spend some time researching ancestors of **Kenneth Roberts**, b 2/2/1911 at Carthage, NY to **Frederick Roberts** b 4/13/1880 Carthage, NY and **Lena (Bellan?)** b abt 1881 Montral Canada. **Kenneth** was in St. Patrick's Orphanage, Coffeen St., Watertown by 1915 and was prior to 1920 where he shows up in Massachusetts census. Jefferson County GenWeb pages offer some very helpful suggestions on places to visit. Would love to know more about these families. **Kenneth** was my grandfather.

Dave McTigue
dmct@verizon.net

Perkins

I have been looking for the following people and their parents. Their surname is **Perkins**.

1. **Adaline** born before 1800 married a **Mr. Hauverman**, 2 daughters 1. **Phebe L** born 14 June, 1828 in Antwerp, New York. It is believed the second daughter was named **Rebecca**. (I have found some information about a **Rebecca Jennie Hauverman**) The girls parents died about 1844-1845. 1845 is when **Phebe** went to Pa to live with her Aunt.
2. **Tiley** born 14 May 1800 married **Gurdon Crooks** moved to Pa. **Tiley** died Jan. 1883 in Erie county Pa.
3. **Elihu Stuart** born April 1803 died Sept 1885 in Lone Tree, Johnson County, Iowa (this is my relative).
4. **Eliab**
5. **Solomon** born abt 1805

All of these siblings were raised in Antwerp New York (Black River County it was called by some of their Relatives.)

In a letter from **Elihu's** oldest daughter, she thinks their great grandmother was born aboard a ship coming from Ireland. This name was **Bennett**, and there was also a **Stuart** or (**Stewart**).

Sincerely,
Pat (Perkins) Shockey
P. O. Box 287
Wilton, CA 95693-0287

Clark, Ingerson, Scofield

Searching for information on the following early settlers in the Town of Leray, Jefferson County, NY: Surnames include: **CLARK, INGERSON, SCOFIELD**. **Abigail Clark Ingerson** (1746-1837) widow of **Jonathan Ingerson** of Saratoga County; dau., **Phebe Ingerson** (1783-1862) who married **Benson Clark** (1780-1828); dau., **Abigail Ingerson** (1767-1861) who married **Elisha Scofield** (1784-1859). **Abigail, Phebe** and **Phebe's** son, **Nelson**; are buried in **Evans Mill Old Cemetery**. Am willing to share information. This family group came from Westchester County; then settled in Saratoga County before migrating to Jefferson County ca. 1812.

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JCNYGS To Publish Pedigree Charts Vol. 2

The JCNYGS plans to publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We are asking that those who have a Jefferson County, NY connection and whose pedigrees were not published in Volume 1 submit their most up-to-date pedigree chart for publication in Volume 2. We will give preference to those charts which have been computer generated, but legible hand-written charts will also be accepted. We ask that the pedigrees be limited to 2 pages and that the submitters name and address should appear on each chart. Submitting the chart implies permission to publish. Send as soon as possible to:

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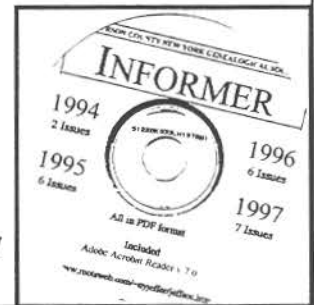
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The articles in this newsletter are written purely to stimulate interest in the genealogical history of Jefferson County. If comments are in any way offensive, this was not the intent. All articles, submissions, etc., are the viewpoints and research of various contributors. As such, they do not necessarily reflect the views of the executive committee or members of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society.

Letters.....

Letters to the editor may be directed to nandixon@gisco.net or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

I am enclosing an old photograph of Florie SMALL which was taken at the Gervey Studio in Watertown. I've attempted to locate someone from the family so that the photograph could be returned to them; however, I was not successful.

I am passing the photograph along to your group in hopes that you might be able to locate someone from the family and see that it is shared with them. I recover these treasures as a hobby and ask only to be reimbursed for my expenses if possible.

Reimbursement will allow me to continue to recover items and reunite them with family. In this case my total expenses would be \$7.00; this includes the price I paid for the photograph, a mailing envelope, and postage.

I hope that you will be able to reunite the photograph with family in addition to sharing it with others in your community.

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Email Correction

For Carol Rooksby Weidlich
 Corrected is crw020551@earthlink.net
 Update your December *Informer* directory



Henderson Historical Society, Henderson NY will open for the season May 15. They held a pre-opening open house May 1, in appreciation of their many volunteers and helpers. May 1 also celebrates their 10th year of operation. All historical and genealogical societies of Jefferson county were invited.

What's Going on with JCNYGS

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

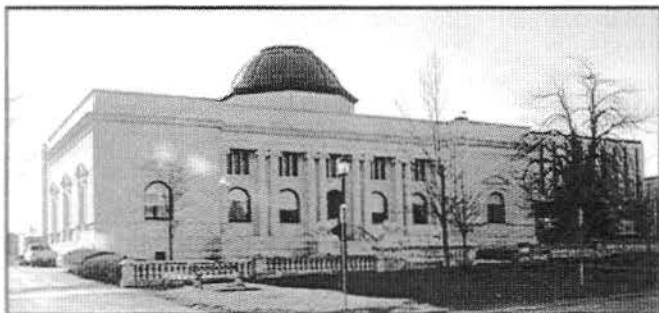
March Meeting

Library Director Barbara Wheeler gave our group a tour of the remodeled library. Part of the former genealogy room will become the microfilm room. Presently there are three reader/printers available. The library would like to have more. For now, the microfilm and readers are located at the extreme left of the reference area, between the new Genealogy Room and The Board Room, which has not changed. The former Dillenbeck Room, which had been used as a community meeting room, is now the Genealogy Room. The materials that had previously been locked in the New York State room are now available on the shelves of the Reference Room, which is the entire open area of the Second Floor. The New York State Room is now the ATTAIN Lab, where classes are held to teach such things as how to use Heritage Quest, how to write a resume, how to type on a keyboard, how to do email, etc.

On the first floor, or entry level of the library, the area formerly housing the reference section is now a Children's Room. In addition to child height bookshelves, this area has a place for crafts and a separate Story Room. Next to this is the Young Adult Room, and at the back of the former Children's Section are the computers. The rest rooms have also been remodeled. The Circulation Desk remains in the same place as it has been. The reading room is also untouched at this time. This summer the historic rooms of the library will undergo repairs and refurbishing as part of Phase 2 of the library's remodeling project.

The Lower Level houses the library's Adult Collection, both fiction and non-fiction. There are places to plug in laptops and WI-FI is available throughout the building. The raised section of this space will house an ongoing book sale.

Overall, the changes to the library are impressive. While work continues, most of the library's materials are still easily accessible.



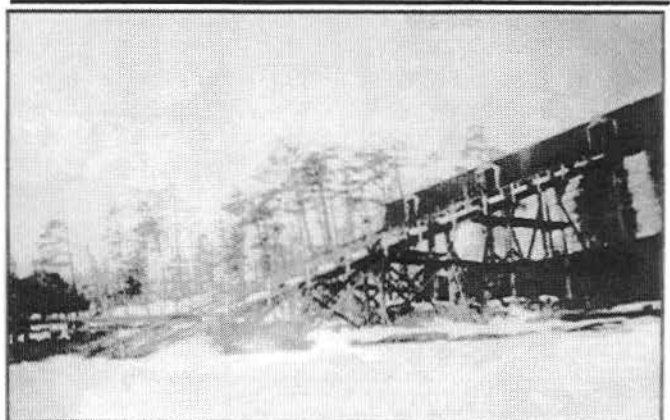
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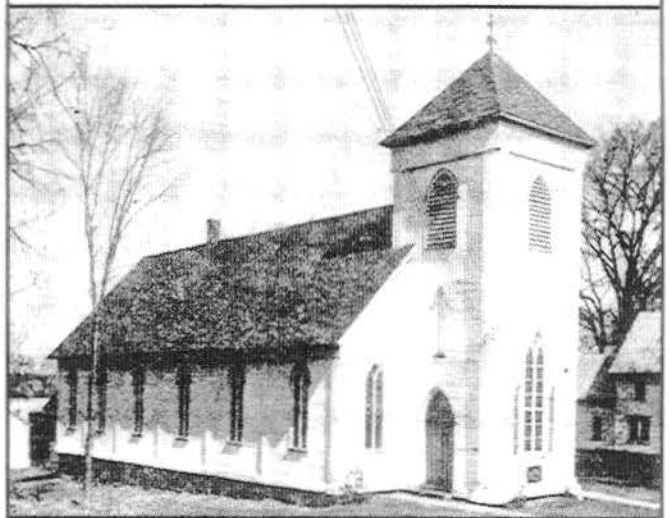
Evans Mills High School 1926

(Picture on Cover)

First Row, from the left: Margaret Rogers, Vivian Waaful, Bessie Barker, Alta Caird, Edna Augsbury, Ida Kellr, Eceil Palmer, Grace Byrnes, Frances Borland, Hazel Doxtater. Second Row: Donald Cool, Cscar Schlappi, Richard Cooke, George Smith, Harold Cas-sell, Charles Schlappi, Charlie Stewart, Vilas Lingenfelter, Robert Walts, Floyd Henderson. Third row: Ruth Aubertine, Elizabeth Shurtleff, Arlene Kellar, Cornelia Hotis, Olive Kirker, Eleanor Neuroth, Ella Reed, Amabel Calhoun, Mary Laksmith, Florence Lingerfelter, Lillian Schlappi, Helen Farnell, Fannie Nichols, Inez Sheldon. Fourth row: Wesley Emberly, Harold Van Allen, Leon Byrnes, Earl Henderson, Stanley Hicks, Kenneth Hotis, Hollis Canell, Carl Angerer, Madison Farrell, George Cool, Earl Carey, Earl Auclair, William Baum, Lewis Fredenburg, Charlie Bates, Raymond Cool. Fifth row: Donald Van Brocklin, Edna Buskirk, Oleta Potter, Beatrice Rogers, Madelyn Hawn, Alma Riordan, Iva Waggoner, Jessie Buskirk, Bertha Riordan, Professor Everett Bill.



Ice House in Evans Mills in 1920



LeRay Presbyterian Church

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Minutes of March 13, 2006 Meeting

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

Vice President Jerry Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 on March 13, 2006. Twenty-four people were present as we met in the former genealogy room at Flower Memorial Library. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved, motion by Clancy Hopkins, 2nd by Pauline Zach. The treasurer's report was read by Hollis Dorr and encompassed January through March. The report was approved on a motion by Dan Grant, 2nd by Bill Dixon. A copy of the report is attached.

New members, Lynn Thornton and Maureen O'Donnell, were introduced by Phyllis Putnam.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Clancy Hopkins reported that he had received a few queries, a request from the Dewitt County Illinois Genealogical Society to send them our society newsletter if they send us theirs, a notice that Lynn Thornton is now the Historian of Champion, and a notice that the Central NY Genealogical Society is now meeting in DeWitt.

REPOSITORY COMMITTEE: Nan Dixon reported that they are meeting later this month to continue organizing the materials in the Society's repository.

PUBLICITY: Phyllis Putnam reported that she had sent out the usual meeting announcements.

PROGRAM: Phyllis announced that the speaker for our April meeting will be Julia Gosier. We will meet in the Flower library, but which room is uncertain. The May speaker has not been determined, but in June Joyce Cook from Fulton will talk about the value of diaries in genealogical research.

MEMBERSHIP: Clancy reported that the numbers stay about the same, a few new members join and a few old members drop out.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Bill Dixon reported that the topic of the next issue is the Town of LeRay. This issue will complete the series on the towns of Jefferson County with the 1855 map. Ideas are requested for topics for future issues of the Informer. The committee will meet March 23 at the Hawn Library in Clayton to work on the May issue. Jean Coyne provided some materials on Evans Mills, and Tracy Robertson has created an alphabetical listing of the names in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 censuses of the Town of LeRay. This gives the committee a good start on this issue.

PUBLICATIONS: Index CD: Al Seymour has completed an index CD of the materials in our three binders of Genealogical Resources in Jefferson County Towns. It was decided that the Society would charge individuals \$7 for a copy of the CD, but copies may be donated to organizations such as libraries. Al should

be reimbursed for his expenses in creating the CDs and shipping them.

Pedigree Book Volume 2: Phyllis Putnam reported that she has only received about 20 pedigrees for the new pedigree book. No consensus was reached regarding the number needed to begin publication of Volume 2.

Pedigree Book Volume 1: Bill Dixon reported that we have more orders for Volume 1 of the Pedigrees, but no books to fill the orders. He made a motion that the society have Benjamin Printers produce 25 copies. He anticipates the books will be sold for \$18 each, plus S&H. The motion was seconded by Jean Coyne and approved.

Will Book: Hollis Dorr reported that he has sold at least 15 copies of the Will Book in the past few weeks. He estimates that we have sold a total of about 75 of the 150 books that were printed. Following the meeting Pauline Zach took 6 of the books to sell, Hollis Dorr took 16 books, and Jean Coyne took 3.

Will Book Volume 2: Doris Monterey mentioned that if someone will work with her, she will continue to abstract the wills for a possible second volume of will abstracts.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Dr. Abel has given us the complete text of his presentation to the Society at our December meeting. This will be kept in the Repository. Tracy Robertson has signed out the packet to study it. 2) Clancy Hopkins reported that we will not have a booth at this year's Irish Festival. The organizers are requiring that each group have their own liability insurance to participate. 3) The Flower library has a subscription to the genealogical website, Heritage Quest. Anyone who has a library card can access this program from home. Workshops in how to do this are available in the library's new Attain Lab. Clancy will try to set up a workshop for society members, but only 10 people can use the lab at one time. Each class lasts about one hour. 4) Nan received information about a talk scheduled for 10 a.m. on April 6 at the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton. The topic is "The Lost Villages of the St. Lawrence: Their History, The Society That Preserves Their Memory and the Author Who Brings Them to Life."

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn, Bill Dixon seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting ended at 7:15.

Note that our society has opted to not have meetings during the winter months of January and February. As a result there have been no "What's Going on with JCNYGS" or "Minutes" from January and February meetings in the *Informer*.

<http://www.fortklock.com/nancorhenry.htm>

Henry Lawrence Zimmerman

By Nancy Cioch

Henry Lawrence Zimmerman was born at Manheim, NY January 1, 1750. He was the son of Lawrence Zimmerman (or Timmerman - the name was written with sometimes a Z and more often after the Revolution with a T.) Henry L. Timmerman married 1) Anna Failing 4 Dec 1770 and 2) Elizabeth Henrich Keller Oct 26 1784.

During the Revolution, Henry served as a private in the 1st and 2nd regiments of Tryon County Militia and had land bounty rights for his service. He made a detailed pension deposition concerning his service during the Revolutionary War. He first enlisted 1 July 1775 at Fall Hill in Captain Yates's company, Colonel Gansevoort's regiment and they marched to Montreal. Another re-enlistment lasted 5 months under Captain Ten Eyck and they marched to Quebec. He participated in the taking of St. Johns in Canada and fought in the battle of Chambley. He returned to Little Falls and was soon drafted to go to Ticonderoga under Colonel Cox. He was also drafted to blockade Wood Creek and was stationed for 2 weeks at the mouth of the Unadilla River. In 1777 he enlisted for six months under Cox and his lieutenant was his Uncle Henry Zimmerman by whom he was employed as a waiter. They marched against the western Indians and were in the Battle of Oriskany. In 1780, he enlisted under Captain Gray and was put into batteaux service on the Mohawk River for 6 months and again for six months in 1781.

Henry L. bought Lot 27 in the fourth allotment of the Royal Grant - land that was confiscated from Peter Johnson. The Royal Grant was just north of the Snell-Zimmerman land grant, where many of his relatives had land.

The town of Manheim Minute books notes that Henry L. Timmerman was among the highway workers 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, and 1801. The 1800 census lists Henry L. Timmerman with 1 male 16-26, 1 female under 10, 1 female 16-26, and 1 female 26-45. The tax list for Manheim 1799 lists Henry L. Timmerman with real estate worth \$465 and personal estate worth \$40.

Henry and his wife Elizabeth moved to the Town of LeRay, Jefferson County, NY in 1806. He sold his land in Manheim to Lorence Timerman and Jacob Timerman. They were the sons of his brother Jacob Lawrence Timmerman who had been killed by the Indians, August 5, 1781. Henry and his family moved by cart to the Town of LeRay. The wheels of their cart were made by cutting off cross sections of logs. Henry's son Lawrence, who was 8 or 9 years old, caught small pox on the way, and their cart made riding hard for a sick child. The 1810 census lists Henry Timmerman at LeRay with 3 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 16-26, 1 male over 45, 1 female under 10, 1 female

16-26, 2 females 26-45, 1 female over 45.

According to "Descendants of Lawrence Timmerman", the children of Henry and Elizabeth were:

Maria Magdalena (Lany) b. 11 December 1785

Henry L., Jr. b. 19 June 1787

Alida baptised 2 August 1789, died in infancy

Susanna baptised 14 March 1792

Anna/Nancy baptised 29 December 1793

Lorence/Lawrence b. 8 March 1796

Benjamin b. about 1798

Olive b. about 1800

Catharine b. 7 June 1801

13 March 1821, Henry stated for his pension application that he was a farmer and had no family except a wife aged 56 years. He listed his property as "1 cow, 8 sheep, 1 loom and appendages, 2 trammels, 1 cake pan, 2 kitchen chairs, 1 table, 1 sett cups & saucers, 1 sett knives & forks, 1 churn, 3 wooden pails, 1 tin pail, 1 wire sive, 1 looking glass, 1 pewter bason, 8 earthen plates, 1 frying pan, 1 linen wheel, and 1 kneading trough."

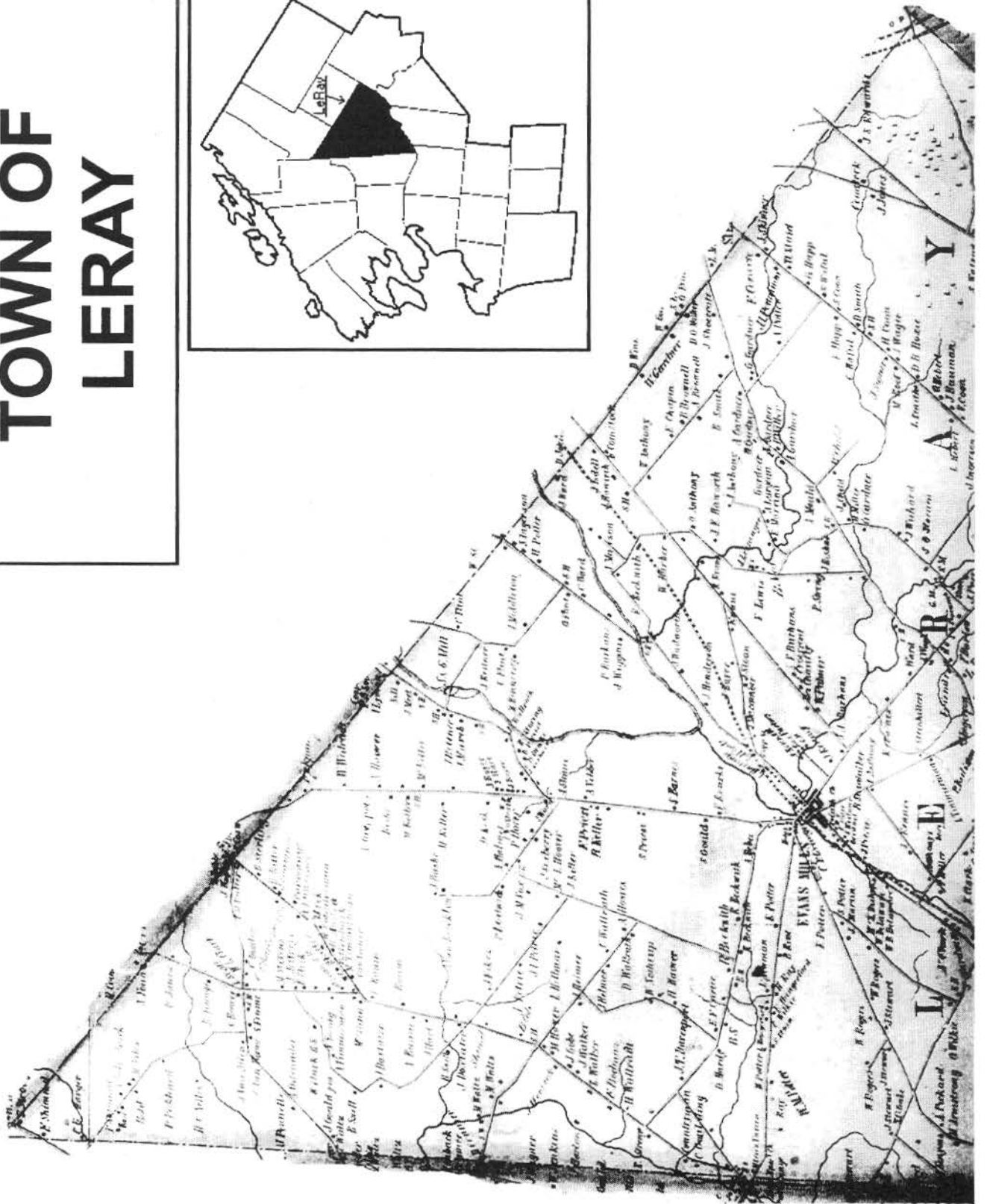
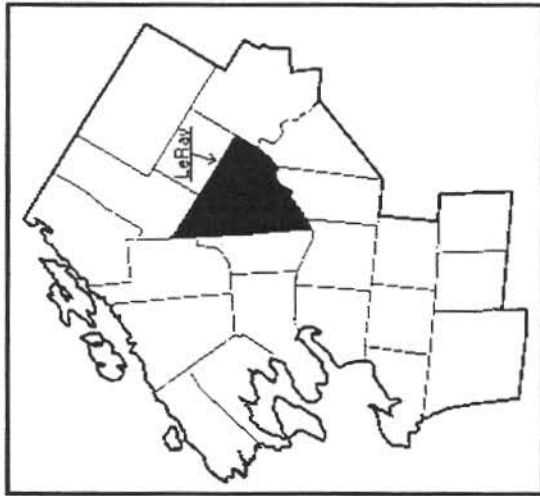
In the 1830 census in Jefferson County, the household of Lawrence Timmerman had 1 male 80-90 and 1 female 60-70. Elizabeth Timmerman died September 27, 1830 and Henry L. Timmerman died October 11, 1834. He was 84. They are buried in the LeRay Village Cemetery. Elizabeth and Henry had 9 children. At least four of the children moved west and settled in Indiana. Lawrence stayed in LeRay, Jefferson County.

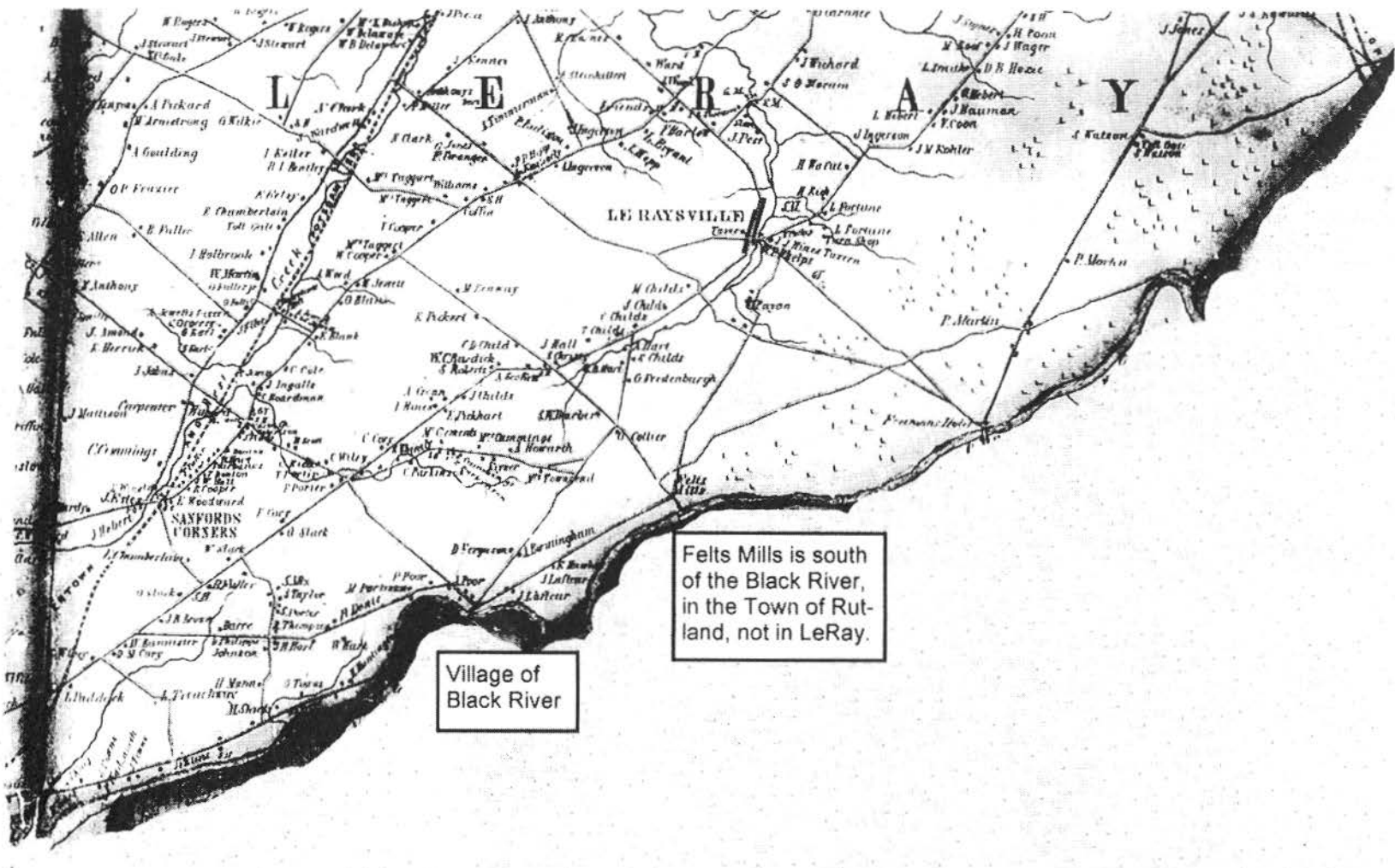
Sources: "Descendants of Lawrence Timmerman of The Mohawk Valley, New York" by Carolyn T. Sidenius, "The Eighteenth Century Zimmerman Family of the Mohawk Valley" by David Kendall Martin, and Family Lore

Whitney Opera House—across from what is now (2006) Palmer's Store at the corner of the Dutch Settlement Road and Willow Street



TOWN OF LERAY





Village of Black River

Felts Mills is south of the Black River, in the Town of Rutland, not in LeRay.

When Le Ray was originally established in 17 February 1806, parts of Alexandria and Wilna, and all of present Theresa, Antwerp and Philadelphia made up the town. This town is nearly in the middle of the county, and is surrounded by Theresa and Philadelphia on the northeast, Wilna and Champion on the southeast, Rutland and Watertown on the south, and Pamela and Orleans on the west. Today nearly half of Le Ray, the southeast portion, lies within Fort Drum's military reservation. Black River forms its southern boundary, while Indian River and Pleasant Creek also flow through the town.

The Town of Antwerp was detached in 1810, part of Wilna in 1813, part of Alexandria, including Theresa and all of Philadelphia in 1821. Le Ray was named for the proprietor, James Le Ray de Chaumont. Many small communities were founded in Le Ray, some of which were swallowed up and extinguished by Fort Drum. As listed by historian Emerson, they included Le Raysville, Evans Mills, Slocumville, Sanford's Corners, Joachim, now an archaeological site, Ingerson's Corners, Great Bend, named for the great bend of the Black River, Felts Mills, and Black River village.

Index to 1855 Map of LeRay Township (page 6 & 7)

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 5 parts, Don uses the letters L, E, R, A, Y already on the map as locators.

Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter - North/ South
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	L-North
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	L-North
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Sanfords Corners
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	R-North
Cath.Ch.	(Catholic Church)	Evans Mills
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	L-South
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	Evans Mills
G.Yd. =	(Grave Yard)	Le Raysville
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	R-North
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	R-South
P.O. =	(Post Office)	Sanfords Corners
S & G Mill	(Saw & Grist Mill)	R-North
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	L-North
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	L-South
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	Evans Mills
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	R-North
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	R-South
S.M.=	(Saw Mill)	Le Raysville
S.H. =	(School House)	L-North
S.H. =	(School House)	L-North
S.H. =	(School House)	L-South
S.H. =	(School House)	L-South
S.H. =	(School House)	E-North
S.H. =	(School House)	E-North
S.H. =	(School House)	E-South
S.H. =	(School House)	E-South
S.H. =	(School House)	E-South
S.H. =	(School House)	R-North
S.H. =	(School House)	R-North
S.H. =	(School House)	R-North
S.H. =	(School House)	A-North
S.H. =	(School House)	Y-North
W.S. =	(Wagon Shop)	E-North
W.S. =	(Wagon Shop)	Evans Mills
E.	Allen	L-South
J.	Amond	L-South
D.	Anstra?	L-North
J.	Anthony	Evans Mills
J.	Anthony	A-North
N.	Anthony	L-South
O.	Anthony	R-North
W.	Anthony	A-North
	Anthony's heirs	E-North
M.	Armstrong	L-South
M.	Bannister	L-South
S.W.	Barber	E-South
R.	Barnes	R-North
S.	Barnes	E-North
	Barre	L-South
F.	Barton	R-South

J.	Bashe (Bisha - France)	E-North
A.	Baum	L-North
F.	Baum	L-North
J.	Baum	L-North
J.	Bauman	A-South
A.	Bebee	E-North
R.	Beckwith	L-North
R.	Beckwith	L-North
R.	Beckwith	R-North
R.	Beckwith	L-North
S.	Bennett	Evans Mills
R.I.	Bentley	L-South
T.	Benton	Sanfords Corners
	Benton	Sanfords Corners
M.	Benway	E-South
J.	Bern	L-South
J.	Bettner	R-North
A.	Birmingham	E-South
J.	Bisha	R-North
	Bishe	E-North
Mrs.N.	Bishop	L-North
	BLACK RIVER	E-South
E.	Blank	L-South
O.	Blank	L-South
C.	Boardman	L-South
E.	Bodman	L-North
	Bold	L-North
	Box Factory	Evans Mills
J.	Boyer	E-North
J.	Boyer	E-North
J.	Boyer	R-North
J.B.	Brown	L-South
A.	Brownell	A-North
B.	Brownell	A-North
L.	Bryant	R-South
W.C.	Burdick	E-South
J.A.	Burhans	Evans Mills
S.F.	Burhans	R-North
P.	Burkans	R-North
	Carpenter	L-South
E.F.	Carter	L-North
E.	Chamberlain	L-South
F.?	Chamberlain	L-South
E.	Chapin	A-North
C.	Charlesworth	E-North
Mrs.	Chauffy	R-North
C.D.	Child	E-South
J.	Child	A-North
W.	Child	A-North
E.	Childs	R-South
J.	Childs	E-South
J.	Childs	R-South
M.	Childs	R-South

S.	Childs	R-South
T.	Childs	E-South
T.	Childs	R-South
S.	Christy	E-South
N.	Clark	L-South
N.	Clark	E-South
W.L.	Clark	L-North
W.	Clark B.S. (BlackSmith)	L-North
Mrs.	Cline	L-North
B.	Clock	L-North
	Coffin	E-South
B.	Cole	L-North
C.	Cole	L-South
U.	Collier	R-South
D.	Comstock	A-North
	Comstock	Y-North
F.	Converse	Y-North
H.	Coon	A-North
S.	Coon	Y-North
V.	Coon	A-South
R.	Cooper	Sanfords Corners
V.	Cooper	E-South
W.	Cooper	L-South
W.	Cooper	E-South
C.	Cory	L-South
D.M.	Cory	L-South
F.	Cory	L-South
W.	Cory	L-South
H.	Countryman	L-North
	Countryman	L-North
D.	Cramer	L-North
S.	Croissant	R-North
A.	Crone	E-South
C.	Cummings	Sanfords Corners
Mrs.	Cummings	E-South
S.	Cummings	E-South
J.T.	Davenport	L-North
W.	Delaware	E-North
W.B.	Delaware	E-North
R.	Dent/Donie	L-South
A.	Dillenback	L-North
A.	Dillenback	L-North
C.	Dowler	L-North
J.	Doxtater	L-North
J.	Doxtater	L-North
C.D.	Drake	E-North
G.	Earl	L-South
N.	Earl	L-South
J.S.	Edwards	Y-North
J.	Estes	Sanfords Corners
	Evans	R-North
	Evans Mills	Evans Mills
J.	Fairbanks	Sanfords Corners
	Felts Mills	R-South
D.	Ferguson	E-South
D.	Fesk	E-North

J.	Filer	L-South
M.	Files	L-North
C.	Flint	R-North
C.	Flint	R-North
O.	Flint	R-North
L.	Fortune	Le Raysville
L.	Fortune	Le Raysville
J.M.	Fox	E-North
S.	Frame	L-North
O.P.	Frazier	L-South
G.	Fredenburgh	R-South
	Freeman's Hotel	A-South
	Friends	R-South
B.	Fuller	L-South
B.	Fuller	L-South
O.	Fuller	L-South
T.M.	Fuller	E-North
O.	Fuller jn.	L-South
J.O.	Gale	L-North
A.	Gardner	A-North
A.	Gardner	A-North
D.	Gardner	A-North
G.	Gardner	R-North
G.	Gardner	A-North
W.	Gardner	A-North
W.	Gardner	Y-North
	Gardner	A-North
J.	Gobe	L-North
S.	Gould	E-North
J.	Gould jun.	L-North
A.	Goulding	L-South
C.	Goulding	L-North
C.P.	Granger	Evans Mills
F.	Granger	E-South
A.	Grenpot	E-North
	Grinnet	Evans Mills
J.	Hall	E-South
J.W.	Hall	Sanfords Corners
F.	Happ	Y-North
G.	Happ	Y-North
D.	Hardy	L-North
C.G.	Harger	L-North
A.	Hart	R-South
B.	Hart	R-South
J.	Hart	L-North
J.	Hart	E-North
J.H.	Hart	L-South
W.	Hart	Sanfords Corners
W.	Hart	L-South
L.	Hastings	E-North
R.	Hawks	E-South
J.	Haworth	A-North
J.E.	Haworth	R-North
J.	Hebert	Sanfords Corners
L.	Hebert	A-South
O.	Hebert	A-North
L.	Hellmar	L-North

A.	Helmer	E-North
J.	Helmer	L-North
J.	Helmer	L-North
J.	Henderson	R-North
M.	Hennersey	R-North
J.	Hepp	R-South
P.P.	Hepp	E-South
F.	Herrick	L-South
J.	Herrick	L-North
I.	Hines	E-South
J.J.	Hines Tavern	Le Raysville
I.	Holbrook	L-South
A.	Hoover	E-North
Mrs. L.	Hoover	E-North
S.	Hoover	L-North
A.	Hooves	L-North
	Hotel	Evans Mills
M.	Hover	L-North
P.	Hover	E-North
A.	Howarth	E-South
D.B.	Hoxie	A-North
	Hubard	L-South
E.	Hungerford	L-North
L.	Hungerford	L-North
S.	Huntington	L-South
W.	Hurber	R-North
J.	Ingalls	L-South
J.	Ingerson	E-South
J.	Ingerson	A-South
L.	Ingerson	E-South
S.	Ingerson	R-North
J.	Isdell	A-North
J.	Jabus	L-South
J.	Jeffreys	L-North
E.	Jewett	L-South
T.	Jewett	L-South
W.	Jewett	L-South
A.	Jewett's Tavern & Grocery	L-South
	Johnson	L-South
G.	Jones	E-South
J.	Jones	Y-North
P.	Jones	L-North
I.	Keller	L-South
J.	Keller	E-North
M.	Keller	E-North
M.	Keller	E-North
Mrs.	Keller	E-North
R.	Keller	E-North
E.	Kelsy	L-South
A.	Kennedy	E-South
J.	Kenney	Evans Mills
J.	Kenney	E-North
Mrs.	Kenyon	L-South
	Keyser	E-South
J.	King	L-South
	Kirkpatric	E-North
J.M.	Kohler	A-South

J.	Lafleur	E-South
J.	Lafleur	E-South
A.	Largean	A-North
A.	Lawrence	L-North
A.	Lawrence	E-North
J.	Lawrence	E-North
	Le Raysville	Le Raysville
B.	Leach	L-North
M.	Levi's Tavern	L-North
F.	Lewis	R-North
D.	Lock	L-North
P.	Lodwick	E-North
H.	Mann	L-South
E.	Marceau	R-North
J.	Marson	R-North
J.	Martin	L-North
P.	Martin	A-South
P.	Martin	Y-South
W.	Martin	L-South
J.	Mattison	L-South
	McClements	E-South
J.	Meet	R-North
J.	Middleton	R-North
H.	Miller	A-North
P.	Miller	E-South
S.	Mix	L-South
D.G.	Mosher	Y-North
A.	Mould	A-North
B.	Ned	R-North
H.C.	Nellis	L-North
L.	Newman	L-North
J.	Nith	R-North
A.	Ostrander	L-North
L.	Paddock	L-South
W.	Palmer	R-North
C.	Parkinson	E-South
M.	Parkinson	E-South
W.	Parkinson	E-South
	Parsonage	E-North
J.	Payson	R-South
J.	Pennell	L-North
J.L.	Penniman	Y-North
J.	Petrie	L-North
J.A.	Petrie	L-North
W.	Phelps	Le Raysville
W.P.	Phelps	Le Raysville
D.	Philipps	L-South
A.	Pickard	L-North
A.	Pickard	L-South
E.	Pickert	E-South
P.	Pickhard	L-North
E.	Pickhart	E-South
J.	Pierce	Evans Mills
A.	Poor	E-South
P.	Poor	E-South
S.	Porter	L-South
T.	Porter	L-South

J.	Post	R-South
A.	Potter	A-North
A.	Potter	Y-North
E.	Potter	L-North
E.	Potter	Evans Mills
H.	Potter	R-North
N.	Potter	L-North
S.	Potter	L-North
W.M.	Potter	L-North
F.	Priest	E-North
G.	Priest	E-North
S.	Priest	E-North
H.	Ray	L-North
	Ray	L-North
H.	Rich	A-South
C.	Rider	L-South
H.	Ritter	E-North
W./N.	Ritter	L-North
S.	Roberts	E-South
S.	Robertson	L-South
W.	Rogers	L-North
W.	Rogers	L-North
M.	Roof	A-North
B.	Root	L-North
F.	Rourke	E-North
R.	Ruane	R-North
P.	Rulison	E-South
	Sanfords Corners	Sanfords Corners
A.	Scofield	E-South
L.	Scott	L-North
R.	Scott	L-South
E.	Shimmel	L-North
P.	Shimmel	L-North
J.	Shoecraft	Y-North
J.	Signer	A-North
J.	Sixberry	E-North
J.	Sixberry	E-North
J.	Skinner	Y-North
M.	Slacky	L-South
J.	Sloan	R-North
S.	Sloan	L-North
S.G.	Slocum	R-North
S.G.	Slocum	R-South
A.	Smith	E-North
B.	Smith	A-North
D.	Smith	Y-North
F.	Smith	L-South
L.	Smith	A-North
B.	Snell	L-North
B.	Snell	L-North
G.	Stack	L-South
T.C.	Staid	Y-North
W.	Stark	L-South
	Steam S.M. (Saw Mill)	L-North
R.	Steinhilber	Evans Mills
E.	Steinhilbert	E-North
E.	Sterling	E-North

M.	Stevens	L-North
J.	Stewart	L-North
J.	Stewart	L-North
S.	Stiles	Evans Mills
	Store	R-South
P.	Storey	R-North
E.	Storing	E-North
E.	Streny	L-North
S.	Strough	L-North
Mrs.	Taggart	L-South
Mrs.	Taggart	E-South
Mrs.	Taggart	E-South
	Tavern	Le Raysville
S.	Taylor	L-South
R.	Thompson	L-South
A.	Timmerman	L-North
J.	Timmerman	E-North
M.	Timmerman	L-North
	Toll Gate	L-South
	Toll Gate	E-North
	Toll Gate	Y-South
J.	Towns	L-South
J.	Towns	L-South
O.	Towns	L-South
Mrs.	Townsend	E-South
L.	Trenchway	L-South
	Turn Shop	Le Raysville
	Union Church	L-South
J.	VanAllen	L-North
A.	VanBrooklyn	E-North
C.	VanHorne	L-North
	VanVomer/VanWormer	L-North
A.	Vebber	E-North
	W.H.	R-South
P.	Wadsworth	L-South
J.	Wadworth	R-North
C.	Waful	Y-North
H.	Waful	A-South
S.	Waful	Y-North
J.	Wager	A-North
J.	Walker	L-North
Z.	Walker	L-North
H.	Wallradt	L-North
C.	Wallrath	L-North
D.	Wallrath	L-North
D.	Wallrath	E-North
J.	Wallrath	E-North
W.	Walradt	E-North
M.	Waltz	L-North
M.	Waltz	L-North
A.	Ward	L-South
C.	Ward	R-North
J.	Ward	E-North
J.	Ward	R-North
J.	Ward	A-North
	Ward	L-North
	Ward	R-North

J.	Wardwell	L-South
	Water Mill	L-South
	Watertown & Potsdam RXR	L-South
S.	Watson	Y-South
S.	Watson	Y-South
	West Creek	L-South
S.	Westover	Evans Mills
E.	Whitney	E-South
J.	Wichard	R-North
J.	Wiggins	R-North
	Wiggins	E-North
H.	Wilber	A-North
C.	Wiley	L-South
C.	Wilke	L-North
G.	Wilkie	L-South
S. & S.C.	Willard	L-South
	Williams	E-South
E.	Winslow	Sanfords Corners
E.	Woodward	Sanfords Corners
N.	Young	L-North
R./B.	Youngs	L-North

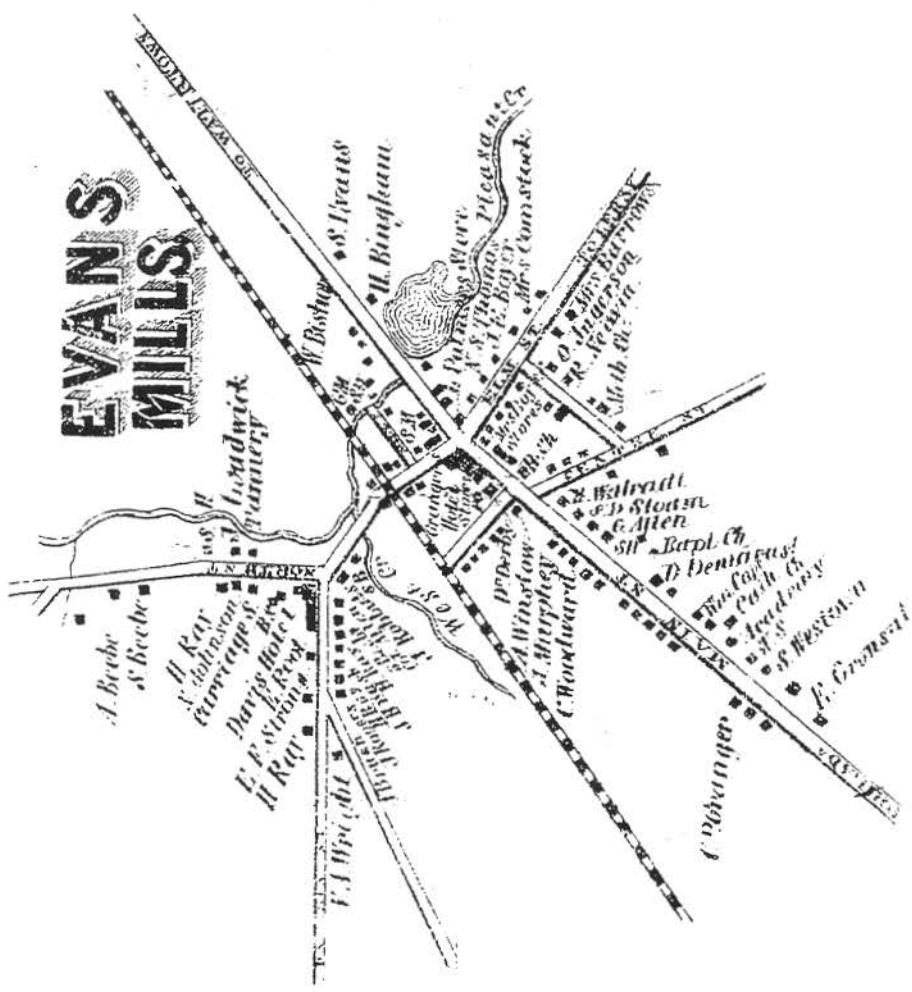
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Initial(s)	Surname	Map Letter-North/ South
	EVANS MILLS	Leray Township
	West Creek	Evans Mills Village
	Pamelia Street	Evans Mills Village
	North Street	Evans Mills Village
	Main St. to Watertown	Evans Mills Village
	Main St. to Philadelphia	Evans Mills Village
	Mill Street	Evans Mills Village
	Elm St. to Leray	Evans Mills Village
	Center St.	Evans Mills Village
R. Ch.	(Roman Catholic Church)	Evans Mills Village
Bapt. Ch.	(Baptist Church)	Evans Mills Village
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Evans Mills Village
Cath Ch	(Catholic Church)	Evans Mills Village
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	Evans Mills Village
Meth. Ch.	(Methodist Church)	Evans Mills Village
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Evans Mills Village
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Evans Mills Village
S.H. =	(School House)	Evans Mills Village
S.H. =	(School House)	Evans Mills Village
W.S. =	(Wagon Shop)	Evans Mills Village
	Academy	Evans Mills Village
Co T	Allen	Evans Mills Village
G.	Allen	Evans Mills Village
Mrs.	Barrows	Evans Mills Village
A.	Beebe	Evans Mills Village
S.	Beebe	Evans Mills Village
S.	Beebe	Evans Mills Village
H.	Bingham	Evans Mills Village

W.	Bishop	Evans Mills Village
J.E.	Boyer	Evans Mills Village
Mrs	Boyers Stores	Evans Mills Village
J.	Brush	Evans Mills Village
Wm	Cape	Evans Mills Village
	Carriage Shop	Evans Mills Village
Mrs.	Comstock	Evans Mills Village
E.	Cronsul	Evans Mills Village
	Davis Hotel	Evans Mills Village
D.	Demarast	Evans Mills Village
Dr.	Derby	Evans Mills Village
S.	Evans	Evans Mills Village
C.P.	Granger	Evans Mills Village
	Granger's Hotel	Evans Mills Village
O.	Ingerson	Evans Mills Village
N.	Johnson	Evans Mills Village
J.	Loadwick	Evans Mills Village
J.	Murphy	Evans Mills Village
R.	Neavin	Evans Mills Village
L.	Palmer's Store	Evans Mills Village
P.O.	Post Office	Evans Mills Village
H.	Ray	Evans Mills Village
H.	Ray	Evans Mills Village
H.	Ray	Evans Mills Village
H.	Ray	Evans Mills Village
H.	Ray	Evans Mills Village
J.	Robberts	Evans Mills Village
J.	Rogers	Evans Mills Village
E.	Root	Evans Mills Village
A.	Rush	Evans Mills Village
	S. B.	Evans Mills Village
S.D.	Sloam	Evans Mills Village
	Stores	Evans Mills Village
E.F.	Strong	Evans Mills Village
	Tannery	Evans Mills Village
N.S.	Thomas	Evans Mills Village
H.	Walradt	Evans Mills Village
S.	Westtown	Evans Mills Village
A.	Winslow	Evans Mills Village
C.	Woodward	Evans Mills Village
V.A.	Wright	Evans Mills Village
	SUBSCRIBERS	EVANS MILLS
N.	Ballard	Attorney at Law
J.H.	Baum	Harness Maker
E.F.	Carter	Farmer
	Comstock & Barrett	Merchants
A.M.	Cook	Merchant
J.T.	Davenport	
J.	Davis	Hotel Keeper
E.G.	Derby	M.D. Office at Residence
S.O.	Gale	Farmer
C.P.	Granger	Civil Engineer
A.	Kanady	Farmer
E. & I.E.	Macomber	Hardware
Allen	Nuns	Attorney at Law
L.	Palmer	Merchant
Hiram	Ray	Farmer
D.	Rogers	P.Book Manufacturers
P.	Rulison	Farmer
E.F.	Strong	Farmer
N.S.	Thomas	Hotel Keeper
H.	Walradt	Shoe Maker
M.	Wiggins	Farmer
M.A.	Wright	Magistrate

Subscribers.

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| L. Palmer | Merchant |
| H. Waltradt | Shoe-Maker |
| D. Rogers | P. Book-Manufy'g' Co |
| F. S. Thomas | Hotel-Keeper |
| H. Ballard | Attor'y at Law |
| A. H. Cook | Merchant |
| E. & I. E. Macomber | Hardware |
| J. Davis | Hotel-Keeper |
| Constock & Barrett | Merchants |
| C. P. Granger | Civil-Eng'g |
| J. H. Babin | Harness-Maker |
| E. F. Strong | Farmer |
| S. O. Gale | Farmer |
| E. G. Derby | M.D. Office at Res. |
| A. A. Wright | Magistrate |
| Hiram Ray | Farmer |
| P. Rutison | Farmer |
| Allen Niles | Attor'y at Law |
| J. T. Davenport | |
| E. F. Carter | |
| J. Kaandy | |
| A. Higgins | Farmers |



How Calcium, NY Received Its Name

(Original article by Audrah Moran, of Calcium -
Edited by Jean Coyne, JCNYGS and
Betty Cooper of Calcium)

Calcium, a hamlet in the Town of LeRay, was originally called Sanford's Corners. Hamilton Child in his 1890 *Gazetteer of Jefferson County* wrote this about the community: "SANFORD'S CORNERS is a post office and station on the R., W. & O. Railroad, in the southwestern part of the town, about five miles from Watertown. It contains a church, store, large cheese factory, several shops, and about 50 inhabitants. The first settlement was commenced here in 1804, by Roswell Woodruff. The hamlet has been known as "Jewett's Corners," "Jewett's School-House," and "Capt. Jewett's" from Ezekiel Jewett, who purchased the farm of Mr. Woodruff, and became, in that particular, his successor. Mr. Sanford, in whose honor the place was named, erected here a stone building, with the intention of opening a store, but this was never done. The post office was established in 1828, and was kept in a brick tavern, which was afterwards used as a Limburger cheese factory. This hamlet claims the honor of having the first school-house in the town of Le Ray.

"F. X. Baumert's cheese factory, at Sanford's Corners, was established in 1853. Previous to this date there had been several unsuccessful attempts to manufacture Limburger cheese here. In this year Mr. Baumert did a small experimental business, which proved unsatisfactory. In 1854 he continued the work with better results. At this time, it is said, this was the only Limburger cheese factory in the United States. His business gradually increased, until during the late war he had three factories in operation in this vicinity. In 1882 F. X. Baumert died, leaving his vast business interests in the hands of his widow, at the time of his death having 10 factories in successful operation in various localities. After her husband's death Mrs. Baumert, with the assistance of her sons, extended the business. She sent her son Charles to Europe, in 1883, to be instructed in the various methods of manufacturing European cheese, and he is now master of the art of making 22 kinds of cheese. A large brick factory, 105 by 34 feet, three stories high, has recently been erected at Sanford's Corners, where the greater part of this extensive business is now located. They now manufacture here various kinds of cheese, among which are Limburger, Munster, Fromage de Brie, Fromage D'Isigny, Camembert, Livarot, and double Creme de Suisse. An office for the sale of their cheese is in New York city, where the principal portion of the

products of their factories is disposed of, some kinds at the extravagant price of 45 cents per pound. Mrs. Baumert has six sons, all of whom have an interest in the business, which is conducted under the name of F. X. Baumert, the founder of the first Limburger cheese factory in Jefferson County, and perhaps the first in America."

An update to Child's history comes from Audrah Moran of Calcium, who wrote a paper sometime after 1976 on how Calcium received its name. She mentions that Ezekiel Jewett came to the north country from New Hampshire about 1800 and purchased 40 acres of land in what is now Watertown. He built a mansion on State Street, and later purchased 1200 acres of land, now Calcium and vicinity, from Mr. Woodruff for \$15,710.00 in trade for his Watertown property. [This Woodruff family built the Woodruff Hotel in Watertown that was demolished in 1976.]

The stone building built by John Sanford, from whom Sanford's Corners received its name, is located across from the Calcium Community Church and is now the home of the John Smithers family. The first postmaster was named Pierce and he kept the post office in his brick tavern. This tavern later became the Baumert Limburger Cheese Factory, then was sold to the Pine Grove Grange which held their first meeting there in 1905. The Grange was organized in 1904 in the apartment building now owned by William Dover. It was at one time the summer home of Mrs. Baumert, who also owned the stucco house where Iva Stalder [and, later, the Tomm Maxon family] resided, beside Lake's Trailer Park. The Maxon family has since sold the house.

The post office and store were located in the building across the road from the Grange Hall. It was built as a hotel and owned by three generations of the Dunn family. Harlan Dunn was postmaster from 1895-1915. His son Charles replaced him in 1915 and was postmaster until 1945. Charles Dunn, Jr. sold the building to Alicia Simmons who later sold it to Arthur LaBrie, the present owner. Marian Jewett Bishop purchased the store stock from Charles Dunn, Jr. in 1956 and sold it to William Dover, the present owner, in 1966. During the time of Dunn's ownership, the lower front was the post office and store and the living quarters were in the back. The upper floor was a dance hall with a balcony along the upper front of the building and rooms in the back. Dances were held there about the beginning of the 1900s. Later, dances were held at the Grange Hall. The post office was moved from this building into a trailer beside the store during the time Raymond Sabre was postmaster.

The Calcium Community church was built in 1853. The

church's deed stated that it was for three different denominations to use, they were each to use it one Sunday a month and the fourth Sunday of the month it could be used by any other Christian denomination. The cemetery where Captain Ezekiel Jewett is buried is still known as Sanford's Corners Cemetery and is located on Route 342 in the hamlet, across from the Community church. Captain Jewett was a Revolutionary War veteran and also served during the War of 1812. Laurence Jewett, great-great grandson of Ezekiel Jewett, was president of the cemetery association; since his death the office has been filled by Kenneth Gardner. The old school house, which once stood across from the church, burned in 1923.

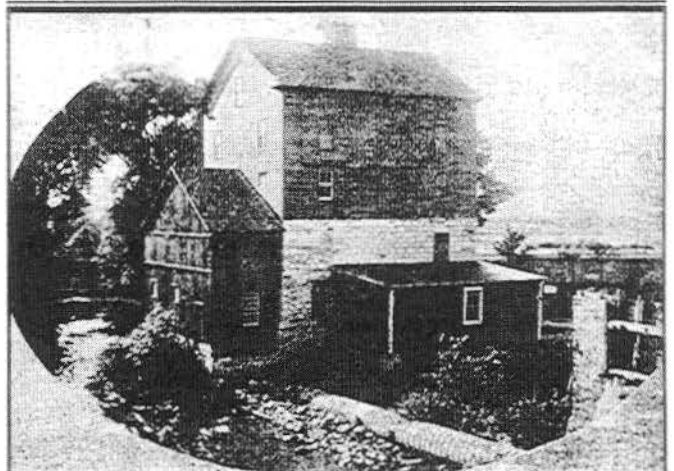
The first railroad, the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, was built through Calcium in 1857. The station was demolished 100 years later, in 1957, and the last train went through in 1964. The main tracks were later removed, although there remains a track for freight trains, known as the "Detour," bypassing Calcium. The Calcium Fire hall was built in 1956 beside the Grange Hall. The land was leased from the Grange. On December 11, 1976, it was dedicated to the Gonseth family and renamed "Gonseth Hall." [Fred Gonseth died in December 1976 at the age of 99 years.]

Madison Cooper built a refrigeration plant about 1911 and complained that mail to him at Sanford's Corners kept going to Sandfordville. Since the refrigeration process used calcium chloride in the cooling process, it was decided to rename the community Calcium. Another reason for the name change was that there was not another place named Calcium anywhere in the country. Mr. Cooper later gave up the business and became editor and publisher of *Flower Grower* magazine. He mailed the magazine from the local post office and the quantity of mail raised its classification from status 4 to status 2. Mr. Cooper raised fields of beautiful gladioli and sold the corms. He used the plant for this purpose. At the present time it is owned by Dale Ryor, who raises turkeys. Dale's father, Russell Ryor, bought the plant after the Coopers died, and it was he who began the turkey farm.

Since 1950 Calcium has grown with the addition of several new houses and trailer parks. In 1941 the government bought farmland just north of Calcium for the expansion of the military installation. The first farm taken was the property of Preston and Blanche Jewett. The original farmhouse was probably built by Ezekiel Jewett. It burned December 31, 1902 and was rebuilt in 1903 by the captain's grandson, William Jewett, father of Preston Jewett. Some of Captain Jewett's descendants still live at Calcium. Children of Preston and Blanche Jewett are Laurence Jewett, Lowell Jewett, and Marian Jewett Bishop.

Additional updates to Calcium's history have been provided by Betty Cooper of Calcium, bringing us up to the present year of 2006. The stone building owned by John Smithers is now vacant and up for sale. William Dover is the current owner of the old hotel, purchasing it from the LaBrie family. The trailer post office is gone, replaced by a 'real' building. The old Madison Cooper plant is no longer occupied; it is vacant and in disrepair and the owner is no longer Dale Ryor. The stucco house that Stalder's and Maxon's used to own was originally the Jefferson County Contagious Diseases hospital. It was purchased for \$7,350.00 at a public auction by Harold W. Rusho, probably in the 1940s or 1950s. Rusho's made it into a two family residence and lived there for many years. When Stalder's purchased it, it was used as a single family residence. When the Maxon family lived there, it was both their home and the chiropractic office of Dr. Tomm Maxon.

The Calcium post office presently serves about 800 addresses. And, there are no longer any descendants of the original Jewett family living in the community. Two hundred years have brought about many changes to this historic community in the Town of LeRay.



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Dear Aunty Jeff,

I am the granddaughter of Alice Elmer, Jonathan daughter. Could you tell why in some places they are listed as Elmer and others Elmore?

Alice

Dear Alice,

1. For many reasons, or no reason at all, in the days before one had to have exact spelling to access credit cards, bank accounts, and such, people changed their names at will. Perhaps Papa wanted his family distanced from the black sheep (the usual reason), or perhaps he wanted to anglicize the family name (Wagner -> Wagoner, in my case), or just to confuse people (my cousin Karl).
2. Before the early 1800s, spelling was an art, not a science. George Washington (you can check this one out) could spell the same word 3 different ways on the same page, and not be considered illiterate. No one cared whether there was one M or two Ms in Timmermann, or one N or two, or a combination.
3. Illiteracy, and not always that of your ancestor. Town clerks and census takers often spelled phonetically, and somewhat in self defense, the person whose name they mutilated adopted the mangled one.
4. Ethnicity, if there is such a word. New York State grew up trilingual, Dutch, German, English, with a smattering Iroquois Indian thrown in for good measure. When Mr. Wagner, a German immigrant, took his oath of naturalization before a Dutch clerk, his name might be spelled Waggenaer or any reasonable facsimile thereof. Next, he went to buy land and had a German clerk spell his name...Wagner. And then he moved (they were constantly moving) and got an Englishman to transcribe his deed. The Englishman spelled it as he heard it: Vogner. And lastly (in my case) Papa wanted to appear American. After all, they were now 4 generations in the US. He changed it to Wagoner, but some of his cousins preferred Waggoner, His brothers used Wagoner for a while and then decided, as a group, to return to the original German, Wagner, while my branch stuck with Wagoner.
5. Don't get hung up on the exact spelling of a name.

Dear Aunty Jeff

Where is "Upstate New York" to you? I ask this because people living in greater New York City area think of "Upstate" as NYC to Albany. I have most always used the term "Northern NY State" when referring to the area north of the Mohawk River & Erie Canal from Albany to Syracuse.

Florence

Dear Florence,

Chris Andrie, who maintains a website devoted to upstate New York Genealogy, maintains for the purposes of his site, that upstate New York is all of the state out-

side of the five boroughs of New York City and Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island. Aunty Jeff differs. She feels, as she believes most Northern New Yorkers do, that the tri-county area of Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties comprise Northern New York, and upstate, as in the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, is south of that area. Northern New York is a term familiar to most residents of Jefferson County.
Aunty Jeff

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I am from Florida, with the state level, county, and then nothing between the incorporated cities, towns, villages. New York State has so many levels of government and layers for document responsibilities that it is confusing. It even changes according to dates. Nothing is constant, or is it just me and the people I talk to?

I am looking for birth, death, land records, along with wills, military service and church affiliations like baptisms, things important to verifying accuracy. When I finally find the correct place they have had a fire and nothing exists to their knowledge. Frustrated, but hoping for clarification. Can you help?

Robert

Dear Robert,

Your problems are hardly unique, and there is no simple way to explain a complicated system. Let's attack the matter of dates. Except for 1847, 1848, and 1849, vital records in New York State began after 1880. Because there was no enforcement for reporting births, marriages and deaths, even when you find some in 1885, by no means can you infer that all events for those years were recorded officially. Until 1880, with the brief exception above, no vital statistics were officially recorded. In 1850, census takers, with all their lacks and faults, began to note every member of a family, but even there, if a family member was not at home on the day the census taker appeared, by law he could not be enumerated.

Inheritance and land records are kept at the county level. That's pretty straightforward for modern (after 1900) times. Jefferson County was formed from Oneida County in 1805. We've just celebrated our bicentennial. There are few land records that early, and some of them might be found in Oneida County, but speaking from experience, some of them are just missing, and can be found neither in Oneida County nor Jefferson.

The society has just published its first will abstracts (see page 18) from 1830 - 1850. There were doubtless earlier wills, but not that we have found in the county court house. Those that are available will be found in the county court house. (cont. on next page)

Most military records can be found at the county court house also. A wonderful exception to that are the records which the towns were directed to keep of the Civil War soldiers in 1865. They vary in quality from town to town. Some of these records are excellent, with information concerning parents (even mothers' maiden names!) and birth dates and places, complete history of the soldier's activities, and enlistment places and home addresses. On the other hand, some towns neglected this duty entirely at the time, and probably had to be nudged by the state to do something. Then, long after the fact, the town clerk (perhaps a new one) obviously couldn't do much, but to try to remember the names of the men who enlisted or were drafted. Even in the best of the records, some questions were never answered. Except for one or two towns, the originals are gone, and copies of most of them can be found on microfilm in Albany. One town's records is filled with "ghost" names. The town fulfilled their duty to enlist so many soldiers by sending in paper names, having nothing to do with the town in question, perhaps copied from some other county's records.

Some, but not all, immigration records are found in the county court house. A reminder: in the good old days of open borders, up to about 1908, Canadians and Americans moved back and forth across the border without benefit of any records. So if Gramma and Grampa moved their family over to Wolfe Island, or if their son, born in Canada, brought his family over to settle in Jefferson County later, no more notice was taken than as if they moved from St. Lawrence County to Jefferson.

Birth, marriage and death records are kept by the town clerk, or city clerk. We have one city in Jefferson County, Watertown. Except for events occurring in Watertown, then, all others will be at the town level. They are becoming harder and harder to view, with new regulations set by the state from time to time.

Villages also have clerks and historians, sometimes the same person as the town clerk or historian, and sometimes an entirely different person and office. These people have no records of interest for you. Hamlets have no government, and their affairs are included in the town records.

Old post offices are really hard to keep track of. Originally they, like common or elementary schools, were about four miles apart, easy walking distance for the farm families that made up Jefferson County's people. With improvement in transportation, and the thinning of farms, the little local post offices were closed one by one by the federal government. Knowledge of them is useful today only in locating the general area of your ancestor's farm. The Narrows, for instance, is long forgotten by everyone but historians, or those descendants who looked it up. An interesting little book is Volume 1 of Ernest Cook's writings: *Forgotten Post Offices*. This is available from Lyme Heritage. Whole villages were wiped off the map by Fort Drum.

There is no accurate listing Aunty Jeff knows of concerning churches. Churches come and go throughout

the county's history. There is no central listing of the records. Some Protestant ministers considered that the records were their property (they wrote the records, therefore the records belonged to them) and took the records with them when they were posted to another church, in another county, or even up here in another country, Canada. Or the church was so disorganized, the clergy were afraid the records would end up as someone's kindling. The clergy are under no obligation to open their records to researchers. Some do, and some don't.

Some knowledgeable researchers consider New York State a wilderness for their lack of records, and since Jefferson County was fairly lately settled, it has more problems that some more civilized areas.

As to the old "the records burned" saw, it's best to consult the town clerk or historian or both as to what fires that town had. Theresa, for instance, had fire after fire, and their records are pretty much destroyed. Lyme, on the other hand, had no record-destroying fires that the present town historian knows of, yet my mother was told, a hundred years ago, that any records she and her sister might have had were burned. The truth of that excuse is that probably the births were never recorded in the first place, falling in that 1880-1900 era.

You have our sympathy. Does this help?
Aunty Jeff



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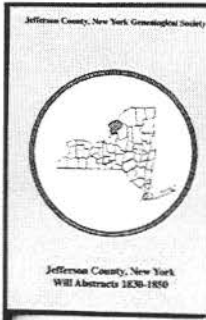
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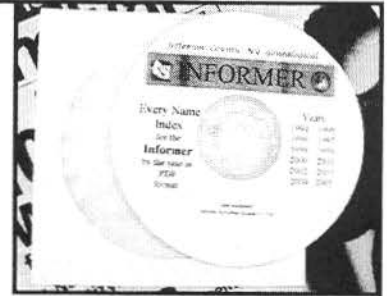
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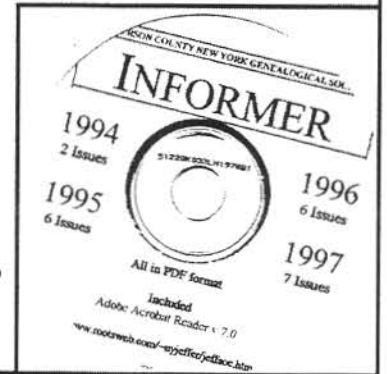


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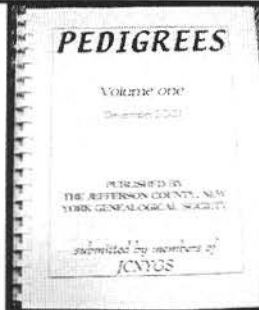
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LERAY SPEECH—4

Northern New York Received Much Leadership, Aid From James LeRay

Philippe de Bausset-Roquefort, Washington Correspondent of Paris Match magazine and a descendant of the LeRay de Chaumont family, spoke at the Jefferson County Historical society annual meeting last week. The last of a series of the speech text is here-with presented.

(From Watertown Daily Times, Feb. 1, 1969)

With gracious permission from the publishers of WDT

By Philippe de Bausset

James de LeRay had been born in the castle of Chaumont on Nov. 13, 1760. He had learned English from Dr. Franklin himself and was a firm believer in the cause of the American colonies.

He crossed the Atlantic with letters from Benjamin Franklin, LaFayette, Rochambeau and others. He was 25 years old. He was to claim from congress the face value of the depreciated paper held not only by his father, but by a large number of other French subjects. He spent nearly four years pleading his cause without any success.

In 1789, he finally asked Benjamin Franklin for his help. His old friend, then, wrote a very beautiful letter to General Washington.

Here are some excerpts of this letter, written one month, exactly, before the beginning of the French revolution:

"My dear Mr. President, writes Benjamin Franklin.... Mr. LeRay de Chaumont, father of the young gentleman who will have the honor of waiting on you with this, was the first in France who gave us credit and, before the court showed us any countenance, trusted us with 2,000 barrels of gunpowder and, from time to time afterwards exerted himself to furnish the congress with supplies of various kinds which, for want of due returns, they being of great amount, has finally much distressed him in circumstances..... He hopes, however, now, that your excellency may prevail to have some settlement made of those accounts, that he may carry home to his father the statement of them; and I rather hope this likewise, that we may thereby be freed from the imputation of adding ingratitude to injustice."

Small Settlement

Records show that a year later, in 1790, he succeeded in obtaining an adjustment for his claim, which amounted only to \$9, 051.33.

Thirty-five years later, in 1825, letters from him indicate that he is again going to Washington to press his claim against the American congress. This time, however, he has no success whatsoever and is forced to

abandon.

His father's fortune had been spent to help the cause of the United States. James, later, and his son Vincent, had a few sour words to describe the way in which they had been treated.

I shall not describe in detail their land investments in this part of your State: I think you know of these only too well.

I would just like to say that both James, Vincent, and his son James did their best to develop this part of the Country.

They are described often as speculators and insofar as they were trying to make a profit on lands that they had bought (and which, incidentally were never given to them), they were doing no more, I think, than any businessman would do, even today.

In a letter written in LeRaysville in February, 1818, James has this to say:

"As early as 1785 I began a settlement in the now flourishing county of Otsego, then a wilderness. I built there the first sawmill, and the first grist mill, and I opened a road. Then, I made sales to settlers at what, everyone called a reasonable price, giving them ten years credit."

He goes on to explain that the real speculators sold their lands for a much higher price while he, most of the time, did not insist on being paid cash.

He certainly wanted to make profits and, indeed, made great profits over the years.

But profit was not his only concern and it is clear that he felt responsible for what he had undertaken. In trying to secure a loan in Europe, to build the Erie canal, he even precipitated the exodus of settlers to the west and played against his own interests.

Society Founded

He created, in October, 1817, the Jefferson County Agricultural society and became later president of both the New York state and the Otsego County Agricultural societies. When the first cattle show and fair was held in Watertown in 1818, he delivered an address, a copy of which he sent to his old friend John Adams.

John Adams' reply was a tinged with humor. Re said: ".... From the style of this address I should not have suspected it to have been written by any other man than a native of this country. Thirty-nine years ago, I little thought I should live to see the heir-apparent to the princely palaces and gardens of Passy, my fellow citizen in the Republican wilderness of America....."

James built roads, mills, bridges and schoolhouses. And although he was a strict observer of the Roman Catholic faith he donated tracts of lands to build Presbyterian and Baptist churches in this area.

All the LeRays were extremely tolerant and it is, I believe one more proof of their vision and their understanding of the diversity of the new continent they were helping to build. There is one last thought that I would like to share with you. Twice throughout this century,

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your country has come to the help of mine. Thousands of American soldiers have gallantly given their lives for France. American money and know-how with the Marshall plan, was the determining factor in restoring our economy after World War II. Today America is the most powerful country on earth and remains the guardian of our freedom.

Both personally and as a French citizen, want to tell you that we do not forget, and that we shall never forget all the sacrifices that you have endured to save us twice from oppression.

I am very proud to recognize that the deep friendship which your country has shown mine, and which, I assure you, my country feels for yours, was made possible since the beginning of your republic, by the contribution of men such as Jacques and James LeRay de Chaumont.

In paying tribute to them tonight, I also want to assure you that you can always count on the special affection of friendship that I and my family will always hold in their hearts for the United States of America.



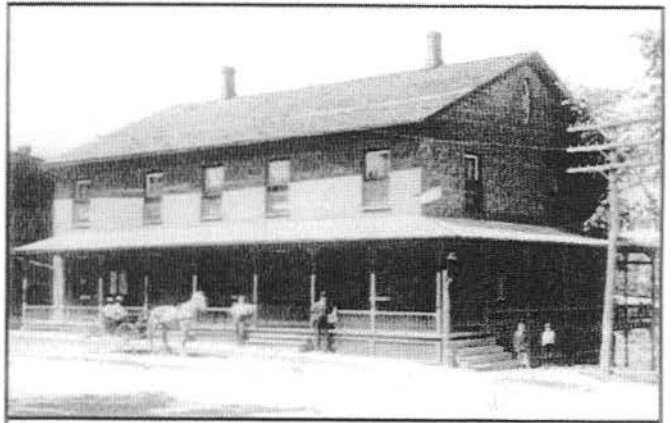
James Donatien Le Ray De Chaumont
b. November 13, 1760
d. December 31, 1840

An Infamous Poker Game

There are many versions of a popular, though not necessarily true, story relating to Evans Mills early history. The story involves John Hoover's inn, George Parish, Madame Maria Amerigo Vespucci, an immigrant who was courted by the reckless John Van Buren, and John Van Buren, who used her to pay off his poker debt at the tavern in Evans Mills.

One version goes something like this. It was a snowy winter's day in 1841 and John Hoover, the inn keeper, opened his doors to several guests seeking shelter from the storm: George Parish, a wealthy businessman from Ogdensburg; Attorney John Van Buren, son of the eighth President of the U.S., and his lady friend, Maria Amerigo Vespucci, supposed to be a descendant of Amerigo Vespucci for whom America was named.

Legend has it that Prince John, as the president's son was called, had three vices: wine, women and cards. These vices were all in evidence during his stay at the John Hoover Inn. After negotiating a business deal with Mr. Parish for an Albany client, Van Buren and Parish celebrated with wine and a card game. Drinking heavily, Prince John was no match at cards for the clearer-headed George Parish, and he lost all the money he had with him, including the money his client had given him to negotiate the land deal. Finally, noticing that Mr. Parish admired his female companion, Van Buren offered to flip a coin to decide the winner—putting up Madame Vespucci as his wager against the money Parish had won from him. His luck was no better at the coin toss than it had been with the cards, and Mr. Parish drove away from the inn with the lady at his side. Apparently, however, she convinced Parish to return the client's money to Mr. Van Buren before they left. Thus the land negotiations came to nothing. A version of this story forms part of W. G. Kellogg's novel *Parish's Fancy*, published in 1929. A copy of the story is also available on the menu of the present day John Hoover Inn in Evans Mills.



John Hoover's Inn or the Brick Hotel
On the west side of Main Street in Evans Mills
Provided lodging for travelers and visitors

The Town of LeRay From a 1976 Bicentennial Publication

“Our Town”

The first inhabitants of our town were the Oneida and the Onondaga Indians who traveled to Canada and the north from the Hudson and Mohawk Valley. Remnants of their camps have been found and excavated.

The original name of the Indian River was O-Je-quack, "the river of nuts".

The town of LeRay was settled in 1803 by a company under Benjamin Brown... It was formed from the town of Brownville and now consists of about 52,850 acres. The Town of Antwerp (1810) and the Town of Wilna (1813) were once part of the Town of LeRay. The town of Philadelphia was also part of our town at one time.

Our most famous land mark, The LeRay Mansion was first constructed in 1822 and is now used as the home of V.I.P. visitors to Fort Drum.

In 1834, Joseph Bonaparte purchased a tract of land on Indian River between Evans Millis and Theresa, where a city named Joachim was to be built. His dream never materialized.

Joseph Bonaparte, King of Spain, built a stone mansion for his sweetheart, Anne Savage, overlooking Indian River on the ridge above Ansted's Bridge.

125 years ago the Town of LeRay boasted a population of 3383, with 148 1/2 miles of public road, and 19 school districts serving 1247 children. Agricultural statistics showed 998 horses, 1528 oxen, 3258 cows, 17,787 sheep and 1530 swine.

In 1877 the state apportioned \$2,097.00 for public schools in LeRay.

In 1912, the total of expenditures for the town was \$8,234.00, which included \$543.00 for the poor.

The Settlement of Sanfords Corners was renamed Calcium.

LeRaysville, once a thriving community, supported a saw mill, cheese and cheese box factory and an axe helve factory. In 1915 the population reached 105. There was also a small settlement at Slocumville, about a mile west of LeRaysville, on Pleasant Creek.

In 1940 Pine Camp was greatly expanded, LeRaysville and many other acres of the Town of LeRay were purchased by the Federal Government. Pine Camp later

became Camp Drum and recently was renamed Fort Drum. The inhabitants reluctantly had to give up their farms and homes and move to other locations.

(From the same 1976 Bicentennial publication)

DID YOU KNOW. . . .

. that, in 1846, the name of Evans Mills was changed to Evansville, but five years later it was restored to its original name?

. that Evans Mills claimed a State Senator, one John W. Tamblin, in 1848?

. that about sixty years ago there were, in our village, 3 dry goods stores, 2 shoe stores, 2 drug stores, 2 feed stores, 1 millinery, 1 jewelry store, 1 paint and oil store, 2 hardware stores, 1 general and grocery store, 1 bakery, 2 coal dealers and 2 hotels with daily rates at \$1.50?

Robert Boucher And The New Leray Town Historian's Quarters

Robert Boucher (Boo-shay) is justifiably proud of the new Leray Town Historian's quarters. Two years in the refurbishing, the old Masonic rooms are now light and bright, with newly painted original antique metal ceiling and varnished floors. He inherited a four drawer filing cabinet full of folders from his predecessor containing family files, material on the old town of Leray, and other file folders. We did not take time to go through all his materials, since he is too new to have gone through them all himself.

Workmen are still finishing his office, and have details to take care of in the main room, which will be a museum. He hopes to be open for business some time this summer. Downstairs is occupied by the Evans Mills Library, while Mr. Boucher has all of the upstairs for museum and office. He brought out cartons of books for us to look at including a selection of high school annuals. The schools were centralized some time ago into the Indian River School district so the annuals end with that date. A sample of the boxes showed us scrapbooks on Leray history, a published history of Gouverneur, French's Gazetteer of NYS, Evert's Jefferson County History, pictures and maps.

Mr. Boucher has a degree from SUNY Plattsburg, is a member of the Leray Town Board, and is very interested in his historian's position. He recognizes family history as a part of Leray history, and was extremely helpful to our investigation of his resources. We look forward to returning when he has moved into his office, and arranged his files.

Jefferson County Queries

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Sternaman, Walker, Gardner, Adams

I was hoping to find a marriage for Peter **Sternaman** (Jr.) to Cora Alvira **Walker** (dau of William T. and Esther A. <**Gardner**> **Walker**). The marriage took place 1 April 1885, and I suspect that it took place somewhere near Adams. I am looking for another marriage too, which might prove to be harder to find. I am looking for Enos Wells **Gardner** married to Ruth **Adams** between 1850-1854, I'm assuming near Adams, also. If these might not be obtainable, could you direct me to the correct office that holds these records? Thank you so much for your time,

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Van Horn, Giblin, Wilcox

I am looking for information on my great-grandfather, Joseph **Van Horn**. According to my late father, Joseph **Van Horn** remarried a woman named Salome after the death of my great-grandmother (Mary Irons **Van Horn**, who died in 1917), and relocated from New Jersey to Carthage, NY, where he operated a printing business. He had three children by his first wife, Emma **Van Horn Giblin** (my grandmother, who died in 1950); Ethel **Van Horn Wilcox**, who relocated to Alabama, and died in 1984; and a daughter who died as a child, about 1900. Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. I stand ready to reimburse any costs for printing and postage. Thank you for your assistance.

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Forest, Forrest

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Haskins, Emerson, Person, Haskins

What is the maiden name of Cynthia, wife of Aaron **Haskins**? Aaron **Haskins** was born in February 1824, probably in Ellisburg, Jefferson County, NY. He died October 20, 1899, in Boulder Creek, California. He and his wife Cynthia and baby son, William, are in the 1850 census of Bloomfield, Walworth, Wisconsin. At

time of death he left his wife Cynthia, 4 sons and 2 daughters. I believe there is some relationship to the **Emerson** family of Ellisburg. Martha Lavina **Person**, born October 24, 1828, married Silas Lorenzo **Emerson** on August 29, 1847, when they are both "of Ellisburg". They and family are also found in the Bloomfield, Walworth, Wisconsin, census of 1850. A 19 year old Asa **Person** is in the **Haskins** household. Who are parents of Martha Lavina **Person**? I believe she is related to Reverend Cornelius Gray **Person**, the Universalist clergyman of Ellisburg, Henderson, etc.

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Seventh Field Artillery

Where can I find information on the battalion of the Seventh Field Artillery. They were stationed at Sackets Harbor, New York, town of Hounsfield. Thank you.

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Armstrong

I am having trouble finding out where I send for the following birth certificate; Richard L. **Armstrong** born Jan 28, 1848 in Edwardsburg, Sackets Harbor, Jefferson, New York.

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Campbell, Stone, Cheney, Cole

I am searching for information on this family and any collateral relatives: Samuel Reed **Campbell** b. 1807 RI or MA d. 15 Jul 1876 Shiawasee Co., MI m. Mary Kendall Stone b. 1806 MA d. between 1880 and 1900; children: Washington abt 1832 Sacket Harbor, Jefferson, NY; Henry Edward abt 1834 Sacket Harbor, Jefferson, NY; Loren E 15 Feb 1837 Pillar Point/Sacket Harbor, Jefferson, NY; Augusta Melvina 10 Dec 1840 Sacket Harbor, Jefferson, NY; Franklin 15 Feb 1848 New York; Luella abt 1849 New York. Washington disappeared and we assume d. young. Henry m. Lydia A. and they had 3 children, Minnie A., Fred H., and May A. Loren m. Lucretia Jane **Cheney** and they had 4 children, Alice Julie, George S., Loren Jr., and Frank E. Augusta m. Adoniram Judson **Cole** and they had 4 children, Belle Francis, Edward Judson,

Luella A., and Grace E. Franklin and Luella disappeared and we assume they died young. Will share what I have.

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Green, Greene

In my mother's ancestry, she has told that Gen. Nathanael **Greene**, 1742-1786, of the American Revolution, was her great [+3] uncle. However, in tracking the **Greene** lineage, I find that Nathanael **Greene's** first cousin, Rufus **Greene**, 1748-1831, was born in Warwick, RI, married Margaret **Buckhart** in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co NY, and died in 1831 in Hounsfield, NY.

Theodore D. **Green** [my great grand father] was born in Jefferson County NY, Sept. 30, 1833, and died Oct 31, 1913 at Ashland Wisconsin. There are two generations in between.

1.] Caleb **Greene**, born in 1775, son of Rufus **Greene**; Caleb **Greene** / ADAMS, NY -23-14-30, Jefferson County NY / Will Testators.

2.] T. **Green**, father of Theodore D. **Green** [on Theodore **Green's** death certificate].

Page 1, line 8: Anne **Green**, mother W fem, age 72 yrs housekeeper NY, CON NY

1880 Wisconsin Census, district 3, ED no. 148, Ashland [city], county of Ashland.

I have nothing to directly link Caleb **Green** with T. **Green** as father and son, and therefore I lack the data and sources to verify the chronology of names and dates that I have here. Therefore, my weakest link is in Jefferson County, that is, the two generations between Rufus **Greene** and Theodore D. **Green**.

All four generations were present in Jefferson County NY during the four decades of 1800-1840.

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Brush

I am in search of information about some ancestors of mine who lived in Clayton, Jefferson County, New York. Their names were Adonijah and Ann **Brush**. Adonijah was born about 1792 in Massachusetts, Ann about 1797 in Canada East (Quebec). The only two children that I know of were both born in New York State: Alfred **Brush** born in 1832 and Emily **Brush** born in 1842. It is likely there were more than two kids. The only thing we have that places the family in Clayton is a brief mention of Adonijah in connection with the Third Methodist Church that appears to have a date of about 1854.

I found a short article about a group of 18 families who migrated together from Clayton to Berrien County, Michigan in 1844. The name **Brush** was not included in the (incomplete) list of surnames, but I found it intriguing because by 1860 the whole **Brush** family is in Watervliet, Berrien Co., Mich.

Unfortunately this is all we know about these folks. I would be so pleased if you could help me to find anything more about them: Are there any church records, land ownership data, cemetery transcriptions, local

censuses, poll lists or tax rolls in Jefferson County that give any glimpse into this family? How can I learn about the history of the Third Methodist Church and where it was located?

I had been wondering how a boy from Massachusetts and a girl from Quebec could have possibly met and married in those days, until I read that Clayton was quite an international place even at that time with a great deal of commercial and political interaction with Canada. Now I think they met in Clayton and married there, putting them in Clayton before 1832. If they married there (in a Methodist church?), would there be any way to find out Ann's maiden name?

Can you give me any suggestions whom else to contact? Please pass this along to everyone who can help me. Thank you so much for your help. I appreciate your efforts very much.

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Pattridge

I am looking for information about my ancestors with the surname **Patridge**. My earliest proven link is Rufus W. **Patridge** born in New York in 1831. I have not been able to find where in the state he was born. He later moved to Michigan where he married 3 times, served in the Civil War, and was buried in Michigan. I would like to know who his parents were.

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Hague

I am seeking information on a Thomas Hague in Jefferson County, New York. Unknown parents. He is listed in the 1850 N.Y. census of Jefferson County of Lyme as Thomas Haig. {note spelling} age 11 years, born in New York. Thomas is with his brother, George Haig, age 12 years, born in New York. They are living with the Thomas and Mary Gill family, who are from England. The 1860 census states his name as Thomas Haige. The 1865 State census states his name as Thomas Hague. Thomas Hague eventually married Amelia Shaver, who was living with her parents at the next farm as shown in the 1850 census. Have information from 1960 to present. Above is my brick-wall.

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JCNYGS To Publish Pedigree Charts Vol. 2

The JCNYGS plans to publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We are asking that those who have a Jefferson County, NY connection and whose pedigrees were not published in Volume 1 submit their most up-to-date pedigree chart for publication in Volume 2. We will give preference to those charts which have been computer generated, but legible hand-written charts will also be accepted. We ask that the pedigrees be limited to 2 pages and that the submitters name and address should appear on each chart. Submitting the chart implies permission to publish. Send as soon as possible to:

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Letters.....

Letters to the editor may be directed to nandixon@gisco.net or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

I have the Randles Family Bible with births, deaths and marriages from 1883 to 1951. I am trying to reunite it with it's family. The bible apparently belonged to Charles Joseph Randles and his wife Lena Louise Tolman who were married in Watertown, Wed, June 12 1907. Also includes Briggs, Bertof and Stackel surnames as well. It also has a bookmark from Tacoma, WA, the residence of their son. It is a 1897 Oxford Self-pronouncing King James Bible printed in Great Britain. A page in the back has a label in the shape of a book that says "Robinsons, Watertown, NY"

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Our thanks to JCNYGS member Lynn Thornton for the many Fort Drum related pictures that we have used in this issue of the *Informer*.

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

What's Going on with JCNYS April 10 Meeting

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

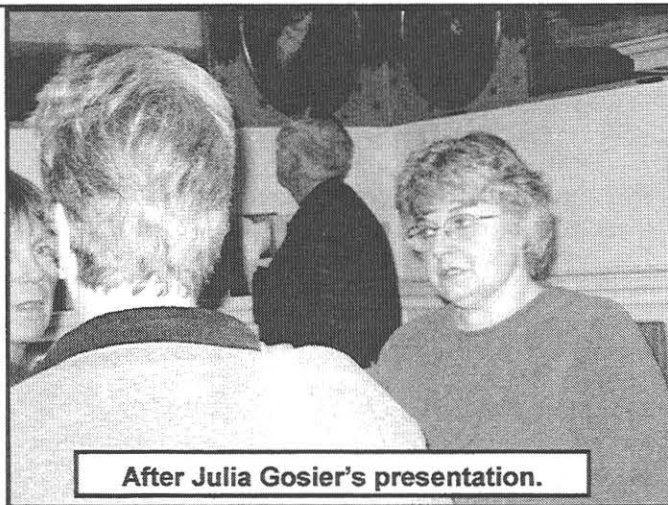
Julia Gosier presented the evening's program. She described the finding of over 3,000 glass plate negatives and the efforts she has made to document them. Many of the photographs were taken by brother and sister, Oliver and Theodocia Wilcox, for the Orin Johnson studio. Tim Abel, of the Jefferson County Historical Society, has been able to reproduce photographs from the negatives, and he will continue to work on them, probably through the fall. The intention is to create a CD of all the images—portraits, ships, islands, buildings, etc—and offer prints of individual pictures for sale. At this time, the price per 8 X 10 photo is estimated to be \$12. The collection has been indexed by Julia.

Julia brought samples of the prints to show the audience. She also brought two sets of coroner's reports (and the index) for members to browse through. This is the collection for which Al Seymour has created an every name index in CD format. The coroners' reports are a part of the Board of Supervisors' minutes for the years 1881-1954. The coroner was required to file a report for any unattended death (meaning any death which occurred when a doctor was not in attendance or for which the deceased was not under a doctor's care) and any violent death (including accidents).

Julia also mentioned that in the same location the glass plate negatives were found, she discovered a book containing the minutes of a local G.A.R. unit, from their first meeting to their last.



JCNYS members talk with Julia Gosier after her talk on the glass plate negatives.

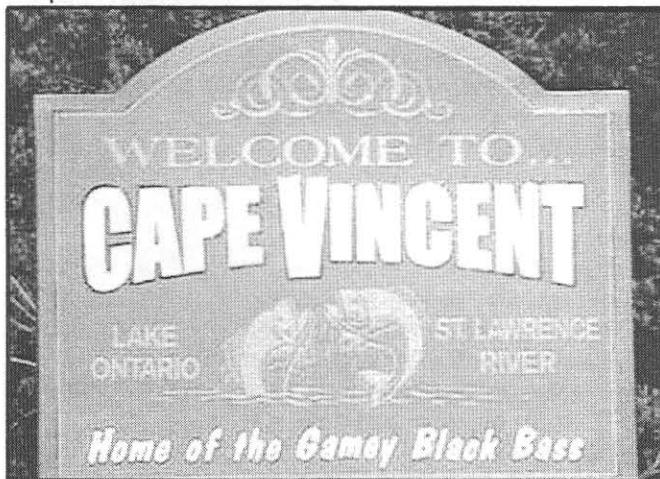


After Julia Gosier's presentation.

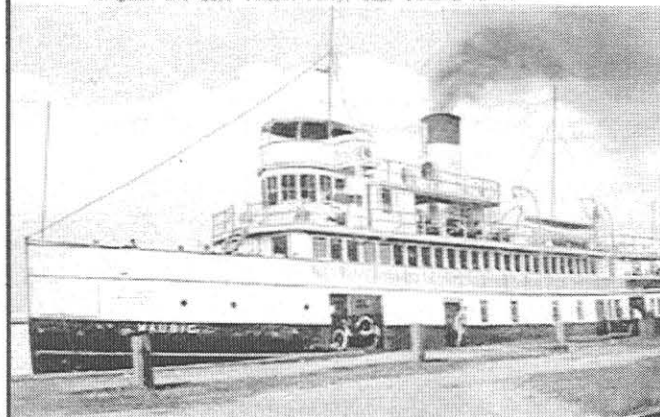
What's Going on with JCNYS May 8 Meeting

From President Malinich's Notes

Mary Hamilton, a Cape Vincent Historian, presented the evening's program. She told many interesting stories and anecdotes of life along the River far back in history. She was accompanied by Peter Margray, the Cape Vincent Town Historian.



Kingston and Cape Vincent Ferry, Cape Vincent, N. Y.



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Minutes of April 10, 2006 Meeting

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by vice-president Jerry Davis. Eighteen people were present. The secretary's report was read and approved on a motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Pauline Zach. The treasurer's report was read by Hollis Dorr and approved on a motion by Bill Dixon, second by Nan Dixon.

Corresponding Secretary: Clancy has sent out a number of emails in reply to mail he has received. He has also been able to email our membership application to those he contacts. Clancy has also noticed that the mail included several orders for the Will Book.

Repository: Nan says there are too many Informers in the repository, over 200 of some issues. She feels we need a maximum of 25 copies of each issue. She suggests that we mail out some of these extras to various libraries and societies to generate interest in the JCNYGS. She also created a set of one of each issue and donated it to the City of Watertown's Historian's office. Other suggestions from the floor included one that we bundle the extra issues, by year or some other way, and offer them for sale at a discounted price. Nan had another suggestion—to give away the City directories and old periodicals we now have in our repository. This will free up space and also make the materials available to more people; now they are only available once a month to those who come to the meetings. She will write up a list of suggestions and guide lines for the Repository and bring to the next meeting for discussion. She is working in the Repository most Monday afternoons.

Publicity: Phyllis sent out the usual media notices.

Program: Phyllis has arranged programs through the summer. A list is printed on the back of the agenda. It was suggested by several people that one of the field trips—Oct or Nov be to Fort Drum. Lynn Thornton will try to make the arrangements.

Publications:

Pedigree Book 2: Lynn Thornton has agreed to take on the project of sorting through the genealogies, creating an every name index, and getting the volume published.

Pedigree Book 1: Bill was able to get 25 books printed at Benjamin Printers for \$294, or \$11.76 each. They will be sold for \$15 apiece, plus S & H if ordered by mail. Bill placed 15 copies in the Repository.

Will Book: Hollis has sold four or five books since our last meeting, bring the total sold to about 80 copies.

Newsletter: Bill suggested that the focus of the July issue be on Fort Drum. This was agreeable to those present.

Genealogical Collection: Work on the collection will have to wait until Nan gets the Repository in shape.

Membership: Clancy reported that we have a few new members.

Resources Committee: In March, Bill, Nan and Jean visited Robert Boucher, the village of Evans Mills and Town of LeRay Historian.

Old Business: Clancy distributed information about the ATTAIN lab's classes on Heritage Quest. Members can call for information or to sign up for a class.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 following a motion by Clancy Hopkins and a second by Hollis Dorr.

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Minutes of May 8, 2006 Meeting

From President Malinich's Notes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by president Linda Malinich.

Eighteen people were present. The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Repository: Nan is still working at organizing the repository.

Program: Phyllis announced that Nan Dixon would give a talk on the Maps of Jefferson County for the July program. Shawn Doyle of Half-Shire will present his program on Researching our Canadian-Irish ancestors in September.

Publications:

Pedigree Book 2: Lynn Thornton is making good progress on organizing Book 2.

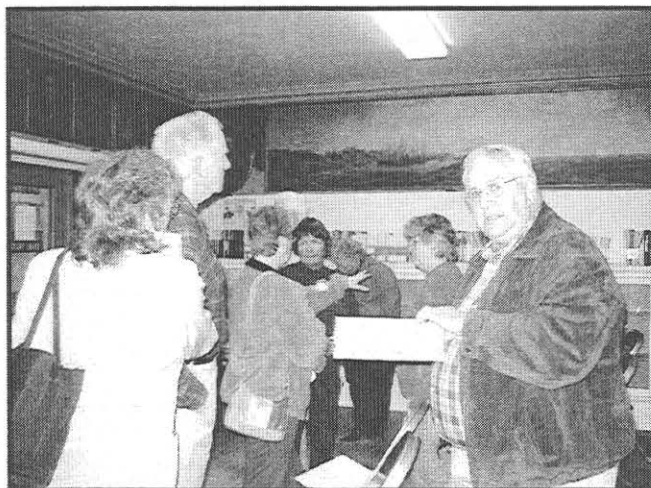
Will Book: 80 Books have been sold to date.

Newsletter: Bill and Nan Dixon went on a tour of the museum at Fort Drum. (The trip was an escorted one.)

Old Business:

Will Books: Jon Holcombe made a motion that we donate up to 15 of the Will Books to larger libraries such as the State Library in Albany and the NEHGS. Discussion followed. Motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.



JCNYGS Members discuss genealogy
After the evenings meeting

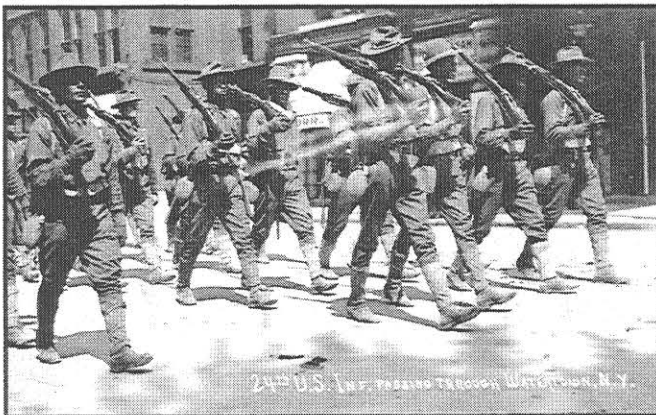
Fort Drum Military History Before 1984

Two hundred years ago, on March 28, 1805, Jefferson County (NY) officially came into existence. Throughout this two-century time span, there has been an element of military history, entwined in the broader, general history of Jefferson County; the battle of Sackets Harbor in the War of 1812; to the raising of volunteer units for the Union Army during the Civil War; the early 20th Century establishment of military training grounds between Black River and Deferiet; the construction of Pine Camp; the activation of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum.

Indeed, Fort Drum itself will be recognizing its 100th Anniversary in a scant 2 years. It was in late August and early September of 1907, that elements of the New York State National Guard conducted the first documented large scale maneuvers on the lands currently occupied by Fort Drum. The 1st, 2nd and 10th Regiments of the 3rd Brigade, National Guard of New York, participated in a week-long series of maneuvers referred to as "Camp Hughes", in honor of then New York governor, George Evans Hughes.

The success of this training, and the suitability of the training area was such, that a larger scale, albeit still only one week duration, training exercise of Guardsmen, this time including units from outside of New York state, was conducted the following year (1908), again on the pine plains. Again, the encampment was a huge success, and the acquisition of additional training land, specifically for long-term military use, was initiated.

In 1910, summer training at Pine Camp was again conducted; this time involving, among other National Guard units, two regular army units composed of the so-called "Buffalo Soldiers."



The 24th Infantry Regiment (stationed at Madison Barracks, 1908-11) and the 10th Cavalry Regiment, (stationed at Camp Ethan Allen in Vermont), both con-

ducted training on the pine plains. The 10th Cavalry, in fact, conducted a road-march from Camp Ethan Allen to Pine Camp for the maneuvers, and returned, by train following completion of the training. Several photo images of the 10th Cavalry mounted columns moving through the villages of Lowville and Carthage are in the photo archives of the Fort Drum Historical Collection.

United States entry into WW 1 saw the birth of a number of famous divisions and smaller units, many of which established an affiliation with the training area, commonly referred to as Pine Camp subsequent to the end of WW I. The 26th (Yankee) Division, the 27th (O'Ryan's) Division, and the 42nd (Rainbow) Division all utilized the large range and maneuver areas available here in Jefferson County at various times over the last 85 years.

The 15th Artillery Regiment, activated in Syracuse in the spring of 1917, trained briefly at Pine Camp in September of 1917. Its linear descendent, 2nd Battalion, 15th Regiment is currently assigned to the 10th Mountain Division.

During the interwar years, 1919-1939, Pine Camp grew as a summer training facility for the New York National Guard, as well as units from New England and the Middle States, including the 28th and 29th Divisions.

Semi-permanent wooden buildings, mostly stables, but including a commissary and post exchange, were constructed in the area immediately east of (what was to become) NYS Route 26, north of and adjacent to the Black River, and immediately south of Wheeler-Sack Airfield during the mid-1920s.

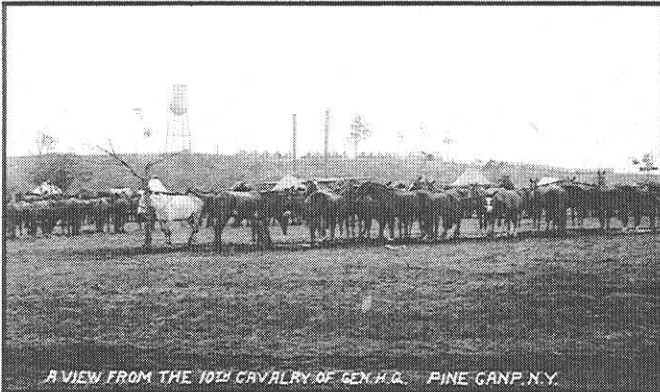
The airfield itself was established in the early 1920s, originally as nothing more than a large, roughly flat, dirt "X" scratched out in a field, with a few rough wooden administrative buildings constructed nearby. It was named "Wheeler-Sack Field" in 1927, following the accidental death of two 27th Division airmen, whose Curtis Jenny bi-plane crashed during summer maneuvers by the New York National Guard at Pine Camp. As late as 1935, the commercial airfield near Dexter, NY, was considered as more usable as a staging area for military aircraft during large-scale maneuvers.

In the early 1930's a number of modest sized, concrete block storage buildings were constructed for National Guard use just east of NY State Route 26 north of the Black River bridge at Great Bend. These were subsequently nicknamed stone city, and still largely existed until the mid-1990s.

Large scale maneuvers at Pine Camp, in 1935, and in the area north and east of Pine Camp in 1940, saw participation of Army National Guard divisions and Regular Army Divisions, including: the 1st, 26th, 27th, 29th, 43rd and 44th divisions, (Continued on pg. 6)

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Including: the 1st, 26th, 27th, 29th and 44th divisions, and featured the introduction of mechanized tanks alongside the horse-mounted Cavalry and horse-drawn artillery, which had trained here in Jefferson County since the Camp Hughes maneuvers of 1907.

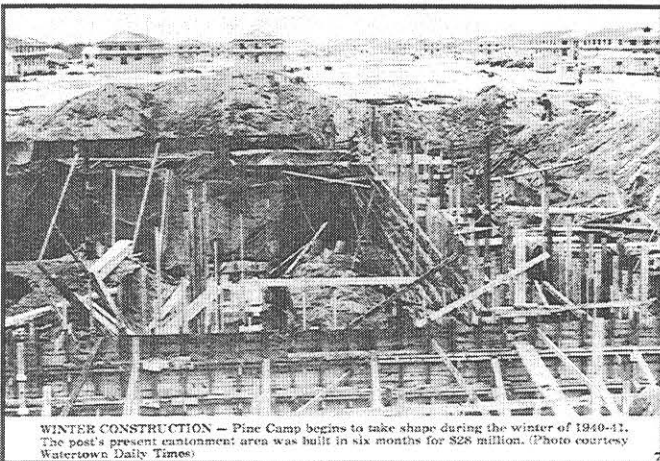


A VIEW FROM THE 10th CAVALRY OF GEN. H.Q. PINE CAMP, N.Y.

The 121st Cavalry (New York National Guard), with sub-elements stationed in Albany, Utica, Syracuse, and Rochester is one of the better known horse-soldier units to have routinely trained at Pine Camp between WW I and WW II.

During the inter-war period, Pine Camp was also a locale for summer training of participants in the Reserve Officers Training Corps from a number of notable universities, including: Cornell, Princeton, and Norwich.

With the formal eruption of hostilities in Europe in 1939, the United States began to expand its armed forces, and simultaneously to expand its training facilities. The physical expansion of the area around Pine Camp was similar to the expansion of army facilities in many other states, North Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin, to name a few.



WINTER CONSTRUCTION — Pine Camp begins to take shape during the winter of 1940-41. The post's present cantonment area was built in six months for \$28 million. (Photo courtesy Watertown Daily Times)

In October of 1940 the construction of a new federal training facility for the Army, retaining the name "Pine Camp", was initiated. This construction, largely completed in the ensuing ten months, resulted in a large

garrison cantonment located west of what is now NY State Route 26, north of and adjacent to the Black River, to within a mile of the village of Black River. In addition to major improvements to Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield, family housing, consisting of approximately seventy-five buildings, and a station hospital, capable of servicing an entire division, were established.

The War Department had recognized a need for larger land areas for training, both in large scale maneuver, and for use of more powerful, longer-ranged artillery, based on the observation of the results of *Blitzkrieg* warfare in Europe.

The famous 4th Armored Division was activated at Pine Camp on April 15, 1941, and spent the ensuing 17 months training on the pine trees and sand, which characterized the installation. General George Patton, incidentally, was the 4th AD commander, and never set foot on Pine Camp.

In June 1941, the 754th Tank Battalion was activated at Pine Camp. This unit, equipped with the M-3 light tank, trained alongside the 4th Armored Division for six months, before being dispatched to the south Pacific in January, 1942. Between April 1941 and December 1943, Pine Camp hosted the 45th Infantry Division, the 5th Armored Division, and was the birthplace of several separate battalions. These smaller units, formally activated at Pine Camp, included: the 707th and 772nd Tank Battalions, the 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion, and the 258th Field Artillery Battalion. Separate infantry, artillery, and quartermaster battalions were also activated at Pine Camp during WW II. A confinement facility for Italian and German prisoners of war was also in existence, adjacent to the railhead at the southwest corner of Pine Camp, from September 1943 until May 1946. While the 1209th C.S.U. administered Pine Camp itself, the POW facility was operated by the 1277th S.G.S.U., both of which fell under the Second Service Command.

Following the end WW II, Pine Camp resumed its mission as a seasonal training ground for the National Guard and the occasional Regular Army units. Seasonal included winter, and between 1948 and 1953, included the 11th and 82nd Airborne Divisions from the Regular Army conducting winter maneuvers in the North Country. Also, during the Korean War, a Tennessee National Guard unit, the 278th Regimental Combat Team, was federalized by President Truman, and had major elements station at Pine Camp, which in 1951 was renamed Camp Drum. The 278th, which had its regimental headquarters in Camp Devens, Massachusetts during this period, departed Camp Drum in 1953.

For the next three decades, prior to the expansion of Fort Drum in the mid-1980s, the focus again was primarily National Guard and Army Reserve training. During this time, the New York 27th Division transformed into the 27th Armored Division for two decades.

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The New Jersey National Guard's 50th Armored Division also learned to call Camp Drum 'home'. The 76th, 77th and 78th Divisions of the Army National Guard also utilized Camp Drum (Fort Drum after 1974) for their annual training.

During the period of official U.S. participation in combat in Vietnam, Camp Drum, as the installation was then known, was essentially a seasonal training area for the National Guard and Reserves. The most salient exception to that statement occurred in the spring of 1966. During April and May of 1966, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, which had been activated at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, the previous year, re-located to Jefferson County prior to its deployment to Vietnam. Although Fort Drum is not without swamps, the 196 LIB soldiers were somewhat shocked to find themselves preparing for heat, jungles, and swamps of Vietnam by conducting maneuvers at Camp Drum...in the snow. Coincidentally enough, two units then assigned to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, the 4-31 Infantry and 17th Cavalry, now have their linear descendants in the 10th Mountain Division.

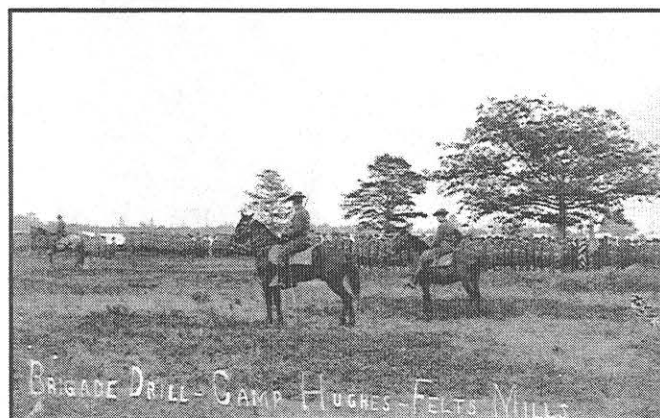
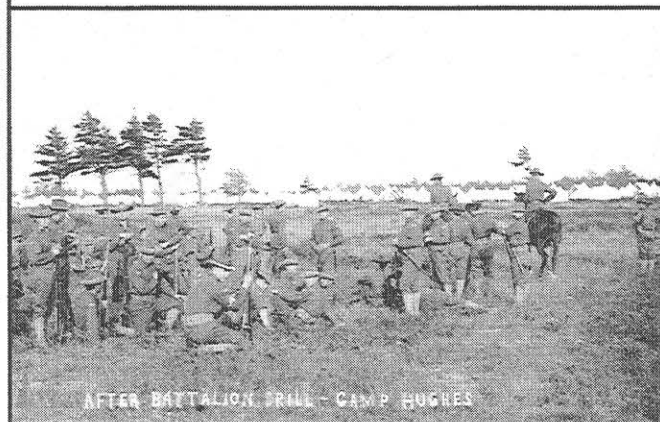
And again, the Regular Army periodically dispatched units for training in the heart of Jefferson County. The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) had an infantry battalion training at Camp Drum during the summers of both 1973 and 1974. While no longer on 'jump status' at that time, the 101st found itself, in 1973, sharing Camp Drum with a battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division, which was on jump status, and had, in fact, made a mass tactical jump into Camp Drum to initiate its training on the installation. In 1977, soldiers from the Special Forces Group headquarters stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, conducted the first night tactical parachute jump at Fort Drum. The last mass tactical airdrop conducted at Fort Drum was by 2-325 Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, in 1988.

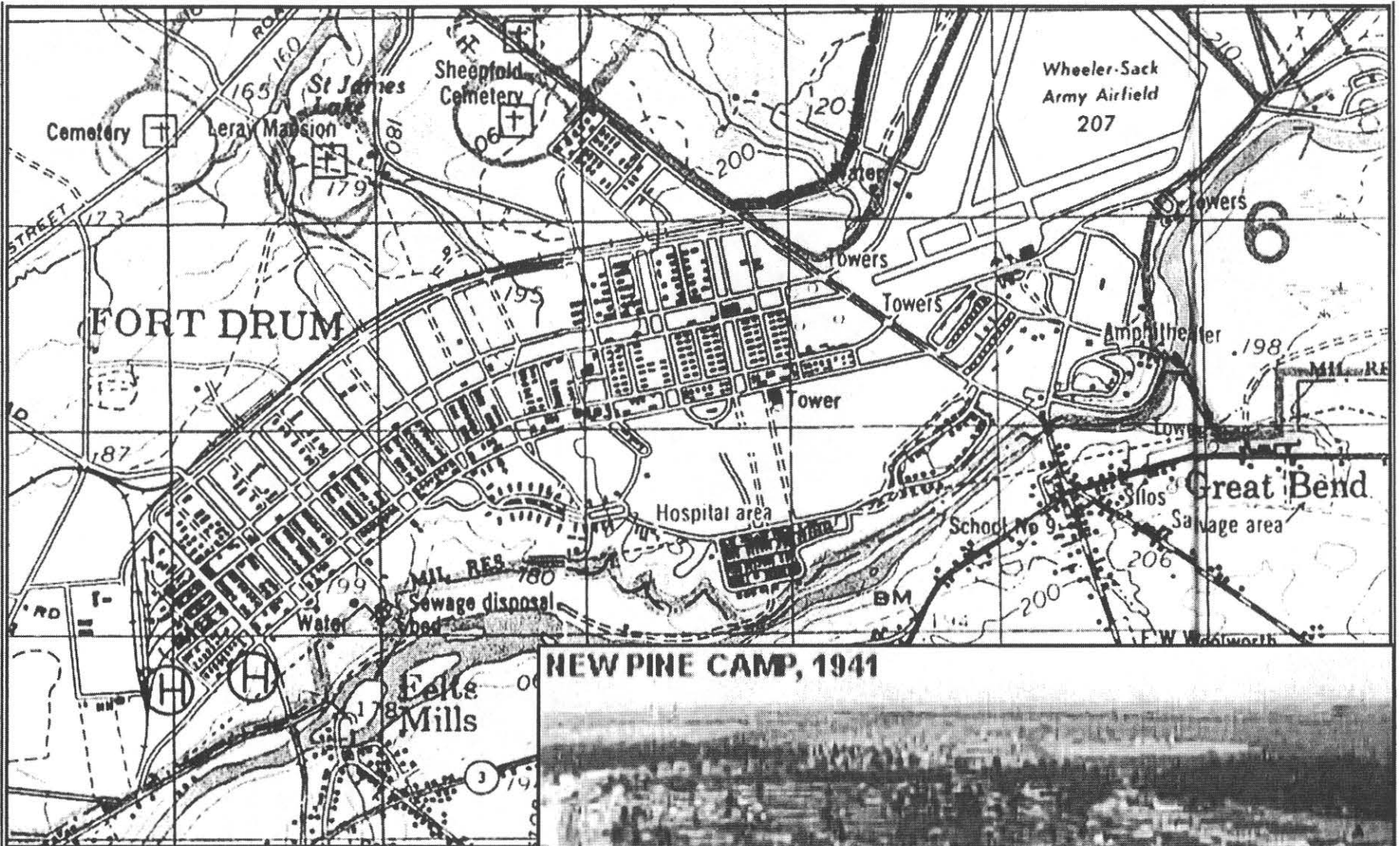
Besides the aforementioned units, literally hundreds of smaller separate, non-divisional and divisional units representing Regular Army and Army National Guard (49th Armored Division, Texas National Guard, for example) have a shared history of training at Fort Drum. Additionally, foreign military units, and units from our other Armed Services, Air Force, Air National Guard, Naval, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps Reserve have also utilized the training resources of this installation, in some cases, for nearly a half century.

Fort Drum has a military history. And it didn't just start in 1984.



Camp Hughes Pictures





NEW PINE CAMP, 1941



This map and picture show Pine Camp as constructed from late 1939 to early 1942 for use during world war II.

Information on Fort Drum has been in the past issues of our *Informer* as listed below.

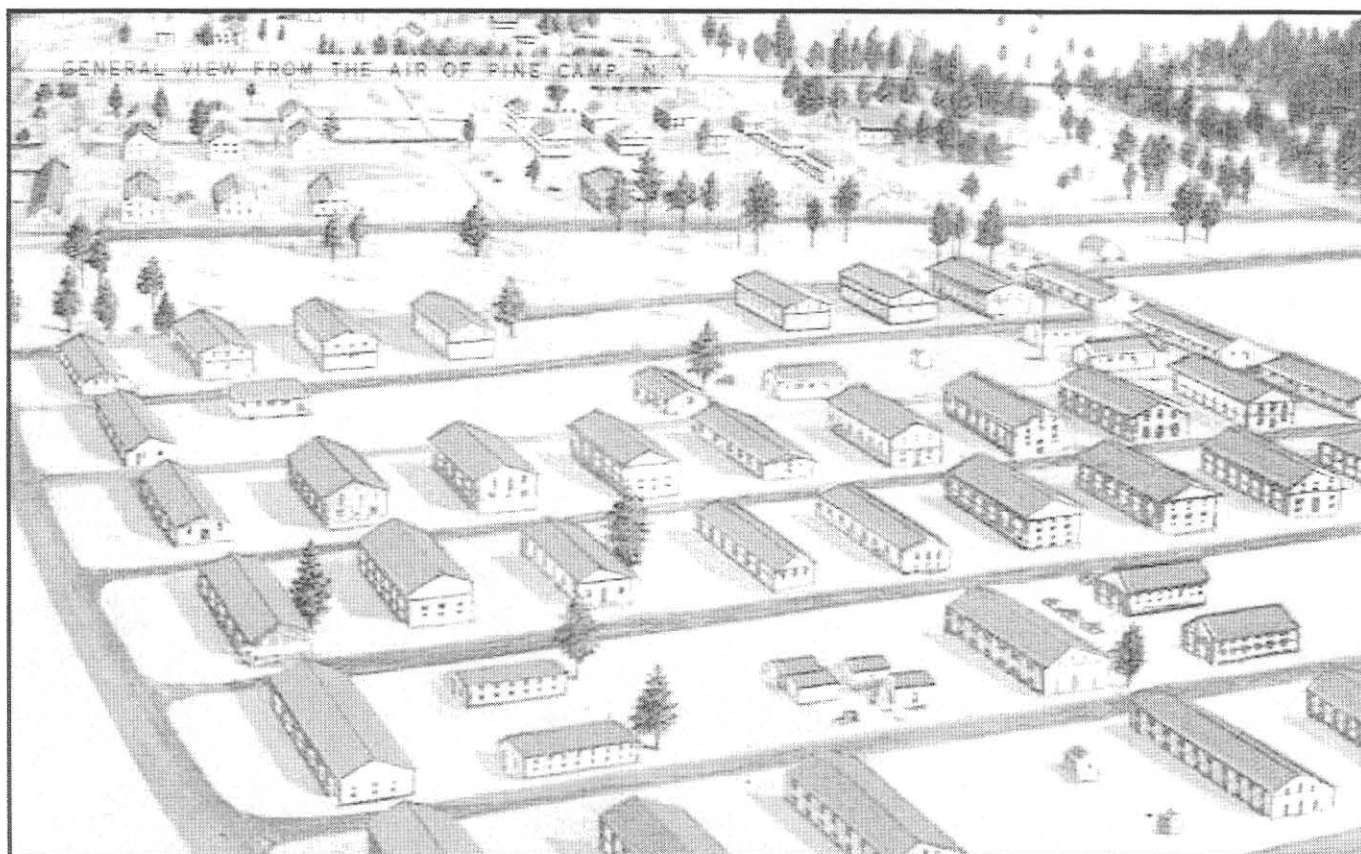
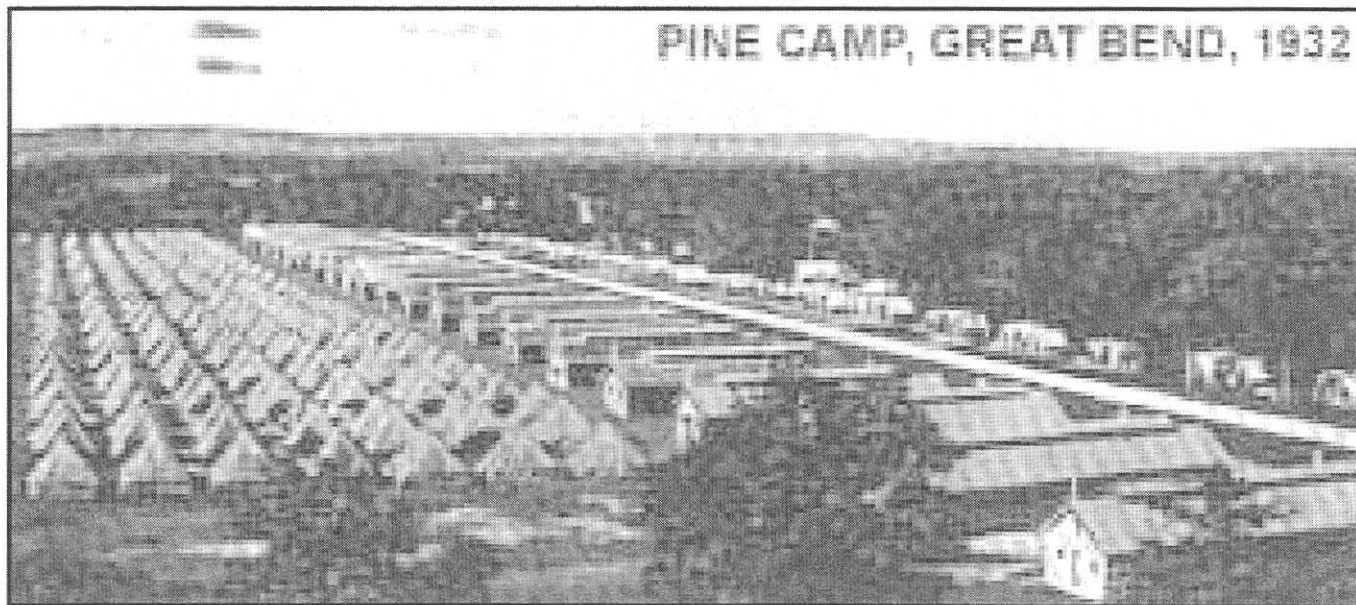
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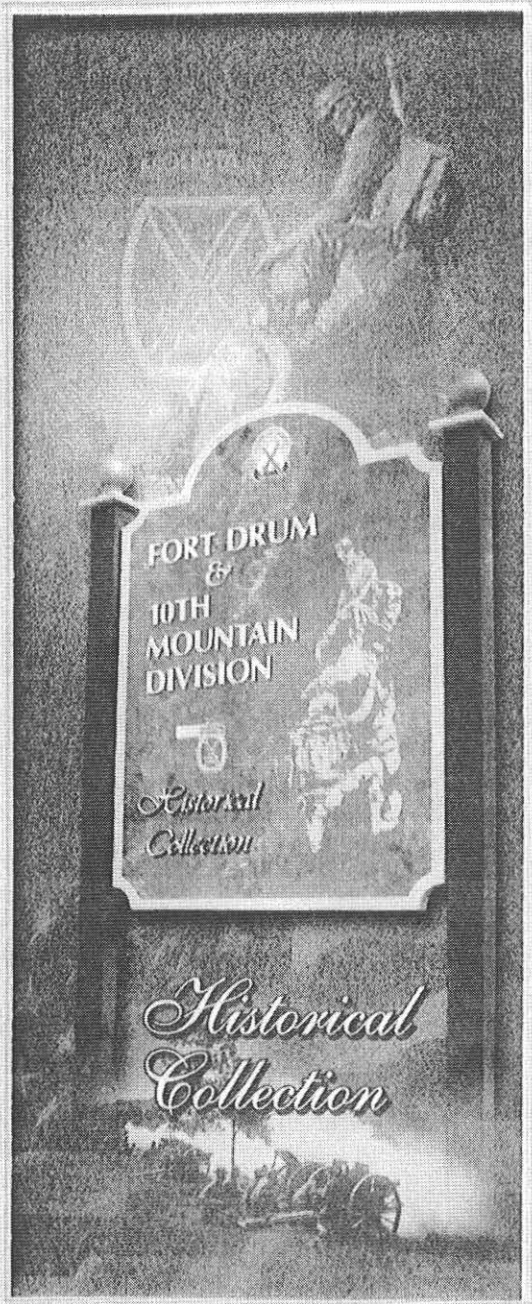
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The 1996 issues include material on the "lost villages."





U.S. M-4A3E8 "Sherman" Medium Tank, WWII era

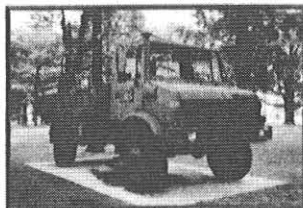
The Historical Collection at Fort Drum has the mission of telling the history of the installation and recognizing the various units which have been affiliated with the installation since the original 1907 Camp Hughes maneuvers.

Since its earliest days, the 'pine plains' and Pine Camp was recognized as ideal training grounds for artillery and cavalry. With the development of the tank, following WWI, the installation expanded to accommodate the need for the larger maneuver area required in mobile warfare.

The development of more powerful and longer range artillery prior to and during WW II, also served to reinforce the value of this installation in the training conducted by artillery units, particularly for National Guard units from New England and the Middle States.

The outdoor vehicle and equipment exhibits of the Historical Collection reflect the types of artillery, vehicles, and even helicopters which have been used in training at Pine Camp, Camp Drum, and finally Fort Drum, since the early 1900s.

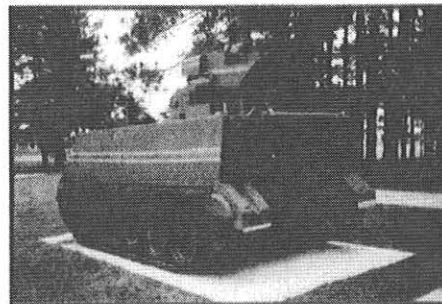
The Historical Collection even has a handful of Soviet-model vehicles and weapons captured from the Iraqi Army during Desert Storm. These items were used by the Opposing Forces (OPFOR) Detachment at Fort Drum until the mid-1990's.



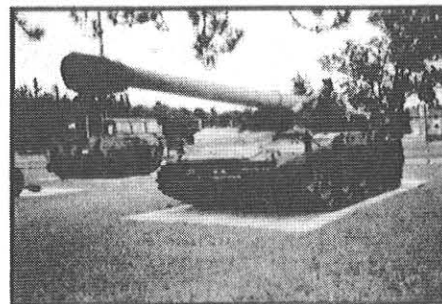
German "Hanomag" Cargo Truck, used by Iraqi Army



U.S. M-60A3 Main Battle Tank



U.S. M-901 Improved Tow Vehicle (ITV)



U.S. M-110A2 8 Inch, Self-Propelled Howitzer

Lovell Kimball

by Leo Ingmanson

Most of the information about Lovell and the Kimball's early life was taken from research done by Jean B. Huprich about 30 years ago. Jean has since passed away. She was a great, great, great granddaughter of Woodbury Kimball, brother of Lovell's.

The story of Lovell Kimball begins with his maternal grandparents, Jonathan and Betsy (Woodbury) Massey. Jonathan was born 1747, Betsey in 1748 in Salem, New Hampshire. The pair married in 1766 and over the next 25 years raised twelve children, in Salem. In 1792 they with all their children moved to Windsor, Vermont.

Their son, Hart, was one of the original founders of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, arriving there in 1800. He was followed by his parents, Jonathan and Betsy and brothers, Dr. Isaiah and Daniel Massey, in 1801. The following year, Daniel, moved to near Grafton, Ontario, Canada, where he eventually opened a small factory that became known as "The Newcastle Foundry and Machine Manufactory". It was continued by a son and later a grandson owned the business and it became the Massey-Harris Company. Later the youngest son, Baker, moved to Watertown. It's probable other members of the Massey family, also, came to Watertown, we do know some remained in Vermont.

Deborah Massey born in 1773 was one of the family that remained in Windsor. She married Lovell Kimball, Sr. in about 1790. Little is known of this family, except they had five children; Woodbury born about 1791, twins Solon and Lovell, Jr. born about 1792, and daughters; Betsey born June 25, 1793 and Deborah born about 1796, all were born in Windsor. Lovell, Sr. died soon after the birth of their fifth child, leaving Deborah a young and seemingly poor widow with four young children (Solon must have died in infancy).

Deborah, with little or no means of support allowed her young family to be raised by her brother, Dr. Woodbury Massey, in Windsor. In 1807, Deborah remarried to Truman Hurd. Whether her new husband was not fond of her children or if she felt they were better off in the care of her brother, the children continued in the household of their uncle.

The children seemed to fit in well with their adopted family and though, I'm sure, no formal adoption was preformed they took the name of Massey, later returning to the Kimball name. Betsey married Adam Gregory, by whom she had fourteen children born in Clinton and Cayuga Counties, New York. Deborah married Archelaus Putnam and gave birth to twelve children, they lived in Peru, Clinton County, New York.

Lovell and Woodbury seemed to have a very well rounded education, and it is believed that the brothers traveled to Europe to study the manufacturing of malleable iron. Possibly they visited Marseille, France, which awed Lovell with its industry and manufacturing

to the extent it inspired him to one day name Marseilles, Illinois after the French city.

Woodbury married Amanda McAllister before 1820. In the 1820 Otsego County, New York census, he was still using the Massey surname. Soon after that he reverted to the Kimball name.

Lovell must have been residing in Jefferson County as early as 1820, as using the name Massey, he purchased land in Jefferson County with his cousin Stillman Massey.

Lovell married Permelia Whipple of Jefferson County, New York, probably, prior to 1825, as in that year, Woodbury named a daughter, Permelia, after her aunt. Permelia Whipple was a native of Jefferson County, although it has not been determined who her parents were, it is known she had a sister Adeline, and a brother William.

In 1831, with the rumor of gold being discovered in Florida, Lovell, Woodbury and their wives traveled to Florida with a group of investors and began looking for a tract of land as speculation for a building boom that would develop with the on set of gold fever. They made Key West their base, maybe as just a place to leave their families while searching for land. They eventually purchased what today is known as Sanibel Island, sight unseen. After viewing the property and finding it mostly swamp land, they deserted the project and returned to New York.

Woodbury's wife died while the group was in Florida, leaving him with five daughters. He remarried after returning to New York. His new bride had no desire to raise his children so Woodbury placed his daughters in a boarding school.

In 1832 or 1833, Woodbury started a malleable iron foundry in Greene County, New York, possibly the first foundry of its type in the United States. But he didn't stay around long to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He soon left his family and headed west on another business venture and his family never saw him again. He died in Kentucky of cholera in 1848, and his children did not learn of it until two years later, after his business interests had been settled among creditors and partners.

After their sojourn in Florida, Lovell and Permelia returned to Jefferson County, but upon hearing of the potential source of waterpower available at the rapids of the Illinois, Lovell and Permelia sold their real estate holdings in Jefferson Co., in 1833. And in 1834, traveled to Chicago by way of the great lakes and set out immediately for that area along the Illinois River in La Salle Co., Illinois, known as the Grand Rapids of the Illinois, the only area of the river that always had to be portaged, even with canoes.

Lovell found the area to his liking, it was in every way what he had hoped, except he had one problem. The water power was already being used by a Mr. Ephriam Sprague, it seems that in 1832 after the Indian (cont.)

uprising known as the Blackhawk War had been quelled and settlers in the area were resettling back into the area, Ephriam, who had fought in the war, built a wing dam at the head waters of the rapids and constructed a saw mill and for more than a year had been doing a brisk lumber business. Lovell obviously made an offer to buy him out, but was turned down. Sprague knew the potential for his business was enormous as more and more settlers were moving into the area. And the government plans to build a canal from Chicago to a point below the rapids was reaching the construction stage. The grain, lumber, coal and other commodities that would be moved along this corridor, would effectively unite the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico and the growth along the canal route would be tremendous.

Lovell was, also, aware of the great potential of the area and had big dreams for a booming industry, he planned to exploit every means of profit available in the new land. Realizing that Ephriam Sprague did have certain rights to the waterpower, but that he was essentially squatting on land he did not have proper title to. Lovell bought all the land north of the river on and around which Sprague's mill sat.

Lovell had his newly purchased land surveyed and laid out a plat for a town six blocks each direction with a town square in the center measuring 300'x 300'. On June 3rd, 1835, Lovell entered the village plat into the records of La Salle County. He named the village Marseilles after the industrial and manufacturing city of France, which he envisioned his new town would emulate.

Lovell then set out on a trip back east to secure financing for his planned enterprise. He must have been very persuasive, as he returned the following year with a large sum of money and many backers returned to Marseilles with him, so enraptured by the Utopia that Lovell had described to them. This group consisting of William Whipple, Augustus D. Butterfield, Gurdon Hubbard and the brothers Dr. Robert and James H. Woodworth. This group became the board of directors of the newly formed Marseilles Manufacturing Company. The papers were formally drawn up and signed the following year. The new company immediately began operating a ferry across the river and opened a line of stagecoaches running north to Chicago and south to St. Louis, with the routes through Marseilles, the small village prospered and many small businesses sprang up. They also constructed a new dam across the river, histories disagree as to where this dam was built some say below and others above Ephriam Sprague's dam, but which ever, it effectively put Sprague out of business.

Sprague's curse is recorded in the history of Marseilles. An angry and defeated Ephriam Sprague raised his arms to the heavens and prayed "May fire burn and flood wash away everything in Marseilles, as long as the memory of Kimball shall last". Ephriam Sprague left for areas unknown never to be heard of again, so the histories say. However, there was an Ephriam Sprague family living in Will County, Illinois in

the 1840 census.

Lovell now had complete control over the waterpower, but his first dam was washed out with the first high water, the curse perhaps. Undaunted he rebuilt it and constructed a saw mill, containing two sash saws, one lathe machine and a shingle cutter and a brisk business ensued. The company then started construction of a grist and flouring mill, containing eight run of 52 inch stone, five stories high with nine waterwheels and built of native black walnut. The new mill was completed and began operation in January 1841, it was claimed to be the best mill west of the Alleghenies. Lovell, began purchasing land around his new town and at one time owned over a thousand acres, extending north into the prairie.

One of the big events of that year was a visit by ex-president Martin Van Buren. Van Buren was defeated for his second term as president and his last day in office was March 3rd, 1841. He then set out on a farewell tour of the western states, Illinois being part of the tour. He stopped in Marseilles, possible at the urging of his nephew, John V.A. Hoes of Ottawa, who was Lovell's attorney. A large fish fry was held in Marseilles to honor the ex-president, it is said that a crowd of over 800 turned out to greet Van Buren.

Even though the Illinois and Michigan Canal which had started construction in 1836 was shut down in 1837 as the state went bankrupt and no money was available, the M.M. Co. was doing a bustling business. The stockholders knew the canal would be finished eventually and then their company would truly boom. But on April 14, 1842, the grist and flouring mill caught fire and burned to the ground. Nothing was saved not even a bushel of grain. As recorded in the *Ottawa Free Trader*, the local newspaper of that day; "no lights or fires were used about the property within the previous ten days and unless it originated by friction of the machinery which is not probable, it was the work of some incarnate fiend who lit the incendiary torch to gratify his malignant feelings."

Lovell blamed Ephriam Sprague, but there was no evidence to prove it. The mill cost \$30,000 to build and was insured for \$10,000. However, the Illinois Mutual Insurance Company refused to pay, as a clause in the contract stated that no owner could make a claim upon the company. It seems that James H. Woodworth owned shares in the insurance company. This destroyed Lovell financially; the other partners were hurt, but all were able to survive and go on to other endeavors, but not Lovell. As if this was not enough, later that year Amasa Cook, the contractor, who had built the mill and the replacement dam for Lovell and the M. M. Co., started a series of mechanic liens against the company, as he had not been paid in full for his work. Lovell asked for a change of venue. He was afraid he would not get a fair trial in the local courts. This would indicate that maybe some of Lovell's business dealings were as unscrupulous as the histories seemed to insinuate. The trial was held in Yorkville, Kendall Co., Illinois and the verdict went against Lovell and his company, to the sum of \$2,400. He appealed and three years later the Northern District of the Illinois

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Supreme Court, which met in Ottawa, heard the case. Amasa Cook hired Abraham Lincoln, considered to be an expert attorney before the Supreme Court, to represent him. The court ruled in Lovell's favor, one of the few times that Lincoln lost a case in front of this court.

From the day his mill burned, Lovell was a defeated man, he was financially ruined, never to see his town become the giant of industry that he dreamed of. In August of 1849 he fell sick with cholera, and died on about the 30th. He was buried in a small burial plot on the bluff. This cemetery was abandoned a few years later and most of the bodies were re-interred in a new cemetery, further east. Lovell's grave, with no family left in Marseilles to authorize moving it, was left in the old forgotten cemetery, until the centennial committee in 1935, located his ancient stone and placed a plaque on it to honor him. The plaque was later stolen and then recovered. It now hangs in the City Hall. The old cemetery is overgrown and so out of the way that later groups placed a stone in his honor in the town square, which is known as Broadway Park today.

So little is known of Lovell's personal life, in fact no children were ever recorded for him. But a search through his estate papers found that in August of 1849, when Lovell was sick with cholera, a son, Byron, was writing letters on his behalf to soothe his creditors. Some of the bills that were entered against his estate were small and indicated he may have been a rather vain man, as one bill was from a doctor in Baltimore for hair dye and dip. His mother had loaned him \$4,000 in 1838 in the form of a bond, which he never repaid. It's believed she died in 1849, also, as the bond listed, his brother and sisters as heirs. There was probably not enough money in his estate to pay the debts he owed.

Other than the correspondence he made on his father's behalf or the fact that he bought a couple of items at the estate sale, Bryon Kimball has never been found, not even in the 1850 census, which was taken only months after Lovell's death. Not only did her husband die in August 1849, but Permelia's sister, Adeline, who was married to Orville Cone, baker and newly elected sheriff of Grundy County, and living in Morris, only 18 miles away passed away from the same disease as Lovell. In 1850, Permelia was living in the household of Orville Cone as housekeeper to his young family. Permelia and Orville were married soon after and Permelia lived the remainder of her life in Morris, dying in 1873. Orville may also have been from Jefferson County. He and Adeline were married before coming to Illinois. They were living in La Salle County, probably Marseilles in 1840.

Lovell's partner, William Whipple, brother of Permelia, from Jefferson County New York, came to Marseilles in 1835 and was the first grocer in the town. He also peddled his grocery products to the surrounding farmers by horse and buggy. On February 14, 1839, he was married to Basheba Gibson in Marseilles by his brother-in-law, Orville Cone. After the manufacturing partnership was dissolved, he bought a farm in Grundy County and raised his family there. In later years he

moved to Indiana for a short time and eventually died in Ford County Illinois.

Gurdon Hubbard who was employed by the American Fur Company as early as 1818 in Illinois, had traveled up and down the Illinois Valley many times and knew the area well. He was an advocate for the Illinois and Michigan Canal and became one of its first commissioners. Hubbard never resided in Marseilles; he lived mostly in the Chicago area. He delved into many business ventures, one being the insurance business. He left a large track of woodland to Cook County, Illinois upon his death, which is known as Hubbard's Woods Forest Preserve today.

Dr. Robert Woodworth moved to Ottawa and later Peru, Illinois and a few years later was accidentally shot in a hunting accident and died from the wounds. An excerpt from a Ottawa sesquicentennial history book, states that in 1835 the only two houses in North Ottawa (north of the river) were a tavern and the store of Robert P. and James H Woodworth, possibly the brothers never made Marseilles their home. James H. Woodworth removed to Chicago and was elected mayor for two one year terms in 1848 and 1849, he later served one term as congressman. He was owner of the Chicago Hydraulic Flouring Mills and died a wealthy man.

Augustus David Butterfield, is said to be an uncle to Permelia Kimball. He was a son of Levi and Isabella Butterfield, one of the first land owners in Rutland, Jefferson County, New York. A.D. helped in the construction of the M. M. Co.'s first dam. He also operated a station for the stage lines. This was probably at the hotel he built and operated on the north edge of Marseilles. A. D. remained in the Marseilles area the remainder of his life and was a very influential citizen of the area. More will be written about this person and his family in a later article.

Cousins, Israel, Jonathan and Christopher Massey, sons of Jonathan and Deborah (Messer) Massey Jr. followed Lovell to Marseilles in 1838. These brothers were born and raised in New Hampshire, whether they spent any time in Jefferson County is unknown. After the death of Lovell they moved to Grundy and Will Counties.

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More From the Dollinger House Register

Here is more of the 1887-88 Register of the Dollinger House which was in Redwood, NY. This work by Linda Malinich, our JCNYS President, was first featured in the July and September 2004 issues of the *Informer* as well as the November 2005, January 2006 and March 2006 issues. The following two pages continue after those pages. There is also a summary of Linda's work on page 20 in the November 2004 *Informer* that will be of interest to readers.

Gossman, Harry Watertown
May 29, Jan 11
Henry Gossman, fireman
(1896 Watertown City Directory)

Gould, Wm C. Watertown, NY
Nov 4
Wm. C. Gould (1826-1895)
(Parrish Cemetery, Town of Pamela)

Grant, John Amsterdam
Mar 27

Graves, I.A. Watertown, NY
Oct 5
Isaac A. Graves (1888 Watn City Dir, miller)

Graves, John Alexandria Bay
Nov 3
John D. Graves (Child's - Alexandria,
musician & farmer)

Gray, B.S. Redwood
Feb 10

Gray, D.H. Schnectady
Apr 4

Gray, G.R. Redwood
Oct 13, Oct 15

Gray, Geo. H. Redwood
Dec 13, Dec 15

Graystone, Henry R. Utica
Aug 25
Henry R. Graystone (1889 Utica Dir, cigar maker)

Green, C.B. Omar & Mullett Creek
Jun 30, Aug 17 (Town of Orleans)
C.B. Greene (d 1894 age 55, Omar Cem. - Or-
leans)

Grey, G.F. Redwood
Jan 6

Griffin, F.D. Gouverneur
Oct 17

Griffin, L.F. Albany
Feb 20

Grinnell, D.C. Alex Bay
Nov 28 (dinner)
DeWitt C. Grinnell (Child's - Alexandria,
house & sign painter)

Griffiths, D. Utica (RW&O RR)
Aug 15
David Griffiths (Utica Dir: 1887 - baggageman,
(1888-1890 - conductor)

Griswold, F.J. Redwood
Feb 25

Gross, J.H. Rochester, NY
July 22
John H. Gross (1888 Rochester Dir, salesman)

Guthrie, W.J. Philadelphia
Jul 19, Dec 5
William J. Guthrie - Child's
(Appointed PostMaster (1897) Philadelphia)

Gyat?, F.A. Boston
Dec 2

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H_elle_, J.L. Watertown
Aug 8

Hackett & Son, A?W. Utica
July 22

Hackett, J?M. Utica
Jan 16
John Hackett (1894 Utica Dir, several "Johns")

Hackley, M.A. Belleville
May 23
Mills A. Hackley, lawyer
(Belleville Business Directory, 1867-68)

Haffrey, John H. Ogdensburg, Theresa
Dec 14, Dec 17, Feb 3, Feb 7, Feb 14, Feb 25,
Mar 27 (1st time from Theresa), Apr 2, Apr 14
John Haffery (1880 Census - Ogdensburg,
St. Lawrence County, marble cutter, age 27)
John Haffrey (Child's - Theresa, marble cutter,
manager marble works for F.A. Gaudett,
bds Getman House)

Hagan, D. Redwood
Sept 23

Hagen, Wm J. LaFargeville
Oct 13
William J. Hagen (Child's - Orleans, farmer)
William J. Hagen (1866-1938, Grove Cemetery)

Hall, C.W. Philadelphia
Jan 9
Charles W. Hall (Child's - Antwerp,
C.W. Hall & Co. prop. boarding house)
Charles W. Hall (1844 - 1908)
Charles W. Hall (d. 1901, age 51)
(Hillside Cemetery, Antwerp)

Hall, R.H. Watertown
Mar 23

Hall, Wm. S.
Aug 13

Halladay, Henry Syracuse
Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 13, Dec 20, Jan 31, Mar 7
Henry Halladay (1888 Syracuse Dir., com. trav)

Hammond, Fred Ogdensburg
Feb 20

Hammond, John Ogdensburg
Apr 16

Hanel?, H. Troy, NY
Apr 17

Hanks, E.F. Jersey City
Aug 25, Aug 27 (Mrs.)
Edmund F. Hanks (1889 Jersey City, NJ Dir-
dentist)

Hanks, Ford Brooklyn
Mar 22

Hanson, Irving Oct 25 Irving Hanson (Child's – Theresa, res. Rossie, breeder of grade Ayrshire cattle) Irving Hanson (1847 – 1936, Oakwood Cemetery)	Theresa	Hasbrouck, J.C. Apr 4	NY
Hanson, John E. & wife July 13	Marlborgh	Haskell, C.W. Oct 29	Burlington, VT
Harder, A. Apr 10 Anson Harder (Child's – Alexandria, res Redwood, attorney at law) Anson Harder, Esq (1834 – 1907, Redwood Cem.)	Redwood	Hawk, Fred Feb 27	New York
Harder?, Frank Nov 22, Dec 26	Redwood	Hayden, Wm. Oct 1	Auburn, NY
Hardy, C.G. May 31 Clarence G. Hardy (1866-1949) (Calcium N Cemetery – LeRay)	Sanford Corners (LeRay)	Hayes, B.S. Jan 10, Feb 7	Watertown
Hardy, C.J. Jan 11 Charles J. Hardy (Child's – Alexandria, farmer) Charles J. Hardy (1857-1934, Plessis Cemetery)	Plessis	Haynes, J.C. Aug 4	Lyons, NY (Wayne County)
Hardy, D.A. May 31 Dexter A. Hardy (1863-1892) (Calcium N Cemetery – LeRay)	Sanford Corners (LeRay)	Haywood, G.H. June 14 George H. Haywood (1853-1888) (Hillside Cemetery – Antwerp)	Antwerp
Harrigan, Patrick Aug 18	Hammond	Heath?, E. Mar 29 Edwin Heath (1866 - 1927) (Highland Cemetery – Alexandria)	Alex Bay
Harris, Chas Nov 22, Dec 26 Charles Harris (Child's – Theresa, farmer)	Redwood	Heffron, H.K. Feb 22 Harvey K. Heffron (1894 Utica Dir, bookkeeper, h 37 Brinckerhoff Ave)	Utica, NY
Harris, F.E. Dec 8	Ashland, Ohio	Helmer?, Mr. Sept 20	Denver, Col
Hart, Fred Dec 8 Fred Hart (Child's – Philadelphia, laborer)	Philadelphia	Helmer?, Mrs. Sept 20	Redwood
Hartley, S.F. Aug 18 Sylvester F. Hartley (1838-1919) (Riverside Cemetery, Section F – Gouverneur)	Gouverneur	Helmer, B. Jan 9 Benjamin Helmer (Child's – Watertown, dealer in horses, bds City Hotel) Benjamin Helmer (1833 - 1895, Section D) (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)	Watertown
Hartman, E.J. Apr 4	LaFargeville	Helperin, A. Feb 8	Boston
Hartman, Ed Jan 25	Shar__ Bay	Henderson, F?C. & one Oct 9	Omar
Hartman, Ed Feb 28	Syracuse	Hendrickson, W. Mar 28	Theresa
Hartman, F.A. Jan 19	Redwood	Henery, F. July 22	Cornwall
Hartman, F.A. July 19, Aug 26, Sept 29 Frederick Hartman (1891 Utica Dir, RR brakeman)	Utica	Henly, R. Sept 1	Popes Mills (St. Lawrence County)
Hartman, P.B. Nov 10 Peter B. Hartman (Child's – Alexandria, Prop. Hartman House, James Street)	Alexandria Bay	Hess & Cos HTC Co July 15	(13 people listed)
Harvey, John Sept 19, Oct 1	Hammond	Higgins, C.C. Jun 14, Nov 5, Nov 7, Feb 23 & 25 (Rochester) Charles G. Higgins (1850-1894) (Vrooman Hill Cemetery – Antwerp)	Rochester, Theresa
		Hill, F.J. Nov 28 (dinner)	
		Hills, Chas. E. Jul 13, Aug 25, Sept 21, Oct 19	Albany
		Hirsch, _? June 14	Albany

Computer Corner

The Jefferson County GenWebSite has again taken up the practice of highlighting Jefferson County Pioneers, those hardy souls who struggled through the wilderness forest to settle Jefferson County. Since January we have posted 44 new pioneers, as well as the Town Clerk's Civil War records for Henderson, thanks to Diana Law who transcribed them.

Possibly half the families who were settled here before 1850 came from the Mohawk Valley. With that in mind, here is a selection of family websites from the list printed in the Nellis News of March 2006. These families all had roots in New York State, and many of the surnames are familiar to those studying Jefferson County.

Nellis Website:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nelliswebsite/>

Woolever/Nellis:

<http://www.kcnet.com/~sdjones/woolnel.html>

Near/Neer Family by Bud Neer:

<http://www.icdc.com/~bfjnr/dat22.htm#19>

Klock family and Nellis family History:

<http://www.threerivershms.com/third.htm>

Fort Klock:

<http://www.fortklock.com/>

Darci's Place. Use the Pico Search to find the surname of choice.

<http://darcisplace.com/darci/related.htm#one>

Nellis/Nelles List:

<http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/surname/n/nellis.html>

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Getman Family:

<http://hometown.aol.com/berne58/myhomepage/heritage.html>

A Century Ago

**Sugar cost four cents a pound.
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.
Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks.**

The Chaumont Family Maps of Early Jefferson County, New York

Until recently, a series of surveyor's map books was owned by the descendants of the James LeRay de Chaumont family. They numbered about a dozen and covered (mostly) the greater part of Lot #4 and part of #5 of MacComb's Purchase. (This is the area north of the Black River – essentially, all Towns north of Wassertown.) The Chaumont family requested that they be housed in the basement of Jefferson County's Land Records Office and there they have sat for upwards of 150 years or so. The Chaumont family, at that time, gave guardianship to the Jefferson County Bar Association. When the life to the last living direct Chaumont descendant drew to a close, he officially bequeathed these books to the County Land Records Office. This transfer of ownership was greatly facilitated through the efforts of JoAnne Wilder, County Clerk.

The value of these maps to family genealogists is of inestimable worth. The maps are on very large calf-skin like pages. The individual plots on these maps often show the owner's names and dates purchased. They cover the time frame from the early 1800s through the 1860s. That's the good news. However, the not-so-good news is that having been created so long ago, it is difficult to identify the land itself. According to Mrs. Wilder, funds are needed to guarantee their preservation before the general public can view them. When that will happen depends upon the Land Records Office receiving a grant from New York State. Mrs. Wilder has applied twice now for grants and been refused, so this will take some time. The preservation process would then take about a year to complete.

Pat James (of NewYorkAncestry.com) and her husband, Rex, talked with Ben Cobb, the previous record management officer, last August. He graciously shared the above information and allowed several pictures to be taken of one of the books. You may look at the books by prior appointment only. The will probably not be published.

100 Years Ago

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st-most populated state in the Union.

Thousand Islands Sun, Thursday, June 4, 1970

Alexander Macomb, Land Speculator

By Nina W. Smithers, former St. Lawrence County Historian

Note: Reprinted from York State Tradition.

A small neatly lettered sign read "Macomb Town Line." It was one of several signs erected here and on other roads by members of the Juvenile Grange of Pope Mills, each sign informing the traveler that he was entering the township of Macomb.

There was nothing unusual about the sign. The interesting fact was that this township in St. Lawrence County is all that remains of Alexander Macomb's vast domain to bear his name.

Alexander Macomb was an adventurer and land speculator who became interested in the area of Northern New York, known as the Great Wilderness. Previous to 1772 it was a part of Albany County. By the time Macomb had made his first purchase, the area had been separated from Albany and had become the counties of Tryon and Charlotte. In 1784 the name Tryon was changed to Montgomery.

Macomb was born in Ireland in 1750, the son of John Macomb, who brought his family to America when Alexander was five years old. Young Macomb was educated in New York and early in life got together a considerable amount of money by traffic in the fur trade in Detroit. He married for his first wife Catherine de Navarre and their only child was killed in action at sea. The second wife was Christina Livingston. They were the parents of eight children. One of his sons, Alexander Macomb Jr., who served in the War of 1812, is mentioned in "Bugles on the Border" by Harry Landon.

In 1786, or sixteen years before St. Lawrence county was erected, the state of New York began to make serious attempts to interest settlers in this Northern Wilderness. One of the principal reasons could have been that, even though the Revolutionary War was over, the British were still entrenched in the settlement at Ogdensburg. History tells that the land commissioners of New York State in 1787 offered by auction sale at the old coffee house in New York City ten townships just south of the St. Lawrence River. They were Lisbon, Canton, DeKalb, Oswegatchie, Louisville, Stockholm, Potsdam, Madrid, Hague, and Cambray. These comprised the first purchase made by Macomb. All of them have retained their original names except Cambray, which became Gouverneur, and Hague, which became the towns of Morristown and Hammond.

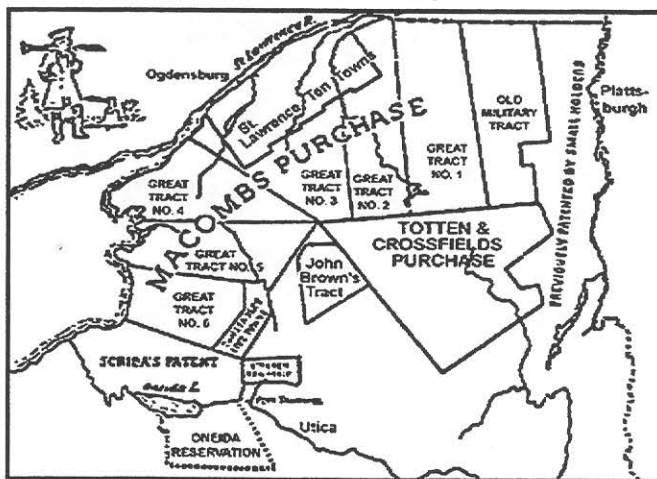
Simeon DeWitt was named as Surveyor General of the state of New York, and a survey was made to determine the location of the property. It is said that the shores of the rivers served as guides in laying out the tracts. The value of the land was little known, but Macomb is reported to have bought the land for as little as eight pence per acre. These ten townships were later conveyed by Macomb to other land Proprietors including the Ogdens, Robert and Gouverneur Morris, Daniel McCormick, William Constable, and others to satisfy a debt.

In 1791 Alexander Macomb became involved in the purchase of about four million acres of land afterwards known as "Macomb's Great Purchase." This was comprised of Great Tract No.1 in what is now Franklin county; Great Tract No.2 and Great Tract No.3 in St. Lawrence county; Great Tract No. 4 in Herkimer and Lewis counties; Great Tract No. 5 in Oswego, Jefferson, Lewis, and Herkimer counties; Great Tract No. 6 in Oswego, Lewis and Herkimer counties. It was the largest real estate transaction in the en-tire country up to that time.

In 1792 Macomb became connected with a bank in New York City known as the "Two Million Dollar Bank." Shortly afterward, the bank was wrecked by an explosion, the details of which were not generally known except that Donaldson in his "History of the Adirondacks" says that the thickness of the walls is all that saved the life of Alexander Macomb.

The Great Purchase soon passed from his hands. It is said that he never received title to tracts one, two, and three, and William Constable became the owner of four, five and six.

During the process of these many transactions, one item to the credit of Macomb should never be overlooked. It was he who reserved for the St. Regis Indians the six-mile square at the junction of the St. Regis River and the St. Lawrence. This adventurer, whom the historians have named "The Speculator," should be remembered for this if for nothing else.



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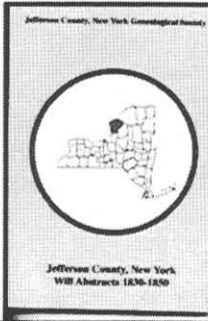
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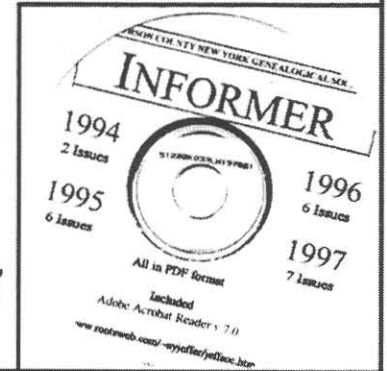


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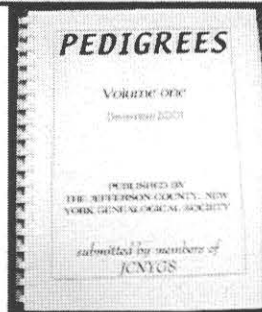
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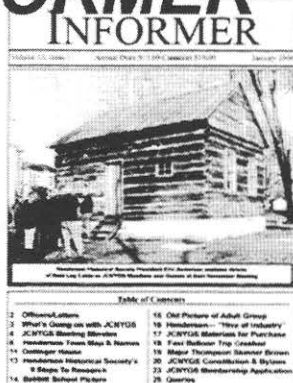
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ASK AUNTY JEFF



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Dear Aunty Jeff,
I have been searching for burials in cemeteries in Jefferson County for my ancestors, specifically Theresa and Alexandria and I'm wondering if you can answer some questions. I have been using the Bartlett cemetery listings. Are there cemeteries that have not been transcribed yet? Also, I thought they might have been buried in Alexandria but I can't find them there. Do you have any suggestions as to where I could look or who I could talk to?
Christine

Dear Christine,
Taking your questions in order, certainly there are cemeteries that have not yet been transcribed, but Aunty Jeff thinks (one is never certain) that the ones in Theresa and Alexandria have all been done. Gus Rogers, when he was compiling the cemetery records, certainly made every effort to get each big and little one he could find in those towns. He did all the northern towns of Jefferson County before he retired. Transcriptions of other cemeteries in other towns have been done by Alice Corbett, who will answer specific questions, either by email or those directed to the Genealogy Room at Flower Library, Watertown. Debbie Quick of the Historical Association of South Jefferson has covered many, if not all, the towns in her area of southern Jefferson County.

You say you believe your ancestors were buried in the Town of Alexandria. Aunty Jeff has mentioned this in other columns, but people do ask the same questions. Consider the following hard facts of life...or of cemeteries: Vandals do a horrific job. Halloween brings out the police, but they can't be everywhere at once, and vandals work year around. They smash stones for the sheer fun of it. Only a few weeks ago they attacked the Clayton Village Cemetery, destroying some very old stones beyond hope of repair.

Stones weather. Many of the older stones are unreadable by the time we want to get the information. Some families simply didn't have the funds to put up stones. Widows often lived in poverty, or on the charity of their children. The grieving widower could put up a stone for his wife before he remarried, but the widow would hesitate to ask her new husband, should she be so lucky as to find one, to honor her first husband.

Private, or farm, or family cemeteries were the choice of some families. Then when the family died out, or the land changed hands, the cemeteries disappeared, or were lost in the woods, or were plowed over and the land used for crops. The marble gravestones made beautiful sidewalks, usually inscription side down, of course, but not always, and were useful in the foundations of buildings... we hear stories of that all the time. Over the years, cows grazing in cemeteries will knock

over stones until the area is unrecognizable as a graveyard.

Or, Gus simply missed some. At the end of a 90 degree day (he worked only in the summer), with energetic deer flies and horseflies in action, he might not have seen that one fallen and grassed over. He unearthed many, but we know he missed some. We're just thankful for the ones he found! He worked alone, you know, and long after most of us would have retired to Florida (where he is now).

Nearly every older cemetery, especially neglected ones, will have a stone pile down the hill, where the broken and dislocated ones are thrown. Look there, too.

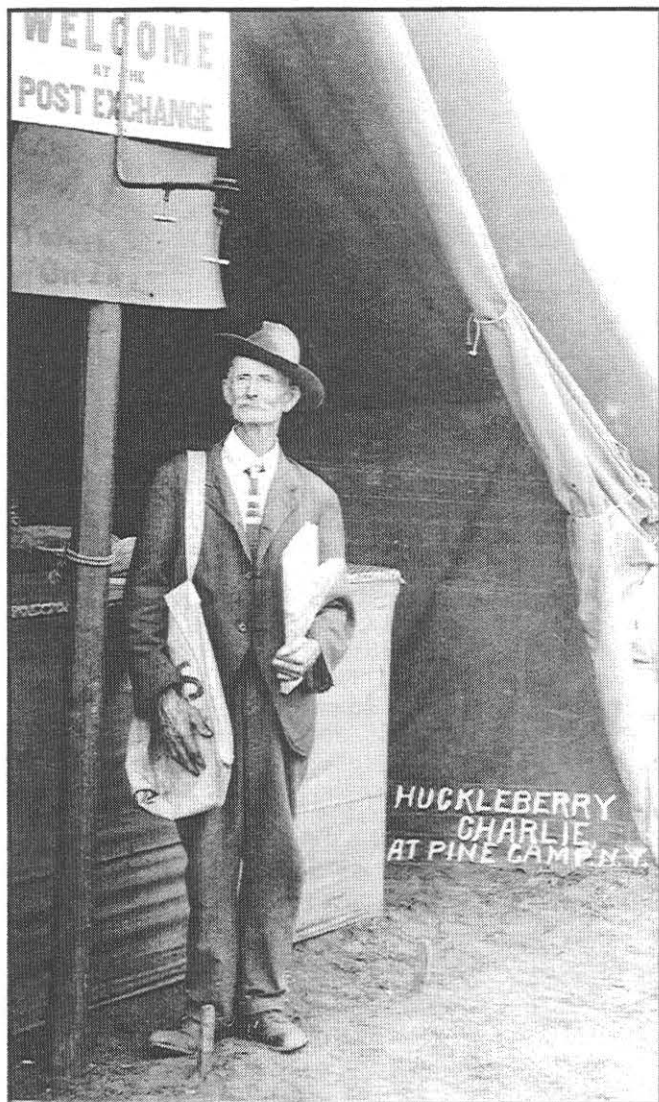
You ask for suggestions as to where you could look or who you could talk to. Aunty Jeff does not have any really optimistic suggestions. Of course, the only way to be really certain is to do it yourself. Go to the likely cemeteries and go through them stone by stone, the way Gus Rogers did. It's a big job, and you should provide yourself with some trowels, to dig around the ones sunk in the grass, and any tools you can think of to help you read weathered inscriptions. Children, grandchildren, sympathetic spouses and friends are a big help here. Aunty Jeff and her family made it a fun thing, with the children (how many years ago now!) competing to find the stones we were looking for. We called it graveyarding, and the children considered it a game.

Jefferson County Genealogy Society has made a project over the past couple of years of taking up each town, alphabetically, and printing the 1855 map (not readily available as is the 1864 map), as well as a modern map locating the cemeteries, with a list of contacts, as we could find them, for each cemetery. These were printed in the Informer, six times a year. Those back issues are available. Ask for the issue containing the town in which you are interested.

If you can't find the contacts listed, check with the town clerk and the town historian. If they can't help, ask them to point out some older resident who might. Funeral homes occasionally have knowledge that the average citizen does not. Cemetery associations often have intimate knowledge of the cemetery they are taking care of.

Good hunting, and if you do get lucky, Aunty Jeff and the Informer would appreciate knowing just how you approached this. There are many people in the same position you are, who would love to know where Grandpa was buried...let alone Grandma!

Huckleberry Charlie, The Sage Of Pine Plains



From THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL
More Tug Hill Tales
By Harold E. Samson

"Come on folks. . . git yer huckleberries. These huckleberries was picked on Pine Plains, couple miles this side of Great Bend. Guaranteed to be free of sticks and stones, stems and bruises. Step up, kind people, and purchase a few, for this is my last time through. Git yer huckleberries."

So sounded the sales chant from the little park on Public Square in Watertown, and quickly a crowd gathered around the tall, angular figure of the vendor. Hat rakishly cocked on one side, he stood with one hand holding a large cigar while the other busily dipped huckleberries from a milk pail into quart containers. The folks knew that even though they purchased not

an ounce of the succulent berries, they were in for some witty repartee. For this was "Huckleberry Charlie," noted philosopher, wit, and poet who hailed from Pine Plains, up near Great Bend.

"How's business, Charlie?" asked an acquaintance who stood nearby.

"Well, I'll tell you," returned Charlie. "I'm sellin' my berries and I'll go home with quite a lot of spondulix (money). Ain't gettin' all I expected, but then, I didn't expect to."

"I do business on a capital called wind, and manage to keep my head above warm water. Don't bore with a big augar, but I have just as many shavings as the most of 'em when night comes. The stars are high and the sky is low. If the wind changes it'll rain 'fore morning for sure."

His name was Charles Sherman, and he was born February 15, 1842, the son of a prosperous Watertown family. His father, Eli Sherman, was a Wall Street commission merchant and brother to John A. Sherman who donated to the YMCA the site on which its building in Watertown now stands.

When Charlie was very young his parents both died, and he was brought up by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed of Great Bend. As he grew up he came to know and love every nook and cranny of that vast, level expanse of sand and trees known as Pine Plains, situated near his home and now a part of Camp Drum. On this tract grew thousands of huckleberry bushes, and young Charlie learned just where the largest and sweetest berries grew.

Eventually he learned that these berries had a monetary value, and countless pails of them were picked and delivered to surrounding villages, and to Watertown, where some of his best sales were made. Naturally, in time the name of "Huckleberry Charlie" attached itself to him, and it stuck for the rest of his life.

Charlie made hosts of friends wherever he went. People were attracted to his neat and upright, almost haughty, bearing, his natural instinct of independence and industry. But most of all they loved his sense of humor, his sparkling and ever-ready wit, and his ability to give vent to both by bursts of rapid-fire rhetoric that seemed to go on endlessly and always left his listeners laughing.

Charlie's repartee was usually innocuous and non-personal. But he could, if the occasion required, turn on a brand of vitriolic wit that could cause a heckler's toes to curl up, and leave him to sizzle in the tried-out fat of his own audacity. After this had been witnessed a few times, people learned not to poke fun at Huckleberry Charlie.

He dearly loved to answer questions in comparative similies. Someone might say to him, "How are things, Charlie?" and like as not he might answer, "Slippin' fine, just like soapsuds down a sink." Or perhaps, "Slicker'n a mink mitten,"

An acquaintance once said to him, "Nice night out, Charlie."

"Yup, rather nice overhead," agreed Charlie, "but
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there ain't very many travelin' that way." (Obviously, this was before the days of air travel.)

"The nights are sure getting longer," pursued the acquaintance.

"Yeah, they sure are," retorted Charlie. "Wisht I lived where they have six months night and six months day. Like to get there about sundown, so's I could get a good night's sleep. Hate to get there about sunup, though. Be a hell of a long time before dinner."

Charlie sold another commodity for which he was famous. This was his horseradish, and for it he had another catchy sales spiel.

"Git yer horseradish here. This is the finest horseradish that ever grew. Guaranteed to be the pure quill. Nothing taken away and nothing added except vinegar. Dug it and grated it myself. It's so strong that when I grated it the tears fell from my eyes like rain. And grated so fine that not once in the seventeen years that I've been selling it has anyone been able to find a piece of turnip in it the size of a pin head."

One of Charlie's weaknesses was for loud and gaudy clothing. A couple of times a year he would visit the clothing merchants of Watertown and make the announcement, "This is my birthday. Gotta git me some new clothes." Of course he had no intention of buying anything new, and the merchants knew this as well as anyone else. So they would dig out all the laid-away, un-salable articles of clothing that they could find and give them to him.

This custom led to some unbelievably comical sartorial combinations that greatly amused his friends. One time he went to the Watertown fair wearing a brilliant green suit, flaring red vest, yellow button shoes, and a derby hat much too large but padded with paper to hold it up off his ears.

The fair officials never charged him for admittance to the grounds. He was sort of a tradition there, and the concessionaires all liked to have him stand in front of their stands, as a crowd always gathered around him. Needless to say, Charlie dearly loved all this attention.

He also loved to watch the harness racing, but said he didn't dare get too close to the track for fear his clothing might scare the horses.

When the United States Army took over Pine Plains as a training center for tactical maneuvers, it pained Charlie grievously to see columns of marching troops and horse-drawn artillery tearing up many of his beloved huckleberry bushes. But the excitement helped to make it bearable, and he soon became friends with most of the soldiers. Rank and high brass meant nothing to him; a man was merely a man. And most of them loved to hear him talk.

During the summer of 1908 the army at Pine Plains divided into groups of "Reds" and "Blues," and spent several days practicing tactical maneuvers against one another. One hot day the red army was concealed in a piece of woods waiting for the crucial

moment to dash out and capture a large contingent of blues. Suddenly the blue commander saw Charlie approaching on a dead run. "Wait," he shouted. "That there piece of woods is plumb full of fellers with red bands on their hats." Of course the blue army's commander immediately gave orders to counteract and thwart the red army's plans.

This greatly infuriated the red commander, who swore at Charlie and called him all sorts of names, all in the German language. But this didn't ruffle a hair on Charlie, who didn't understand German anyway.

And even when someone told him that he was guilty of all sorts of crimes against the government, including treason punishable by death before a firing squad, he remained unperturbed.

"As long as them fellows with blue on their hats don't let me go hungry," he declared, "I ain't goin' to stand by and watch them all git captured."

The official report on the incident offered by the red commander was that his plans were upset by "information furnished to the blue troops by a friendly native."

Huckleberry Charlie Sherman died on January 15, 1921, and the Great Bend Baptist Church was crowded to overflowing on the day of his funeral, as hundreds of friends came to pay their last respects. And in this case, "respect" was not simply a figure of speech. Most of those who knew him did really respect him as a fine gentleman who brought them lots of enjoyment by his amusing antics and sayings. He is buried in Sunnyside Cemetery in Great Bend.

Pine Camp

(From Fort Drum Historical Collection)

"The GI looked at every camp with a jaundiced eye. He had his own particular terse and derisive comment for each new military post to which he was sent. His descriptive tag for Pine Camp was "a place where there are two seasons—winter and the Fourth of July."

The Fifth Armored GI would add grudgingly, however, that he was happy to arrive at this northern New York state camp in the summer of 1943 and leave behind him Tennessee's humid June heat. Despite the GI's exaggeration, the camp enjoys the normal four seasons, although nature does seem to place its emphasis on winter months. Even in summer the pine-scented air is cool and brisk. The reservation is not far from the St. Lawrence River and some of its firing ranges are on the shores of Lake Ontario, which is 37 miles from the camp...."

This short selection is from *Paths Of Armor*, page 28. *Paths of Armor*, the history of the 5th AD in WW II, was originally published in 1950.

Jefferson County Queries

Send Queries to: Lis Couch, 24670 County Rt. 159, Watertown, NY 13601; lcouch0624@aol.com

Subject: Jefferson County Informer Query

(Some readers don't have internet access. Please include mailing address &/or phone numbers as well as email.)

Relatives in St. James Cemetery

I have found some relatives buried in St James cemetery in Wilna. I was wondering if you could tell what news paper I should look in for an obituary and where I can do these looks ups. I live just across the river in Brockville Canada.

Linda

linda@junapizza.com

Van Patten

Elizabeth Van Patten was born around 1899-1910, possibly in Jefferson County. Her father, **Eugene Van Patten**, was born 5 Jan 1869 in New Bremen, NY. And was, at one time, a "city official" in Carthage. He appears with his wife, Bessie, as living in Antwerp, NY. Bessie, may have been a Mohawk Indian. In 1910, Eugene is in Champion and he has a daughter, Elizabeth, who was born around 1904. In 1920, Elizabeth and Bessie are still in Champion. I'm hoping to find info on Elizabeth, her siblings and her parents.

Rick Read

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Burnham, Wicks

I am looking for a **Mary (Jane) Burnham**, born in Jefferson County, NY specifically from around the Oxbow/Watertown area. Mary was born Dec 5th 1808, we believe, in NY and died Sept 15, 1870 in Princeton, Wisconsin. I don't know who any of her relatives are but she married (about 1829) **Philemon Wicks** (B. 15 Jan 1799) in and around Oxbow or Watertown, NY. (The following is a narrative by my grandfather Warren Wicks:)

"**Philemon Wicks** was born at Oxbow, N.Y. 1-15-1799, and was married three times. His last wife, **Mary (Jane) Burnham**, was our ancestor and mother of all the kids except **Charles (Hunt) Wicks** who never moved west. She lived near Oxbow. The children of our direct family were Henry, John, Philemon, Martin and Elizabeth. The family moved to Princeton, Green Lake Co., Wisconsin about 1845. Philemon died Oct.11, 1859. **Mary Burnham Wicks** was born Dec.5, 1808 and died of cancer of the breast, I estimate the date of death at about Sept 15, 1870 in Princeton, WI."

Paul Andrews

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Baldwin (We apologize for apparently losing the source of this query. We publish it in hopes the sender will get back to us.)

I am a descendent of **John Baldwin** who was living in Brownville in the 1810 census. He may have been born in Vermont and moved to Jefferson County from near Taberg, NY. I am related through his son Lorenzo who lived in Stone Mills, NY. Does anyone have information on **John Baldwin** or his family?

Weaver, Covin, Colvin

They are my 2nd great grandparents, born in Ellisburg in 1810 and 1814. They moved to Batavia, IL in 1839. Please publish a query on the **Weavers and Covins** and let me know what other sources are available. I will probably travel there in the fall.

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Washburn

Elihu Washburn was born 11 July 1821 in Jefferson Co. Possibly related to Rufus and Ira since we find them both in Janesville, WI much later. Does anyone have any information on Elihu's family? He named one of his children Elvira, one Sada, one Alva. The death of an **F H Washburn** 12 July 1888 is listed in the family Bible. Could he be a relative?

Leona Peterson

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Gragg

I am searching for information regarding **David Gragg**. I believe that he is my Great Great grandfather. My great grandfather, **Mortimer David Gragg** was born in Jefferson County New York in 1825. Any information would be appreciated. hskirk@aol.com

Ingalls

Solomon Ingalls is my 3g-grandfather. He was a Rev War Vet and died 1840 in Jefferson County. I have not found any information, or record that lists his burial location in Jefferson County, or the burial location of his son Henry who died Jefferson County 1852. Solomon lived with Henry for many years, and they both likely died at Henry's residence in the Town of Clayton, and may be buried at the same location in Jefferson County.

Jim McHugh

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Davis, Powers

I am seeking **AMOS DAVIS** and members of his family. In the 1850 census they were living in the Town of Wilna, Jefferson County. They had moved there after 1840 from the Topsfield/Boxford area of Massachusetts. The family included his wife, **Elizabeth (Powers) Davis** and the following children: Lewis N, age 20; Almira M, age 15; Greenleaf P, age 16; Amos W., age 11. Two other sons (William Buckminster and Francis Henry) were grown and did not reside with the family in 1850. **Amos Davis** would be my 3g grandfather.

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Wright

I am searching for the parents of **David James Wright** born in Wilna 3 Feb 1819/20. Any input would be greatly appreciated. Thank You, *Robert W. Wright*
zthewrightplace@sbcglobal.net

Parmeter, Parmiter, Cheney

My great-great-great grandfather, **Stephen J. Parmeter/Parmiter Sr.** was on the 1830 census in Hounsfield. My great-great grandfather, **Stephen Parmiter, Jr.** was born in Sackett's Harbor in 1834. This family moved to Oswego, NY by 1840. Another son, **Henry Parmeter** (b. 1829) married **Harriet Cheney** (b.1833) of Rodman or Antwerp. I need some suggestions as where there might be information about this family. Thank you.

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Porter, Kirky, Dingman

I'm searching for any info on a **Charles Porter** and his wife **Mary Kirky**. He was born in Ct. about 1805 and she was born most likely in Ca. about 1812. They are in the census for Alexandria Bay, NY from 1850 -1860. His name is not in the 1870 census. Can not find info for when he died or where he is buried. He had about 6 children, one was **Jane Porter** who married a **John H. Dingman** and they had I think 12 children. Mary is in the 1870 census but not after that.

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Hall (Migration from Jefferson County)

I read that Blissfield Michigan was established in 1824 and that all but one of the original settlers came from Jefferson County, NY. Can you explain that event started the migration? I am researching a **George Hall** who was there in Blissfield by 1840. Am trying to understand reasons for going to Blissfield. Thank you.

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Concerning Your Query

Having changed our Query Editor a few times in the last few months, we believe that we have finally settled on a procedure for handling queries and getting them into our newsletter, the *Informer*.

If you have submitted a query before this July issue of the *Informer* and have not seen it published, **please resubmit your query**. There is a good possibility that your original query has been lost, misplaced, or mistakenly thought to have been taken care of.

Our guidelines for publishing a query are easy to follow:

- 1—Query must be relevant to Jefferson County, NY.
- 2—You must include your name, mailing address (many of our readers do not have internet access), and email address if you wish it to be used. Your phone number is optional.
- 3—Query should be mailed to:

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Label your email "Jefferson County Query"

It would be most interesting to the *Informer* readers if you would let us know of responses you received from your query.

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JCNYGS To Publish Pedigree Charts Vol. 2

The JCNYGS plans to publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We are asking that those who have a Jefferson County, NY connection and whose pedigrees were not published in Volume 1 submit their most up-to-date pedigree chart for publication in Volume 2. We will give preference to those charts which have been computer generated, but legible hand-written charts will also be accepted. We ask that the pedigrees be limited to 2 pages and that the submitters name and address should appear on each chart. Submitting the chart implies permission to publish. Send as soon as possible to:

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Clayton Training Class—Miss Rose Libby, Teacher about 1905 (See Page 2)

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The articles in this newsletter are written purely to stimulate interest in the genealogical history of Jefferson County. If comments are in any way offensive, this was not the intent. All articles, submissions, etc., are the viewpoints and research of various contributors. As such, they do not necessarily reflect the views of the executive committee or members of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society.

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James W. Ranger, New Historian

Jefferson County now has an historian, after the post lay vacant for a few months. Ben Cobb moved on to the surrogate court, and the new records coordinator officer, James W. Ranger is our new historian. A resident of Watertown, Mr. Ranger has been in the records management business since 1978, when he started as an employee of the St. Regis Paper Co., later Champion International, Inc.

Mr. Ranger has a personal interest in the local history of Jefferson County, which is an additional bonus for our community of genealogists and family historians. Watertown Daily Times announced that "with historical curiosity piqued by a full slate of bicentennial celebrations this year and last, new Jefferson County Historian James W. Ranger expects to be far busier than his assigned five hour work week."

Cover Picture

Clayton Training Class, Clayton 1905

Some are identified as: Minnie Taylor, Mamie Rattry, Mable Manson, Gertrude Howe, Louis L. Dollinger

If you can help with dates or names of any of our pictures or articles, please feel free to contact any of our officers or *Informer* staff listed above.

What's Going on with JCNYS

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

June Meeting

Joyce Hawthorne Cook presented an excellent program on diaries and journals in genealogical research. Joyce is a professional librarian, earning her masters in library science degree from SUNY Geneseo. Diaries and journals are written on a regular basis and are about everyday life. We can learn a great deal about our ancestors by reading their writings. Ms. Cook is the author of *The Civil War Diary and Letters of Lieutenant Lansing Bristol, 147th NY Volunteers*. In this book, she has woven together elements of Lt. Bristol's diary and his letters home with her own research into his life to provide a much deeper picture of the soldier's experiences during the Civil War. In addition to this book, she also brought an example of a 'birthday book' or 'calendar book'. This is basically a calendar with peoples' names and events written in, often including the person's relationship to the author. For example, my entry for February 16 might read: 1919, Roberta Mary Vanderbogart (my mother) was born in Ellenburg, NY. Anyone interested in either history or genealogy would be thrilled to find one of these books with their family information! Several of those in attendance brought diaries or journals they had found to show to the group. There was much discussion after Ms. Cook's presentation.



Joyce Hawthorne Cook

July Meeting

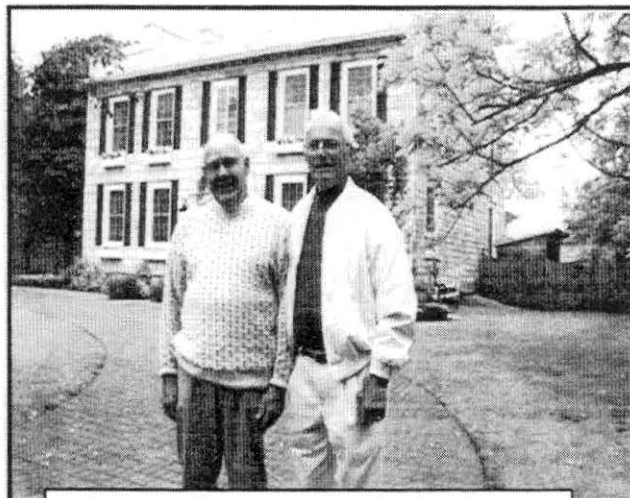
The program for July was presented by Robert Uhlig and Gordon Maycomber, two organizers of the Stone Building Appreciation Society of Jefferson County. This group, formed in 1996, is actively involved in promoting preservation, restoration, education, tourism, and historical documentation of limestone structures in

Jefferson County. Although the association is interested in bridges, towers, smokehouses, springhouses, cemetery walls, and other structures, as well as houses and barns, they are only interested in those built of limestone.

Jefferson County may have the largest number of limestone structures in the United States. The Stone Building Appreciation Society is trying to prove, or disprove, the accuracy of this statement. They are trying to inventory and document stone structures in all 22 towns of Jefferson County. To do this, they need the help of people in communities throughout the county. The procedure they follow is to locate structures, photograph four sides of exteriors, accumulate a history of the structure and then fill out a form with all of the pertinent information. Their intent is to publish the information in book form.

In researching old stone houses, the group has used David Lane's work as their starting point. They note that since Mr. Lane's series of photographs and articles about old houses appeared in the *Watertown Times*, several buildings have fallen into disrepair or disappeared completely. The stone building appreciation group is updating the Lane work with current photographs and updated histories. As a side note, they mentioned that they found the Jefferson County Historical Society to have the best collection of David Lane's work.

The association also encourages and assists in stone structure restoration. Both Mr. Uhlig and Mr. Maycomber live in restored limestone homes. Also, they have conducted tours of stone houses and seminars on such topics as pointing up stone buildings, doing period landscaping, etc. They are willing to visit any interested group and speak about the stone building project. The group has a website at <http://jeffersoncountyhistory.homestead.com/SBAS.html>.



Gordon Maycomber & Robert Uhlig

JCNYGS

Minutes of June 12, 2006 Meeting

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

President Linda Malinich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the old Genealogy Room of the Flower Memorial Library. Twenty-nine people were in attendance.

The secretary's minutes from the May meeting were read and approved—motion by Bob VanBrocklin, second by Hollis Dorr.

Hollis Dorr gave the Treasurer's report; a copy is attached. The report was approved—motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Jerry Davis.

Clancy Hopkins, Corresponding Secretary, reported that there had been a few emails and queries and all had been answered.

Nan Dixon presented a detailed report for the Repository Committee. A copy is attached. The gist of the report is that the Repository has no clear purpose or direction, it is cluttered with hundreds of back issues of *Informers*, and the Society needs to give the Committee some direction. A committee was set up to address the issues of the repository report: Nan Dixon, Bonnie Morley, Doris Monterey, & Jean Coyne. The committee will meet in September.

Publicity: Phyllis sent out the usual notices. The *TI Sun* also printed a photo of Mary Hamilton and Peter Margray taken at the May meeting.

Informers: The July issue is ready to be printed. The topic for the September issue is Jefferson County Teacher Training Classes. The committee will meet in July. Anyone with pictures, names, schools, etc. is asked to get their information to Jerry Davis or to Bill and Nan Dixon as soon as possible.

Membership/Surname: Clancy reports that numbers stay about the same.

Programs: The July meeting will be Gordon Maycomber and Robert Uhlig on Stone Structures in Jefferson County. August 14th will be Rene Schomaker of Prescott, Ontario, on the Patriots' War. September 11 will be Shawn Doyle: Researching Our Canadian-Irish Ancestors. Suggestions are needed for a field trip meeting in October. Phyllis also needs suggestions for programs in November and December.

Publications:

Pedigree Book 2—Lynn Thornton reported that

work is coming along well on this book. She has 20 more pedigrees to work with and can still take a few more last minute submissions if they get to her soon.

Will Book 2—Doris Monterey and Jean Coyne will continue to work on abstracting wills for a second book, if the Society intends to publish one. Bob Van Brocklin moved that the JCNYGS fund a second volume when it is ready for publication. Phyllis Putnam seconded. The motion was carried. Bob Van Brocklin reported that 81 copies of the first *Will Book* have been sold.

New business: Pat James has offered to let the JCNYGS advertise her books and genealogical materials for sale in the *Informer*; in return she will give us a percentage of the selling price as profit. This will involve having someone in the Society be responsible for keeping detailed records of sales. It will also take up 2 pages of space in the *Informer* each time the materials are advertised. The discussion was tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m., following a motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Hollis Dorr.

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Minutes of July 10, 2006 Meeting

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The July 10th meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Linda Malinich. We met in the former microfilm room of the Flower Memorial Library with 37 people in attendance. The secretary's minutes from the June meeting were read and approved—motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Bob Van Brocklin. Hollis Dorr read the treasurer's report and it was approved—motion by Dan Grant, second by Patti Hopkins. A copy is attached.

Corresponding Secretary—Clancy Hopkins reported that there has been a lot of mail: queries, surnames, and membership renewals. He answers all emails, but postal mail is not his strong point. He is hoping the nominating committee will find a new corresponding secretary for next year. We received a letter from the Archives at Fonda, NY, thanking us for donating a copy of our *Will Abstract* book to their facility.

Publicity—Phyllis sent out the usual notifications. She was pleased that both the *T. I. Sun* and the *Watertown Times* printed articles and pictures of tonight's speakers.

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Programs—Phyllis has organized programs for August through March, with the exception of October. We still need ideas for a field trip for the October meeting.

August 14—Rene Schoemaker will discuss the Patriot's War

September 11—Annual meeting; Shawn Doyle will be our speaker

October 9—field trip—We need ideas!

November 13—Donna Dutton: the ancestors on the wall

December 11—Connie Holberg: local history at JCC

January— no meeting

February— no meeting

March 7— Jim Ranger (the new county historian) will provide a tour of records at the county building.

Informers—The July issue went out on time. The committee will meet on Friday, July 14 to discuss the September issue.

Membership/Surnames—Clancy reports that our membership remains steady at over 300. He is getting updates on surnames from members.

Publications:

Will Abstract Book—copies have been donated to various research facilities. Work on a second volume is resuming. To date, we have completed abstracts from all wills in Will Book #1 (about 90 wills) and have abstracted information from the first 22 wills of Will Book #2. These wills are the next in chronological order to Books A through E, which we abstracted for our first Will Abstracts Book. Wills in Book #1 begin with the year 1848.

Genealogical Resources CD—Al needs to know how many CDs to burn to donate to libraries and societies and also exactly who will be receiving them. It was decided to let the Resource Committee (Bonnie Borello) make that decision and get back to Al. The society will pay for the cost of making and shipping the CDs.

Old Business—It was requested that copies of the membership application booklet be given to Al Seymour to include in the package with CDs when he mails them out. It was also mentioned that the applications should be available at meetings. Nan and Bill have them now.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.—motion by Dan Grant, second by Clancy Hopkins.

AN INTERVIEW WITH BETTY STREETS

The main theme of this *INFORMER* being Teacher Training Classes, we set out to interview someone who might have first hand knowledge. We spoke by phone with Elizabeth Streets, long a teacher in the Town of Clayton.

INFORMER: Did you ever attend Teachers' Training Class?

Miss Streets: Oh, no. The last class in Clayton was held the year I graduated from high school.

INFORMER: What year was that?

Miss Streets: 1933.

INFORMER: Did you ever know anyone who did attend training class?

Miss Streets: Oh, yes. I'm trying to think of names. They are all gone, now. That was a long time ago! I don't know of anyone now living who attended class.

INFORMER: Could you tell us anything about it?

Miss Streets: Well, I remember some of them saying they learned more in training class than they did in college. They really studied the subjects.

INFORMER: Was training class a substitute for the last year of high school?

Miss Streets: No, you had to graduate from high school, and then you took a year of training class. I remember when I was in first grade, some of the training class people came into our class and did some projects with us. We enjoyed it. One of the training class teachers was Mary Elliot. They called her Mammie, Mammie Elliot.

INFORMER: Like practice teaching?

Miss Streets: That's it. Practice teaching. I went to normal school, and then I started teaching in Depauville. Later I taught in Clayton.

Teacher: "Clancy, you missed school yesterday, didn't you?"
Clancy: "Not a bit!"



A.C.I. TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS 1908-1909--Front row, left to right: Catherine Balch, Edna Fulsom, Kate Bristol, unknown, unknown, Jennie Spicer. Middle row: Ethel Brown, Ruby Greene, Beulah McIntosh, Miss Kellogg-teacher, Miss Corey-teacher, Bernice Tousley,

Francis Maxwell, Mrs. York [taking refresher course]. Back row: Margaret Hollywood, Louella Boudiette, Francis Hollywood, Prof. Everetts, Carolyn Stoddard, Renah Harris, Leah Gibeau, Lena Davis.

(Out thanks to JCNYS member Norma Wagner for this information!)

**ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL
Course of Study.
FIRST SEMESTER.**

First Period-Arithmetic.
Second Period-Psychology and Principles of Education; School Management.
Third Period-Geography; Nature Study and Agriculture.
Fourth Period-Drawing; General Review.

SECOND SEMESTER

First Period-Language; Composition and Grammar.
Second Period-History of Education; Physiology.
Third Period-Reading; Spelling and Writing; American History with Civics.
Fourth Period-School Law; General Review.

Training Class, 1908-9.

Adams, Clairene	Adams	Greene, Ruby	Adams Center	Royce, Jennie	Barnes Corners
Balch, Catherine	Mannsville	Harris, Renah	Woodville	Spicer, Corinne	Adams
Bodette, Luella	Belleville	Hayes, Edna	Brownville	Spicer, Jennie	Rodman
Bristol, Kate	Adams Center	Hollowood, Frances	Belleville	Stewart, Lula	Cape Vincent
Brown, Ethel	Henderson Harbor	Hollowood, Margaret	Belleville	Stiles, Bessie	Blossvale
Catlin, Myrtle	Rodman	Lindsley, Florence	Chaumont	Stoddard, Corlien	Rodman
Corey, Gladys	Rodman	Maxwell, Frances	Henderson	Stone, Winnifred	Sandy Creek
Davis, Lena	Mannsville	McIntosh, Beulah	Adams	Thomas, Nina	Adams Center
Folsom, Edna	Mannsville	O'Neil, Bessie	Rodman	Whitney, Bernice	Henderson
Gibeau, M. Leah	Mannsville	Pooler, Florence	Adams		

To Be A Teacher Prior To Indoor Plumbing And Central Heating

By Pamela M. Kostyk, Dexter Village Historian

This is a short look into the hardships of teaching before the turn of the century, and a little about the schools of Dexter NY. I used a lot of reference and some first hand accounts. Not much has been written about one room school houses in Dexter.

Just picture being a new graduate of high school back in the 1800's and being a woman. Not many men were brave enough to tackle the hardships of a one room school house. Men usually went to work the land of their parents, went to war or work at the mills or factories to support their families.

Until about 1930, teacher training classes were maintained in village schools, one being in each supervisory district. This was a one year course that suggested methods of teaching, and reviewed subject matter to be taught, etc.

After this course was finished you began your teaching career, simple as that! If you wished to continue as a teacher it was customary to go back to school. Normal schools or College were your choices. Rural schools were the ticket for one year graduates because the village and city schools required either experienced teachers or normal school graduates.

Imagine being inexperienced and a woman going to your first school. Usually you boarded at one of the board member's homes. This was not conveniently located near your school so you normally walked the 1-6 miles to your new school. You had to arrive a good two hours before your pupils. In the winter this allowed you plenty of time to shovel out the walk way or mud way, as there was no pavement to the school house. You brought in wood from the woodpile supplied usually by the children's parents. You would then get the morning fire going in the potbellied stove located in the middle of the room. If you were lucky the pump to the well was not frozen, and you could fill 5 gallon pails of water and bring these into school to be used in case of fire or at recess for the children's lunch. The last thing you did was to shovel a path from the school to the privy or outhouse, usually located some distance from school, for a very good reason! There, now you are ready to supervise and teach for the next 7 hours from 9-4, as few as 8-10 or as many as 45-50 little minds from grades 1-8. The grades were sectioned off into rows. Ah yes, and as the room got warmer and spring baths were far away you tried to keep their attention. These little charges usually dressed in their winter woollies would squirm and not pay attention. Some would be falling asleep because of being up before dawn to help their parents with the morning chores.

You also had to watch for the class bully, you were always alert to put him in the corner with the "dunce" cap on.

The one room school teacher moved around a lot. If you were a woman, dating was frowned upon. Marrying meant you usually got out of the profession. Imagine all of this fun for \$3.00 to \$4.00 a week.

Higher Education in New York State

(Thanks to Jean Coyne, JCNYS Secretary)

Abstracted from *The University of the State of New York, Historical and Statistical Record* by Franklin B. Hough.

Higher Education became a priority in New York State as soon as the Revolutionary War ended. One of the first acts passed by the state Legislature in 1784 established a State University. Because Kings College in New York City had been chartered by King George III, it needed to be reorganized to reflect the ideals of the new country. A Board of Regents was established to oversee the college, and its reorganization became the basis for a state-wide system of education. The 1784 Act was replaced by the Act of 1787 in which the Board of Regents' role was modified to oversee educational growth throughout the state. Many private schools were established, and the Regents visited these institutions to make certain they maintained educational standards. By 1795 the Regents had two colleges and 12 academies under its jurisdiction. In those early days not all schools were incorporated under the Board of Regents. Many schools with religious affiliations or strong belief in private, rather than public, education maintained their individuality.

Schools of higher education in Jefferson County that were incorporated during the first 100 years of the Board of Regents were:

- Adams Collegiate Institute [Hungerford Collegiate Institute, then Adams Collegiate Institute again], April 22, 1855
- Brownville Female Seminary, November 28, 1849
- Carthage Union School, Academic Department, June 2, 1871
- Antwerp Liberal Literary Institute [Ives Seminary], February 1, 1856
- Orleans Academy, February 5, 1851
- Watertown Academy, May 2, 1833
- Black River Literary and Religious Institute [Watertown High School], February 28, 1842.

Several of these local institutions in later years provided teacher-training classes to prepare teachers for the rural schools of the area.

COMPUTER CORNER

This issue's column is a collection of scraps from here and there. From the Jefferson County Mailing list comes this information:

I have just added another New York State coffin plate to the index on Ancestors At Rest. Persie Parker Died Jan 7th 1881 AE 62yrs 7mo 4days.

The plate was found in NY so I had a look in the census for Persie and I think I found her in Jefferson County, 1860 United States Federal Census. Name, Home in 1860 (City,County,State) Age in 1860, Birth Year, Birthplace, Gender.
Persis Parker, Alexandria, Jefferson, NY 42, abt 1818, New York, Female

It is a beautiful plate with very good engraving. If you want to see the plate or the rest of the census info that I found go to

http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/coffin_plates/

Note: I had never heard of Coffin Plates, and as this one was found in Jefferson County, there may be more hidden under the sod, or in someone's attic.

Sent in by a friend. It's not just Jefferson County, but you may find goodies here: a wonderful site if you have not seen it. A list of references and lookups!
<http://www.iroots.net/tools/library/stacks/stafile.htm>

Again from the mailing list, from that good friend of Jefferson County searchers, Russ Sprague. Many of us are new to genealogy or family history, and a lot of us are new to computer searching. The Boolean search is handy to many researchers, and not only those looking for ancestors:

At the Fulton site (www.fultonhistory.com) if you click on the 'Help FAQ' link, and scroll down quite a bit there is a nice section on Boolean search. FAQ is for 'Frequently Asked Questions'. I would not scroll down quickly though as there is quite a bit of useful info before you get to Boolean search.

An example of Boolean search I found useful recently was 'Sprague w/5 married' and 'Sprague w/5 died' (use the words but not the quotes in your own searched.

This means I want to find the word Sprague within 5 words of married or within 5 words of died. If I was

searching for my own name I could search 'Sprague w/5 Russell'.

Once you put the search term in use the drop down list to select 'Boolean' as the type of search. A hi speed connection can make a very nice difference. The site is images, not text and can be slow to load. Most public libraries will have pcs with hi speed connections.

What you could do to become familiar with the way the search methods work is find something ahead of time on some page and then search for it using the different ways mentioned in the site help link.

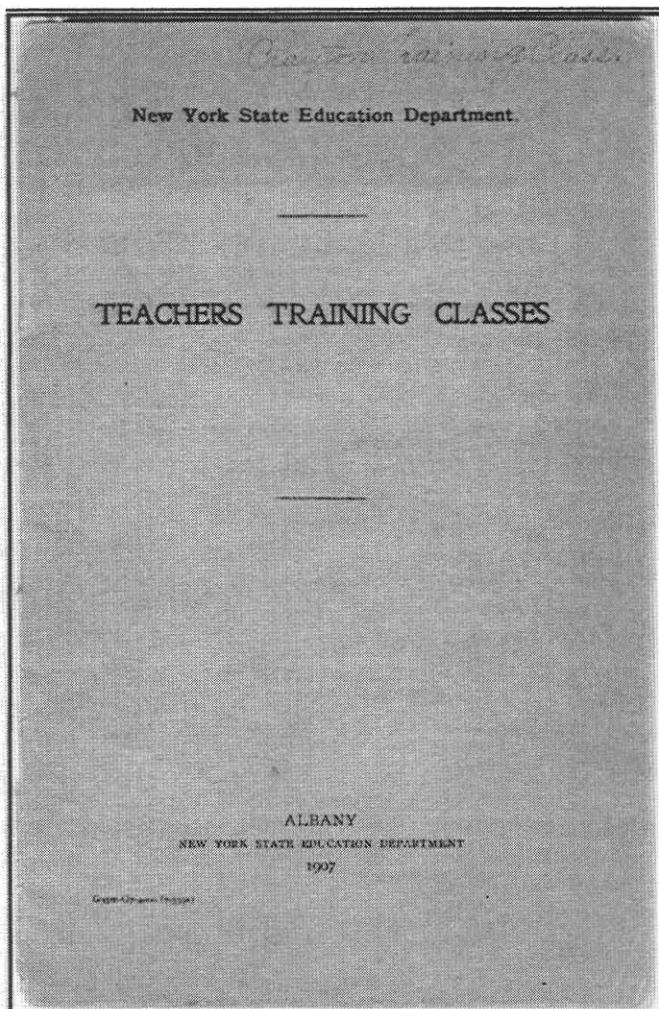
Another item from Russ Sprague on the Jefferson County mailing list. Many of us have ancestors or connections on the border of Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties. If you have a dead end in Jefferson County, you might try St. Lawrence. Russ says:

Just got a fresh set of indexed names from volunteer Dave Payne. The number of indexed names is now over 3,000 (up from about 1700) and this is just a fraction of the total. This is a work in progress. You may want to visit periodically until it is complete. There is a combination of un-indexed pdf page images and a clickable name index that will display the page where a name is found.

Start at www.usgenweb.org, click 'New York' then 'choose a county' and select St. Lawrence county. From the drop down list at 'select a link', choose 'church records'.

Note that the huge amount of material by Anne Cady (cemetery, census and much more) is also linked to this county site plus donated material by many other volunteers. Every link there is worth checking as your time permits.

Tim Abel, the new director of the Jefferson County Historical Society sent us this one. We've mentioned Northern New York Historical Newspapers before, but since they do add newspapers from time to time, perhaps it's time to visit the site again. North Country Libraries maintains a file of old and discontinued newspapers. Don't be put off; not all of them pertain to Jefferson County. But using that Boolean search method described above by Russ Sprague, you might play around with
<http://news.nnyln.net/>
<http://news.nnyln.net/>



This is a picture of the 1907 edition of the New York State Education Department regulations for the organization and government of teachers training classes in union schools and academies. Our thanks to Janet Collins at the 1000 Islands Museum in Clayton for making this and many of the pictures and articles in our September *Informer* available to us. Janet is also an active member of our JCNYSG. We have reproduced a portion of this booklet in the following article.

TEACHERS TRAINING CLASSES

The following regulations governing teachers training classes have been prescribed in accordance with the laws of 1894, chapter 556 providing for the professional instruction of common school teachers in academies and union schools of the State.

I Appointments

1 To receive consideration, applications for appointments to instruct classes, should be forwarded to the Education Department by the first of April each year. Blank forms are supplied upon request.

In order that a school may receive an appointment the board of education must meet the following requirements:

a Employ as instructor or instructors of the class for not less (each day) than four recitation periods of 40 minutes each, a duly qualified teacher who is either (1) a college graduate or a graduate of a normal school of this State, who has had at least two years' experience in teaching in the public schools of the State since graduation at least one year of which must have been in grade work; or (2) a holder of a State certificate granted in this State upon examination subsequent to 1875.

b Pay a salary of at least \$500 to the training class instructor.

c Equip a suitable room or apartment separate from all other departments of the school in which the training class members shall be seated and no others, unless they shall be members of the graduating class of the current school year.

d Provide opportunity for members of the class to observe methods of teaching in the several grades, and to teach in such grades under proper criticism and direction.

e Conduct the prescribed recitations of the course separately from all other recitations.

f Maintain a class for at least 36 weeks.

2 In making assignments to institutions reference will be had to:

a The proper distribution of the classes among the school commissioner districts.

b The location of classes to accommodate the greatest number of candidates.

c Proper equipment of the institution and the advantages offered for thorough work, both in the theory and in the practice of teaching.

II Qualifications for admission

1 Candidates must be at least 17 years of age at the time of entrance.

2 They must subscribe to the following declaration: "We, the subscribers, hereby declare that our object in asking admission to the training class is to prepare ourselves for teaching; and that it is our purpose to engage in teaching in the public schools of the State of New York, at the completion of such preparation. We pledge ourselves to remain in the class during the year, unless prevented by illness or excused by the Commissioner of Education."

Candidates should have their attention specially called to this obligation.

3 Candidates must possess: good health, good character, freedom from physical deformity, capacity for training.

4 Candidates must hold as a minimum qualification one of the following:

(continued on next page)

a Any teachers certificate, expired or unexpired, issued in this State.

b A standing of at least 65% in the subjects required for an elementary certificate and in addition any 12 academic counts under the syllabus of 1900 or 18 counts under the syllabus of 1905.

c A Regents academic diploma, which must include advanced United States history or American history and civics, history of Great Britain and Ireland, physics, biology, including physiology, advanced arithmetic, advanced drawing.

III Organization

1 The school year is divided into two terms of not less than 18 weeks each.

2 New classes are organized in September only, but candidates may be admitted at the beginning of the second term, *if they intend to remain in the class an entire year.*

3 The class can consist of not less than 10 nor more than 25 members.

4 To secure the most promising candidates, the following information should be fully announced prior to the organization of the class:

a The date on which the class is to be organized.

b The conditions of admission.

c The character and advantages of the training class course.

5 The principal should consult the school commissioner, with a view to securing as members of the class all untrained persons who intend to teach.

6 *On every school day four periods of 40 minutes each* must be occupied with instruction on the topics prescribed in the course of study. Adequate time must be given to the instructor for the proper supervision of the observation and practice. Only those members of the class who have the time and the ability may be allowed to pursue subjects additional to those included in the course. No person other than a member of the class shall recite with the class, except in psychology and history of education.

7 Two blank forms for notice of organization and two organization registers will be furnished to each institution at the beginning of the year. These blanks must be properly filled and one of each forwarded to the Department at the end of the third week after the organization of the class. Duplicates must be retained by the principal for inspection by the proper school officers. No organization register is required the second term.

IV Rulings and requirements

1 No person will be granted permission to enter the class later than the second Monday following the date of its organization.

2 All members must enter the term examina-

tions, unless excused by the Commissioner of Education.

3 No member shall withdraw from the class before the expiration of the term, except by permission of the Commissioner of Education, *and no such permission will be granted during the year, simply in order that the candidate may teach.*

4 When the class is organized, the qualifications for admission possessed by each member shall be entered in the training class daily register *and in the organization report.*

5 The daily attendance of each member upon each recitation is to be recorded in the register which must be forwarded to the Department at the close of the year.

6 The first term for the ensuing year shall begin not later than the Monday following Labor day, unless the school shall open at a later date, and the second term not later than the Monday following the January Regents examinations.

7 Training class certificates are granted only upon the completion of a year's work as prescribed in the course of study.

8 Membership in a class will be limited to a period of two years.

9 No member is to enter any teachers examinations other than for training classes while a member of a training class, except by permission of the Department.

10 The Department reserves the right to dismiss a member at any time for cause.

11 Any school may prescribe additional qualifications for admission to the class, add to the course of study, or extend the minimum time prescribed for the course.

(The booklet continues with:

V Course of study

VI Observation and practice work

VII Examinations

VIII School commissioner

IX The law creating and governing

teachers training classes

These are followed by the course of study and syllabus.)

Rule Kids Won't Learn In School

"It is not your parents' fault. If you screw up, YOU are responsible."



Clayton Teachers Training Class—1901

Back Row (Left to Right):

Ruth Hungerford, Decelia Peo, Lula Henry (Tieman), Rose Libby (Teacher), Fay Philly ?

Second Row (Left to Right):

Addie Atwood (Ladd), Helen Mercier, Jennie Haas (Kenyon), Charlotte Easton (Haas), Adelaide S. Patch

First Row (Left to Right):

Fred Ladd, Ross Spalsbury, Edwin R. Buskirk, Alfred Dorr

The Informer staff would like to bring to your attention an article on page 22 in the March 2004 issue of the Informer written by JCNYS member Bonnie Borrello entitled **Scrapbook Scraps—Teachers Training Classes of the Past.**

CLAYTON UNION SCHOOL

—OPENS—

September 14, 1903

Free Tuition for Non-Resident
HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

FOR GRADUATION the following subjects must be included:—Algebra, Geometry, Physics, Physiology, 2 years of English and one year of History.

THE

Teachers' Training Class

WILL BE ORGANIZED

Tuesday, September 8th, 1903.

FREE TUITION.

ERNEST ROBINSON, Principal
G. H. MCKINLEY, President.
S. H. JOHNSON, Clerk.

Clayton, August 24th, 1903.

WHERE WERE THE SCHOOLS IN DEXTER??

(Pamela M. Kostyk, Dexter Village Historian)

Most of the time, the first funds for a major building in a village were for a place of higher learning. In Dexter this was also true. In my research from the Centennial Book written by the late Marion Evans and sources I used at the village office and library, no records have been traceable as to where and when the first public school buildings were. Village knowledge is that it was at the home of Charles Avery, 128 West Grove St. in Dexter. There were initially two rooms; eventually two more rooms were added. His son John Avery resides there now. He was a shop teacher at the High School.

If the building stood before 1851 it was on S. Newton Dexter's farm. It said in the files, on August 1, 1851 Mr. Dexter sold a two acre plot that includes the present Avery and Hackett home's as of 1997. Another theory is that it stood on the land designated as the Public Square. This land was to be used only for "religious and educational purposes," as designated in the charter. The original deed to this was not found and we are unable to support this idea. It is said the school was then moved and converted into a single family dwelling.

From 1846 to 1869 District 7 school house was at the northwest corner of Kirby and Liberty Streets. In 1870 the property was sold by school trustees Edwin E. Clark, Josiah A. McWayne and George Rounds. The deed and records say that this is the same lot occupied by school district No.7 of the Town of Brownville.

The first brick school building for Dexter was erected in 1868, 13 years after our corporation papers were signed in 1855. The location of the building was at the northwest corner of Liberty and West Bradley St. The school was located on a corner of the Public Square. The building formed the southeast section of property. As with most schools crowding forced the construction of a large addition west of the original building, built in 1896. Another expansion was made in 1906 and a High School was added to the north of the building. The two buildings were joined in 1922, two more school rooms were added, and in 1940 a shop and a shower room were added to the northwest side of the building.

Mr. Burt Alverson was Principal from 1894-1935, he saw the school through the biggest and most exciting renovations. During this time the Training School was organized. Mrs. Addie Alverson, who joined the faculty as Addie Bigwood in 1896, was the director and teacher of the training class. The courses ended in

1933. As mentioned before with a one year post graduate course, students could earn a teachers certificate good for 3 years.

The Alumni Association was formed in 1900 with 14 members. A banquet for all past classes of Dexter High School is held annually during commencement week. The banquet has been held since 1902. Our Dexter High School Alumni Association celebrated its 100th anniversary June, 2000! A Parent-Teacher Association was formed in 1945. Mrs. Garnet Elliot was the first president. This group brought dancing lessons, parties, assembly programs and a dental care system to the school in the first few years. The new politically correct version is our PTSO (parent teacher student organization). This is where everyone works together.

School improvement continued with the merger of the Dexter Union Free School and the Brownville-Glen Park Central District. Ground was broken for a centralized high school on 1955 located at the junction of Route 12E and the Cemetery road. Addition's have been put on the high school through the years, with the last one being 1996-97.

The old school was used as the elementary school for years until May 8, 1988, when ground was broken for a new elementary school on E. Grove St. The grand old high school that started it all was sadly torn down in 1989. Many residents watched with a tear in their eye as the old school was torn down. I know I saw many citizens taking bricks as a memento of days gone by.

Enjoy the year books and pictures and mementos: If there is anything anyone would like to add, or supply a memory of their own for future generations feel free to call me.

Julia Gosier of Lyme Heritage Center has a taped interview of students who attended one room schools.

**Father: What did you learn in your first day of school today, son?
Son: Not enough! I have to go back again tomorrow!**



From the T.I. Sun, October 12, 1972—**DEXTER TEACHERS TRAINING CLASS**—Front row left to right: Gladys Smith Penny, Eva Cross Ackerman, Addie McLane Harris, Grace Wallace Doney, Irene Wells Shimel, Thelma Foot King and Julia Allen Banks, Second row: Dorothy Gosier Walter, Myrtle Smith Diefendorf, Genevieve Pound, Anna Wilder Poth, Korleen Buskirk Byam and Olive Miner Garrett. Third row: Winnie Walrath Carlisle, Dorothy Lingenfelter Flath, Mattie Miller Stratton, Mildred Doxtater Timmerman. Elsie Grant and Georgia Crouse Klock. Fourth row: Arnold Northrop, Linda Hasseler Baird, Mrs. Addie B. Alverson (teacher), Jennie Carlisle Hotis and Prof. B. W. Alverson.



**Methodist Parsonage
Theresa
Digging Cellar**

A picture query!

**Does anyone
recognize anything
about this
picture?**

**If so, please
let anybody on
the staff or an
officer know!
(See Page 2)**



See page 19 for information on Ives Seminary in Antwerp and the picture above.
Below is the Antwerp Training Class of 1927 (no names).





Antwerp Training Class 1932

Back Row, from left, Fred Moore, Lois Zimmer, Don Myers, John Bedthel, Clara Ferguson, Edwin Johnson: middle row, Gladys Redmond, Myrtle Townsend Dealing, Opal Bartlett Ritchie, Bertha Hanni, Pauline Cooper, Bob Bellinger, Mrs. Jackman; front row, Gladys Monterville, Florence Greenhill, Marjorie Dafoe, Doris Eggleston, Clarissa Tamblin and Holly MacAlese. Loaned by Clara Sprague Ferguson (from WDT January 24, 1983)



Antwerp Training Class 1913-14 (no names)

GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

Arthur Joseph Anderson
 Harris Belden
 Helen Manning Bennett
 May Antoinette Cline
 Marjorie Priscilla Comins
 Miles Edward Comins
 Frank Crandall
 Marjorie Lucille Gifford
 Jessie Marion Graves
 Ethelwyn Nettie Gray
 Margaret Leverage Greenizen

Howard Louis Hudson
 Lecta Kathleen Hutchinson
 Rachael Marie Johndrow
 Florence Minnie Jones
 Marion Freda Lingenfelter
 Clarence Wilfred Nunn
 Wallace Fulton Patch
 Florence Adella Payne
 Marjorie Marie Pettit
 Mildred Estelle Reff
 Marjorie Irene Sternberg

TRAINING CLASS

Mary Christine Cain
 Esther Mary Casselman
 Mary Fidelis Cobey
 Violet Belle Dano
 Ruth Cornaire Donaldson
 Kathryn Marie Fluckiger
 Vera Elizabeth Gray
 Ave Maria Lantier
 Grace Ada Matthews

CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

AND

TRAINING CLASS

Commencement Exercises

Town Hall, Clayton, N. Y.

June 20th, 1927

8:15 o'clock, P. M.

PROGRAM

March - - - - Orchestra
 Invocation - Rev. Ian A. R. Macdonald
 Salutatory and Essay—Our Latin-American
 Neighbors - Rachael Marie Johndrow
 "Springtime" (Moore) - Girls' Chorus
 Demonstration of Kindergarten Work
 - - - - Violet Belle Dano
 Forest Conservation - Frank Crandall
 Selection - - - - Orchestra

PROGRAM

The Awakening of China
 - - - Helen Manning Bennett
 Valedictory - - Miles Edward Comins
 "Come Where the Lilies Bloom" (Thompson)
 - - - - Girls' Chorus
 Presentation of Diplomas
 C. J. Thompson, President, Board of Education
 Address - William T. Melchior, Ph. D.
 "Star Spangled Banner"
 Benediction

GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

Lovenia Elizabeth Clark	Marguerite Ann McMullin
Nina Olive Comins	John Livingston Marshall
Violet Elizabeth Delaney	Florence Edna Patterson
Natalie Amy Garnsey	Winifred Kathleen Patterson
John Edward Gillick	Richard Grapotte Phillips
James Burton Hart	Robert William Streets
John Radford Johnson	Naomi Madelyn Tuites
Rose Margaret Kelly	Grovene Irma Vincent
Cornelia Ella Lennox	Nelson Bush Walts
Charles Richard Locke	Donald Edgar Waters
Edna Mae Longway	Robert Edwin Wicks

CLASS HONORS

Salutatorian - - - - - Rose Margaret Kelly
 Valedictorian - - - - - Grovene Irma Vincent

TRAINING CLASS

Leonard Frederic Blanchard	Genevieve Mae Kehoe
Elizabeth Rose Cair	Eirma Marie Littlefield
Dorothy Whittier Hart	Ida Louise McAvoy
Vera Clara Herlehy	Lois-Kate Marsh
Laura Marguerite Hoppel	Martha Margaret Norton
Claude Maurice Hutchinson	Ruth Burnham Stanley
Beulah Eliza Hyde	Hazel M. Timmerman
James Roland Waterson	

CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

—AND—

TRAINING CLASS

Graduation Exercises

Town Hall, Clayton, New York

*June 22, 1931
8:15 P. M.*

Clayton High School and Training Classes of 1931 (above) and 1932 (Below)

PROGRAM

Double Quartette—"In the Time of Roses".....L. Reichardt
 Esther Moore Ruth Bell
 Kathryn Ford Audrey Seymour
 Mary Cabell Elaine Morse
 Marion Bennett Mary Butcher

THE GATEWAY—A Pageant for Commencement
 Walter Bissell

CAST

A Knight	Kendrick Streets
Observation	Virginia Stael
Spirit of Clayton High School	Ada Streets
Graduate	Margaret Stage
Health	John Bates
Understanding	Karl Bertrand
Accuracy	Irene Cuppernall
Appreciation	Hazel Porter
Expression	Jessie Matthews
Service	James Hart
Labor	Doris Putnam
Agriculture	Gerald Herlehy
Commerce	Dorothy Blanchard
Law	Orrin LaRue
Medicine	Evelyn Rees
Fine Arts	Gertrude Francis
Mother	Glenn Fowkes
Boy	Kathleen McKinley
Girl	Lillian VanKleeck
Character	Myrtle Ferguson
Courage	Mary Masters
Loyalty	Leola Hibbard
Faith	Edna Longway
Hope	Geneva Brabant
Purity	Fannie Sangster
Truth	Kathryn Griffin
Love	Adams
"The Bells of St. Mary's"	K. Maxwell
"Keep on Hopin'"	J. S. Fearis
"All Through The Night"	Girls' Glee Club
Presentation of Diplomas	E. J. Carter, President, Board of Education
	Mary Elliott, Training Class Instructor
"STAR SPANGLED BANNER"	

GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

John Clarence Bates	Sarah Jane Norton
Karl Leonard Bertrand	Hazel Mary Porter
Dorothy Elizabeth Blanchard	Doris Aleatha Putnam
Geneva Gertrude Brabant	Evelyn Marian Rees
Irene Grace Cuppernall	Margaret Elizabeth Stage
Myrtle Esther Ferguson	Virginia Eva Stael
Gertrude Kathryn Francis	Ada Elizabeth Streets
Leola Elcena Hibbard	Kendrick Loren Streets
Mary Elizabeth Masters	Lillian Pauline VanKleeck
Jessie Marguerite Matthews	

CLASS HONORS

Salutatorian..... Virginia Eva Stael
 Valedictorian..... Ada Elizabeth Streets

TRAINING CLASS

Madeline Mary Byrne	Orrin Vernon LaRue
Mary Elizabeth DeLosh	Cornelia Ella Lennox
Mildred Ethel Graham	Edna Mae Longway
Kathryn Mary Griffin	Florence Edna Patterson
Mairiam Margaret Harden	Fannie Catherine Sangster
James Burton Hart	Clover Mary Stevens
Gerald Wilfred Herlehy	Helen Frances Wilbur
Doris Leona Johndrow	Rose Marie Yazoski

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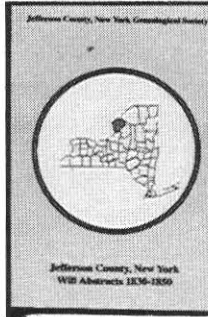
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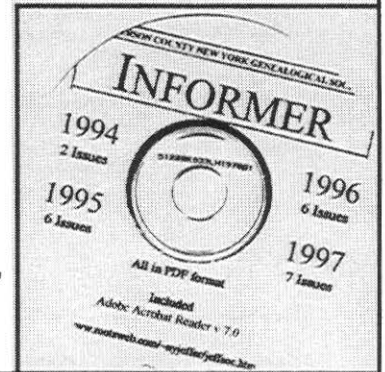


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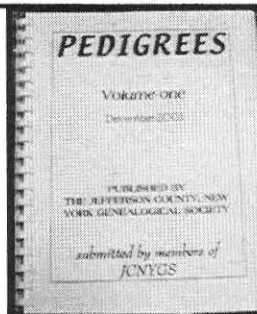
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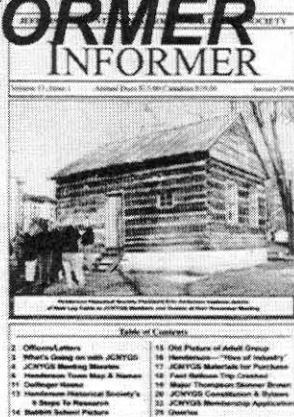
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ASK AUNTY JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:

Aunty Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,
Clayton NY 13624
or E-mail nandixon@Gisco.net

Dear Aunty Jeff:

When something is called a Plank road, does that literally mean wooden planks were laid down?

Kelly

Dear Kelly,

Yes. They had a short popularity, just before the railroads here in Jefferson County. A group of business men would get together, form a company, and then build a plank road (remember the primeval forests then) from one village or hamlet to another, and then another and another. They were superior to the mud, stones, stumps, marsh, washouts, you name it, on the ordinary roads of the day. Much smoother travel, too (remember no asphalt or macadam then).

They recouped their outlay by charging tolls (think Thruway) and the sites of old toll gates are marked with historical markers here and there in Jefferson County.

This was strictly private enterprise here (I can't vouch for any other area, but I surmise it was all the same) and not a governmental improvement.

Then came the railroads and the same men, or that type of business man, invested in these newfangled iron tracks for steam engines. You should read some of the negative publicity for railroads! But the railroads won out, and plank roads went out of fashion.

BITS AND PIECES

Noadiah Hubbard put up a log schoolhouse at the town's expense in Champion and in the same year also built one of the first churches in Champion. (1801)

One of the first schoolhouses in the area was built on Carlton Island in 1823 and a survey of the boundary between United States and Canada was completed.

The last operating, one-room schoolhouse in the state of New York closed in 1989, on Grindstone Island. The schoolhouse is set in the middle of the island and is now the Grindstone Island Research and Heritage Center Headquarters.

Ives Seminary Training Class 1891

From January 18 (no year) WDT
(See picture on page 14)

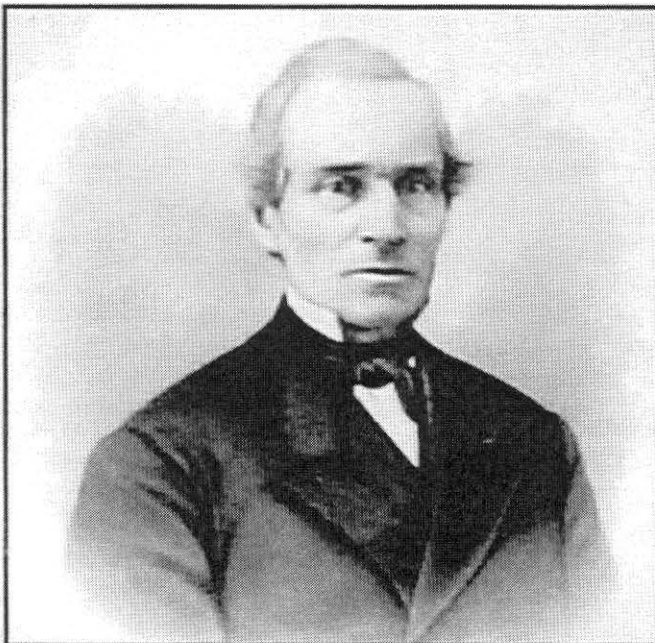
Ives seminary, so named in 1874, in honor of Willard Ives, Watertown, was located at Antwerp and one of the prominent educational institutions of the county a half century and over ago. Today's picture is of a teacher-training class of girls at the institution under Professor Wheeler of Watertown in 1891.

The dormitory and school building proper were constructed of stone, each room being heated by a wood stove. The wood was transported to the upper floors in an elevator and deposited at the end of the hall. Each girl was compelled to go to the pile, get fuel and take it to her room, where she had to build and care for her own fire.

School regulations required each girl to be in her room at 7:30 in the evening and study until 10 when lights had to be out and the students in bed. From 4 to 7 each afternoon they were at liberty to take outdoor exercise. The photograph today is contributed by Mrs. Mamie Russell, Alexandria Bay, member of the class of 1891.

Front row, left to right: Minnie Olney, Oxbow; Minnie Parkhurst, deceased, Theresa; Mamie Render, Antwerp.

Second row; Jennie Olwick, Geneva Snell, Antwerp; Frankie Bacon, Theresa; Della Rudes, deceased, Lowville.



Willard Ives—Mr. Ives was president of the Merchants Bank in Watertown when his contribution started the endowment fund of Ives Seminary in 1873. The school was named for him in 1874. At the age of 80 he was president of Ives Seminary and of the Jefferson County Orphan Asylum.

Found In The Newspapers

(Thanks to JCNYS Secretary Jean Coyne for her research.)

WDT June 29, 1920

Training Class Reunion

Adams, June 29. - The members of the Adams Training class of 1917 held a reunion at the City park, Watertown, Saturday afternoon. Greetings were sent to absent members and to former teachers of the class. It was voted to hold a reunion next year at the same place. Among those present were Mrs. George Parker, Brownville; Miss Mabel Briggs, Watertown; Mrs. Avon Greenley, Mrs. Clifford Easton, Mrs. M. J. Gould, Adams; Mrs. Claude Remington, Ellisburg; Mrs. Arthur Day, East Syracuse; Mrs. Frank Fairbanks and Miss Ollis C. Stewart of Syracuse.

WDT Sept. 23, 1910

Carthage Training Class

The Carthage training class has been recently organized with a membership of 14. At a recent election of officers, the class elected the following officials for the coming year: President, Miss Anastasia Griffin; vice-president, Miss Lena Crowner; secretary and treasurer, Miss Harriett Brown. The class colors are light blue and gold. The motto is, "Him that Hath Gits." This motto was carefully chosen by the class and was taken from a lecture given during institute week by O. M. Warren, one of the institute instructors.

WDT June 11, 1921

Carthage Training Class

The members of the Carthage Training Class held their class day exercises Thursday evening at the park in State street. All members were present. Miss Alice Galloway read the class history. Mrs. Chester Pierce gave the class prophesy and the will was made by Edna Downey. Miss Marion Baum gave a

reading. Following the frolic all went to the Sugar Bowl where ice cream and cake were served.

The members of the class are Misses Mabel Carter, Alice Galloway, Winifred and Gertrude Houghton, Olive Flint, Lara Rourke, Mary Shannon, Edna Downey, Mrs. Chester Pierce, Francis Boshart, Florence Zecker, Marion Baum. The officers are: President, Gertrude Houghton; vice president, Marion Baum; secretary and treasurer, Florence Zecker.

(Lowville, NY) Journal & Republican June 29, 1933

Carthage Training Class

Carthage high school teachers' training class, a department of the educational system which for years has trained hundreds of teachers for positions throughout the rural schools of this section and many of the grade schools will be discontinued at the close of the school year. Members of the last class to be graduated are: Marion Fraley, Rosanna Collet, Emma Luther, Kenna Allen, Doris Johnson, Alfreda Lumley, Emily Watts, Marian Snyder, Vernita Yerdon, Louise Allen, Leslie Thomas, Catherine Meahan, Ruth Patterson.

"HIM THAT HATH GITS"

Motto of Teachers' Training Class at Carthage High School.

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We have no names for this picture that is labeled as Clayton Training Class of 1929. As with all our pictures and articles in the *Informer*, we welcome responses from our readers with identifications, corrections, and additions to our sometimes quite inadequate research. If you can help, please contact any of the society officers or any member of the *Informer* staff whose contact information is on page 2. It would be greatly appreciated and we will forward new information on to the source of our pictures and articles.

WDT **Antwerp Training Class** 8/21/1914
 Antwerp, Aug. 21.—A training class for teachers will be organized Aug. 31 at Antwerp. From present indications about 15 members will be enrolled in the class. The requirements for entrance have been raised to 35 academic counts. In 1915 the qualifications for entrance will probably be an academic diploma. Many are taking advantage of this by entering now, to avoid higher requirements. During the school year just passed the class was very successful, 16 receiving certificates for teaching. The High school will also commence Aug. 31.

WDT **E. W. Mason, State Inspector of Teachers' Training Classes** 10/30/1900
 visited the training class at the Watertown High school yesterday and the Carthage High school today.

Donald Brown, 21, Antwerp, suffered a broken neck Friday afternoon in a football game between the Antwerp and Canton high school elevens at Antwerp. He was taken to Mercy hospital, Watertown, being paralyzed from the neck down.
 Brown was playing fullback on the Antwerp high eleven. He is a graduate of that school and has been studying for the teaching profession at the Antwerp training class connected with the high school.

Lowville JR
 Nov. 10, 1932

HISTORY OF OLD SEMINARY BEGAN LONG BEFORE EFFORT OF 1860

From Passing of Ives Seminary

(Mrs. Hattie M. Sterling, Antwerp town historian and retired teacher at Indian River Central school, has written a history of Ives seminary, which was demolished in July, 1966. The history is based on extensive research from old seminary records and catalogues, newspaper clippings, scrap books and interviews with living graduates of the seminary. This is Article 3.)

Actually, it was an out-growth of two previously existing educational enterprises, the Gouverneur Wesleyan seminary and the Antwerp Liberal Literary institute.

In order to preserve the historical connection, it is necessary to go back to the first of these.

In the years 1826 and 1827 a brick building was erected by taxation and subscription for the purpose of a high school at Gouverneur. It was incorporated April 5, 1828, and was placed under the patronage of the Black River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and became its conference seminary with Rev. Jesse T. Peck as the first principal.

On the night of Jan. 1, 1839, the academy building was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt of stone at a cost of \$6,000 raised by subscription. It remained under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal church, as a school of academic grade until 1869. At that time, it being felt that the building and facilities were inadequate, it was transferred to Antwerp.

At the same time the educational movement was being advanced in Gouverneur, a gradual movement was taking place in Antwerp which resulted finally in the erection of an institution of educational growth within the community.

As early as 1813 a school was started in a small building which was built on the east side of Main street north of the Foster hotel.

In 1816 David Parish built a church and schoolhouse at his own expense. Brick was made near the spot.

In 1879 the old brick school was torn down and a two-story wooden schoolhouse was built in its place. In order to provide for students not accommodated in the district schools of the vicinity, select schools were held at Antwerp for years every fall and winter, usually in the lecture room of the Congregational church.

In an old scrap book kept by Albert Hoyt a clipping said: "Miss Abel's school opens for the winter term Dec. 2."

"The winter term of Mrs. S. Chapin's select school will open on Tuesday next, Dec. 3"

Rev. C. B. Pond, at that time the only resident clergyman, was among the first, if not the first, to suggest that measures be taken for the erection of an academy building.

Records show that in November, 1854, William McAllister and 17 other citizens of Antwerp, organized a stock company by the purchase of shares of \$25 each, until they should reach the sum of \$5,000. With this they were to erect a school building to cost \$3,000; the balance to be used as an endowment.

The effort was successful, \$5,900 being subscribed by 159 persons. The stockholders applied to the state legislature for a charter, but failing to get it, they obtained one from the Regents of the State University dated Feb. 1, 1856.

Pending this action, efforts were made to secure a site for the building and at once a conflict of interest arose which threatened to produce serious embarrassment. Amid much delay they settled at length upon the present site which has rather an interesting story.

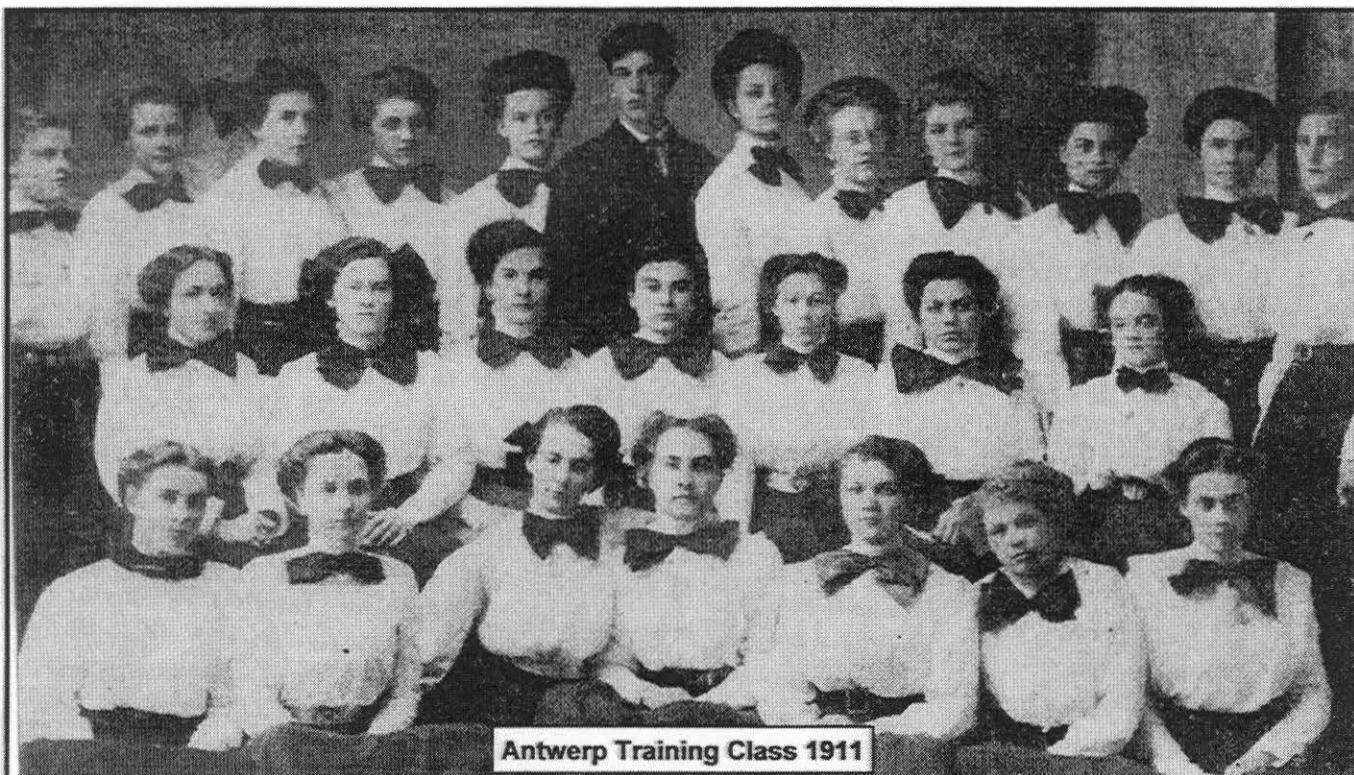
In 1809 Isaac L. Hitchcock settled in the town of Antwerp after buying a plot of land located on upper Main street. There, he built a home and established his family. About 1812 he built a tannery on a corner of the plot near Main street and settled down to become a part of the new community.

For some unknown reason, he decided to leave Antwerp. In 1815 he sold his property to Luther Conklin who settled in 1816. It is not known where Isaac Hitchcock settled after leaving Antwerp or if he was a relative of the Hitchcock family which settled Wolfe island in the St. Lawrence river.

The plot of land which Luther Conklin bought included the land site which was finally selected as being the best location on which to erect the new school building.

The Conklin family has been a part of Antwerp since 1816. The children of each generation had received their education at the school which was built on Conklin land. Miss Etta Robinson, who was graduated from Ives Seminary in 1890, married Luther Conklin, the grandson of the Luther Conklin mentioned previously. She now lives on the farm which she and her husband bought from the Render Brothers.

When Ives seminary was built, stone was obtained from the Render Brothers farm. This was a fine grade of limestone often spoken of as "Potsdam limestone" and was in great demand at that time. Luther Conklin helped to draw the stone and erect the seminary.



Antwerp Training Class 1911

Left to Right, First Row: Elva Foster Rowley, Mary Price Duegaw, Maude Rathen Graves; Myrtle Love Torrey, Mertha Hutton; Galdys Bacon; Hazel Mix Dye; second row: Mary Leeson Berry, Golda Ames Hutton, Inez Brown Wight, Miss Susie Diefendorf, teacher; Stella Spaulding Main, Susie Carthy Dewey, Jessie Laidlaw Smith, Blanche Bates Martin, Jerry Sullivan, Grace Taylor Quary; Marion Augsbury Rivers, Genevieve Ritchie Smith; Blanche Glass Amo, Mabel Sipher Stowell, Arloine Herrick Blount.

At 50th Reunion, Left to Right, First Row: Mrs. Rowley, Gouverneur; Mrs. Duegaw, Antwerp; Mrs. Torrey, Romulus; Second row; Mrs. Berry, Scotia; Mrs. Hutton, Watertown; Mrs. Wight, Mexico; Mrs. Main, Carthage; Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Campbell, Gouverneur; Third Row; Mrs. Smith, Gouverneur; Mr. Sullivan, Hammond; Mrs. Rivers, (end of copy)



50th Reunion



Training Class at Clayton High School, 1928—From the left, Eugene Eddy, Helen Bennet, Bernice Wagoner, Marjorie Pettit, Jessie Graves, Mae Cline, Leota Hutchinson, Florence Payne, Evelyn Constance and Marjorie Wicks.



1917 Training Class—Teacher was Miss Mamie Elliot. Seated, Ruth McKinley, Ella Cantwell and Rosa Beck. First row standing, Frances Delaney, Belva Hyde, Gladys Eiss and Mildred Kittle. Back row, Vera Longtin, Pearl Wagoner, Pauline Churco, Maude March and Bessie Eiss.

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Subject: Jefferson County Informer Query

(Some readers don't have internet access. Please include mailing address &/or phone numbers as well as email.)

Hickok, Hicock, Hecock, Hickox

Looking for info and gravesites of:

Oliver C. **Hickok**, Captain—US Army enlisted 24 Dec. 1812, by Ensign Hale for 18 months. B 1774 Pittsfield, Mass, lived in Pittsford, Vermont d 3 Oct 1813 Sackets Harbor, Jefferson Co, NY, of wounds from Was Of 1812. Engraved headstone Cloe **Hickok**, wife d after 1855 buried alongside husband, No headstone. Several dozen spellings of Hickok: Hicock, Hecock, Hickox, etc. Thanks,

*William Hickok Crook
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Perry, Frizzle, Frizzell

My great grandfather Seth **Perry** was born Feb 1819, either in OH or NY. Federal Census records indicate OH, but the family story says NY. The earliest record I have found of Seth was his marriage 07 Sep 1843 to Mary **Frizzle/Frizzell** in Chatham, Medina Co OH. I have a copy of this record.

The family story says Seth was bound out and that his sister Mary was bound out to a different family.

Could you tell me where I should write for records of children who were bound out in Jefferson County? Also I would like to know where I should write for these state records; he might not have been in Jefferson County at that time.

I have found the Asaph **Frizzell** family on the 1820, 1825, 1830 Census in Adams, Jefferson County NY. Asaph's daughter Mary married Seth **Perry**. Is there an 1835 NY State Census? The Frizzells were on the 1840 Census in Medina County OH.

Does Jefferson County have State Census for any years before 1819 that might show Seth's parents and his sister Mary? I have been told that children who were bound out usually kept their own names. Thank you.

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Cutter, Comstock

Looking for information on the Hanna (**Comstock**) and Barney **Cutter** family from Herkimer, who settled in Watertown sometime about 1800 - 1805. They had three children born in that time frame in Watertown; Emily, Lucinda / Clarinda ?, and Isaac. I am a descen-

dant of Isaac - my g-g-grandfather. It is believed that Barney had two brothers who were bachelors...both drowned

Hanna died when the children were very young. He took them to Ohio and "bound them out to three different families" and then went back to N. Y. to "settle his affairs". He was never heard from again. As adults, two stayed in Ohio and one, Lucinda / Clarinda came back to N. Y.

There are references in "Links in the Chains" (Flower Memorial Library) that Barney and Isaac **Cutter** built a small distillery near the south end of Pamela Bridge afterwards occupied by Theron **Converse** as a hat manufactory. (Barney and Isaac brothers ?) Also, that Mr. **Cowan** came to Watertown to see Mr. Isaac **Cutter** about building a set of mills for Isaac. Mr. **Cowan** brought his family to Watertown in 1803 after negotiating the purchase of Mr. **Cutters'** rights and property. Final reference is the story of Isaacs' frozen body washing up near Henderson.

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Topping, Parker

I am seeking information on my great-great-grandfather, Charles F. **Topping**. He was born in New York in 1827, and married Ann **Parker**, who was born in Watertown, Jefferson County, NY on May 5, 1833. I believe my GGgrandfather may also have been born in this area.

Ann's parents were Hiram and Sallie. Any information would be appreciated.

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Helferich

Frederick **Helferich** bought two pieces of property in Jefferson County New York in 1840. Philip **Helferich** bought a piece of property in 1851.

Frederick **Helferich** sold a piece of property in 1845. Philip **Helferich** sold a piece of property in 1854. Is anyone researching these names or perhaps can tell me more about these properties? I know who Philip **Helferich** is but who is this Frederick **Helferich**?

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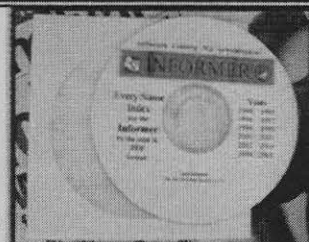
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The JCNYGS plans to publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We are asking that those who have a Jefferson County, NY connection and whose pedigrees were not published in Volume 1 submit their most up-to-date pedigree chart for publication in Volume 2. We will give preference to those charts which have been computer generated, but legible hand-written charts will also be accepted. We ask that the pedigrees be limited to 2 pages and that the submitters name and address should appear on each chart. Submitting the chart implies permission to publish. Send as soon as possible to:

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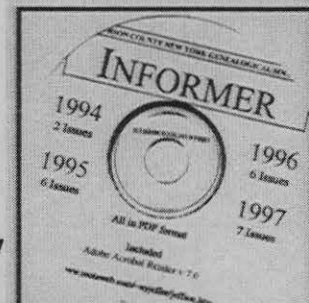
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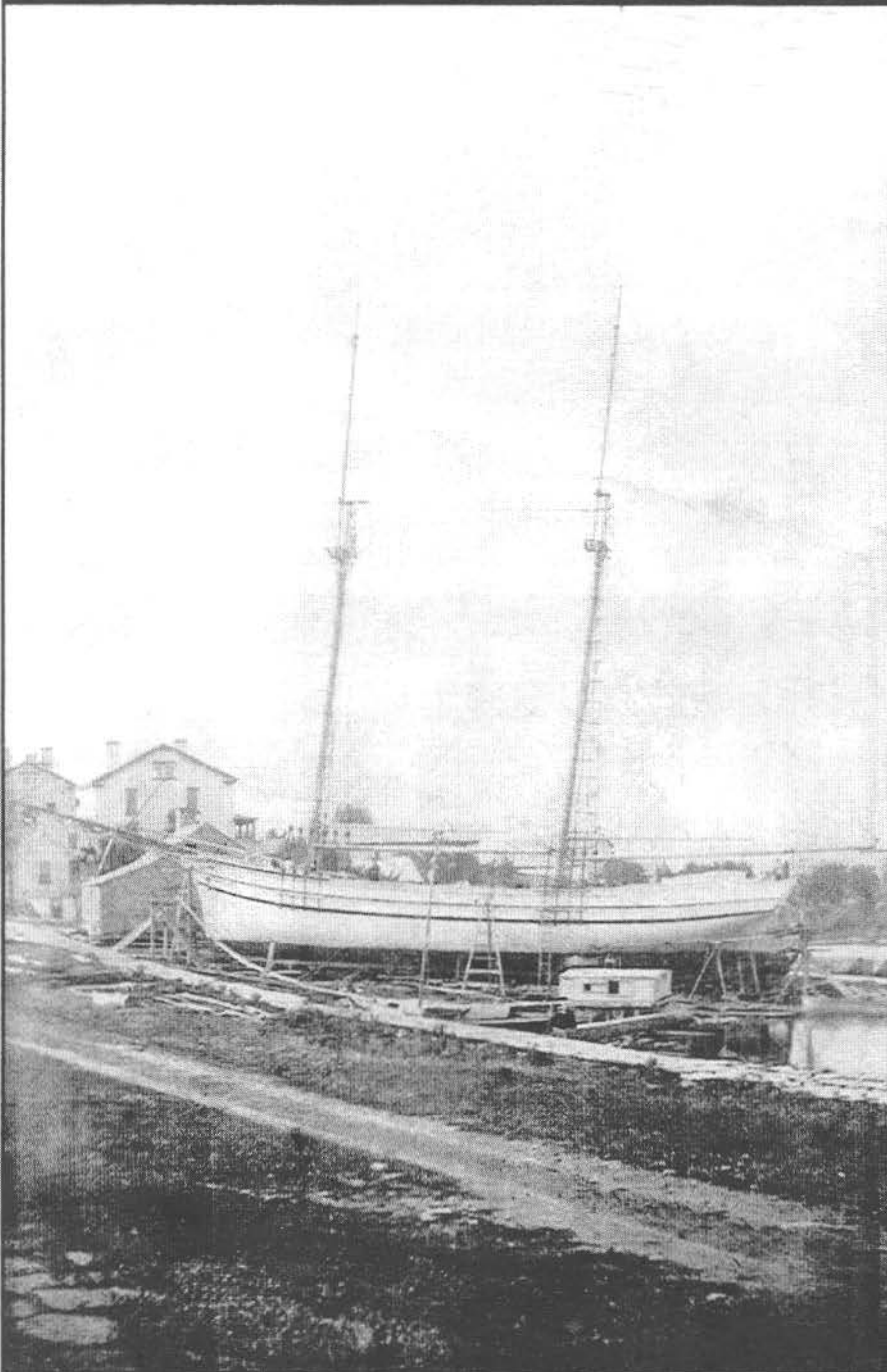
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Add these changes and additions to your directory published last December.

From Murphy's Laws for Genealogy

None of the pictures in your recently deceased grandmother's photo album have names written on them.

Hi Nan,

Marvelous article about the training classes in the September issue of the *Informer*. Would you know where I could get more information; specifically on the Adams Training Class? My Grandmother, Leah Carpenter attended classes there. Thanks as always.
Diana Law

Hello Pauline and Nan,
In looking through some old pictures, I found a newspaper clipping (undated, probably from the TI Sun) of the exact same picture from the September 2006 *Informer*, page 21. The clipping included the names of those in the picture:

1929 TRAINING CLASS AT CLAYTON - Front Row, from the left, Marion Graves, Frances Constance, Pauline Johndrow, Melrose Docteur. Back Row, l to r, Florence Jones, Josephine Fitchette, Ruth Michael, Oleta Potter, Frances Chruco, Serria LaRue, Cecile Commond. (Picture loaned by Evelyn Bovee, Clayton.)

My Mom (Florence Jones) was very good at "saving"! In this case, that is a good thing!

Carolyn Vincent Bourgeois

More From Murphy's Laws for Genealogy

The will you need is in the safe on board the Titanic.

What's Going on with JCNYS

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

August Meeting

Rene Schoemaker presented an excellent program on the Battle of the Windmill (Prescott, Ontario) and the Patriots' War. Mr. Schoemaker is a wonderful storyteller, and the information he shared was both interesting and informative. He began by showing a video of the battle, and then he proceeded to clear up several misconceptions about it. He discussed the "Hunter" societies that sprang up in northern NY to "free" Canada. These groups were comprised of boys and men of every age, from 15 or 16 to 62, who believed stories of oppression and depression in Canada and felt it was their patriotic duty to help their northern neighbors fight the British oppressors. These men believed they would receive land and money if they invaded Canada, and they also believed that Canadians would join with them once they landed in Canada. Mr. Schoemaker told many stories of the Battle of the Windmill, the capture of 159 Americans by British and Canadian forces, and the fates of those men and boys, many from Jefferson County. Following his presentation, several members of the audience spoke of their own connections to the Patriots' War and several brought memorabilia, such as a watch and a pardon.



Rene Schoemaker



"Battle of the Windmill"

Prescott, Ontario

September Meeting

Shawn Doyle presented a program relating to the Yerdon family. Though not directly related to the Yerdons, three members of his family married into the Yerdon family, and this led to his desire to learn more about the Yerdons.

The Yerdon/Yerden/Yerton/Jordan/Yordan (note the variety of spellings!) family came from Stone Arabia in Montgomery County, NY. They moved north to Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties, occasionally moving back and forth between the two counties, and some moved further west to Michigan.

Mr. Doyle had a display of photographs of Yerdon family members, and he provided each person attending with a copy of his Yerdon Family research.



Bob VanBrocklin asking questions of Shawn



After Shawn Doyle's Presentation



JCNYGS

Minutes For August 14, 2006

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The August 14th meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Linda Malinich with approximately 50 people in attendance. The secretary's minutes of the July meeting were read and approved—motion by Bob VanBrocklin, second by Pauline Zach. The treasurer's report was given by Hollis Dorr and approved—motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Sue Grant.

Corresponding Secretary: Clancy Hopkins reported that mail has been light this past month. Most membership renewals have been paid.

Program & Publicity: Phyllis Putman reported that the usual notices were sent out to local newspapers. She said special thanks go to the *Watertown Daily Times* for the excellent article that appeared in Friday's newspaper about the Battle of the Windmill and tonight's speaker, Rene Schoemaker.

Newsletter: Bill Dixon reported that the September issue is ready for printing. The November issue will focus on shipbuilding on the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario.

Genealogical Collection: Nan Dixon reports that the committee continues to collect items.

Nominations: The committee reported that it has been difficult to find replacements for officers whose terms of office are up. The proposed slate is:

President: Jerry Davis; Vice Pres.: _____; 2nd Vice Pres.: _____; Treasurer: _____; Secretary: Jean Coyne; Corresponding Sec. _____
From the floor: Bill Dixon was nominated for Treasurer.

Audit: Sue Grant presented a report summarizing her audit of the Society's financial records. The books are balanced. Two items were brought up: first, we need to keep a copy of the Will Abstract Books that are donated to libraries; second, when submitting a request for reimbursement, members should give the treasurer an itemized list of the items purchased, costs, and purpose of items.

Membership: Clancy reported that our membership numbers about 340 or 350 people.

Publications:

1. Bill Dixon has sent one Will Abstract Book to Fonda Archives. No one knew if any other books have been donated to area libraries.

2. Lynn Thornton reported that work is continuing on the second Pedigrees book.

Jean Coyne reported that work continues on the next will abstract book.

Surrogates: Bob VanBrocklin reported that 83 will books have been sold to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p. m.—motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Bob VanBrocklin.

Minutes For September 11, 2006

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Linda Malinich. Thirty-six people were in attendance.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved following a motion by Pauline Zach, second by Lis Couch.

The treasurer's report was read and approved, motion by Bob VanBrocklin, second by Sue Grant.

A book donated by Rene Schoemaker was sold to Lis for \$20.

Election of officers: Bill Dixon withdrew his nomination as Treasurer.

The slate as elected:

President, Jerry Davis
Vice-President, vacant
2nd Vice Pres., vacant
Recording Secretary, Jean Coyne
Treasurer, Sally Washer
Corresponding Secretary, Clancy Hopkins

Corresponding Secretary: We received a card of thanks from the Flower Memorial Library for paying the final installment of our \$1,000 pledge.

Newsletter Committee: The September issue went out on time. There will be a meeting Sep. 14 to begin work on the November issue, Shipbuilding. Clancy reported that next year, late payment notices will go out in the July issue.

Genealogical Collection: Nan had recent issues of the Informer on hand at the meeting.

Publicity/Program: Phyllis said the upcoming programs are correct as printed on the back of tonight's agenda. There will be a brief business meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Panda Buffet before the October 9 meeting, which will be a tour of the Watertown Daily Times library, led by Lisa Carr, at 6:30.

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Publications:

1. The will books: 84 sold; 42 stored in library; Bob VanBrocklin has 8; the store in Clayton has 6, Jean Coyne has 3. 7 are unaccounted for.

The Resource CD—Bonnie Borello and Al Seymour sent 36 copies to libraries and local societies

New Business: Bill and Nan Dixon attended the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual meeting in Boston, MA. This year's event was co-sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. There were about 350 sessions to choose from during the 5-day event. This year, many workshops dealt with Scots/Irish genealogy. Nan attended a workshop on Preserving Images. She learned that paper copies of photographs preserve better than CDs, which have not lived up to their early expectations. She also attended sessions dealing with GEN-WEB, putting information onto the Internet. Bill reported on one session he attended, Using Early Census Records.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Bob VanBrocklin, second by Bill Dixon.

North Country Visits

Sterling 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.

By Ernest G. Cook

Sterlingville's Busy Days

"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 springs 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 these mines, such as the one at Shurtleffs, the one on the Gouverneur road and others. They brought the ore 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 for several weeks, ran off over 150 tons of iron. And it was choice iron, too."

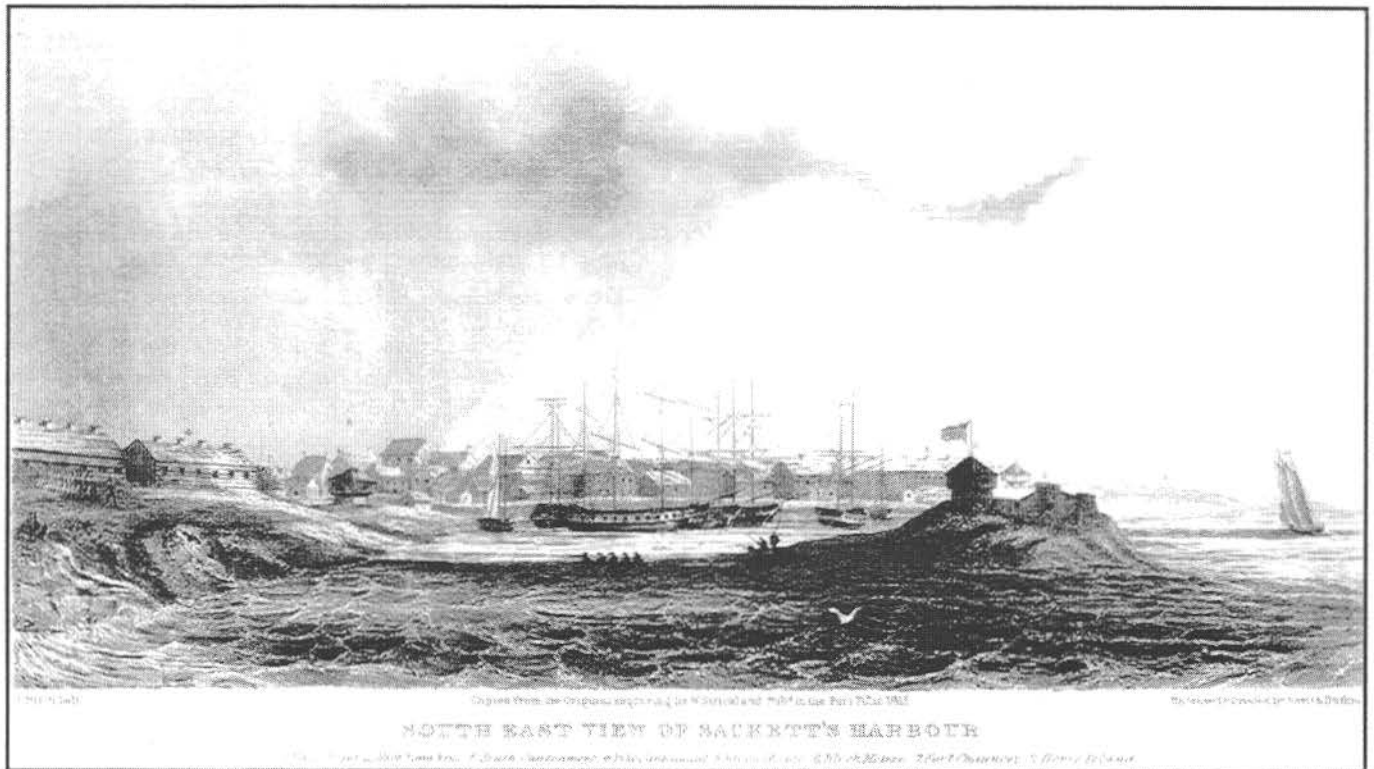
A survey of the business houses of Sterlingville just after the Civil war, the time referred to by Mr. Reed shows that Peter Pratt was operating a basket making establishment. The blacksmiths were William Rhubarb and David Seaman. Boots and shoes were made by Lewis H. Mills. Palmer Hatch was the butcher. 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 hair 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 dress maker. Frank Comstock and James Shurtleff were the drovers or dealers in live stock.

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,

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SOUTH EAST VIEW OF SACKETT'S HARBOR



Under the Picture- "Copied from Original Engraving by W. Strickland Publ. In the Port Folio 1815"

The *Informer* staff would once again like to thank Sackets Harbor Historians Bob and Jeannie Brennan for a wealth of information, articles and pictures such as our November Cover and the one above.

SHIP BUILDING ERA ON POINT PENINSULA (From Richard Palmer -The Maritime Collection)

For a period of about fifty years, beginning in 1832, shipbuilding was carried on in the town of Lyme. This gave employment to many until timber needed in this construction industry became scarce because of over cutting.

The first schooner was built on Point Peninsula by master builder Asa Wilcox in 1832. The schooner construction site was on the south shore of the "point" on the Fred Getman place. The remains of the dock where the first schooners were built are still there after 150 years.

The abstract to the Getman farm shows that Henry Getman, Fred's father, bought the farm from Asa Wilcox on February 20, 1860. Of interest is the fact that Asa Wilcox's name is carved on the stair door of the old Bongard farmhouse which is adjacent to the Getman place both of which are located on the south

shore of Point Peninsula. It would appear that Asa Wilcox owned both of these places at one time.

Asa Wilcox, a prolific builder, constructed many sailing vessels and fishing boats. Between the years of 1835 and 1852 he had built over forty-eight vessels, mainly at the shipyards of Three Mile Bay where he had removed to in 1835. Total tonnage of ships built by him in his shipbuilding career was a staggering 6,410 tons. The largest vessel built by Asa Wilcox was the *Congress* of 395 tons, built in 1836 on Pillar Point.

He not only was a master builder of ships but he constructed churches and homes as well. The Point Peninsula Church was built by him in 1834, and indications are that he built the Methodist Episcopal church in Three Mile Bay also. When this church steeple was repaired in 1934, Asa Wilcox's name and initials M.B. (Master Builder), were discovered chiseled in the heavy timber of the tower framework.

Other ship builders of Point Peninsula were Greenleaf Rand and Sebra Howard. Sebra Howard built the ship, *New York*, weighing eighty tons in 1832. In 1834 Greenleaf Rand built the *William Buckley* of 112 tons, and in 1836 the *Bancroft* and in 1837, the *G. C. Rand*, each of the same tonnage and in the same shipyard.

It is interesting to note that on the 1836 marine chart of the mouth of the St. Lawrence river area, Point Peninsula was known as Point Howard.

Sterlingville

In 1866 Hamilton Child published a business directory of Sterlingville, as he did of nearly all the villages and hamlets of Jefferson county at that time. He gave Sterlingville a population of 250 people, and probably nearly all of the hamlet's surnames can be found in his list.

James Sterling, for whom the hamlet was named, was the most important citizen. He owned the forge which made the local ore into iron, and he had a lumber mill as well. He was the largest employer, and also probably the largest man.

STERLINGVILLE

Adapted from Emerson, *Our County and its People*, pages 757-759, published in 1898

In 1836 a furnace was built upon Black Creek in the south part of the town of Philadelphia for the purpose of working ores produced in Antwerp. James Sterling was the founder of the enterprise, and put his works in operation in June, 1837; and from that time until his death, he was in some manner connected with the industry in the town. He died in 1863. He was the direct cause and means of building up the little hamlet called for him Sterlingville, and was, withal, one of the foremost men of the town in his time.

While the ores from Antwerp were used almost wholly for a time, the Sterling furnace soon began taking ore from lots 543 and 544. The business started well, and in August 31, 1837, the Sterling Iron Company was incorporated, having a capital of \$20,000. The incorporators were James Sterling, Orville Hungerford, George Walton, Caleb Essington and George C. Sherman. This company did an extensive and profitable business for about three years, and at the end of the first year gave a complimentary dinner to its employees and others connected with the industry. However, in 1840 the company ceased operations and dissolved, and was succeeded that same year (on May 19) by the Philadelphia Iron Company, also incorporated, comprising Ephraim Taylor, Frederick Van Ostrand, George Dickerson, William Skinner, and John Gates. Under this management the furnace was rebuilt, but subsequent operations were not specially profitable to the company, which soon passed out of existence.

The next proprietor was Samuel G. Sterling, brother to the founder, the latter also having an active interest in the business. They continued the furnace for several years, but with indifferent success. The buildings were burned in 1849, but were rebuilt in 1851. A.P. Sterling,

formerly of Antwerp, next succeeded, and conducted the business from 1859 to 1860 and then sold to the Jefferson iron company, an Antwerp concern and owners of furnaces in other localities. The enterprise at Sterlingville was abandoned about 1880, and now exists only in history and ruins. In 1839, just before the Philadelphia iron company was formed, Caleb Essington, formerly of the Sterlingville iron company, built a forge at this hamlet and conducted it for about twenty years in the manufacture of refined iron.

The history of these industries is substantially the history of Sterlingville during the period of their operation, for the hamlet was founded with them and suffered seriously when they ceased operations. A sawmill was built on the village site as early as 1824 by Hamblin & Crofoot for Edmund Tucker, was probably owned by Joseph Bonaparte, who lived in Wilna, near Natural Bridge, and was something of a character in the early history of that region. James Sterling also built a saw mill at the village in 1836. The grist mill was started several years later, but now all these old industries are gone and only an idle saw mill serves to remind us of a once busy community and of prosperous times now past.

Sterlingville was made a post office in 1839, with George Walton as postmaster. In 1840 Rufus Hatch opened a public house, but in the next year the long known Sterlingville house was opened by Frederick Van Ostrand, one of the furnace company. Indeed, almost the entire business of the hamlet was controlled by the company operating the furnace and forge. In 1850 the interests comprised the furnace and forge, two taverns, two stores, two saw mills, several small shops, a district school, Catholic church and about 300 inhabitants. The Union meeting house was built in 1856. Beyond this, the village has not materially progressed.

During the period of operation of the furnace and forge, and other industries, it was a place of busy activity and all its institutions and interests appeared to be well and permanently established, but when operations ceased the laboring element was compelled to seek other places of employment and business was confined to the patronage drawn from the surrounding agricultural region. This has been the condition of things for more than twenty-five years, yet Sterlingville is a pleasant little hamlet, and is peopled with an industrious and thrifty class of residents. At this time [1898] business interests comprise the general stores owned by C.B. Corbin & Co. and Bigarel & Malone, and the unused saw mill. The public buildings are the district school, the union meeting house and the Catholic church.

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COMPUTER CORNER

In a recent article, the *Watertown Daily Times* (the only daily in Jefferson County) claimed that internet service is slowing down for rural users, one of whom is the editor of this newsletter. Instead of upgrading to high-speed internet service, Verizon, a local phone company is looking to sell off some of the local phone lines it controls, because they are not money makers. This appears to indicate some of us are doomed to slower and interruptible dial up service indefinitely. Count your blessings, those of you on DSL and other modern systems!

While looking for anything relating to computer genealogy at the recent national FGS conference in Boston, the AniMap SiteFinder Online, a free service, caught our eye. According to their brochure, you can locate thousands of towns, cemeteries, schools, and other locations you won't find on present-day maps. They gave us a demonstration on Jefferson County, and sure enough, they brought up Sterlingville, which hasn't been on a current map since World War II. Their brochure claims: This new free service from the publishers of AniMap allows you to search our database of nearly 800,000 places and automatically plot locations on Google Maps where you can view the location either in map form or satellite image.

Just go to www.goldbug.com and click on the SiteFinder Online link.

Question: There is almost always an "http" in front of the "www" in Web addresses. What does the "http" mean?

Answer: The ubiquitous "http" that precedes nearly every web address is an acronym for Hypertext Transfer Protocol. HTTP is the set of computing rules that governs how all data are transmitted and received on the World Wide Web. The "http://" you see before a web address lets your browser know to display the document in HTTP format and that the document is HTTP-compatible.

Every interaction among Web browser software and Web-hosting servers is governed by this protocol. In short, Hypertext Transfer Protocol makes the Web, the Web.

A rather quirky website for a newspaper project allows you to access many of our local papers. Click on Postcard to reach Jefferson County papers.
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/nysnp/online.htm>

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GenWeb Project News are credited.
Mike Jarvis - Webmaster

As genealogists in today's high-tech world, the importance of using search engines properly is ever increasing. With genealogy related web sites making up a huge part of our World Wide Web, we would like to share some search engine tips that perhaps a few you will find helpful.

There is much that could be written about this, but we will focus only on a few tips that we find most helpful. We use [and] to indicate terms that would be written in a search box. MORE: <http://usgenweb.org/newsletter/NL-09-2005.shtml#SearchTips>

More From Murphy's Laws for Genealogy

The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated and at which the platform collapsed under him turned out to be his hanging.

When at last after much hard work you have evolved the mystery that you have been working on for two years, your aunt says, "I could have told you that!"

(Continued from page 5) **Sterlingville's Busy Days**

owned and operated by James Sterling for a long time, but later by other men and many of the local industries centered about his 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 mason work and Fletcher Odbert was the painter. Drs. Hopkins and Waful were located at this point and we must not forget the shingle mill run by Eldbridge Hatch. Lyman E. North had a wood turning establishment and Elijah P. Dailey 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.

A Picture Query!



Dear Mrs. Dixon,

I am enclosing a photo that my mother had in her possession.

I know some of the families – maybe Carter, Sharpine, Hall or Austin.

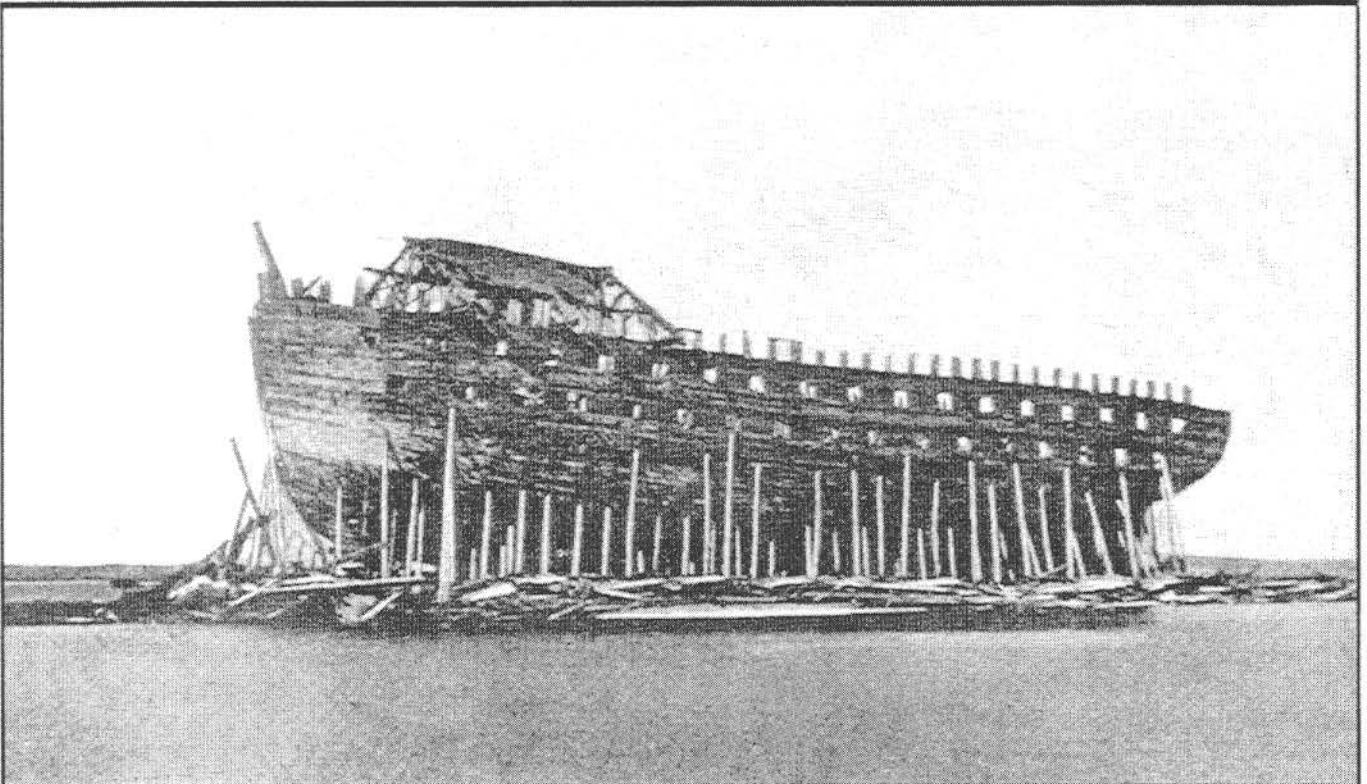
Do you ever put personal pictures in the “Informer” with a caption of Help! Need Names!

Do you have any ideas as to my next step?

I appreciate your time. My mom is seated in front, on the right, looking quite bored with it all (child). What a marvelous woman she was.

Regards,
Carol Ginder
P. O. Box 268
Lima, NY 144485

P.S. - I really enjoy reading the Informer – when it arrives everything stops until I read it cover to cover. Great Job!



Frigate *New Orleans* built in 1814, Sackets Harbor. From a postcard of many years ago.

During the War of 1812 there was a race on between the Americans and British for naval supremacy of the Great Lakes, and Lake Ontario was the key lake of them all. The American shipyard was in charge of Henry Eckford at Sackets Harbor where a substantial fleet of sailing warships was constructed for the command of Commodore Isaac Chauncey. At Kingston, Ont., a similar fleet was constructed for Sir James Lucas Yeo, commander of the British fleet.

In 1814 the British launched the *St. Lawrence*, a three-decked 120 gun ship that was by far the largest in either fleet on the lakes. About Jan. 1, 1815, Eckford started construction of a vessel of similar size to restore the Americans to supremacy. It was built of green timber cut from the forests of the vicinity and was christened the *New Orleans* in honor of General Jackson's victory at New Orleans Jan. 8, 1815.

Finally in February of that year came the belated news that the war had ended in December, 1814, and work ceased on the *New Orleans*. She was left on the stocks on Shiphouse Point and after several years a shed was built over her. On Feb. 9, 1884, while the *New Orleans* was being razed, it fell apart, killed one man and injured several others.

The interesting story is told of Tom Metcalf, daring son of Henry Metcalf, for many years commandant of the Sackets Harbor naval station, that one day Tom con-

ceived the idea of climbing up and along the ridge-pole of the shiphouse. But after he had gotten up he couldn't get down, and his father, getting the old musket down, ordered his son to jump into the water. The boy obeyed and solved his dilemma.

November 13th JCNYS Meeting

Our Program Chairperson Phyllis Putnam has received the following letter from Watertown's City Clerk-Historian Donna Dutton. We include it here in hopes you receive our newsletter in time to join us for what will be a very interesting meeting.

Hi Phyllis,

The program will be a Nostalgic look at Watertown through the use of artifacts that have been donated to the Historian's Room. The program will begin with a short narrative of interesting historical information from the City Clerk's archives. This will be followed by a presentation of items from the Hotel Woodruff, personal day books, photographs, postcards, trade cards and more.

Myself - I've been employed by the City of Watertown since 1982 and was appointed Deputy City Clerk in 1986, appointed City Clerk in 1990 and added the position of City Historian to the Clerk's position in 1999.

Donna

The Mighty *St. Lawrence* Dreadnaught of the Lake

(Taken from an undated newspaper clipping.)

They had the first ship they began, the one at Sacket's Harbor, almost planked by the following April, and they had picked a name for her – *New Orleans*, celebrating the British repulse at that city.

But, before the launching, word came across the Atlantic and up the quaggy roads and swollen rivers of New York state that Commodore Chauncey's bitter words were true. The war was over; had been over since Christmas Eve. The commissioners for peace had arrived at agreement in the neutral city of Ghent on that date. News traveled more slowly then than at the time of the Armistice of the Great War.

It was said that at the launching of the *St. Lawrence* Lem the Dreamer, the hardest working of all the shipwrights, died of his exertions; and that his last words were: "Her shotted guns shall never speak. Without a word she ends this strife. And there shall be no more war."

It is a fact that this *St. Lawrence*, the deadliest fighting machine devised on fresh water, never fired a loaded gun, and yet accomplished more than the remainder of the navies of both notions combined.

She has been nicknamed the *Silent St. Lawrence*. She not only won the war without a shot, but she won a permanent abandonment of an armament race which, on the Great Lakes and everywhere else, would end in murder or suicide. It was after her appearance that Great Britain and the United States sanely arrived at a "one-gun navy" policy for the Great Lakes. Each country agreed to no heavier armament than one 18-pounder gunboat. That agreement, with reasonable relaxations for such occasions as Fenian Raids, rum-running, and fish poaching, has obtained so long that its existence is forgotten, but anything else between the two countries is unthinkable.

True to her destiny, the *St. Lawrence* was dismantled soon after the peace. After lying idle for 40 years in Kingston harbor, her empty hull was towed westward to the vicinity of the old distillery near Portsmouth. The late Henry Cunningham told the writer, in 1910, a vivid story of how he saw the old side-wheel tug tow her towards the sunset, like the fighting *Temeraire* in Turner's picture; and how she was beached, and a wharf built out to her, just east of the distillery pier.

For years and years she served as a cordwood dock and fuel depot for the lake steamers, fueling up for the westward passage, their docks piled with maple and beech and pine. Through Mr. Cunningham the writer had no difficulty in locating the remains of the *St. Lawrence*, although they were then from six to 20 feet under water.

Dr. H. C. Connell, of Kingston, opposite whose fine modern house the old hulk wore down to bare bones and disappeared, frequently finds old Bank of Upper Canada Tokens and other coins, on the beach, loose change dropped by the farmers when hauling cordwood to the long-vanished dock. He has the ship-axe which cut the rope holding the dog-shores the day the *St. Lawrence* was launched, in September, 1814; and another Kingston Physician, Dr. W. A. Jones, has a swivel-gun salvaged from the wreck as recently as 1920. It is only a little thing, meant for firing signals, or a handful of bullets in close fighting. The *St. Lawrence's* "working guns," which never spoke, were 24, 32 and 41 pounders, throwing balls heavier than the weight of the whole swivel gun.

The *St. Lawrence's* intended rival, the *New Orleans*, which never reached the water, stood for year after year under a house built over her in the shipyard at Sacket's Harbor. Sixty years ago ship and house alike began to fall apart from dry rot, and both were torn down.

Deckbeams of the *New Orleans* were carried to Oswego and cut up for remembrances. Capt. Nelson Palmateer possesses one of these, in the form of a red cedar cane. Although he does not need to use this, it seems fitting that, having been associated so long with the Great Lakes and the shops that ply them, and the sailors that man them, Capt. Palmateer should have another cane and, with proper deference be it said, a better one. So the writer is presenting him, at this Cherry Valley service, with a stout brass-banded walking stick made by Messrs. L. W. Mackenzie and Dean Bros., of Toronto, from a choice bit of oak from the heart of the *Silent St. Lawrence*.

"Lost Villages"

(A New Series in the *Informer!*)

The *Informer* has initiated a new series with this issue. We have chosen Sterlingville as the first of our "LOST VILLAGES" series, which will consist of hamlets, communities or villages which once thrived in Jefferson County but are now either lost, or very hard to find. Some examples are Pogeville, Williamsville, or Bear Creek: have you ever heard of them? If you have a mystery hamlet you would like to know more about, send the name and possible location to the *Informer*, and we will try to come up with some indication of its existence, such as a map or a list of inhabitants, or, if we're lucky, a brief sketch in one of the Jefferson County histories. While we will call the series "LOST VILLAGES", there will probably be few villages. Most will be hamlets, post office addresses, or simply communities. Let's hear from you! Can you stump our experts?

Cape Man Recalled Life On Schooners In Lake Trade

(Reprinted from June 16, 1940 publication)

Cape Vincent - Sailing as a crew member upon the schooners that plied from Lake Ontario ports to Chicago in the busy years of inland traffic following the civil war, Wayne B. Brewster, 91, finds, in retrospection, that the early years of the enlarged Welland canal brought a period of danger through the trend of masters to overload their craft and take full advantage of the greater depth.

The canal boat had acted as a regulator upon cargoes. If loaded to a point where the draft was increased beyond normal, even the small ships of that time could not pass. "After they enlarged the canal, they used to overload the boats," Mr. Brewster declared, recalling an experience when the schooner on which he sailed was over laden and the captain, encountering heavy weather, solemnly promised to do so no more.

Mr. Brewster can recall the hey-day of lake shipping, for he antedated the era of railroad traffic, himself a passenger upon the first train that entered this village. The trip marked his coming to make his home here.

Sailed on Schooners

He sailed upon the *Polly Ann Roger* and her sister ship, the *L. S. Hammond*, both two masted schooners built at Sackets Harbor for E. J. Burnham, owner of the local elevator, burned in 1905. It was the second elevator at this port, the first having been built in 1853 by the Rome & Cape Vincent Railroad. Burnham's elevator handled 700,000 to 800,000 bushels of grain annually.

"We carried wheat, coal, corn, anything," Mr. Brewster said. "We generally had a deck load of coal when we went to Chicago. We got the coal mostly to Oswego.

"There were eight in the crew. Joe Saunders, father of Mrs. Sackett, was captain. I also sailed on her sister ship, the *L. S. Hammond* named for the president of the Cape Vincent bank and captained by Dick Saunders, a brother of Joe. We carried anything that happened along."

Horses vs. Syrup

Mr. Brewster tells of one voyage on which the boat had a number of horses and several barrels of maple syrup. One of the syrup barrels became broached, the syrup flowing into the horses' quarters causing all sorts of trouble, as the horses slipped in the sticky mass and became cast. There also was an occasion when the schooner shipped ice for Cleveland.

The *Roger* carried about 20,000 bushels of grain, in bulk. Mr. Brewster encountered many storms but no shipwreck, although once he was knocked off the mast when it was struck by lightning.

"It took us two or three weeks to make the trip to Chicago," he revealed. "We couldn't tell just how long it would take. There were quite a number of propellers on the lakes then, most of the steamships being out of Buffalo. There were mostly sailboats on this lake. We took many cargoes to Kingston; that was a great grain center, the grain going from there to Montreal.

"We used to go to Kingston to take on stone, loaded by prisoners at the penitentiary. They would form in line and dump the stone in the hold as they passed. We took it to Oswego, where it was used in the furnaces."

Recreation was not entirely absent. The crews enjoyed fishing from their schooners, salmon being the favorite catch. At one attempt, Brewster caught eight lake trout instead of the salmon he sought.

Became Carpenter

After his marriage, he quit the lake and devoted himself to the carpenter's trade. He was born May 25, 1849, on Point Peninsula, son of a ship carpenter, descended from William Brewster of Massachusetts. When the first train ran over the Watertown-Cape Vincent railroad, he and his sister, now Mary Brewster Cough of Green Bay, Wisc., boarded it at Chaumont to come to their new home.

Although handicapped by deafness, Mr. Brewster enjoys splendid sight and can read without glasses. Among the treasured possessions of his household is a picture taken of him at the age of four. His father was busy on a carpentry job on the day appointed for the picture taking. The son went to see his father.

"I crawled under the stoop and went to sleep, and they had to put over the picture until the next day," Brewster laughed.

Asa Wilcox—Shipbuilder

A name seen most often when looking at records for shipbuilding in early Jefferson County, New York is that of Asa Wilcox. On the following page 13 is a listing of 58 vessels known to have been built by Asa Wilcox.

The name of the vessel is followed by the type of vessel such as Schooner, Brig, Sloop Scow, Barge and others. That in turn is followed by its tonnage, year it was built and where it was built.

Ships Known To Have Been Built by Asa Wilcox

<i>Acadia</i>	Brig	283 tons	1847	Point Peninsula
<i>Coral</i>	Schooner	206 tons	1848	Pillar Point
<i>Hungarian</i>	Bark	364 tons	1853	Three Mile Bay
<i>Hampton</i>	Brig	238 tons	1845	Pillar Point
<i>Iroquois</i>	Brig	257 tons	1846	Point Peninsula
<i>Melrose</i>	Schooner	267 tons	1852	Three Mile Bay
<i>Norwegian</i>	Schooner	390 tons	1856	Three Mile Bay
<i>Rio Grande</i>	Brig	276 tons	1846	Point Peninsula
<i>Saxon</i>	Brig	288 tons	1848	Three Mile Bay
<i>J. D. Schuyler</i>	Schooner	100 tons	1850	Three Mile Bay
(Construction credited to "A. L. Haselton")				
<i>Portland</i>	Schooner	250 tons	1847	Pillar Point
<i>Rainbow</i>	Schooner	14 tons	1841	Point Peninsula
<i>Missouri</i>	Schooner	100 tons	1837	Three Mile Bay
<i>Peninsula Packet</i>	Horseboat	9 tons	1838	Lyme
<i>Asa Wilcox</i>	Schooner	134 tons	1841	Lyme
<i>Lucinda</i>	Schooner	84 tons	1841	Lyme
<i>Ontario</i>	Brig	140 tons	1842	Point Peninsula
<i>Rocky Mountain</i>	Schooner		1843	Point Peninsula
<i>Growler</i>	Sloop Scow	15 tons	1843	Lyme
<i>New York</i>	Schooner	45 tons	1829	Point Peninsula
<i>Stephen Girard</i>	Schooner	81 tons	1832	Chaumont
<i>Decatur</i>	Schooner	9 tons	1828	Lyme
<i>William Buckley</i>	Schooner	91 tons	1834	Point Peninsula
<i>Florida</i>	Schooner	107 tons	1835	Three Mile Bay
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	Schooner	109 tons	1836	Three Mile Bay
<i>Allegan</i>	Schooner	100 tons	1836	Chaumont
<i>Kentucky</i>	Schooner	113 tons	1836	Three Mile Bay
<i>Cuba</i>	Schooner	135 tons	1834	Point Peninsula
<i>Palmetto</i>	Schooner	240 tons	1847	Point Peninsula
<i>Fashion</i>	Schooner	56 tons	1847	Pillar Point
<i>Ocean</i>	Schooner	260 tons	1848	Three Mile Bay
<i>Oxford</i>	Schooner	244 tons	1848	Chaumont
<i>Havana</i>	Schooner	135 tons	1841	Point Peninsula
<i>Eagle</i>	Sloop	41 tons	1853	Chaumont
<i>P. P. Gage</i>	Schooner	109 tons	1854	Chaumont
<i>A. L. Hasleton</i>	Schooner	226 tons	1851	Chaumont
<i>Seminole</i>	Brig	242 tons	1847	Point Peninsula
<i>Oregon</i>	Schooner	142 tons	1844	Three Mile Bay
<i>Moses and Elias</i>	Schooner	115 tons	1834	Chaumont
<i>Empire</i>	Brig	147 tons	1844	Point Peninsula
<i>Henry W. Hoag</i>	Barge	240 tons	1862	Three Mile Bay
<i>Watertown</i>	Schooner	308 tons	1874	Chaumont
(Construction credited to "Bertrand.")				
<i>Mary Copley</i>	Schooner	274 tons	1873	Chaumont
<i>A. E. Vickery</i>	Schooner	291 tons	1861	Three Mile Bay
<i>American</i>	Schooner	288 tons	1870	Three Mile Bay
<i>James E. Gilmore</i>	Schooner	290 tons	1867	Three Mile Bay
<i>T. Y. Avery</i>	Schooner	256 tons	1855	Three Mile Bay
(Construction credited to "G. Rogers.")				
<i>R. G. Smead</i>	Schooner	75 tons	1839	Chaumont
<i>Milan</i>	Schooner	147 tons	1845	Point Peninsula
<i>G. S. Weeks</i>	Schooner	116 tons	1845	Point Peninsula
<i>Ellen Bronson</i>	Schooner	103 tons	1835	Point Peninsula
<i>Champlain</i>	Brig	270 tons	1846	Point Peninsula
<i>Palo Alto</i>	Schooner		1847	Pillar Point
<i>Rip Van Winkle</i>	Schooner	223 tons	1846	Chaumont
<i>D. D. Bogart</i>	Schooner	109 tons	1847	Chaumont
<i>Breeze</i>	Schooner	124 tons	1848	Chaumont
<i>Col. Powers</i>	Schooner	50 tons	1844	Three Mile Bay
<i>George Steel</i>	Schooner		1855	Three Mile Bay

More From the Dollinger House Register

Here is more of the 1887-88 Register of the Dollinger House which was in Redwood, NY. This work by Linda Malinich, our JCNYS Past President, was first featured in the July and September 2004 issues of the *Informer* as well as the November 2005, January, March and July 2006 issues. The following two pages continue after those pages. There is also a summary of Linda's work on page 20 in the November 2004 *Informer* that will be of interest to readers.

Hoffman, W.E. So. Columbia

Oct 20

W.E. Hoffman (1880 Census, Columbia, Herkimer County, farmer, age 38)

Hogan, Dick Syracuse

Mar 1

Hogan, Randy A. Syracuse

Apr 11

R.A. Hogan (1889 Syracuse Dir, com. trav, location at Antwerp & 16 South Salina)

Randolph A. Hogan (1863 - 1922) (Hillside Cemetery, Antwerp)

Holder, N? B. Findlay, O

Sept 21

Holdy, Thomas (Hoadley) Alex Bay

Oct 13

Thomas Hoadley (Child's - Alexandria, oarsman & pilot)

Holkins, W.L. N.Y.

Aug 12

Holloway, Nathan Omar

Aug 16

Nathan Holloway (1817-1906, Omar Cem-Orleans)

Holmes, F.D. Troy, NY

Sept 23

Holmes, W.W. Redwood

Jan 19

Wallace W. Holmes (1869-1933, Redwood Cem.)

Holt, Charles

May 17

Honeyman, E. Plessis

June 1

Edward W. Hunneyman (1860-1926) (Plessis Cemetery - Alexandria)

Hooker, John Poughkeepsie

Apr 13

(Dutchess County)

John W. Hooker (1894 Poughkeepsie Dir, glass works)

Hosner, C.C. Plessis

Sept 19

Charles C. Hosner (d 1905, age 85) (Plessis Cemetery - Alexandria)

(Child's - Alexandria, teacher & justice of peace)

Hosseman?, G.C. James Rossie

Feb 21

Hough, D.A. Oswego

Aug 16

D.A. Hough (1888 Oswego Dir, RW&O RR, master carpenter)

Houghton, A.H. Alexandria Bay

Nov 10, Jan 11, Feb 22

Almon H. Houghton (Child's - Alexandria, dealer in groceries, notions, sporting goods & crockery; agent for Domestic sewing machine)

Almon H. Houghton (1849 - 1930)

(Walton Street Cemetery, Alexandria)

Houghton, H. Alex Bay

May 26, Jan 11

Hiram H. Houghton (1860-1936)

(Walton St Cemetery - Alexandria)

Houghton, J.C. Black Lake

Feb 7

House?, A.E. Alex Bay

Mar 29

Howe, A.A. Sandy Creek

May 23

Howe, E.P. New York

Feb 25

Howell, C.F. Rochester

Sept 19

Charles F. Howell (1888 Rochester Dir, dentist)

Howell, Fred D. Alex Bay

Jan 11

Fred D. Howell (Child's - Alexandria, prop. St. Lawrence Hotel, James)

Howland, J.C. Felts Mills

Oct 10

Hoyser, John Cape Vincent

May 26

John Hoyser (1838-1899)

(Riverside Cemetery - Cape Vincent)

Hoyt, F.N. Plessis

Sept 19

Frank N. Hoyt (1866-1932, Grove Cemetery)

(Child's - Orleans, carpenter & undertaker)

Hubbs, R. Watertown

Sept 23

R. Hubb (1889 Watertown Dir, res. 150 Main)

Hughes, F.W. & wife Syracuse

Jun 8, Sept 30, Oct 29

Hughes, T.C. Utica RR

Jul 21, Jul 22, Jul 25, Aug 2, Aug 4, Aug 6

Hungerford, E.H. Watertown

Nov 11

Egbert H. Hungerford, 1888 Watertown Dir-produce

Egbert H. Hungerford (1844 - 1899, Section A) (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)

Hurd, C.J. Utica, NY

Mar 12

Charles Hurd (1880 Census - Utica, Oneida Co., commercial traveler, age 30)

Charles J. Hurd (1888 Utica Dir, Hurd & Hinds, wholesale jobbers, boots, shoes & rubbers)

Hurlbut, J.T. (Hurlbut) Watertown

June 24

John T. Hurlbut (1892 Watn Dir, cheese dealer)

John T. Hurlbut (1835 - 1900, Section C, (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)

Hurley, D.H. Potsdam

Mar 26

Huson, A.B. Adams

May 23
 Arthur B. Huson (Child's – Adams,
 prop. Huson House)
 Arthur B. Huson (1835-1905, Rural Cem, Adams)

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Inglehart, H.F. **Watertown**
 Mar 23
 Hiram F. Inglehart (1888 Watn Dir, h 43 TenEyck)
 Hiram F. Inglehart (Child's – Watertown, alderman
 1st district, 3rd ward, prop. Westminster Hotel,
 Westminster Pk, Thousand Islands, h 43
 TenEyck)

Ingraham, B. **Adams, Syracuse**
 Jun 27, Jul 18, Aug 8, Aug 25, Sept 19, Oct 11,
 Oct 26, Nov 17, Jan 25 (Adams (1st time)), Feb 22,
 Mar 21
 Bortram Ingraham (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)
 Bertrand Ingraham (Child's – Watertown,
 com. traveler, h 20 Sherman)
 Bertrand Ingraham (1848-1939, Elmwood
 Cemetery, Town of Adams)
 ("... retired traveling salesman and one time
 druggist. owned drug store in Adams at one time",
Jefferson County Journal, July 5, 1939)

Irvin/Invin?, H.M. **Ogdensburg**
 Mar 26, Apr 2

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Jackson, A.H. **NY City**
 July 19

Jackson, Geo. **Gouverneur**
 Jul 19, Aug 10, Sept 21, Oct 13, Nov 2, Nov 22,
 Dec 15, Jan 5, Jan 24, Feb 16, Mar 8, Mar 29
 George Jackson (1880 Census – Gouverneur,
 St. Lawrence County, comm. Agt, age 38)

James, J.
 Sept 10

James?, Nathan **Theresa**
 Oct 13

Jarvis, John **Alex Bay**
 May 31,
 John Jarvis (1828-1909)
 (Wellesley Cemetery – Alexandria)

Jenne, E.A. **Gouverneur**
 Aug 11, Sept 10, Mar 7
 Ezra A. Jenne (1840-1911)
 (Riverside Cemetery Section I, Gouverneur)
 (1880 Census – age 35, commercial traveler)

Jewett, M.J. **Redwood**
 Feb 21
 Marcus J. Jewett (Child's – Alexandria, breeder of
 grade Ayrshire cattle, 175 sugar trees, dealer in

furs, skins & agricultural implements)
 Marcus J. Jewett (1855-1924, Redwood Cemetery)

Jimerson, M. **Adams**
 May 23
 Minor Jimerson (Child's – Adams)
 Miner Jimerson (b 1855 Ellisburg – Jan 11, 1936)
 (livery business, Elmwood Cemetery, Adams)
 (*Jefferson County Journal*, Jan 15, 1936)

Johnson, Geo. B. **LaFargeville**
 Sept 19

Johnson, P.E. **Natural Bridge**
 Nov 19
 Parley E. Johnson (Child's – Wilna,
 retired physician & surgeon)

Johnson, R.M. **Utica**
 Sept 22
 R.M. Johnson (1887 Utica Dir, com. traveler)

Jones, Frank **Syracuse**
 Apr 4

Jones, W. P/R? **Remsen**
 Jan 30 (Oneida County)

Jones, Watson **Alexandria Bay**
 Jul 16, Sept 16
 (Child's – Alexandria, farmer)

- K -

Kapfer, George **Carthage, NY**
 Jan 25
 George Kapfer (1830 – 1918)
 George W. Kapfer (1859 – 1927)
 (St. James Old Cemetery – Wilna)

Karlen, S. **New York**
 July 25

Samuel Karlen (1890 NYC Dir. – produce)

Keeler, E.S. **Alexandria Bay**
 Nov 28

Edwin S. Keeler (1880 Census – Alexandria,
 S.B. Captain, age 25)

Edwin S. Keeler (Child's – Alexandria,
 steam yacht engineer & captain)

Keith, Geo **Oswego**
 Aug 16, Oct 11, Apr 2

(General Road Master RW&O RR)

Kellog, Chas. S. **S. Rutland, NY**
 Aug 15

Kempton, W.S. **Newport, NH**
 Oct 4

Kenney, M.E. **Utica**
 Mar 12

Marcus E. Kenney (1894 Utica Dir, optician,
 242 Genesee)

Kennico?, Bruno **—?**
 Mar 17

Ketchum, Chas. O. **Utica, NY**

THE ADAM HENRY MUNK FAMILY OF WATERTOWN, NY AND RELATED FAMILIES

(By Marilyn Jean Gardner)

Into the city of Watertown, Jefferson Co., NY, rode Adam Munk, itinerant music teacher. There he met Susan Avery, young daughter of Jasper and Sarah Scidmore Avery. They married 3 Nov. 1847 in the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown.

Moving to Oswego, NY, Adam became a butcher, probably partners with the brothers of Susan who were butchers. Soon the children arrived. First Emma Catherine, then Andrew, after that Henry who apparently died young. Adam Henry Munk, born in Oswego, NY, 28 Dec. 1852 was the 4th child of Adam Munk. After the disappearance of his father, his mother, Susan Avery Munk, took in boarders to help with expenses. This was the time-honored way for a genteel widowed woman to earn a living. In those days, women had few choices. One of these boarders was a raven-haired beauty, Mary McClement from Picton, Ontario. A seamstress, she was 7 years older than Adam Henry (called Henry) when they married in 1870, Adam being 18 at the time. This was an unusually happy marriage, both being very jolly and prone to playing jokes on each other. They moved to Watertown and lived across the road from my grandparents. The entire neighborhood was all aunts, uncles and cousins and I envied my mother that.

I don't remember Mary but I remember Adam Henry well. I used to visit him every summer while staying with my grandmother, Anna Munk Clark. He was very tall and straight and extremely handsome, as all of my ancestors tended to be, otherwise how could I be explained?

These Munks lived a loooong time. Henry was 89 when he died. And he was deaf, so it was hard for us to converse, but Grandma gave me enough family stories to completely bore you before I get through.

Adam Henry and Mary lived in Picton, Ontario, Canada for a time and then moved to Watertown where they spent the rest of their lives, as active members of Hope Presbyterian Church that Henry and his sons helped to organize. What my grandmother, Anna, didn't know is that her MacAteer ancestors were Roman Catholic. This I discovered while attending a clan gathering in Co. Down, Ireland. Since Grandma had an abiding, unexplained hatred of Roman Catholics, I wish I could have seen her face when she got the news. Alas, she had already departed from this earthly realm.

I didn't know Grandma was born in Ontario until the first time I voted and she told the registrar she was born in Canada. My reaction? "Grandma, you're a foreigner!"

They had the following family:

Henry Augustus b 1871 Watertown, d 1894 Detroit, MI
Robert Woodward b 8 Feb 1874, d 19 Jan, 1928, Syracuse NY, buried North Watertown Cemetery.

Anna Eliza b 12 April 1876, Picton, Ontario, d 17 June 1954, Gloversville, NY, buried North Watertown Cemetery.

Jennie Luella b 21 Nov. 1878, Picton, Ontario, d 19 June 1955, New Smyrna Beach, FL buried Edgewater Cemetery

George Stanley, b 1881 Watertown, d 25 Mar 1907, Atlanta, GA.

Andrew Delmont, about 1883, Watertown, d 11 January 1929

Susan May b 16 September 1886, Watertown, d 25 November 1936, buried North Watertown, Cemetery.

Uncle Gus died while visiting in Detroit, in the act of jumping off a drawbridge he was too impatient to wait for. Runs in the family. He drowned in the river.

Uncle Bob was a big shot with some paper company. He married Lola Lucinda Anderson, 19 August 1896 in Watertown. He went to China several times for his company and brought me back a china pig and a paper Mache medicine man and introduced me to his Chow, which promptly nipped my cheek.

Aunt Jen married Claude Perry about 1900 and lived in Watertown most of her life. No children. She was like a tiny version of Grandma.

Uncle George is so handsome in his pictures I think I have fallen in love with him. Tall, like his brother, he went to Georgia to work for a paper company and contracted T.B. Grandma went down to take care of him before he died.

Uncle Del married (1) Mae Moore in 1908 and (2) Eva (—) October 1928. I don't remember him. He worked with George in Atlanta, also Uncle Bob.

Aunt Sue married grandpa's brother, Francis. She had two exceedingly smart daughters, Elizabeth and Mary. Mary married a Stannard and Elizabeth married a Reiss and had two sons. Aunt Sue died quite young of cancer.

I am descended from Anna, b 12 April 1876, in Picton and raised in Watertown. She married Edwin Clark 3 Aug 1899. Their family follows:

Mary Catherine, b 3 December 1900

Jennie Margaret, b 15 August 1902

Edwina Florence, b 28 December 1907

Dorca, b September 1915. Died at birth

Jennie Margaret m Dewey Gardner, 6 December 1920, d June 1990

I am the only child, Marilyn Jean Gardner.

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Name of Vessel	Master	Tonnage	Length	Breadth	Depth	Year Built	Place Built	Builder
Ontario	P. Sexton	232	112'	28'	8' 3"	1816	Sackets Harbor	C. Case
Owners: E. Camp & Co., Sackets Harbor P. 563, <i>History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, New York</i> by Franklin B. Hough states engine was built at Allaire Works in New York, low pressure cross-head. Designed after the model of the Sea Horse running on Long Island Sound. Built under direction of Hunter Crane, one of the owners. First trip April, 1817 with much fanfare. Trip from Lewiston to Ogdensburgh required ten days, fare \$16; deck fare, \$8. Seldom exceed five miles an hour, broken up at Oswego in 1832.								
Sophia	F. Rhode	30	87' 8"	18' 2"	4' 7"	1817	Sackets Harbor	A. S. Robberts
Owners: E. Camp & Co., Sackets Harbor								
Martha Ogden	D. Reed	49	74' 3"	17' 10"	4' 2"	1823	Sackets Harbor	A. S. Robberts
Owners: L. Ogden & Co. Franklin B. Hough, <i>History of Jefferson County, N.Y.</i> P. 564, states vessel built at Sackets Harbor about 1819, with Albert Crane, managing, owner the first season. Lost in 1832 off Stoney Point with William Vaughn, master. (Wrecked Nov. 12, 1832, other sources of information). Owned by S. & L. Denison at the time.								
Brownville	B. Dodd	84	84'	20' 1"	10' 2"	1830	Brownville	A. S. Robberts
Owners: C. Turner & Co., (as of 1 Oct. 1838) Franklin B. Hough, in his <i>History of Jefferson County, N.Y.</i> states Brownville built in summer of 1827 by Turner & Dodd. He states she had an 80 foot keel, 20 feet beam, 6 1/2 foot hold, 100 tons burden, engines 35 to 40 hp. Built on the north side of the village of Brownville. She had difficulty passing the locks, was burned to the water's edge on first trip to Ogdensburgh, but was run upon an island, and her crew saved. Hull towed back to Brownville, rebuilt by Capt. E. B. Dodd, sold at Sackets Harbor, name changed to William Avery. (p. 99)								
Brownville (2)	William Vaughn	114	85' 10"	30'	7' 4"	1831	Brownville	C. Case
Owners: D. Griffin & Co. (as of 1 Oct. 1838)								
Charles Carroll	C. Case	70	81' 8"	14' 6"	6' 3"	1831	Sackets Harbor	C. Case
Owners: D. Griffin & Co. (as of 1 Oct. 1838) P. 565, Franklin B. Hough, <i>History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, N.Y.</i> states this vessel ran between Kingston and Rochester. Afterwards she was rebuilt and lengthened at Sackets Harbor, in summer of 1834, and name changed to America. Her engine was high pressure. With D. Howe as master, was running from Ogdensburgh to Lewiston late in the season of 1834.								
William Avery	W. Johnson	191	131'	21'	7' 4"	1832	Sackets Harbor	C. Case
Owners: D. Griffin & Co. (as of 1 Oct. 1838) P. 564, <i>History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties N.Y.</i> by Franklin B. Hough states this vessel was formerly the Brownville. Engines built by William Avery of Syracuse. They were previously high pressure but changed to condensing. Ran between Ogdensburgh and Niagara with W. W. Sherman as master. Dismantled in 1835.								
Telegraph	R. F. Childs	197	131'	18' 9"	8' 4"	1837	Dexter	A. Sprague
Owners: W. Buckley & Co. P. 353, Franklin B. Hough, <i>History of Jefferson County, N.Y.</i> , states she was built in Dexter in 1836; owned by parties at Utica, Watertown and Sackets Harbor; afterwards changed to sail vessel, and burned on Lake St. Clair.								

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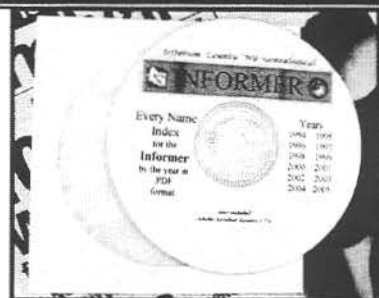
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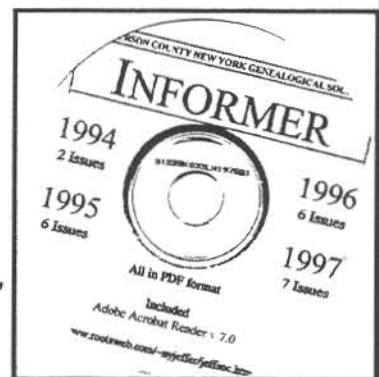


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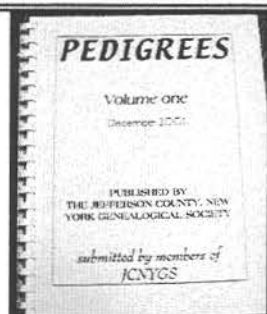
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And

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ASK AUNTY JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:
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Clayton NY 13624
or E-mail nandixon@Gisco.net

Dear Aunty Jeff,
I'm looking for an obituary for 1905 from a Carthage area newspaper. The Flower Memorial Library could not help me, and I have written the local historians. Her name was Martha Hubbard Whitaker (Whittaker). I have her husband's obit from 1899, her daughter's from 1921, her son-in-law's from 1918, her grandson's, but I can't seem to locate hers. Can you help, please?

Robin

Dear Robin,
Brick walls do exist. She may not have had an obituary. In 1905, obituaries were not as common as today, even if there was a local paper to print it. However, it might have appeared in the Jefferson County Journal, which, from time to time, covered all of Jefferson County. It might possibly have appeared in a Lowville or other Lewis County paper, depending on where her daughter lived.

Geography is important in the study of family history. We tend to concentrate on the specific area where we found our people at one time, but they moved around much oftener than we may think, and what seem to be boundaries today, might have been only the next neighborhood at the time.

Jefferson County residents living along the St. Lawrence River did not recognize the Canadian border as an iron curtain, some traveling back and forth daily to jobs in the summer time. The Town of Antwerp historian assures me that many families she traces have roots in Rossie or Gouverneur, both in St. Lawrence County. Town of Antwerp cemeteries have burials from either side of the county line. Town of Alexandria cemeteries have burials from Hammond residents, and vice versa. Ellisburg area families are found in the Sandy Creek, Oswego County historian's office.

Sometimes we have to cast our nets wider to net our family fish.
Aunty Jeff

Dear Aunty Jeff,
I've looked at your Child's Gazetteer about 50 times, on Jefferson Co. Rootsweb. Did you ever notice a good amount of those people are from Connecticut? Was that Gazetteer a local newspaper or some other kind of publication?
Kelly

Dear Kelly,
Child's Gazetteer is a fat little volume of Jefferson County history, published in 1890, a so-called mug book, where people paid the traveling salesmen (always men!) for the privilege of bragging about their ancestors in it. It's useful, since it sometimes is the only place you can find your ancestor mentioned at all. Occasionally the descendants did know what they were talking about, but you have to watch those mug books very carefully.

Many of our pioneers did indeed come from Connecticut, but there is no particular connection between Child's history of Jefferson County and any other locality.

Hamilton Child made a business of it, doing county histories in various parts of New York State and New England. Of course he copied most of his Jefferson County "history" from our earliest and only REAL history, Hough's.
Aunty Jeff

Dear Aunty Jeff,
Is there a place called Williamstown or Williamsburgh or Williamsville or something in Jefferson County? My manuscript is damaged and I only know the place started with Williams.
Mercy.

Dear Mercy,
In Franklin Hough's History of Jefferson County, page 96, he states: "At a special meeting, Jan. 29, 1818, the town petitioned for a tax upon themselves of \$2000, toward building a bridge [over the Black River] at Williamstown (Pamelia) Village, and another at Brownville Village. John Brown, Joseph Clark, and Thomas Loomis were appointed commissioners for this purpose." On page 216, he wrote "Pamelia Village, opposite the lower part of the village of Watertown, began to settle about 1804, upon the building of a bridge; and very soon after, a dam and mills were erected here. The place first received the name of Williamstown, which was given it by Jacob Brown..." Emerson, in Our County and Its People, on page 290 also mentions Williamstown, which he said was "later North Watertown."
Aunty Jeff.



From Stone's Atlas of Jefferson County

Our thanks to JCNYS member Don Dillenbeck for the list of information on this map!

	Surname	Village-Town
B.S. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
B.S.Sh. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
G.M. =	(Grist Mill)	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
S.H.No.1	(School House) No. 1	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
W.Sh =	(Wagon Shop)	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
A.	Barber	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Black Creek	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Cath.Ch. =	Catholic Church	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
G.	Clark	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Cooper Shop	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
L.	Cunningham	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
E.P.	Daley	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Davis	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Egan	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
C.	Essington	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
J.	Essington	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Essington Street	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Forge	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Furnace	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
R.C.	Gates	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
H.	Hamlin	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
D.	House	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	House	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Mill Street	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
L.H.	Mills	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
L.H.	Mills	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
C.	Mitchell	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
W.	Murray	Sterlingville-Philadelphia

J.	Murray Hotel	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
R.	Odbert	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
I.	Petty	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Petty Street	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Planing Mill	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Pond Street	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
D.	Rhiner	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Rhubart	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
W.	Rhubert	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
T.	Riley	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Ryner	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
D.	Seaman	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
J.	Sho	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Sterling	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Sterling	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
J.	Sterling Store	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Sterling Street	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Store	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Store & Post Office	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
T.	Sullivan	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
G.	Thomas	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs. O.	Tooley	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Townsend	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
	Union Church	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
D.	VanAntwerp	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
I.	VanFleck	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
C.D.	Whipple	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
Mrs.	Willard	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
R.C.	Willard	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
U.	Wright	Sterlingville-Philadelphia
J.	Young	Sterlingville-Philadelphia

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My Aunt Edwina made up for this gap in the art of reproduction, producing Alice, Richard, Elizabeth, Augusta, Mary Ellen, Peggy, Michael (died young) and Susan. And Alice carried on the tradition, giving birth to 8 children. Edwina had polio as a youngster and was left with a pronounced limp. This, however, did not interfere with her social life. She had two marriages, played the piano and was like a big sister to me.

My Aunt Catherine married Horace Hawn about 1920. She gave birth to Horace Cyrus Hawn, Jr. in Dec. 1921, and Helen, my beloved Helen...like a sister to me...in August 1923. Years later she had Anna Lou when Helen was 15. They had moved to FL. about 1926. The girls live in or near New Smyrna Beach, FL, and the boy, called Cy, moved to Athens, GA. She also was an accomplished pianist and organist. I was afraid of her, she seemed so strict.

My mother had a horrible temper but my father made up for it, so I can say I had a happy childhood and spent nearly every summer with my grandparents. My babyhood was spent in the lap of luxury but my Dad got the wanderlust and we moved to FL twice, and suffered financially, before he settled down in Gloversville, NY, with his own grocery store which he ran successfully until WW2 when he decided he didn't want to fool with ration coupons. He quit and had a laundry route until he retired in 1963. My Mom worked in the store (I was a latch key kid) until he closed it and then became a buyer for women's clothing for an upscale department store in Gloversville. They both retired and moved to FL. My mother and her sister didn't get along but after my parents retired there, they became the best of buddies.

My grandmother, Susan Avery, was from the following family:

Jasper Avery, b 1 August 1794. d 14 Oct 1865, buried in North Watertown Cemetery. He was from Saratoga Springs, NY. I also find Elisha Avery buried there, who is probably his father. Can't go any farther back. We are NOT of the Groton Avery Clan. DNA proved that.

His wife was Sarah Scidmore b 1 Apr 1794, Saratoga. Her line is included in the Pedigree Chart. She was born 1 April 1794 in Saratoga, died 9 Apr 1872, Watertown, NY, buried in the same cemetery. They were married 1816, Pinckney, Lewis, NY.

They had the following family, all born in Watertown, unless otherwise stated:

John Scidmore Avery, b 8 November 1819, Pinkney.

d 1890, m Marsia Lodwick or Lodwich, 1842, m (2) Cynthia Tucker, 1844, Rutland, NY, m 3, Myra Stanton, 1871, Syracuse, NY

James Brundage Avery, 1 Feb. 1821, Pinkney, NY m Sophronia Higby, November 1842, m (2) Chloe, 1850, all Watertown

Susan, b 18 February 1822 Pinkney NY, m Adam Munk or Muench, 3 Nov 1847, First Presbyterian Church d 17 Jun 1905.

Elizabeth, b 26 November 1823, d 18 January 1899, m 1847 William Hannahs. Buried Brookside Cemetery

Henry W. Avery, b 1824, d 1844

Ephraim Woodworth Avery, b 25 November 1826, d 31 Aug. 1888, m Mary Loveridge 1851, m (2) Mrs. Mary Noble, 1860.

Haggworthingham

From : Paul Guest
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I recently found a gravestone in the Church of St. Mary in North Somercoates, Lincolnshire, United Kingdom. It had the following inscription:

"IN MEMORY OF PETER HAGGWORTHINGHAM. LATE OF HENDERSON IN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF NEW YORK, NORTH AMERICA. WHO DIED AT COCKERINGTON MAY THE 2ND 1827 Aged 53 years.

Cockerington is the next village. Alongside is the gravestone of his daughter who died in 1816 aged 13 years and his son Peter who died in 1812 aged 6 months. I have a photograph of the stones and church if they are of any interest.

Editor Nan:

I sent this to Eric Anderson, Henderson Town Historian, who replied:

Very interesting. I've never heard of the name Haggworthingham in Henderson, but I've certainly heard of Worthingham. My initial impression was that perhaps he was among the early Scotch-Irish settlers near Westcott Beach State Park, but I see that North Somercoates and Cockerington are on the east coast of the UK, not too far north from London.

Jefferson County Places

(Do you know of others?)

Adams, Adams Center, Adams Five Corners (now Adams Center), Alexander Corners, Alexandria Bay, Alexandria Center, Allendale (originally Caulkin's Mills), Alverson, Antwerp, Applegate, Appling (now Adams Village), Aspinwall Corners, Association Island

Babbitts Corners, Baggs Corner, Barlow Corners, Bartlett's Corner, Bartlett's Point, Bayview, Bean Hill Crossing, Bear Creek (now Pierrepont Manor), Bedford Corners, Belleville, Benezet (now Philadelphia), Bentley's Corners, Bishop Street, Bishops Corners, Black River, Blanchard's Corners, Boultons Beach, Brooklyn (now Pillar Point), Brooksville, Brown Corners, Browns Corners, Brownville, Buck Hill (now Rural Hill), Bullock Corners, Burrs Mills, Burrville, Calcium (originally Sanford's Corners), Butterville

Camps Mills, Cape Vincent, Carleton Island, Carrying Place, Carthage, Catfish Creek (now Depauville), Caulkins Mills (Allendale), Champion, Champion Huddle, Chapel Corners P. O., Chaumont, Clark Point, Clayton, Clayton Center, Cobb Town, Collins Landing, Collins Mills (now Stone Mills), Coopers Corners, Corbins Corners, Cornelia (now Clayton), Cowan Corner

Deferiet, Deferno, DeLaFarge Corners, DeLauney Mills, Depauville, DeVoice Corners, Dexter, Diamond, Dillen, Doolins Crossing, Douglas Crossing, Dry Hill, Dutch Settlement

East Houndsfield, East Rodman (Whitesville), East Watertown, Edgewood Park, Elizabethtown (now Philadelphia), Ellisburgh, Evans Mills

Fargo, Felts Mills, Field's Settlement, Fineview (on Wellesley Island), Fish Creek (now Dexter), Fish Islands (now Dexter), Fishers Landing, Flat Rock (now Plessis), Fox Island, Fredericks Corners, French Creek (now Clayton), French Settlement, French Settlement (now Rosiere), Friend's Settlement (now Philadelphia), Frontenac (on Round Island)

Glen Park, Galoo (Galloups) Island, Getman Corners, Giddingsville, Glen Park, Godfreys Corner, Goldby Corners, Goose Bay, Gould Corners, Gracy Corners, Grand View Park (on Wellesley Island), Gravelley Point (now Cape Vincent), Great Bend, Great Falls (now Watertown), Greene Settlement, Grenell Island, Grenell, Grenadier Island, Grindstone Corners, Grindstone Island, Grove Hotel, Gunns Corners

Hadley, Hall Corners, Halls Mills (now Belleville), Harpers Ferry, Harrison (now Rodman), Henderson, Henderson Harbor, Herrick Grove, Herrings, Honeyville, Hossington, Hubbard Crossing, Hungerford Corners, Hungry Bay (Point Peninsula), Huntingtonville

Independence Point, Ingerson's Corners

Jamesville (now Redwood), Jefferson Park, Jewett's Corners, Joachim (no longer visible), Juhelville (now part of Watertown)

Karter Crossing, Kamargo (now Black River), King's Garden, Knowlesville (Noseville, GNIS)

LaFargeville, Leander (now Pamela), LeRaysville, Limerick, Lisk Settlement, Little Sandy (now Mannsville), Lockport (now Black River), Log Mills (now La-

Fargeville), Long Falls (now Carthage), Lorraine, Lower Town Landing, Lyons Corners

Mannsville, Maxon Corners, Military Road (later Chauffy's Corners), Millen's Bay, Moffattsville, Montario Point, Mooney Gulf, Moore Landing (Wellesley Island), Mudge's Mills (now Omar), Mullet Creek (now Omar), Munns Corners, Murray Isle

Naples (now Henderson Harbor), Natural Bridge, Nauvoo, New Connecticut, Noseville (Knowlesville), North Adams, North Landing, North Watertown, North Wilna

Omar, Orleans Four Corners (originally Shantzville/Shantyville), Ormiston Corners, Oxbow

Paddy Hill, Pamela Center, Pamela Four Corners, Pamela Village (now part of the City of Watertown), Perch Lake, Perch River, Philadelphia (originally Friends Settlement), Pierrepont Manor, Pillar Point, Pillar Point Village, Pinckney, Pine Plains, Pinehurst Resort, Plessis, Pogeland, Point Peninsula, Point Peninsula Village, Point Salubrious, Point Vivian, Ponds, Port Orleans (now Fishers Landing), Potters Corners, Price Settlement, Purpura Corners, Putnam School House

Redwood, Reedville, Reynolds Corners, Rices Junction, Rivergate, Robert's Corners, Rodman, Rogers School House, Rosiere, Ross Corners, Round Island (Frontenac Summer P. O.), Rural Hill, Rutland Center

Sackets Harbor, St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence Park, Salisbury's Mills, Sanford Corners (not Calcium), Sanford's Corners (later Calcium), Saxe Corners, Schnauber Corner, Scotts Corners, Scoville Corners, Seven by Nine Corners, Shurtleff, Sixtown Point, Skinners Corners, Slocumville, Smiths Corners, Smith's Mills (now Adams), Smithville, Snellville, South Champion, South Rutland (now Tylerville), South Woods (later Diamond), Spragueville, Stamingville, Stears Corners, Sterlingburgh, Sterlingville, Stills Corners, Stone Mills (originally Collins Mills), Stoney Point, Stony Island, Stony Point, Storrs Corners, Stowell's Corners, Strickland Corners, Strough's Crossing, Sulphur Springs, Summerland, Sunnybank

Talcott Falls, Tanners Corners, Taylor Settlement, Theresa, Thomas Settlement, Thousand Islands Park (on Wellesley Island), Three Mile Bay, Three Mile Point, Thurso (on Grindstone Island), Toad Hollow, Totman's Gulf, Tremaines Corners, Turin Four Corners, Tylerville (once South Rutland)

Unionville (Zoar), Upper Town Landing

Wards Corners, Wardwell Settlement, Warren Settlement, Watertown-City of, Watertown Center, Waterville, Wellesley Island (originally Wells Island), West Carthage, West Corners, West Rodman, West Theresa, Westminster Park (on Wellesley Island), Westwood Corners, Westons Corners, Whitesville (East Rodman), Whitford's Corners (West Rodman), Whitney Corners, Wilcox's Corners, Wilcoxville, Williamstown, Wilna, Winona, Woods Mills, Wood's Settlement (late Woodville), Woodville, Worth, Worth Center, Worthville

Zoar

Chaumont Once Center Of Ship Building Industry

(From Thousand Island Sun, May 31, 1973)

Chaumont - The old shipyard at Chaumont has been silent for almost a half century. If you were to visit what has long been known as Shipyard Point on lower Chaumont Bay you might find a few rotting pieces of timber once intended as ships' ribs. They have lain there almost more than 50 years since the sound of the hammer stroke was heard in the old ship-yard.

These, with a decrepit old shop building which has been wrecked by fire and ruins of a wharf are all that remain of a once bustling industry from which emanated a cacophony of sound and provided one of Chaumont's biggest winter industries and gave employment to as many as 100 men.

Fifty or more years ago a visitor might have seen three or four lake barges, tugs or schooners on ways either in the process of construction or undergoing repairs. The shipyard was owned and operated by Capt. Frank Daniel Phelps, a mechanical genius of the first water.

Phelps had no formal education and up to the time of his marriage could neither read nor write. Going to work as soon as he was large enough, he sailed before the mast for several years on the Great Lakes having spent most of his youth netting ciscoes at Chaumont Bay.

His wife taught him to read and write and to master arithmetical problems. Armed with such schooling, rudimentary as it was, he forged ahead fast in navigation and earned licenses, first as a pilot and then as a ship's master on the Great Lakes.

His first boat building venture was the construction of a fishing boat, a sloop. His boats were built from small models which he fashioned as he could not read blueprints. In constructing his first model he failed to have the two sides exactly alike. The result was that one side of the boat when in the wind it flew along like a scared cat; but when the other was in the wind it lumbered along like a half sub-merged washtub.

His next model he fashioned after the fast side of the first one and from it built a sloop nicknamed, *The Barnyard*. That boat for more than 30 years was the racing queen of the eastern end of Lake Ontario. The first boat built in the Phelps shipyard was the schooner, *Emma*, a three-master, named for his sister. Phelps' next venture was a larger schooner which was named the *John S. Parson* in honor of an Oswego ship chandler. The Parsons was later converted into a steam barge and sailed the lakes for many years; finally it was destroyed in a gale after the death of Captain Phelps.

Other types of boats built by the Captain were barges, steam barges, tugs, and a large number of scows.

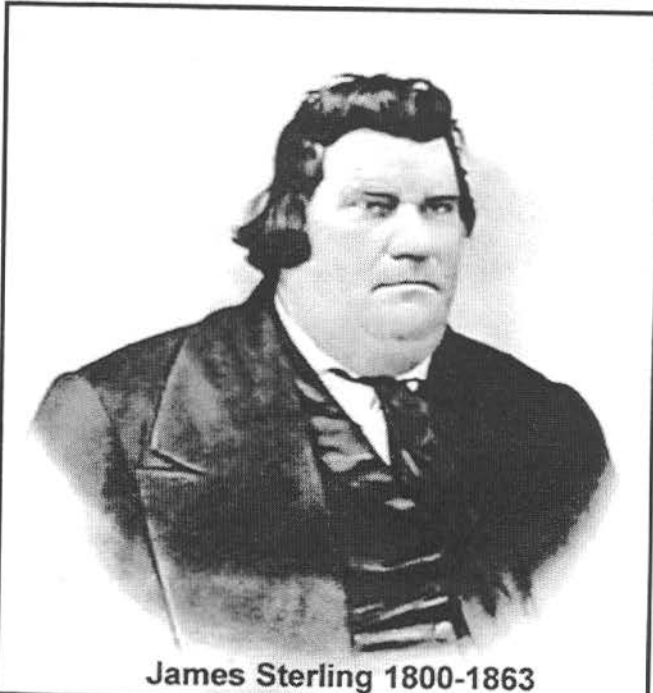
Chaumont was not the only center of ship building activity although it was the last point on the eastern end of Lake Ontario to see that industry die.

Many wooden ships were at one time or another constructed at Henderson Harbor, Sackets Harbor, Three Mile Bay, Clayton and Oswego. But with the gradual disappearance of forests and the development of steel as boat building material, wooden materials, and wooden ships passed from the picture taking with them the once bustling ship building centers along the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River.

(Continued from page 7) **Sterlingville**

Sterlingville became a Catholic mission in 1837, and in 1839 a house of worship was built just outside the hamlet proper, on a lot donated by John La Farge. At that time Rev. Michael Gilbride was priest in charge. In 1849 the edifice was burned, but was replaced in 1854 with a larger structure. In 1885 the building was removed to the village. It is still an out mission from Evans' Mills, under the care of Rev. A.L. Dufrasne.

The union meeting house was erected in 1856 by contributions from the generously disposed people of the locality, and at a cost of about \$1,800. During its history the building has been occupied by worshippers of the Methodist Episcopal, Protestant Episcopal, Universalist, Baptist and Disciple denominations, none of which was sufficiently strong to maintain a church or support a separate pastor. The Methodists are the strongest denomination in this part of the town, gradually and constantly growing in numbers and influence. The believers in the Disciple Christian teachings began holding meetings soon after 1845 and about five years later effected an informal organization. The society was formed in 1864, the original members numbering 22 persons, but did not progress much beyond this condition in later years. Meetings were held in the union building in Sterlingville as long as the organization was maintained. No regular services of this denomination have been held for more than fifteen years.



James Sterling 1800-1863

Jefferson County Queries

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Subject: Jefferson County Informer Query

(Some readers don't have internet access. Please include mailing address &/or phone numbers as well as email.)

WATROUS

I am a descendant of Richard and Inez **WATROUS**, my maternal grandparents. I received information that when Inez was pregnant with my mother, the city was to expand the street they were living on in Watertown, but because she was pregnant, it was postponed. Apparently all the turmoil made the headlines. I don't know the street, nor the year, but I am assuming it would have been in 1923 or 1924 as my mother was born July 11, 1924. Would you have any information and/or whom I might contact to research the newspapers from that time? I appreciate any information you have on either Richard or Inez **WATROUS**. Richard was a Fuller Brush man and was killed in a train accident, which most likely also made the papers, around 1926 or 1927.

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LOOMIS, MILLER

I am looking for information about the Loomis family of my grt-grt-grandmother Ellen Maria **LOOMIS** AKA Ellen Thelma **LOOMIS** born October 21, 1855, in Watertown New York. According to her marriage registration Ellen's parents were John L. or T. and Sarah M. **LOOMIS**. Ellen Maria was the name recorded on the marriage registration but she was known to us as Ellen Thelma. It appears that Ellen may have been sent to the U.S. after the death of her parents. I did find her in our 1871 Canadian census records and at the young age of fourteen she was living with a family who had a different last name. I located her living in Ernestown, District of Lennox, Ontario, Canada. Ellen married James **MILLER** on April 23, 1876 in Nappanee, Ontario, Canada. They later moved to Portage La Prairie, Manitoba where they raised their family. Ellen died on August 12, 1918 on their farm in Amaranth. I have further information about her and her family on my website: (www.geocities.com/proutinfo). Follow the link to the **MILLER** family.

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DERBY, TANNER

Looking for information on Rice **DERBY**, listed as **PRICE DERBY** on the 1850 Jefferson Co, NY census. His wife was Hannah **TANNER** and they had 11 children.

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JENNA, SPENCER

I am looking for any information of the parents of Emily Minisa **JENNA** born 26 Aug 1842 in Houndsfield, Jeff. NY. She married Henry **SPENCER** 2 Nov 1865 in Champion NY, died 1899??? Would like the full date if anyone knows. She is buried in Sulphur Springs, Jeff. NY. She had 3 children, Mildred, George, (My GGrandfather) and Frederick. Have read that she was from Redwood in the death notice of Henry.

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DAVIS

I would like to find descendants of the **DAVIS** family. In 1850 the census listed the following children of Amos and Elizabeth **DAVIS**: Lewis N (age 20), Almira M (age 15), Greenleaf Page (age 10), Amos W (age 11), William Buckminster and Francis Henry. Lewis N **DAVIS** was in Croghan, Lewis County in 1880, was married to Hannah, and had two children named Amos and Elizabeth. Francis Henry moved to Bradford County, PA and Greenleaf Page went to Cal in the Gold Rush and eventually settled in Erie, PA.

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RICE, COOPER, BROOKS

My gggg grandmother was Sarah **RICE**. She married James **COOPER**, first cousin to Judge William **COOPER** of Cooperstown, New York. I don't know much about Sarah. I don't know when she and her husband were married. I am guessing it was before 1825. They had several children: Hannah, Ruth (my ggg grandmother), Esther, Ezra, William and Alonzo. Esther was born about 1825. They were born in St. Lawrence, New York (DeKalb, possibly). I assume Sarah died as James married Almira **BROOKS** about 1840. She was born in Champion, Jefferson County, New York to Joseph **BROOKS** and ?.

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MILES

My gg grandfather Augustus Sylvester **MILES** was born in Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, New York in 1837. His obituary notice mentions that his father, William **MILES**, was a lighthouse keeper at Cape Vincent. Can anyone tell me about the lighthouse at Cape Vincent? Does it still exist? What years did it operate? Are there any records of the light house keepers?

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COBEY, DICKEY, BIRTCH, FLOOD

I have been researching my family from Alexandria Bay and also Brockville Ontario. the surname is **COBEY**. I am writing mostly to find out if anyone else is doing similar research....other surnames which tie in are: **DICKEY, BIRTCH, FLOOD**.

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BAKER

I am looking to find any record of the wartime death of my ancestor Benjamin **BAKER** who died in 1813 at Sacket's Harbor. He is said to be buried in a military cemetery there, but there is absolutely nothing I can find on the internet as far as a record of the graves is concerned. Is there a cemetery at all? I can't find anything! Is there any record of who is buried out there?

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BECKER

Looking for a photo or biography of the **BECKER** family of Wilna and Natural Bridge. Pioneer was Conrad **BECKER**, and his son Ephraim **BECKER**.

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SAWYER, BAKER, TAYLOR

I am looking for whatever information I can find about the wives of Rev. Elisha **SAWYER** (1809-1875). He apparently lived in Smithville, Jefferson Co from 1842 to 1849 and was associated with the LaFargeville Church and the Carthage Baptist Church about 1850. His first wife was Clarissa **BAKER** from Jefferson Co. He married her in 1831. His second wife was Dolly **BAKER** (1817-1853) and married her in 1842 in Smithville. He married his third wife, Adelia **TAYLOR** (1815-1889), in 1851. I am looking for the parents of his wives and any other vital records for the wives.

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CALKINS, HOLMES

I have posted before requesting information on my 4th great grandparents Nancy **HOLMES CALKINS** & Seth **CALKINS**. This query is a brick wall desperation question for those of you with expertise in the Jefferson County area. Do you think there might be a burial record (I have photos of their gravestones) from a local church or any late life records (I have the census) that might indicate the actual parentage of Nancy **HOLMES**? This is vague, but necessarily so, as I am grasping at straws trying to connect her to a **HOLMES** line.

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HANSEN, JENKINSON

If anyone would like a wedding announcement for Mr. Vernon **HANSEN** and Miss Myrtle E. **JENKINSON**, Thursday, Oct. 27, 1938 in Theresa, New York and also a picture of labeled Mrs. **JENKINSON** and Myrtle, please contact:

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TEDHAMS

I need any info on the following individuals. Alfred **TEDHAMS** b 1823 England d after 1900 in Adams, Jefferson Co., New York. I know he is buried in Adams Center Cemetery. Alfred married an Elizabeth Unknown b 1835 England d unknown. Their children are:

William b 07/1855 Ellisburg, Jefferson, NY; Mary A. b 1857 New Haven Twsp, Gratiot Co., Michigan; Salina b 1858 New Haven Twsp, Gratiot Co., Michigan; George A. b 1863 Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., NY. William married a Harriet and later married again to an Ellen. Any info would be greatly appreciated, also photos that may be available through the society or taken of their headstones.

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ROBERTS, BELLAN

I am researching family of Kenneth **ROBERTS** b 2 Feb 1911 Carthage, NY. Kenneth's birth certificate shows his father as Frederick **ROBERTS** b 1880 Carthage and his mother as Lena M. **BELLAN** (sp?) b abt 1881 Montreal, Can. Frederick's parents may have been Joseph and Mary, both b Canada. Frederick may have had a brother Jay. Kenneth shows up on 1915 New York census at St. Patrick's Orphanage, Watertown. Believe Kenneth was adopted between 1915-1920 and moved to MA. Seeking any information on his **ROBERTS** family.

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BELLINGER, POTTER

Brayton Buckle **BELLINGER** died in Philadelphia, NY on 19 June 1883. Death certificate tells he is a farmer buried in Theresa, June 12, 1883 by Undertaker A.W.**POTTER**. Looking for the grave site. Have used Bartlett info, etc. and found he was buried before he died! Any way to find his place of interment?

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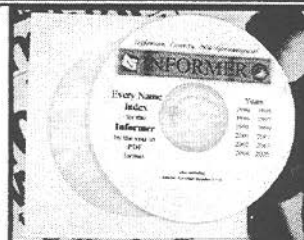
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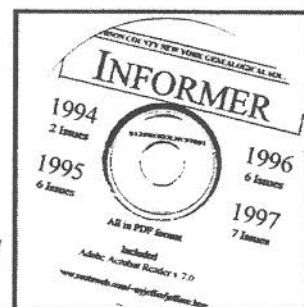
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