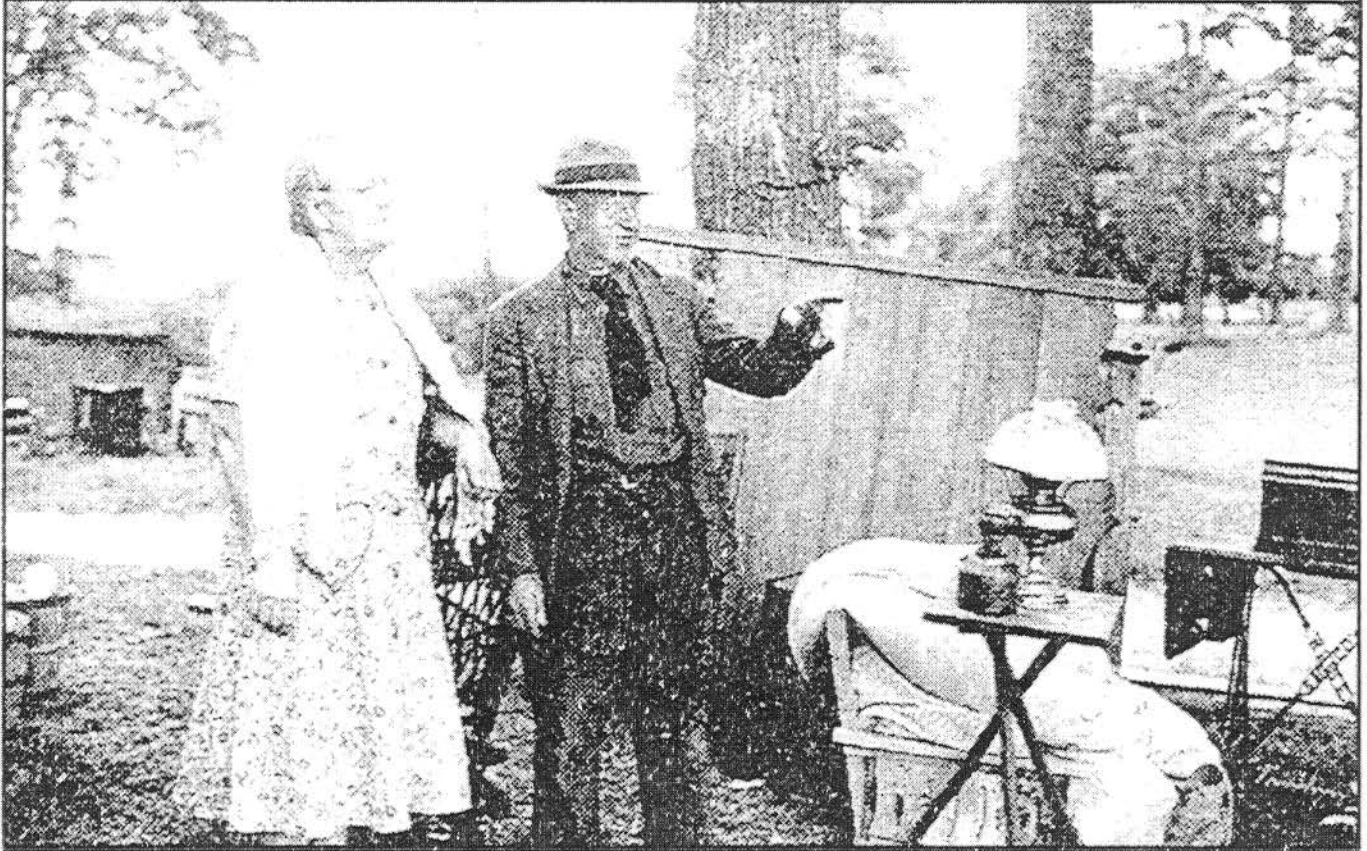


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Mr. And Mrs. Maurice O'Connell of the LeRaysville-Sterlingville Road prepare to move in a typical scene of families evacuating the area to be acquired by Pine Camp in 1941.

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A Reminder for JCNYSGS Members

The society will
Not hold meetings
during the months
of January and
February

Check out our Queries on Page 23

JEFFERSON COUNTY QUERIES

SCOTT, IVES

Samuel Levi **SCOTT** was born in Watertown, Jefferson Co., New York, Mar 6, 1833. His parents were Tracy **SCOTT** and Louisa A, who are believed to have been married about 1830. Tracy's parents, Levi **SCOTT** and Catherine **IVES**, lived in Brookfield, Madison Co., NY in 1830 census. Searching for maiden name of Louisa A, and any information about the marriage of Tracy and Louisa A.

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LONG, MOORE, BUSH, DAMP

Looking for any information on Eli and Charlotte (**MOORE**) **LONG**. Eli worked for a while as a glass blower in the Redwood Glass Company but was killed on the "**BUSH**" farm when his arm was torn off in a machine accident in 1848. Charlotte then moved with her three children to Wisconsin where she married Andrew **DAMP**. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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Check out more Queries on Page 23

What's Going on with JCNYS

By Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

October Meeting

Watertown Daily Times

After enjoying the buffet at the Panda Buffet, about a dozen of us joined yet another dozen at the *Watertown Daily Times* building for a tour of their Library. Librarian Lisa Carr made a short introduction of the library and took a lot of very good questions. Several members came prepared with a list of names and Lisa went right to the files looking up the names and when the articles were found, Lisa went to the copy machine and made the copies for them. Lisa mentioned that the usual procedure was for her to go into the files, but since there were so many of us, she let us go at them ourselves. It was a most interesting evening learning of the information available to researchers and how the *Times* library operates.

November Meeting

Donna Dutton, Watertown City Clerk and Historian, presented a program on a nostalgic look at Watertown through the use of artifacts that have been donated to the Historian's Room.

She began with a short narrative of interesting historical information from the City Clerk's archives which include village and city directories dating back to the 1840's, books on NYS history and Jefferson County scrapbooks, genealogy information and birth, death and marriage indexes from 1883-1915.

She then followed with a presentation of items from the Hotel Woodruff, personal day books, photographs, postcards, trade cards and more.

After her presentation there were many questions and a great deal of interest in the items that she brought for her display.

JCNYS members studying the items City Historian and Clerk Donna Dutton brought for display at her presentation November 13th at the Flower Library



JCNYGS

Minutes For October 9, 2006

For Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

Due to time restrictions on our program to follow at the Watertown Daily Times building, an abbreviated business meeting was held at the Panda Buffet at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Davis shortly after 5:00 p.m. with 11 members in attendance and the secretary's minutes were dispensed with. Treasurer Sally Washer had her records available and presented a written report for the secretary's records with a balance of \$8242.04.

After a call for any committee reports, President Davis asked program chairperson Phyllis Putnam to update the society on November's meeting. Phyllis related the information from Donna Dutton that "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."

The meeting was adjourned to enjoy the buffet before moving to the Times building at 6:30.

JCNYGS

Minutes For November 13, 2006

By Marilyn Davis for Jean Coyne, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Davis at 6:30 PM with 19 members signed in. President Jerry presented a short summary of the October meeting to be put into the secretary's minutes. It was an impromptu meeting held at the Panda Buffet before going to the Watertown Times Building for the evening's program. Treasurer Sally Washer's report with a balance of \$8,298.73 was distributed and a copy put into the secretary's minutes.

Clancy Hopkins reported as corresponding secretary that a few change of addresses and about a half dozen memberships were received.

Nan Dixon mentioned that while the library book sale was being conducted, our repository is unavailable for work.

Phyllis Putnam reported for Publicity that the regular correspondence with the papers had gone out and it

was also reported that we got a good TV spot for this month's meeting. For Program Phyllis reported that December's meeting will be at JCC with Assistant Librarian Connie Holberg in the Melvil Dewey Library. **There will be no meetings in January or February.** March will be a tour of the records at the county building with Jim Ringer and April will be Elaine Scott from the Henderson Historical Society on the chain carry from Oswego to Sackets. Phyllis also reported on plans for a summer meeting to be demonstrations of the various genealogy programs available and being used by members on their laptops.

Bill Dixon reported for the Newsletter Committee that they were pleased with the prompt delivery of the last newsletter and that the January 2007 issue will focus on the lost village of LeRaysville. Any pictures on LeRaysville would be appreciated.

Under old business President Jerry mentioned that only a few members take responsibility for being active on committees or accepting an administrative position within the society. We need to have more than 6 or 7 of the over 300 members get more involved with committee work and leadership opportunities. There are still vacancies in the positions of Vice President and 2nd Vice President. President Jerry called for nominations for 2nd Vice President. Lis Couch nominated Nan Dixon, seconded by Dick Kemmis. The nomination was approved unanimously. A call for nominations for Vice President went without a candidate and President Jerry will try again at the next meeting.

Under new business Phyllis Putnam reported on visiting Pauline Zach and how she is progressing. Phyllis also mentioned a new book put out by Lyme Heritage Center on Point Salubrius.

Hollis Dorr brought up the information that our CD comes up for renewal in December and that we need some direction. Bob VanBrocklin moved and Clancy Hopkins seconded that we renew the CD. Passed.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn, seconded by Hollis Dorr.

City Historian and Clerk, Donna Dutton was introduced for the evening's program.

**Lord, help me to be
the person my dog
thinks I am.**

More from Joanne Johnson's

Village Cemeteries Of Fort Drum

(See also page 16: A Vanished Past)

In addition to the French in LeRay, there was also a strong Quaker influence. Hidden from view, at the top of a hill along Fourth Street, lies the cemetery Fort Drum lists as Slocum-Child.

Nowadays, the visitor drives in from the rear, along a dirt road. But originally, the approach was from a road going south out of LeRaysville, then up a narrow land that led to the crest of the hill where a low stone wall marked the beginning of the cemetery. Because of the early Quakers who settled here, this became known as Quaker Hill.

The first Friends Meeting House was a log cabin near Pleasant Creek. When it burned down, a stone one was built in 1816 near the intersection of Route 26 and Bedlam Road, or Wards Corners. The old Stone Church, as it was called, became a local landmark.

Once inside, men sat on the high wooden benches on the right, black-bonneted women on the left. No words were spoken, until someone was moved by the spirit, according to a 1935 letter to the Times by Minnie Ward Kellogg, who grew up nearby.

She recalled that "in the woods behind the meeting house, many of the old Quakers were buried." But no trace of that graveyard has been found, perhaps because, as she continued, "The graves were later removed to the LeRaysville cemetery." By this she meant the Slocum-Child graveyard.

This second cemetery was one of the results of a dispute among the Quakers over whether or not to use music and pastors in the service. The conservatives left and built another church, a simple, wooden one, in the village. They bought land from Stephen Roberts on Quaker Hill, according to Everts and Holcomb, and established the graveyard that was known locally as the old Quaker cemetery.

These early settlers, though, in keeping with the Quaker custom of avoiding signs of worldly wealth, had no headstones. But Thomas Hart, a grandson of the founding Quaker Joseph Child, from Philadelphia, Pa., told Ernest Cook that "I have seen my grandfather painstakingly go after the people had departed to mark the grave with some field stone he had picked up on the way to the cemetery.

Sometime afterwards, Child would tell a few individuals in the congregation about the shape or kind of stone he put on the grave, so that family members would have the comfort of knowing where their loved ones were buried.

In 1931 the LeRay superintendent of highways ordered the restoration of this cemetery, and Ernest Cook visited with Hart. Cook noted that after the fieldstones, the first row of graves belonged to the Child family: Samuel, who died in 1862; and then Moses, Nancy, son Amos, age 11; and daughter Lydia.

As Cook walked through the cemetery, he recorded the names of two Civil War veterans, Caleb Slocum and James H. Palmer. Also buried here is Samuel G. Slocum, the man for whom Slocumville, a tiny village north of LeRaysville known for its powder factory and woolen mill, was named.

There are families of Gardners, Robertses and Burdicks. The gravestone of one young Burdick, Mercy Jane, who died at 18, reads "God made thee as a bud too fair; To bloom on this cold earth; And chose for thee a brighter place; Among flowers of heavenly birth."

Today the stone wall is crumbling and overgrown with weeds. There are few fieldstones. But Samuel's grave is just as Cook described it, along with his family. The Civil War veterans are easily found, and Mercy Janes's stone, her inscription almost unreadable, still stands beside those of her mother and father.

The final cemetery on the Fort Drum cantonment is the Cooper Cemetery, a family cemetery tucked away behind the post's new health clinic.

It was discovered, unexpectedly, during a 1986 survey for road construction. Research, funded by the United States Army and conducted by the cultural resource group of Louis Berger and Associates, revealed that this graveyard was on the farm of William Cooper, or Guillaume Coupart. He was also known as the "French" Cooper, a man who left his homeland to avoid conscription in the Napoleonic Wars.

The original farmstead was about a quarter of a mile northeast of the Bedlam and Conway roads intersection, but now the approach is from the rear by way of a dead-end dirt lane, off Mr. Belvedere Boulevard.

On the ridge of a low hill, surrounded by maples and enclosed by a low limestone retaining wall, are the five graves: William, who died in 1851, is buried next to his wife, Margaret; their son William Jr., who died in 1871; his wife Elvira, and their daughter Margaret, who died at 21.

Behind the gravestones at a distance of 5 or 6 feet, stand the footstones, a common sight in old cemeteries. These are small stones, with the person's initials, that mark the end of the grave so that the burial site will not be disturbed when others are added.



From French Occupancy—A LeRaysville homestead dating back to Chaumont's presence.

LeRaysville Lone Survivor Of Communities Lost in Path Of Pine Camp Installations

(From An Old Newspaper Article)

Of the several communities requisitioned by the army in the creation of Pine Camp military reservation, only LeRaysville has survived, and even it has been shorn of the importance once attached to it. It no longer is a trading center nor a post office, nor does it lie athwart a main highway, for the thruway—one of the cantonment access roads—bypasses it on the far side of the creek.

LeRaysville owes its survival to its adjacency to Pine Camp and to the presence of a number of fine old homes. This combination resulted in it being taken over by members of the post personnel, who maintain homes there.

Over the more than 100,000 acres contained in the training were many excellent homes, a great number of homesteads thru several generations, but their distance from the encampment or their location within the training area and particularly those unfortunate enough to lie inside the artillery range, left them a prey to artillery fire, and thruout the area to the natural weathering and devastation that afflicts all unoccupied structures. A great number were sold and the material removed, but with a few exceptions, scarcely a building outside of LeRaysville and Buck creek park, is intact today.

Louisburg, Sterlingville and Reedville, names linked with the iron industry, scarcely can be identified. Woodsmills, once a busy hamlet associated with lumbering, is gone. At North Wilna the school has been preserved as a range control post.

LeRaysville became a post office in 1818, and expanded into a thriving settlement during the mid-1800's, having a hotel, stores, blacksmith shop and a Friends' or Quaker meeting house. It dwindled since the latter part of the century, being reported by Historian Haddock in 1894 as "a mere hamlet." It retained some locally commercial importance, however, as a trading area until the reservation was created.

Today its homes stretch along one highway, an old dwelling dating from French occupancy and typical of many of those erected during LeRay's residence, standing out in architecture and design from all the others.

The "access road," a fine stretch of concrete leading from the post to Evans Mills, did not give LeRaysville residents any great advantage, the place having long before been connected with that village and with Watertown and Black River by county macadam. Thru the hamlet led a highway much used in its day, reaching almost straight thru from Watertown to Antwerp, by-passing both Evans Mills and Philadelphia. Before present Route 11 north was improved, it was used considerably by persons bound for St. Lawrence county.

LERAYSVILLE

Scale 40 rods to the inch.

LERAYSVILLE BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

L. H. Fortune, Hotel Proprietor.
 H. Grover, Justice of the Peace.
 D. B. Rich, Axe Helve Factory.
 Gilbert Blount, Cheese Manufacturer and Dealer.

Historic Hamlet

LeRaysville is historic. It was associated intimately with James LeRay de Chaumont, whose manor house adjoined it, although screened by forest. The pond reaching from the mansion to the hamlet and today used by the troops as a swimming pool, was created to form a lake on which it is claimed the landowner had a barge. His land office was maintained in LeRaysville until about 1835, when it was removed to Carthage.

Benjamin Brown is credited with being the first settler at the hamlet, where he erected a sawmill on Pleasant Creek. He was a brother of Jacob Brown, later commander-in-chief of the United States army and hero of the War of 1812. Another settlement was established about 1820 below the village, where a powder mill was erected, later converted to a starch factory, finally superseded by a grist mill. All trace of this community disappeared long before the area became a military tract.

Leraysville

From Stone's 1864 Atlas of Jefferson County

Our thanks to JCNYS member
 Don Dillenbeck for the list of information
 On this map.

Initial(s)	Surname	Village-Town in Jefferson Co.
B.S.Sh. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Leraysville Village
B.S.Sh. =	(Blacksmith Shop)	Leraysville Village
S.M. =	(Saw Mill)	Leraysville Village
Shoe Sh.	(Shoe Shop)	Leraysville Village
Mrs.	Childs	Leraysville Village
Mrs.	Freeman	Leraysville Village
H.	Grover	Leraysville Village
Mrs.	Hines	Leraysville Village
	Hotel	Leraysville Village
Wm.	Jones	Leraysville Village
J.	Kepler	Leraysville Village
(Post Of-)	Leraysville P.O.	Leraysville Village
B.	Macomber	Leraysville Village
Mrs.	Millard	Leraysville Village
L.	Millot	Leraysville Village
A.	Mosher	Leraysville Village
E.	Mosher	Leraysville Village
D.G.	Mosier	Leraysville Village
J.	Narrow	Leraysville Village
J.	Palmer	Leraysville Village
C.C.	Phelps	Leraysville Village
W. S.	Phelps	Leraysville Village
Wm.	Phelps	Leraysville Village
Mrs.	Rogers	Leraysville Village
C.	Spraker	Leraysville Village
Mrs.	St. John	Leraysville Village
	Store	Leraysville Village
W.L.	Stout	Leraysville Village
H.	Wilson	Leraysville Village
J.	Wooliber	Leraysville Village
Leraysville Business Directory		
L.H.	Fortune	Hotel Proprietor
H.	Grover	Justice of the Peace
D.B.	Rich (Axe handle)	Axe Helve Factory
Gilbert	Blount	Cheese Manuf. &

COMPUTER CORNER

Three more additions to the Hounsfield website, <http://www.hounsfieldhistory.net>. The houses can be seen by clicking on "Homesteads." The church can be seen by clicking on "Churches."

Samuel Resseguie Farm: current photo, aerial photo, location map, and history of the family

Benjamin Orchard Home: updated with new photo and facts about winery recently established on the premises

East Hounsfield Christian Church: brand new feature about this 1843 structure, now used as a residence.

Our friend Russ Sprague of the St. Lawrence Co. Gen-WebSite recently posted this on the Jefferson County mailing list. If you have not already subscribed to that list, you may be missing some valuable hints to breaking down your brick walls. He writes: Many of you might be familiar with two sites that allow automated searching of on line newspaper page images. Each covers wide geographic areas in Northern NY. One is: <http://news.nynln.net/> and the other is: <http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>. Many of our ancestors moved around quite a bit and many papers copied each others re births, deaths and marriages.

The wayback machine is a very useful tool for researchers. The wayback machine can be used to determine if the information on a web site is current.

1. To use the wayback machine, go to the Internet archive at <http://www.archive.org/index.php>. Copy and paste the URL into the wayback machine window and click "take me back." The search results will consist of a list of dates. By clicking on a date, a web site can be viewed as it appeared on that date. Hence, a researcher can determine how current the information is on a web site. It is also important to note that many pages which are no longer available can be accessed using the wayback machine. This is because a researcher can click on a date prior to the page not being available. (*I always remove <http://> from the wayback machine window before pasting).

Before relying on information on a web site, it is important to determine who wrote the information. Examine the web site to see if an author, publisher or owner's name is listed. Usually an email address will be provided. If that information is not available, there are various web sites that can be accessed to determine who owns the web site. To determine the owner of the domain name, here is one tool that can be helpful: <http://www.networksolutions.com/whois/index.jsp>. Type the

URL into the search window without the www.

Another important step to evaluate a web site is to do a link search. A link search will provide a list of other web sites that link to the web site you are evaluating. A link search can be conducted on most major search engines. Type link: and the full URL in the search window with no spaces. A link search for USGenWeb would look like this: link:www.usgenweb.com. The search results show that 9,830 websites link to www.usgenweb.com.

I cannot emphasize how important it is to evaluate the information found on the Internet. Doing so would help avoid relying on incorrect information for your genealogical project. Finally, always remember to cite your sources.

Here is one of my favorite web sites to learn more about evaluating Internet resources: "Finding Information on the Internet: A Tutorial" from the University of California at Berkeley:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

Research the Website Traffic Rankings:
www.alexa.com

Evaluating Web Pages (part I) ~ Greta Thompson
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgw/newsletter?NL-10-2004.shtml>

Evaluating Web Pages (Part II) ~ Greta Thompson
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgw/newsletter/NL-11-2004.shtml>

ASK AUNTIE JEFF



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Dear Auntie Jeff,

Do you suppose it is possible to buy a copy of the Child's Gazetteer of Jefferson County? If not, is a copy available at Salt Lake City (where I could borrow it) or any libraries outside of the county? If not, is there anyone available that will look at the index (if there is one) and see if the book mentions George Edward Weaver, b abt 1811-1814 or his father John Weaver b abt 1790-1800? Thank you!

Glenn Lane

Dear Glenn,

Child's Gazetteer was published in 1890. An original copy is probably too expensive for the average family history researcher. I don't know of any reprints. It is a fairly common history,

(Continued on page 19)

The Town of Leray

LeRaysville

(From Our County And Its People, A Descriptive Work on Jefferson County, New York Edited by Edgar C. Emerson, Boston History Company, 1898)

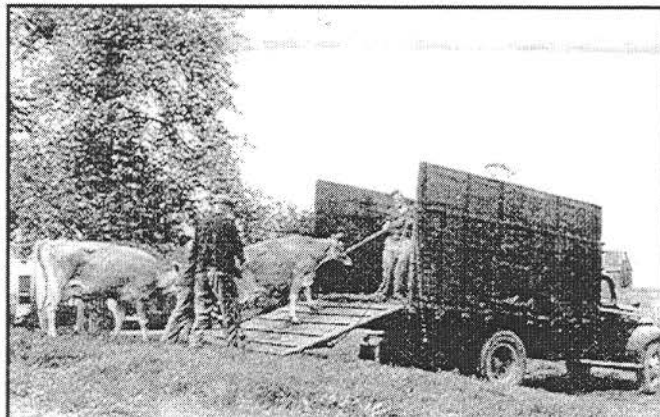
LeRaysville - Among the several trading centers which have been established in the town for the accommodation of the inhabitants, the little hamlet called LeRaysville is the oldest. Here Benjamin Brown made the first improvement in 1802 when he built a mill on Pleasant creek. He kept the mill several years, but it eventually passed into the hands of Curtis Mann, succeeded by Mr. Kannady and W. S. Phelps in the order named. At that time and for several years afterward the hamlet had no name other than Brown's mill, and it was not until Dr. Baudry had completed the LeRay villa and the proprietor came here to live that the name LeRaysville was applied. Settlement in the vicinity increased rapidly under the energetic action of Le Ray and his agents, and with the arrival of Dr. Horatio Orvis in 1808, and the opening of a public house in 1810, the place began to assume the proportions of a village. About the same time, too, Mr. LeRay opened a stock of goods and placed it in charge of one of his employees, thus supplying the temporal wants of the inhabitants, for tradition says the stock was extensive and included not only staple articles of trade, but also a quantity of refreshing goods not now sold by the average dealer, though then common merchandise. Later managers of the store were Martin Hubbard and S. C. Kannady.

In 1818 a mail route was established between Wilna and Denmark, by way of LeRaysville, and in that year a post office was established here, Samuel C. Kannady being postmaster. He held the office until his death in 1836, and was succeeded by Mr. Whipple. Previous to 1818 all mail for this locality came through the office at Champion, and was generally brought to the town by Mr. LeRay or one of his employees. After Mr. Whipple's term the incumbents of the post-office were William Phelps, Ennis Mosher, Horace Grover, Albert Mosher and Wm. S. Phelps in the order named until the office became unimportant in local annals. About 1820 the village attained its greatest importance and size, and another tavern was opened on the opposite side of the creek.

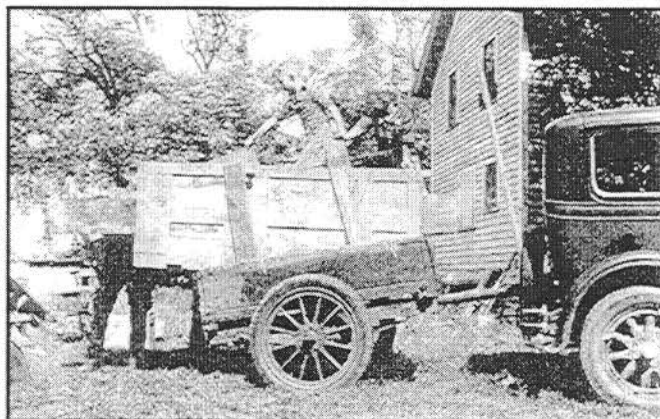
After the departure of the proprietor for France, in 1832, and particularly after the removal of the land office to Carthage three years later, all interests in this historic hamlet began to decline; and after the construction of a railroad through the western part of the town, local interests suffered seriously. Since that time (1854) LeRaysville has been an unimportant hamlet in the town, and while one or two small stores and a custom feed mill have been maintained here for the accommodation of neighboring farmers, other enterprises have been abandoned. At the present time the business interests are represented in the small stores of O. S. Woolever and Orrin Fowler, and the mill owned by Mrs. Phelps. The local postmaster is M. J. Matty. The old "mill pond" on Pleasant creek, the ca-

capacity of which in times past has frequently been taxed in supplying power for the mill, is now used for other purposes.

Not far distant from the village are two church edifices, the older of which is an almost historic structure. It is of stone and was built by the Society of Friends in 1816, that sect then being numerous in the town. Their meetings were regularly held for many years, but at length the membership became small, the interest declined and the society almost disappeared; but the old edifice still stands, a monument to its once devoted people and its own honorable record. In 1828 the society became divided on doctrinal questions, the dissentients withdrew and worshipped elsewhere. They became known as the Hicksite branch of the mother church, and in 1876 erected a small but neat frame meeting house on the border of the village. Here services are held regularly.



Eugene F. Conway, Bedlam Road, loads cattle on a truck in preparation for his move to Arsenal Street Road (1941)



Burt Bannister, left, loads a truck at the Hibbard farm, while Walter and Kent Hibbard, sons of Paul J. Hibbard, Bedlam Road, assists. (1941)

OUR SEARCH FOR "WILLY THE SCOUNDREL"

"Willy the Scoundrel" is a character name that suits our William Layng. He easily got into trouble with the law, and we followed his path by finding newspaper articles describing his escapades. He simply deserted his New York family and then began another family in Canada. Practically speaking, the name "Willy the Scoundrel" is also a good way to keep him separate from the dozens of other William Layng/Laing or Langs.

Background: in NY State, William Layng married Ella Olney in 1883. Of their union, only one daughter lived, Frances Layng b. 1888. She is the "Grandma Blunt" of the following article. She married Clarence Blunt in 1908. They had 8 children.

One son, Robert Blunt married Ellen and had two children: Diane Blunt and Laura Blunt Brush. This is the "Laura" referred to in the history and stories. One daughter, Lena Blunt married Walter Snider and had 4 children: Judith Snider, Janet Snider, Nancy Snider and Norman Snider.

Judith Snider is "Mom." She married Donald Beach in 1963 and had two children: Cheryl Beach and Kelly Beach. This Kelly is "me" or "I" in the following research report. Willy the Scoundrel and Ella are second Great Grandparents to me and Grandma Blunt is Great Grandmother. Nancy Snider is "Aunt Nancy." Willy the Scoundrel and Ella are Great Grandparents to Aunt Nancy, Mom and Laura. "Grandma Blunt" is their Grandmother.

William Layng removed to Toronto sometime between 1892 and 1898. He married Alice Muirhead in 1902. They had 9 children. One son was William John who married Isobel Blair in 1936. They had 3 children: Grant Layng who is "Grant" in the story; Fern Layng Hearne; and Sanderson Layng. These three people are referred to as the "Canadian" Layngs.

STEP BY STEP: WILLY THE SCOUNDREL TRAIL.

1. In researching our family history, Mom found Darwin Olney, a direct ancestor, from the Olney book and Mary Cook's research using town clerk information and cemetery and obituary information, his Civil War service records and pension request papers by his wife. This information is about 20 years old now. We purchased copies of the records from the government archives. The book was a find and a purchase. We also have the pocket photo and letter Darwin, a Civil War soldier, wrote to his daughter, Ella shortly before his death.

2. From Laura (Blunt) Brush we knew of Ella and William W Layng's copy of their marriage certificate, date of birth and places, parent's names. She also had articles from a Brockville, Ontario paper about his law trouble, as well as two pocket photos of Layng boys. Laura had three letters written from Frankie Asselstine to Ella, naming other family members. One letter, dated April 2, 1894, describes their mother's death. One of the newspaper articles is about an estate sale of William Layng, late of Athens July 1895. Thus, we know the death dates. (Names from marriage certificate.)

3. Visit with Mom and Aunt Nancy sharing all the information each of us has, discussions, open questions, renewed interest.

4. Query exchange from Aunt Nancy in which we find our half-cousins in Ontario via other children and grandchildren of William W. We exchange information with them. We recount family stories, rumors, and a few documents.

5. Grant, a Canadian cousin, finds and shares an obituary and military record about William W. The first confirms William's children from a Toronto relationship, his aunts and uncles and father. The military record from 1899, the Boer War, confirms William's birth place and date. He listed his next of kin as Frances Layng of Oriskany, NY, his daughter (Grandma Blunt).

6. Using the Google search engine; Rootsweb and Ancestry information about Layng family members, mostly research by Grant Layng and myself; some census, some birth, death and marriage lists from Canadian archives, I am writing the Darwin and Ella story, with all the facts that we know and am becoming very familiar. We find good stuff listed including professions which helped: blacksmiths, carriage makers, harness makers. Not quite as popular as farmer or laborer.

7. Next, we met the Layng family in London, Ontario. More e-mail exchanges, ideas, discussion.

8. Fern Layng Hearne finds a moldy paper with William W. and Alice's children.

9. A realization that the two Layng boy photos that Laura has had this whole time must be William W's children from Toronto; comparing the list from Fern which has these two boys' names and finding that they were born a year apart. One of the boys is the London Layng family's father, noting that they had little information about any of them and very few photos. We now had the photos of his second family.

Who would have thought? Here, we realized suddenly that at least Grandma Blunt knew the whole story, but she never spoke of it to the family's recollection.

10. Sorting out previous information that Grant had shared, census lists from 1966, and all the current data. Beginning to form the lines, and all along I am including our findings in the Darwin and Ella story. I say this because writing the story has been key for me, making it easier to pick names out of a list. Others are mentioning how lost and confused they are getting. Writing the story out has put the information in my brain well. If it is not in my immediate memory, I know where to look and that is in well labeled folders.

11. We know William W (Willy the Scoundrel) was born in Belleville, New York, but his parents and siblings lived in the Athens, Ontario area most of their lives. Why was he born in NY? I searched Rootsweb and censuses for other Layngs to see if I can connect them.

12. Grant finds an 1881 Ontario census with William W's parents in it. About half of his brothers and sisters in it, others born earlier and are adults. We are pretty sure of them at this point from previous documents and Frankie Asselstine letters. He shares this census info.

13. That 1881 Ontario census has William W's mother's birth place as USA Hmmm. I went back to Ancestry.com put in mother's name and birth year, now born in USA and died in Ontario. I scroll through. In the 1850 census there is her name, with correct birth date, since she and her family are living in Ellisburg, NY. (Wow, now we have the connection of William W. born in Belleville, NY, the adjacent village to Ellisburg. His mother was visiting back home.) Here, I also find her father's name Wyman. (Double Wow because here is William W's middle name. Luckily that had not been a well used name like Mary or John.)

14. US censuses later in the 1800's give good information about professions, as well as where the household members' parents were born. I used that a lot for information. The Canadian censuses give religion, profession, ethnic origin and parents' birth places which helps one follow along also.

15. Summary: we have William Wyman Layng marrying Ella Olney Layng in 1883, having a child Frances in 1888 (my Great Grandmother); marriage certificate. He served in the Boer War in 1899 in South Africa; service record. Left his wife and daughter and went to Brockville or Athens Ontario, back home for him, without ever divorcing Ella that we know of Census. Newspaper articles tell us of his law trouble and jail time there. His sister Frankie writes letters to Wil-

liam and Ella prior to his leaving, and continues communication afterwards with Ella, her niece. She mentions other family members and death of her mother. We follow census and marriage, birth and death records for the Layngs, using the information to provoke us to the name, location and date of next search. Contact with the Layng cousins. They find a few documents in old papers. Spend time sorting it all out and writing it all out in the way that I understand it. We continue searching census material and using Rootsweb to see if anyone else has anything on these people.

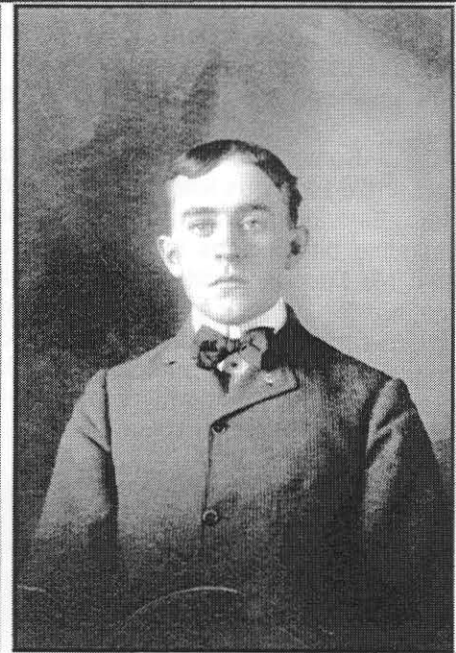
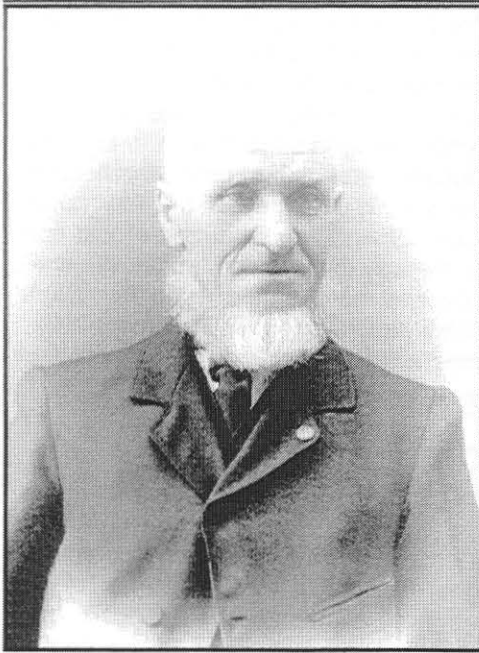
Surveyor's Map Books From Early 1800s

(Thanks to Pat James)

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 Watertown.) 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.

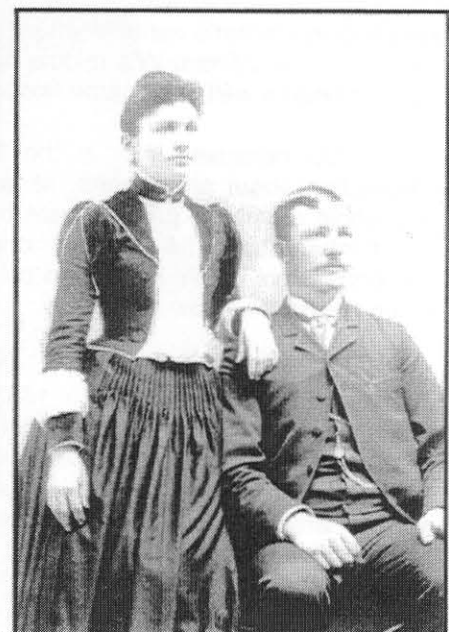
The value of these maps to family genealogists is of inestimable worth. The maps are on very large calfskin like pages. The individual plots on these maps often show the owner's names and dates purchased. They cover the time frame from the early 1800s through the 1860s. That's the good news. However, 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. They will probably not be published.



PICTURE QUERY

Here are 6 of 35 photographs that have come to us from collections of Glenn and Bertha Johndrow of Depauville. Most of them are without any names. Some of them have the photographer noted. Only a couple have any reference to names (Zimmerman). Should you be able to help identify any of these pictures, please contact any of your officers listed on page 2.)



The Dollinger House of Redwood

(Unknown author)

(Reprinted from the T. I. Sun, August 31, 2005)

Redwood - The Dollinger House Hotel was built by Pocohantas Von Dollinger, a native from Bavaria, Germany, who came to seek a fortune in America. He constructed the two-story structure in 1833. Pocohantas Dollinger was the grandfather of the late John Dollinger, the last one of the family to operate the hotel.

In 1860, a huge horse barn was built by John Dollinger. This barn was a great pride to Redwood because it sheltered many horses.

In those days, the Redwood Union Agricultural Association held annual fairs on the old fair grounds located on the Red-Millsite lake Road, now Cottage Hill road. People attending the fairs kept their horses and buggies in the barn which held about a hundred horses.

It is said by Fred Carmon (now deceased) that he can remember his father telling him that when the barn was filled, Mr. Dollinger used to stand guard at the door of the barn and allowed no one to come near it with a lighted cigar or pipe for fear the hay in the loft would become ignited.

Horse racing on the Mud and Butterfield Lakes provided some of the most interesting history of the village. Prize horses from parts of the U.S. and Canada were brought here for the racing contests. This also attracted many people here. Every available stable and barn was filled to capacity with horses during the racing days.

Due to the manufacture of glass many new residents came and in neighboring settlements, the hotel business became a thriving enterprise. The Dollingers in 1865 built an addition to the two-story structure. This addition included a story of frame with a wing on the south side of the hotel with stores below and a huge ballroom above, which at the time was the largest in northern New York, with an area of 60 by 80 feet. Under the floor, springs were installed and when square dancing or the Virginia Reel was danced, the floor sprang up and down to give a greater thrill, so nice. Music was furnished by Will Northrup. The ballroom was the scene of many gala affairs. Here a dancing master from Ogdensburg conducted a dancing school and all young men and women learned ballroom courtesies the Scottish and Virginia Reel with the best of dancers.

A stage for shows was also built and home talent and professional entertainers came from afar to amuse the villagers.

The wing burned in April, 1930. Throughout the century several Dollingers operated the hotel, among them Pocohantas Dollinger, John Dollinger Sr., John

Jr. and a Will Dollinger. Other operators were Nicholas Bush, Zeller, and Springer.

Editor's Note: This history was provided by Judy Dickhaut Pierce of Plessis from an old scrapbook.

The following 2 pages continue the pages from the work done by past JCNYS president Linda Malinich. The Informer staff felt the preceeding article would be of interest to those following Linda's work.

THE LOWLAND CLEARANCES, Scotland's silent revolution 1760 - 1830, by Peter Aitchison and Andrew Cassell, Tuckwell press, 2003. 163 pages, paperback, index, bibliography.

This is not a genealogy, so don't expect to find Gramma here. What you will find is why Gramma left Scotland, and it was not a pleasant story. This revolution of improvement helped shape the landscape we accept today as the Scottish countryside. But it also swept aside a traditional way of life, causing immense upheaval and trauma for rural dwellers, many of whom moved to the new towns and cities or emigrated. Losing land or becoming landless was a tragic fate which we, today, can hardly recognize. Some of these people had been on the same plots of land from medieval days, working their land in runrigs, or strips of land just as their medieval ancestors did.

Peasants could not own land, and when the laird, or landlord took it in his head to modernize and improve the farms, he simply turned the peasants out of their huts. A family wakened in the night by the landlord, the sheriff's men and perhaps a troop of soldiers with torches had barely time to escape, let alone rescue their scanty belongings. Then the laird consolidated their tiny holdings with those of their neighbors to make a modern, much more economic base, and indeed improved the land.

A few tenants were kept on, their improved farming closely regulated and overseen by the laird or his steward. Some were provided for in the new towns the laird built to house them, and became workers at mills. Many emigrated, and Jefferson County received some of these displaced people. The Town of Antwerp and neighboring Rossie in St. Lawrence County boasts many Scottish names. Grindstone Island was settled by Scottish masons and stone workers.

How daunting it must have been for our great-great-grandparents when they stepped down on to the bare boards of flimsy-rigged luggers that tossed ominously even in the calm of harbour!

For two million Scots during the nineteenth century, whether forced out in a moment by factors bearing flaming torches and supported by police and sheriff's officers; or told to quit at the end of a given term of tenancy; or barred from the gates of a factory which had closed down; or having chosen the risk of something better, Scotland was no longer to be their home.

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, July and November 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.

- Kibby, D.L.W. & wife (Kibley) Cedarville**
(Town of Columbia, Herkimer County)
Jun 25, Jul 25, Aug 6, Aug 13
(Aug 6: 1 pike, wt. 8 ¾ lbs.)
Delos L.W. Kibby (1830 - 1890)
(Cedarville Cemetery, Cedarville, Herkimer Co.)
(1880 Census, age 39, Country Store Keeper)
- Kibby, Ms. D.L.W. & sister (Kilby) Cedarville**
Aug 10
- Kilby, A.E. Carthage**
June 24
Allen E. Kilby (1843-1922)
(Fairview Cemetery - Wilna)
- Kimball, J.C. Watertown**
Jun 1, Jun 3
Joseph C. Kimball (d. Jan 8, 1904 - Brookside)
(Watn City Dir - Directory Publisher)
- King, Chas Rossie**
Jul 25, Aug 18
- King, R.E. Utica**
Feb 9, Apr 3
- Kinney, R.L. Gouverneur**
July 14
Robert L. Kinney (1870-1940, Section K)
(Riverside Cemetery - Gouverneur)
- Kintz?, E.B. Syracuse**
Mar 28
- Kinzinger, Henry**
Sept 26
(76 pickerel, bass & perch)
(1888 Utica Dir, alderman,
dealer in fresh and cured meat)
- Kirkland, Geo. D. Utica**
Sept 29, Apr 3
G.D. Kirkland (1888 Utica Dir, com. trav)
- Kirkland, R. Hammond**
Sept 26 (Jud Reed, oarsman)
- Kirkland, R.R. Redwood**
Sept 13, Oct 18, Jan 11
Robert R. Kirkland (1852-1930)
(Redwood Cemetery - Alexandria)
(Child's - Alexandria, cheesemaker)
- Klasmer?, Chris Lowville**
May 18
- Klug, H.C. Utica**
Nov 21, Feb 7
Henry Klug (1880 Census - Redfield, Oswego
County, age 19 at home)
Henry C. Klug (1920 Census - Utica, Oneida
County, age 58, dry goods salesman)
- Knapp, D.H. Hughsonville**
Sept 23 (Dutchess County)
- Kniffin, O.H. Syracuse**
Jun 28, Jul 19, Aug 9, Sept 13, Oct 4, Oct 19,
Nov 10, Nov 29, Feb 28
Orrin H. Kniffin (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)
- Kraeley?, G.W. Oneida**
Nov 14 (Madison County)
- L -
- Ladd, _____ LaFargeville**
Feb 7
- Ladd, Lyman D. LaFargeville**
Jun 28, Jul 19, Sept 19, Oct 13, Nov 23, Nov 29,
Dec 22, Jan 25, Feb 17, Mar 21, Mar 28
Lyman D. Ladd (1861-1933)
(Clayton Village Cemetery - Clayton)
(Child's - Orleans - prop. livery stable; extra
inducements to com. Travelers)
- Ladd, O.M. Theresa**
Oct 21
Ondley M. Ladd (Child's - Theresa,
prop. livery stable & boat livery)
Ondly Ladd (1854-1900, Oakwood Cemetery)
- Landy, A.E. Rochester**
Apr 2
- Larkart, W.J. Rochester**
May 26
- Larkins?, P?F. Watertown**
Nov 19
- Lamb, C.E. Syracuse**
Jul 22, Oct 28
Charles E. Lamb (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)
- LaRue, J.F.? Alex Bay**
Dec 27
- Latimer, G. Lansdowne**
Jan 23
George Latimer (1881 Census - Lansdowne Front,
Leeds South, merchant, age 36, (several Geor-
ges)
- Lavery, John Redwood**
Mar 30
- Leder?, G.W. Rochester**
July 1
- Legg, V.H. Rome**
June 14
- Lewis, A. Syracuse**
May 14, Mar 7
- Lewis, Chas N. New Haven (apples)**
Oct 28 (Oswego County)
Charles Lewis (1880 Census, New Haven,
Oswego County, farmer, age 30)
Charles N. Lewis (1850 - 1912)
(New Haven Cemetery, Middle Section, Row 12)
- Lewis, Geo. E. Brownville, LaFargeville**
Feb 1, Feb 17 (LaFargeville), Mar 5 (Brownville)
George E. Lewis (1850 - 1934)

- (Grove Cemetery - Orleans)
- Lewis, J.R.** Utica
Jun 29, Sept 20, Mar 7
John R. Lewis (1895 Utica Dir, com. traveler)
- Leyden, Ed C.** Rochester
Jun 16, Nov 8, Jan 25
Edwin C. Leyden (1893 Rochester Dir, salesman)
Edwin Clark Leyden (d. 24 July 1909, age 51,
1909 Rochester Directory)
- Liddell, L.** Philadelphia
July 22
- Likes, C.W.** NY
Mar 20
- Lillis/Lillie, W.W.** New York
Nov 7&8
- Limnus?, Cap** Theresa
Apr 2 (Ck Dec 10: Cop Simms?)
- Littlefield, H.J.** Burrville
May 23
- Lockart, W.J.** Utica
Sept 22
William J. Lockart (1887 Utica Dir, com. trav)
- Lockwood, I.L.C.** Madrid
Aug 24
Isa L.C. Lockwood (1880 Census, Madrid,
St. Lawrence County, age 32, merchant)
- Loftus, P.** Lockport
Sept 20
- Loomis, W.K. (with H.J. Winsler)** Norwich
Aug 22
William K. Loomis (1902 Chenango County Dir.,
Norwich – cigar maker)
- Loudenback, A.E.** NY City
July 19
- M -
- Manning, Mrs. F.** Philadelphia
Dec 12
- Mackly, Geo.** Hammond
May 23
- Macman, William** Philadelphia
Apr 12
- Mahoney, J.H.** Theresa, NY
Oct 1
Jerry Mahoney (1854-1897, Oakwood Cemetery)
Jeremiah H. Mahoney (Child's – Theresa, barber,
hair-dresser, and saw filer)
- Main, W.H.** Chaumont
Nov 23
William H. Main (Dexter, Child's – Lyme, ins. agt)
William H. Main (1830 – 1904)
(Cedar Grove O. Cemetery, Lyme)
- Makepeace, A. Redwood**
Dec 5
Albert E. Makepeace (1860-1913, Plessis Ceme-
tery)
- Makepeace, E.L. & one** Plessis
Jun 8, Sept 12, Feb 22
- Makepeace, Milo** Redwood?
Jan 19 (leaving for California?)
- Malcheff, Theodore G. Clinton, NY**
Aug 11 (Oneida County)
- Mallon, W.P.** Albany
Oct 25, Jan 20
William P. Mallon (1889 Albany Dir.)
- Mallory, J.P.** Mallorytown
Jan 17 (Ontario, Canada)
- Manning, Robert** Alexandria Bay
Sept 13
(Child's – Alexandria, sailor)
- Manson, J.W.** Rossie
Mar 6
John W. Manson (1852 – 1942)
(St. Patrick's Cemetery – Rossie)
- Marcy, Frank (maybe Morey)** Utica
Nov 3
- Markell, A.E. Oneida Castle / Oneida Community**
Sept 16 (Oneida Castle),
Feb 13 (Oneida Community)
A.E. Markell (1888 Oneida Dir, agt: O.C. Silk
works & canning factory)
- Marsaw, James** Rossie
Aug 13, Sept 22, Nov 16
James Marsaw (1836-1916, Redwood Cemetery)
James Marsaw (1865-1934, Redwood Cemetery)
- Marsh, Wm.** Hammond
Apr 2
- Martin?, O.E.** Ogdensburg
Feb 6
- Martin, T.**
Sept 22
- Martin, Thos.** Redwood
Dec 8 (cigars)
Thomas J. Martin (Child's – Alexandria,
loading cars at depot)
Thomas Martin (1858-1938, Redwood Cemetery)
- Martin, W.?** Utica
June 1
- Mason, Tony**
July 15
- Matt?, Mr.**
Sept 29
- Matterson, W.W.** Gilbertsville
Nov 9 (Town of Butternuts, Otsego County)
- Matthews, Frank P.** Potsdam
Aug 15, Nov 23
- Maxon, P.C.** Adams
May 23
Paul C. Maxon (Child's – Adams)
- May, E.S.** Boston
Mar 20
Ellsworth S. May (1890 Boston Dir, clerk,
Registrar's office, F R.R.)

A Vanished Past: Village Cemeteries of Fort Drum

By Joanne Johnson
Special to the Times
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Scattered throughout Fort Drum are many old cemeteries, forlorn markers of a vanished past. Although now all within the military reservation, these cemeteries existed long before Fort Drum, before Camp Drum, before even Pine Camp. Their stories go back to the little villages of LeRaysville, Sterlingville, North Wilna, Woods Mills and Lewisburg, all of which disappeared forever with the 1941 expansion of the post.

In the Town of Diana

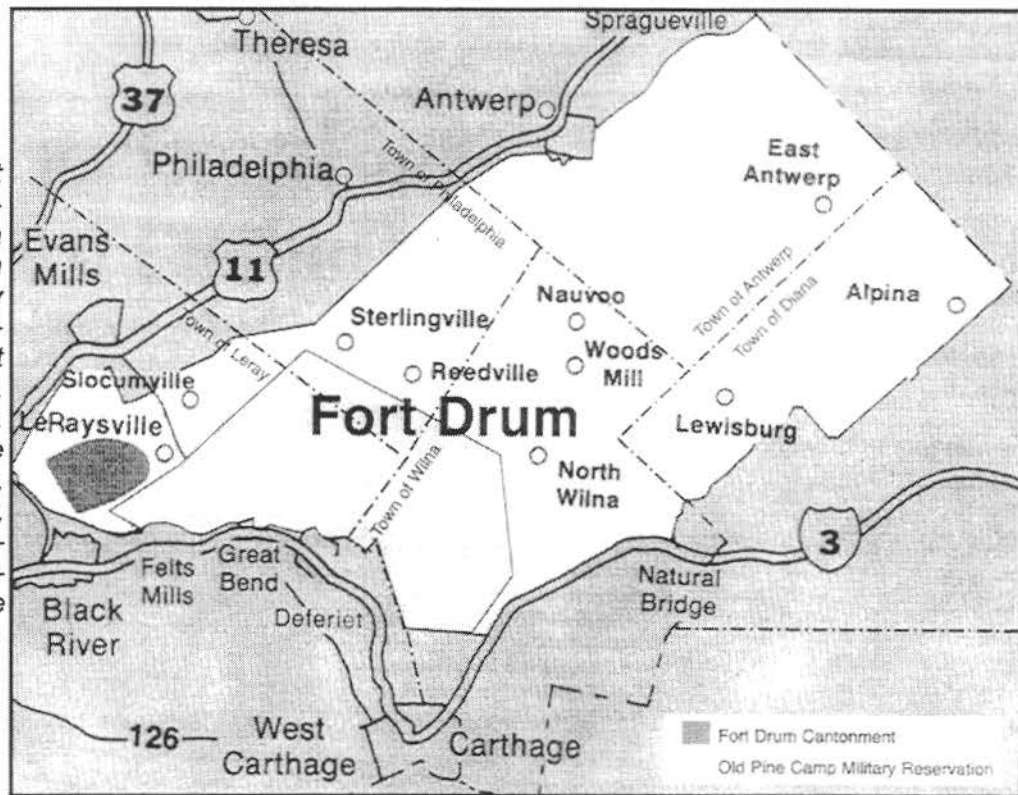
About a half a mile south of Lewisburg, on a narrow gravel road that cuts through dense pine, lies the cemetery called Dayle-Mulvaney by those who work on Fort Drum.

But this used to be the parish cemetery of St. Patrick's Church, which was built in 1888 in Lewisburg, according to the 4 River Valleys Historical Society Journal article in 1982 written by Marie F. Bean. The land for the cemetery was donated by Thomas and Lucy Nolan, who came from County Meath in Ireland. Parishioners from St. Henry's in Natural Bridge also used this burial ground, according to Glen Hawkin's "History of Natural Bridge." A few stones are carved with dates as early as 1818, but most are from the mid to late 1800s.

Lewisburg, like the villages of LeRaysville, Sterlingville and Woods Mills, began with a sawmill in 1825. Later, when two Frenchmen built an iron furnace here, the village was called Louisburg (original spelling), after Louis Fannel, a French capitalist. In 1852 the entire iron works and community were bought by "Big Jim" Sterling for \$10,000, and the name of the village was changed to Sterlingbush.

"Big Jim" had big ideas to drain swamps and build roads, so he hired Irish laborers, many of whom had fled their homeland because of the potato famine. For this reason, the names in the St. Patrick's Cemetery are predominately Irish: O'Rourke, Taggart, Jarvis, Cain, Weeks, McDonald, Dundon, and McTaggart. When the village was sold to the Jefferson Iron Co. in 1869, the name returned, with slightly altered spelling, to Lewisburg.

Rediscovered and Still-Missing Cemeteries



One cemetery that was recently "rediscovered" is off Fuller Road, which begins a couple of miles east of Antwerp at the Rockwell Creek Road, and runs northeast, skirting the perimeter of the reservation's Main Impact Area. A post forester first recorded its coordinates in 1969. Seven years then elapsed before the real-property clerk wrote in a 1976 memo that he and the forester "actually tripped over a headstone in the severe brush while looking for the cemetery."

At that time, they counted 11 headstones, but heard from area people that there may have been up to 35 burials in all there. This was possible, they thought, because of the "very noticeable depressions in the center of the cemetery." However, the cemetery record at the Flower Memorial Library lists only 12 burials: two with the family name of Bacon, six with Fuller, three with Patton and one with Pomeroy. These date from 1846 to 1870.

Mistakenly identified as Freeman by Fort Drum, its historic name is the Bacon Farm Cemetery. In the early days the graveyard could probably be seen from Fuller Road across the meadow to the west. But for almost two decades now, woods and thick brush have hidden it from view.

Only a few of the older, local people with friends or relatives buried there continued to find the graves. No one from Fort Drum had located the cemetery until this past fall, when an area behind one of the ranges was being cleared of unexploded shells. For Adam King, who had recently arrived at the post to become its cultural resources program manager, this was a lucky opportunity to photograph the site and gather information on the gravestones for the first time in 20 years.

Another cemetery, though, remains elusive. Everts and Holcomb's 1878 "History of Jefferson County" states that there was a burying ground "located a short two miles from Antwerp village, on the Sterlingville (now Antwerp) Road, near the residence of J.M. Beaman, Esq." This land was donated by Ira Beaman, "whose remains are buried there, as are many members of the Beaman-Aldrich families."

This graveyard is so difficult to find that its very existence has been called into question. Mrs. Nancy Raymon, Antwerp town historian, has a letter written in 1969 by Antwerp native Mary Ruth Marney, who recalled that the cemetery was near a creek, on the "little yellow Beaman farm."

Cait Schadock, the National Environmental Protection Act coordinator at Fort Drum, however found no evidence of this graveyard when she worked in the area from 1987-89, with the cultural-resource group of Louis Berger and Associates, her team covering hundreds of acres.

Still, sightings persist. Mrs. Raymon's son-in-law told her that he came across it on maneuvers about six years ago. At that time, he said, there were about a dozen stones and remnants of a metal fence. More recently, a friend, Capt. Robert Castelli, reported coming across the graveyard this past March while he was out in the field. He saw six monuments. Mrs. Raymon, however, has never found the cemetery, although she continues to look for it.

Perfect Topography for Maneuvers

Why was it that the villages to which these cemeteries belonged were singled out for extinction when Pine Camp expanded? The answer to this question lies in the topography of one of the north county's most significant landmarks - the sandy stretches of Pine Plains.

"All you can raise on Pine Plains is hell, huckleberries and children," people used to joke, yet from the start, the area seemed perfectly suited to a military camp. Stripped of its virgin pine timber by lumbering and fires, the remaining glacially deposited soil was sandy, barren and of little value, explained John Haddock in his "Growth of a Century."

When in 1906 the War Department began looking for land on which to conduct summer training of National Guard and regular Army troops, Philip Read, formerly a colonel at Madison Barracks, recommended the Pine Plains, wrote Ernest C. Gould in the 1967 Jefferson County Historical Society Bulletin. The first asking price was too high, so the Watertown Chamber of Commerce, together with land agents of New York Central Railroad, secured options on fewer acres for a lower price, and the government eventually paid about \$6 per acre for 10,893 acres, according to Gould.

Congressman Charles L. Knapp of Lowville then introduced the appropriation bill, passed in 1909, that made Pine Camp a permanent summer training facility, thus earning him the name of "Father of Pine Plains," reported the Times article, "Camp Drum Observes 50th Anniversary."

Two thousand regular Army troops and 6,000 guardsmen under the command of Maj. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, son of Ulysses S., attended the first camp in 1908. According to the

Times, among the earliest arrivals was a battalion of infantrymen who marched all the way from Buffalo with its ambulances and mule-drawn water wagons, averaging 16 to 25 miles a day. And a few days later, 69 guardsmen reached Watertown "after a four-day walk from Syracuse, with the 24 mile stretch from Pulaski to Adams being made in "a heavy downpour of rain and over the muddiest roads imaginable."

Photographs in the Times show the first cantonment with dozens of low tents stretched across a field. The officers' tents were pitched at the top of a steep, sandy ridge, known as the Hogs Back, that followed part of the present-day Munn's Corner Road near the Wheeler-Sack Airfield. Early postcards show young men digging ditches above the caption, "Wanted: Healthy Young Men Not Afraid of Work." The soldiers, however, may have had other thoughts, coming into an area with no real roads, no buildings, and sleeping in what was called "Tent City," while living on a "steady diet of liverwurst," as the Times reported.

Nevertheless, the camp was successful and repeated over the years. Eventually, the tents were put up on concrete slabs, concrete buildings were added, additional parcels of land acquired, and the cantonment was moved closer to Great Bend. Pine Camp was on its way.

Throughout the 1920s and 30s, regular Army and National Guard troops trained at Pine Camp. Military personnel, including Maj. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, for whom the camp was renamed in 1951, were confident that the natural topography of the Pine Camp territory "easily could be developed into one of the most practical Army training grounds in the country," reported a 1939 Times article.

But it was the threat of the World War II and the general concern for the country's military readiness that spurred the great expansion of 1940-41. Plans were made to establish a home for a new division, the 4th Armored Division in 1941, as well as training areas for the 45th Infantry and the 5th Armored Division, according to the pamphlet, "A Brief History of Pine Camp."

About 1,000 acres of land over six townships began to be acquired by the Land Acquisition Board, located in the old Electric Building in Watertown, Times articles said.

Deeds had to be traced, land surveyed and appraised, and options secured before purchases could be made. Often, this was a time-consuming, frustrating process for all parties involved.

An 84,000 acre tract had to be vacated by Sept. 1, 1941, requiring 2,000 people from 525 area families to relocate. Three thousand buildings were to be removed, including 24 schools, six churches, and one post office. Ernest Cook commented that now "armored cars will rumble over the acres where the peace loving Quakers had their church." When the dust cleared, only the LeRay mansion remained intact.

Eliminated were the villages of LeRaysville, Sterlingville, Woods Mills, North Wilna and Lewisburg, as well as the smaller settlements of Slocumville, Reedville, Nauvoo, Spraguesville, East Antwerp and Alpina. Antwerp lost one-third of its property taxes. LeRay lost a quarter of its area, Philadelphia a third. Part of Diana disappeared. The Pine Plains ceased to exist.

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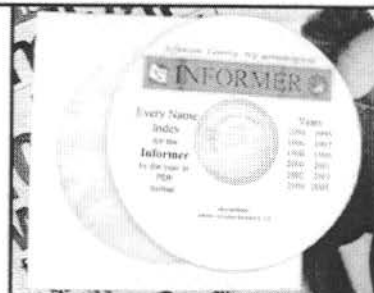
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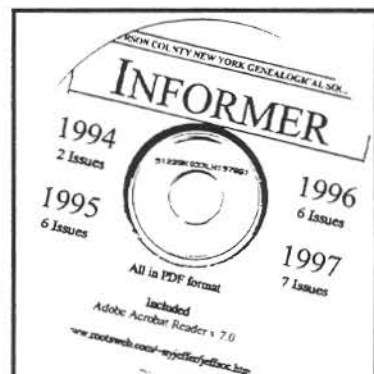


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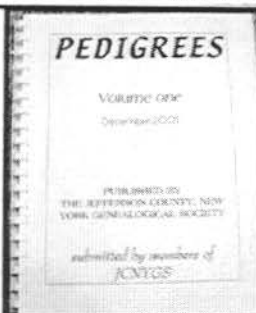
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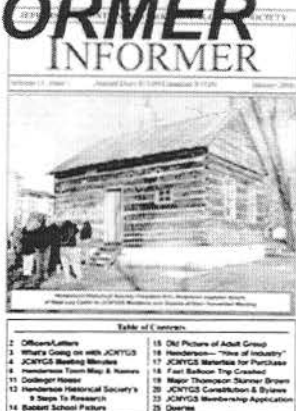
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Aunty Jeff.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I would be interested in any index of names appearing in the Child's Gazetteer. How do I order the Index to Childs? Has anyone maintained an index of surnames or full names appearing in past issues of the Informer? If they have, how much longer before it includes 2005 issues? Also, does the Society maintain a list of surnames-of-interest to their members? Thanks!
Glenn Lane

Dear Glenn,

I do not know of any separate index to Child's Gazetteer, and the JCNYS has not done anything along that line. It might be a good idea for them. The every name index to the Informer is regularly advertised in each issue, as well as on the back cover. On CD by volunteer Al Seymour, it covers Informers through 2004, and is available by mail for \$10.00. Updated CDs will be advertised as soon as they are ready. The Society publishes a special issue of the Informer containing a list of surnames of interest, limited to 10 surnames per member, every other year. The latest issue is 2005.

Aunty Jeff

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Pictures in the Times show piles of household goods in yards, and caravans of trucks carting away everything from couches to cattle. People moved to Adams, Mexico, Pulaske, Lowville, Harrisville, Oswego, even into the Mohawk Valley. For those who stayed in the area, the enlarged reservation functioned like a 107,000 acre "lake" to get around, necessitating major changes in their economic and social life.

Although some people welcomed the expansion and others didn't, no one could doubt the reality of the economic impact: the north country had landed a \$20 million construction project. Eight hundred buildings, including 240 barracks, 84 mess halls, 86 day rooms, 86 company storehouses, 99 recreation buildings, 27 officer quarters, a 41-station hospital, and miles and miles of new highways were built. The materials alone could have filled a 2,889-car train. In 10 months, \$6,403,030 was paid out in salaries to laborers, 1941 Times articles reported.

The United States was gearing up for World War II. Pine Camp was gearing up for World War II. Its cemeteries were not a priority. Everyone had a job to do, but no one's job included the cemeteries. And even if there had been a person in charge of gathering information, it would have been extremely difficult to do so.

No records of the villages were transferred to the camp at the time of the expansion. None of the villages were incorporated. None had village clerks, librarians or historians. What information there was to gather, has been gathered informally by families like the Pierces, or individuals like Keitha Petersen, who has, over the last 40 years, accumulated more than 12 scrapbooks of clippings.

Then in 1966 the National Historic Preservation Act was passed, and all federal agencies, as well as federally funded actions, had to interpret how to comply with it. When the cultural resource firm of Louis Berger and Assoc. began its work in 1985, one of the goals of its research, with respect to the villages of Fort Drum, was to provide the "background information necessary for the nomination of these properties to the National Register of Historic Places and locational data for their continued protection under the evolving Historic Preservation Plan," according to Task Order 18, called the Village Mapping Program.

However, since researching the cemeteries is not part of the mission of Fort Drum, and because they are not military cemeteries, they were not included in this project. Today, the cemeteries fall under the jurisdiction of the Environmental Division, but they are still not a priority.

The division's first priority is to "survey areas of proposed impact and identify new archaeological sites," according to Miss Schaddock. But in 1993 she was able to obtain funds from a federal program to inventory the cemeteries and develop a database containing the names of the cemeteries, first and last names on gravestones, dates, epitaphs, if any, and the condition of the stones. Miss Schaddock uses this information to help people who have questions about where family members are buried.

In 1941 Brig. Gen. Irving J. Phillipson stood before a packed gymnasium in Philadelphia High School, answering questions about the proposed Camp Drum expansion.

"What will happen to our cemeteries?" one resident called out from the back.

"The cemeteries on the military reservation will remain unmolested," the brigadier general promised.

And they have. Even though the expansion of Camp Drum meant the end to the Pine Plains and to 130 years of settlement in the area, the cemeteries have remained almost unchanged, except for the stresses of time and weather, for the last 55 years.

Perhaps now we can look to the preservation of their histories as well.

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THE HAY SCOW: UNGLAMOROUS WORKHORSE OF YESTERYEAR

by RICHARD PALMER

Poking its way among the backwaters of Lake Ontario and the Upper St. Lawrence River well into the 20th century was a fleet of little schooner-rigged vessels which played a very important role along the mainland and island shores of this region.

Although unceremoniously known as hay scows, these vessels were a product of their environment - floating supplies to the inhabitants of the many islands and transporting farmers' produce from islands to market.

The late S. Kelsey Ainsworth said, "I remember the day that we moved from Carleton Island (near Cape Vincent, off Wolfe Island) in one of those old hay scows, this being in the late fall. The morning was very cold but the sun was shining and by the time we finished our breakfast, the scow had landed and was ready to load our entire belongings, household furniture and farm equipment.

I am quite sure that the scow was named the *Carleton* and was sailed by Captain William Sheeley, Jr., and Preston Hollenbeck. They were both very anxious to get started because they said that there had been a rainbow in the sky early that morning which was a sure indication of a near storm.

The loading of the scow was finally completed and ready to take off but yours truly was nowhere to be found. After an hour's search they found me in an old smokehouse in which we kids used to play. The door was shut and I was sitting right in the middle of the dirt floor crying my eyes out.

I was placed aboard the scow in no uncertain manner and down into the forecastle or smelly but warm aid cabin and the scow got away without further delay and had just rounded the east foot of the island when the storm broke right from the west and the farther we went, the more violent the storm. The men talked it over when about a mile and a half from Cape Vincent, they debated as to whether they had better try and make it or turn back and try and make Millen's Bay Harbor. But they decided to go on so my father called me up out of the cabin and said that in case something happened I would stand a better chance floating around in that ice water than I would down in that nice

warm cabin. After a fight of several hours against one of the worst storms I have ever encountered on the water, we reached the depot dock at Cape Vincent at dark and the supper was never better or the bed never softer than they were that night at the old Union House.

Hay scows came in various sizes but always had a punt shape—both bow and stern—and with a flat bottom, making it possible for them to back up close to shore. When not loaded, they would draw only a few inches of water. The stern deck was on hinges and would open right back onto the shore in the same manner as the tailgate on a pick-up truck. This made it easy to drive cattle, sheep, hogs or horses into the scow, or wheel on baled hay, grain, sand or gravel. Usually, just prior to this kind of landing, they would drop a kedge anchor about 75 or 100 feet from shore. When loading in shallow water it would become necessary to shorten the kedge anchor chain and keep moving the scow out from the shore into deeper water so the scow would not ground on the bottom. As the scow moved out, they would place the stern deck back into place and wheel the balance of the load out on long heavy planks. A load of baled hay would not only fill the hold but would extend from four to six feet above the deck. If weather was bad, the deck load would be covered with heavy canvas tarps to prevent the spray from soaking the hay.

Identifying The Class

The river scow usually had but one mast with a main sail, a top sail and one or two jibs. But there were also larger schooners, such as the *Northern Light*, that were classed as this type vessel.

The bow deck usually extended back to the mast and had a wide running board on either side which extended back to the stern. This connected with the stern deck where the helmsman stood and guided the boat with a long sweeping helm. The cabin or forecastle was just in front of the mast beneath the front deck. It was accessible only through a companionway or sort of trap door, and down a ladder.

The snug cabin was usually equipped with two or three bunks, a small stove (bolted to the floor), blankets, oil skins, rubber boots, lanterns, oil and a few cooking utensils. The sea-stores consisted of a couple of loaves of bread, a peck of potatoes, a jug

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of black molasses, a can of coffee and a slab of bacon or salt pork.

The *Northern Light*, which was built at the Phelps Shipyard at Chaumont, was mastered by Captain William Sheeley, Sr. Another schooner-scow, the *Denver*, was built at Grindstone Island near Clayton in the St. Lawrence River. The *Denver* was considered a good vessel and changed hands many times. Some of her owners were Sam Wenborn, Martin Bates and John Fitzgerald.

To Market

To encourage Canadian farmers to sell their hay in New York and Boston, the New York Central Railroad reduced freight shipping rate by 50 cents a ton on all water hay. In addition to Canadians, many farmers living in Jefferson County near the lake or river, would scow their hay to Cape Vincent instead of hauling it a greater distance over the very rough country roads.

There were two large seed houses at Cape Vincent and one at Chaumont. Fancy peas and beans were a favorite crop in the old days, and scows did a good business every fall transporting the yield. When bean weevils and pea bugs made raising these crops unprofitable, farmers seeded hay and raised cattle, thus using their own hay. The hay scows then brought pulpwood and lumber from Canada to Dexter and other villages on the American side.

Ainsworth said: "The first scow I remember having seen was a small one owned by Captain Coleman Hinckley, Sr., and this was the smartest scow I have ever seen. Many a good yachtsman found that he had underestimated the little scow when he tried to beat into the mouth of the river. But to be a good scow man was a real art and there was much strife between captains. I heard many a farmer said Captain Hinckley could land, load and get away while some of the other were making a landing.

"The *Ferry* was the correct name of that little scow but I remember that due to its fleetness and the fact that it was always occupied, some village wags dubbed it the *Pick Where She Scratches*."

Scows Along The Upper St. Lawrence

At one time there was a large number of scows owned along the upper St. Lawrence River, built at many different places: Sackets Harbor, Chaumont, Cape Vincent, Clayton; and many by the Slate Brothers Ship-

yard on the north side of Grindstone Island. Among them, the *Allie C* - for many years owned by Captain Eugene Fitzgerald of Cape Vincent. She was remembered as a "smart little scow."

The scow *Myra* was built and owned by Captain T. Brewster, a ship carpenter who built many fine, heavy skiffs.

A number of scows were also owned at Grindstone Island, including *Olive Branch*, owned by Captain James Carnegie.

A story is told about the owner of *Crazy Boy* (owned at one time at Cape Vincent). One day, having nothing better to do, he decided to paint the name on both sides of the scow. So while laying on his stomach looking down, he had painted the name bottom side up. According to local folklore, he had done such a good job of lettering, he decided to leave it that way.

On the north side of the Grindstone Island there was once a little village called Thurso. It had a general store, post office, large boarding house, hotel and church. Thurso boomed for a while and was a regular stop for the scows. The village owed its existence to the Forsythe Red Granite Quarries which furnished paving blocks which were freighted to Chicago and other upper lake cities for paving streets. This was before the days of Portland cement and asphalt. Every man at Thurso earned what were considered big wages for those days.

Ainsworth recalled: "I was running a branch music store at Cape Vincent for R.J. McDowell of Kingston, Ontario, and we would load our team and piano wagon into the scow *Allie C* and then load a dozen or more pianos and organs in and go down to Thurso and unload them in a stone shed on the dock and send the scow back home. We would stay on the island until we had sold out and then we would load our team and wagon into the scow *Olive Branch* and Captain James Carnegie would land us at Clayton dock to drive back home."

Redesigned For Power

Eventually the gasoline engine came into general use, which in turn led to development of the small power boat, which became numerous on the river. The scowmen took advantage of this and used power boats to haul their scows. This was the beginning of the end of the age of sail because a power boat would do the work regardless of which way the wind was blowing.

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Scows were redesigned. The punt shape was retained, minus masts and sails. Completely decked over to carry the entire load on deck, it was propelled by a power boat lashed alongside. For quite a few years the flat scow did a great business in boating baled hay and other commodities. But this business was short lived.

When the automobile displaced horsepower and heavy trucks sent draft farm horses to pasture, New York and Boston hay and grain markets disappeared. The march of time consumed the colorful hay scows and changed the whole picture of agriculture in the north country. Long gone are the informal days when the scows also provided public transportation among the Thousand Islands with the waving of a handkerchief or blowing of a horn.

Some St. Lawrence River Hay Scows (Also used for other purposes)

(Owners as of 1898)

Allie C. (Sloop) Clayton 1890, 20 gross ton (GT), 50x14x4, Owner: John D. Fitzgerald, Cape Vincent
Ark (Barge) Alexandria Bay 1900, 76 GT, 90x21x4, Owner: E.W. Visger, Alexandria Bay
Bobolink (Sloop) Clayton 1897, 5 GT, 31x11x3, Owner: W.H. Rees, Clayton
Clover (Sloop) Alexandria Bay 1888, 15 GT, 33x11x3, Owner: A.C. Ducton, Alexandria Bay
Cora (Sloop) Clayton 1896, 6 GT, 34x12x3, Owner: Hiland Robbins, Clayton
Crazy Boy (Sloop) Fisher's Landing 1889, 23 GT, 46x14x4, Owner: D.E. Keeler, Alexandria Bay
Denver (Schooner), Sackets Harbor 1887, 33 GT, 62x16x5, Owner: M.A. Bates, Cape Vincent
Dora (Sloop) Alexandria Bay 1899, 10 GT, 33x11x4, Owner: S.J. Porter, Alexandria Bay
Emma (Schooner) Chaumont 1882, 57 GT, 75x16x6, Owner: Frank Phelps, Chaumont
Emma P. (Sloop) Oak Point 1890, 21 GT, 46x16x5, Owner: Oliver Patterson, Alexandria Bay
Glad Tidings (Schooner) Clayton 1886, 34 GT, 66x16x5, Owner: W.H. Rees, Clayton
Mollie Hogan (Sloop) Alexandria Bay 1897, 16 GT, 47x15x4, Owner: M. Hoadley Alexandria Bay
Jessie (Barge) Chaumont 1900, 201 GT, 126x25x9, Owner: D.O. Wheeler, Chaumont
Kate (Sloop) Clayton 1900, 10 GT, 46x12x3, Owner: E. Parry, Clayton
Lena L. (Sloop) Three Mile Bay 1896, 42x11x3, Owner: D. Silver, Chaumont
Northern Light (Schooner) Phelps, Chaumont 1899, 39 GT, 65x17x6, Owner: William R. Sheeley, Sr., Cape Vincent
Permilina (Sloop) Wells Island 1882, 17 GT, 46x14x4,

Owner: Grant Kendall, Grindstone Island
Skip (Sloop) Alexandria Bay 1899, 10 GT, Owner: Chancey Wheeler, Alexandria Bay
Superior (Barge) Grindstone Island 1888, 94 GT, Owner: S.N. Slate, Grindstone Island
Uncle Paul (Barge) Chaumont 1900, 67 GT, 80x22x5, Owners: Adams & Duford Company, Chaumont
M.I. Wilcox (Sloop) Chaumont 1894, 28 GT, 61x16x4, Owner: S. Falling, Point Peninsula

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Storms in Jefferson County

(Thousand Islands Sun Vacationer
 August 23, 2006, p 16.

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February 17, 1910. **CLEAR TROLLEY LINE.**

The snowplow on the trolley line certainly did show what it could do last Sunday morning after the snow-storm was over. The banks along the line were thrown up in places about five feet high, and last Friday night it filled the cuts full, and as long as the storm continued there was no use of trying to open the road. All trips were abandoned Saturday, and Sunday morning Supt. Martin and a gang of men started with the snowplow and the freight car to open the road. The snow was terrible in many places but the plow was put to work and in four hours the road was clear and regular trips were made. The superintendent has come to the conclusion that it will have to snow some to stop the traffic for any length of time.

Editor's note: the trolley line ran between Alexandria Bay and Redwood, which was the nearest train station, a matter of miles.

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MAXIM, FORSYTH, SHANNON

Am interested in doing some research on my family that I believe lived in Rutland, Jefferson County, NY. The name is **MAXIM**. I believe my father was born in Watertown, Milton Arthur **MAXIM** around 1895. His father (my grandfather) was William B **MAXIM** and he married Maude **FORSYTH**. I believe William had brothers, Harry, Lyle and Walter. Also a sister Hazel, who married a John **SHANNON** and had a dairy farm. Do you have a volunteer that could get me further information on the family and see if there are any living relatives in that area?

Milton Arthur Maxim Jr.

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JOHNSON

JOHNSON, Gurden Recelus, b. ca. 1814, listed in 1850, 1855 & 1860 census of Town of Clayton, Jefferson Co., NY, with wife, Jane N., and children, Recelus, Philena, Lester & William. The latter is my Great Grandfather. Interested in death date for Gurden and/or Jane. Shown "next door" in 1855 was Stephen **JOHNSON**, 70, and wife & 2 children, as well as another Stephen **JOHNSON**, also 70, b. RI. Is there any known relationship between these two families? Stephen and family were also listed at the end of the 1850 census an apparent afterthought. Would like to correspond with anyone else interested in these families, and would be grateful for any additional information about them.

Robert E. Johnson

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CASTLE, GILSON

Charles **CASTLE** married to Bridgett **GILSON**. I would like to correspond with anyone knowing anything of this couple living in Jefferson County during the Middle 1800's.

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KEMP, WHITE, BURDICK, STANFIELD, ROUSE

I'm trying to find any information on Moses **Kemp** born 08 Mar 1798 in MA or NH and died 24 Nov 1866 in Oswayo, Potter, PA or Alfred, Alleghany, NY (where he's buried). Legend states that he married his wife Charlotte **White** (daughter of Oliver **White** and Cynthia **Burdick**) in Jefferson County on 16 Apr 1820 and his first 3 children were born in Jefferson County. At least

Erestin was born in Black River. Also, there is a Moses **Kemp** that appears in the 1820 Census in Henderson, Jefferson, NY right next to a William **Kemp**.

- i. **GEORGE W KEMP**, b. 28 Sep 1821, Jefferson Co, NY; d. 09 Jun 1915.
- ii. **CHARLES F KEMP**, b. 16 Jan 1823, Jefferson Co, NY; d. 18 Nov 1871.
- iii. **ERESTIN W KEMP**, b. 01 Jan 1824, Black River, Jefferson Co, NY; d. 25 Dec 1907.
- iv. **HARRIET S KEMP**, b. 04 Sep 1828, Alfred, Allegany Co, NY28; d. 29 Mar 190028;
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- v. **SHADRACH AUSTIN KEMP**, b. 20 Apr 1831, Alfred, Alleghany Co, NY; d. 10 May 1900, NY.
- vi. **SAMUEL C KEMP**, b. 05 Feb 1833, Alfred, Alleghany Co, NY30; d. 28 Aug 189030;
- m.(1) **HARRIET S STANFIELD**, 04 Jul 1853; b. 01 Jun 183931; d. 24 Jun 185631; m. (2) **ANNA ELIZA BURDICK**, 12 Dec 185731; d. 28 Mar 1906.
- vii. **JOHN H KEMP**, b. 07 Oct 1834, Andover, Alleghany, NY; d. 05 Apr 1915.
- viii. **CYNTHIA M KEMP**, b. 02 Oct 1836; d. 14 Nov 1866; m. **CHESTER ROUSE**, 27 May 1857.
- ix. **MARY C KEMP**, b. 02 Apr 1839; d. 27 Feb 1844.
- x. **NANCY D KEMP**, b. 23 Aug 1840; d. 17 Sep 1843.
- xi. **MOSES KEMP**, b. 1842; m. **SARA**; b. 1844; d. 1929.
- xii. **JAMES NEWTON KEMP**, b. 16 May 1842; d. 01 May 1922.
- xiii. **OLIVER M KEMP**, b. 07 Jan 1845; d. 14 May 1908; m. **ELIZABETH ELLIOTT**, 13 May 1866.
- xiv. **IRA S KEMP**, b. 20 Dec 1848; d. 16 Oct 1850.

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BAKER, ALLEN, ROACH

I am searching for info on Charles **BAKER** b. around 1876 in Jefferson county who married Florence **ALLEN** b. about 1878, they probably married around 1875 possibly in Carthage or Watertown. Charles and Florence were my grandparents. Charles died in Carthage from what I can find around 1911 They had at least 4 children one being my mother Eva **BAKER**. Florence later married Daniel **ROACH** around 1912. I would appreciate any info on both Charles and Florence.

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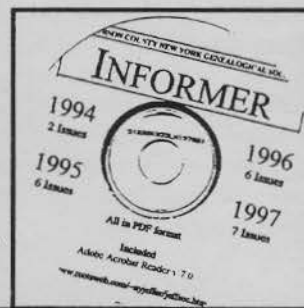
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Add these changes and additions to your directory to keep it up to date!

Reunion

Olney Reunion

Sat. Aug.11,2007 at Stysh's Brown Barn, 3334 Moose River Rd., Boonville, N.Y. All pertinent info will appear in the family newsletter in March. This information received from Marilyn Palaski, mpalaski@yahoo.com through rpalaski@cox.net

JCNYGS March 12 Meeting: a tour of the county building with Jim Ranger.

JCNYGS April 9 Meeting: at Flower Library with Elaine Scott on "the chain carry from Oswego to Sackets"

We gather at 6:30 for business and 7:00 for program.

We have the list of programs that Julia Gosier is doing for Lyme Free Library this summer.

Thursday, June 7th at 7PM - Beginning genealogy

Thursday July 12th at 7 PM - Patriot and Civil War

Thursday Aug 16 th at 7 PM - Slide Show of early Town of Lyme

Thursday Sept 13 th at 7 PM - The Town of Lyme and Sunken Ship Video

What's Going on with JCNYS

For Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

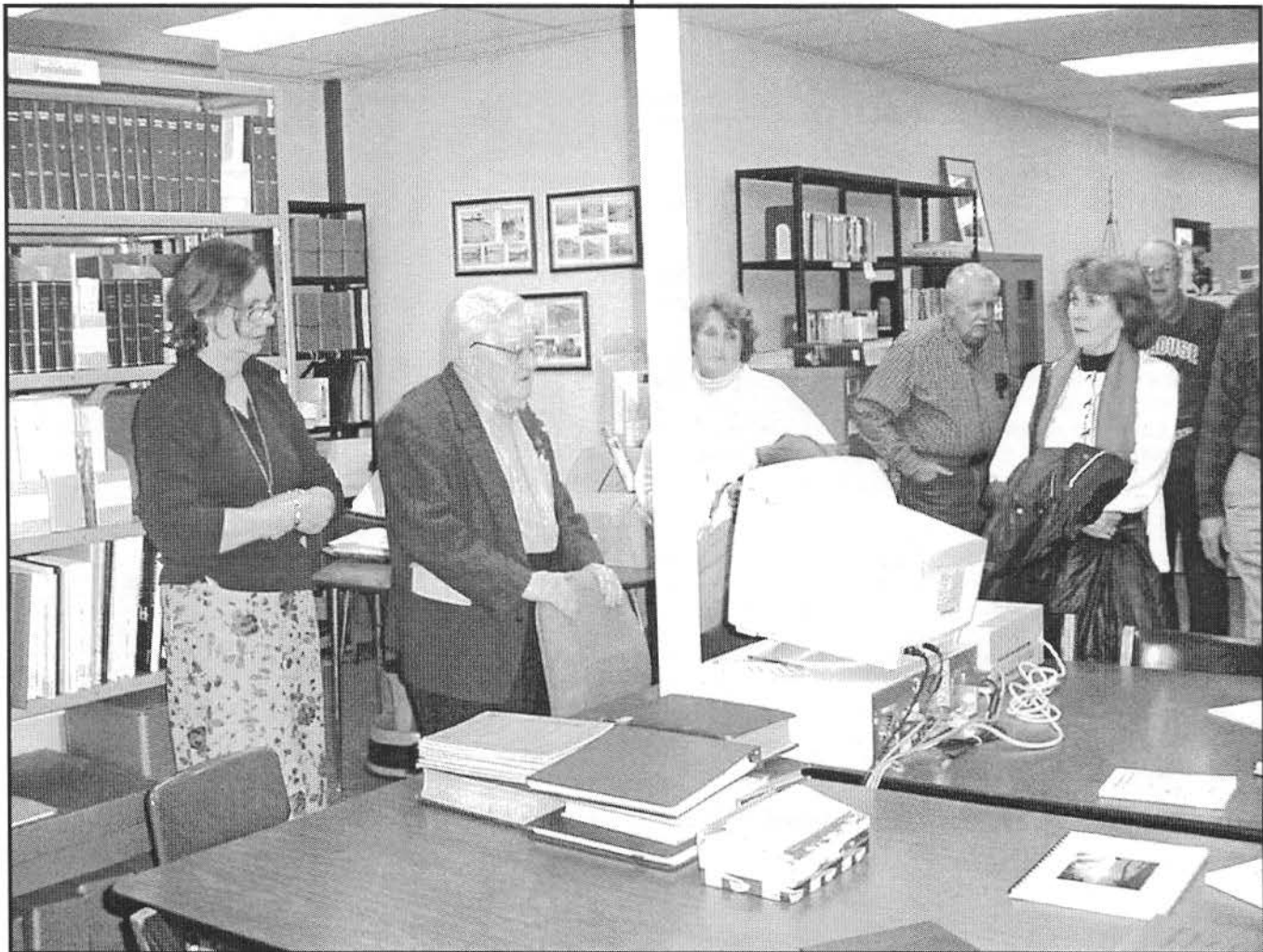
December 11, 2006 Meeting

Assistant Librarian Connie Holberg of the Melvil Dewey Library at Jefferson Community College presented a demonstration on the World Wide Web access to JCC library resources available to the public. She then showed those at the meeting the Web site of the Northern New York Library Network's North Country Digital History Project, the Local History Room, and introduced the resources available for public use relating to genealogy and local history. Harold Sanderson then talked about his database of Civil War participants for the North Country that now contains over 13,000 people. Harold also presented to the society a folder that explains all the codes in the database.



JCNYS member Lis Couch looks on as Jefferson Community Assistant Librarian Connie Holberg shows material from the local history room.

Members listen to Connie Holberg and Harold Sanderson in front of computer.



JCNYGS

Minutes For December 11, 2006

By Marilyn Davis for Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

At 6:30 President Jerry Davis called the meeting to order at the Melvil Dewey Library at Jefferson Community College. Clancy Hopkins moved and Phyllis Putnam seconded approval of the secretary's minutes and it passed. A copy of Sally Washer's Treasurer's report was circulated and another put into the secretary's minutes showing a balance on hand of \$8,474.34.

Corresponding Secretary Clancy Hopkins reported a few new members, some requests for the Will Book, a letter requesting information on burials in the Depauville Cemetery and a NYSCOGO membership renewal.

There was no Repository Committee report but Clancy mentioned that the Flower Library Book sale is over and we are more readily able to get to the Repository now.

Phyllis Putnam reported for Publicity that the normal notices were sent out and for the Program Committee she mentioned that we will not be meeting in January or February. Our March meeting will be with Jim Ranger with a tour of the records at the county building. The April meeting will be with Elaine Scott and the chain carry from Oswego to Sackets.

Phyllis mentioned that for Publications Committee, Lynn Thornton has finished work on the second volume Pedigree Charts and her material will now go to the publications committee for the next step. A big thank you to Lynn Thornton for her work on the Pedigree Charts.

Under old business President Jerry called for nominations for Vice President. Rose Dillenbeck was nominated and approved as Vice President.

Under new business Clancy mentioned that the New York State Bureau of Vital Statistics has approved Flower Library's request for the birth, death and marriage statistics from 1880 to be placed in Flower Library. It does not include the boroughs of New York City.

Bob VanBrocklin moved to adjourn seconded by Lynn Thornton. The meeting was turned over to Assistant Librarian Connie Holberg and later to Harold Sanderson.

**You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.
(Proverb)**

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Methodism in this part of Wilna, and in southern Antwerp dates back to about 1835, when the society was formed. A union meeting house was erected in 1849, and while other denominational services were occasionally held, the Methodists eventually succeeded in establishing an enduring society. The pulpit is supplied from Antwerp. This church now makes no separate report to the conference.

The supervisors of Wilna from the organization of the town have been as follows: 1814-15, Thomas Brayton; 1816, Alfred Freeman; 1817, Francis Lloyd; 1818-19, Nathan Brown; 1820-22, Thomas Brayton; 1823-27, Eli West; 1833, Walter Nimocks; 1834, Wm. Bones; 1835-36, Walter Nimocks; 1837, Wm. Bones; 1838, Oliver Child; 1839, Walter Nimocks; 1840-41, Eli West; 1842, Jonathan Wood; 1843, Walter Nimocks; 1844, Milton H. Carter; 1845, Charles Strong; 1846, Hiram McCollom; 1847-49, Simeon Fulton; 1850-51, Wm. Christian; 1852-53, Horace Hooker; 1854, Samuel Keyes; 1855-56, Nelson D. Ferguson; 1857, Wm. Christian; 1858, Patrick S. Stewart; 1859, Samuel Keyes; 1860-63, Charles W. Smith; 1864-66, Wm. Christian; 1867, James H. Morrow; 1868, Lawrence Goodale; 1869, James H. Morrow; 1870 Wm. Christian; 1871-72, Henry M. Hammond; 1873-74, Foster Penniman; 1875-80, James Galvin; 1881-82, Orrin W. Lewis; 1883-84, Wm. C. Becker; 1885-86, James C. Graham; 1887-90, Wm. H. Delmore; 1891-93, John Whaling; 1894-97, Cornelius Clark; 1898-99, P. J. Corcoran.



Jefferson Community College Assistant Librarian Connie Holberg at the computer and Harold Sanderson were presenters of our program for the December meeting of JCNYGS.

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Our thanks to JCNYS member
 Bonnie Borrello for compiling this list of arti-
 cles in the 2006 *Informer* newsletters.



PICTURE QUERY

I am desperate! My grandfather, George Harold **BISHOP** [name given] said that he was from Black River Falls, Jefferson County, NY. He married my grandmother, Anna **VIT** in February of 1922 in Minnesota. From a census his birth year would be 1895/96. He left my grandmother with two small children around 1934. She tried to block out his memory and other than tell me he was no good could not give me any other information. She did, however, give me this picture which was captioned: George's Mother, Grandmother and step brother... no names were given. Could you please post the picture and see if anyone recognizes this family. I so want to find out about my ancestors from this line. I have recently moved to NY state [Saratoga County] and would love a reason to meet other family members if they exist.

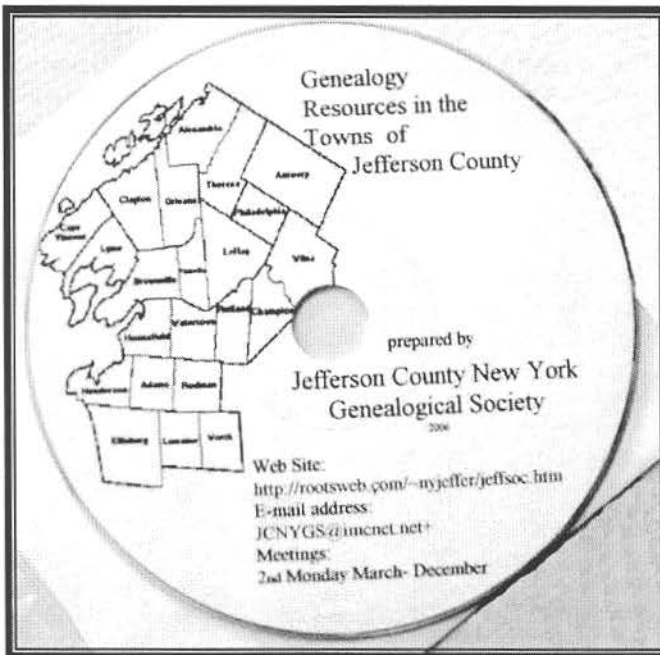
Mary Rees

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Ballston Spa, NY 12020



Here are 3 more from the Johndrow collection featured in the January 2007 issue of the *Informer*. Our own Hollis Dorr recognized his father Claude Dorr in the center of the top row in that article. Can you identify any of these? Let any of your officers or newsletter committee know.





Below is the cover letter that went with the CD pictured on the left that producer Al Seymour and Resource Committee Chairperson Bonnie Borrello sent to numerous historians and libraries.

It is now available for sale at \$7 plus a \$3 mailing fee. Contact Al Seymour at 110 Marian Dr., Mattydale, NY 13211 or with email at al@seymour.net.

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August 30, 2006

Enclosed is a CD copy of resources found in Jefferson County townships that could be useful to those persons researching their family history/genealogy. The Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society is pleased to *donate* this CD to your library for the use of your patrons.

A resource committee was formed several years ago for the purpose of visiting town and village historians, clerks, museums and libraries that store genealogical materials in Jefferson County. The contents of materials held at these locations was inventoried, printed and reported to the society's membership. Your facility was probably included in this effort. This is a work in progress that we hope will be valuable to researchers.

We also enclose membership applications to our society and hope that you will make them available to genealogical researchers.

We welcome any comments, suggestions etc. directed to the committee chairman or CD producer listed below.

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Computer Corner

Russ Sprague of Maryland shared this discovery:

Just happened across this site today. Quite extraordinary. To be involved in the American Revolution and live to 1840 is something. Lots of good info here.
<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840/index.html>

Ray Brown, of Ray's Place, <http://www.rays-place.com> has been adding more Jefferson County biographies to his web site. He now has up to 325 online. His latest additions cover all of Jefferson county, as is his custom, but about two thirds of these new ones are for the South Jefferson County area, which had fewer before.

He has also added a new page for Jefferson County that has links to all the data that he has online for Jefferson County, both histories and biographies. The old index for New York was just getting too long to be easily manageable. I moved no pages so if you have links to any of them the links are still good. The New York history page is still there but with just one link to each county. The new page also leaves room for links to other sites for Jefferson County. This new page is at: <http://history.rays-place.com/ny/cty-jefferson.htm>.

The next item comes from the "ezine" of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, eNews #302, Dec. 27, 2006. David Allen Lambert, the Society's Online Genealogist, fields the following question, one which has come up in the context of Jefferson County.

Question: In one of my ancestors' memorandums I find that she sat for a photograph in 1859 in [Watertown] for a Mr. Hagar or Hager. How I can find out about who this photographer was?

His answer can be translated to Jefferson County terms: Searching the 1860 Census will help you locate the photographer's family. You can also examine [Watertown] directories. I would advise you also to search the free database of known American photographers from of the early 19th century titled Craig's Daguerreian Registry - The Acknowledged Resource on American Photographers 1839-1860 at www.daguerreotype.com. A search of this database might reveal your photographer operating in [Jefferson County] during the desired time period. You may also find contacting the Daguerreian Society may aid your search. They can be contacted at www.daguerre.org.

Spam is a problem that is not going to go away. Like the weather, we all complain about it, but it seems nobody does anything about it. While we may not be able to control spam, we can make things easier for our correspondents by observing the rules of Netiquette, which we have mentioned before in this column.

At a conference we attended this summer, we learned some surprising, to us at least, facts. For the visually impaired, and many of us can claim some degree of that, the pretty "wallpaper" used by people who use their computers mainly for correspondence with friends is a pain. While we enjoy the colors and designs, those same features interfere with our ability to read the text. The very worst is a black or dark background with light print. Please, especially to this busy person, use black print on white paper.

To our amazement, carelessly designed letters or sites can actually cause physical damage to those suffering illnesses such as epilepsy or other nervous conditions. Busy items such as birds flying back and forth across the page, waving flags, and those mindless "emoticons" that flap and wriggle, can cause real headaches or worse to those who can least afford the damage.

If you really want your message to be read, please observe good manners such as:

- a. Filling in the subject line. If I see a blank subject line, and don't recognize the address, the email is promptly deleted. I don't need a virus or a worm.
- b. Stop sending me these urban myths, so called, that on such a date my computer will crash because...the reasons are endless, and totally false. There is a site to verify the facts. Find it and use it.
- c. Those trite, and to some, cute messages. I had to tell one sweet relative that I had seen that one four years ago, as well as multiple times after.
- d. Don't forward me any email with 20 addresses on top, followed by another 30, followed by another...Do those people want their email addresses spread all over the net to be picked up by spammers? Do I want to plow through them to get to the message? Do I need the message in the first place? Would you phone each person whose address is on my email to give them the message you just sent me? Think about it!
- e. In answering a question or request, please delete all but the relevant words. Granted, our computer is slower than molasses in January or March, for that matter, but having to download an email which encloses a correspondence of five previous emails from different persons on the topic wastes both my time and my patience. Begin by deleting the previous four emails, then look through the top one for the meat of the subject to answer.

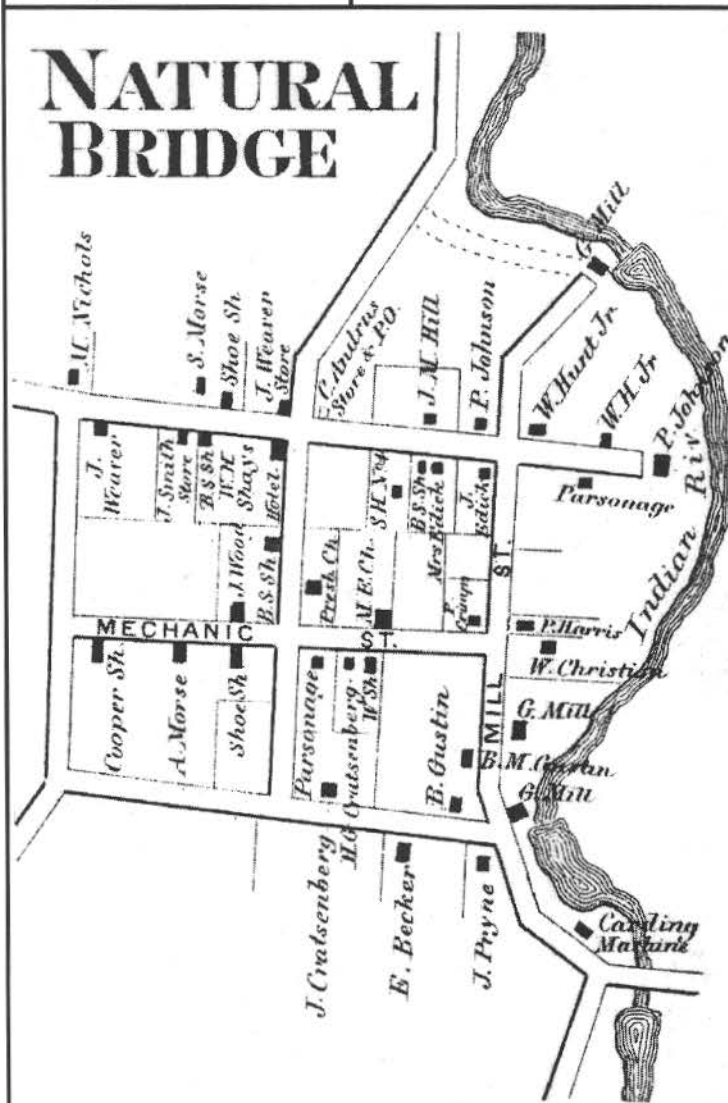
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Natural Bridge

From Stone's 1864 Atlas of Jefferson County

Our thanks to JCNYS member Don Dillenbeck for the list of information on this map.



W. Christian, Miller and Supervisor.
 J. Weaver, Merchant.
 W. Hunt, Jr., Farmer.
 J. H. Sornborger, Farmer.
 C. Andrews, Postmaster.
 E. Becker, Resident.
 F. Wright, "
 W. H. Shays, Hotel Keeper.

Initial(s)	Surname	Village in Jefferson Co.
B.S. Sh.	(Blacksmith Shop)	Natural Bridge
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G. Mill	(Grist Mill)	Natural Bridge
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G. Mill	(Grist Mill)	Natural Bridge
M.E. Ch.	(Methodist Episcopal Church)	Natural Bridge
Pres. Ch.	(Presbyterian Church)	Natural Bridge
S.H. No.4	(School House Number 4)	Natural Bridge
W. Sh.	(Wagon Shop)	Natural Bridge
C.	Andrews Store & P.O.	Natural Bridge
E.	Becker	Natural Bridge
	Carding Mill	Natural Bridge
W.	Christian	Natural Bridge
	Cooper Shop	Natural Bridge
H.G.	Cratsenberg	Natural Bridge
J.	Cratsenberg	Natural Bridge
P.	Crumps	Natural Bridge
J.	Edick	Natural Bridge
Mrs.	Edick	Natural Bridge
B.M.	Gustin ?	Natural Bridge
P.	Harris	Natural Bridge
J.M.	Hill	Natural Bridge
W.	Hunt Jr.	Natural Bridge
W.	Hunt Jr.	Natural Bridge
	Indian River	Natural Bridge
P.	Johnson	Natural Bridge
P.	Johnson	Natural Bridge
A.	Morse	Natural Bridge
S.	Morse	Natural Bridge
M.	Nichols	Natural Bridge
	Parsonage	Natural Bridge
	Parsonage	Natural Bridge
J.	Pryne	Natural Bridge
W.H.	Shay's Hotel	Natural Bridge
	Shoe Shop	Natural Bridge
	Shoe Shop	Natural Bridge
J.	Smith - Store	Natural Bridge
J.	Weaver	Natural Bridge
J.	Weaver - Store	Natural Bridge
	Natural Bridge Directory	
C.	Andrews	Postmaster
E.	Becker	Resident
W.	Christian	Miller and Supervisor
W.	Hunt Jr.	Farmer
W.H.	Shays	Hotel Keeper
J.H.	Sornborger	Farmer
J.	Weaver	Merchant
F.	Wright	Resident

Natural Bridge

(Correspondence of the Daily Times and Reformer)
Watertown Daily Times, March 13, 1872

A few lines descriptive of this place may not be uninteresting to the readers of the Times and Reformer. This village is situated in the north-eastern corner of the town of Wilna, on the Indian river. It is said to have derived its name from the fact that the river formerly ran some eighty rods underground, coming out upon the other side of the hill. The main stream now runs upon the surface around the hill. The old watercourse through the hill is yet open. It has been explored and is said to abound in geological specimens, bats, &c.

The village contains three churches, three stores, a grist mill, cloth dressing establishment, three wagon shops, three blacksmith shops, three shoe shops, a hotel, and of course a school house, and six saw mills. These saw mills use the circular saw, and are propelled by water, with one exception, where steam is employed.

They cut an immense amount of lumber during the year. Two of the churches, the Universalist and Methodist, were built last summer. The latter, which is a particularly fine looking structure, was built by Geo. Nelson - a first-class architect and mill-wright. The "Bonaparte House" is one of the primitive structures of the place. It is a large, square, two-story house, and was built by Joseph Bonaparte in 1828-9, who resided here for two years.

The Wilna Tannery

The Wilna Tannery was owned by T. E. Proctor, of Boston, and conducted by C.H. Starkey, formerly of Penobscot county, Me., employs forty hands. This tannery is heated by steam, and the machinery is run by steam, except the hide mill, which is propelled by water. It was burned twice in one year. The first burning occurred in the fall, necessitating the building in the winter, but Mr. Starkey, the energetic superintendent, proved equal to the emergency, and it was rebuilt and running by May, when it was again burned and again rebuilt. The present building is fire-proof. It has the capacity of tanning 20,000 hides per year, which are shipped from Boston, and the leather is returned to that place. The proprietor, Mr. Proctor, has two other tanneries in this State, and is one of the largest leather dealers in Boston.

This establishment is a great help to the place, paying a large of money monthly to the hands, which of course is ultimately distributed among the people. The

amount paid for bark and labor for the month of February will be \$1,000. The price of bark is \$4 per cord, and they have now on hand 6,000 cords. There is a store connected with the tannery, which sells goods to the amount of \$20,000 annually.

The Lumber Business

The Lumber Business of Graves & Averell, of Cooperstown, who own four or five thousand acres of land in this region, is conducted by P.E. Johnson and A. S. Russell. They employ a good number of hands and teams, and have a store for the accommodation of their customers as well as the public. They report one of the best seasons for the lumbering business that has been known for a long time. The average depth of snow has been but little over a foot. This firm gives employment to a large number of people, and distribute a good amount of cash among their employees.

The Railroad

The village is immediately on the line of the tram railroad (Black River & St. Lawrence), which it was proposed to build from Carthage to DeKalb Junction, by way of Edwards. This railroad was completed to this point, and operated for a season. It is said that parties were only waiting for its completion five miles further, when they intended to build to extensive steam saw-mills, but the construction of the railroads being stopped, of course the mills were not built. These parties own a large amount of timbered land in that region, on a section of 500 acres, of which it is estimated that there are 12 million feet of excellent pine lumber. It is said that there is a belt of excellent timbered land, from 5 to 10 miles in breadth, adjacent to the line of this proposed road and parallel with it, and it is estimated by competent judges, that were this road completed with iron track, the lumber trade would pay the running expenses the first ten years.

The town of Edwards was bonded for \$25,000, and subscriptions were received sufficient to swell this amount to \$40,000; with the condition that the amount should be paid when they commenced to lay an iron track on the Carthage end of the road. Pitcairn will bond when it is determined to build an iron track road, but as the plan of building a tram road has been abandoned, the whole project seems to have fallen through for the present. Should the project of building an iron track road be taken up soon, the work already performed upon the road is available, as also the amount subscribed by Edwards, with a good prospect of aid from Pitcairn, and the probability that even Wilna would consent to be financially squeezed a little more in order to make available what she has already contributed.

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f. Those people who used to send email in all capitals, virtually shouting their message at you, have now been largely replaced by whisperers, those who never use caps at all. I find that almost as annoying. People do learn, but newbies seem to take their places immediately.

g. And lastly (for this time, anyway) if you want an answer, take the time to put the address to which I should answer on the email. Hitting the reply button usually works, but if I have copied the text of your message and stored it somewhere, I don't have the heading to use. Of course I have your address if we have been corresponding, but if this is the first time I have seen your name, you won't be in my address book, and I may not have the message before me to reply to when I finally find what you are looking for. Or, worse yet, you may be sending me a message from your granddaughter's computer, and when she gets my answer, it will make no sense to her. She may forward it to you, or she may delete it.

With the new year, the mailing list for Jefferson County, NYJEFFER, has passed to new and better management. Pat Regan has taken over the list and is doing a superb job. You must join to get the list, but it doesn't cost anything and Pat gives wonderful little lessons in genealogy as she answers some of the questions that surface.

The main purpose of a mailing list is to share information, and in this case genealogical information relating to Jefferson County. This is the place to advertise your brick wall, to celebrate your new found ancestors and ask if they belong to someone else, too, and to ask those tricky questions. I have been with this list since its inception, and have found the listers to go out of their way to be helpful and friendly.

Pat started the year by asking everyone to send in some names they couldn't get information on. She woke the list, and it has been briskly carrying on ever since. The list received a flock of surnames for the Jefferson County GenWebSite., <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyjeffer/> and the site is posting them as fast as it can. Take a look. Maybe yours is there. Look and see.

For those of us who are researching ancestors before they reached the borders of Jefferson County, there is a site for Ship passenger lists:
<http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/index.htm>

Historical Sketches of Northern New York and the Adirondack

by Nathaniel Bartlett Syllvester - 1877

In 1828, Joseph Bonaparte, under the assumed name of Count de Survilliers, built a large lodge on the bank of the lake. The same year he made a small clearing and built a summer house on the outlet where the village of Alpina now stands. He also built a summer house, with bullet-proof sleeping rooms, at Natural Bridge on the Indian River, seven miles south of the lake, which is still standing. For several summers in succession he visited his forest possessions. Joseph was living during these time in great splendor at Point Breeze, near Bordentown, New Jersey. In going from Bordentown up the banks of the Hudson, and through the Mohawk valley, to his summer retreat in the forest wilds of the Black River country he went in great state, accompanied by a large retinue of friends and attendants. His journeys on such occasions were not unlike those made by the French kings from Fontainebleau to Blois during the last century under the old regime. When on his way, he cut a road through the forest and often went in to his lake in his coach drawn by six horses, with great pomp and ceremony. Dressed in his elegant green velvet hunting suit with gilded trappings to match, he seemed indeed a prince among the hunters.

Upon these excursions he was often accompanied by the friends of his better days, who, like himself, were then in exile. Sometimes in going and returning, he would stop by the wayside to dine under the shade of the primeval pines, and his sumptuous repasts were served on golden dishes with regal splendor.

In his journeys Joseph often stopped at Carthage, on the Black River, where a long reach of still water extends up the river for forty miles, which is navigable for small steamers. On this part of the stream Joseph would launch an elegant six-oared gondola, such as he had been accustomed to use on the waters of Italy when he was king of Naples. This gondola he transported overland and also launched it upon his beautiful lake of the wilderness, where, with liveried gondoliers and gay trappings it floated gracefully upon its waters.

Joseph was the favorite brother of Napoleon, and resembled him in person more than the others. By his courtly but pleasing manners he won the esteem and respect of all the neighboring hunters and settlers, and became endeared to many of them by his uniform kindness and timely generosity. In 1835 he sold his wild lands to John La Farge, the rich merchant of New York. As the forest home of exiled royalty in the New World a romantic interest now attaches to this enchanting lake.



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Here are 2 more pictures
from the Johndrow uni-
identified pictures that
we began to publish in
the January 2007 *In-
former*.

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any of these, let any
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member know.



Natural Bridge - Natural Bridge Caverns -
Route 3

Underground boat trip on Indian River with lesson in geology, natural
history. June 20 - Sept. 30, daily 9 am - 5:30 pm. June and Oct. dates
depend on water level.

NATURAL BRIDGE

(From *Our County and Its People*
Edited by Edgar C. Emerson, 1898)

Natural Bridge is of the most importance among the hamlets of Wilna and was named in allusion to a peculiar dispensation of nature, a bridge of rocks having been formed over the Indian river by the action of the water. The village is distant ten miles from Carthage, almost due east, and has a population of about 600 inhabitants within the radius of a mile. Settlement was begun in this part of the town soon after 1815, and Lewis Allen, Stephen Nutting, Charles Knight, Zebina Chaffee, Arnold Burr and Abel Bingham were prominent heads of families three-quarters of a century ago. The names of all of them do not appear in the roll of 1825. However, one of the most conspicuous residents of the place in its early history was Joseph Bonaparte, the brother of Napoleon, and who, in fact was, as has been mentioned by contemporary writers, "ex-king of Spain." In 1828 this royal personage built a pretentious mansion at the settlement, lived there several years, and then took up his abode at Bordentown, N. J. Various traditions are extant in explanation of his coming and departure, but that he was greatly respected among the pioneers is unquestioned, and all memories of him are of pleasing import. Lake Bonaparte, in Lewis county, was so called in honor of this distinguished settler.

For about three-quarters of a century Natural Bridge has been a flourishing hamlet, and the trading center for the inhabitants of a rich agricultural region in Jefferson and Lewis counties. Abel Bingham opened a store here in 1820, and in the next year Mr. Knight built a tavern. In later years saw mills and a large tannery were put in operation in the village and locality, but now all same a few have been discontinued. The mercantile interests at the present time are the general stores conducted by John Burns and John W. Lynde; the groceries owned by Edgar Cowen, De Witt Dawley and John Shoemaker; Dr. J. H. Copp's drug store, and Montondo Bros. Hardware store; Yousey Bros. have a good saw mill, and George Wilson a similar industry of less capacity. Robert Shields is proprietor of a water-power and William Priest of a steam power grist-mill. John Farrer has a cheese box factory. The tannery which for more than thirty years was one of the staple industries of the hamlet was one of the staple industries of the hamlet has been closed within the past year. In 1847 a Boston

company of capitalists began extensive operations for copper mining near the village, but after a commendable display of experimental energy the enterprise was abandoned.

In addition to its mercantile and manufacturing interest, Natural Bridge has good hotels, a place for public entertainments, and excellent three-room district school (district No. 8), two regularly organized church societies (Methodist Episcopal and Universalist), and the small shops which are necessary adjuncts of village life.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Natural Bridge dates back in its history to about 1825, when a class was formed and occasional services were held by itinerant preachers, though not until 1830 was a church home provided. From that to the present time the society has continued in existence, drawing attendance from both Wilna and Diana. It is now a joint charge with Harrisville, under the pastoral care of Rev. D. W. Aylesworth, the two churches having a total membership of 198, and 167 probationers.

The Universalist church at Natural Bridge was organized and a house of worship erected in 1872, first pastor, Rev. J. H. Stewart. The history of the society has been continuous to the present time, the attendance averaging about 150 persons. The church is now without a pastor.

Wood' Settlement, or as better known in recent years, Wood' Mills, is a small hamlet in the extreme eastern part of Wilna, near the Antwerp line, and derived its name from the settlement and improvement begun by Jonathan Wood in 1833. Here he built a grist and saw mill on Indian river, a great convenience to the inhabitants of the region. Pioneer Wood was otherwise prominently connected with the town's history, and held the offices of supervisor, assessor, and justice of the peace. He died in 1879, but his descendants still live in the vicinity. For many years a store has been kept at the Mills, the present owner being Jason E. Merrick, who also is local postmaster. The grist mill is now operated by Harian Wood. In the same vicinity is the Lewisburg cheese factory, owned by Mr. Washburn, while between North Wilna and the Mills settlement is another similar industry conducted by Luther Gibbs. The near-by district school and the Methodist Episcopal church are the only public buildings of the locality.

(Continued on Page 4)

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, July, November 2006 and January 2007 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.

McAloon, M. Mar 31	Plattsburgh (Clinton County)	McKinley, F.P. Sept 13 Frank P. McKinley (1863-1953) (St. Mary's Cemetery - Clayton)	Clayton
McCaffny, James H. Nov 16, Apr 12	Syracuse	McKinley, J.B. May 26	Clayton
McCartin?, Frank _? Feb 14	Seneca Falls (Seneca County)	McLaver?, S.J. Nov 25	Carleton Place, Ont.
McCartin?, Jno. C. Feb 14	Waterloo (Seneca County)	McLeod, J. B. Aug 12 John J. McLeod (1890 Buffalo Dir)	Buffalo
McCartin?, Michael Feb 14 Michael McCartin (1880 Census - Seneca Falls, Seneca County, harness maker, age 43)	V___?	McMillan, A. Aug 8 (Utica Directories list an Andrew & an Arthur)	Utica
McChesney, A. Jun 29, Sept 30, Jan 12, Apr 14 (Sept 30: 10 pickerel, J. Dollinger, oarsman) Alonzo McChesney (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav.)	Syracuse	McMillan, J.B. Aug 8 John B. McMillan (1895 Utica Dir, druggist)	Utica
McChesney, E.M. June 17 Ellis M. McChesney (1888 Syracuse Dir, Ins. Adj.)	Syracuse	McMullin, Geo. C. June 20 Geo. C.C. McMullin (1889 Watn City Dir, grocer) Geo. C. McMullin (1892 Watertown Dir, (wholesale grocery, h 5 Winslow)	Watertown
McClellan, Bob Jan 6	Cambridge, NY	McNally?, D. Oct 21	Syracuse
McClethen, W.H. June 15 W.H. McClethen (1890 Utica Dir - agent)	Utica	McNenan?, D. Mar 28	Syracuse
McCue, Wm. July 19 William T. McCue (d. 1897, age 70) (Walton Street Cemetery - Alexandria)	Alexandria Bay	McWilliam, D. July 13	Syracuse
McDonald, Alex Oct 1, Jan 11 Alexander McDonald (Child's - Alexandria, farmer)	Redwood	Mead, S. Feb 8	Gouverneur
McDonald, Allan Jun 11 (Morristown), Aug 16, Aug 23 (Redwood)	Redwood & Morristown	Meeker, Frank Oct 13	Alex Bay
McFarlane, James July 22		Meeker, Wm. Oct 13 William Meeker (Child's - Alexandria, oarsman)	Alex Bay
McGee, Robert A. Feb 26 ("The Wild Scotchman")		Meeks / (Weeks?), James Dec 2	Utica
McGlynn, Edward Oct 2	New York City	Mellinger, J? L.E. Dec 8	New York
McGurty, Theo. Jan 31, Feb 15, Mar 5, Mar 8, Mar 27, Apr 9	Utica	Mellon, Hugh Oct 13 Hugh Mellon (Child's - Theresa, hay & grain dealer) Hugh Mellon (1851-1903, Oakwood Cemetery)	Theresa
McIntosh, A.J. Oct 3	Madrid	Melzer, E.J. July 15	
McKee, Milo Oct 1, Dec 2	Redwood	Menfield, F.N. Apr 2	Syracuse
McKenzie, J. Mar 6	Rossie	Merrifield, F.E. Feb 22 (Onondaga County)	DeWitt
		Meryfretch?, F.N. Apr 3	Syracuse
		Middleton, D.C. June 17 DeWitt C. Middleton (1889 Watertown City Dir) (Boot & Shoe Dealer, Public Square) DeWitt C. Middleton (1850 - 1932, Section K) (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)	Watertown
		Miller, A. _? June 1	Utica
		Miller, C.F., Agt Hess & Cos Duble July 4 Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.	
		Miller, Clark Apr 3	Burlington, VT

Miller, F.C. New York July 25, Jan 12, Mar 24			Henry M. Mosher (Child's - Wilna, (Carthage), John E. Strickland & Co. (wholesale & retail dealers in hardware)
Mills, F?E. Roch, NY Oct 5			Moyer, Menzo Hammond June 23 Menzo Moyer (Farmer, Hammond, Child's-1873/74)
Mills, W.N. NY May 26, Nov 30			Mullin, H?L.W. Jamestown Mar 29 (Chautauqua County)
Mimin?, Joe Carthage Mar 22			Murphy, John Lewisburg Jan 24
Mimin?, John Carthage Mar 22			Murray, James West Troy Oct 30 (Rensselaer County)
Mitchell, A. Sheffield, Ala			Myers, T.A. Watertown June 15, Jan 11, Mar 6 A.T. Myers (1888 Watertown Dir, com. traveler, bds Globe Hotel)
Mitchell, H.L. & wife Omar Oct 9 (wedding)			Myres?, J.M. Watertown Dec 14
Mix, John Gloversville Mar 30 (Montgomery County)			N -
Moore, C.B. Utica Jan 24, Mar 8			Naish, E.B. (Nash?) Antwerp, NY Aug 12
Moore, Edward West Bangor Oct 29, Oct 31 (Franklin County)			Nalty, E.G. Rockport Jan 23 (Ontario, Canada) Edward Nalty (1881 Census - Lansdowne Front, Leeds South, Ontario, farmer, age 36)
Moore, G.J. Syracuse Feb 15 George J. Moore (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)			Nellis?, Abraham Franfort Mar 31, Apr 3 (Herkimer County)
Morey?, _? Dec 2			Newell, Fred D. Alex Bay Oct 1
Morey, Frank (maybe Marcy/ Merwy) Utica, NY Aug 23, Sept 28, Mar 23			Newton, Jay R. Omar Jun 22, Aug 29 Jay R. Newton, 1910 LeRay Census, age 53 Jay R. Newton (1856-1917, Oakwood Cem, Theresa)
Morey?, P.J. July 15			Nipe, C.W. St. Johnsville Mar 12 (Montgomery County) Chas. W. Nipe (1880 Census - Town of Stark, Herkimer County, merchant, general store, age 27)
Morgan, Fred J. Rochester Aug 4, Aug 6, Aug 8, Aug 10-13, Aug 15, Aug 16, Aug 19, Aug 20, Aug 22 (Aug 6: 2 bass, wt. 9 3/4 lbs), (Aug 8: 40 bass) (Aug 10: 1 pike 8lbs, 4 pickerel, 6 bass wt 24 lbs) (Aug 11: 2 bass wt 8 3/4, 24 bass & pike, 1 catfish, 1 billfish?), (Aug 12: 212 Roach) (Aug 15: 1 bass 5 7/16 lb, 11 pike & bass) (Aug 16: 4 pickerel, 1 pike 7 lbs, 13 bass, 2 weighing 11 pounds) (Aug 19: 14 bass, 6 pickerel)			Nipe, L. Frankfort Feb 6 (Herkimer County) Lansing Nipe (1880 Census - Town of Minden, Montgomery County, clerk in saloon, age 20)
Mortimer, A. Ottawa, Ontario Aug 22 Alexander Mortimer (1881 Census - Wellington Ward, Ottawa) (2 Alexanders listed in household)			Nolan, John Utica Jun 1, Nov 1
Morse, H.A. Morristown Feb 8 Hobart A. Morse (1844 - 1931) (Fairview Cemetery (Old Hammond) - Hammond)			Norton, J.R. Syracuse Sept 16 John R. Norton (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)
Morss, _? Syracuse Apr 17			Norton, S.G. Plessis Nov 10
Mosey, H.C.? New York Aug 17			Nye, Victor J. & wife Utica July 4 Victor J. Nye (1894 Utica Dir, (Payne & Nye), clothiers, 47-49 Genesee)
Mosher, Geo. W. Buffalo Mar 17 - 19 George W. Mosher (1890 Buffalo Dir, People's Stage Co - driver, salesman)			
Mosher, Henry M. Carthage Feb 16			

In the May 2006 *Informer*, we published a query by Maurice Helterline on the surname GREEN, or GREENE. Mr. Helterline was kind enough to reply to JCNYS and give us some results of the query. We give you his letter below and thank him for his reply.

Oct 21,2006

JEFFERSON COUNTY NY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 6453
WATERTON, NY 13601

Dear JCNYS,

Regarding my query in the past year, I am writing to let you know that I now have my GREENE ancestry connected to JOHN GREENE, 'Surgeon', and beyond. JOHN GREENE, 1590's-1658, sailed from Southampton, England in 1635, and arrived in Boston, June 3, 1635 on board ship "James of London". He was one of the men who helped establish Warwick, RI. General NATHANIEL GREENE, 1742-1786, was a fourth generation descendant, and during the Revolutionary War, was second in command only to GEORGE WASHINGTON. The ancestry of General NATHANIEL GREENE includes many generations of both English and French Royalty all the way back to, and including CHARLEMAGNE.

From JOHN GREEN "Surgeon", to my mother is eleven generations.

	Born	Died	
JOHN GREENE	1597	1658	JOHN GREENE
+ JOANNE TATTERSHALL, 1598-1636	1620	1708	+ JOANNE TATTERSHALL, 1598-1636
			JOHN GREENE
			+ ANNE ALMY, 1627-1709
JAMES GREENE	1626	1698	
+ ELIZABETH ANTHONY, 16xx-1698	1653	1723	Capt PETER GREENE
			+ ELIZABETH ARNOLD, 1659-1728
JABEZ GREENE	1670	1743	
+ MARY BARTON, 1678-1723	1682	1767	PETER GREENE
			+ KEZIAH DAVIS, 1688-1753
NATHANIEL GREENE	1707	1784	
+ MARY MOTT, 1708-1753	1711	1800	JOHN GREENE
			+ ELIZABETH FOSTER, 1717-1780
General NATHANIEL GREENE	1742	1786	
+ KATIE LITTLEFIELD, 1756-??	1747	1828	PETER GREENE
			+ ELIZABETH JOHNSON, 1750-1834
	1772	1858	NATHANIEL GREENE
			+ SARAH BABCOCK
			+ DORCUS AMES, 1782-1855, Merrimac
	1808	1862	ESEK GREENE
			+ ANN GIBBS, 1810-1896, Merrimac, Wis
	1834	1913	THEODORE D. GREENE, Ashland, Wis
			+ MARY C. MASSINGHAM, 1841-1934
	1866	1940	WALTER S. GREEN, Ashland, Wis
			+ SOPHIE BLISSENBACH, 1873-1943
	1898	1987	ROSE E. GREEN, Plains, Montana
			+ JOHN N. HELTERLINE, 1898-1967, Plains

As for T. D. GREEN, his death certificate states he died Oct. 31, 1913 in Ashland, Wisconsin, and that he was born Sept. 30, 1833 in Jefferson County, NY. However, THEODORE DECLERMONT GREENE was born Sept. 30, 1834 in Otsego County, NY, rather than in Jefferson County, NY, as stated on his death certificate. And his parents names were ESEK GREENE and ANN GIBBS. As a family, they probably passed through Jefferson County, NY on their journey to Milwaukee and other parts of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,
Maurice Helterline
Box 1453
Plains, Mont 59859

P. S.: ADAM GREENE, brother of ESEK GREENE, spent his life as a circuit preacher in Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties in New York. In 1848-50 he removed to Columbia City, Wisconsin.

ASK AUNTY JEFF



Aunty Jeff received this hint from Genealogy.com's January 2007 newsletter. Since she has a large collection of family photos, this appeared to be a good system, much better than the ballpoint pen names over the original photo faces, which she has seen done:

When I want to identify people in a photo, I lay a piece of tracing paper over the top and note their identities there, rather than on the back of the photo. The tracing paper can be folded back to view the picture and folded down to find out who it is. This protects the photo and makes it easy to correct if I have mis-identified anyone. (Writing on the back of a photo causes it to eventually bleed through and ruins the picture.) I have also used this method to send photos to relatives so they can identify the people they recognize and mail the tissue paper back to me, keeping the photo.

Shirley Hirschfeld, Longmont, CO
From Genealogy.com, their January 2007 newsletter.

Name origins
by Julie Helen Otto

1. COLIN (m) – Nickname for NICHOLAS.
NEHGS eNews #302 Dec 27, 2006
2. JEHIEL (m) - Hebrew. In pre-Revolutionary western Connecticut, often (but not always) seen in Anglican families.
NEHGS eNews #297, Nov 22, 2006
3. DELIA (f) – In Irish usage, interchangeable with BRIDGET. In Yankee families especially, sometimes an abbreviation or nickname for the Norman French-derived ADELIA.
NEHGS eNews #303 Jan 3, 2007
In German usage, short for Ottilia or Utilia
4. HOB (m) – Medieval or rural nickname for ROBERT.
NEHGS eNews #304 Jan 10, 2007
5. JINCEY (f) – Southern nickname for JANE. Seen in the ancestry of current First Lady Laura (Welch) Bush
NEHGS eNews #305 Jan 17, 2007
6. MAGGIE (f) – Formed from MARGARET. MAISIE (f) – Lowland Scottish name formed from MARGARET via its Gaelic form MAIREAD
NEHGS eNews #306 Jan 24, 2007
7. JACOB (m) – Hebrew ('Yaakov'), via Latin form JACOBUS. Equivalent to English JAMES, Spanish DIEGO, Italian IAGO.

Letters may be sent snail mail:
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Clayton NY 13624
or E-mail nandixon@Gisco.net

NEHS eNews, No. 300, December 13, 2006

8. DILLIE, DILLY (f) – Nickname for names (e.g. DELIA, ADELIA, FIDELIA, etc.) containing accented -del- syllable.

NEHGS eNews vol 8 #48

Dear Aunty Jeff,

In old letters and clippings, I come across the abbreviations ult. and inst. Can you tell me what they mean?
Wondering

Dear Wondering,

These abbreviations are used with dates. Ult. is the abbreviation for the Latin ultimo, which means last. If this is March, and I am referring to the 2nd ult., I am writing about something that happened last month, that is, 2 February. Inst. is short for instant, and refers to something that happened this month, as in my Informer arrived on the 4th inst. or fourth of March. The words always refer to either the previous or the present month.
Aunty Jeff.

Found in Hamilton Child's "Gazetteer of Jefferson County, N.Y.", published in 1890.

Zebina Chaffee, son of Clifford, was born in Westminster, Vt., and about 1818 or '19 came to Wilna and located at Natural Bridge. He was a carpenter by trade, and assisted in building the Bonaparte house. He died in 1850. He married Lucy Nutting, of Westminster, Vt., and they had six children, viz.: Marab, Eliza Ann, Lucy J., Lucia A., Ira V., and Zebina O., of whom Mrs. Oren Saunders and Ira V. are the only survivors. Ira V. was born in Natural Bridge, June 25, 1821. He married Eliza, daughter of Stiles Brown, of Diana, Lewis County, in 1850, and first located on road 26. In 1863 he removed to the farm he now occupies. He has four children, viz.: Charles C., of Bryant, Dakota; Mary A. (Mrs. William Sly) and Lewis R. of Diana, Lewis County; and Ira S., who resides with his parents.

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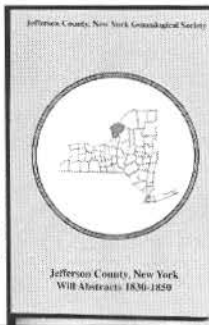
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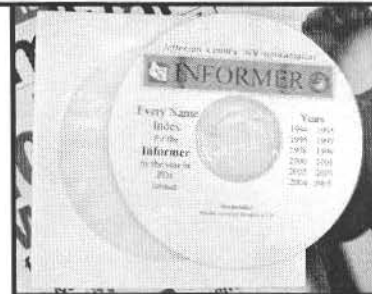
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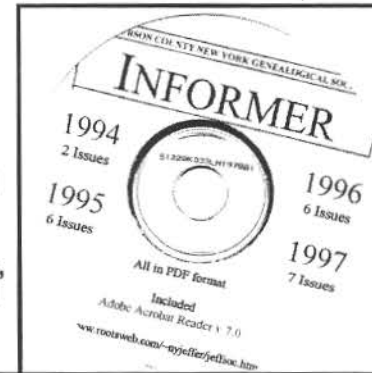


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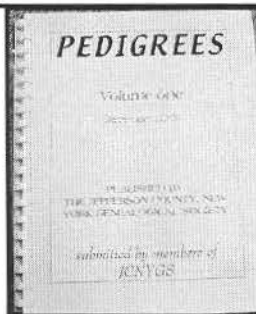


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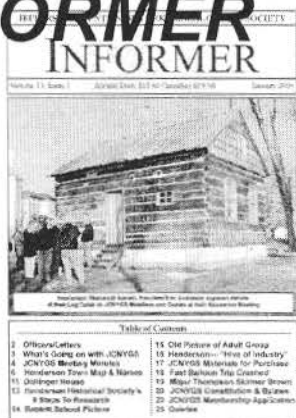
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To the records listed in
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Of the Village of Clayton, NY**

And

A Complete History of St. Mary's Parish

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

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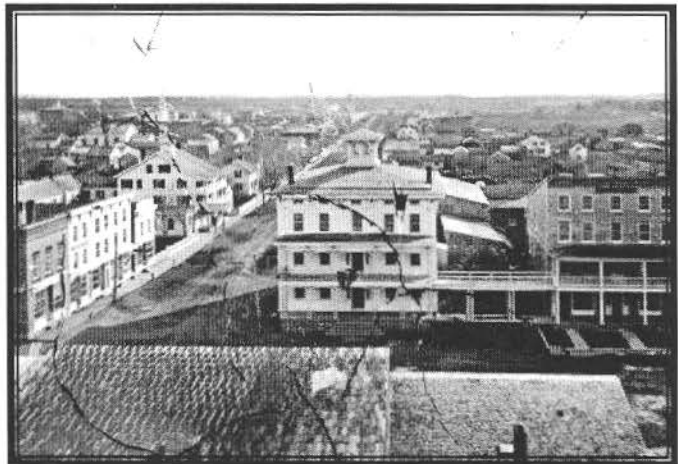
The following information is from the internet site of the Jefferson County Historical Society.
 < <http://jeffersoncountyhistory.org> >

Tucked away, abandoned in an attic for more than 135 years, lay several wooden crates filled with an irreplaceable treasure. Glass plate negatives, more than 3000 of them, were forgotten. Recently found and donated to the Jefferson County Historical Society by Mrs. Julia Gosier, these images bring us a rare glimpse of the village of Clayton, and people from the surrounding area, between 1864 and 1871. More than 1,200 of the images have survived. Of those, 595 can be linked with a ledger identifying the people pictured. Another 43 images depict images of Clayton and the Thousand Islands.

The images were done by the Oren Johnston Studio, the first photographer in the Village of Clayton. Many of the images were taken by the brother and sister team of Oliver and Theodosia Wilcox, then employees of the studio. Theodosia later married Oren Johnston. Theodosia divorced Oren and moved west, showing up in Hastings, Minnesota in 1870. She later returned to Binghamton as Mrs. Fred Harbottle, where she died in 1905.

The Johnston Studio negatives contain 595 photos of named individuals, and more than 600 photos for whom we have no record. The index to the named negatives can be downloaded at <http://jeffersoncountyhistory.org>. If there is a negative that interests you, laser prints (600dpi) may be purchased for \$10 per sheet (8x10). High-resolution prints or digital copies are available by special order. Orders may be placed by e-mailing us at store@jeffersoncountyhistory.org.

We'll routinely publish un-named negatives on this webpage. If you can identify them, please tell us so that we can add it to our records! We'll also change the images of this page periodically, so stop back often.



In addition to the almost 600 negatives that can be linked with a ledger identifying the people pictured, another 43 images depict images of Clayton and the Thousand Islands such as this view looking South up James Street about 1880.

We've include a facsimile of the index download on the bottom of this page to show you what information is available from the Negative Index. On the following pages we have printed the alphabetical listing of only the names as they appear on the index.

Should you find a listing that you wish to find more about, please contact the Jefferson Historical Society or better yet, go visit and get copies for your own records.

Wilcox Studio Negative Index

JCHS Accession	Wilcox No.	Name	Subject	Date	PO	Notes
2006.03.289	1317	Abbey, Mr. C.	self	May 1, 1866		
2006.03.463		Abby & wife				
2006.03.252	1087	Abel, Mr. Francis	self	Dec 6, 1865		
2006.03.692	2054	Ackert, Page	self	March, 1869		
2006.03.325	1439	Acton, Miss. & Miss Gilbert	2 ladies	Aug 2, 1866		
2006.03.196	216B	Adams, A.P.	self - male		Chaumont	
2006.03.274	1280	Adams, Mr. P.	self	Apr 16, 1866		

Abbey, Mr. C.	Bertrand, Ed	Caswell, P.	Cowan, William
Abby & wife	Birchel, Emily	Caswell, P.	Cozier, Mr. & Mrs. A.
Abel, Mr. Francis	Bogart, Mary	Caswell, P.	Cummings, Frank
Ackert, Page	Bogart, , Miss Mary	Chiver, Mrs. baby	Cummings, Mrs. E.
Acton, Miss. & Miss Gilbert	Bourcy, Mary	Chryver, Miss. E.	Cummings, William
Adams, A. P.	Bourcy, P. E.	Churchill	Cuppennell, D.G.
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Anderson, Samuel C.	Bow, E. M.	Clare, Catherine	Dean, Miss. Hattie
Andrews, Miss. F.	Boyd & Avery	Clare, Miss. Catherine	Deboyse, Mr. prob Debois
Angel, Mrs. J. F. & children	Boyd, Capt. J. (His child)	Clark, J. W.	DeFore, Joseph
Angel, W. A.	Boyd, Samuel (group)	Clark, Miss E.	Defore, Nelson
Angel/Angley, C.	Branch, F.R.	Clark, Miss Lucy	Defore, Nelson & Lady
Atwood, C. W. & Lady	Brigham, Minnie - little girl	Cleghorn, F.	Dennis, Emma
Atwood, James	Brigham, Mrs.	Cleghorn, Mr. F.	Dillen, Albert
Atwood, Mrs.	Brigham, Mrs. George	Cleghorn, Mr. F. & Lady	Dillin, Mr. D.
Augsbury, Elizabeth & sisters	Brigham, William	Cleveland, Miss E.	Dillin, Mrs. S.
Augsbury, Miss	Britton, C.E.	Colan children	Dodge, Amasa
Augsbury, Miss Phebe	Britton, C.E.	Cole, Miss Frank & sister	Dorr, "Lady"
Augsbury, Mr. & child	Britton, Mr. E.	Colen, Mr. J.	Dorr, Carrie & A. Patchin
Augsbury, Mrs. George	Brooker, Miss. & friend	Colin, Mr. D.	Dorr, Mr.
Austin, George W.	Brown, Elizabeth (copy)	Collins	Dorr, Mrs. Peter
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Gibbins, Mr. & Mrs.	Horton, James	Linnell, Theresa	Morse, Kitty
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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.)

BENTLEY

Looking for any information on my great great great grandfather, Pardon **BENTLEY** or his wife Charity. Lived in Richland in Oswego County for years, then Constantia but moved to Adams in Jefferson Co. around 1870. Both of them died between 1870 and 1880 but have been unable to find when or where they are buried.

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JOHNSON

Gurden Recelus **JOHNSON**, b. ca. 1814, listed in 1850, 1855 & 1860 census of Town of Clayton, Jefferson Co., NY, with wife, Jane N., and children, Recelus, Philena, Lester & William. The latter is my Great Grandfather. Interested in death date for Gurden and/or Jane. Shown "next door" in 1855 was Stephen **JOHNSON**, 70, and wife & 2 children, as well as another Stephen **JOHNSON**, also 70, b. RI. Is there any known relationship between these two families? Stephen and family were also listed at the end of the 1850 census an apparent afterthought. Would like to correspond with anyone else interested in these families, and would be grateful for any additional information about them.

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LAWRENCE, SANDERSON, HUSTED

I am seeking any/all information regarding the **LAWRENCE** family which resided in the Stone Mills and Watertown from somewhere in the 1850s till approximately 1929. The heads of family were Josiah **LAWRENCE**(?), Daniel Webster **LAWRENCE** (I) and Daniel Webster **LAWRENCE** (II). Daniel (I) served in Company B 20th NY Cavalry and was married to Nancy **SANDERSON**. He died approximately Feb 1864. I am particularly interested in his antecedents and where he and Nancy are buried. Daniel (II) born in Stone Mills in 1863 and his wife Grace **HUSTED** lived in Watertown till somewhere between 1921-1929. They had 3 daughters (one of whom is my mother). Both Daniel (II) and Grace are buried in N. Watertown Cemetery.

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BROWN, TILLAPAUGH

Through the RootsWeb and Ancestry.com message boards I have received different information about my ancestor, Lewis **BROWN**, born about 1811. He is reported to have been married in Black River, Jefferson, NY, sometime before 1833, to Almira **TILLAPAUGH**, born abt. 1817 in Montgomery Co. Can anyone find out for me if this marriage did take place in Jefferson County, and who their parents were? I would be glad to cover any expenses incurred. Thank you in advance for any help you can give me.

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HODGE

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).

*Charlyn Bailey
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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 death certificates or other documentation of this event. I'm looking for references as to whom their parents might have been.

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After cleaning out some files from several sources, we have printed a couple of queries that were submitted several months ago even though they may not have a complete mailing address. We have yet another from an Amy Lathrop of Buffalo in which we have no address or email concerning the surnames of Arkland, Henry, Ferguson and others. If Amy reads this and still wishes her query to be published, we ask her to resubmit the query.

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JCNYGS To Publish Pedigree Charts Vol. 2

The JCNYGS will publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We asked that those who had 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 leave this notice here to inform you that Lynn has completed work on the Volume 2 and it is now in the hands of our Publications Committee and soon to be sent to our publisher. If you did not get your pedigree in for this new publication, please send to Lynn your pedigree and we will keep it for a possible future Volume.

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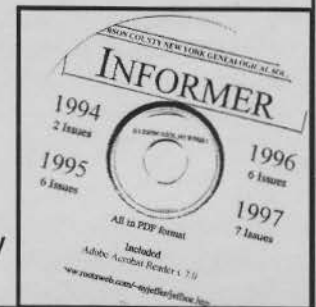
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Death:

Charles R. **BENDER** (of Clayton) died on 13 Dec 2006

While our May 2007 issue of the *Informer* is concentrating on the village of Stone Mills, we would like to remind readers that the May 2004 issue on the town of Orleans also has some references to Stone Mills with mentions of Stone Mills people on the 1855 Town of Orleans map, the cemetery behind the Methodist Church in Stone Mills, the 1825 Census, and an article and cover picture of Rachel Collins Smith.

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Rachel Collins Smith was born 21 July 1779. In the pre-1850 photograph was taken, she was a widowed grand-mother. Her hair had long become unbraided. What her husband was doing, she probably knew a while ago. On April 21 July 1779, she was at the wedding of her cousin, for which her father brought in the Revolutionary War.

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What's Going on with JCNYS

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

March 12, 2007 Meeting

The program for tonight's meeting was a video prepared by genealogist Sharon DeBartolo Carmack titled *Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard*. The video addressed topics such as overlooked clues in cemetery research, how to make tombstone rubbings, how to interpret the art and symbols on tombstones, and more. Phyllis Putnam, Program Committee Chairman, prepared an outline of the content on the video and passed the outlines out to those at the meeting. There was much interesting and helpful material in the video. Ms. Carmack suggested that before visiting a new cemetery genealogist should pack a bag with items that might come in handy—such as a soft nylon brush to clean lichen and moss off headstones, a spray bottle of water to clean off stones and also to help in photographing the stone, camera, notebook and pen or pencil,

fabric interfacing and wide crayons to make tombstone rubbings, garden shears, white sidewalk chalk, paper towels, etc. She also reminded us to never use anything other than water and a soft bristled brush to try to clean off a stone. This was a most informative and entertaining video.

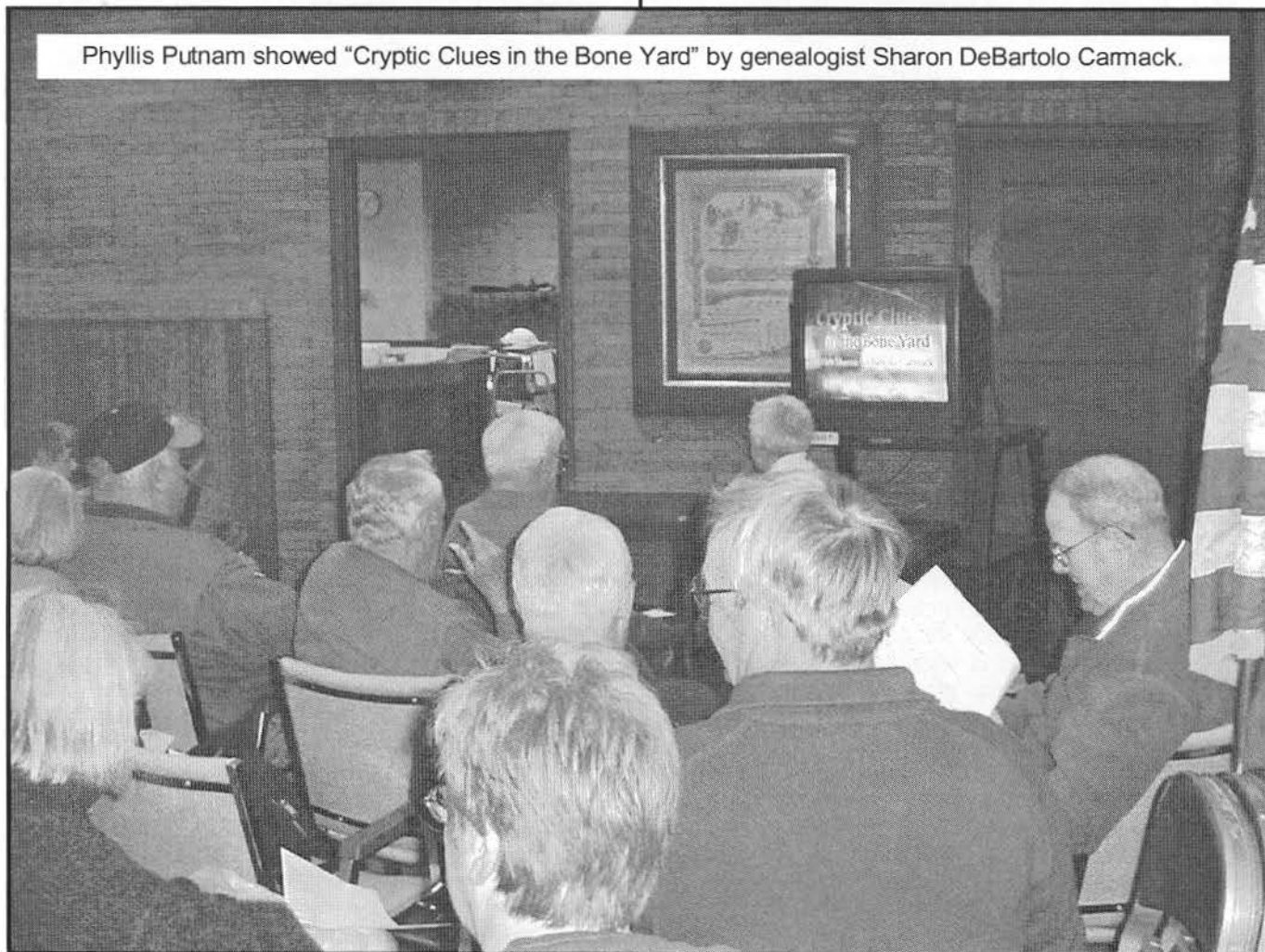
JCNYS Minutes For March 12, 2007

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The regular meeting of the JCNYS was held at Flower Memorial Library on March 12, 2007 with 21 people in attendance. The meeting was opened by President Jerry Davis at 6:30 p.m. The secretary's minutes from the December 11, 2006 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Clancy Hopkins, second by Bob Van Brocklin. The treasurer's report was read by Jerry Davis and approved on a motion by Phyllis Putnam, second by Clancy Hopkins.

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Phyllis Putnam showed "Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard" by genealogist Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.



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Clancy Hopkins reported as Corresponding Secretary; There has been some mail and a few emails, including several requests for cemetery information. He received a request from the Historical Association of South Jefferson to donate toward their Haight School House project. A donation of \$100 was approved on a motion by Clancy, second by Nan Dixon.

Nan Dixon reported for the Repository Committee. The committee is proposing to bundle the old issues of the Informer into packets of each year's issues [this is generally six issues] and sell them for a minimal cost. This issue was tabled until the next meeting as Clancy has received replies from 28 libraries that would like a complete set of the Informer issues. Once the libraries requests have been fulfilled, we will take inventory of the remaining issues and then proceed as Nan suggested, bundling each year's issues and selling them as a set rather than individually.

Phyllis Putnam reported for the Publicity Committee: she sent out the regular notices to newspapers and also sent notices to Newzjunkie and News 10 Now. Linda Malinich sent out emails as usual. However, at least ten emails bounced back. President Jerry reminded members that they must inform the society of email changes if they want to receive email messages from Linda. We also print email address changes in the Informer so that people researching the same surnames can contact each other.

Phyllis also reported that the upcoming programs are correct as printed on the back of the meeting's agenda:

April 9-- Elaine Scott: her area of interest has been family history and assisting family history hunters. The Cable Carry involved many of our area ancestors. Ms. Scott will present an overview of the event and of the recent reenactments and a film that she has put together.

May 14--2 PM-- Jim Ranger: a tour of County Building records which will include time to do some of our own research.

June 11-- Dr. Tim Abel: "History Beneath Your Feet: Archaeology in Sackets Harbor." Since the 1950s archaeologists have been poking around in the ground beneath Sackets Harbor in search of its remains from the War of 1812. This talk discusses some of those projects and highlights recent excavations by the 1000 Islands Chapter, NYSAA, on the site of Storrs Harbor.

July 9-- Myrtle Johnson: Loyalists - a background of the Loyalist movement from the Canadian perspective. The Loyalists were Americans who wished to remain loyal to the England

during the American Revolution and sought refuge in Canada.

Aug 13-- Comparing computer programs:

Linda (**Master Genealogist**)

Jon (**Brothers Keeper**)

Rose (**Generations**)

Lynn (**Homestead**)

Tracy (**Reunion**)

Al (**FTM**)

Sept 10--John Paris: "Our Adventures as Amateur Genealogists"--some successes, some brick walls, persistence yields success, where we found information, trips to Germany and Ireland (locating and visiting ancestor villages and churches), researching in New York City (New York City Public Library)

Bill Dixon reported for the Informer team: The March issue has been mailed out. The committee is working on the May issue which will focus on Stone Mills. Jerry Davis added that the last issue was composed in Broderbund's PDF Creator, and the printer seemed to prefer that format. Unless someone noticed a problem with the March issue, he will continue to use the PDF format.

Clancy Hopkins reported for the Membership/Surname Committees that he has received a few new names.

Phyllis Putnam reported for the Publications Committee that the Pedigree Book #2 is nearly done. Lynn Thornton has finished her part and Phyllis is now trying to verify addresses for all the submitters. Anyone with new pedigrees can send them to Lynn Thornton to be compiled in Pedigree Book #3.

Bob VanBrocklin reported for the Surrogate's Committee that we have sold 90 copies of the Will Book to date.

New Business: There was a discussion about the possibility of holding our meetings during the afternoon instead of in the evening. Several people indicated that it would be impossible to attend during the daytime. It was also mentioned that it might be possible to meet during the day on Saturday during the months of November and December. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 on a motion by Bob Van Brocklin, second by Clancy Hopkins. Following the meeting, Phyllis Putnam showed a video titled "Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard" by genealogist Sharon DeBartolo Carmack.

LIFE IN STONE MILLS AS A LITTLE GIRL

Viola (Huse) Moore, born in Stone Mills 1858, wrote a series of articles for a Missouri weekly, The Benton County Enterprise, in the mid 1930s. She described her life in Stone Mills as a little girl, the trip to Missouri where they settled after the Civil War, and her life there. In an article appearing in 26 January 1935, she reminisced about winter in Stone Mills:

This mild January weather of 1934 is a strong contrast to the extreme cold of Northern New York which I experienced in my earliest years.

Some years ago I came across an old ledger of Father's which had happened to be preserved. Noticing it recorded events of the year of my birth, I turned with curiosity to the exact date and found this brief statement: "Baby born. Bitter cold." So I was ushered into this world during what was considered an extra cold time in even that cold climate.

When we were small children, it was a custom of Mother's to bring each of us a book, instead of candy—when she went to town (Watertown). When I was four she bought me a small book, bound in blue cloth, in which was a little poem—"It Snows." The snow was falling as she read it to me, and I can still imagine I see those slowly falling, feathery flakes as I watched them from the window and saw the snow gradually but constantly accumulate until familiar objects were clothed in white and the landscape a vast expanse of pure white snow. As I grew older I enjoyed Whittier's "Snow Bound" and loved it because it expressed as I could never hope to do, the sensations so graphically described.

There [in Stone Mills] the snow falls to a depth of several feet on the level. Tunnel like paths were shoveled from the back door to the barn and from the front door to the gate the width of the walk and as high or higher. At the gate it connected with a similar tunnel along the side walk the length of the street. The roads were shoveled, too, but not wide enough for sleighs to pass. When two sleighs met the lighter one was lifted up on the snow bank, then later lifted down into the road again. After the snow had for some days been exposed to the sun's rays and the resulting moisture frozen repeatedly, a crust formed which in time became strong enough to support a horse and cutter. I well remember a trip we made to the home of Mother's parents in this way. The horse was decked out as was customary with bells which jingled merrily all the way. With a goodly supply of hot water jugs and bricks or stones and plenty of warm buffalo robes we kept com-

fortable. All were warmly clad in woolen garments. I do not know the distance, but we crossed the Black River on the ice, then through woods and across fields with no trace of fences as we were on top of the deep snow and even staked fences were entirely hidden from our sight. At last we reached Sanford's Corners, our destination. Mother's sister from western Wisconsin was there on a visit and such a warm welcome we received made us forget we had been out in the bitter cold. Word had come that Uncle Giles Glass of New York City and Uncle Jason Boardman of Buffalo were coming and Father would gladly have remained until they arrived, but his work called him home. However, Mother, Will and I stayed on longer. Mother and Aunt Lucy gave the house a thorough cleaning while Grandma "baked and brewed," for her much loved sons must be provided with their favorite viands. Perhaps to get him out of their way, a hood was put over Will's tousled hair to prevent ear ache and he was stationed on a sheltered porch to watch for the coming guests. Grandpa had remarked that the women were making as much ado as though princes were coming. When they came into view Will ran in to announce their arrival and excitedly exclaimed: "Take this hood off quick, the princes are coming!"

After the greetings were over and quiet once more reigned, I was glad to see pewter dishes commonly used, give way to the beautiful blue and white china decorated with shepherds and shepherdesses which to me were wonderful. In later years how often I have wished that I might have fallen heir to them. But I did not inherit them or Grandmother Huse's gold beads that I greatly admired. For I was only a little girl and her other grand-daughter was a young lady and soon to become a bride.

At first Will and I stood in awe of the uncles of whom we had heard so much and whom we really looked upon as superior beings. But in a short time they had won our affections and for many years we realized their true worth.

During our visit at Grandfather's our Grandmother Huse looked after father's needs. At that time Father had a saw mill and during the winter months was kept busy receiving the logs brought in on sleds by the farmers of the surrounding territory. This had been a heavily timbered country and while most of it had been cleared, every farmer had a number of acres uncleared. On the opposite side of the stream from the saw mill was Uncle George Marsh's grist mill; both were run by water power. The village was named Stone Mills from these mills. Many of the residences were built of stone, as well as the Union church where we first attended Sunday School and the school house and stone walls served as fences quite commonly.

The water to furnish power for the mills was collected in a reservoir formed by the melting of the snow when the general spring thaw came. During the winter the mill pond served as a skating rink, for everybody skated more or less gracefully. Father had a narrow escape from drowning once. While skating rapidly he came upon an air hole and went down under the ice. The impetus with which he was moving carried him some distance. When he rose to the surface the ice prevented his escape. An axe was procured after a dangerous delay but he was finally rescued in time to be resuscitated.

When the gate was raised and water flowed through, the mills were in operation night and day.

On the shallow water below the flume a great many fish were speared. At night torch lights provided the necessary illumination. I remember standing on the bridge overlooking the scene as men and boys darted hither and thither and it was rather weird and thrilling.

Our home was at the top of the long slope and Will had plenty of fun with the other boys with their sleds. It was an ideal place for coasting and sometimes when there were not too many sleds for safety I was permitted to ride behind Will on his sled. It was a long hill and as the speed increased with the momentum the sleds sped with force by the time they reached the bridge, or if skillfully steered curved aside and crossed the creek on the ice. Trudging back up the hill pulling the sled was not so much fun and grew more and more annoying, but the going down was royal sport.

Across the street from the house in which Will and I were born was a blacksmith shop, or "smithy" as Longfellow called it. It had belonged to my Grandfather Huse, but he died when Father was a little lad of three. It was operated by a jolly bachelor named Joe Booth. He whistled so merrily as he worked, and always had a smile and a word of welcome for children; so we often went to his shop to watch the sparks fly from the anvil. Later in life our neighbor, Mr. Henry Berry, had a blacksmith shop between their house and ours and Mr. Berry was just as jolly as Mr. Booth had been and gave us an equally warm welcome, and we enjoyed his merrily whistled tunes. I believe children never forget kindnesses extended to them.

With the coming of spring, Father was called to other activities besides his work at the mill. He owned a grove of hard wood, or sugar maple trees and when the sap began to "rise," as it is generally supposed to do, preparations were made for sugar making. The general—perhaps local—name for such a grove was "sugar bush." The trees were tapped, or holes bored into the trunks at a convenient height; bores or hollowed stick were inserted, and pails hung to receive

the sap. As this accumulated it was boiled much as we make sorghum, only that the juice was boiled until it became sugar. When it thickened it was delicious when cooled on snow. That was the part the children enjoyed. Maple sugar was our most common sweetening and was molded into cakes and carefully stored.

The trees that I remember were maple, birch, beech, wild cherry, chestnut, hickory, apple and cherry. We had never seen walnuts or hazel nuts until we came west. Beechnuts were common. They were three cornered with a shell as easily opened as an acorn and much smaller. I recall a high hickory tree that stood beside a lane where Will went to the pasture after our cows. He was too venturesome for a young boy and climbed to the top to gather some of the nuts. They proved to be bitter and he was disappointed. In some way he loosened his hold and fell, striking his head on a rail fence. Fortunately he was wearing a cap that was large and Mother had put in an extra lining. While out of breath and badly frightened, he was not seriously hurt, but was painfully bruised.

During the [Civil] war Mother was a worker in a "Soldiers Aid Society." Many garments were made to add to the comfort of the brave soldiers. With other little girls I raveled lint from old linen. Entertainments were given to secure money for their treasury. I was in a charade. Mrs. Peck, a very handsome lady, sat with a Bible on her lap, and her daughter, Flora, and I knelt beside her with heads bowed as though in prayer.

A soldier that had been brought home for burial was a brother of Mrs. Alonzo Rouse. His name was Duane Canfield. As Mrs. Rouse went to the front after his body and was prostrated with grief, the casket was kept in our home during the time intervening until the funeral.

Those were about all I knew about the war, but I distinctly recall Mother's calling me in from play and telling me of the assassination of President Lincoln.

Until we came west we had been regular attendants of the Sunday School held in the old stone church in Stone Mills. I do not remember about when I first started, but as far back as I can recall Uncle William Rouse, Father's uncle, was the superintendent and a grandson of his, Gilbert Spicer, was the teacher of the little folks of whom I was one.

All men and boys then wore boots on all occasions—heavy ones for common use and lighter ones for dressy affairs; for even in the country there were dances and other parties. In every house there was a boot-jack for removing boots. Especially in wet weather it was a difficult proposition, and what times

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they did have pulling them off! Even with a boot jack, a boot would not budge at times and a second man's strength was sometimes necessary to succeed with the task. Low, light rubbers were the only protection we (women and girls) had for footwear. Years later men had rubber boots. Rain coats, too, are a comparatively modern invention. I think the first were made of oil cloth. When small, I wore heavy knit stockings over my shoes and hose.

Shawls were worn when I was a child. In the early [eighteen] sixties women wore large hoops. Dresses were necessarily full as the hoops were wide and many yards of goods were required to make a dress.

Even girls of my age wore hoops and our dresses were ankle length. Shawls worn over these full skirts and small bonnets with wide ribbon tied in bows under the chin were in style when I went with my mother and aunt from Watertown, New York, by way of Lakes Ontario and Erie through the Welland Canal to Cleveland, Ohio in the summer of 1863. From Cleveland we went by train to Fremont to visit their brother Jason Boardman. Among the neighbors and intimate friends of the family was the Rutherford B. Hayes family.

Returning to the dress question: a friend recently showed me a skirt made out of her brother's trousers. He is not a large man and the skirt is of conventional width. Quite a contrast to the voluminous skirts of 1865! If we travel in cycles, how long before the full skirts will again be in style?

Last fall I saw silk shawls, both white and black, elaborately embroidered, that were 75 and 100 years old, and were Aunt Sophia Rouse's and Mrs. Keiffer's.

I had the good fortune of having a mother that was especially interested in schools as she had been a teacher before her marriage. She began teaching when only fourteen and pursued that work until she met Father. They were attending a seminary at LaFargeville when she was attracted to his superior knowledge of mathematics, a branch of learning in which she felt weak. From a daguerreotype taken about that time, I know that Mother was a very attractive looking maiden with an abundance of auburn hair, large grey eyes, and a beautiful complexion. Of course I do not know the details of the romance, but the acquaintance led to a wedding in 1853 which seemed to terminate her career as a teacher.



Picture Query

We publish yet another of the unidentified pictures from the Johndrow collection that we have used in our last 2 issues of the *Informer*.

If you are able to identify anybody in this picture or any of the others we have previously published, please contact any JCNYS or Newsletter Committee member listed on page 2 and let them know what information you might be able to submit.

While the Johndrows lived in the Depauville area, these pictures may include people from any of the area towns and villages.

From Stone's 1864 Atlas of Jefferson County



1864 ATLAS MAP OF STONE MILLS

Beginning at the upper right corner of this map, on top of the hill, S.H. No. 3 was a stone school house, since burned and replaced by a wooden one for the museum, which occupies that corner as far as the Union Ch., the stone church, still standing. The wooden Methodist church across the road had not yet been built at the time of this map, though the cemetery shows its present location.

W. Crum is Waitstill Crumb, husband of Cordelia Collins. At least two of their children were born in Stone Mills: Mary Elizabeth, born 1862 who married Patrick Flood and Grant Erastus born in 1864 who married Maude Jackson. Other children of this couple include Amy Orliwa who married Nelson Ingerson; Emma Genevieve who married Alvah Dillenbeck; Susan Ella who married LeRoy Bachman; Lynwood Malcolm who married Mabel Grant, and Clara Eugenia who married Dr. Samuel Fisk. By 1867 this family had moved to Chaumont, and from there to Massachusetts.

Next is Mrs. Huse, the widow Hannah (Collins) Huse,

whose children lingered in Stone Mills until her death in 1865 before moving as a group to Cole Camp, Missouri. Her nephew, Luther Kieffer had bought a tract of land there with his profits as a gold miner in the 1849 gold rush. She lived alone, directly across from William Patrick Collins's blacksmith shop.

Hannah Huse and her husband Moses had three children. The first one died young, but the other two grew to have families of their own. Her son, Alpheus Green Huse was one of the leaders of the migration to Missouri, and his daughter, Lucy Viola Huse, writing her memoirs there in her old age, gave us views of the Stone Mills of this era. Alpheus Huse married Laura Lothera Boardman who grew up in the vicinity of Stone Mills. Their son, William, traveled to Missouri with them and remained there as did the whole family.

Viola (Huse) Moore wrote of her childhood (1858-1867, when she left) in Stone Mills, "Across the street from the house in which Will and I were born was a blacksmith shop, or 'smithy' as Longfellow called it. It had belonged to my Grandfather Huse, but he died when Father was a little lad of three. It was operated by a jolly bachelor named Joe Booth. He whistled so

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merrily as he worked, and always had a smile and a word of welcome for children; so we often went to his shop to watch the sparks fly from the anvil. "

Norman Bloss wrote: In 1860, they were in Stone Mills and were blacksmiths. Using your cue of "batchelor Joe", I found Joseph Booth, Blacksmith, in Limerick, Brownsville in 1870. His wife Amelia was twenty years younger and his mother Maria (Anna M.) and his sister Ann (Anna M.) were in the household.

C. C. Booth was probably Charles O. Booth, yet another blacksmith, with two young blacksmith sons. The blacksmith shop was the service station of the age. Mr. Booth was born in Massachusetts, and his wife Anna was born in New York. Two daughters, Anna aged 18 and Celia, aged 9 rounded out the family.

G. P. Marsh, or George P. Marsh, married the widow Huse's daughter, Sarah Ann, and became the last miller of Stone Mills. His contract for the mill from Elon Brown, insisted that after three years of operation, he must demolish the dam to drain the farm lands above the mill. Farming was more profitable than milling. Thereafter, George Marsh was a carpenter.

The draining of the farm lands may have made drier fields, but it also opened the way for the disastrous spring flooding, when the water rushing down the hill went right over the road, and damaged houses. This flooding never took place until after the woods above Stone Mills were cut and the way opened for spring freshets (sudden rise in the waters of a stream caused by heavy rains or melting snow). Their surviving daughter, Mary Amelia, married George Wilder and had a large family.

On the other side of Stone Mills Creek stood the two mills. The map does not show the mill flume which led the water between the two buildings allowing the same water to power both lumber and grist mills. A single mill pond collected the spring run off, and allowed the mills to operate all summer, whereas now the stream is nearly dry by midsummer.

Directly across the road, still in the valley, lived W. Collins, William Patrick Collins. He married Cynthia Elizabeth Crumb, sister to Waitstill who lived up the hill. William Patrick had to use his middle name because of the number of William Collinsees in the area, named for the pioneer of Stone Mills. Their surviving children were Dora Orлива, who married Charles Henry Ellis, and Waitstill Collins.

The grocery and shoe store, next noted, was run by Alfred Wagoner, his business later continued by his sons in Fishers Landing and LaFargeville. A business directory entry names his partner as Mr. Yerdon, the store being known as Wagoner and Yerdon.

Mrs. E. Dixon was the widow of Capt. David Dixon, a Great Lakes steamboat captain. Her name was spelled variously Almira, Elmira, and Lemira. Their children were Charles Byron, William Collins and Sarah Adele. Now a widow, her husband having been lost on the lakes, she furnished room and board for Dr. Coe, the itinerant dentist from Theresa.

The Elijah Horr residence, originally built by his ancestor Benjamin Horr, still stands today. It is on the National Register, and in excellent condition.

Across the road, next to the store and post office, was the house of E. G. B. or Elon Galusha Brown. He owned many of the Stone Mills enterprises at one time or another, including both mills, the store, the post office, and acres of real estate. He was also the local auctioneer and postmaster. The son of the Baptist preacher, Parley Brown and his wife Submit Farwell, E. G. B. was also the father of Elon Rouse Brown, Stone Mill's most famous son of his day.

Around the corner from the store on Woodard Road lived Alfred Wagoner and his family. He married Melinda Brown, and their two sons were Edson and Frank. The 1860 census places this family in Limerick, so they had not been here long when the map was made.

J. Lawrence may have been Josiah Lawrence, 58, a speculator (perhaps investor?) He was relatively poor, owning only \$400 worth of real estate and \$525 personal estate. The census does not list wife or children.

De La Grange

M. Taylor

Back on the main street of Stone Mills, now NYS Route 180, was the house of Dr. J. Sargent. Dr. John Sargent, aged 50, had been born in New Hampshire. His wife, Sarah, aged 45, had been born in New York State. Dr. Sargent also served as justice of the peace. No children were listed in the 1860 census for them.

Beyond the next blacksmith shop is the house of blacksmith Harmon Smith, son of Rachel Collins and Robert Smith. Harmon married Lucrenia Hurd, and they had ten children. Harriet C. married Henry Bailey. Others were Charles Collins, Benjamin, Rachel and Arminda, whose name was spelled variously. Arminda had two husbands, Egbert Matteson and Ballard Howard. The Howard cheese factory was not far from Stone Mills on Carter Street. Continuing with the children, Nicholas served in the Civil War, Mary E. married a Hess, Edgar, Hiram, and Lenora who married Gifford Benson.

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Today's Hamlet of Stone Mills

Today's hamlet of Stone Mills nestles in a small deep valley between two steep hills, the road differing little from the 1864 map provided here. The tiny cluster of houses has no commercial activity to sustain it. Woodard Road still branches off at the bottom of the hill, and the beautiful limestone building, slowly being restored, still dominates the scene.

Stone Mills has been inhabited since the very early 1800s, probably by about 1802 when settlers began to trickle in to what they saw as a desirable spot to settle. In 1799, according to Hough's history of Jefferson County, a large number of settlers came to the area of present Perch River hamlet to stake out their lands. Among them was John W. Collins, who evidently sent back glowing descriptions to his brother's family, then in Plainfield, Otsego County.

The Town of Brownville existed even then, but as a town in Oneida County, and William Collins took his family through the wilderness only to find that all the available good land was taken around Perch River. Skirting around Perch River Flats, today a wild life sanctuary, he went farther north and east, following a brisk little stream until he came to a falls with enough power to turn a mill wheel. Though there were no signs to announce it, he had arrived at Penet Square, then offering no land to the individual settler. (See the Informer, May 2004, p.16, Ask Aunty Jeff).

Here he and his family put down their roots, followed in time by his sister Hannah (Collins) Rouse and her blacksmith husband, William and their sons, who settled farther to the west at what became Rouse's Corners. Peter Pratt and Dr. Reuben Andrus also saw the possibilities of that rushing little stream that now trickles through Stone Mills. The Joseph and Rhoda (Wheeler) Rhodes family was there early, as well as the family of old Nicholas Smith, a Dutchman from Schenectady, the Kilborns, the Baxters, the Crawfords, the Kibbes, and Moses Tucker Huse, one of the first postmasters of the community, whose wife, the early widowed Hannah Collins, is listed on the 1864 map.

Limestone was abundant, and the early settlers, after throwing up their hasty log huts to shelter them over the next few winters, began to build stone buildings. One of the earliest buildings, put up by John B. Collins and Peter Pratt, was that necessity of our ancestors, a grist mill whose wheel was turned by the little stream they followed up from Perch River. Soon, Dr. Andrus erected another stone mill across the stream from the grist mill, using the same flume and mill pond, and the name of the settlement changed from Collins Mill to Stone Mills. With Dr. Andrus's saw mill, Stone Mills

entered the civilized age, and lumber was immediately available for buildings.

Still more stone buildings went up in Stone Mills. In the very early 1820s, the central portion of the large stone building still standing there was built as a store. Other owners added wings to either side, and the building served as store, tavern, inn, post office and dwelling. It was a stage coach stop, and the stage coach, rocketing down one hill to pull up with a flourish at the tavern and later to struggle up the other side, must have been a sight to pull small boys and others from their tasks to admire such excitement in that sleepy little village.

A stone school went up about 1829 on the top of the hill, where the wooden school now stands as part of the Northern New York Agricultural Museum. Vandals destroyed the stone school some years ago, after it had served its purpose for over a hundred years. Stone dwellings, testifying to the affluence of the builders, appeared up and down the road. Peter Pratt built one of the first large stone houses in Stone Mills, his descendant Mildred Graham told the editor. Originally the road through Stone Mills went to the south of the present road. Mr. Pratt built his two story house facing south, but before the house was completed, the road was changed to run north of Mr. Pratt's house, which also changed the orientation of the house. The front should now face north, but only one story showed from the road. Determined to have a two story house, Mr. Pratt ordered a third story to the house, so that two stories would show from the new road. There were actually three stories showing from the original placement. That house was unusual, Miss Graham said, in that it had two full fireplaces in each story, at the ends of the house. The house was pulled down by another generation, and the present frame house, closer to the road, took its place.

A beautiful example has been preserved at the foot of the hills, erected by Elijah Horr, an early settler, kept in meticulous condition, and worth driving by just to look at it. Like the tavern across the road, it is now on the national register of historic buildings.

By 1837 they had built the stone church on the hill above the mill. This church had an interesting charter. Ernest Cook, a local historian whose articles in the Watertown Daily Times were eagerly read during the years he furnished them, wrote "Any religious sect might use the meeting house for worship, provided that no one branch used it more than its rightful percentage" of time. In the early 1860s the Union spirit had a flag staff placed on the tower. Political meetings were held in the church. The flag was at half mast at the time of Lincoln's assassination. Diaries spoke of

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Joseph Beckwith Collins (1904-1954)

When taken to the photographer for his photograph, young Joseph Beckwith Collins (1904-1954), son of Benjamin and Maude Beckwith Collins, struck this pose while waiting for the adults to finish getting ready. While he appears to be wearing a dress, as did all little boys of his generation and earlier, it has few frills and was called a kilt. It facilitated the changing of diapers, and when a young man graduated to short pants, his family felt that a milestone had been passed.

His sister, Josephine Fredenburg, was possibly the greatest influence, along with Pauline Carlisle, for the founding of the Agricultural Museum of Northern New York. The two women, in their travels through the north country, saw the old horse drawn machinery left to rust away in the fields. They felt that the history of agriculture in the North Country was rusting away with the machinery, and after many challenges, they secured the stone church and its adjacent stone school as a nucleus for the present museum.

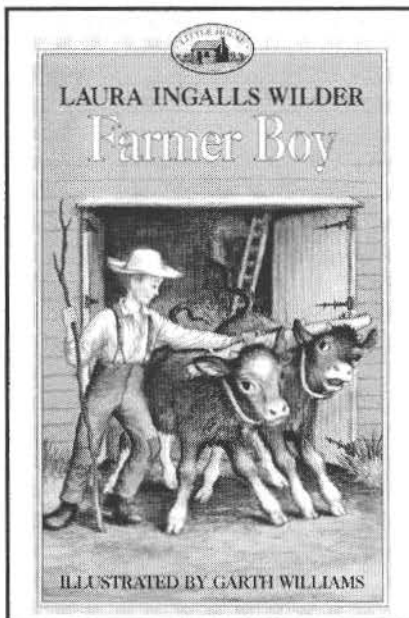
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“Farmer Boy Days”

Northern New York Agricultural Historical Society

This summer the Agricultural Museum in Stone Mills is again offering the “Farmer Boy Days” program that gives students the opportunity to experience first hand farm activities. We print here part of the letter that Museum Director Marguerite Raineri sent to Elementary School Teachers this past January.



“The students that have come to this event in the past few years have left with a greater appreciation and understanding of farming. We ask that you read or have your students read Laura Ingalls Wilders book “Farmer Boy”. This gives them a broader realization as to what they will be seeing and doing at this event; it also is an awakening that things al-

ways were not readilyavailable to them as what they are today.

Activities for this event are: butter making, milking goats, quilting, rug hooking, making bread on a wood stove, washing clothes with a scrub board, genealogy, schoolhouse activity, carrying water with a wooden yoke and pumping water from the windmill. Gardening, music, spinning and weaving, blacksmithing, collecting eggs if available from the hen house, grinding corn for the chickens and oxen pulling a wagon from the 1800s will make for a very busy and fun day for all.”

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards. They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose -- how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair.

The author said he could handle the story tactfully. The book appeared. It said “Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock.”

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Child's Business Directory

(Stone Mills—1890)

The directory is arranged as follows:

1. Name of individual or firm.
2. Post office address in parentheses if different from the name of the town.
3. The figures following the letter r indicate the number of the road on which the party resides, and will be found on the northern map for the northern part of the county, and southern map for the southern part of the county. Where no road number is given, the party is supposed to reside in the village.
4. Business or occupation.
5. A star (*) placed before a name indicates an advertiser in this work.
6. Figures after the occupation of a farmer indicate the number of acres owned or leased.
7. Names in CAPITALS are those who have kindly given their patronage to the work, and without whose aid the publication would have been impossible.

Ackerman, Freeman E., (Stone Mills) r 65, 60 cows, breeder of grade Red-Polled Norfolk cattle, farmer 278.

ANTHONY, ALICE H., (Stone Mills) r 68, physician, received a permit from the Dean of the Eclectic College of New York City.

Avery, Brayton E., (Stone Mills) r 68, com. traveler.
Baldwin, Andrew J., (Stone Mills) r 64, gardener and farmer 75.

Baldwin, Edwin, (Stone Mills) r 67, retired farmer, owns in Clayton 100, wood lot 6, h and 4 acres.

Boardman, Jane M. (Stone Mills) r 68, widow of Elizur, h and lot.

Byam, Joel, (Stone Mills) r 68, farmer, leases of John R. 103.

Casler, Asa, (Stone Mills) r 67, 9 cows, farmer 105.

Collins, James L., (Stone Mills) r 68 cor. 64, 25 cows, farmer 198

Collins, Rhoda Miss, (Stone Mills) r 68, lives with her sister, Lemira Dixon.

Collins, Thomas W., (Stone Mills) r 51, farmer 68

Collins, William, (Stone Mills) r 68, blacksmith, horse-shoer, and repairer, h and lot.

Collins, William, (Stone Mills) r 64, laborer.

Countryman, Laura, (Stone Mills) r 68, widow of David Fort

Currier, Worthley, (Stone Mills) r 68, well driller, h and lot.

Dailey, Dyer, (Stone Mills) r 63, hay presser

Deatrich, Valentine, (Stone Mills) r 61 cor. 62, laborer.

Dixon, Lemira, (Stone Mills) r 68, widow of David H., h and lot

Dorr, Valentine E., (Stone Mills) r 63, breeder of grade Devon cattle, farmer 119.

Ellis, Byron H., (Stone Mills) r 68, farmer and laborer.

Ellis, Charles H., (Stone Mills) r 68, painter.

ELLIS, HALSEY, (Stone Mills) r 68, carpenter and joiner, h and lot.

Fort, Andrew, (Stone Mills) r 68, laborer, h and lot.

Gailey, Bert, (Stone Mills) r 68, farmer 103.

Gailey, Fred, (Stone Mills) r 65, farmer and hay presser.

Gailey, John, (Stone Mills) r 65, 35 cows, breeder of grade Ayrshire cattle and Morgan and Hambletonian horses, farmer 350.

Gailey, John, Jr., (Stone Mills) r 52, laborer.

Graham, Frank P., (Stone Mills) r 68, 9 cows, farmer, leased on shares of C.D. 200

Greene, Milford H., (Stone Mills) r 68, speculator.

Greene, Sylvester, (Stone Mills) r 68, farmer 71.

GURNEE, FRANK D., (Stone Mills) r 64, 17 cows, farmer, leases of John P. Nellis 144.

Harter, Jacob L., (Stone Mills) r 64, retired farmer 160, aged 95.

Hill, David, (Stone Mills) r 59, farmer, leases of Mrs. S. H. Yerden 84.

Horr, Benjamin S., (Stone Mills) r 68 cor. 64, 19 cows, breeder of grade Ayrshire cattle, farmer 153.

Howard American Cheese Factory, (Stone Mills) r 68, **David H. Schell**, prop. and cheesemaker

HUGHES, JOHN D., (Stone Mills) r 64, justice of the peace, 10 cows, farmer 143.

Irwin, John, (Stone Mills) r 68, (W.B. Irwin & Son).

Irwin, Lincoln B., (Stone Mills) r 68, teacher and clerk for W. B. Irwin & Son.

Irwin, W.B. & Son, (Stone Mills) r 68, (John) general merchants.

Irwin, William A., (Stone Mills) off r 51, 10 cows, farmer, leases on shares of W. B. 205.

Irwin, William B., (Stone Mills) r 68, (W. B. Irwin & Son) h and lot.

JOLES, WILLIAM A., (Stone Mills) off r 68, 24 cows, farmer, leases of James L. Collins 152, served in Co. G., 10th N.Y.H.A. Vols.

Klock, Victor, (Stone Mills) r 65, 40 cows, breeder of grade Ayrshire cattle, farmer 140, and leases of Arthur 160.

Klotz, Marcy, (Stone Mills) r 68, widow of Gabriel, h and lot.

La Graves, Charles J., (Stone Mills) r 51, stone mason

La Graves, Dennis, (Stone Mills) r 51, laborer.

LA GRAVES, GEORGE W., (Stone Mills) r 51, farmer, leases of M. J. Jerome 96, served in Co. G, 10th N.Y.H.A. Vols.

Lee, Thomas, (Stone Mills) off r 65, breeder of grade Devonshire cattle, farmer 180.

Lehr, George, (Stone Mills) r 64, 9 cows, farmer 106.

LEHR, JACOB, (Stone Mills) r 57, 27 cows, 200 sugar trees, farmer 436, and leases 51.

Marsh, George P., (Stone Mills) r 68, carpenter and joiner.

Marshall, Judson A., (Stone Mills) r 63, 20 cows, farmer 189.

McCallops, Charles A., (Stone Mills) r 68, farmer, leases of Anthony Herbreicht 95.

McCallops, Samuel, (Stone Mills) r 68, resides with his son Charles A.

McCoy, Arthur H., (Stone Mills) r 59, (McCoy Brothers) lives with his father, Cornelius.

McCoy Brothers, (Stone Mills) r 59, (Arthur H. and Michael V.) farmers, lease of Mrs. O.P.S. Markley 112, pasturage 229.

McCoy, Cornelius, (Stone Mills) r 59, 7 cows, farmer 100.

McCoy, John, (Stone Mills) r 52, 19 cows, farmer, leases of Jeremiah Petrie 160, and of J. L. Harter 160.

McCoy, Michael V., (Stone Mills) r 59, (McCoy Brothers) lives with his father, Cornelius.

Mitchell, Isaac, (Stone Mills) r 51, 16 cows, farmer 237.

Munson, Charles M. C., (Stone Mills) r 59, farmer with his father, Horace W.

Munson, Horace W., (Stone Mills) r 59, 8 cows, farmer, leases of Jule Mannigould 100.

Nellis, John P., (Stone Mills) r 64, apiarist 23 colonies, brown and white Leghorn and Hamburg fowls, retired farmer 144

Nellis, Marcus W., (Stone Mills) r 64, retired farmer 279, h and lot.

Nellis, Wellington, (Stone Mills) r 64, 28 cows, breeder of grade Ayrshire and Holstein cattle, farmer, leases of Marcus W. 279.

Petrie, Barbara, (Stone Mills) r 57, aged 81, widow of William.

PICKARD, LYMAN, (Stone Mills) r 64, 17 cows, farmer, leases of Jacob L. Harter 160, served in Co. G. 10th N.Y.H.A. Vols. [Removed.]

Reed, Frank S., (Stone Mills) r 67, laborer, leases of William Collins h and 3 acres.

ROUSE, MERICK, (Stone Mills) r 68, carpenter and farmer, served in Co. G, 10th N.Y.H.A. Vols., wounded in the wrist by rebel sharpshooters, also in right eye, h and lot.

Schell Brothers, (Stone Mills) r 57, (Charles A. and John F.) farmers 148.

Schell, Charles A., (Stone Mills) r 64, (Schell Brothers).

Schell, David H., (Stone Mills) r 68, cheese manuf., h and lot.

Schell, Isaac, (Stone Mills) r 64, 31 cows, breeder of grade Holstein cattle, prop. Clydesdale stock horse "William de Carsey." Farmer 110.

Schell, John F., (Stone Mills) r 64, (Schell Brothers).

Schollenberg, Charles, (Stone Mills) r 53, laborer

Scoville, Frank, (Stone Mills) r 67, pensioner, h and lot.

Sloat, Wells G., (Stone Mills) r 68, 6 cows, farmer 103.

Sloat, William B., (Stone Mills) r 68, retired farmer.

Smith, -----, (Stone Mills) widow of Daniel, farm 33.

Smith, Lewis, (Stone Mills) r 67, farmer, h and 16 acres.

Smith, Warren R., (Stone Mills) r 67, carpenter, h and 6 acres, wood lot 6.

SOURWINE, GEORGE H., (Stone Mills) r 61, 17 cows, breeder of grade Ayrshire cattle, farmer 216.

Timmerman, Jason D., (Stone Mills) r 64, 13 cows, breeder of grade Jersey cattle, farmer 260.

Waggoner, John R., (Stone Mills) r 57, 26 cows, farmer, leases of Addison 247.

Wagner, Daniel, (Stone Mills) r 57, 14 cows, farmer 126.

Walrath, Eugene, (Stone Mills) r 68, blacksmith, horseshoer, and repairer in iron and wood, h and lot.

WAUGH, LEONARD A., (Stone Mills) r 68, prop. steam saw-mill, capacity 200,000 feet of lumber annually.

Wetterhahn, Gustave, (Stone Mills) r 53, 18 cows, farmer 40, and leases of Henry 104.

Wetterhahn, Henry, (Stone Mills) r 53, retired farmer.

WILDER, GEORGE D., (Stone Mills) r 68, mail carrier, h and lot, served as 1st sergeant in Co. E, 94th N. Y. Inf. Vols.

WILSON, ALEXANDER, (Stone Mills) r 64 cor. 64 1/2, laborer and ship carpenter, leases of Freeman Ackerman h and lot, served in Co. K, 10th N. Y. H. A. Vols.

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the powerful "union sermons" preached in that church during the Civil War, and funerals were held there or in surrounding homes, with the bodies of fallen soldiers solemnly carried across the road to the hidden cemetery behind a newer church there. The uneven rows of graves are attributed to the trees and roots there when the first burials were made, the sexton unable to dig the graves in an orderly fashion.

In its heyday, Stone Mills hamlet contained 100 inhabitants, a post office, two stores, three blacksmith shops, a church, a school, a cobbler, a grist mill, a saw mill, with cheese factories hovering nearby. Another hundred families scattered across the adjacent countryside in farms and small businesses. They all claimed Stone Mills as an address. Post offices, like schools, in those days attempted to be within walking distance of those who had to use them. About two miles was the general radius.

After the Civil War, which provided the impetus for young men to see something of the outside world, Stone Mills's population drained away. One extended family of nearly 30 men, women, and children migrated permanently to Missouri in the fall of 1866 and spring of 1867, to form a nostalgic little group at Cole Camp, keeping in touch with Stone Mills, at least for a time, by mail. Others followed to other Midwestern states until Stone Mills became such a faded memory that descendants looked at Stony Creek, New York for their roots.

Old Stone Church To Become Agricultural Museum



CHURCH TO BECOME MUSEUM—The old stone church at Stone Mills has been acquired by the newly chartered Northern New York Agricultural Historical society and will be converted to an agricultural museum. Since its acquisition from the LaFargeville Central school district, the society has had the windows boarded up, until repairs can be made to them, and to the wooden cupola atop the structure. The old outside toilets at the right, used by the school formerly on the same site, will be restored as a relic or early rural life.

Stone Mills Site Acquired By Society

By Marion H. Evans

Staff Writer of The Times

Watertown Daily Times, Saturday, December 14, 1968

The old stone church on Route 180 in Stone Mills will assume a new phase in its service to the community when it becomes an agricultural museum.

A provisional three-year charter was granted on Oct. 25 by the state board of regents to the newly formed Northern New York Agricultural Historical society, for the establishment of an agricultural museum. The formation of the society was sponsored by the Jefferson County Pomona grange, which is beginning its second century of grange service in this section.

The church building and site for the museum have just been acquired by the society from the LaFargeville Central school district. Residents of the former school district in which the church is located held a meeting and approved the transfer of the property to the Agricultural Historical society.

According to a deed of Feb. 24, 1823, recorded in the county clerk's office, Henry C. DeRham of New York

city and his wife, Maria Theresa, to the trustees of School District No. 11, for "six cents lawful money" conveyed a parcel in "Penet Square now called the town of Orleans.

"The description of the property, in part, is: "In the northeast corner of subdivision 7 of Great Lot 86, one acre in the form of a parallelogram for the purpose of erecting a school house and such other public buildings as a majority of the inhabitants of said district may wish to erect for public purposes."

According to some histories of the county, the church was built in 1837 and a stone school on the same lot in 1838. After the centralization of the LaFargeville district, the school was no longer used. Following a fire on June 28, 1964, that destroyed the interior of the school, the stone shell was razed because it was a hazard.

An old clipping in The Times mentions the "meeting house" as unique in character. Its constitution provided that "it must remain open to all denominations —

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freedom of worship was no myth in that community." Any religious sect might use it, but not for more than its proportionate share or rightful percentage to the exclusion of other denominations.

In the 1850s it was used concurrently by four denominations: Lutheran, "Episcopal, Methodist and Baptist. As other buildings were erected in the vicinity by some of these congregations, the old stone church was used less and finally not at all for worship.

A clipping of 1922 describing the renovation of the church for a community house, referred to it as the Evangelical Lutheran church that "has stood for many years without a leader." The interior of the church was then repaired, painted and papered and a new piano installed. A "Calendar Community club" was formed, but how long the center was used is uncertain.

The church building was for years a polling place for voters of that district and was so used until 1966.

The Agricultural Historical society plans to have in the museum displays of items pertaining to farming and farm homes from the start of Jefferson county to the present. It is hoped that outside shelters may be constructed to house large farm equipment items. The emphasis will be on items which pertain to haying, milking and use of milk products because these agricultural pursuits have been the most important in this section.

The directors of the society plan to leave the interior of

the church much as it is, consistent with its new use. The building prominently surmounts a rise of ground when approached from the south. It is considered a good example of the simple small meeting house of the post-colonial style.

The interior is basically one large, simple room, supplemented by vestibules and a galley above the vestibules. The large side windows have painted wood paneled reveals in the thick walls. Below the windows, along both sides, are stepped rows of box pews facing each other. These will be left in place.

The paneled wood gallery and its support have interesting false wood graining. The iron hook which supported a chandelier or lantern remains in the center of the space, supplemented in later years by hanging light bulbs. The floor is of wide pine boards.

Although Jefferson County Pomona grange took the initiative for the formation of the society, support is sought from all persons, organizations, and businesses interested in agricultural and historical preservation. Anyone with items to be donated may contact any of the directors.

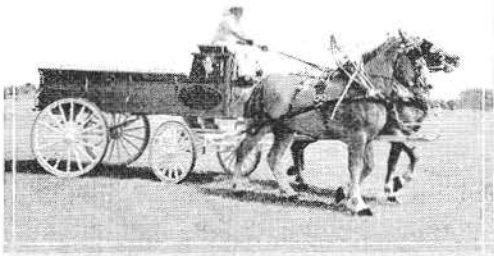
Those who signed the application for the charter were Wayne Bertram, Hammond, immediate past master of Jefferson county Pomona; Gerald Eastman, Ellisburg, a past master; Dayton VanEpps, Adams, past district deputy; Foster Carey, Evans Mills, present master; Roger Miller, Adams Center, state lecturer of state grange; Mrs. Eugene Carlisle, Alexandria Bay; Mrs. Augustin Fredenburg, Clayton; and Mrs. Richard Mereand, East Hounsfield.

These children are, from left, Polly Petrie, born c 1854. Polly, whose real name was Mary, was nicknamed "Pop". Next is Norman, born c1851, the only boy, and the last is Flora born c1857. Flora was called Florrie. They were the children of Sanford and Hannah (Smith) Petrie, well to do farmers whose farm lay between Stone Mills and LaFargeville. None of the Petrie children married.



The **AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM** also boasts of a turn of the century Cheese Factory. The Factory, located across the road from the main Museum Complex was donated by the Robert Ebbbie Family of LaFargeville.

The Cheese Factory was built by a Co-op, that was formed in 1896, as a means of creating a more marketable form of milk. The factory was in operation until the mid 1920s, and produced "Yankee" or cheddar cheese.



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The 1837 Union Church/Meeting House has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This stone building is dedicated to the Memory of Josephine Fredenburg - one of the founders of the museum.

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September 23

MUSEUM CLOSURES FOR THE SEASON



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The Museum has been designed "... to tell the story of the development of the agriculture industry in Northern New York State through collecting, preserving, and displaying historical materials relating to the farm and the farm home, as was known to that area of the state which is now Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis and Oswego Counties."

The Museum Complex consists of several buildings used to house the historical artifacts. The 1837 Meeting House has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This stone building is used for group activities and exhibitions.

The Wilford Adams Hall is used throughout the season for barn dances, music, quilt show, crafters, demonstrations and videos on early farm life in the North Country. It also houses the Director's office & library. This building was erected in 1971-72.

The Home Arts Building houses many displays of artifacts and equipment used by the "farm family". These displays include the "farm kitchen", laundry equipment, weaving & sewing equipment, food processing articles, children's toys and a "blacksmith" shop. This building was erected in 1973.

The new Farm Implement Barn (former storage barn) now houses the major farming exhibits of the museum. Large farming machinery, maple syrup making equipment, tractors, wagons, buggies, etc. all are displayed in this building. This building was erected in 1989.

The Timmerman Memorial Building was erected in 1983, in memory of the late Ralph Timmerman, who served as supervisor for the Town of Orleans from 1967 to 1981. This display building houses exhibits butter making equipment and milking equipment.

An authentic Ice House has been brought to the Museum Complex, and converted to an area for serving food and refreshment.

The Schoolhouse now on the Museum grounds replaced the Stone Schoolhouse which was built on this site in 1838. This wooden frame schoolhouse was formerly the Town of Orleans #1 Schoolhouse and was donated to the Museum by the Shimmel Family.

This school has a collection of old maps, books, records, slates, and other artifacts of that era. The building is staffed for school tours by retired teachers, who have taught in similar one-room schools.

The Sawmill which was located in Stone Mills, built back in 1860, was relocated on site and will be up and running in 2007. A windmill was also restored and a well was donated in 2004.



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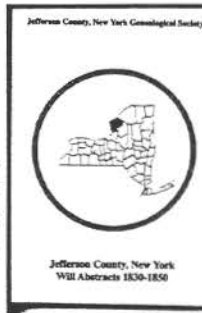
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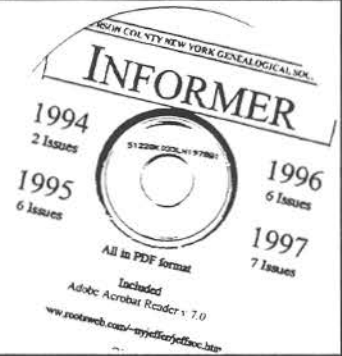
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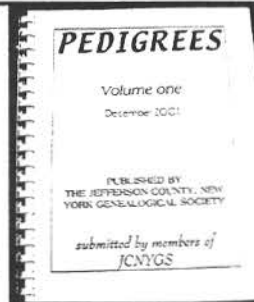
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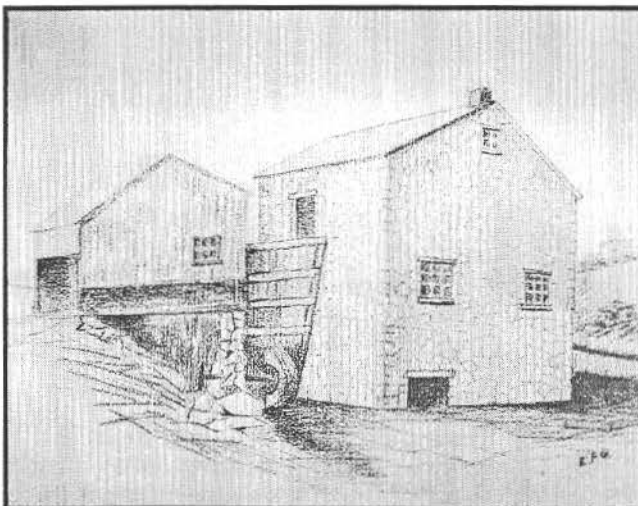
History of Old Buildings In Stone Mills as written by John Irwin – 1910

A two storied Stone Grist Mill built in 1819.
 A stately Stone Union Church built in 1837.
 A Stone School House built in 1838.
 A Stone Blacksmith Shop.
 A Stone House, at present owned by Dr. Tinkess – and –
 A Stone two storied General Store and Dwelling, now owned by W. B. Irwin and Son, seems to have furnished the early inception for the title "Stone Mills" which in five times more years shall have passed its 100th birthday.

The old mill occupied a location about 75 feet west of the Bridge on the rocky bed of the creek and nearly in front of the Dwelling house recently occupied by E. Walrath. It was the first Mill in the Town of Orleans and was built by Peter Pratt and John B. Collins in 1819.

The Mill was built of lime stone, was about 40 X 60 feet and two stories high, the end toward the Bridge being perhaps feet to the top of the roof.

Several small windows pierced the old grey walls. The door on the north side was made double, one above the other and the lower door shutting against the upper one, was fastened by an immense wooden latch.



Hand Drawn by Estelle F. Garnsey

From the upper floor a door on the south side opened to a walk across the end of the raceway to the saw mill on the opposite side.

Due to the incline of the rocky creek bed at the lower or south-east corner, the floor of the Mill at that point was 4 or 5 feet from the bed of the creek. At this corner there was an opening about four feet square in the end wall through which the water from the wheel, when the Mill was cooperated, poured with a rushing foam nearly filling the opening.

In the spring of the year the ambitious "suckers" coming up the creek from Perch Lake would crowd in hundreds through the foaming water under the old Mill and when the gate was shut down for Dinner allowing the rocks to become bare, scores of them would be captured by the "Boys" and carried home.

Two heavy round timbers about 30 feet in length extended from the North door of the Mill above the rocks to the shore, where they rested upon a wall about 4 feet high. Across these timbers was a plank walk about six feet wide. At the shore end the tams would unload the grain where it would be piled on a four wheel truck and drawn by hand into the Mill. The grinding was done by "Mill Stones: which were about 45 inches in diameter, the lower one being imbedded in a platform about three feet high at the west end of the Mill. In this lower stone was a hole through which the spindle came up from below. On the top of the spindle the upper stone was hung and at the lower end below the floor was the wheel around which the driving belt passed causing the upper stone to revolve.

The power came by tapping the side of the Raceway and by means of a square constructed tube perhaps 2 X 3 feet, led the water through the side of the Mill to a circular box several feet in diameter. In this box stood a heavy wooden shaft fitted around the bottom with strong wooden paddles something like the side wheel of a Steam Boat. The water striking this wheel within the box caused it to revolve, while the water after making part of the revolution with it escaped through a hole on the bottom.

Above this box around the shaft was fixed a large wood wheel, with heavy wood cogs which meshed into a smaller pinion around a second upright shaft causing it to revolve rapidly. A large pulley around this shaft carried a broad leather belt which led to the pulley on the bottom of the spindle which drove the upper Mill Stone. This leather belt is still in service in Mr. Gailey's Mill today.

Although the Mill ground but slowly it was the only one in the nearby country and did its work faithfully. By hanging a large sack on the "spout" the Miller could leave his work for several minutes to grind slowly, exceedingly sure.

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A story was told that when grinding corn he went across to dinner and in a few minutes hearing the mill stones pounding together with no corn between, rushed back to the Mill to find a neighbors rooster standing on the hopper picking each kernel of corn as it dropped in the hopper bottom.

The Saw Mill occupied a site at the south side of the grist mill with the raceway between furnishing water for both mills. It was located about where the present saw mill stands but extended nearly to the rear of the old cheese factory.

An Iron wheel with "buckets" was fixed at the end of the raceway on the end of a large oak shaft about 14 inches in diameter. This shaft extended across under the mill with an immense iron crank on the end. To this crank a 15 foot pitman shaft was attached reaching to the floor of the mill. To this was attached the "Up and Down" saw, a heavy blade of steel $\frac{3}{8}$ " of an inch thick, about 7 feet long and 10 inches wide with teeth about 2 inches apart and nearly the same in length.

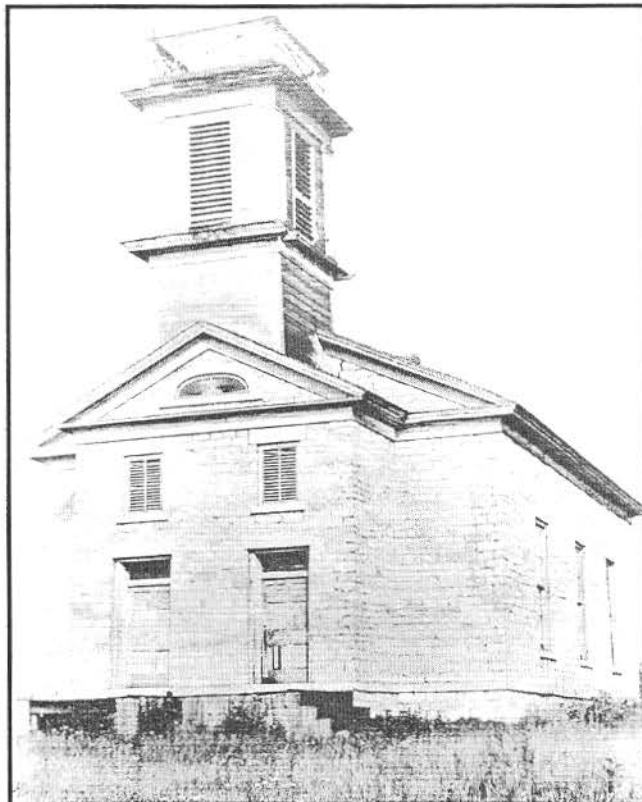
To the top of the saw was attached a wood arm which operated a rolling beam by which iron dogs were made to push on the rim of a large wheel attached to the floor and connected with cog gears to the under side of the carriage by means of which, each time on the upward stroke the log was pushed up to the saw cutting only on the downward stroke.

By an ingenious device, just before the farther end of the log was reached, the gate was tripped and the saw stopped. By opening a small gate sufficient power was obtained to reverse the carriage, one end of the log was set over by hand at a time, the large gate opened and another plank succeeded.

As the winter thaws and springtime floods furnished the only water supply, during such times the Mill furnished with a stove and a "bunk" furnished comfortable quarters for the second sawyer until his "tour" of duty came.

The dam was built across the creek just back of the west end of the present steam Mill and caused the "pond" to extend nearly a half mile up the creek. In early spring it afforded a skating rink of about 25 acres. By a clause in the title this water must be drawn off this land before a certain time in the spring. Consequently the rush to use the mills before that time came. The late George P. Marsh, a veteran mechanic and Mill wright was the last owner of these two Mills and by an agreement, at time of his purchase, tore them down about 1868 when the old original land mark ceased to be, and now "No more the glassy brook reflects the day, But choked with sedge works its weedy way."

The old Stone Church on the hill was built in 1837 through effort and much sacrifice by the people of the community at that time. It is a commodious structure and a land mark worthy of better attention. The large windows in its earlier days were peopled with 7 X 9 panes of glass, long since replaced by some of more modern dimensions. The seats outside the side aisles face the center of the house. Along the aisles formerly were rows of wood posts which supported the pipes from the stoves; scores of feet of pipe reaching the entire distance of the interior.



Stone Mills Union Church

On these posts were hung tin Brackets each of which in the early days supported a tallow candle for evening service – about 12 or 15 being necessary for proper illumination.

The large Stone Store andoccupied by the writer, built inLee Lord, after passing through the hands of several veteran business parties first reached our memory in the hands of E. G. Brown, father of the late Hon E. R. Brown of Watertown, back in the 60's. At that time a stage from Watertown to Clayton furnished both mail and passenger accommodations. Store stocks were much simpler than now and the entire wants of the community were provided for from a very limited assortment, while now we must
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stock every department to its limit to provide for their desires. Your servant being the 18th family occupying.



Stone Mills Store & Residence

The hand of time has wrought many changes now almost unknown to the present generation. We remember when Chas. Ellis House and Shop were connected with a long covered shed under which teams were hitched when coming to the shop, then owned by Wm. Collins, while in one end of his house a grocery was conducted for a while.

A grocery was once built between his house and the house of Milo Chapman and having served its time, was moved on one corner of the yard now belonging to Asa Casler and managed for a time by Alfred Wagner. It now serves as a wood shed for Mr. Casler.

Josiah Lawrence known as "Blind Lawrence" lived many years in the house owned now by Martin Smith and peddled meat and dealt in cattle.

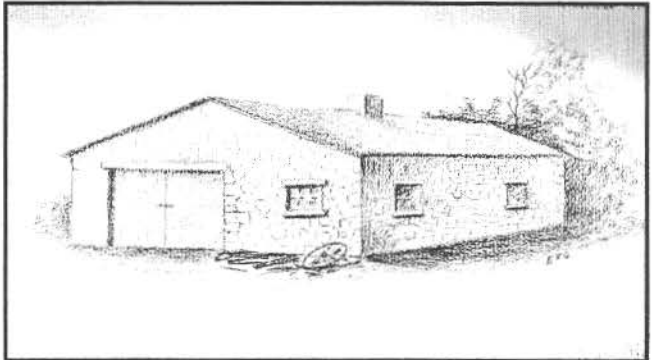
Rev. Lyman Waugh, a retired minister, lived in what is still known as the "Waugh House", being a shoe maker by trade – Boots made to measure and mended with pleasure – being his occupation.

The pulpit was a raised platform, perhaps 5 feet high reached by a spiral staircase on each side while at each end of the desk was a wood pedestal reaching from the floor with a square top for the candles necessary for the convenience of the Elder. On three sides at the back of the Church was the sheds probably 150 feet in length – while around the outside of the same were dozens of rings for tying tams and these in the early days were not rusting from want of use for the Sunday attendance came from a territory reaching from Scovilles Corners to Perch River, from Dog Hill to the Brown School House and from Roteers Corners to the 7 Bridges.

In the early 60's the Union spirit caused to be placed on the tower a flag staff. Many political meetings were held here, and the writer well remembers his father saying when the report of Lincoln's assassination

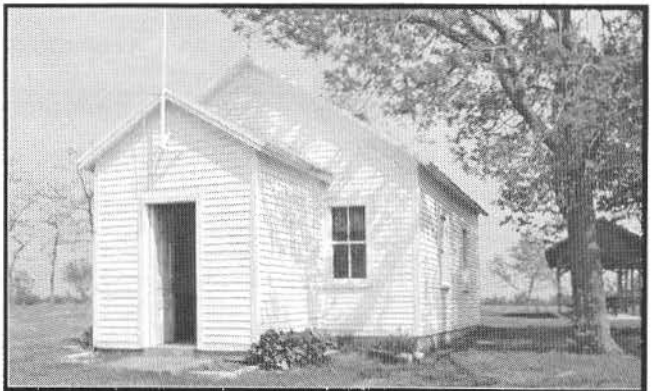
reached the community, "I guess it's true for the flag on the church is at half mast."

The Stone School House built in 1838 still maintains most of its outside original appearance – a square tower which at first crowned its western gable, long since disappeared. The acre of ground occupied by the church and school house was deeded in the early days by our Elijah Horr to the community for that purpose.



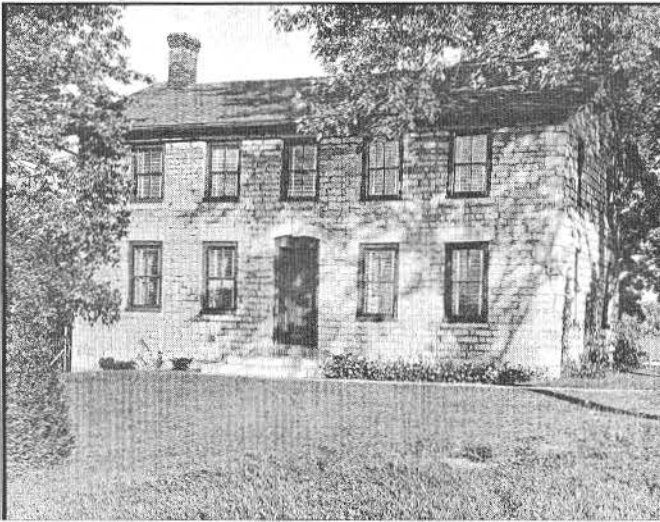
Drawn by Estelle F. Garnsey from a description given by John Irwin as he remembered the building, the Stone Blacksmith Shop was one of the early structures in Stone Mills, built about 1830, stood on the first block south of the Store, about 100 feet down the street on the west side. It was about 20 X 30 feet on the ground and was taken down about 1877 and replaced later by a wagon shop which has also been removed.

The Stone Blacksmith Shop formerly occupied the front corner of what is now Calvin Ainsworth's place. It was one story high with 2 large doors in front. Our first memory of "shooting the anvil" on the fourth of July locates the act at this shop.



The schoolhouse now on the museum grounds replaced the stone schoolhouse, which was built on this site in 1838. This wooden frame schoolhouse was formerly the Town of Orleans #1 Schoolhouse and was donated to the museum by the Shimmel family.

The large stone farm house in the village, now owned by Dr. Tinkess was in early days owned by Elijah Horr whose land mostly swamp bordered the east side of the village.



Stone House built by Elijah Horr

At one time owing to political preference the post office was located where Warren Smith now lives but soon brought back because of its inconvenience.

George P. Marsh, the former mill owner had a carpenter and cabinet shop near the creek north of the present steam mill and for many years it was used for a voting place.

Elderly people of years ago have explained to me that the irregularity of the burial lots in our cemetery was due to there being so many stumps and fallen trees on the lot that graves were made where it was found most convenient between the logs – and yet while the simple resting places of those early pioneers remain undisturbed the newer part of the cemetery is modernly arranged and the entire plot kept in a most satisfactory manner.



Stone Mills Cemetery today (March 2007) behind Methodist Church

Perhaps we do not at present make history as fast as our fathers whom we have buried, but we still have pride and respect for the village they built from the forest and the quarry and feel assured that "though round its bust the rolling clouds are spread Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

(1864 Atlas Map Stone Mills Continued from Page 9)

L. Waugh had his home next to the Smiths. Lyman Waugh is listed as a clergyman in the 1860 census. He preached in the Stone Mills church, but he made his living as a cobbler. His motto was "Shoes made to measure and mended with pleasure." He and his wife Emily had a young family consisting of Julie A., 14, Henrietta, 11; Lyman G., 9; Augusta E., 8; Amy S., 6, and Leonard A., 2. All were born in New York State, and all but Leonard attended school.

J. Giegerich was John Giegerich, aged 31, a shoemaker. He and his wife Emily were recent German immigrants, their eldest child, Mary, aged 6, having been born on the ocean. She and Elizabeth, 5, attended school, while John, 3 and Catherine, 2, were at home.

P. Nellis, was probably Peter Nellis, who, like Alfred Wagoner, was a German Palatine descendant who migrated up to Jefferson County from Montgomery County. There are two Peter Nellises with a Stone Mills address, with no way of telling which is which.

Mrs. Briggs

The last house on the map belongs to Mrs. Rouse, a mystery, since most of the Rouse family lived at Rouse's Corners. She may have been the mother or the wife of Isaac Rouse, another Civil War Vet, about whom little is known, except that he worked as a clerk in Elon Brown's store before the war.



Renovations being done today (March 2007) on the store - See Page 21 for old picture of store

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.)

PHILLIPS, PIERCE, HARVEY

I am a 4th generation decendent who lived in the Rutland, Jefferson, New York area in about 1808 to 1858. His name was Edward **PHILLIPS** born Sept. 9, 1788, and died April 9, 1859. He married a Mary **PIERCE** of Vermont daughter of Icahgod **PIERCE**. They had 10 children. They went to church in the Rutland Hollow. They were Methodist religion people. Edward fought in the 1812 War. Edward and Mary got married in Champion, New York on Dec. 25, 1813 by a man named Mr. **HARVEY**. Edward, was born Lyme, Conn. I am unable find the missing link to this family link. I am unable to find his parents or brothers and sisters. I cannot get birth certificate nor death certificate on him as well.

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PARLIN

I am looking for information on Elmer E. **PARLIN**, wife Emma, or children Cora and/or Elmer E. Jr. The senior Elmer E. Sr. died Watertown, December 1970. Is there an obit or other family information?

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TROLLEY HOUSE & RAILROAD STATION

I am the historian for the Town of Pamela. I am researching the Trolley house on West Main St. Watertown for an individual. Can you help me with any info.

I am also looking for any information on the railroad station/trolley station at the corner of West Main and Meade Streets in Watertown. It is now the home of Party rentals.

*Dori Klaproth
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WARD, HUBBARD, McOMBER, CRANDALL, RAY

Am seeking information on the **WARD, HUBBARD** and **McOMBER** (& Variants) who lived in Jefferson County New York as early as 1797. Sanford **WARD** from age at d. b.c. 1789 probably in CT d. 1885 in Adams, Jefferson Co., NY. His children, Daniel m. Nancy **McOmber**; Polly m. Henry **HUBBARD**; Clarissa m. John M. **CRANDALL**; Samuel m. Sylvia **RAY**; Benjamin b.c. 1809; male child b.c. 1811. Sanford **WARD** m 1. Lucy (unknown) d.1850; m. 2 more times. no issue from last two m.

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MARTIN, TAIT

I'm looking for information on my great grandfather, Lewis C. **MARTIN** and his wife Sarah (Sadie K.) **TAIT** along with their parents. (My grandfather-George **MARTIN** and his brothers and sister are buried next to their parents at Glenwood Cemetery.) Wondering if any of our relatives have done genealogical work already and if so, who? My dad is George **MARTIN**, Jr. of Winthrop, NY.

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WOOD

While searching a civil war camp site in Virginia, two relic hunters uncovered a pipe with "W. A. **WOOD**" carved on it. They believe it belonged to William A. **WOOD** of the 94th NY Volunteers. **WOOD** was born 1843, lived in Philadelphia, Jefferson Co. NY, and enlisted on 2 February 1862, in Sacketts Harbor.

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Stone Mills School (On the cover)

Stone Mills had a one room district school. All the scholars for this year are shown in this picture.

First row (left to right): Carl Gailey, Dale Dorr, Aden Mowers, Earl Graham, Charles Gailey, Thomas Jackson

Second row (left to right): Henry Scoville, Mable Baxter (Mason), Mary Baxter (Dean), Edith Jeffers, Helen Wilder, Rose Scovil (Wilder), Grace LaGraves (Joles), Edith Jackson (Sanford), Ione Wilder (Mitchell), Martin Johnson

Third row (left to right): Edna Jeffers (Dixon), Belle Gailey (Ebbliie), Fannie Dorr (Nellis), Mae LaGraves (Braden), Mabel Mitchell (Denison), Elmer Wilder, Nellie Graves (Sloat), Maude Wilder, Lottie Johnson

Fourth row (left to right): Isaac Mitchell, Herbert H. Nelson (teacher), Frank Schram

Names in parenthesis are the married names. Photo was taken by John Irwin, prominent Stone Mills merchant. The school eventually burned. It occupied the site of the current wood frame schoolhouse at the Agricultural Museum at Stone Mills

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JCNYGS To Publish Pedigree Charts Vol. 2

The JCNYGS will publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We asked that those who had 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 leave this notice here to inform you that Lynn has completed work on the Volume 2 and it is now in the hands of our Publications Committee and soon to be sent to our publisher. If you did not get your pedigree in for this new publication, please send to Lynn your pedigree and we will keep it for Volume 3.

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Out of The Mail Box!

I got the Jefferson Newsletter! When it comes, I have to sit down and read it thru' - so interesting to get news and pictures of these towns, areas, there in Jeff. Co. I had not heard of that place - but it was so good on the history, people, times, and the happenings. Its "my kind of newsletter!"

Eila Schiffer
Camden, NY

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MAILING LABELS,
THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST
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DUES ARE DUE JULY 1ST**

What's Going on with JCNYS

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

April 9, 2007 Meeting

Following the business meeting, Elaine Scott, from the Henderson Historical Society, presented a very interesting program on the Cable Carry. Ms. Scott brought with her a 15-starred flag which was used in the reenactments of the Cable Carry. After leading the audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance and singing the national anthem, Ms. Scott related many stories surrounding the Cable Carry and the Battle of Big Sandy, which occurred in 1814, near the end of the War of 1812. It took 100 men marching 6 ft. apart 3 days to carry the 600 ft. long cable which weighed 9600 pounds a distance of 19.7 miles from the South Landing Bridge in Ellisburg to Sackets Harbor where the U. S. warship, *Superior*, was docked. Each man carried approximately 100 pounds of rope on his shoulder, and replacements filled in when they became too tired to continue. Many men suffered permanent physical damage from the effort. It is believed that about 400 men in all were involved in the carry. Ms. Scott brought with her a copy of *The Six Town Settlers*, by Robert E. Gummer, which contains a list of names of men involved in the Cable Carry. She also passed out to the audience copies of a brochure published by the Henderson Historical Society giving information on the Cable Carry, a walking or driving map of the route traveled, and a list of other materials related to the carry. She also showed a video of the most recent Cable Carry reenactment.



Elaine Scott presents a program on the Cable Carry at the April meeting.

What's Going on with JCNYS

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

May 14, 2007 Meeting

Following the business meeting, Jim Ranger presented a program on materials available to researchers at the County Building. Mr. Ranger is in charge of Records Management and is also the Jefferson County Historian. Some records available are: naturalization records, census records, supervisors' records, maps, index of businesses 2002 to present, land records, and mortgage records. He gave each person a pamphlet outlining the records available and the fees for copies or research done by his staff. He mentioned that, while guidelines to accessing vital records are strict, a more accessible Index to Vital Records will be available at Flower Memorial Library in the near future. After his presentation, members had time to do research among the records on the first floor of the office building. Staff were available to help locate materials and answer questions.



Phyllis Putnam introduces Jim Ranger at the May meeting.

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Minutes For April 9, 2007

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Davis at 6:35 p.m. Twenty-three people were in attendance. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved by motion of Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Bob Van Brocklin. Treasurer Sally Washer emailed a report stating there had been no expenses or revenue since the March meeting. No vote was taken. As Corresponding Secretary, Clancy Hopkins reported that things have been quiet. For the Membership and Surnames Committees, he reported that we have a couple new members, but our total membership remains about the same. For the Repository Committee, Nan Dixon reported that the location of our materials in the Flower Library has changed. Phyllis Putnam and Charlotte Brenon have sorted and cleaned out the Repository materials. A sign out sheet is needed.

Phyllis Putnam reported for the Publicity Committee that she sent out all the usual notices to various media. For the Program Committee she reported that the upcoming programs are correct as listed on the back of the agenda, plus she has a program lined up for October 8: Julie Gosier will present a program on the approximately 600 pictures made from plate glass negatives from the late Oren Johnson photography studio. The meeting will be held in the afternoon at the Chaumont Town Hall. It was suggested that members could meet for lunch at the Duck Inn before the meeting. Phyllis also suggested that we meet for lunch at 12:30 at the Carriage House before the May 14 meeting which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Jefferson County Building. For this meeting we will meet in the Board Conference Room on the second floor. There will be time for research after Mr. Ranger's presentation. One topic for a future program was suggested: DNA and genealogy. Elaine Scott mentioned that we could contact John Nichols of Carthage who has had some experience in this area.

Bill Dixon reported for the Informer that the May issue is ready for printing. Perch River has been suggested as a topic for the July issue.

Phyllis Putnam reported on the progress of the 2nd pedigree book. She met with Lynn Thornton and there is still some work to do before the book is ready to publish.

Bob Van Brocklin reported that there have been no sales of the Will Book since the last meeting.

Under Old Business, Clancy Hopkins reported that bundles of the Informer have been sent out to about 28

libraries. The remaining issues will be bundled by year and sold for the price of postage and handling. The Repository will keep about 20 copies of each issue.

Under New Business, Jerry Davis mentioned that a store in Lima, NY has a quilt for sale with names from the German Lutheran Church of Watertown on it. If anyone is interested in it, he can provide more detailed information. Jerry read a notice from the Central NY Genealogical Society inviting members to come to their next meeting, April 14. He also mentioned the NYSCOGO meeting will be held on April 21 in Binghamton. He will be attending. Nan Dixon mentioned that the Jefferson County Society page now has a calendar where organizations can list their meeting dates and times. Clancy Hopkins suggested that since the Flower Library is in the midst of renovations, we could try to hold our meetings at the Jefferson County Historical Society building and offer them a \$50 or \$100 donation per meeting. This would give us a definite meeting place and also help them financially. After discussion, it was decided that this would be a good idea. Clancy will meet with Tim Abel tomorrow and discuss this with him. [Clancy did meet with Tim Abel and emailed the following: "As promised, I saw Tim Abel at the Historical society, and we will be able to have our June meeting there as well as future meetings until our Library is finished with our restorations. I suggested a fee of \$100, but he said that was not necessary. They usually charge \$10.00 per hour for non-profit groups like ours. I think that we should donate \$50.00 each meeting and everyone would be happy."]

Also, Clancy said that he could use help at the City Historian's Office. He is there Thursday afternoons and would be glad to explain what is needed to anyone willing to help.

The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m. after a motion to adjourn by Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Tracy Robertson.

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Minutes For May 14, 2007

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The May 14, 2007 meeting was held at the Jefferson County Building on Court Street. There were 26 people in attendance. President Jerry Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved, motion by Phyllis Putnam, second by Elaine Jobson. Jerry Davis read the report sent by Treasurer Sally Washer; the report was approved, motion by Bob VanBrocklin, seconded by Elaine Jobson. A copy is attached to these minutes.

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Corresponding Secretary Clancy Hopkins reported. He reminded us that we receive several newsletters from other genealogical societies and that they are filed in the Repository for members to access. He received a bill for NYSCOGO dues. A motion was made by Nan Dixon, 2nd by Phyllis Putnam to pay them; motion carried. Nan and Clancy reminded us that as members of JCNYGS, we are eligible to attend NYSCOGO meetings. Clancy made a motion to pay the Jefferson County Historical Society \$50 for each meeting we hold there, until the library renovations are completed. Jean Coyne seconded the motion; motion carried.

There was no report from the Repository Committee, but Clancy mentioned that our files and materials have been relocated in the library: they are on the second floor near the rest rooms.

Bill Dixon reported for the Newsletter Committee. The May issue went out on time. The July issue will focus on the Perch River area.

Clancy reported for the Membership/Surname Committees that we received a few new members, but the total numbers stay about the same. He also reminded us that dues need to be paid by July 1.

Publications: Phyllis reported that the new Pedigree book is in Lynn Thornton's hands, and she won't have time until June to make necessary revisions and corrections.

Resource Committee: Bonnie Borrello reported that Al Seymour has sold about 6 Resource CDs.

Jerry Davis attended the NYSCOGO meeting in April and reported that they plan to have published, by their September meeting, a guide to researching Native Americans in New York State. This book may be of interest to members who are of Native American descent.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn, 2nd by Bob Van-Brocklin. The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

INTERESTING PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Church Services Held in Fort

By Ernest G. Cook

It seemed like the most natural thing for the settlers in the Perch river section to make use of the fort they had built, but no longer used, for their meeting place on Sundays when they gathered for religious services.

This fort, which was used for a church, should not be

confused with the fort the settlers in the settlement at which is now Perch River erected for their protection during the war of 1812. The fort in which the church services were held was the one erected by the pioneers in what became known as the Baptist neighborhood, some two miles from the Perch River settlement, but was built at about the same time as the fortification at Perch River.

When the war of 1812 opened there was a real scare among the thinly settled sections of the north. Unprotected settlers decided they would not be caught napping and so those at Perch River built their fort and the men in the Baptist neighborhood built one also.

After the war the people in Perch River made use of their fort as a storage place for grain and it was well adapted for this purpose and was used for a time as such. But the settlers at the Baptist neighborhood decided they could make a good use of their fort for religious services.

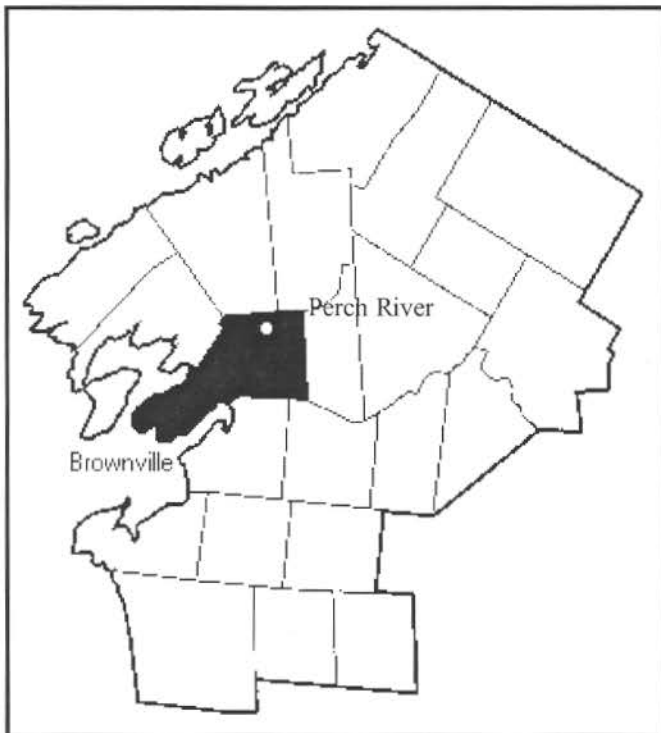
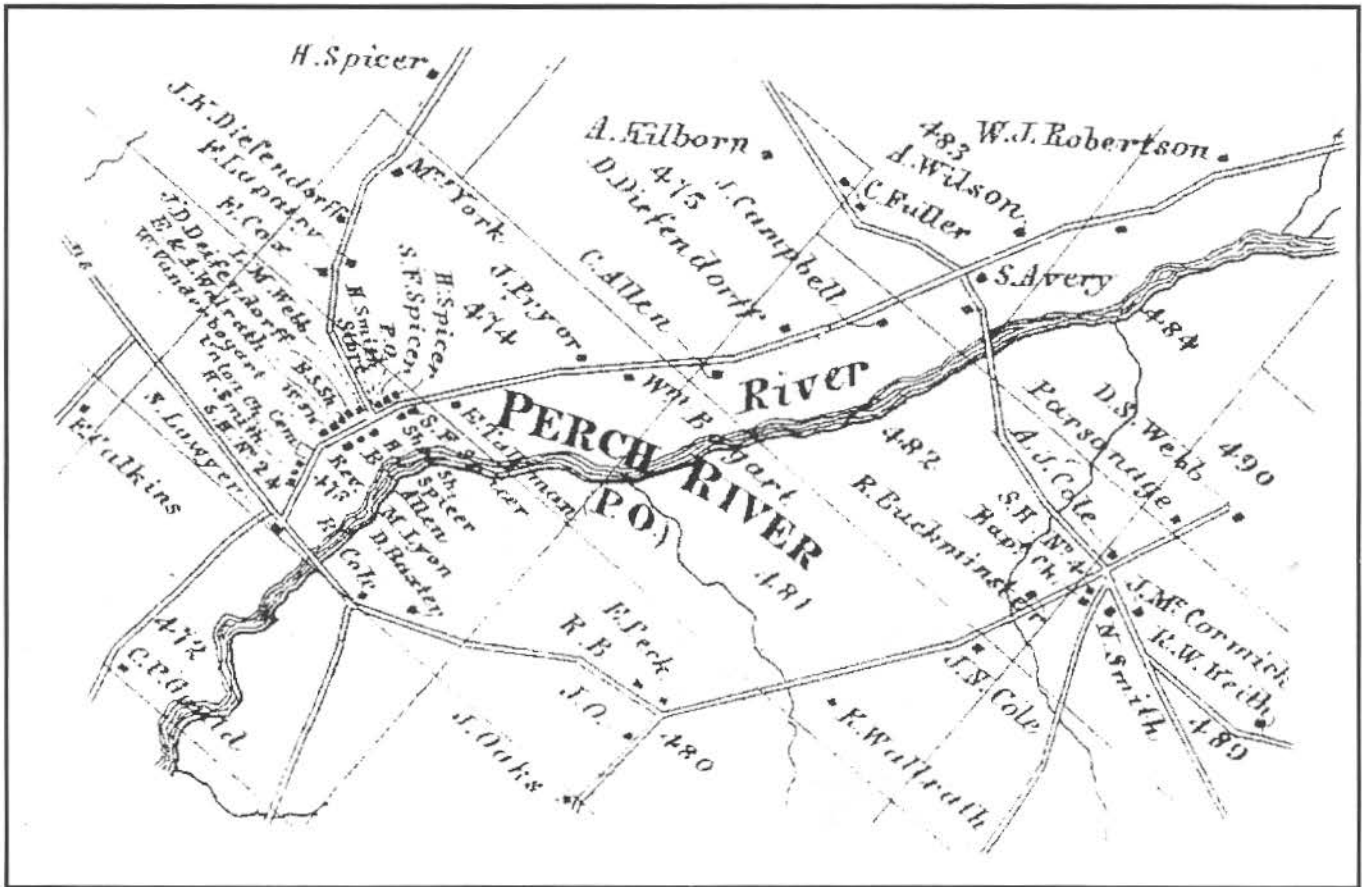
The people of the Baptist neighborhood had organized several years prior to the war of 1812 and because of this activity on the part of these settlers came the name, "Baptist Neighborhood." The settlers in this section actually for their church society on Sept. 7, 1806. It was the first church society in the town and was quite active down through the years. In the beginning there were just ten members in the society. They were: Richardson Avery, Truman Kilborn, Arad Farr, Oliver Bartholomew, Isaac Cornwell, Persis Towns, Peter Towns, David Little with Joseph and Rhoda Rhodes. The first minister to serve these pioneer people was Elder Timothy Pool.

The Baptist church society in this neighborhood, which was formed 19 years before, actually organized April 25, 1825, and that very fall there came a series of "protracted meetings" which brought in nearly 70 new members into the church. When the organization was made the society elected the following men as trustees: Melvin Moffatt, Walter Cole, George Brown, Nathaniel Peck and William Webb. The church building was erected in 1827.

The church society was always proud of its early record of men sent into the religious world. There was Sardis Little, who was ordained a minister from this church in 1816. Rev. Mr. Little himself served the local church in later years as its minister. The church sent into the missionary field the following three workers: Abner Webb, as missionary to Burmah, India; John L. Moore as missionary to the new sections of Ohio and Sydney Dyer to the mission fields in Mississippi. The old church records show that one minister, Rev. Ira A. Cooley, died in that parish.

PERCH RIVER

From Stone's 1864 Atlas of Jefferson County



Once Called Moffattville

(From an Ernest Cook article titled "How Limerick Got its Name")

But, what about Moffattville, up the river from Limerick, what became of this settlement, and why don't we hear its name anymore?

There came the time when a post office was to be opened in that community and again there was a call from Washington for a name. Again there was a turning over in the minds of the settlers some suitable name for the place and every one proposed seemed to be lacking in local flavor. The names all seemed to lack something definite to describe the place. It was at this time that some person suggested that in as much as the community was located on Perch River, why not just take that for a name—Perch River. The name seemed to please all, including Washington.

Emerson: "Our County and its People."

Pp 503-504. History of Perch River

Perch River—When the settlement in this part of the town was founded the locality was called Moffattville, in allusion to Isaac and Melvin Moffatt. How long the name was maintained is uncertain, but the post office was designated as Perch River. In a preceding paragraph the names of the pioneers of this part of the town are given, but in addition to them may also be recalled: Abner Smith, General Britton, Samuel Starr, Chauncey Starr, Enos Scott, Wm. Knox, John Baxter, Roswell and Levi Baxter, Wm. Vandebogart, Benj. Prior, Major Avery, Charles and Sterling Avery, Daniel and David Phelps, David Crouch, Levi Hale (the copper), Silas F. Spicer, Nicholas Lawyer, John and Walter Cole, Nathaniel Peck, Archibald Sternberg, Seth Calkins, Jonathan Webb, and also Silas, Lewis and William Webb.

These may not have been pioneers or even early settlers, but they were prominent factors in the history of the locality more than half a century ago. The desirable lands here attracted settlers and were rapidly taken and improved, hence the settlement of Moffattville was a necessity. It was here also that during the war of 1812-15 the settlers built the fort, the same afterward used as a storehouse for grain, but which was torn down about 1837. Isaac Moffatt opened a tavern, and his son Isaac started a store. Daniel Allen was a later landlord, while Hugh Smith succeeded to the mercantile business. The hotel was burned about 1834 and was not rebuilt, but a store has since been kept open. The later merchants have been Smith & Spicer, Smith & Allen, Smith & Gillett, Michael Quincer, Clark Scott and Lyons Hagan, the latter being now in business, and also the local postmaster. In connection with their store Smith & Spicer for many years ran an extensive potashery. They employed in this business several men who traveled about the country with teams gathering up ashes for which they traded articles of merchandise. The ashes were converted into potash which was in turn shipped to market and thus produced a nice revenue to the proprietors. In an early day Silas F. Spicer had a tannery and shoe store here. The cheese factory was started by Henry Spicer about 20 years ago, and for the last eighteen years has been operated by George Northrup. The public buildings are the district school and the union church.

The Union church at Perch River was built in 1851 by members of the Methodist, Universalist and Lutheran denominations residing in the vicinity and while still owned in common is chiefly used by the Methodists, the other societies being almost extinct. The pulpit is

supplied from Depauville.

In the northeast part of the town, about two miles from Perch River, is what is commonly called the Baptist church neighborhood. In this locality the early settlers also built a fort during the war of 1812, fearing an Indian invasion of the town. After the period had passed the settlers met for religious worship in the old building, and here the first Baptist services were held. Indeed the society antedated the building of the fort by four years, having been formed in 1806 (Sept. 7), and was the first church society of the town. The original members were Richardson Avery, Truman Kilborn, Arad Farr, Oliver Bartholomew, Isaac Cornwell, Persis Towns, Peter Towns, David Little, and Joseph and Rhoda Rhodes. The first pastor was Elder Timothy Pool, succeeded in its early history by Elders Wilkie, Joshua Morgan, Sardis Little and others. The society was incorporated in 1825 and reorganized in 1833. The stone edifice was erected in 1827. Meetings are not regularly held, and the society does not report to the association.

About our Cover Picture!

(From the Town and Country News, July 7, 1971)

PERCH RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE, March 17, 1911

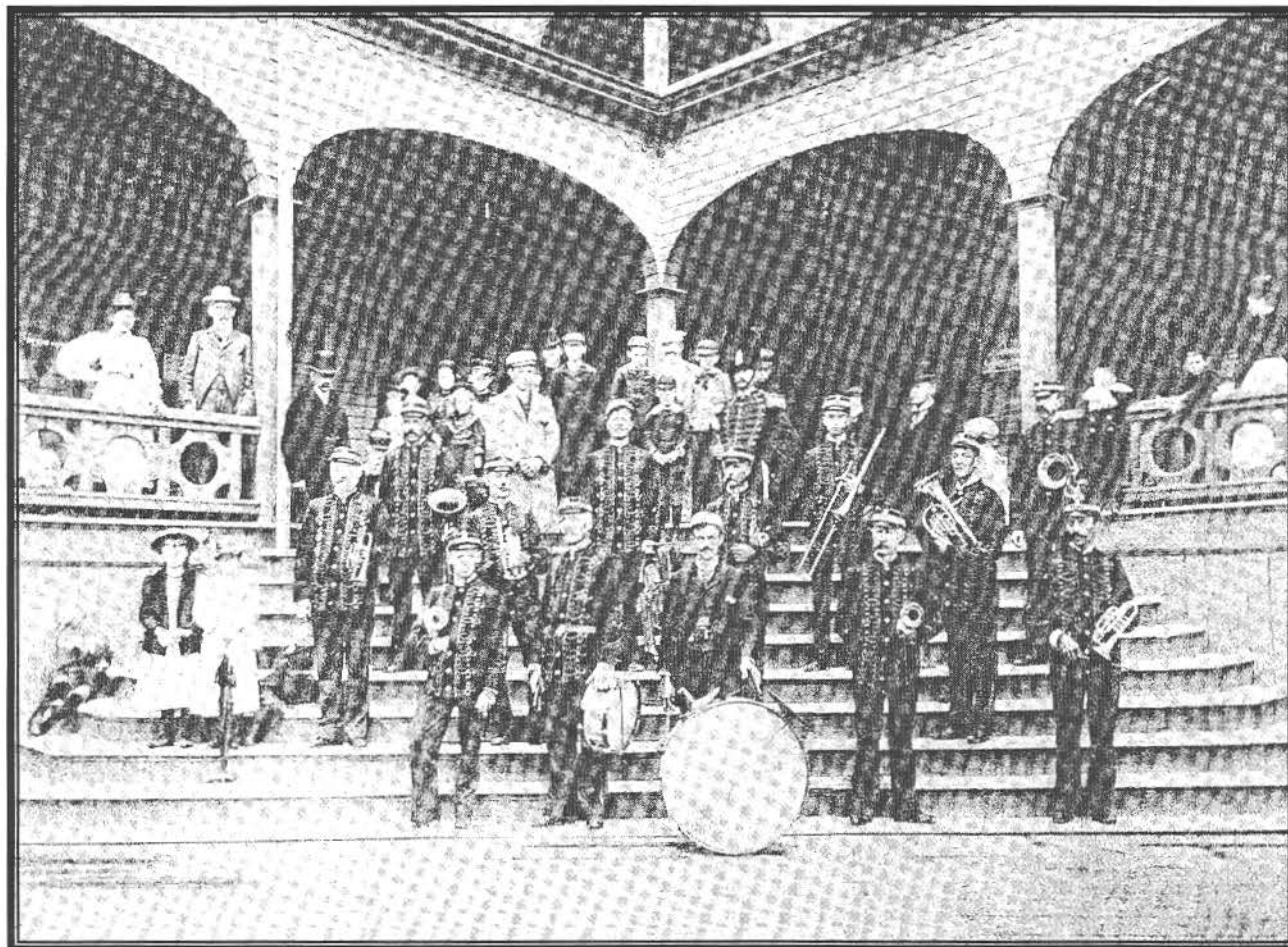
Date supplied by Miss Edith Diefendorf. She and her sister, Esther White Cosbey of LaFargeville would have been in the picture but the serious illness of their mother prevented their going to Watertown with the rest of the group.

Back Row, left to right: Carl Kissell, George McNett, Will Dorr, Ross Brimmer, Ina Slick Kissell, Henry Flick and Howard Kissell.

Third Row: Unknown (possibly Dorr), Iva Slick Gurley, Earl Clemons, Florence Slick Fleming, Elton Shaver, Jennie Shaver Knox, Floyd Haller, Anna Leiterman Fairman, Pitt Fairman, and Iva Corp Zimmerman.

Second Row: Ola Flick, Ross Dietrich, Mae Allen, Frank Allen, Allen Lehr, Georgia Cook Clemons, Merton Baker and Calumet Baker Hayes.

First Row: Ethel Fairman Letterman, Josephine Favret (not positive), Charles Corp, Irene Allen Lehr, Minnie Fairman Leiterman and Irene James Corp. Loaned by Everette Smith of Gunns Corners.



PERCH RIVER BAND This band played at the large hotels in the 1000 Islands area around the turn of the century. This hotel was located at Wellesley Island. Loaned by Mrs. Joy Shaver, Route R, Watertown

From Hough's 1854 history of Jefferson County

(References to Perch River)

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At the annual town meeting in 1820, which was held at Perch River, after electing a portion of the officers, the meeting was adjourned to the house of Edward Arnold, on Penet Square, till the next day.

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Moffattsville (Perch River P.O.) on the west bank of Perch River, three miles from Limerick, is a hamlet of a dozen houses, a Union church, inn, two stores and a few shops. It is in the midst of a highly cultivated district, but destitute of water power.

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The Brownville Baptist church (at Perch River) was organized September 7, 1806, and at an ecclesiastical council, held at the house of John Wells Collins, October 10, they were fellowshipped [sic] by delegates from Champion, Rutland and Adams. It at first numbered

ten members. Elder Sardis Little was ordained over this church January 10, 1816, and preached many years. A society was legally organized April 25, 1825 at which Melvin Moffatt, Walter Cole, George Brown, Nathaniel Peck and William Webb were chosen trustees. It was reorganized February 11, 1833. In 1827 they erected their present stone church at a cost of \$2800.00. Previous to 1812 they had built a log church, and in the war enclosed it with pickets, but the defense was never completed. Here the timid ones of the settlement were accustomed, in the early days of the war, to spend the night, enhancing each other's fears by relating tales of massacre, but these apprehensions were ridiculed by the more reflective and were soon laid aside.

The Moral and Religious Society of Perch River was formed March 19, 1851. Silas F. Spicer, Archibald Sternberg, John Cole, Lucious M. Webb, and Charles B. Avery were chosen trustees. A union church was built in 1851 by this society, at a cost of \$1500.

Forgotten Postoffices

By Ernest G. Cook, appearing in the Watertown Daily Times June 11, 1934 and reprinted in "Ernest Cook, volume 1" p37, by the JCNYS and the Lyme Heritage Society with permission of John B. Johnson, Watertown Daily Times.

On June 15, 1832, a post route was established by the United States to start from Watertown and go to Brownville and thence through the country to reach Lafargeville, Cornelia at the mouth of French Creek, Depauville, and back to Brownville. Cornelia, at the mouth of French Creek, is now Clayton. The government decided to use the name of Perch River the post office was designated at Moffattville, now a forgotten name. Isaac and Melvin Moffatt came into the rich lands along Perch River at an early date and made a settlement. Isaac Moffatt opened a tavern and a little later his son, also named Isaac, opened a store. There was quite a settlement there at the time of the War of 1812. A fort, built for protection in 1812, was used as a storehouse for grains. In the year 1837 the building was torn down. One gets an idea of the very early date in which the settlers located in and near Perch River when they recall that just two miles out of the village in what was for years known as the Baptist Church neighborhood, the settlers had formed a church society on September 7 1806 which was the first church society formed in the Town of Brownville. It was stated that Oliver Bartholomew was one of the charter members and it was he who helped to found the Baptist church in Watertown. Their church building, of stone, was erected in 1827.

Among the leading business men of Perch River were Smith and Spicer, who conducted a store and also carried on a very extensive potash business in the early days. Men were sent out with teams to buy up the ash from the surrounding country and bring it into Perch River. The ashes were converted into potash. Silas Spicer, father of Henry Spicer, was skilled in the tanning of leather and the making of shoes, so he opened a tannery at Perch River and also a shoe shop. The church at Perch River was erected in 1831, it being a Union church in which Methodist, Universalist, and Lutheran denominations were the leading promoters.

This community produced Hugh Smith. He was appointed postmaster and served for 21 years, or until he was elected to the assembly in 1873. He had a brother, Levi Smith, who served as postmaster in Watertown. Henry Spicer was elected to the assembly, and also served as supervisor of the town. He was presidential elector at the time of Grant's second election. Mrs. C. H. McCormick, wife of Cyrus McCormick

of reaper fame, was a native of this section.

The hotel was burned down in 1843 and never rebuilt. Merchants to follow included Michael Quencer, Clark Scott, and Lyons Hagan. Lyons Hagan served as postmaster, also William Smith and James Linstruth. About 25 years ago the post office was discontinued.

OLD RECORDS OF CHURCH GIVEN HISTORICAL GROUP

(Old Newspaper article - WDT? - October 26, 1944)

Interesting old records and accounts of the Perch River Baptist church have been found by Mrs. George Merriam of St. Petersburg, Fla., among some household goods which have been in storage in Watertown for many years. Mrs. Merriam is the former Miss Edith Ward, daughter of Fred Ward and Minnie Webb Ward of LeRaysville.

Mrs. Merriam's great great grandfather, William Webb, came north with General Jacob Brown early in 1800, and his son, Jonathan Webb was a trustee of the Perch River church as early as 1824. The papers have been in Mrs. Merriam's family as long as she can remember, and since she plans to make her home in St. Petersburg in the future, she is disposing of her possessions here. The papers and records will go to the Jefferson County Historical Society.

Among the papers is a record of the births and deaths in the family of Abigail and Stephen Strong. Stephen was the son of Abigail and Jedediah Strong, and according to the record was born 1690, and married 1714. The birth dates of their eleven children are recorded on a sheet of rag content paper, and the deaths of some of them. The record, however, does not state where they were born.

There is a page from an old ledger containing accounts and one is a bill for weaving four blankets, \$3.25; weaving 40 yards of woolen and spinning for two days, \$1.85; making two great-coats, ten days, \$3.12.

A letter written to Mr. Webb in November, 1840, by Sylvester Dumas of Evans Mills, tells him of an Eli Peck of Fayetteville Sta., Lawrence Co., who was desirous of settling in some church and hoping that Mr. Webb would consider him for the Perch River church. Also there are among the papers some of the records of the subscriptions to the church in 1828. Among some of the names on the record are Samuel Peck, Jonathan Webb, H. Bartholomew, Joseph Rhoaders, Steven Gould, George Brown, Aaron Goodwin, William Cole, David Wilson, Martin Kennedy, and Nathaniel Peck.



PICTURE QUERY

I found a picture of a past relative, and on the back it says **Electa Isham Adams**, Jefferson County, NY. There are two women in the picture and a man, and in the picture the house number 846 is near the door. The picture is labeled that the man would be my great-great-great grandfather. Do you know of anything that might help me learn who the people in the picture might be?

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Updates and More of the Johndrow Pictures

Our own past treasurer Hollis Dorr has been able to help us identify some more of the pictures from the Johndrow collection that we have recently been publishing. Hollis tells us that our May issue picture on Page 7 is of George Wagner and his sisters. While he doesn't know which sister is which, they are Mary, Elizabeth (Dorr), Kate (Wetterhahn), Rose, and Nettie (Gillete). Hollis also mentions that the bottom right hand picture in the January issue Page 12, is of George and Mary (Grant) Wagner. Thanks Hollis! Here's some more for you. Let any of our officers on page 2 know if you can identify any pictures.



From the Spicer Genealogy Book

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SIXTH GENERATION

317. SILAS DRAPER⁶ SPICER (Silas⁵, Edward⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born July 4, 1765, in North Groton, Connecticut. He died Oct. 20, 1813, in Unadilla Forks, New York. He married, April 11, 1791, in Stonington, Connecticut, Nancy Fish. Her parentage has not been ascertained; she had brothers, Thomas and Cyrus Fish. She was born Nov. 17, 1773, in Stonington, Connecticut. She died April 4, 1839. She is buried in Paris, New York. She married second, Elisha Davis.

Children

- 504. i. Silas Fish⁷, b. Feb. 20, 1792; m. Charlotte Westcott.
- 505. ii. Erastus⁷, b. Dec. 22, 1793; m. (1) Wealthy Adams; m. (2) Dolly Hawks.
- iii. Jason⁷, b. Oct. 22, 1795; d. aged 4 days.
- 506. iv. Nancy⁷, b. Oct. 11, 1796; m. (1) Jonathan Davis; m. (2) Jesse Landon.
- 507. v. Jemima⁷, b. Jan. 29, 1799; m. Sweet Allen.
- vi. Lavina⁷, b. May 25, 1801; d. Nov. 12, 1824; m. Mr. Oliver; dau. Lavina W. Oliver, b. Aug. 16, 1823; d. Oct. 15, 1850, in Depauville, Jefferson Co., N. Y.
- vii. Esther⁷, b. May 5, d. Sept. 5, 1803.
- 508. viii. Clarissa⁷, b. Dec. 2, 1805; m. Melzar Fowler.
- ix. Jason⁷, b. March 17, 1807; was killed July 7, 1835, by the falling of a tree.
- x. Luna, b. Oct. 25, 1809; m. (1) Mr. Cooper; (2) Mr. Carpenter; no record.
- xi. Mary, b. April 12, 1812; m. Austin Andrews; no record.

There was one trait which was characteristic of all the large family of Silas and Nancy (Fish) Spicer and which their descendants have inherited. This was insistence upon the right of free speech upon topics of national importance; they were all arrayed upon the side of human freedom, which sometimes led them into danger, as they very early took the part of the negro in slavery and did not hesitate to stand up for Abolitionism at a time when it was not always safe to do so. To discuss national politics was the habit of the women of the family. They were intensely patriotic and their thoughts were far above the sordid things of life.

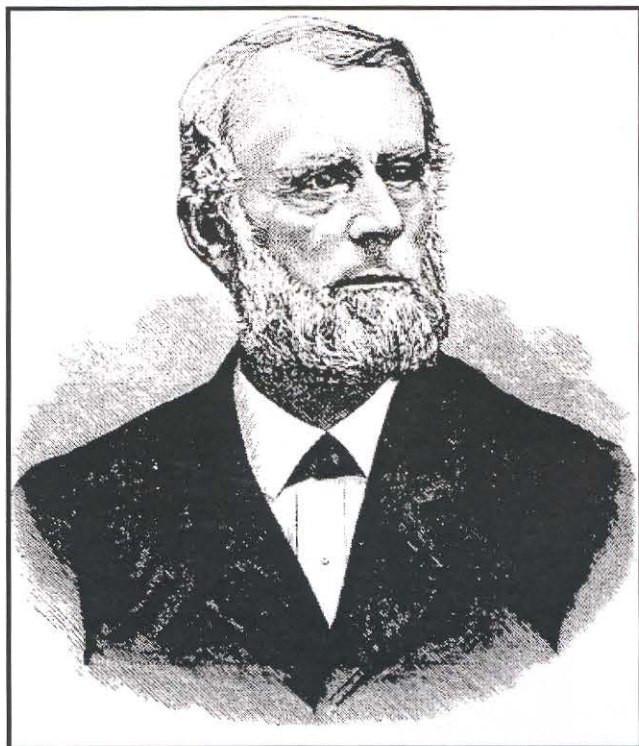
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SEVENTH GENERATION

504. SILAS FISH⁷ SPICER (Silas⁶, Silas⁵, Edward⁴, John³, Edward², Peter¹) was born Feb. 20, 1792, in North Groton near North Stonington, Connecticut. He died July 1, 1865, in Perch River, New York. He married, March 5, 1815, in Plainfield, New York, Charlotte Westcott. She was born July 26, 1797, in Deerfield, New York. She died Aug. 7, 1882, in Perch River. He went from Connecticut to Jefferson County, New York, with his father, and removed to Perch River in 1816. He was a man of unusual abilities and of great integrity of character. He was known and respected throughout the whole county. One who knew him personally has written of him, "He was the best man God ever made." Another wrote, "He was a grand and noble man and his children are good."

Children

- i. Charlotte⁸, b. Dec. 6, 1815; m. Hugh Smith.
- ii. Silas⁸, b. Jan. 20, 1817; m. (1) Hannah Rouse; m. (2) Mary Baxter.
- iii. Mercy⁸, b. April 10, 1819; m. Cornelius Van Camp.
- iv. Henry⁸, b. Oct. 20, 1820; m. Delia E. Allen.
- v. Fanny⁸, b. Aug. 22, 1823; m. Henry S. Archer.
- vi. Mariah⁸, b. Sept. 29, 1825; d. Dec. 24, 1900, in Oak Park, Ill., at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. Webb; m. Sept. 2, 1847, in Perch River, John Baxter, b. Jan. 29, 1824; d. Oct. 26, 1884; chi.: Edson C. Baxter, b. July 9, 1850, in Perch River; Charlotte A. Baxter, b. July 10, 1858, in Janesville, Wis.; m. Sept. 18, 1888, Nathaniel Kniebber Goodrich, of Chicago; r. Chicago.
- vii. Edward⁸, b. Feb. 10, 1827; d. April 13, 1828.
- viii. Caroline⁸, b. Jan. 5, 1830; m. Otis O'Conner.
- ix. Clarissa Fowler⁸, b. Jan. 5, 1830; m. James B. Webb.
- x. Mary⁸, b. Aug. 12, 1831; m. Ira O. Banks.
- xi. Jane⁸, b. April 12, 1833; d. March 16, 1904, in Oak Park, Ill., at the home of J. B. Webb, her brother-in-law; m. (1) Oct. 5, 1876, Orrin Barnes, who d. June 29, 1879; m. (2) April 3, 1888, in Omro, Wis., Miles Crandall; no chi.
- 774. xii. Edward 2nd⁸, b. Nov. 23, 1834; m. (1) Hannah Allison; m. (2) Frances Loucks.
- xiii. Sarah S.⁸, b. Nov. 16, 1836; m. March 25, 1863, Rev. George W. Calkins. He d. Nov. 13, 1864; no chi. She is one of the sweetest and gentlest as well as the truest souls.
- xiv. George⁸, b. May 11, 1839; killed Sept. 16, 1862, in the Battle of Antietam; was Sergt. co. A. 35th regt. N. Y. State Vol., "He died to preserve the Union."



Hon. Henry Spicer

The subject of this sketch was born Oct. 20, 1820, at Brownville, Jefferson County, N. Y. He was the son of Silas F. and Charlotte Spicer. In 1821 his father moved with his family to Perch River, where he was engaged during the remainder of his life in the business of farming and the manufacture of boots and shoes.

The elder Spicer was a man of sound judgment and strict integrity, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace. During the famous Morgan excitement, he was known as an "anti-Mason," and took decided grounds in the controversy which then raged throughout the States. Subsequently, and until 1840 he acted with the Whig party, but in that year became identified morally and politically with the abolition movement, he steadily fought until the year 1864, when Lincoln's emancipation proclamation obviated the necessity of further warfare. He was the instigator of the first abolitionist organization in the town of Brownville. Both he and wife were deeply interested in the temperance cause, and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their house was always a home for the regular and itinerant preachers of that denomination.

Silas Fish Spicer

(From Child's)

Silas F. Spicer was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1792. He removed with his parents to Oneida County and finally located in Sackets Harbor, previous to 1812, where he learned the tanners and shoemakers trades. He married Charlotte Wescott, of Hounsfield, in 1815, and they had 14 children, viz.: Charlotte, Silas, Mercy, Henry, Fanny, Maria, Caroline and Clarissa (twins), Edward 1st, Mary, Jane, Edward 2nd, Sarah and George. Mr. Spicer died at Perch River, where he settled in 1821, aged 73 years. Edward Spicer, a native of Perch River, was twice married. He wedded, first, with Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer and Phebe (Phelps) Allison, in 1866, who bore him one daughter, Jessie (deceased). By his second wife, Frances, daughter of Levi and Nancy (Snell) Loucks, of LaFargeville, he has had two children, Howard (deceased) and Irene. Mr. Spicer served in Co. G, 10th N.Y.H.A., two years and was honorably discharged. He is now serving his third term as supervisor of this town, and has served as justice of the peace.

Henry Spicer was born in Brownville in 1820 where he married Delia E., daughter of Beriah and Diana (Prior) Allen, who died in July, 1879, aged 52 years. They had four children, viz.: Fremont W., Carrie E., Henrietta, and George E. Mr. Spicer engaged in the mercantile business in 1845, and continued with marked success until 1863, since which time he has given his attention to dealing in stock, hay, etc. He resides in the village of Perch River. His youngest son, George E., served in Co. A 35th N. Y. Vols., and was killed on the eve of the battle of Antietam, September 16, 1862. Fremont W. Spicer married Minnie A., daughter of Oscar M. and Mary L. (Easterly) Wood, in 1881, and they have two children, Mollie and Murill D. He resides in Dexter, and is a dealer in coal, hay, and grain.

MURPHY'S LAWS OF GENEALOGY

None of the pictures in your recently deceased grandmother's photo album have names written on them.

No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, owned property, was sued or was named in a will.

ASK AUNT JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:
Aunt Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,
Clayton NY 13624
or E-mail nandixon@Gisco.net

"Rescued" Photos & Papers

#1

I've "rescued" an old photograph on Minnie **Augsbury Smith** of Theresa, New York which was taken at the W. A. Johnson Studio in Theresa. The photograph is dated 1889 with Minnie appearing to be in her 20's at the time it was taken. I'm hoping to locate someone from Minnie's family so that this wonderful old photograph can be returned to the care of her family. If you are a member of this family, or if you know someone who might be, please contact me.

Shelly Cardiel
cardiels@comcast.net

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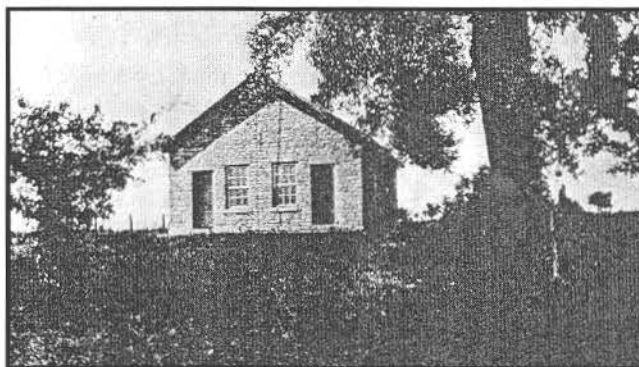
I have found some old papers in a book with the surnames of **Waffle** and **Baxter**. One is the front pages of an old bible with all the family history on it. I'd like to get it to someone from the family if possible. Can you help me?

Ann B
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#3

I recently purchased a photo album at a garage sale and, after checking the internet, I found a relative named Marie **McCoy** who wrote about the people in the album. I would like to find her so I can return this family heirloom. Some of the names in the album are: Livingston Luen **Dexter** (MD of Henderson), Beulah **Dexter**, Fred J. **Cook**, Sarah **Dexter** (It's her album, inscribed on the front with her name and dated January 2, 1871), Gorgie **Dexter**, Frank **Dexter** (Reverend?), Mrs. J. S. **Schwarz** (Rome, NY), George C. **Moore**, Bestow **Dexter**, Horance Nelson **Cook**, Reverend Jedediah **Burchard**. Any help would be appreciated.

Monica Posnick
mompos@mchsi.com



School House Number 24—According to writing on reverse side of picture given to me Edley C. Brown—by Morris Shaver on July 27, 1994, states: "School house was built in 1859 and this picture was taken on Sept. 13, 1914. School is now owned by Fern Eastman—George Waters, who now lives in Philadelphia, New York, that he lived in Perch River Village as a child and attended this school and that he and his father cut down a large tree on the school yard property (could it be the tree in the picture). That after school was out, the children used to go to the cheese factory in the village and get free cheese curd. In the Spring time, they would go up the road from his father's farm, where they were making maple syrup. The farmer would treat the kids to maple syrup on snow."

SCHOOL YEAR 1929

Perch River School
District No. 18
Town of Brownville, Jeff. Co. NY
Miss Kathleen Rundell, Teacher

PUPILS

Clarence Leiterman	Wilber Anderson
Helen Hughto	Mary Hughto
Lula Loomis	Marie Lingenfelter
Marian Loomis	Howard Hughto
Pauline Proven	Ruth Wylie
Eileen Proven	Lous Wylie
Eunice Flick	Edna Loomis
Billy Sargent	Helen Wylie
Marjorie Proven	Mary Loomis
Francis Flick	Roger Hughto

District Superintendent: H. W. Ceigler
Trustee: Edgar Emerson
Collector: Gaylord Walrath
Clerk: John Deitrich

Taken from the report cards of Edna Loomis Barker, Fulton, NY—July 1995

TEACHERS

1928—Miss K. Rundell; 1929—Margaret Greenizen; 1932—Morris Shaver; 1934—Mrs. Kathleen Beatty; 1934—Morris Shaver; 1937—Central Schools and Bussing Started

North Country Visits

Pioneers of Perch River Are Recalled by Names on Windows of Church Standing Near Crest of Hill Village and Which is No Longer Used for Services—Decline of Rural Population of Section is Cited as Reason Why Church is No Longer Operated.

By Ernest G. Cook

A Lonesome Church

On the main street of Perch River stands a white-spired church of the typical style of a century ago. It has a commanding location near the crest of the hill which overlooks the valley through which flows the hesitating waters of the wandering Perch river. At its side is the village cemetery where sleep the fathers of this historical place and on a few of the graves are markers telling that here are men who fought for freedom in the Revolutionary war. There is a quiet dignity to this church building and one wonders about the interior and why the door no longer swings to welcome worshippers from village and rural homes. There is a newer corner stone placed in the wall. It is of marble and on it are carved two dates. "1852-1901."

From an old record there is this information about the church building. It says that in 1851 a Union church was built at Perch River at a cost of \$1,500. The trustees were Silas F. Spicer, Archibald Sternberg, John Cole, Lewis M. Webb, and Charles B. Avery. It was an effort of the community in which the Methodist, the Evangelical Lutherans and Universalists were the leading denominations to cooperate. The services were mostly handled by non-resident ministers who came from some other station.

For some few years no services have been held in the church and it is presumed that ministers are not available to supply its pulpit. At the right as one enters the auditorium is a window with several names, all of ministers. On this window one reads the names of Rev. A. C. Danforth, Rev. S. O. Barnes, Rev. U. E. Brown, Rev. S. G. Carley, Rev. C. Merritt. One recalls that Rev. A. C. Danforth was a presiding elder in the Methodist church in 1907-8. Rev. S. O. Barnes served as a presiding elder for six years, ending his labors in that office in 1901.

Other windows bear names of pioneers. There is a window which gives the names of Taylor E. Calkins and Clara R. Calkins, also of Edmund B. Calkins and Nellie O. Calkins. Another window has the names of Silas Fish Spicer and his wife. It will be recalled that Mr. Spicer was a member of the first board of trustees. Beside this window is another to Rev. G. M. Calkins

and his wife, Sarah, and to Ervin Calkins and his wife Mary Calkins.

On another window appear the names of Jane Spicer Crandall, Lewis M. Webb and family, James B. Webb and his wife, Clara Spicer Webb. In the cemetery beside the church a flag waves on the Webb lot, telling that a member of this family sleeps here who fought in the Revolutionary war. On another window is the name of Hugh Smith. This is the man of Quaker stock who represented his district in Albany and who was the first postmaster at Perch River and served in that capacity for 21 years. With his name is that of his wife, Charlotte Spicer Smith.

In the vestibule are windows on which one reads the names of Rev. G. W. Hemperly, long famed as a leading minister in the Lutheran church; also the name of Arch Sternberg, probably another trustee. On another window is the name of Silas T. Webb and wife, Betsey Moffatt Webb. John G. Low and wife, Eunice Phelps Low, appear on another window. It is probable that Rev. G. W. Hemperly preached in this church in the early days when he was stationed at Orleans Four Corners. We recall that Isaac Moffatt was one of the very first settlers in the Perch River section and that the village was named Moffattville for a time.

One is surprised at the neatness and beauty of the interior of this church building. The pews are nearly new and very attractive. The doors are modern and the hymn books in splendid condition. An attractive library of missionary books is still awaiting readers.

A declining rural population is given as the reason why the church is closed, there not being enough people to provide a sustaining congregation.



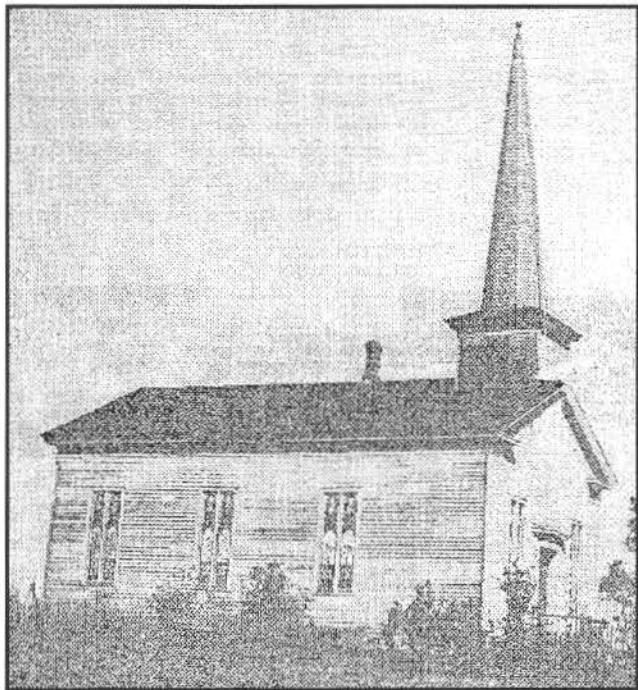
A picture of a building found among the unidentified Johndrow pictures

Let any JCNYS officer on page 2 know if you can identify any of the Johndrow pictures.

As Prominent Residents Died One by One, So Passes Once Thriving Perch River

(From An Undated Newspaper Article After 1915)

Monuments to Past of Perch River



Union Church, Perch River

Still presenting its original appearance,
but closed for six years



The First Spicer Home

In this one story stone structure with basement, Silas F. Spicer, his wife and 14 children made their home. He was a conductor of the underground railroad and the little place may have harbored escaping slaves. After burning of the cheese factory a few years ago it became a (illegible word) factory.

Homes Death Made Vacant Never Tenanted Again

PERCH RIVER – Altho Perch River once did not take second place among villages in political importance, today it is reduced to two public buildings – a one-story school and a community hall – and lacks stores, a post office or an active church.

Once some of its residents were numbered among the most prominent in Jefferson county. Among these were Isaac (Uncle) Moffett; Silas F. Spicer, abolitionist, prohibitionist and double of Abraham Lincoln; Hugh Smith and Henry Spicer, long partners and members of the state assembly.

The first cluster of homes here was known as Moffattville, named after the first settler, Uncle Isaac. He had followed Jacob Brown into the wilderness that became Brownville township, and if Brown had a large role, as brigadier and major-general, Uncle Isaac played his small part in the war of 1812, one of which was to bring about the capture of a British officer seeking to escape his parole, and a sympathetic Tory.

Post Office Disappears

About the time of the first post office the place received the name Perch River. The post office was in the Hugh Smith store, but it disappeared with the advent of rural delivery more than 25 years ago. The last proprietor of the store was Daniel Wiley. It has been closed several years. Two stores once prospered.

Lacking water power, Perch River never attracted many industries. A cheese factory closed in recent years. Once a large tannery employed many. Two smithies and an ashery have disappeared. When Henry Spicer engaged in hay buying on a large scale, a huge warehouse was maintained. From 1870 to 1900 he shipped from 10,000 to 12,000 tons of hay annually, largely to the New York market.

Spicer Most Widely Known

Spicer, undoubtedly, was this village's most widely known resident. His business and political efforts brought him in touch with many people. He was a member of the supervisors' committee that built the Watertown courthouse, and went to the assembly in 1876. His son, Fremont W. Spicer, became editor of The Fourth Estate, New York publication for newspaper men. Spicer was a horse fancier. One of his trot-

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trotters, Gold Dust, sold for \$10,000. He died in 1915 at 95.

In recent years Perch River was given publicity as the home of three civil war veterans, each past 80. They lived in consecutive homes on the main street. George Fall, William P. Smith and Charles L. Ostrander, the G. A. R. comrades, since have died.

Granson Timmerman made cheese here 50 years ago. Charles Shaver, a graduate of Perch River school, became principal of Antwerp high school and took up educational work in California, where he is retired. Henry C. Banks, another of the widely known Perch River folk, died three years ago. Clark Emerson, William Schultz, Addis Allen, William Smith, Louis Webb, Ben Clemons and Adam Hagan were among lifelong residents.

Two Churches Existed Once

Two churches once served the community. The Baptist church, organized in 1806, was the first of record in the township. It has long been discontinued. The Union church still standing but unused, was organized in 1851. It was last served by Mr. Robertson, a Methodist, who also had Depauville.

The whole population assembled for erection of the liberty pole 20 years ago. Last fall the tall staff was broken by Halloween mischief makers. Mrs. Gaylord Walrath, whose home faces the site, had the pole replaced this summer.

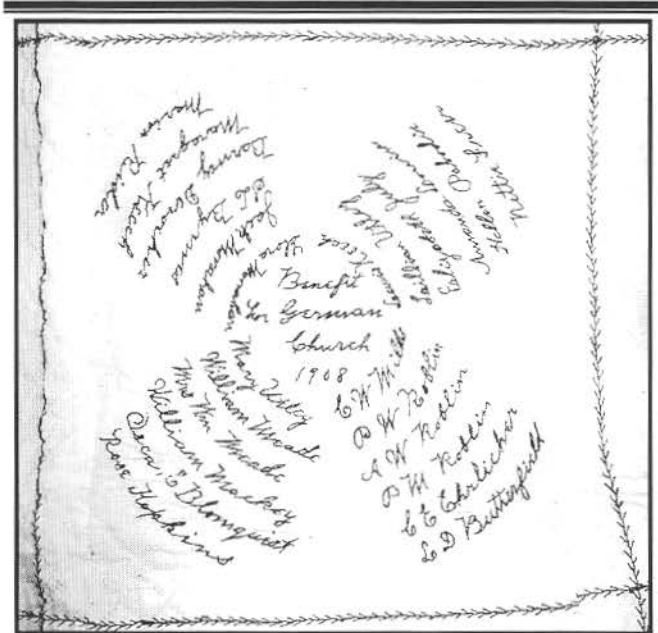
Death has swept away the population of Perch River. When older residents died none filled the residences. Sons and daughters had gone to cities. The large families of years ago are no more in Perch River. Henry Spicer often boasted that he was one of 14 children.

Homes are being razed from time to time. Land marks are being removed and the village is vanishing.

Any family tree produces lemons, nuts, and a few bad apples.

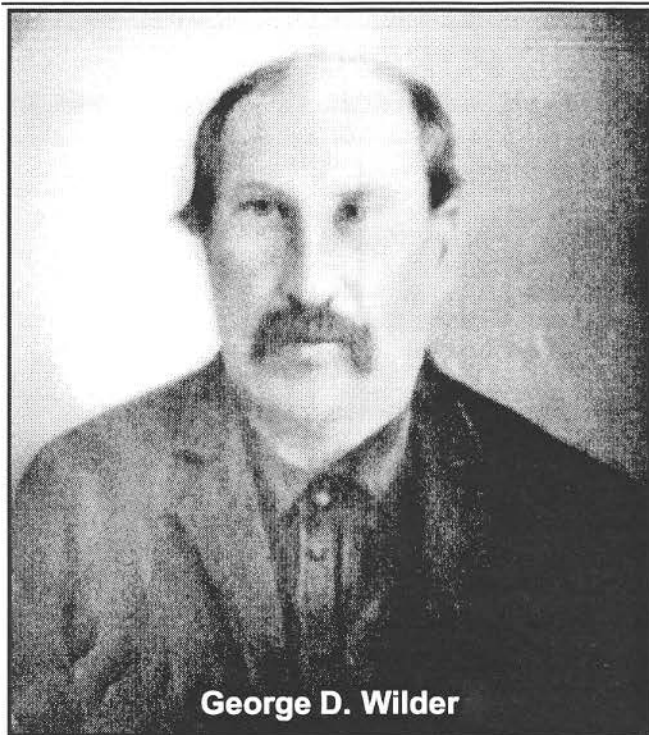
PERCH RIVER POSTMASTERS

Isaac Moffat	21 September 1836
Hugh Smith	08 July 1856
Nicholas Lawyer	23 July 1857
David VanCamp	23 July 1857 ?
Charles Buckminister	27 November 1857
John Devendorff	23 August 1858
Order of 10 July 1861 rescinded and J. D. Devendorff retained	
Henry Spicer	10 July 1961
Henry Spicer	27 January 1862
William Gillette	18 January 1878
NB	10 March 1886
Clark Scott	19 April 1892
Lyons Hagan	29 March 1897
NB	25 May 1901
George Northrop	31 March 1903
James Liner	25 January 1906
MO	10 October 1907
William Smith	27 March 1908
Discontinued	31 August 1912



100 Year Old Watertown Quilt

This is one of 42 blocks in a 1908 Quilt that JCNYS member Carol Ginder of Lima, NY has in her possession. In addition to this "Benefit for German Church 1908" block, another is "Watertown Liederkrantz 1908." If each block has 24 names as does this one, there would be over 1,000 names. The quilt is very clean in excellent condition, approximately 77" by 91" and the writing is in red thread. The blocks are "Tea Stain" squares with off white border within the block. If you have an interest in acquiring this quilt please contact: Carol Ginder, P. O. Box 268, Lima, NY 14485 or call 1-585-582-1464.



George D. Wilder

A Letter in 1899 To George Wilder

JCNYGS member Bonnie Borrello has returned to the North Country from her winter in the south. Learning of our Perch River emphasis for this newsletter, Bonnie presents us with a introduction to the letter to George Wilder:

My great-grandfather George D. Wilder was a veteran of the Civil War having served with Company E of the 94th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment in many of the major battles. He was wounded in the war and suffered from several ailments for much of his life. After the war, George married a Stone Mills girl, Mary Amelia Marsh, and they lived in Stone Mills the rest of their years.

In 1881, George was awarded a contract to carry mail from Limerick to Stone Mills, which he held until his death in 1901. Daughter Helen recalled enjoying the ride with her father on his mail route in the horse-pulled wagon.

Perch River was apparently on his route. From the Christmas letter dated 1899 and signed by so many residents of the area we can see that they wished to show their appreciation to him with a gift of money.

Perch River, New York
Dec. 25th, 1899

Mr. & Mrs. George Wilder,

Please accept the contents of this package, as a token of regard from the donors, a list of whose names is hereby appended and bear in mind that the sums attached there to have been most freely and cordially bestowed as an expression of their appreciation of your character and services.

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**Perfect love sometimes does
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grandchild.
Welsh Proverb**

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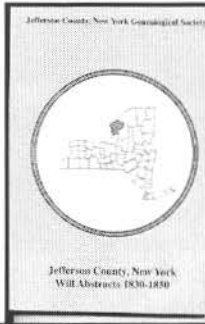
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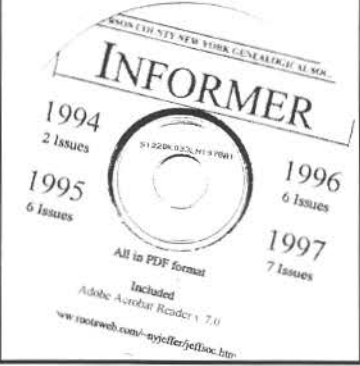
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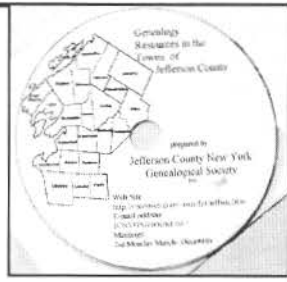
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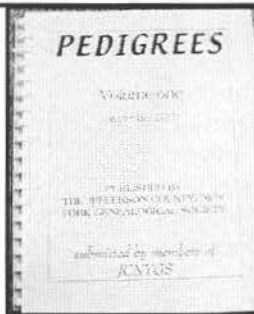
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OLD GENERAL STORE—The general store at Perch River as it looked for over a century, until it was razed in 1938. The picture was taken by Jay Shaver of Perch River on Sept. 13, 1914. The store part of the building, right, was built in 1816. The portion of the building in the center was a storeroom and the left end was the house. An apartment was over the store.

Store's Records Tell Perch River History

Built in 1816, General Store Important to Village as Banking, Buying Center.

By Marion H. Evans
(From an old Newspaper Clipping)

Perch River, April 27—The importance of the general store in the life of a community over a century ago is revealed in a study of some old papers and documents which came from the Perch River store. The collection, owned by Jay Shaver of Perch River and Miss Charlotte Gillette of Watertown, was inventoried recently by the town historian. The papers are reminders of the once thriving community of Perch River and the store which was razed in 1938.

Jay Shaver "rescued" the collection some time ago, when the contents of a large box of old papers taken from the attic of the store were about to be put in a bonfire. He passed part of the collection on to Miss Gillette, a granddaughter of Hugh Smith, one of the early store owners.

The papers give glimpses of transactions during periods between 1803 and 1834. The bulk of the collection consists of small slips of paper which were orders to the storekeeper to send goods or provide bearer with certain items. There are over 170 of these orders.

The oldest paper in the collection was signed by Becket Colman, Oct. 3, 1803, but the order cannot be discerned. One signed by Joseph Rhodes, Brownville, March 28, 1806, asked that bearer be given 75 cents. Many of the slips are dated 1816 and 1817, and another group between 1829 and 1834.

The communities represented French Creek, Stone Mills, Clayton, Orleans, Depauville and Brownville.

It would appear that the store served as a banking center, for a number of orders request that the bearer be paid a certain sum and the same charged to the signer's account. Many orders directed that a certain amount in goods from the store be given to the bearer. An order for \$4 in goods, dated Feb. 20, 1830, at Orleans, is signed "J. Everett, Poor Master". There are several references to shillings or other English currency.

A small hand-made, 16-page booklet, fastened by an old steel pin, is labeled "Inventory of Accounts due Isaac Moffatt, Jr., & Co., March 4, 1830". It has 265 entries, a few marked "paid", some labeled "in suit" and others "note given", all totaling over \$2,600. A smaller, undated booklet, partially intact, with 100 entries shows total outstanding accounts of \$4,177.77, reduced to \$3,812 by payment of two large accounts.

Copies of invoices and a small booklet containing an inventory reveal the great variety of goods carried at the store. An item on a crockery order, "twifflers", posed a minor research problem. Librarians at Flower Memorial Library, Watertown, discovered the term in a book on colonial home life, with the brief explanation that it was a pudding dish.

That "spirits" were sold, at the store is attested by the number of orders for rum or whiskey, ranging from one quart to nine and one-half gallons per order. One request was for six pounds of codfish and six quarts of whiskey. Three liquor licenses are also among the papers. The earliest was issued to Moffat, Butterfield & Co., dated May 7, 1816.

One headed "License to a Retailer of Merchandise, including Wines and Spirits, in the country" was issued to Isaac Moffat, Jr., Jan. 1, 1817, to sell at his and partner's store. A later one, issued to Jesse Smith May 5, 1829, was signed by G. Brown, supervisor; D. Ackerman and G. Brown, justices of peace.

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Some of the orders make amusing reading today. Alfred Kilborn or Perch River wrote May 27, 1833, "Mr. Moffatt please to let the bearer have cloth for a pair of summer pantaloons on my account." William Keen, Brownville, on June 22, 1829, to his order for "1 pt. Brandy, 1 nutmeg, 1 lb. Tea, 2 lbs. Tobacco in one paper and 1 lb. in another paper" added "N. B. excuse the writing for it was wrote with a hand trembling with the effects of the ague and fever".

The recollections of Miss Gillette, Mr. Shaver, Frank J. Allen and John Schultz of Perch River, and newspaper items by Roy Fairman and Ernest Cook help fill in the history of the store and its proprietors.

Mr. Allen recalls that his grandfather, Cyrus Allen, and two great uncles, Daniel and James Allen, came to Perch River from Amsterdam about 1802. The first store in the community was opened about that time. Mr. Allen believes that the building which housed the store for years, on the corner in the center of Perch River, was built about 1816 by James Allen, who was a carpenter for Isaac Moffatt, Sr. Daniel Allen married Moffatt's daughter Nellie and had a hotel across from the store.

A story about Perch River, written by Mr. Fairman in 1946, mentions "Henry Ward opened the first store at Perch River. He sold it to the Greene brothers and they to Isaac Moffatt, who disposed of his business to Hugh Smith and for many years Mr. Smith and Henry Spicer operated one of the best general stores in the county".

Deed records in the county clerk's office reveal transactions involving the property. On April 6, 1815, John and Catherine Bissell of Albany, for \$1,200, sold land to Hoel Lawrence, Isaac Moffatt, Jr., and John Van-Dyke, Jr., part of which was doubtless the site of the store built the next year.

In 1820, Hoel and Martha Lawrence, Isaac and Sally Moffatt deeded property including the store to Samuel Ruggles of Lowville. They continued to operate the business, apparently, and 1830 Ruggles conveyed the property to Isaac Moffatt, Jr. He retained it until June 17, 1836, when he sold his holdings for \$4,000 to John A. Cathcart, Ely Smith, Hugh Smith and Elias Smith.

The old documents from the store prove that between

1813 and 1818 at least, the proprietors of the business were Isaac Moffatt and Isaac Butterfield, with Hoel Lawrence (later town supervisor) apparently holding an interest. One paper dated at Brownville, Jan. 5, 1818, signed by the three men states "The co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the firm of Moffatt, Butterfield & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual agreement and all persons debtors or creditors of the firm are requested to call on Isaac Moffatt, Jr., who is duly authorized to settle the concerns."

Another paper of the same date signed by Isaac Butterfield: "Know all men whom may concern that I have this day sold and by these presents do convey, transfer and assign over to Hoel Lawrence & Isaac Moffatt Jun. All my rights, title, interest and claim to the profits of the Business of Moffatt Butterfield & Co, as well as all debts due & property in any way belonging to said Moffatt Butterfield & Co, for the sum of Six hundred and fifteen Dollars the receipt where of is hereby acknowledged in full."

Moffatt apparently had E. C. Bancroft of the store in French Creek do some bookkeeping for him, judging from a letter posted in Cornelia (Clayton) to "Isaac Moffatt Jr. Esq. P. M. Perch River." The letter, headed French Creek, Aug. 9, 1830, reads "Friend Moffatt, Dr. Sir, Have you got out of patience in waiting for your Books—I intended to have got them completed & sent them to you before this—But have not yet been enabled to finish them but have got considerably advanced—Arnold is so unwell that he has not been able to be in the Store but little for a time—he was going down the River on a Raft when I last wrote you but circumstances prevented. Have been absent myself to Ogdensburgh for three days last week—you therefore see what little I do—I have to do by piecemeal & by littles—& my own Books are 20 to 25 pages behind. But have patience a few days longer & I shall get them done. In haste." signed E. C. Bancroft.

Papers dated 1829 indicate that Hugh Smith had gone into the business with Moffatt by that time. Some slips acknowledge receipt of some commodity from "Smith & Moffatt". Miss Gillette has a paper which shows the appointment of Hugh Smith as postmaster on Sept. 21, 1836. As was usual in most rural communities, the post office was always in the store, until given up around 1912 when rural delivery replaced it.

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Older and former Perch River residents recall hearing many stories of the days when Hugh Smith and his brother-in-law, Henry Spicer, were in partnership in the store and other business enterprises and later both served in the state assembly.

Addis E. Allen, Smith's oldest son-in-law, succeeded him in business. He died in 1903. Allen's wife, Hannah Smith, an aunt of Miss Gillette's was the last one to occupy the living quarters over the store. Miss Gillette remembers her aunt telling of the time about 1905 when she was disturbed in the night by a whistle, but was too frightened to investigate. In the morning it was discovered that the store had been robbed, and it was surmised that the whistle had been the signal of the "look-out" to his confederates.

Later store proprietors who rented the building, are listed by Frank Allen as Jacob Quencer, Clark Scott, Lyons Hagen, James Lince and Earl Clemons, who is still living in Depauville.

David Wyle bought the property from Hannah Allen and operated the business until about 1927. His will probated on June 17, 1939, 100 years to the day after Hugh Smith acquired it, left the property to his wife, Maud. The building was razed in 1938 and the vacant lot sold to Miss Gillette in 1942 and by her in 1949 to Frank J. Allen who still owns it.

The Starr Family Decides To Settle In Brownville

Descendants of Elizabeth de Jersey Among First to Make Home in the Black River Country—Established First Distillery in This Section of Northern New York By ERNEST G. COOK

There was much of romance in the story of the wonder lands of the great Black River country that came down from York state into the New England country. And it was this highly colorful story that induced Samuel Starr and his good wife, Sarah Barnes, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Giles Barnes of Middletown, Conn., to leave their home in the well settled lands of Connecticut and brave the life of the pioneer in the new lands of the Black River valley. There were hardly a dozen houses north of the Black River. And the trip up the valley of the Hudson and thence along the Mohawk was far from being a holiday, but was easy compared with the long, tedious trek through the wilderness to where they proposed to settle in what became in after years the thrifty town of Brownville.

But Samuel Starr was not a man to turn back, once he started on a course. His life as a sea captain trained him to the hardships and storms of life. And his family had a reputation of following the path they thought right, no matter what happened. Back in 1637 a Dr. Thomas Starr, an ancestor of Samuel's, would not recant what he considered God's law, as declared by the Bible and was put in jail and ordered to pay a fine. This was in New England and Dr. Thomas Starr was at the time an appointed officer in the King's forces. At least the records show that on May 17, 1637 he was the appointed surgeon, or as the record spells it chlururgeon, to the forces sent against the Pequots.

Shortly after the records show that "He was accused for speaking against the order of the Court about swine, and the same proved that he said the law was against God's law and he would not obey it so he was committed and enjoined to acknowledge his fault and at the General Court was fined and made to give security for his fine or pay the same before he was released."

The fine was afterwards reduced to almost nothing, but his salary while on the expedition against the Pequois was withheld.

And to show how deeply religious the family was and how they looked for Divine Guildance, it is told of Mercy Starr, a granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth de Jersey Starr, followed the directions and guidance of God's hands as she saw it, in her New England home. One morning she arose very, very early to the alarm of her family. When asked for her early rising and her hurried getting of the breakfast she told a strange story. She said that during the night the voice of the Lord had spoken to her and told her that her son, Edmund, who lived 30 miles away, was very sick. That the family had called in a neighbor and asked him if he would drive for the mother, 30 miles away, and go at once. That the neighbor had started early in the night and would probably be to their place about day-break. That she wanted to get her work done and be ready for his coming.

The family of Mercy Starr laughed at her vivid story of her son's illness and questioned her about how she could know all this and of the neighbor driving during the night to reach her. She held to her story with great faith and hurried the breakfast along. The family had hardly finished their breakfast when there came a knock at the back door and a stranger appeared, saying he had a sad message. Thereupon he related how he was called early in the evening to the home of Edmund and found him a very sick man. That the family had asked him if he would drive for the mother and start at once. He had done so and was there to take

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the mother back with him, when she could calm herself and collect what she wanted to take with her. To the stranger's surprise the mother was ready and had her few belongings packed up. When he asked how she knew her son was sick, she told him her story of her message in the night and her family confirmed the story.

So it was an unusual family and the kind that do not turn back when obstacles come in the way.

Coming into the wilderness region of what is now the town of Brownville, Mr. Starr located on what to him looked like rich farming lands in the Perch River valley and some little distance from the settlement of Brownville village. This was probably in 1801, although some of the family think it was a year earlier and some place it one year after. He had hardly got his log home built when he decided that it was an opportunity to supply the needs of the new community with whiskey, it being a common article of use in nearly every home and generally sold in all stores. So on his wilderness farm he got up some logs and built a distillery but a few rods from the house. This was the first distillery north of the Black river in what is Jefferson county and some think it was the first one ever built in the county. His business grew and he became quite well-to-do. He was known for his many benevolences and his kindly nature. But when the news came up that the State planned to build a canal through the heart of New York state from Albany to Buffalo, Samuel Starr balked in believing such nonsense. "They will never do it," he said, "and I can tell you boys that when the canal is dug I'll stand ready to fill it with whiskey from my distillery."

Later Mr. Starr decided to move his household to Albany and died there in 1880.

His two children, Abigail and Chauncey, born before the family came into northern New York, carried on the work left by the father when he went to Albany. Abigail married Nathaniel Peck and this family has a history rich in patriotism. Nathaniel's father, Eliphalet, was a native of Danbury, Conn. and served with three other brothers in the Revolutionary war. Eliphalet was taken prisoner by the British in the city of New York and held by them for some time.

Nathaniel, the son who married Abigail Starr, served in the War of 1812 and he had a son who served in Company B, 177th New York Volunteers in the Civil war. Nathaniel, so some relate, took over the distillery of his father-in-law when that personage went to Albany. They had eight children, most of whom settled in and about Brownville and the Perch river section. His eldest son, Samuel, went to Albany and took over

the business of his grandfather, Cyrus Allen located at Perch River.

The war record of the Peck family is an interesting chapter in itself and can be told at a later date. Our interest has been in this story to tell a little of the strange coming to this country of the two sisters from the Isle of Jersey. It might be of interest to tell briefly of an incident in the family life of Grace Starr, daughter of Elizabeth de Jersey and Samuel Starr. She married Return Meigs of Middletown and Meigs was major in the forces under Arnold that stormed the city of Quebec and failed in the attempt. He was captured, but exchanged and was again with the forces that fought on Long Island. For his bravery congress presented him with a beautiful sword. He was made colonel and was with General Wayne when Stony Point was captured. In 1788 he decided to move into the Ohio wilderness and locate there. The church was so grief stricken at the departure of this family that a large delegation went with him and when Durham was reached the entire company halted and a prayer meeting held asking for the safety of the family in their new home.

We have followed the fortunes of Elizabeth de Jersey and should mention that fact that the sister married a Redfield, a good family in New England.

It is told that just before the death of the sisters word came from the Isle of Jersey telling that their uncle was near death and wished to be forgiven of his great wrong. He had by much searching discovered what had become of the two sisters in the New World. He also begged them to return to secure their property. But they were too old at the time to make the trip and were comfortably well off and did not care to make the effort to claim their property. Papers telling of this property are said to be with some of the family records now at Middletown.

QUERIES (cont.)

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TUTHILL, LAUCHERN

I am looking for any info on Violet **TUTHILL - LAUCHERN**. I know she was born about 1911, married Michael **LAUCKERN** in 1929, and died in 1967 in the area of Syracuse.

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PHILLIPS, PIERCE

I am a descendent of Edward **PHILLIPS**. He was born in Lyme, Connecticut on Sept. 9, 1788 and died April 9, 1859 in Rutland, New York. He is buried in Felts Mills Cemetery with 3 of his 10 children and wife. He married a Mary (Polly) **PIERCE** daughter of Ichabod **PIERCE** in Champion, New York on Dec. 25, 1813. The children's names are Edward, Andrew, Libbie, Joseph, John Wesley, Mary, Claressa A., William Riley, Henry and Orin A. Edward was in the War of 1812 and lived in the Rutland, Black River area for 51 years.

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WARNER, EVERETT, BARROWS

Erastus **WARNER** was b 23 Nov 1797 in Oneida Co. per the 1855 State Census and the birth page of the **WARNER** Bible. Erastus m Harriet **EVERETT** 13 Jan 1823 in Town of Orleans per DECENDANTS OF RICHARD **EVERETT**. They had 3 girls (one dying in infancy) and 2 boys. Erastus and Seth and Samuel were in Orleans in 1825 and in 1830. In 1835 Erastus, Samuel, and a Daniel were in Clayton. Where was Seth? Did he die or move somewhere else? Erastus was in Clayton in 1840 with Samuel G. **WARNER**, and was on Wolfe Is. in 1850 along with his 2 sons. In 1855 Erastus was back stateside living with daughter, Clarissa **BARROWS** in Clayton. In 1860 Erastus was living beside his son in Clayton and he d 17 April 1868 on Wolfe Is, but is bur in the Union Burial Ground at St. Lawrence in the Town of Cape Vincent.

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MONTONDO

I'm looking for information on my great-grandfather, Edward **MONTONDO**. He was born we believe sometime in the 1870s and passed away in West Unity, Ohio in 1933. We have no real idea where he was born, but we believe it was in upstate New York. Any kind of information on him would be greatly appreciated.

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MARTIN, TAIT

I'm looking for information on my great grandfather, Lewis C. **MARTIN** and his wife Sarah (Sadie K.) **TAIT** along with their parents. My grandfather George **MARTIN** and his brothers and sister are buried next to their parents at Glenwood Cemetery. Wondering if any of our relatives have done genealogical work already and if so, who? My dad is George **MARTIN**, Jr. of Winthrop, NY.

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DIXON, WIGHT, BORDEAU, BORDUE, BERDEAU, COTTER, PERCY

Sarah/Sally **DIXON**, b 1794, daughter of Curtis and Lydia **WIGHT DIXON**, married first William **BORDEAU/BORDUE/BERDEAU**, with whom she had a son William born c 1815. Son William is said to have married Aurilla **COTTER** and Diantha (---). Need dates, places and children for son William. Sarah/Sally with second husband Samuel **PERCY** lived in the town of Clayton.

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Looking for information on the descendants of James E W **JONES** and Jane **ROBINSON**. According to the 1870 US Census for Antwerp, Jefferson County, NY, they had the following children: Alice Ann, b c 1855; Cohn E, b 1857 (1 have this line of descendants); Frances L, b c 1865; James M, b c 1867. There was another child, Susan, who died as a child.

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WEAVER, CHRISMAN

Am interested in the **WEAVER** family who lived in Ellisburg before 1850. Also am interested in the **CHRISMAN** family who lived in Ellisburg before 1850, including Frederick b abt 1776 and brother John b 1760-1770 and his wife, Margaret, b abt 1775 and their dau Charity Christine b 1794-1800.

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JCNYGS To Publish Pedigree Charts Vol. 2

The JCNYGS will publish a second volume of pedigree charts. We asked that those who had 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 leave this notice here to inform you that Lynn has completed work on the Volume 2 and it is now in the hands of our Publications Committee and soon to be sent to our publisher. If you did not get your pedigree in for this new publication, please send to Lynn your pedigree and we will keep it for Volume 3.

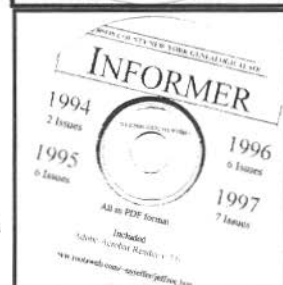
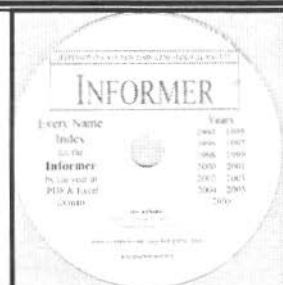
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(From the Watertown Daily Times, Tuesday, August 3, 1982)

The Smithville Hotel shown in 1900, was the center of life in the hamlet for a century. The hotel was built of bricks by Brooks Harrington in 1828 and hosted many functions and distinguished visitors over the years. In 1900 it was still in use as a hotel. Several Smithville residents and horse-drawn buggies are shown in front. The hotel in the late 1920s was remodeled into a family home, but much of the hotel's beauty was retained. The photo was submitted by Mrs. Tooty LeBlanc, Black River.

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What's Going on with JCNYGS

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

June 11, 2007 Meeting

Dr. Tim Abel presented a program called "History Beneath Your Feet—Archeology of Sackets Harbor." Dr. Abel has been conducting an archeological dig in the area of the fortresses at Sackets Harbor during the War of 1812. In discussing some of the history of Sackets Harbor, Dr. Abel mentioned that it grew from a small community in 1810 (the entire Town of Houndsfield had only about 1,000 residents) to the most heavily defended location in the U. S. by 1814.

Other tidbits of information he gave: the wreck of the USS Jefferson remains at the end of the second dock at the marina and can be seen when conditions are right; the Sacket mansion, sold in 1809, has been thought to have been used as a hospital, but he has been unable to find corroborating evidence. In reply to questions, Dr. Abel told us that the first soldiers in Sackets Harbor were militia from Albany. The first federal troops arrived in 1813, and these included men from all over the U. S.

His current excavation has found evidence of the 1814 breastwork, a ditch with an adjacent fortification or embankment. This area will not be developed, but preserved. On May 29, 1813, during the 2nd battle of Sackets Harbor, the British actually landed and engaged in battle. They were repulsed, and the land reverted to farmland, leaving the recently found battlefield relatively intact. Items found here include uniform buttons, musket shot, etc. This area is mostly on private property.

Dr. Abel also discussed Storrs Harbor. This was built in late 1814-early 1815 for the sole purpose of building the warship USS New Orleans. The ship was never finished. Neither was the USS Chippewa, under construction at the same time. Ship houses were built over the two warships, and both were sold years later.

Future plans for the Sackets Harbor area include a dig to investigate Fort Pike this summer, while continuing to study the breastworks and the Storrs Harbor area. Dr. Abel and others are looking ahead to 2012-2014, the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. They hope to have much of the archeological work done for this anniversary.



Dr. Tim Abel with JCNYGS Program Chairperson
Phyllis Putnam

What's Going on with JCNYGS

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

July 9, 2007 Meeting

Myrtle Johnston, president of the Colonel Edward Jessup Branch of the United Empire Loyalists, gave a very interesting talk about the steps leading up to our Revolutionary War and the Loyalists who opposed separation from England. It was especially fascinating to hear about the War from a Loyalist point of view—not what we normally are taught in American classrooms!

Ms. Johnston began by giving some of the background of the Revolutionary War. As colonists moved further and further West, there were increasing problems with native Americans and with the French. Colonists depended on England to supply military protection, and England decided to tax them to pay for this protection. This led to the outcry, "No taxation without representation." Relations were further complicated by the distance between the American colonies and England, which meant delays of weeks or months in communicating with each other. In the end, the Patriots organized themselves into a group determined to be free of English rule. The Loyalists chose to remain loyal to the King of England.

Ms. Johnston stressed that this division was not along class lines or even family lines. In fact many families were divided over the issue, and Loyalists were found in all segments of society. Many northern Loyalists went to Canada, while Loyalists from the southern colonies went to the Bahamas or the West Indies. The men left so that they could not be forced to take an

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Minutes For June 11, 2007

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Jerry Davis. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved: motion by Elaine Jobson, 2nd by Pauline Zach.

Treasurer Sally Washer gave her report and it was approved; motion by Clancy Hopkins, 2nd by Linda Malinich. The issue of the renewal of the CD was brought up. It was renewed automatically last month. It was decided that when it comes up for renewal again, the treasurer will check for a better interest rate, instead of letting it renew automatically.

Corresponding Secretary Clancy Hopkins read a letter of thanks from a woman who appreciated last month's program. The Four Rivers Historical Society invites all JCNYGS members to attend their June 14th meeting to celebrate their organization's anniversary. Clancy's mail also included: a query from a person searching for his/her grandfather whose name is on an historical marker; a question from someone wondering why JCNYGS does not send out membership cards; a query from someone who wants to know when Harold Sanderson will be publishing his next book; and a letter from a member who offered comments on FTM and TMG to supplement our August program.

Phyllis Putnam reported for the Publications and Program Committees. There continues to be a problem with the *Watertown Daily Times* printing accurate information on our meetings. Phyllis distributed posters about our July speaker, Myrtle Johnston, to various members to put up throughout the area. The August program will be a review of various computer genealogy programs; stations for each computer program will be set up in the main gallery of the Historical Society.

For the Repository Committee, Nan Dixon brought a few newsletters from other societies to share.

Bill Dixon reported for the Newsletter Committee that the July issue has been given to Clancy to take to the printer. Smithville in the Town of Henderson will be the main topic of the September issue.

For the Surnames/Membership Committees, Clancy reported that we have 3 or 4 new members. New surnames are being sent to Jerry Davis to include in the *Informer*. Clancy and Patti will do another Surname Issue in December. He will put a card in the September issue for members to update the surnames they are researching. Clancy will not use his old surname list for the December issue—only the names he re-

ceives on the cards in the September issue will appear in the December issue.

Old Business: We were reminded that although Jim Ranger has four people who work in the County Building, not all the people who work in the room with deeds and census records are county employees. Several abstractors also work there daily. So, check before asking them for help. Also, Jerry Davis brought a photo of the quilt from Lima, NY that he mentioned at previous meetings. The quilt has ties to Jefferson County. If you have any questions, contact Jerry.

Under New Business, Jerry reminded the Nominating Committee that according to our bylaws they need to present a slate of officers at the August meeting. The vote will be held at the September meeting.

Clancy Hopkins made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Hollis Dorr. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

JCNYGS

Minutes For July 9, 2007

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

President Jerry Davis called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Jefferson County Historical Society. Approximately 40 people attended. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved, motion by Sue Grant, second by Pauline Zach. Treasurer Sally Washer was not present, but sent a copy of her report to Jerry Davis, who passed it around for everyone to view. The balance from all accounts is \$7811.66. No vote was taken. Corresponding Secretary Clancy Hopkins was not present, but he asked Jerry Davis to remind members that the Surname Issue of the *Informer* will not be an update of last year's issue; it will only contain names supplied to Clancy this year on the cards he inserted in the July issue of the *Informer*. A few cards have already been returned to him.

Phyllis Putnam reported for the publicity committee and the program committee. The *Watertown Times* got our meeting time and place correct this month! She sent out the usual notices to area newspapers. The upcoming programs are correct as listed on the back side of tonight's agenda.

Bill Dixon reported for the *Informer*. The July issue went out on time and work is progressing on the September issue which will focus on Smithville.

Phyllis Putnam reported for the Publications Committee that work is continuing on the 2nd pedigree book.

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Old business: Linda Malinich has agreed to chair the Nominating committee. A replacement is needed for the position of Recording Secretary according to the bylaws, but the remaining officers can continue in office another year.

New Business: Phyllis mentioned that Doug Grant publishes a free newsletter called "The Loyalist Trail." She brought several copies to show people. The newsletter is available online at <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/Loyalist-Trails-index.php>. Also, Jerry Davis suggested that in the future we could divide our sign-in sheet into two columns, one for members and one for guests. This way, guests could introduce themselves and share some of their areas of interest with members. We could also offer them a copy of our membership application, if they are interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.—motion by Hollis Dorr, second by Bob Van Brocklin.



Myrtle Johnston in Costume

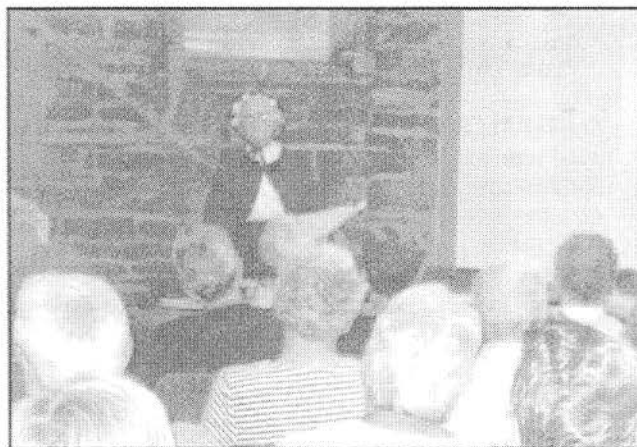
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oath of allegiance or join the American army. Later, their wives and children followed them—usually after their homes and property had been confiscated by the Patriots. Also, a number of slaves or former slaves joined the Loyalists; they saw this as a way to freedom, and many settled in Nova Scotia and remained there. After the war most Loyalist families remained in Canada, but some did return to the U. S. One example is the Edison family. Thomas Alva Edison's grandfather was a Loyalist, but his father returned to Michigan where Thomas grew up.

By 1783 when the war ended, it is estimated that between 50,000 and 100,000 Loyalists had gone to Canada. Most went with almost no possessions, leaving everything behind. They hoped to receive compensation for their lost property, but this didn't happen. However, eventually they received land grants in Canada, generally West of Cornwall in what was then virgin forest. Grants were not made based on gender—daughters as well as sons were eligible for land. To receive a land grant, applicants needed to file an application and prove their Loyalist connection. Today, one can still become a United Empire Loyalist by proving descent from a Loyalist soldier. The original petitions still exist and are a good source of genealogical information. Ms. Johnston has an index of the petitions and says that they are also available in the Ottawa Archives. Another good source of information on UE Loyalists is the Internet. Ms. Johnston suggested putting "UELAC" into a search engine to get to the Loyalist homepage.

Following her presentation, Ms. Johnston answered questions from the large audience and spent time talking to individuals who had more specific questions.



Members & Guests Enjoying Ms. Johnston's Program





After choosing to feature the small hamlet of Smithville for this issue, your *Informer* staff was pleasantly surprised to see the recent Watertown Daily Times articles (July 6 and July 9, 2007) about Civil War hero Frederick R. Jackson receiving the Medal of Honor that he was awarded 144 years ago by then President Lincoln. A plaque presented by the Medal of Honor Historical Society, Baltimore, MD., has been placed at the burial site of Jackson in Smithville Cemetery.

SMITHVILLE

From *The History of Jefferson County* by Child

SMITHVILLE is a post village on Stony Creek, on the west line of the town, lying partly in the town of Henderson. It is 12 miles from Watertown, five miles from Adams Center, five from Sackets Harbor, and six from Henderson Harbor. It has telegraph, telephone, and express accommodations, and a stage line to Sackets Harbor. It has one church (Baptist), two stores, two truss factories, a grist and saw-mill, two blacksmith shops, a cheese factory, and about 200 inhabitants. It was named in honor of Jesse Smith, one of the early settlers and a prominent business man. Settlement was begun here in 1804 by Daniel Hardy, who kept the first hotel here, Brooks Harrington was the first postmaster.

TOWN OF HENDERSON

From *The History of Jefferson County* by Hough

Religious Societies: The first Baptist Church of Henderson, was formed June 26, 1806, at the house of Merril Danly by Emory Osgood, who officiated as pastor until September 11, 1823. In October 1818, the members being scattered, a new church was formed from this, the parent body being the same that now worships at Smithville, and the colony that of Hender-

son Village. The first Baptist society of Smithville was formed September 9, 1823, with Henry Keith, Austin Robbins, and Ebenezer Sumner, trustees. This society in concert with the Congregationalists in 1832, erected a stone church at Smithville, forty four by sixty feet, at a cost of about \$3000.00. It is still owned in equal shares by the two societies. The clergy employed since Mr. Osgood have been, Elders Elisha Morgan, Jesse Elliott, Norman Chase, J. N. Webb, Daniel D. Reed, Elisha Sawyer, Henry Ward, Joshua Freeman, and Amasa Heath.

The Smithville Congregational Church was formed January 3, 1824, by Rev. Abel L. Crandall, of ten males, and twenty two females. March 13, 1824, the church resolved to unite with the St. Lawrence Presbytery, on the accommodation plan. Rev. Messrs. J. Ingersoll, D. Spear, L. A. Sawyer, J. Covert, A. Putnam, H. Doane, George J. King, Charles Halsey, L. M. Shepard. George Turner, and Henry Budge, have since been employed, mostly one-half of the time, the remainder being at North Adams. In 1829 the church joined the Black River Association, and has since so remained. Meetings were held in a school house, built with the view of holding meetings, until the present church was built. The Congregational Society of Smithville was formed September 16, 1823, having William Gilbert, Joseph T. French, and Daniel McNeil, trustees, who united with the Baptists in erecting a church as above stated.

Found About Smithville From Ray's Place

<http://history.rays.place.com/ny/adams-ny.htm>

The Smithville cheese factory was the first in the town, and one of the very first in the county. It was something of an experiment, and for its operation a company was formed, comprising A. D. & O. M. Stanley, D. M. Hall and Charles Mills. Plans were procured at Rome and the factory was built within 1861, with a capacity to use the milk of 700 cows. This was followed by the Adams village factory, which was built in 1864 by Ingraham, Lewis & Huestis. The F. M. & J. B. Muzzy factory, on the west border of the town, south of Smithville, was also built in 1864. The next was the P. S. Maxon factory, west of Adams Center, and was put in operation in 1867. C. A. Benjamin's factory, north of Smithville, was built in 1866 or '67. The N. Thomas factory in the southwest part of the town was built in 1877, as was also the Lewis creamery in the Greene settlement. Since 1861 this industry has not materially decreased although during the time many new methods of manufacturing have been adopted, old proprietors have given way to new and frequent changes have been made in the location of factories. As now distributed through the town the cheese factories are located and owned as follows: The Smithville factory, owned by C. S. Kink; the North Adams factory, owned by Edward Halloway; the Adams Center factory, owned by E. S. Maxon; the Adams factory, owned by White & Allen; and the F. M. & J. B. Muzzy factory, south of Smithville.

In earlier pages of this chapter allusion has been made to several of the settled localities of the town which attained sufficient importance to be designated by name. The Thomas settlement, Greene's settlement, North Adams and East Adams were among the places so mentioned, all of which were of some consequence in the early history of the town, but which in subsequent years lost much of their old-time importance, and now exist only in name. Among the more enduring settlements were Smithville, Adams Centre and the village of Adams, each of which may be briefly treated in this connection.

Smithville, the smallest perhaps of the villages of the town, is located on both sides of the line dividing Adams and Henderson, the greater portion, however, being in the former. The settlement here was found by and named in allusion to Jesse Smith, who was not the pioneer, but was the purchaser of improvements previously made. The first settlement on this site was made in 1804 by Daniel Hardy, although in the preceding year Chauncey Mills came from Connecticut and

settled a little east of the Hardy location. In 1805 he (Hardy) built on Stony Creek the first saw mill in the west part of the town. He lived in the locality until 1821, when he died. Abel Myrick, Henry Knapp, Samuel and Andrew McNitt were also early settlers in this part of Adams. About 1808 or '9 two young men, whose names were Powell and Kendall, came to the vicinity, built a dam across the creek, and erected a saw mill. In the course of a few years Jesse Smith came and purchased this property and thus founded the village. He was then poor, but possessed energy and strength, and soon had a considerable tract of land cleared and cultivated. He also made potash, and extended his business until it included milling, distilling and general merchandising. Later on he became interested in the lumber trade and lake commerce until his operations extended to every lake and river port of any consequence. He was one of the most successful business men of the town for many years and deservedly acquired a fortune. About 1825 the cash sales of Jesse Smith's enterprises at Smithville frequently reached \$1,200 per day. He built the first large grist mill opposite his saw mill, but this he afterward sold to Carter Bros., and erected the stone mill on the Henderson side of the line. In 1838 Mr. Smith removed to Newark, Ohio, and other proprietors succeeded to the interests at the village. Some of them have been maintained to this time, while others have passed out of existence. The old mill was turned into a wagon shop by Carter Brothers and, with other property, was finally destroyed by fire. A tannery was built by a Mr. Sprague, and was afterward run by O. H. Randall and Abram Cramer, previous to its destruction by fire. A carding mill was built about 1830 by Samuel Eaton. D. Hardy and Willard Dodge were later proprietors of the mill before the property was burned. Jesse Smith also started a cooper shop, and was followed in the same business by Elisha Peck and Duane Cooley. John Ivory was the first blacksmith, and was followed by his son Jonas, and John Covey, David Hunter and Joel Smith.

Daniel Hardy opened a hotel previous to 1810. Brooks Harrington was the second landlord, and in 1828 built the brick hotel on the Henderson side. Jesse Smith built the large stone store building in 1831. Later store keepers were Robert McGregor, Dudley & Burr, John Bishop, Bliss & Gibbs, Abram Cramer, George Babbitt, Thomas Angel, H. Knapp, A. Schuyler, A. P. Hall and perhaps others whose names are now forgotten. The post-office was established previous to 1818, Brooks Harrington being the first postmaster. Dr. E. Adams was the first physician, and settled here about 1825. A school house was built in 1823 or 1824 at the joint expense of the district and the religious societies whose members lived in the locality. The building was used both as a school and church until 1845, when the new school house was erected.

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The Smithville library was another of the once important local institutions, and was formed Feb. 16, 1824, with Abel L. Crandall, Henry Keith, Daniel Hall, John M. Bart, C. M. Adams, Roswell Bosworth and Brooks Harrington as trustees. A good collection of books was secured and the library was a useful institution of the village until 1845, when it was dissolved.

The Congregational Society of Smithville was formed Sept. 16, 1823, by the withdrawal of members from the North Adams Church. The new society united with the Baptist members, and with the school district trustees, and erected a combined school and meeting house as above stated. This church, however, was not of long duration, some of its members afterward uniting with the Presbyterian church of Henderson, while others united with the Baptist church.

The First Baptist church of Smithville was formed Sept. 23, 1823, with Henry Keith, Austin Robbins and Ebenezer Sumner as trustees. In the same year, with the Congregationalists and school district, the society built the stone church edifice at Smithville, at a cost of about \$3,000. It stands on the Henderson side of the

line. This society has survived to the present time and has a present membership of 77 persons, and a Sunday school of 70 pupils. The present pastor is the Rev. J. Foster Wilcox.

The First Methodist Episcopal church of Smithville was organized Oct. 31, 1844, with Horace Ivory, John Shanley, John G. Gillett, James Morton and John Bailey as trustees. The society secured the old stone school house and occupied it as a place of meeting. After eight or ten years the organization was dissolved.

As now situated Smithville is a pretty village located on Stony creek. In the present history of either Adams or Henderson, it occupies a position of no special prominence, yet is a convenient trading center in the heart of a rich agricultural region. It has a good district school, a large church and several mercantile and manufacturing industries, which may be mentioned about as follows: Frank Ives, general store; Leonard Hill, grist mill; W. S. Rice, truss factory; F. K. Hallett, furniture factory; Chas. Benjamin, saw mill; Timothy Roberts, hotel keeper. The local postmaster is D. B. York.



SMITHVILLE FACTORY—The Rosemary Creamery cheese plant in Smithville was located along the creek bank of Stony Creek. This old postcard was published by Cora LaFontaine, probably a relative of families that lived in that community for many years.

Smithville Boasts Smiths Once More, But No Descendants of Its Founder

(From a 1937 Newspaper Article)

SMITHVILLE—Three Smith families get their mail in this home town of the Smiths, but none of them date back to the Smiths of Smithville. Perhaps the others have gone out to populate the world with Smiths, fulfilling the idea of one tourist who, observing the village name upon the postoffice, remarked, "Oh, so here is where all the Smiths came from!"

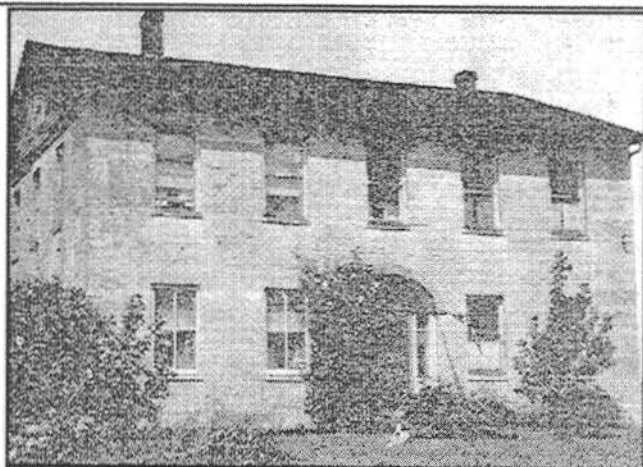
W. Smith, latest arrival, emigrated from Vermont to conduct one of the two stores. Ward P. Smith, long a leading auto dealer in Watertown, took up his residence here to engage in chicken raising. Richard Smith also moved in.

There is a fourth family, Floyd Smith, who might be considered of the village, although served with mail from the Adams rural route. The Floyd Smiths live about a mile from the village. All of these Smiths came to, rather than from, Smithville, with no previous connection with the town.

—All the original Smiths, descendants of Jesse Smith, founder and "godfather" of the village, have departed. Before he came Daniel Hardy had settled on the site, in 1804, thus placing Smithville among the early villages of Jefferson county. But it was Jesse Smith who put the place on the map. He was a builder, of whom the historian, Hough, wrote in 1855: "Jesse Smith was one of the most energetic and active business men in the county, who, from a small beginning, rose to affluence and controlled a business which, for extent and importance, had few parallels in the county."

Smith established a mill, distillery and store, engaged in lumbering and in lake commerce, although Smithville is not a lake port. He left Smithville about 1840, removing to Neward, O.

Smith built the brick hotel, still standing and occupied as a residence by Frank Higgs, Proprietor of the grist and sawmill that still operates, probably the only combination mill of its kind running in Jefferson county. Jesse Smith's home, finely preserved, stands on the hill west from the village on the Sacket Harbor road.



Jesse Smith, creator of Smithville, built this stone dwelling more than 100 years ago.

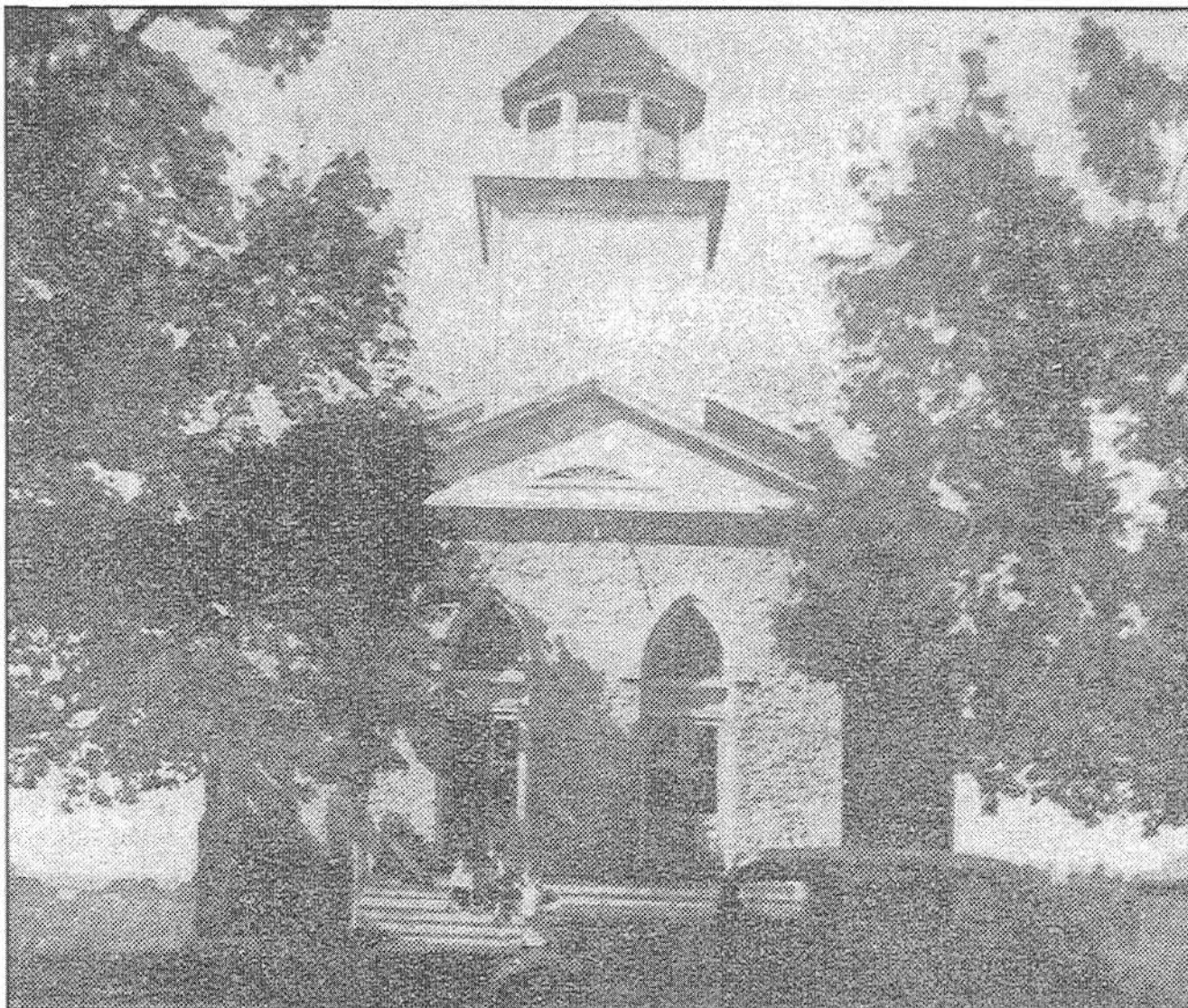
The parents of John Hill, 91, obtained it from a Van Valkenburg after Smith removed, moving there when John was 3 years old. The place now is owned by a son, Leonard Hill, and occupied by the latter's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stevens.

Smithville was served for a few years by the Sacket Harbor-Ellisburg railroad, had a hotel and a distillery. It has not lost in population or materially in industries in 100 years. Its mill is running, the power of Stony creek bolstered by electricity in Mid-summer. It has two stores and has retained its postoffice. Its Methodist Episcopal church society, formed in 1844, is still operating. Its Baptist society celebrated its centennial recently.

Before the civil war Smithville housed 50 families. Forty years ago its population had not changed materially, although a wagon shop, sash, door and blind shop and a truss manufactory had been added to its industries. The school then had 50 scholars.

There are no vacant houses. Many of the residents conduct small farms in the neighborhood. Several are truckers. Others are retired folk who have come to Smithville to live out their days in a quiet, restful community.

The place is off the main roads. Traffic passes from Adams to Sacket Harbor and Watertown to Henderson, but it is not the steady stream of speeding cars that mark trunk roads. Those who like quiet and a touch of the atmosphere that attended the "gay nineties" find it in Smithville.



125th Anniversary Celebrated—The Baptist Society of Smithville, originally formed Sept. 29, 1823, celebrated its 125th year of continuous existence Sunday in the Smithville Baptist church pictured above. The church itself is 106 years old, having been built in 1832, and except for repairs and redecoration, is the original structure.

ASKED FOR THE BRIDAL CHAMBER

**Timid Youth and Buxon Lass from
Smithville Put Up at the New Woodruff on
First Night of Their Honeymoon**

(From an old newspaper clipping)

Attired in a brand new suit of store clothes, a nice new pair of shoes protected by bright and shining rubbers and wearing a spotless white necktie, a modest young man appeared at the desk at the Woodruff house last night and made a request in such modest tones, that the clerk was obliged to ask him to repeat his question.

"May I have the bridal chamber for tonight?" said the stranger.

"You may," replied the clerk, "just register here."

The stranger blushing profusely placed his name on the register adding "and wife" in a faint hand, although the bride, a buxon young lass had an appearance without the slightest suggestion of faintness. "You forgot to register the place that you come from," interposed the clerk, and then the young man in still greater confusion, added the name "Smithville."

Upon paying his bill this morning, he found that the bridal chamber cost \$7 a day, but he was game and paid the money after which he departed.

North Country Visits

Smithville Was on Route of Old Sackets Harbor and Ellisburg Railroad—Jesse Smith Settled There Because of the Water Power and Mills—Street of Village Divides Two Townships.

By Ernest G. Cook

Smithville

Just south of the village of Sackets Harbor there is now a busy four-corners, made so by the building of the cut-off of the Watertown-Lake Shore state highway, which joins the older Sackets Harbor-Henderson Harbor road at this point. The four corners are from the fact that a county highway leaves the state roads at this point and heads south, somewhere over the hill, but the hurrying travelers on the state roads never quite know where that road does go. Lets follow this county highway and see.

First of all we must not forget to look at our right to note a cut through the limestone rocks as if at some previous date a huge plow gulleyed out a furrow. It must have been years ago that this was done for grass grows in this cut wherever there is dirt for it to gain a hold. This cut was once the pathway of one of the early railroads of Jefferson county. It was sometimes known as the Sackets Harbor and Ellisburg railroad. The road was graded, rails laid and trains operated at an early date, so that the college town of Belleville could be reached by train and prospects were bright that the business of the village would keep pace with the educational growth of its famed academy. But the railroad did not reach enough through traffic and it was abandoned.

Going down this hill, one is in view of the village of Smithville, named from that hustling pioneer, Jesse Smith, who made a name for himself and a business for hundreds in his day in this section of the country. This stream of water is Stony creek and the pioneers regarded it as being of ample flow to provide sufficient water power for all the business needs of the section and, indeed, it did in pioneer times. At the left, up the stream, settled Chauncy Mills in 1803 and built a mill, the first in all that section. His death occurred in 1821. Coming the year after Mills was the family of Daniel Hardy, who located about where the site of the village is at the present. He built a mill much nearer the present road and is considered the real pioneer of Smithville. There is another story that two young men, a Mr. Kendall and a Mr. Powell, were the parties who built the dam across the creek at this point just at our left and it was they who built the first mill actually to be located in the present village of Smithville.

But be that as it may, history did not speed up in the industrial section of Smithville until Jesse Smith reached the place. Born in New England of good Yankee stock, - his father fought at Lexington—he located in Smithville in 1806. He had married Polly Felt in February, 1806, and bought the milling industry and made the place his headquarters.

He started a store, got into the timber business and was reaching out in far lands in his business contacts. This man was getting timber from as far away as Lake Huron and bringing it down the lakes by ship loads, and from Erie ports as well, and at Clayton he would raft it and send it to Montreal. Some of his rafts, which used sails, would be so large that at the rapids, where the rafts would be separated into sections, as many as 200 men would be employed to get the timber through the rapids. He got to building ships and as many as four ships would be built in a year and it is told that some 60 or 70 ships came from his yards, in which he had as a partner Eldridge G. Merick of Clayton.

In Smithville it was discovered that much better water power could be had down the stream so that mills were put at our right. The Smith store was thriving, Cooper shops were turning out barrels and tubs by the hundreds and employing many men. The shoe shops of Smithville also did a thriving business, employing a score of men. Probably some of this demand for supplies was caused by the extensive trade at the Smith store and his employment of many men in other sections who would buy supplies from him.

This street, as we drive down the village, is the dividing line between the towns of Adams and Henderson. On our right is Henderson and that puts this fine old church building, over a century old, in Henderson.

Selections From Murphy's Laws of 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."

You search ten years for your grandmother's maiden name to eventually find it on a letter in a box in the attic.

You never asked your father about his family when he was alive because you weren't interested in genealogy then.

Oldest Home in Smithville Was Once Village's Hotel

(From an old Watertown Times)

Stone Structure Now Owned by Frank Higgs Was Built in 1828 by Brooks Harrington and Has Had Many Owners—Stone House Erected in 1831 by Jesse Smith, Founder of Smithville, Also Is Still Standing.

The following article is the last of a series prepared by Times' correspondents describing old houses of various North Country communities.

Smithville, Jan. 24—In writing of the houses in Jefferson county that have stood a century, one could not overlook several well preserved houses in Smithville. Settled by Jesse Smith in 1804 or 1805 the quiet little hamlet of today was once a thriving town.

Undoubtedly the oldest house in the village is the home of Frank Higgs, for a century the well known Smithville hotel. Built of bricks by Brooks Harrington in 1828, this structure was the scene of much activity during the early pioneer days and housed many of the early settlers of this district. The hotel was owned by many different people since its erection, including Alfred Sleelye, to a group of 20 men, each of whom put in \$100 and later sold by the company to Ben Jackson. Stokes and Bettinger, Fred Babcock, L. R. Roberts, Fred and Frank Joy, Seymour Joy, Erwin Beattie, Nellie Whalen, Margaret Bullis, and Frank Higgs were among the owners at one time or another. This house is in a fine state of preservation, and while it retains all the picturesque beauty of a by gone time, it has been remodeled into a modern home by the present owner.

Across the street from the hotel, on the southern corner, is a stone house erected in 1831 by Jesse Smith, the founder of Smithville, for a store house. Later this building was purchased and made into a dwelling. For about 40 years it was owned by the Baptist church society and at one time housed the minister of the church. For the past 17 years the Smithville post office occupied it. It stands as a monument to the masonry of 100 years ago. The house was recently sold to Rev. C. C. Frost of Carthage who plans to use it for a summer home.

Little historic interest surrounds the houses in this village, but because of its age the Smithville Baptist church deserves mention. Built of stone, as were so many of the older houses, in the year 1832, it is 44 by 60 feet in size, and cost \$3,000, was heated by a salamander furnace, and was lighted by Frink's reflectors. It consists of an audience room with seating capacity for 200 and a gallery for the choir. The building is in good condition today and services are held there every Sunday afternoon.

From the usgw-helppages@rootsweb.com
A comment on

Using Census Records, On Line And Off

by Connie Burkett

Census transcriptions with index files in the same folder are a great convenience for researchers. But besides the obvious errors that a transcriber will make in trying to decipher the handwriting, there were many errors made by the persons who recorded the census information. Many of the errors were caused by a language barrier of the recorder and the person giving the information.

There have even been cases where no one was at home when the census-taker visited the household and he got the information from a neighbor because he didn't want to have to come back later.

On the earlier census years some of the handwritten census pages are in alphabetic-letter sequence. The census-taker didn't visit the households in alphabetic sequence, so we must assume that he rewrote the information after he had recorded the entire area he was responsible for. There's a big possibility that mistakes were made in alphabetizing and rewriting the full information.

And what about the original copies that were retained in the county before copying machines were available. Someone had to create hand-written copies of the original pages.

According to "The Census Book by William Dollarhide, for the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census years -- the census-taker recorded the information and then the information was given to the county. Someone in the county office made a hand-written copy of the original information and the hand-written copy was sent to the state. Someone in the state office made a hand-written copy of the hand-written copy for each county. The hand-written copy was kept by the state office and the hand-written of the hand-written copy was sent to the federal office. Do you want to guess which copy of the census was used for the microfilm. Yes, the federal copy (the hand-written copy of the hand-written copy).

You cannot assume that the census information on the microfilmed pages is accurate. For each family that you are researching you should get all the census information for the different years and then you might see a better picture of the names and ages. Many of the people switched their first and middle names between census years. And for ages, I always giggle about the ages of the females that I'm researching because they frequently fail to age 10 years from one census to the next.

ASK AUNT JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:
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Dear Aunt Jeff,

Where is Old Theresa Cemetery?

Robin

Dear Robin,

On page 11 of the March 2005 Informer, Old Theresa Cemetery is located on a modern Jefferson County map as being at or in the village of Theresa. Contact Town of Theresa at 315- 628-5048 for exact directions and location. It is listed as inactive.

Membership in the Jefferson County NY Genealogy Society costs only \$15.00 per year. One of our JCNYS members wrote very recently to the Jefferson County Mailing List to remind members, and to tell non-members about this newsletter. A short while ago the Society described each town in the county in detail for the Informer, and included an 1855 map and the location and contact for every cemetery in the county that it could find. Al Seymour, a member with computer expertise, has put past issues on a CD, which is for sale. See page 17.

Aunt Jeff

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Computer Corner

The following question and answer came from eNews, Copyright 2007, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116
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Whole #331
July 18, 2007
Edited by Michael J. Leclerc and Valerie Beaudraut
Question:

Vital records of Rowley included a (Latin?) notation on one John Palmer (Palmer, John, felo de se, Mar. 28, 1727). This must be to distinguish him from other John Palmers in Rowley (another died 22 Dec 1763), but how? "Felo de se" - is that brother of something? Or is it some manner of death?

Answer:

Thank you for your note. Actually this term does refer to his cause of death. The term "Felo de se" is Latin for "felon of himself." This is an old way of mentioning a death by suicide.

(More queries after page 23)

BRITTON, GATES

Need a connection between Leonard **BRITTON** married to Mary Ann **GATES** to my great grandfather Calvin E. **BRITTON** born September 28, 1856 and died 1918. Leonard is my 'brick wall.' Calvin E. was born near Milwaukee, WI and buried in Elgin, Kane, IL. He did spend some time in Mishawaka, IN where he appears (I think) on the 1860 census with his mother Mary, but Leonard is not listed. Mary, I believe is 25 years old and Calvin is 4 years old which makes his birth year 1856. The trail ends there. I believe that Leonard was born (approx. 1811-1836) in Clayton, Jefferson County, NY. My great grandfather was born in 1856 so this can be used as a guide as to a birth year for Leonard. I know of no other siblings.

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LNFEAR

Asa **LNFEAR** b. 3 Dec, 1793. Said to be from Jefferson County, NY (History of Jefferson County, NY).

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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 Past President, was first featured in the July and September 2004 issues of the *Informer* as well as the November 2005, January, March, July, November 2006, January and March 2007 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.

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Oh ? , G.A. (maybe Olney) **Syracuse**
Feb 15

O'Hara, William **Philadelphia**
Apr 12

Ohle, John **Frankfort**
Mar 12 (Herkimer County)
John Ohle (1880 Census – Forestport, Oneida County, laborer, age 29)

Olean, Frank W. **Watertown**
Dec 13
Frank W. Olean (Child's – Watertown: Streeter, Brimmer & Olean; props. Grand Central Clothing House, 16 Woodruff House, Public Square)
Frank W. Olean (1850 – 1931, Section 2) (Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)

Olean, N.M. **Watertown**
Dec 13
Nathan M. Olean (Child's – Watertown, dealer in horses)

Oliam?, D.M. **Watertown**
July 22

O'Melia, M. **Oswego**
Jun 27, Sept 23, Jan 6, Mar 31
Martin O'Melia (1888 Oswego Dir, com. trav)
Martin O'Melia (1861–1933, St. Paul Cem., Sec Q)

O'Neil **Lowville**
Sept 14
Michael O'Neil (1895-96 Lewis Co. Dir, res. Lowville Village, emp. Of W.D. Austin)

Orendorf, Alson **proprietor Dollinger House**
Alson Orendorff (1880 Census – Richfield, Otsego County, farmer, age 52)
Alson Orendorf (d. Mar 9, 1888, Redwood, NY) (Town of Alexandria Death Records)
Alson Orendorf (d. 3-11-1888, 72yr, 7mo, 3 da) (Death Records of Columbia Reformed Church Cemetery, Town of Columbia, Herkimer County)

Orendorf, N.C. & wife **Richfield Spa**
Oct 6, Mar 9
Newel C. Orendorf (1910 Census – Columbia, Herkimer County)

Ostrander, B. **Plessis**
May 23
Byron Ostrander (1843-1916) (Plessis Cemetery – Alexandria)

Overacker, J. E? **Syracuse**

Nov 23
Overacker, John H. **City**
June 25
John H. Overacker (d. 1893, age 55) (Barnes Settlement Cemetery – Alexandria)

Owens, Josh **Utica**
Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 9
Joshua G. Owens (1887 Utica Dir, com. agent)

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Paddock, George **Theresa**
June 15

Page, E. **Alexandria Bay**
Aug 17

Page, L. **Alex Bay**
May 26

Palmer, H.A. **Utica**
Jan 17 & 18
Henry Palmer (1888 Utica Dir, com. trav)

Parcheit, F.C. **Lockport**
Oct 11 (Niagara County)

Parlow, A.M. **Philadelphia**
Jun 16, Sept 10, Oct 18, Mar 12
Allen Parlow (tailor – Child's – Philadelphia)

Parker, ?S. **New York**
June 22

Parker, F.A. **Boston**
Dec 2

Parmenter, D. **Potsdam**
Dec 9

Patten, M.O. **Adams**
May 23
Milo Oren Patten (1853-1928, Elmwood Cemetery)

Pattison, Miss Ella
Nov 28

Paul, Duncan **Watertown**
Mar 7
Duncan Paul (1888 Watertown Dir, flour & feed, 13 Munson)

Pawling, A.D. **Watertown**
Sept 22
Angelo D. Pawling (1889 Watertown City Dir, Tea dealer)

Payne, C.S. **Jamestown**
Oct 25 (Chautauqua County)

Payne, Frank **Warner, Dak**
Jan 20

Pease, H.A. **Utica**
June 15, Nov 17, Dec 7, Dec 27

Peck, A.D. **Hammond**
Dec 13

Pendergast, M.J. **Utica**
Aug 16, Sept 15, Sept 17
Michael J. Pendergast (1855 – 1897) (French Cemetery, Utica)

Penfield, T.R. **Theresa**
May 14

Perch, James **Rochester**
Mar 7

Perci?, H.C. (maybe H.C. Pierce) **Watertown**
Feb 2, Feb 23
Herbert Percey (1892 Watr Dir, mechanic)

Perry, Frank J. Sept 1, Oct 18, Dec 6 F. J. Perry (1887 Utica Directory, com. trav, Rockwell & Co.)	Utica	Powell, B.A. Aug 21	Albany
Petrie, Benj. Sept 13, Sept 15 Benjamin Petrie (1845-1913) (Plessis Cemetery – Alexandria) (Child's – Alexandria, dealer in baled hay & straw)	Redwood	Powers, Frank Mar 28	Detroit
Phillips, A.J. Aug 12	Potsdam	Pratt, D. Sept 6	Syracuse
Phillips, Hugh Feb 29 Hugh Phillips (Child's – Rutland, cheesemaker)	Felts Mills	Prayn?, M.A. (check June 2) (Punyn?) Sept 19, Oct 24, Mar 20	Utica
Phillips, W.H. July 25, Oct 27, Oct 31, Nov 23, Feb 28 William H. Phillips (1888 Syracuse Directory) (com. trav – Whitney Wagon Works)	Syracuse	Prince, L.J. July 12	Fishers Landing
Phillips, Zeus C. Mar 27	Syracuse	Prindle, O.S. Dec 2 O.S. Prindle (1888 Watn Dir, com. traveler)	Watertown
Phippen, J.W. Dec 9 John W. Phippen (Child's – Watertown, carpenter)	Watertown	Prosser, N. Sept 27, Nov 9 Napoleon Prosser (1880 Census – Otsego County, (age 46, farmer)	Cooperstown
Pierce, D._? July 16	Alexandria Bay	Pruyn?, M.M. Dec 22	Utica
Pierce, E.D. Sept 7, Mar 29 Everett D. Pierce (1847 – 1933, Section D) (Riverside Cemetery - Gouverneur)	Gouverneur	Purcell, Henry Feb 27	Watertown
Pierce, H.C. Mar 12 (Adams), Apr 6 Henry C. Pierce (Child's – Adams, trav. salesman)	Adams	Purdey, M.C. Sept 20, Dec 13	Elmira
Pierce, M.H. Aug 26 Mial H. Pierce (1852 – 1931) (Riverside Cemetery, Section D – Gouverneur)	Gouverneur	Putnam, Charles E. Feb 23 & 25, Apr 16	Ogdensburg
Plant, Jas. T. Aug 30	New York City	Putman, S._? July 2	
Plimp, E. Nov 28			- Q -
Plimpton, Rev. Ed Nov 28	Alexandria Bay	Quigley, John F. Jan 24 & 25, Feb 3, Feb 7, Feb 10, Feb 14, Feb 17, Feb 21-24, John F. Quigley sold property in Potsdam in Aug of 1908 (liber 173A, pgs 122 & 124). John was then a resident of Long Island City (Queens).	Hammond
Pnugh?, W.W. Sept 29	Rome		- R -
Pomeroy, E.P. Nov 30	Syracuse	Radley, W._? Mar 28	LeRay, NY
Pomeroy, George D. & wife Aug 11 George D. Pomeroy (1888 Utica Directory) (Theo. Pomeroy & Son, oil cloth mfrs)	Utica	Rankin, Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Oct 13	Richfield Spr.
Porter, Ned Oct 5, Nov 28	Lowville, NY	Rasbach, A. Jun 18, Aug 29, Jan 10, Jan 18, Jan 30, Feb 14, Mar 8, Mar 16 Aaron Rasbach (Child's – Orleans, speculator) Aaron Rasbach (1851-1929) (Orleans Corners Cemetery – Orleans)	Orleans
Porter, W.C. Oct 13 Willard C. Porter (Child's – Theresa) W.G. Porter (1842-1907, Oakwood Cemetery)	Theresa	Ratcliff, W.L. Aug 12 Wm. L. Ratcliffe (1890 Elmira Directory) (Coykendall & Ratcliffe, boots & shoes)	Elmira, NY
Potter, Frank N. Aug 19, Sept 29, Nov 3, Dec 8, Mar 12	NY		

The Importance of Viewing Original Records

by Christine Sweet-Hart, Contributing Editor

Good research involves looking at all of the records available for a particular research project. Great research questions those in secondary or tertiary formats, and quests for the originals. Beware of compilations, indexes, and other secondary sources of information whether electronic or paper, especially those that contain no citation showing where the information was obtained. Although these sources can provide clues to other records, they are themselves not good documentary evidence of relationships.

Often the choice of what information is translated into an electronic database, index, or list format is largely left to the discretion of the organization, project manager, or individual that is creating the compilation. Valuable information may be left out due to space or time constraints, or incorrectly indexed due to ignorance on the part of the individual transcriber. Many times, this information is the difference between a brick wall in research and a clue to solving a family history mystery.

While it is valuable to know when your ancestor died, it is even more valuable to know the circumstances surrounding their death and who was left behind. One database of early town death records eliminated the cause of death and coroners notes. When viewing the originals, it was found within those notes indications that some people had died by drowning or accidental falls. Deaths by epidemic illnesses were also in the original records, along with notes about next of kin and other relations of the deceased. This information is invaluable when searching for pathways to additional records for research, and would have been lost without viewing the originals.

In another example, one compiler's zeal to make information available to the general public for no charge resulted in a large index of vital records from a well known collection being put on-line but eliminated the actual town where the event happened, book and page numbers where the original information was located. It was this information that had made the collection valuable. Researchers using this information at face value could possibly be misled into following an incorrect line with no differentiating town associations for people with the same name.

The "Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850" collection is a great example of why finding original records or

supporting documentation for your findings is important. Many people fail to read the "front matter" in these books that explains that the information is taken from a variety of sources, not all from civil records which did not exist officially in Massachusetts until 1841. Many of these records are taken from church, bible, and other family papers. While these original sources may not exist anymore, they provide clues to further records or family members, in the case of the owners of the bibles recorded, that can be pursued.

When using any secondary or tertiary record source, it is important to look for pathways to the original records, read any information that tells what the compilation contains and does not contain, and if the original records are not available, obtain other documentation to corroborate your findings. Viewing the original records can also bring unexpected benefits.... Imagine the surprise of one researcher when browsing microfilmed copies of actual census records and realizing that the enumerator, not listed in the abstracts of the records, was actually a relative! There are many reasons to view original records when researching, but the most important one is that it is just good research practice.

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Vital Records now available at Flower Library in Watertown

Your *Informer* staff was pleased to read in the Thursday, July 12th Watertown Daily Times that the New York State's index of vital records is now accessible to patrons at Watertown's Flower Library. The actual records, which date back to 1880, are not accessible through the index system, but anyone using the system can find out where the original records are and will have access to the contact information of that facility.

Hawn Library Family Files

Nan Dixon and Bonnie Borrello have been helping Janet Collins at the TI Museum with the addition of the Hawn Library family files. These materials will be accessible on a five day a week basis at the Museum.

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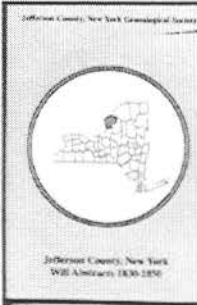
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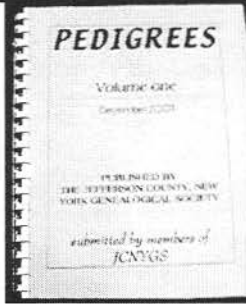
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HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF ADAMS

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Thank you Karl!

North of Adams Center, near the Watertown line, Daniel Talcott built a tavern at an early day, dedicating it to good cheer by enclosing in demi-john of good whiskey in the gable of the house. It was used as a tavern and lodging house for many years. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Greene.

Smithville Village, which was founded by Jesse Smith, is partly in Henderson. The portion lying in Adams is on lots 9 and 17, on Stony Creek. The main road divides the two towns, with that on the east side in Adams.

Settlement was begun there in 1804 by Daniel Hardy, although a little east of this point Chauncey Mills, from Connecticut, took up land in 1803. In 1805 he built a sawmill on Stony Creek, the first in the west part of town.

Soon after a couple of young men, named Kendall and Powell, built a dam across the creek, and put up a small sawmill. This mill and all the improvements made by them was purchased by Jesse Smith, from whose settlement at this place dates its real history.

A Mr. Sprague built a tannery and later it was turned into a wagon shop. Several other wheelwrights located there.

A carding-mill was operated there about 1830 by Samuel Eaton, and later by D. Hardy and Willard Dodge.

Jesse Smith had a large cooper shop which employed a number of men.

Fire seems to have played a large part in the early business life of the community, many shops and buildings having been consumed by it.

The first tavern was kept by Daniel Hardy, prior by 1810. He was succeeded by Brooks Harrington, who erected a frame house for this purpose. In 1828 he built a large brick house on the Henderson side, which still stands. It is the property of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgs.

The post office was established at an early day with Brooks Harrington, postmaster.

When Ellisburg and Sackets Harbor railroad was in operation, it passed near the village and has a station on the Henderson side.

It was the excellent water power afforded by Stony Creek that influenced the early settlers to lay out a village here, unique in its division between two towns. The aforementioned villages and settlements surround the village of Adams and it is here that they come for their banking needs, as well as a wider assortment of merchandise.

Worthy of note is the military history of Adams. A number of men served in the war of American Independence: Peter Doxtater, who was a child, was taken prisoner by the Mohawk Indians and kept three years during the French and Indian War, served as a scout in the Revolution and received a pension from Congress in 1834. Others on the pension roll were John Merriam, Abel Bassett, Danforth Doty, Lucy Thompson, and Cynthia White. Paul Stickney was a sailor under John Paul Jones, and preserved Redway was one of Washington's bodyguards. He was also present as a corporal of the guard, at General Burgoyne's surrender.

Many of the citizens served in the War of 1812 and a company of "Silver Gray's" composed of men not liable to military service, among them several Revolutionary patriots, was formed in town, and once or twice repaired to Sackets Harbor, but was never mustered into the regular Army of the government.

The Civil war called many citizens. A ready response was given to the first calls, and when 30,000 more were asked to enroll themselves, the town showed willingness to share the burden by voting a bounty. A special meeting was called December 16, 1863, and of the 258 votes cast, but seven were against paying a \$300 bounty. Aid was also voted to the volunteers February 11, 1864, March 21, 1864; and on August 12, 1864 a meeting was held authorizing the town board to issue bonds and pay volunteers \$1000; 129 persons pledged themselves in favor of this measure and four against.

In the spring of 1804 the State Road to Rome, via Redfield, was opened, and ten years later, the State Road from Salina, now Syracuse, to Adams where it intersected the Rome Road. It was long called "Salt Point Road."

Liberal appropriations were voted for the improvements of roads and the building of bridges in 1850 and 1851. In 1853, \$100 was voted for this purpose and two succeeding years \$1500. In 1860 \$4000 was

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voted to be paid in four installments. A stone bridge at Adams village was completed in 1863.

A certificate of organization of the "Adams and Ellisburg Plank-Road Co." was recorded February 14, 1849. among those interested in this road were Judge Skinner and others. The planks, being hemlock, soon rotted away, and the road was abandoned about 1855. The "Rome" Washington and Ogdensburgh" Railroad was built through Adams in 1851.

In 1850 O'Reilly's Merchants Telegraph Line was erected along the state road and an office opened.

The importance of Henderson Harbor as a port, and the necessity of having a railroad leading through northern New York and the New England States, which is not subject to snow blockades, and at the same time, affords local traffic by passing through fertile country, led to the formation of the "Boston and Henderson Harbor Railroad Co." at Adams, in 1872. The articles of specification called for a route from Henderson Harbor, through Jefferson, Lewis, and Oneida Counties, into Herkimer, to Salisbury, there to intersect with a road leading to Boston. The land was surveyed and found favorable and a corporation was formed with General S. D. Hungerford as president. Measures were about to be taken to raise the required capital when the financial crash of 1873 intervened and the work was abandoned.

Due to the condition of the roads and lack of other means of transportation and communications as we know it today, each of the small villages or hamlets surrounding Adams in its early days were thriving places, boasting of numerous carriage shops, mills, and a wide variety of stores.

The village of Adams contained a number of manufacturing plants in the early days, such as tanneries, distilleries, furniture factory, wood and iron works, as well as numerous hotels.

The Censor, an anti-Masonic sheet, by Theron Parsons, was the first paper published in Adams on July 1, 1828. It was moved to Watertown in 1829.

The forerunner of the plow was the old iron hog kettle. During the long winter months when the tracks wore down to the point that the center ridge became too high, the kettle was drawn up and down the road to pack down the snow.

Harry Tyler, great-grandfather of the late Dr. Harry Tyler, was a weaver by trade and with the help of his son, Elman, made his own looms and wove the famous coverlets. Their shop was located at Butterville, near Smithville, in the town of Adams. They were

made of homespun wool in either navy or red and white. Each bore the name of the person it was woven for and the date. Some are of English lion design, but the later ones carry the American eagle.

The first church society to be established in the village of Adams was that of the Presbyterians in 1804, with six members, four males and two females. In 1814 the first church edifice was erected on Church Street and used until 1825 when it was moved away and the larger building erected. Among its members were Peter Doxtater of Revolutionary fame; Charles G. Phinney, the great revivalist and college president, Samuel Boad, Perley D. Stone and DeAlton Dwight. The membership was recently dissolved and the property is now owned by the Masonic Order.

The first Baptist church was formed at the house of David Grommon, in September, 1802. In June 1806, Elder Timothy Heath was employed and meetings were held at his house. In December, 1824, a society was formed with Daniel Talcott, Jacob Heath and Asa Lewis as trustees. In the same year a church was built one mile from Adams Center on the State Road, and in 1838 their present church was erected at a cost of about \$3000. This is at Honeyville, on Adams Center - Rodman Road.

The Baptist church and society of Adams village was organized March 30, 1837, with Jesse Wright, Hannibal Miller and Spencer Woodward as trustees. Meetings were held at the school house until 1847 when a frame church was erected costing \$3500. This was used until 1871 when it was moved to Main Street and now housed the Fredenburg Hardware store. The same year A. J. Brown, H. O. Kenyon and A. W. Ingraham were appointed building committee. The large brick structure now in use was erected at a cost of \$25,000. It was dedicated October 10, 1871 by Dr. Patton of New York and Dr. Bridgeman of Albany.

Members of the Methodist faith lived in the town at an early age, and classes were formed in different localities prior to 1828, but in that year they were formed into a circuit and thereafter supplied with a regular preacher. The first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Adams was formed October 24, 1828. The old Presbyterian church was secured as a place of worship and located across the road. It was destroyed by fire. In 1852 a new edifice, 40 by 84, of frame construction, was erected at the cost of \$6000. The same year a parsonage was built on the adjoining lot at a cost of \$2000. In 1875 several thousand dollars were expended in renovating the church and again in 1885 between four and five thousand were expended, including a new bell. The following year a new parsonage costing \$4000 was built. This church was destroyed in 1922 and replaced by the present cream brick structure.

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A proposition to organize an Episcopal church having been made to Bishop Delancey, his consent was secured January 22, 1849 and on the fourth of February the notice was read by H. B. Whipple, lay leader. The church was formed with the Rev. J. M. Bartlett the first rector. The cornerstone was laid October 8, 1849. It is the original building, the only one among the early established churches in the village still in use. It is on Church Street next to the Methodist parsonage.

The autumn of 1903 witnessed the building of St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church on South Main Street. previous to this the members had met in various homes. The first priest to celebrate Mass in the new building was the Rev. T. J. Mahoney.

The first streets in the village followed Sandy Creek. An examination of the house, known as the Dr. Nicholson house of West Church Street, and now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hammond, shows that the front was originally the back of the house, with the entrance facing the creek bank. This points to the fact that the street was near the waters edge.

Granges were established in Adams, Adams Center and Smithville and all three have fire departments. Masonic Orders ere instituted in Adams with Eastern Star Chapters in both Adams and Adams Center. The I.O.O.F. was founded at an early date in Adams and later dissolved, only to rise again stronger than ever with a Rebekah Lodge now 55 years old.

"The old order changeth, giving way to new." But one is forced to decide whether all the changes are for the better. For instance, what a thrill it was for the young boy to hear the sound of the tin horn of the stage coach driver as he reached the outskirts of the village of Adams. To see the driver gather the reins in his trained hands, and with a flourish of the long lash with its silken cracker, flick the leader's ears, and swing up to the exchange with military precision. It was the dream of many a boy to be a stage coach driver.

Along these lines it is fitting to reminisce about the mail carriers of those other days. Outstanding in this group was John Looker, a soldier of 1812, who served his country at Sackets Harbor. After his Army experience of 25 years, Mr. Looker served his country as a mail carrier. He carried the mails over mountains of snow and through valleys of mud. Once the government fined him six-pence for not arriving at the terminus on scheduled time. He was also express messenger and carried many valuables in his strong box. This was his inside pocket. According to a contract found later in his family he received the sum of \$175 a year for carrying the mail from Adams to Ellisburg, he furnishing his entire outfit.

As early as 1802 a school was taught at Smiths Mills, which was attended by pupils living several miles around the place. A fair-sized two-story frame house was erected an early day, and was used for school purposes. This was located near the present railroad station. In 1876 the site of the school house was changed to the present site of Rice's Truss factory. A commodious structure was erected at a cost of \$4000, containing four well-arranged rooms, accommodating 200 pupils. The attendance in 1971 (? 1871 ?) was 180 and 39 weeks of school were taught by C. D. Larkins and three assistants. Mr. Larkins later became principal of a large Manual Arts High School in Brooklyn.

A "select school" was taught in the old bank building, previously referred to by M. C. Manning, who afterwards became a distinguished Baptist clergyman.

The Adams Library was formed April 12, 1831, with Cyrus Eddy, William Chittenden, Walter Webb, Forster Dexter and Wells Benton, trustees. Wells Benton was appointed the librarian. The society had accumulated about 600 volumes of standard books and the library was successfully maintained about fifteen years, when the interest in the project has so much diminished that the annual dues of the members remained unpaid, and the property passed into the hands of private parties.

The library as it is known today was established at a much later date in rooms on the second floor of the Dwight Block (Transcribers Note: Some may know this location as the second floor of the former Ring's Variety Store) on the corner of Main and West Church Street. This had its beginning from a large gift of books from Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Babcock of Ohio. This public library was sponsored by the Adams Study Club.

Adams Electric Light Co. Ltd. started operation in 1889 at a location north of the Dairymen's League plant. Power for the generator was supplied by a 35-horsepower Ames slow-speed (100 rpm) steam engine and a 50 H. P. boiler. Service was limited to street lighting in the village, which consisted of 13 arc lamps, a few commercial customers and one residential, Dr. W. H. Nicholson, secretary of the company. The original primary lines were 1,100 volts. The term "candlepower" was used instead of watts for lamps, a 16 candlepower being equivalent of a 60 watt lamp. Street lighting was accomplished by carbon arc lamps.

In early days of the company service was available only until 11 pm, except by special order. About seven or eight nights a year the moonlight was of such intensity that the Light Company was ordered by the Village Board to leave the street lights off. In 1891 the

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plant moved to a location near the present O.D. Greene Lumber Company, in order to take advantage of water power available. At about the turn of the century, R. F. Steele bought out the company. He was the father of the late Mark Steele.

At an early date Adams village established a fine water works system which has continued to be improved as the years went by.

The Adams Seminary was established about 1838. Judge Thomas Chittenden was one of the prime movers in this project. The school opened for ladies only, but subsequently it was opened to both sexes.

As was the case in the other small communities, Adams had a wide and varied assortment of manufacturing in the early years. These included mills of both grist and wood, tanneries, wagon shops, distilleries, planing mills and a furniture factory.

In the building of anything of importance, which will withstand the ravages of time, it is the work of the many that accomplishes the task. This is as true of Adams as of anything else. It is therefore difficult to name any as specifically responsible for its success. However, there are a few, who by virtue of their personal abilities as well as their financial position, have left their mark here.

Outstanding among these is General Solon Dexter Hungerford for his contributions to Adams and to Jefferson County. His genealogy, traceable to the parish of Sheford, England, shows that Thomas Hungerford came to Harford, Connecticut, before 1639. Solon Hungerford's mother was Marietta Burr, a descendant of Aaron Burr. Her children's early childhood was spent on a farm near Watertown.

He started in business as a clerk of Adriel Ely in a dry goods store in Watertown at the age of 15, later going into the Jefferson County Bank, where he advanced rapidly. On advice of his friend he founded the Hungerford Bank of Adams in 1854 with a capital of \$50,000. This was done under the general banking law of 1838. This was successful until 1853 when the capital was increased to \$125,000, with the same name, and under a board of directors of which he was president.

The title of General came after a brilliant military career which began in 1835. When quite a young man he was commissioned aide-de-camp to the Brigadier General of the 55th Brigade of Infantry. He was subsequently inspector of the Twelfth Division of Infan-

try. In 1852 he became Captain of the Infantry of the 38th Regiment and Brigadier General of the 18th Regiment of the Fourth Division of New York State Militia in 1859.

In 1861, when the Rebellion broke out, General Hungerford, commanding the 16th Brigade, and also commissioned to inspect volunteer companies, was loyal to his trust and untiring in his efforts to cooperate with the government.

His home was the beautiful villa, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reynolds. His Valley Park Farm, now that of Bowman and Cool on North Park Street, was one of the most beautiful in the State. He was one of the foremost breeders of improved livestock.

In 1853 he began his importation's of the best strains of Ayrshire blood and from which nearly all the thoroughbred and grad Ayrshire animals in Jefferson County originated. The importations were from Scotland direct, and consisted of 'Kilburn,' 'Mary Grey,' 'Ayrshire Lass,' 'White Lily,' and 'Queen of Ayr.' These were followed, in 1854, by 'Lady Ayr,' 'Cherry Blossom,' and 'Challenge.' From these General Hungerford had bred many fine animals. His herd sire, 'Scottish Chief,' was outstanding.

A herd of short-horns was also imported in 1854, but the Ayreshires claimed his attention. Many of the senior citizens of the town will remember or have heard reference to his prize cow, 'Old Creamer,' believed to be the champion milk cow of the world. She gave as proof of this title the yield in three days of 302 pounds of good milk. She gave 2820 1/2 pounds of milk in the month of June, and average of over 94 pounds a day. A day's milk generally makes four pound of butter. This was done in 1878, when she was nine years old.

His team of dapple greys, each weighing 1800, 18 hands high, were full brothers, were three-fourths Messenger and one-fourth Clyde and trotted half a mile in two minutes. The team was exhibited at the Centennial Exposition and received recognition.

The Union Agricultural Society of Adams, Rodman and Lorraine was formed about 1857, among the chief promoters being Solon D. Hungerford, Rufus P. White, T. V. Maxson, Albert Webb and Hugh Huestis.

Very successful exhibitions were held for many years on the Valley Park Farm but later the interest was not sufficient to hold the fair. The property boasted a fine race track and together with the commodious barns made an excellent location for it.

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BALL, DUNTON

I have searched for the parents of Abigail Ann **BALL** born 18 Jun 1785 in North Guilford, Conn. I have found much info on her spouse, Ephraim Howard **DUNTON**, but always come to a dead end with her. I also checked Guilford, Vermont as I found one submitter had listed that as her birthplace. I can't come up with any **BALLs** either place that could be her family. I read a statement by one person who said that she had always been told there was a connection with George Washington. Can't prove that either.

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WATERTOWN IN THE 1930S & 1940S

I'm artist/writer Don Meredith of Tampa, FL. I'm helping my Mom write a book on her traumatic childhood in Watertown, NY. I could use some info on the family and also general info on what the town was like from 1935 to 1945. She remembers the Victory Diner, where her mother worked, and the North Side Restaurant (Sparacino's) across from her apartment building. Also the Cooper Street School and a bridge over the Black River at Main Street. She was born Janice Ann **FRENCH** 7/25/35. Her father, a boxer, brawler and thief, was Kenneth Merton **FRENCH**, born (I think) in Watertown 6/13/12. Any information would be a huge help, and I would consider doing some artwork in exchange for new useful info.

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BOWLES, EDWARDS, WOOD

My grandmother (Mother's side) was Bernice **BOWLES** b. Jan 12, 1899 d. Sept 1975. She was married to Carlton **BOWLES** b. Mar 05, 1899 d. May 1967. Bernice & Carlton **BOWLES** were both from Jefferson County, New York, and resided in the village of Evans Mills, NY. To continue my family tree efforts I need to obtain Bernice **BOWLES** maiden name? P. S. Bernice & Carlton were buried in either Oakwood or Old Theresa Cemetery. Rose Mary **BOWLES** was my mother and my dad was William Thedor Edwards of Hornell, NY. They had fourteen children starting from

1941 to 1967. They met at Camp (Fort) Drum during WW II ,and were soon after married.

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(We received the following update from Kim before we went to press: "Since the day I posted the query in question, I sent a SNAIL MAIL letter by US post, and soon after I received a return reply from the Genealogy Dept. at The Flower Memorial Library in Watertown NY. Alice in that Dept. forwarded me Bernice A. **BOWLES** Obituary news clipping which read her parents were Mr. & Mrs. Willard **WOOD**, and that she attended Watertown schools before being married to Carlton G. **BOWLES** on May 23, 1923..Carlton's nickname was Joe **BOWLES**.")

SIXBERRY, CURTIS

I am looking for any information from Adams or Ellisburg, in Jefferson County, regarding Catherine **SIXBERRY** or Nathaniel **CURTIS**. The time frame would be about 1780 - 1830. Any help will be appreciated.

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MELLEN

I'm looking for information on Alfred S. & Hattie A. **MELLEN**, who lived in Ellisburg, Jefferson County in 1840. They had four children born in Ellisburg: Alvaro Stebbins **MELLEN** (b 2 Jan 1839), Alberto Alfred **MELLEN** (b 17 Aug 1840), Mary **MELLEN** (b about 1845), and Henry W. **MELLEN** (b 7 sep 1846). I'm hoping to track down a marriage record or other information that would provide clues about Alfred & Harriet's parents.

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DUNN

Looking for information on Frederick and Jennie Pollock **DUNN**. They lived in the Alexandria Bay area, NY.

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CHURCHILL, BRADLEY, VANDUZEN, JIMERSON, BRIGGS

In Ellisburgh, Jefferson County, New York, Burzilia (or Brezilian) **BRADLEY** (born about 1820) married Abigail **CHURCHILL** (born about 1826) between 1844-1860 and likely between 1852-1853. Their children were; Elizabeth, Phebe, Marshall, Eugene, John W., and Emagene. Elizabeth married a Mr. **VANDUZEN**. Emagene married a Mr. **JIMERSON**. Phebe married a Mr. **BRIGGS**. This family shows up in the 1870 US Federal Census in Ellisburgh, Jefferson County, New York. I would really like to know who Abigail **CHURCHILL**'s parents were and when she married Burzilia **BRADLEY**.

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PIERCE, PATRICK

I'm writing to request information regarding a James **PIERCE** (b. abt 1817/18 in NY) and family. James **PIERCE** fought in the Canadian Rebellion of 1837-38. He was captured and transported to VanDieman's Land (Tasmania) Penal Colony in 1839. Records at his trial indicate he was from Jefferson (Orleans) and Oneida Counties. He was pardoned after serving a few years, returned to New York, married a Fidelia ? in about 1850 and had a son, Edward, b. about 1851. By 1857 he and his family had moved west to the frontier in Kewaunee County Wisconsin and purchased land in Pierce Town—named after James **PIERCE**. James died 1 Feb 1863 at the age of 46 of Smallpox. His wife and son died just weeks later. No death records exist here because it was so early in our county's history. I have found James and Fidelia **PIERCE** in the 1850 Oneida County Census in Marashall living with a Jesse & Nancy **PATRICK**. He is found in the 1860 Census in the Town of Pierce in Kewaunee County, WI. I'm looking for his ancestors - parents & siblings, also his wife, Fidelia's, maiden name, and any other **PIERCE** family info.

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KELLISON, ELDRIDGE, LABERDEE

My great aunt Mary Jane **KELLISON**, was the daughter of James and Mary Reed **KELLISON**, born May 2, 1850 in Gouverneur, NY, died July 2, 1947. She married Erastud **ELDRIDGE** who died in 1867. She married George W. **LABERDEE** about 1901. They lived around Black River, Great Bend and Felts Mills, NY. He died January 15, 1941, at Felts Mills, NY in a house fire. He was blind. My G-Aunt died July 2,

1947 at the home of Joseph **BECK** near Black River at the age of 97. She had one son, Erastus **ELDRIDGE**. Mr. And Mrs. **LABERDEE** are buried at the Black River Cemetery, NY.

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COLE, THOMAS

Looking for the Agar **COLE** family from Vermont. We believe that he came to Fullerville, St. Lawrence County in 1830, at age 16 years. He married Emeline **THOMAS** in 1847. They had 7 sons. The fourth son was Diamond or Dimon. Agar's father was Thomas **COLE**, his mother was Mary **THOMAS**. They lived in Vergennes, Vermont.

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DAVIS, POWERS

Looking for information on William Buckminster **DAVIS**, born July 24, 1824 in Topsfield/Boxford, MA, son of Amos **DAVIS** and Elizabeth **POWERS**. Brothers were Francis Henry, Amos W., John Woodman, Greenleaf Page, and maybe Lewis N. Sister was Lucy Almira. This family was living in the town of Wilna, Jefferson County in the 1850 census. Francis and Greenleaf lived in PA by 1860.

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COTTON, DAVIS

I am searching for a point of orgin in England for Robert **COTTON**, 1811/12-1890, and his spouse, Sophia **DAVIS**, 1810-1875. They were resident in Rutland, Jefferson County in 1840/50/60 census. Robert appears alone in 1880. Both Robert and Sophia were buried in the Felts Mills Cemetery. Their eight children are: Ellener, Francelia, James, Allen, Alfred W., Emma Jean, Maria F., and Adalaide.

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KING, MITCHELL, COLON, COUCH

Looking for **COLON/COUCH** connection. Harry **KING** and Carrie **MITCHELL** married 1897 in Champion, NY.

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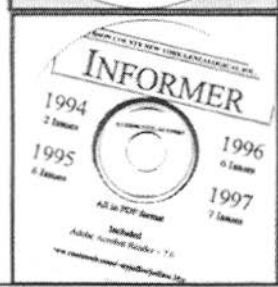
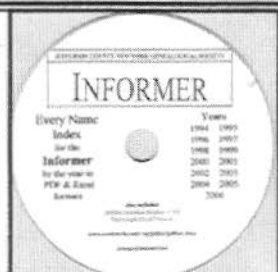
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LAST CALL!

If you have not returned your **ORANGE CARD** for the December membership and surnames issue, you need to do so quickly. Clancy will even accept an email and he'll put your information on an orange card for you! Name, address, phone, email and surnames needed for this updated membership issue. See Clancy's address, phone and email at the top of this page.

What's Going on with JCNYS

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary
August 13, 2007

The evening's program consisted of four of our members discussing the pros and cons of 5 different computer software programs for genealogists. These programs help organize family history information and let you print it out in a variety of charts and reports (printers required for this!). All of the programs begin with a individual's card/screen on which you enter basic information: name, date of birth, baptism, marriage, etc. Usually, you begin with yourself and your spouse, then add your children, grandchildren, etc.; then work backwards by adding your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc. You can also add siblings and their spouses and children. For each bit of information you add, you should also include a source—birth record, obituary, census, marriage license, "Grandma said", etc. Once you have typed in all your facts, you can print out the information in various types of reports or charts. Or you can share your information with others by using a gedcom, an inter-program data exchange.

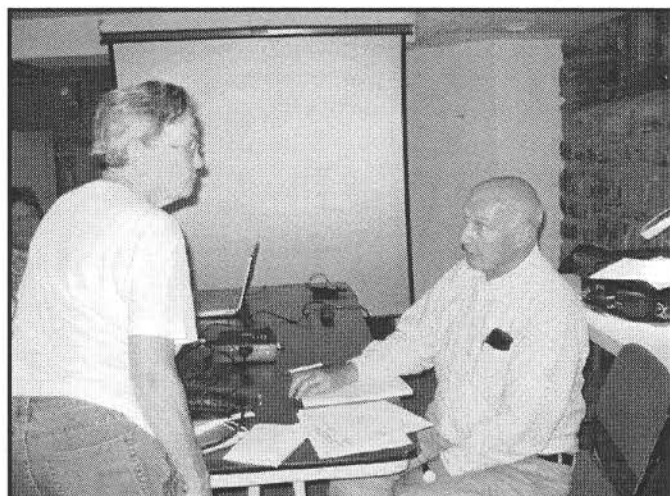
Rose Dillenbeck spoke briefly on *The Master Genealogist* (TMG) version 5. Using the overhead projector, she showed us several of the basic features of the program. Entering information is fairly straightforward, and the program generates many different types of reports and charts. It runs only on Windows operating systems.

Rose also discussed features of the program *Generations* version 6. This program is no longer supported by its creator, Sierra; but it may still be purchased on ebay. Some features she pointed out were: the index, the ability to search by many fields, the family card, the ease of navigating from one individual to another. In looks, this program is very similar to *Reunion*, which Tracy Robertson discussed. Rose mentioned that *Generations* imports gedcoms easily, it allows you to connect photos to individuals in the database, but it has a comparatively limited selection of charts and reports. It works only on Windows operating systems.

Family Tree Maker (FTM) runs on Windows operating systems. Al Seymour discussed FTM v.16. FTM is probably the most widely used genealogy program available. Data can be added easily. There is a relationship calculator, an index of all individuals in the database, an age calculator, a variety of charts and reports. You can connect photos or documents to individuals, import and export gedcoms, and create a book from your data. *Family Tree Maker* version 2008 is now available and includes even more features, in-

cluding better integration with ancestry.com. For more information, check online at <http://www.familytreemaker.com>.

Jon Holcombe showed some of the features of *Brother's Keeper* version 6. This is a shareware program. It is available as a download from <http://www.bkwin.net/>. A newer version is also available which will work with Windows Vista. *Brother's Keeper* has all the reports and charts of the other programs, it imports and exports gedcoms, and will work on Macintosh computers running in Windows mode. Jon's focus, however, was not so much on the software program, but on the use of dual monitors to increase productivity. To do this, both monitors must be the same, either digital or analog, and a dual video card is required.



Jon Holcombe answering questions after software genealogy programs were discussed.

The final program was *Reunion* version 8 which Tracy Robertson presented. *Reunion* works on the Macintosh operating system. A newer version, v.9, is now available, but will not work with operating systems prior to OS X. This program looks much like *Generations* and works in a similar fashion. Adding information is quite simple; also, you can import and export gedcoms easily, attach photos to individuals in the database and produce various charts and reports. There is also a powerful FIND feature. You can add notes about each person and document your sources. *Reunion* is the main full-featured genealogy program available for Macintosh users.

Overall, the presenters felt that all of the programs did much the same things. Which one to pick depends on the operating system your computer uses, the amount of money you want to spend and how much support you feel you need. Complete descriptions of each program are available on the Internet.

What's Going on with JCNYS

Recorded and Transcribed for
Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

September 10, 2007

John Paris presented a most entertaining and informative program on the journey that he and his wife Elinor have taken in search of each of their genealogies. He also tied in the benefits of membership to the Palatines to America. With assistance from Tim Abel of the Historical Society, John did a Power Point presentation with a great deal of pictures and charts. His presentation went from his own connection to the Palatines and their migration to Elinor's Irish roots and trips to Ireland as well as Germany, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, The Allen Library in Indiana, New York City, Albany, the "7 dorfs" or "wide spots in the road" in the Schoharie Valley, and many cemeteries, newspaper collections and especially knowledge from the many great people they met. A couple of good thoughts from John: "No matter where you go, you find stuff!" and "Never ever give up!"



John Paris answers questions from JCNYS members Phyllis Putnam and Tracy Robertson.



Even John's wife Elinor is cornered for questions!

JCNYS

Minutes for August 13, 2007

Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p. m. at the Jefferson County Historical Society building by President Jerry Davis. The secretary's minutes of the July meeting were read and approved; motion by Clancy Hopkins, 2nd by Bob Van Brocklin. Sally Washer read the treasurer's report and it was approved; motion by Rose Dillenbeck, 2nd by Tracy Robertson. A copy is attached to these minutes. Corresponding Secretary Clancy Hopkins reported that he has received several queries since the last meeting, but some were too vague to merit replies. We implemented our revised sign-in sheet tonight, with members and guests listed separately. Jerry welcomed several guests to the meeting and asked them if there were particular surnames they were researching.

Phyllis Putnam as Publicity Chairman reported that she sent out the usual meeting notices. As Program Chairman she said that the upcoming programs are correct as printed on tonight's agenda. The September speaker will be John Paris. The October meeting will be held in Chaumont on Saturday, October 6; those interested can meet at the Blue Heron restaurant for lunch at 12:30.

Bill Dixon reported that the September issue of the *Informer* is ready for publishing. The main topic for the November issue will be Glen Park.

Clancy Hopkins reported for the Membership/Surnames Committee that members need to send him the salmon colored postcards with their Jefferson County surnames and also updates to their mailing addresses and email addresses. The surname issue will come out in December.

Phyllis reported for the Publications Committee. 25 copies of Pedigree Book No. 2 have been printed. After discussing the costs related to publication, it was decided to charge \$15 + S&H for each copy, as we currently do for Pedigree Book No. 1; motion by Tracy Robertson, 2nd by Nan Dixon; carried.

Under Old Business, Clancy reinforced some tips presented in the video, *Cryptic Clues in the Boneyard*, that Phyllis presented at our March 2007 meeting. He spoke of a recent trip to MA where he was taking pictures of gravestones. A chance meeting with a person experienced in photographing in cemeteries showed him the advantage of using mirrors to take pictures in bright sunlight. As an example, Clancy

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showed us two photos; one he had taken without mirrors, the other he took by using mirrors to focus light on the headstone. The difference was quite noticeable; the inscription on the stone was easily read in the photo using mirrors, but quite difficult to make out in the other picture.

Under new business, we were invited to attend the Central NY Genealogical Society meeting on Saturday, September 8 at 1:15 at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church off Rt. 481. Also, the NYS vital records microfiche is now available at Flower Memorial Library; the records are located on the second floor, with the reference librarian. Suzanne Wiley brought up an article in the *Watertown Daily Times* discussing the newly chartered unit of the Daughters of the War of 1812. She is the registrar of the group and encourages those with ancestors who fought in the War of 1812 to file applications to join. Jerry Davis presented the slate of officers to be voted on next month: President, Jerry Davis; 1st Vice-President, Rose Dillenbeck; 2nd Vice-President, Nan Dixon; Recording Secretary, Elaine Jobson; Treasurer, Sally Washer; Corresponding Secretary, Clancy Hopkins. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Officers will be installed at the close of the annual meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.; motion by Tracy Robertson, 2nd by Pauline Zach.

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Minutes for September 10, 2007

Recorded and Transcribed for
Jean Coyne, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p. m. at the Jefferson County Historical Society building by President Jerry Davis. The secretary's minutes of the August meeting were read and approved; motion by Clancy Hopkins, 2nd by Lis Couch. President Jerry welcomed guests both of whom joined the society. Sally Washer presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved; motion by Hollis Dorr, 2nd by Phyllis Putnam. Clancy Hopkins mentioned a couple of things for correspondence. The first was an old picture that we might use in the upcoming *Informer*. The second was that the Onondaga Library in Syracuse has added a couple of microfilms of 1855 and 1860 census for Onondaga County that can be viewed on line.

Nan Dixon reported for the Repository Committee that she would like to get things into places that have already been prepared for them and also she would like

to throw out useless material. **Motion: Phyllis Putnam moved and Tracy Robertson 2nd that the Repository Committee has permission to dispense with useless material.** After some discussion about perhaps other organizations might be willing to use some of the material, the motion was **Carried**.

Phyllis Putnam as Publicity Chairman reported that she sent out the usual meeting notices. As Program Chairman she mentioned the October meeting will be held in the Town Hall behind the Library with Julie Gosier and the plate glass negatives that she and Tim Abel have worked on. She also brought an index of the names for the pictures. The November 10 and December 8 meetings will be on Saturdays with lunch and a meeting following. The Carriage House was suggested and Phyllis will look into that possibility. The November meeting will be a round table talk with Nan and Bill Dixon talking about our web site to start the discussion. Phyllis also had posters for our October meeting that members took to distribute. Phyllis also mentioned for the Publications Committee that she has 5 more copies of the Pedigree Book No. 2 with her this evening. President Jerry reminded the group that we will not meet during the winter months of January and February.

Sally Washer mentioned the idea of sending a complimentary copy of the *Informer* to the Jefferson Co., St. Lawrence Co. and Lewis Co. Chambers of Commerce and include the membership application and a cover letter. Discussion was mostly in favor and Clinton, Franklin and Oswego Counties were also mentioned as possible destinations.

Bill Dixon mentioned that the September *Informer* went out with a couple of 'hitches' in that there was no punching and the back cover was duplicated. The November issue will feature Glen Park.

Nan Dixon mentioned for the Genealogical Collection Committee that she has found materials hidden in the Repository where they don't belong. She is hoping to nab a volunteer to help get things where they belong. Nan also mentioned that she spoke with Terry Mandigo in the Flower Library Genealogy Room and he agreed that if we gave him a list of the family folders that we have that we could get more exposure.

Clancy Hopkins mentioned that the cards for the December membership and surnames issue were coming in. Clancy returned to the discussion on the newsletter and mentioned the increase in postage from about \$75 to \$104. Bill Dixon brought up the possibility of dropping from 24 pages to 20 pages but discussion was quick to point out that it would not save any postage and that readers mostly likely would not approve. (Continued on Page 6)

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Tracy Robertson also mentioned that our treasury was very healthy at this time and that we should absorb the increase in postage.

Under new business, President Jerry read an email via Nan Dixon about the Northern New York Canadian American Genealogy Society's 24th annual conference to be held in Keeseville, NY on October 5 and 6.

Election of Officers: They following slate of officers was presented;

President – Jerry Davis; 1st Vice-President – Rose Dillenbeck; 2nd Vice-President – Nan Dixon; Secretary – Elaine Jobson; Treasurer – Sally Washer. Clancy moved for the secretary to cast one vote to approve, 2nd by Nan Dixon. Carried.

Clancy Hopkins moved to adjourn and Phyllis Putnam 2nd.

Ontario Paper Company At Glen Park

Employees of the old Ontario Paper Company at Glen Park are shown in the cover picture on this issue of the *Informer*. The picture was #672 in *Watertown Daily Times* feature "Old Watertown and Vicinity in Pictures." No date is available. The picture was taken in 1893 and contributed by Solomon McAdam of Glen Park. The mill was built in 1887, employed about 75 men and produced about 20 tons of paper a day. George W. Knowlton was president, S. F. Bagg—Vice president and E. B. Sterling secretary and treasurer. The mill eventually became a part of the Watertown division of the International Paper company, but was discontinued many years ago.

First row, left to right: L. Stover, R. Tuff, M. Tanzy, O. Lanky, W. Green, John J. Warren, superintendent; E. Jones, J. Terrill, F. McVey, J. Weber, C. Getman.

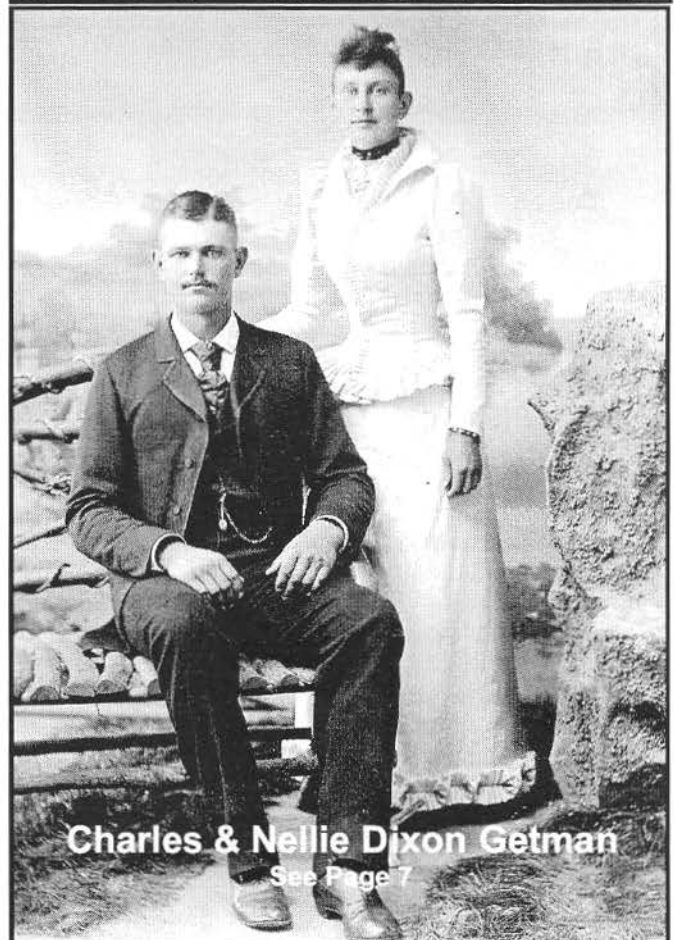
Second row: W. Mallory, S. Shepard, G. Woodcock, S. Warren, J. Wainman, G. Brant, T. Rose, M. Haley, A. Ulter, B. Russell, J. King, L. Leonard.

Third row: E. Gear, S. McAdam, J. McClusky, A. Worden, J. Whaley, J. Bradley, L. Whaley, O. Palmer.

Fourth row: F. Heath, L. O'Brien, G. Ransom, W. Little, A. Rouby, J. Dorr, A. Burdick, H. Rockwood, J. Vincent, R. Kemfield, H. Hagadorn.



Charles M. Getman
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Charles & Nellie Dixon Getman
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Charles Martin Getman

(From our Cover Picture, Charles sits on the Right end of the front row and is the uncle of our editor.)

Charles Martin Getman, only son of William and Sophronia (MacMahon) Getman, was born in the Morris Tract in the Town of Lyme on 23 Apr 1868. On 23 Dec 1891 he married Nellie Dixon. Both bride and groom were 23 years old, and the wedding party and guests numbered 23. They lived near the village of Brownville close to the Ontario Mill, where Charles worked. While they were living there, the people decided to divide the town, and called the new section Glen Park. According to his wife's autobiography, Charles did all the writing of the legal papers for the new division.

In 1895, Charles went on to Piercefield as superintendent of a paper mill there. It was a new mill town. His family could not join him until the company had erected cabins for the people, and Charles Getman was one of the first to rent one. After working there a few years, Mr. John Warren, the mill superintendent left Piercefield and moved to another paper mill at Grand Mere, in the Province of Quebec. Charles followed. Nellie outlined their trip, as they followed Charles. The first step of their trip was to go to Watertown by train. They took another train to Clayton, where they stayed with relatives overnight. Charles left at six the next morning on the steamer Kingston for Montreal, and Nellie and little Olive went a day or so later.

It was a great thrill to run the rapids. Grand Mere was a hundred and fifty miles inland on the St. Maurice River. Nellie and Olive arrived at Montreal at dusk, and went to the Windsor Hotel for the night. In the morning they continued their trip and arrived at 2 in the afternoon, and then took a buckboard to the Laurentide Inn for dinner.

They stayed in Grand Mere until Mr. Ed Sterting wrote that he had a job for Charles as Superintendent of Public Works in Watertown. In order to establish residence in the U.S., he went to work for Charles Remington at Norfolk, where they were building a new mill. From there they moved to Alexandria Bay where Charles was superintendent of the new electric railroad from there to Redwood.

After some more moves, Charles went to Watertown to be Superintendent of Public Works, a post he held until his retirement. They settled in the house at 43 Academy St., now 625 Academy, where daughter Ruth was born, and where Charles and Nellie spent the rest of their lives. Charles Getman died at his home in Watertown 8 Dec 1945.



John J. Warren

(From our Cover Picture, John sits in the center of the front row and is the grandfather of JCNYS past president Robert VanBrocklin.)

John J. Warren received the germ of his inspiration as a pulp and paper producer back in 1880 when, as a boy of 14 he played around the "C. R." mill then being built by the late Charles R. Remington and associate near Glen Park. There were 10 Warren children and they were raised at the end of Warren Street in Glen Park on a farm that is no longer there.

When the mill was finished, young John Warren obtained a job there. He was interested, alert and quick to learn. It was not many years before he was a skilled machine tender, but he was not content to rest there. He studied the process of paper making and devised many improvements and safeguards.

John Warren was superintendent of the Ontario Paper Company mill at Glen Park, the most modern and costly paper mill in this part of the state. He was president of the Harmon Paper company of Brownville and of the Warren Parchment company of Dexter. He was one of the vice presidents and consulting experts of the St. Regis Paper company and was the inventor of the Warren magazine grinder manufactured for him by the Bath Iron works.

THE PROMISED LAND OF CASTORLAND

Chapter 1 of History of the Village of Glen Park
By G. Gerard Hoard (Last entry dated 1972)

The early period of Glen Park's history would be identical with that of the other villages within the Town of Brownville. Through a series of land purchases, this property fell into the hands of General Jacob Brown for whom the township was named.

In 1786, a land commission was created by the State of New York to sell unappropriated lands acquired from the Oneida Indians. In September 1788, a treaty was signed at Fort Stanwix by the Oneidas ceding all of northern New York to the land commission. These lands were put on the market and were immediately bought up by Alexander Macomb of New York at eight cents an acre. Macomb soon went into bankruptcy and these holdings were transferred to William Constable.

Constable was hopeful that the French aristocracy would jump at the chance of procuring estates in America because the French Revolution was now in full swing and thousands of noblemen were being executed by the Paris mobs. Constable went to Paris to meet with some Frenchmen he had known in New York. Two of these men were James LeRay de Chaurmont and M. Paul Chassanis.

Paul Chassanis agreed in 1792 to serve as agent for the lands east and north of the Black River and plans for two cities were drawn up. The first city was Basle (now Dexter) to be at the mouth of Black River, and Castorland was to be built 30 miles upstream.

To lay plans for this French mecca in northern New York, the Paris Castorland Commission, "castor" being the French word for beaver, chose M. Peter Pharous and Simon Dejardines to explore the northern lands. Their journey took them by river boat up the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. The delicate Frenchmen were shocked to note the public lovemaking of the American men and women of 1793. The Frenchmen were beginning to realize that the northern frontier of New York bore few of the refinements of Paris. They were ill-prepared to survive here.

Even though northern New York lies along a latitude similar to southern France, the weather is somewhat different. Howard Thomas in his book, *Black River in*

the North Country, recalled that one old resident in this area commented, "We have nine months of winter and four months of damned poor weather. It's no wonder the Indians got out and left it to us."

The Frenchmen reached the mouth of Black River in October after a rough journey up Lake Ontario from Oswego. As Pharoux and Dejardines started up their river, their meager knowledge of geography led them to believe that this main river of their domain would someday be filled with the ships of commerce. As they reached a point on the river now known as Glen Park, they found a series of impassable waterfalls. This event prompted postponement of exploration in that year.

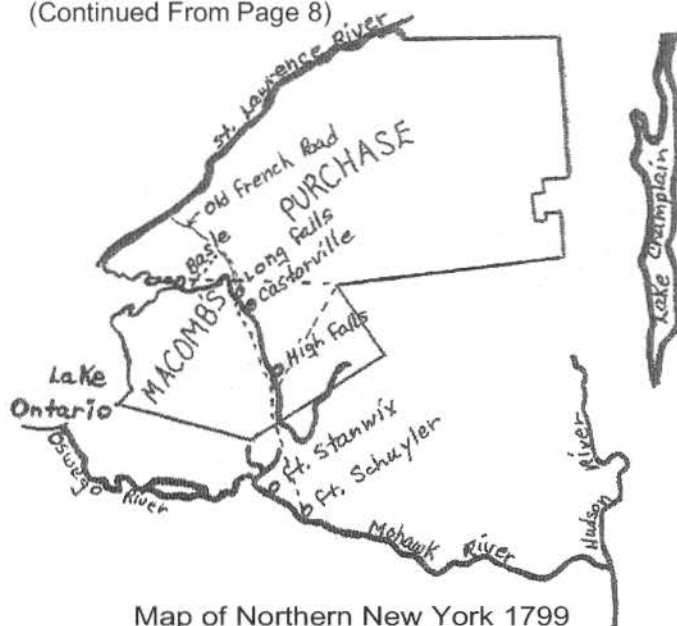
Further exploration continued and a few French aristocrats arrived in Castorland between 1796 and 1800, but they never prospered. These few settlements were at High Falls (Lyons Falls) and Long Falls (Carthage). The settlers had come north from Fort Schuyler.

The promised land was not all that the first French émigrés had hoped it would be. The original roads were laid out by the French landowners. The Frenchmen's knowledge of the topography of this wilderness was so scant that roads were laid out without regard to natural obstacles. When the first settlers came over these roads, they frequently found the road ending at the top of a steep incline and beginning again at the bottom. There were no instructions as to how travelers might traverse the obstacles confronting them.

Most of the lands of northern New York eventually fell into the hands of LeRay and Chassanis. Rudolph Tillier of New York was the Chassainis agent and in 1798, he was introduced to Jacob Brown, a schoolmaster in New York City. Brown invested in a portion of these lands north of Black River and near the river's outlet to Lake Ontario. In 1799, Brown started north for his future home. (Its exact location was not definitely fixed.) During the winter of 1798-9, Brown moved provisions to High Falls from Utica. In March, Brown moved to Long Falls, thence along the newly completed French Road to French Creek. Eventually, Jacob Brown and his party struck off toward the head of navigation of Black River, arriving at a point where today is located the Village of Brownville. Jacob Brown served as LeRay's agent in the settlement of lands in Brownville and adjacent towns from 1800-1807.

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Map of Northern New York 1799

From these origins emerged the Town of Brownville and toward the end of the 19th century, the Village of Glen Park was incorporated within these lands.

Cape Vincent Historical Museum

By the late Nina O. Comins
Thousand Islands Sun, 1981

The building that houses the Cape Vincent Historical Museum has considerable history in its background. The land for this house was purchased from Vincent LeRay de Chaumont prior to 1823 by the Borland family who presumably built shortly thereafter. Upon John Borland's death, the property was sold to Smith Bartlett of Kingston, Ont. in 1842. George Bartlett, Smith's son, who was supervisor of Cape Vincent in 1865, inherited the property in 1867. In turn, his widow sold the lot and house to David Laird in 1897.

In 1931, Mamie Laird Bates sold to Caruthers Ewing, general counsel for the A&P Company. The same year he sold the property to Stuyvesant Fish who immediately had it deeded to the Village of Cape Vincent. Mr. Fish was the great grandson of Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State under President Grant.

Upon the village's receiving this property, a drive was underway to put the building in good repair so it could be used as a Community House. The Improvement League donated money toward the project as did John L. Johnston and Reginald Newton. With a great deal of volunteer help the work was completed in 1935.

On Feb. 29, 1936 a lending library was opened in one section of the building and later another room became

the historian's office. One room was equipped as a kitchen while the main room could be filled with folding tables so luncheons were held by different organizations. The main room was also used for meetings of the Improvement League and Auxiliary clubs, Board of Trade, 4-H clubs, Scouts, boys band and political groups.

The library books were moved to the new library on Real Street which was dedicated in June 1968. After that the History club started a museum in the rooms previously used for the library and historian's office. About 1975, the different organizations started holding their meetings at other places and the museum expanded into the main room. Over the past two years the interior has been painted, courtesy of the Village Board.

The museum has a collection of scrapbooks that hold a great deal of information for those interested in digging into the past and an obituary file that helps with genealogy research. This museum has been fortunate to receive an exhibit of artifacts retrieved from a ship sunk near Carleton Island during the Revolutionary War. To bring back memories of one of our oldest families in settlement is an exhibit of some of Richard Merchant's welded art pieces. There is memorabilia of many of the industries that once were the livelihood of Cape Vincent such as an ice cutting plow, a wood stove made by Forsythe, a willow basket made by Blum, a shipping box for Booth Fisheries, a spinning wheel, a model ice boat and early implements of the dairy business. There are pictures of the schools of the village, hotels of the past, portraits of Ferdinand Hassler and Napoleon and many more interesting items.



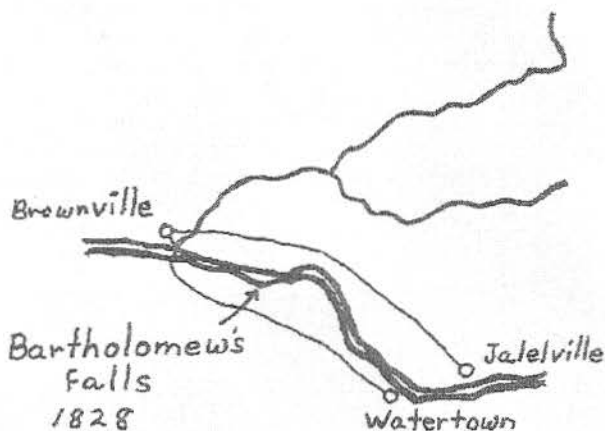
Another unidentified Johndrow picture

JIM WOOD'S FALLS

Chapter 2 of History of the Village of Glen Park
By C. Gerard Hoard (Last entry dated 1972)

James Wood came to the Black River country from New Hampshire about 1804. For a time, he kept a tavern on the present site of the Hotel Woodruff in Watertown. During the War of 1812, Jim Wood fought to defend the northern frontier while his wife, Caroline, baked bread for the soldiers at Brownville.

It is believed that Jim Wood operated a store on Carlton Island in 1820. Carlton Island had been a part of the Macomb purchase, and many squatters were attracted there by the lumber trade. Sometime during the 1820's, Jim Wood was attracted to a place known as Bartholomew's Falls within the Brown settlement. The name Bartholomew is recorded in early Brownville history. Deacon Oliver Bartholomew arrived in Brownville in 1801 and was employed in building the first bridge over the river at that point in 1802.



On October 22, 1830, James Wood purchased from the trustees of the Mechanics Fire Insurance Company a hundred acres of land. About 1833, Jim and his sons, Gilmour, Charles, and Ira, built the large two-story stone dwelling that for a century would be known simply as the "Jim Wood Place". This stone structure remained for many years the only house on the Brownville-Watertown road and eventually, the area became known as Jim Wood's Falls.

Wood had early seen the possibilities of Bartholomew's Falls and had constructed a small grist mill utilizing the falls for power. This energetic pioneer continued to develop this site with a dam and cloth dressing mill. Later, Wood built a larger mill measuring 80 X 350 feet. It was completed and waiting for machinery from the east when a tremendous spring freshet came



Jim Wood's Place

Photo by David Lane, Watertown Daily Times, 1948

and swept away in one night the dam, saw mill and woolen factory so completely that not a sliver of the whole concern was left. So noiseless was the destruction that Mr. Wood was unaware of his loss until he went out at sunrise to go to his factory.

The discouraged Jim Wood then moved to Dexter, leaving Wood's Falls in the hands of his sons. Jim Wood built a sawmill in Dexter and engaged in the lumber business. Financial woes plagued Wood in Dexter and once again, he did not prosper. His sawmill was consumed by fire, which also destroyed \$5,000 worth of fine lumber. After this disastrous fire, he gave the lumber business to his two living sons. Later, he built the propeller-driven "James Wood", the first vessel of its kind on Lake Ontario. Mr. Wood ran vessels on the Erie Canal and eventually, went to Detroit where he became a commission merchant in lumber.

On December 29, 1851, at the age of 69, James Wood died and was buried in the cemetery in Brownville along with his wife, Caroline, who died January 4, 1845, at the age of 55, Wood's son, Gilmour, who died about 1840, almost 30 years of age and his 12 year old daughter, Sarah, who died in 1841.

James Wood was a progressive, stirring man, the contemporary of Adriel Ely, Ely Farwell, the Loomis family at Brownville, and those other prominent men and women who were veritable "heroes of discovery" in our township.

Folk legends existed for years that Jim Wood hanged himself in the cellar of his Wood's Falls home the night after the flood, but there are no records which would verify this story.

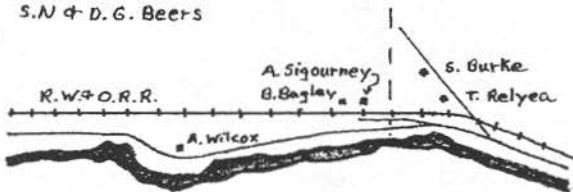
On December 5, 1848, Jim Wood's son sold the Wood
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 property to Asahal Wilcox of Manlius for \$4,000. Through several land transactions, title to a major portion of these properties came to Charles R. Remington in 1881.

Between 1833, the year of the disastrous flood, and the 1880's when the Remingtons arrived, the area known as Jim Wood's Falls saw limited activity. It was in 1879, three years after the invention of the telephone, that the first line stretched through the Wood's Falls area connecting Watertown and Cape Vincent.

In 1854, the noted Jefferson County historian, Dr. Franklin B. Hough, observed that at several points be-

JIM WOOD'S FALLS
 From surveys 1864
 by
 S.A. & D.G. Beers



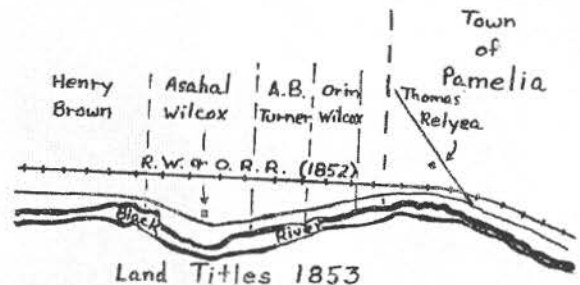
tween Brownville and Watertown, fine opportunities for water power exist which were entirely unimproved. The only structure of any significance between Brownville, and Watertown remained the Jim Wood's place.

The Dexter, Brownville and Pamela plank road was authorized in 1849, but was soon abandoned. In its place, a macadamized road was constructed from Brownville to Watertown, and was under the manage-

ment of Alanson Skinner for many years. Mr. Skinner was prominent in the growth of Brownville during the mid-19th century. In 1852, the Cape Vincent Branch of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad was completed. The R W & O RR quickly became the main transportation artery for this area and without it local industries could not have prospered.

The northern New York winters sometimes played a prominent role in the operation of this line. In January and February of 1880, there was a severe snowstorm which tied up the Cape Vincent branch of the R W & O RR. Three trains were stalled and remained unmovable for twenty-eight days. The mail was drawn from Watertown by teams during this time.

Henry Brown, the younger brother of Jacob Brown for whom the Town was named, owned land near the western portion of the present village. The younger Brown built his home on the Old Military Road, which is about one mile north of the Glen Park property. Glen Park is further linked with the Brown family because the eastern portion of the village lies in the Town of Pamela, named after Jacob's wife.



TROLLEY LINE

TO THE Thousand Islands

VIA REDWOOD, N. Y.
 TO ALEXANDRIA BAY.

IN EFFECT JUNE 14, 1903. SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

TIME TABLE

Hill Rail Route	Leave Redwood		Arrive Alex. Bay		Leave Alex. Bay		Arrive Redwood	
	6:20 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:50 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
..to..	10:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Alexandria	1:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
Bay,	4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	8:45 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
N. Y.	5:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	9:15 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.

Extra cars will be run Saturday nights leaving Bay 10:45 and 12:30. Leave Redwood 10:45 and 11:30.

STEAM ROAD CONNECTIONS
 New York Central trains, R. W. & O. Division, leave Redwood south bound, 6:18 a.m., 4:50 p.m., and 8:47 p.m. North bound, 10:14 a.m. and 5:14 p.m. SUNDAYS—south bound 9:17 a.m. and 8:32 p.m. north bound 10:14 a.m. and 4:04 p.m.
 Trolley Cars Meet All Trains
 ST. L. I. ELEC. R. R. & LAND CO.
 Alexandria Bay, N. Y. CHAS. M. GETMAN, Supt.

The information about Charles Getman from our editor Nan Dixon also included this schedule from the Trolley Line To The Thousand Islands via. Redwood, N. Y. to Alexandria Bay. Charles M. Getman was superintendent!

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,

My mother was born in the Town of Lyme. Where do I look for any trace of the family?

Curious

Dear Curious,

You might want to clarify where in Town of Lyme your Ancestors lived. Up until 1833 the Town of Lyme included part of the Town of Clayton and up until 1849 it included all of the Town of Cape Vincent. Prior to 1818 and 1821 this area was part of the Town of Brownville, New York.

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I've read short pieces about the county poor house in the Oswego Daily Palladium, 26 December, 1873 and the Jefferson County Journal, 19 February, 1874. Can you tell me anything about it? I have a relative who was placed there and died there on those approximate dates. Thank you.

David Young

Dear David,

The county poor house, in Jefferson County located near where the present Jefferson Community College is, was a warehouse for the unwanted, for those whom their relatives couldn't or wouldn't care for. Its budget was described in the county supervisor's minutes, now published and found in many facilities in the county. It housed the senile, the imbecile, the destitute, orphans, the chronically ill, society's cast offs. Being placed in the poor house was a disgrace, commemorated in a long, sentimental poem popular in the nineteenth century: "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse."

Aunty Jeff knows of several people placed there for various reasons: a widow, old and probably feeble, no longer useful for baby sitting, whose son didn't support his own wife and children, let alone his mother. Her siblings had all died, she had no one left but her son's family. Her daughter-in-law, with the physical work of taking care of a farm, her only income, and four small children, couldn't handle her mother-in-law as well, who, in happier times was fairly well-to-do.

An old man, probably senile, whose family was so

ashamed of shunting him off to the poor house that while his death certificate stated that he died in the poor house, his obituary had him dying at the home of his son.

An unwed mother, whose progress can be found in the records, entered the poor house, had her baby there, and left in the spring when she was probably able to find work as a hired girl.

A hired man, not very bright and possibly alcoholic, who entered the poor house each year in the fall after harvest, spent the winter there, and left in the spring when he could get work on farms. His wages were probably only his room and board, and as such he could not support his wife and two children. His wife did house work and sewing to feed and clothe herself and her children.

Jefferson County, if we can believe the Supervisors Minutes, kept a fairly humane building, but the reputation of the poorhouses in general were horrible, poorly heated, poorly fed, and no amenities worth mentioning.

Think of today's nursing homes, without any oversight worth mentioning.

First Settlement

(The Vacationer, August 2007)

LaFargeville—The first settlement of LaFargeville was made without title by Dr. Reuben Andrus of Vermont who in 1819 erected a log mill on Cat Fish Creek in the present village. From this place acquired the name of Log Mills, which it long retained. In 1829, a small store was opened and business gradually centered a this point.

On the occasion of a Fourth of July celebration in 1823, a resolution was passed, giving the place its present name of LaFargeville. In 1850 it contained, according to the census of Mr. Rot-tiers, 50 dwellings, 61 families, and 312 inhabitants.

Computer Corner

Bill McGrath, TIGS (Troy Irish Genealogy Website) Project Coordinator in Clifton Park, NY, writes, "to any Jefferson County New York Researchers who have a connection to Rensselaer County, New York, you might want to take a look at the new data base on Rensselaer County Marriages on the Troy Irish Genealogy Website: Click on PROJECTS and then click on Rensselaer County Marriage Index.

"Four thousand new names have been added to the 20,000 marriage index names already on the website. Data records cover Irish AND non-Irish names."

He added in a follow-up email: "Also, have you looked at our website under RESOURCES and then "Look-Ups Irish Acts of Kindness"? There are many records that volunteers will do look ups in. If some of the recipients of the Jefferson County Informer have ties to the areas covered by these resources they may be interested in the service."

For those people who still believe in the infallibility of the printed word, even on the internet after all the warnings about it, Connie Burkett in the USGW help-pages writes: Census transcriptions with index files in the same folder are a great convenience for researchers. But besides the obvious errors that a transcriber will make in trying to decipher the handwriting, there were many errors made by the persons who recorded the census information. Many of the errors were caused by a language barrier of the recorder and the person giving the information. There have even been cases where no one was at home when the census-taker visited the household and he got the information from a neighbor because he didn't want to have to come back later.

On the earlier census years some of the handwritten census pages are in alphabetic-letter sequence. The census-taker didn't visit the households in alphabetic sequence, so we must assume that he rewrote the information after he had recorded the entire area he was responsible for. There's a big possibility that mistakes were made in alphabetizing and rewriting the full information.

And what about the original copies that were retained in the county before copying machines were available.

Someone had to create hand-written copies of the original pages.

According to "The Census Book by William Dollarhide, for the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census years -- the census-taker recorded the information and then the information was given to the county. Someone in the county office made a hand-written copy of the original information and the hand-written copy was sent to the state. Someone in the state office made a hand-written copy of the hand-written copy for each county. The hand-written copy was kept by the state office and the hand-written of the hand-written copy was sent to the federal office. Do you want to guess which copy of the census was used for the microfilm? Yes, the federal copy (the hand-written copy of the hand-written copy).

You cannot assume that the census information on the microfilmed pages is accurate. For each family that you are researching you should get all the census information for the different years and then you might see a better picture of the names and ages. Many of the people switched their first and middle names between census years. And for ages, I always giggle about the ages of the females that I'm researching because they frequently fail to age 10 years from one census to the next."

Pat Regan, administrator of the NYJeffer mailing list writes: Here is an interesting new site with mortality schedules which should be a useful tool in doing your research. Many of us have ancestors and family who left Jefferson County NY or St Lawrence County NY for other parts of the US. This could help us find their DOD and the location.

Please note that this free Site is made possible by sponsored links to Rootsweb owned by The Generations Network.

<http://mortalityschedules.com/>

THE FIRST WEDDING IN WATERTOWN

[From the City Historian's files]

The first wedding in Watertown took place in the same house that the first woman was born in. Sally Coffeen, the eldest daughter of Henry Coffeen and a sister of the late Henry Hale Coffeen was married to Dr. Isaiah Massey October 30, 1802, she being but sixteen years old. She died in Lockport, NY aged 86 on the 30th September 1872.

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, July, November 2006, January, March and September 2007 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.

Rebscher (Ribsehen), Fred Redwood
Mar 30
Frederick W. Rebscher (Child's – Alexandria, Rebscher & Cosgrove, livestock dealers)
Frederick W. Rebscher (1853–1931, Redwood Cem.)

Reed, Charles
Aug 3

Reed, Charles E. Utica
Sept 1
Charles E. Reed (1887 Utica Dir, clerk, DL&W RR)

Reed, Geo. Redwood
Sept 8
(35 pike, 27 bass, 19 pickerel, 140 roaches, 19 bullheads, 3 eels)

Reed, German
Aug 3
Germein Reed, Redwood (Child's- Alexandria, laborer, served Co I, 35th Inf NY)

Reed, Merton
Aug 3

Reed, W.H. Syracuse
Jan 24
William H. Reed (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)

Reidel, F.P. Syracuse
Sept 7
Francis P. Reidel (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)

Rexford, H.L. Utica
July 25
Herbert L. Rexford (1888 Utica Directory)
(journalist for the "Observer")

Reynolds, A.L. New York City
Sept 5, Sept 8

Reynolds, E.E. Clayton
Aug 29

Reynolds, H.G. Gouverneur, NY
Nov 30, Feb 15
Horace G. Reynolds sold property in Gouverneur on Oct 31, 1904, (liber 164C, pg 1614). Horace & wife, Letitia, were then residents of Dixon, Illinois. Horace G. Reynolds (1920 Census – Dixon, Illinois, (Lee County), age 65)

Reynolds, S.C. New York
Feb 21

Rhoades, W.A. N.Y.
Nov 7

Rhubart, Henry Watertown
July 22
Henry R. Rhubarb (1891 Watertown Directory, proprietor, Harris House)
Henry H. Rhubarb (1841 – 1926, Section T)
(Brookside Cemetery, Watertown)

Rice, E.D. Utica
Nov 7, Nov 9, Feb 29

Rice, S.E. Carthage
Feb 8

Richardson, B.W. Theresa
Jan 9
Brayton W. Richardson (1856 – 1902)
(Oakwood Cemetery, Theresa)

Richardson, H.L. & wife New York
May 26

Richardson, Thos. & Mrs. Ilion
July 14 (Herkimer County)

Riley, W.H.
July 15

Rindge, W.B. Syracuse
Oct 25, Mar 28
William B. Rindge (1888 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)

Rinus, Fred Utica
Mar 20

Robb, Wm. Rossie
May 23
William Robb (1836-1909)
(Riverside Cemetery, Rossie, St. Lawrence)

Robbins, E.M. Adams
Mar 16

Roberts, Daniel NY
May 23

Roberts, E.E. Utica
Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 9, Jan 17, Feb 22, Apr 17
Ellis E. Roberts (1887 Utica Dir, com. traveler)

Roberts, Phil Utica
Aug 16
Philip Roberts (1890 & 92 Utica Dir, conductor RW&O RR)

Roberts, William Philadelphia
Apr 12
William Roberts (Child's – Philadelphia, manuf. of & dealer in lumber, lath & shingles, Burket Hall patent, sheathing lath, owns woodland)

Roberts, Wm. P. Utica RR
Jul 21, Jul 22, Jul 25, Aug 2, Aug 4, Aug 6, Aug 13, Aug 16

Robinson, Celia
July 15

Robinson, Idela
July 15

Robinson, R.T. Ogdensburg
Nov 2, Jan 17 & 18, Mar 7

Rodenhurst, F.S. Theresa
July 4
Fred S. Rodenhurst (1866-1942)
(Oakwood Cemetery – Theresa)

Rodger, A.H. Hammond
Jun 23, Sept 3
Albert H. Rodger (1851 – 1918)
(Fine View Cemetery, Hammond)

Rodger, Wm. Clayton
Mar 29

Rogers, Chas July 19 Charles A. Rogers (1860-1934) (Highland Cemetery - Alexandria)	Alexandria Bay	Jun 8, Jun 17, Jun 24 Charles P. Ryther (Child's - Wilna)	
Rogers, Frank Mar 7	Clayton	- S -	
Rogers, John Mar 21	Boston	Saeur?, O.M. May 23	Smithville (Town of Adams)
Rosenbloom, J. Aug 27 Jacob Rosenbloom (1888 Syracuse Dir, peddler)	Syracuse	Safford, George May 23, June 7	Canton
Rounds, E.T. Jun 18, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8 (Mannsville), Nov 5, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 17, Mar 9, Mar 30 Edward T. Rounds (1887 Syracuse Dir, com. trav.)	Mannsville, Syracuse	Salisbury, A.C. & wife	Utica
Rounds, James Mar 30	Poughkeepsie (Dutchess County)	Salisbury, A.W. Aug 25 Arthur W. Salisbury (1889 Syracuse Dir, com. trav)	Syracuse
Row, W. ? July 15		Sample, E.B. Jun 24, Dec 22 & 23 E.B. Sample (1887 Rochester Dir, salesman)	Rochester
Rowland, A. Feb 7	Morristown	Samuels, John Brocton? Apr 2	
Rowlands, William J. Sept 26 (68 bass & 12 bullheads) (1888 Utica Directory)	Utica, NY	Sargent, F.J. Mar 2	burgh Falls, VT
Rowley, A. Jun 17, Sept 8 Alonzo Rowley (1888 Utica Dir.)	Utica	Sayer, Willie June 15 Willie Sayer (1867-1934) (Riverside Cemetery, Section G - Gouverneur)	Theresa
Roy, Henry Feb 14 (commenced work this morning) Henry Roy (1880 Census - Hammond, St. Lawrence County, hostler, age 30)	Redwood	Schall, A. Aug 24, Sept 8	
Rubentes?, M.J. Jun 14, Sept 15, Nov 2	Syracuse	Schantz, A.R. Sept 1 Andrew R. Schantz (1880 Census, Lewis County, Croghan, age 30, cheesemaker)	Castorland
Rundlet, G.A. Sept 16	Alexandria Bay	Schiller, Chas H. July 25 Chas. H. Schiller (1889 Utica Dir, Watchmkr/Jewelr) Chas. H. Schiller (1895-6 Utica Dir, 175 Genesee, diamonds & jewelry, h 82 Oneida) Chas. H. Schiller (b 1843 Ger, d 1900 Utica)	Utica
Russell, ___? (Joe) June 11	Hammond	Schiller, Georg July 25 George C. Schiller (1895-6 Utica Dir, salesman h 82 Oneida)	Utica
Russell, Allen Alex Bay Jan 11 Allen Russell (Child's - Alexandria, farmer)		Schnauber, Geo. Oct 18 George Schnauber (Child's - Alexandria, farmer) George Schnauber (1855-1924, Redwood Cemetery)	Redwood
Russell, D.F.E. Aug 23	NYC & N RR	Schryver, Frank Aug 29 Frank M. Schryver (1867 - 1944) (Omar Cemetery - Orleans)	Omar
Russell, J.H. Feb 14	Syracuse	Schull, G.T. June 14	Antwerp
Russell, Josie Nov 5 Josephine Russell (1854 - 1937) (Highland Cemetery, Alexandria)	Alex Bay	Schyler, A.H. Jan 30	Philadelphia
Rutherford, J.K. Sept 27, Nov 11	New York		
Ryan, Geo. & Jud Reed June 20 (maybe Ossian, Livingston County)	Oassin?		
Ryan, Wm. F. Aug 12 Wm. F. Ryan (1889 Utica Dir, school commissioner) (also: Steates & Ryan, furniture dealers)	Utica		
Ryther, Chas. P.	Carthage		

WATERTOWN AND BROWNVILLE STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

Chapter 4 of History of the Village of Glen Park
By G. Gerard Hoard (Last entry dated 1972)

On November 22, 1887, the Black River Traction Company was organized to provide trolley service to the City of Watertown. Alfred D. Remington was its first President, with E. S. Goodale, Secretary-Treasurer, and W. H. Cole, Superintendent. Construction of this line began in November of 1888 with the support of local stockholders and it was their influence that soon brought about the construction of a line to service the Remington mills, as well as Brownville.

Upon the leadership of Alfred D. Remington, the new-born company known as the Watertown and Brownville Street Railway Company made application to the Brownville Village Board for a franchise. This application was filed in Brownville October 2, 1890, at 7:30 p.m.

The original franchise extended from West Main Street in Watertown to the westerly limits of the village of Brownville. The route of this line was constructed along Sand Street, now covered by Route 12E, which passes through the Villages of Glen Park and Brownville. It wasn't until July 2, 1899, that this line extended to the Village of Dexter.

It is interesting to note many familiar names listed as company directors on the franchise application:

A. D. Remington, President; E. S. Goodale, Secretary-Treasurer; Clark W. Hatch, John C. Thompson, Edward M. Gates, C. H. Walts, Joseph Atwell, Jr., George B. Massey, George A. Bagley, B. B. Taggart, Joseph Mullin, C. C. Steele, C. E. Outterson, A. E. Lord and S. F. Bagg.

According to the original franchise, the new railway was to consist of one track with such turn-outs, switches, and turntables as would be necessary. The rails were to be of first quality "T" steel. The railway company was responsible for maintaining the road between the rails and for snow and ice removal during the winter months.

No passenger could be charged more than 5¢ for a ride on the Watertown and Brownville line, and for 10¢, you could travel from Brownville to any point in the City of Watertown.

The street railway franchise provided that construction be completed within one year and the following sched-

ule had to be maintained as minimum service:

Leave Brownville	6:30 A.M.
Leave C. R. Remington	7:00 A.M.
Watertown to Brownville	12:00 Noon
Brownville to Watertown	12:00 Noon
Watertown to Brownville	6:00 P.M.
	(except Sundays)
Brownville to Watertown	6:00 P.M.
	(except Sundays)

The speed limit within village limits was to be six miles per hour. There were several regular stops as the trolley proceeded from Watertown. The first stop was the A. D. Remington Mill, then the amusement park, the C. R. Remington Mill and the Ontario Mill. The mill workers began to rely heavily on the trolleys, and cars were soon dispatched on a more frequent basis.

Boarding the trolley in Brownville, you paid your nickel and received a ticket. These tickets were numbered and each number represented a certain stop. For example, a "Number 4" ticket meant you were going to the A. D. Remington Mill, and soon this particular mill became known simply as "Number 4". The passenger going to the "C.R." Mill carried Ticket Number 7, while the Ontario was Ticket Number 8.

Since the franchise required the street railway company to remove snow in the winter, large mechanical bamboo brushes were mounted on the front of the trolleys. Students used the cleared tracks to walk to school.



Before plows were used, the Watertown and Brownville Street Railway Company equipped the cars with rotary bamboo brushes which kept ice and snow off the right of way.

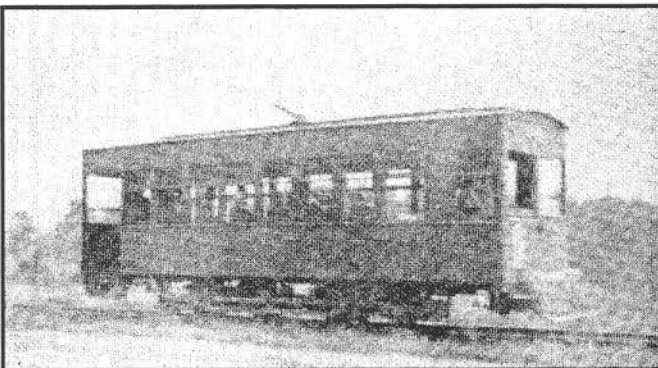
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As the tracks were extended in 1899, the final run of the day came up from Dexter each night about midnight and was popularly known as "The Owl". On one particular night, with the temperature holding at 26 below zero, the brakes on "The Owl" froze and the little trolley jumped the rails on the frog switch at the end of the line in Dexter. The trouble car was summoned and as the trouble car passed through Brownville, Mechanic Orville A. Pettit halted the big car to pick up some shivering passengers hoping to return to Watertown. By 2 A.M., the derailed trolley was back on the tracks and heading for the car barns on West Main Street. There was no heat in the cars and so the men danced, did some shadow boxing and went through a series of exercises in hopes of maintaining circulation. In addition to the cold, the male passengers were concerned about explaining their 3 A.M. arrival home to their waiting wives. One of the men had worked the gold fields of the Klondike, but exclaimed that he had never experienced cold such as was suffered that night.

The first cars had open fronts and the motormen stood on these platforms. Later, these platforms were enclosed and an attempt to heat the cars was made with the use of coal stoves. Coal from the Glen Park mills was often used to feed the stoves on the trolleys.

As the Watertown and Brownville Street Railway Company grew, more elaborate transportation was offered, such as suburban trolley cars and open summer trailers. These vehicles were especially pleasant for picnic trips to the park. Usually, the motorman was Jake Edick and the conductor was Mr. Wilcox.



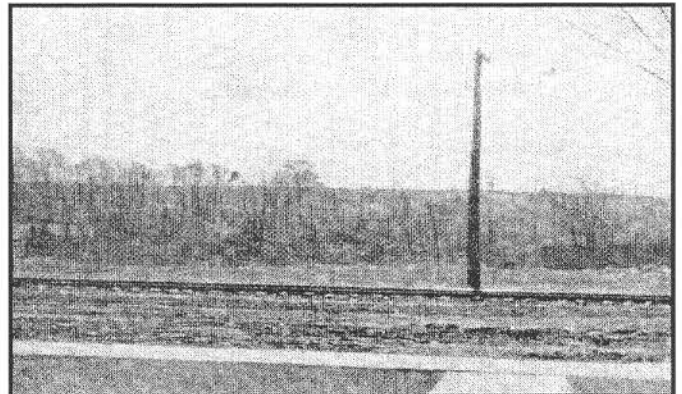
The Watertown and Brownville Street Railway Company car is supported by a single track.

The local stockholders never realized a profit from the Watertown and Brownville line, and it was sold in 1896 to non-resident investors. The Black River Traction Company did continue to flourish in the city and the line to Dexter operated until 1930. On June 26, 1930, the Black River Traction Company petitioned for the abandonment of the line running from West Main

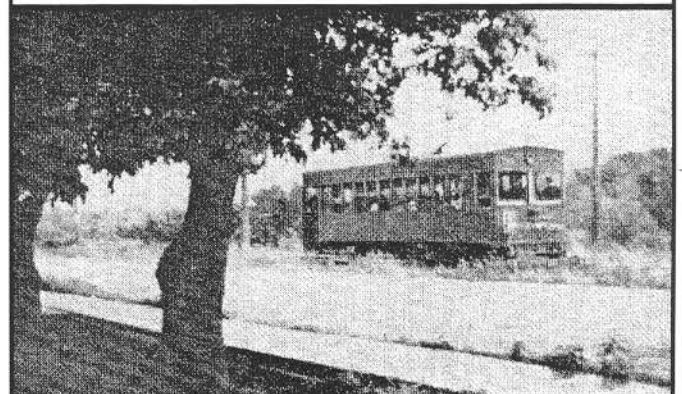
Street in Watertown to the end of the line in Dexter. The abandonment was granted under the following conditions:

The Watertown-Brownville portion of the Black River Traction Company as set forth in the declaration of abandonment has been deemed no longer necessary for the public service. This approval shall be granted only upon the condition that the Black River Traction Company remove all its poles, lines, rails, tracks and ties located along or on the route. The rails and ties imbedded in the pavement lying within the municipal limits of the Village of Dexter need not be removed. The Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, is prepared to proceed with the construction of a new highway along the route described in the said declaration of abandonment.

In 1931, the dirt road through Glen Park was paved and the Watertown and Brownville Street Railway Company discontinued its services.



It was not until 1931 that concrete replaced the dirt roads through Glen Park. In this view taken in front of the Village Hall, the new sidewalks had been installed.



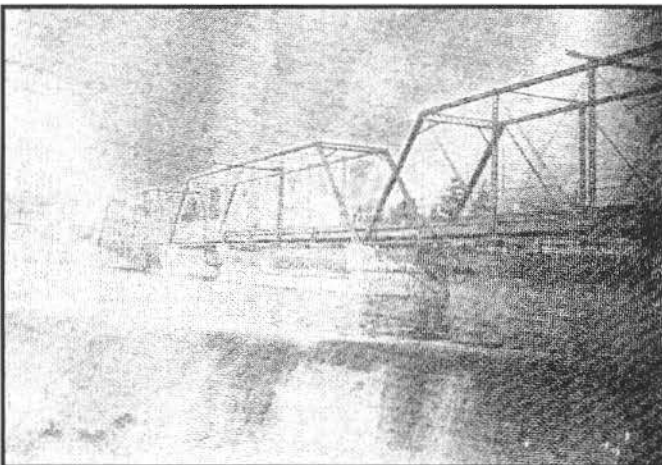
The Watertown and Brownville suburban passing down Main Street in upper Glen Park. Along the newly constructed sidewalks can be seen the summer water lines provided by the mills to residents of the village.

CONEY ISLAND OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

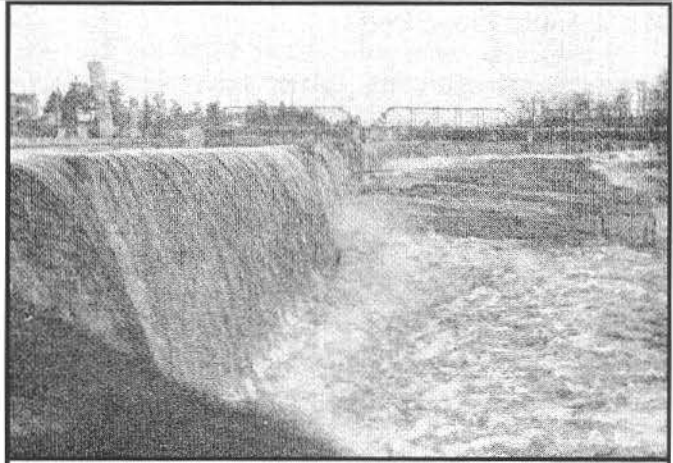
Chapter 5 of History of the Village of Glen Park
By G. Gerard Hoard (Last entry dated 1972)

Between 1890 and 1904, Glen Park became the gathering place for thousands of pleasure seekers from the Black River Valley. The park was started as an outdoor amusement enterprise about 1891 by the Watertown and Brownville Street Railway Company, which had been completed and opened to traffic on May 20, 1891. To encourage area residents to use the trolley line, the company's stockholders, including Alfred Remington and John C. Thompson, conceived the park idea. So popular was this spa that reference was made to Glen Park as "The Coney Island of the North Country".

The Glen Park Amusement Park was originally part of the Henry Wilson farm, which was situated along the south shore of Black River at Jim Wood's Falls. The Remingtons purchased the land in the 1890's and a walking bridge across the Black River, connecting the village and park area, was constructed in 1891 by the Springfield Iron Works of Springfield, Massachusetts. Watertown residents could board a trolley on Public Square and for a five cent fare, journey to Glen Park. On warm days, the trolley often pulled open-air cars equipped with brightly colored awnings which made the trip on the electric railway a must for all lovers of picnics. One did not have long to wait for his trolley, for in the summer they passed by every 20 minutes. After the short ride, the picnickers arrived on a siding, which had many trolleys waiting to return people to Watertown. From this point, picnickers could cross the 300 foot span into a grove of maples, about 250 in number, under which were provided picnic tables.



A View of the 300 foot span to the park. This substantial structure went out with the spring ice flow in 1904.



The Park Bridge (Submitted by Edna Bates)

In the park, there was a glen from which spring water flowed. This water was pumped to a drinking vat where tin cups were provided. The park had a mineral well in which the water was as black as ink, especially before a storm. People came from miles away to obtain these mineral-laden waters. In 1887, William Fayel of St. Louis, Missouri and Dr. Franklin B. Hough, Jefferson County Historian, explored these caves, and declared that the lime water was "pure nectar, fit for the Gods".

The underground caverns were discovered in 1822, and were very popular. They were commercialized and guided tours were conducted through them. People were able to be ferried almost 1,000 feet into the cave on an underground stream. And during the "Gay Nineties", there were at least 30 marriages performed in the caves on an "altar rock".

Geological surveys list 88 caves in the vicinity of Glen Park. However, only the largest of these was developed for sightseers. Admission to the cave was five cents. The opening of the cave was large, as the first room, just inside, measured about 25 feet by 35 feet. In this room, square dances were held. The tunnel of the cave was one quarter of a mile long, and descended 350 feet below the ground. However, no record exists that the main cave was ever traced to the end. As tourists descended into the caverns, they found them split up into seven levels, each level with stairs. There were electric lights and benches along the walls, all the way to the bottom. One of the passageways descended below the falls of the river and one could hear the roar of the falls overhead. The railway furnished the power for the lights as they did for all the park.

The park had many man-made diversions which attracted summer throngs. Among the park's features were two power swings which swung 30 feet into the air.

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The swings were eventually taken down because of several accidents which took place on them. There was a large merry-go-round and a small zoo. The zoo had seven black bears, about 35 different pairs of birds and 16 different kinds of monkeys, all of which were a great attraction to the children.

Montana Joe and his rattle snake show was another feature attraction of the park. Joe let himself be bitten by the snakes and claimed that he had been bitten by them so many times that he was immune to them. The park provided an open air amphitheater, which had seats built on the side of the hill. This natural amphitheater provided good seats where you could enjoy the concerts of the Watertown City Band and the many vaudeville acts that came to town. A 70 foot tower provided thrills as man and beast could be seen plunging earthward into a tank of water below. Eddie Gifford of Watertown, a man with one leg, would ride a bicycle off this tower into the tank and he also would slide down a cable through burning hoops which he had stretched from the top of the hill to the tank. Professor Lesley, from Natural Bridge, stretched a wire from one of the C. R. Remington Mill windows to a tree in the park passing directly over Jim Wood's Falls. He would give \$50.00 to anyone who would let him carry him over in a wheelbarrow. Not many chose to earn the \$50.00. Lesley would also walk across the wire while blindfolded with his feet inside cheese boxes. One summer, Professor Lesley decided to try his luck walking over Niagara Falls. While performing high above Niagara Falls, the lighting system failed and the professor plunged to his death.

In Hokum's Tin-Type Picture Shop, one could get his picture taken for a small fee. There were ponies available for children to ride. Hot air balloons were often seen rising above the park. These balloons were filled with hot air from a fire and put into the air at an elevation of 500 feet. The balloons were connected to the ground by a rope, and if you cared to, you could parachute out of them. Small boats were available and many young couples enjoyed a row on the river. The boat concession was discontinued following a tragic drowning. There was a wire stretched across the river to prevent boats from going over the Falls and one day a young boy and girl drowned when the girl's parasol became entwined in the wire under the bridge. When the boat capsized, Fred Hogue dived in to try and save the youngsters, but he was unsuccessful.

Once in a while, a traveling show played at Glen Park. The old Thirty-Ninth Separate Company Band, and, later, the Watertown City Band gave concerts. Occasionally there was a famous visitor - as when Carrie Nation lectured on the evils of intoxicating beverages. Seventy years of history have been recorded in Glen Park since Carrie's visit, and it would seem that her

temperance lectures made very little impression on this village.

Along the river, there were many concessions. Sam Ray sold popcorn and peanuts, while there was Strobeck's Ice Cream and S. R. Ryan's Soda Water. There was a switch-back railway, which ran from the top of the hill to the river bank and back up again by its own momentum. After Bobby Leach became the first man to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel, the barrel was long on exhibition in the park.

Large throngs of people visited the park on weekends. As many as five street cars would be seen lined up at the siding across the river from the park. The largest crowds gathered on Sunday afternoon to watch the powerful Red and Black football team overcome the opposition with ridiculous ease.

The "Red and Black" played their home games at the park because the Sunday blue laws in the City of Watertown prohibited their playing within the city limits.

The majority of the football team was made up of local players, but as interest grew several talented players from other areas were hired. Shortly after the turn of the century, the "Red and Black" football team was often playing before crowds of 4,000 enthusiastic spectators in Glen Park.

On Saturday, December 6, 1901, it was Watertown's "Red and Black" pitted against the fine gridiron team from Ogdensburg for the championship of Northern New York. A holiday atmosphere quickly spread through the communities of the North Country as fans began arriving as early as Wednesday for the week-end spectacle.

As the day of the big game arrived, special trains could be seen unloading delegations. There were 100 from Potsdam wearing the Green and Gold of Clarkson College and from Canton came the St. Lawrence College students wearing the Scarlet and Brown. There were 100 from Gouverneur and 500 from Carthage. It seemed that no community would forego representation on this occasion as people continued to jam the park from Adams, Clayton, Cape Vincent and Sackets Harbor. In Watertown, every shop and store closed so that employees might go to the game. The Agricultural Insurance Company employees came down in hired "hacks". Even the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors adjourned for the game. Finally, the Ogdensburg train, numbering 20 coaches pulled in with 1,000 supporters and a band. The holiday atmosphere was complete with bands playing while everywhere could be seen the banners of the "Red and Black", along with the red and yellow of the visitors.

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Watertown clearly dominated the game, winning 23-0. This victory not only brought greater interest in "Red and Black" football in the north country, but propelled the Watertown team into national prominence.

By 1903, the "Red and Black" was one of the best teams in America. Mayor James B. Wise of Watertown was the manager and he had gathered together a notable collection of talented players. Draper, the former Williams star, was captain of the team. Watertown opened the 1903 season by crushing Cortland 140-6, and followed with wins over Carthage, 21-6, and Bucknell 22-6. Watertown seemed destined for a national championship. The championship game was to be played in Madison Square Garden against the Franklin Athletic Club of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Philadelphia's fine team was under the direction of the famed Connie Mack.

Watertown's professional football team that went to New York in the Fall of 1903 boasted combined salaries of \$15,000. Football fever had reached its pinnacle as the "Red and Black" played for the national championship. Unfortunately, Connie Mack's boys prevailed over Watertown 12-0, and the heavy betting Mayor Wise lost \$8,000 on the game.

"Red and Black" football declined rapidly following the big game as did the little park along the banks of Black River.

1904 saw a rapid decline in business in Glen Park. The Watertown City Park, given largely by John C. Thompson, gave Watertonians a more convenient recreation area and a more elaborate zoo.

The substantial iron bridge which provided easy access to Glen Park eventually succumbed to the violent forces of Black River as large blocks of ice crushed the supporting piers and the bridge collapsed into the rushing waters. For a short time, it was still possible to picnic in the park and a small boat was provided for this purpose. However, the park would never again be the scene of large crowds of pleasure seekers on pleasant Sunday afternoons.

In 1904, the traction company sold the park lands to Charles Sherman who needed it for pasturing his cattle. Park lands on the north side of the river went to the International Paper Company.

With the park lands reverting to pasture, time has made it difficult to envision thousands of football fans seated on the green slopes where now cattle graze. The caves which attracted so many people to the park are now very hard to traverse, and there remains only slight evidence of man-made improvements in their crumbling passageways. Two piers from the old iron bridge remain to mark the entrance to the park, but the rest has been thoroughly erased by time.



This is George Babcock as he posed on the boat that was used to transport passengers from the shore to the amusement park after the bridge washed out.



The Park Slopes in 1920



In 1913, a plane was forced to land in the area of the park. The young ladies posing in front of the plane are: LaVantia Fox, Maude Nicholson, Mrs. McAdam, Pauline Fox, Naomi Storms.

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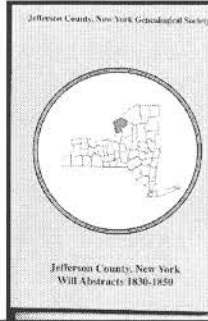
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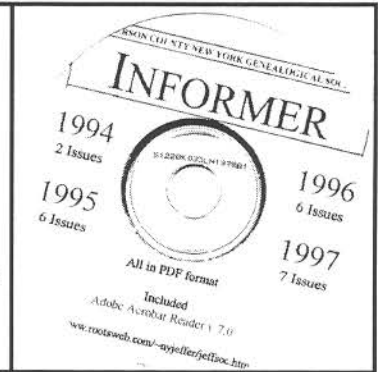
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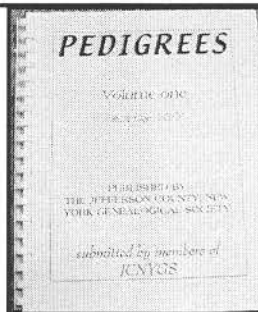
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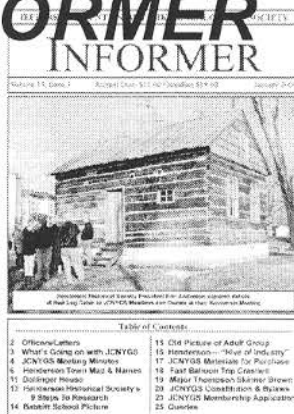


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BROWN, VAN SCHAICK

I am searching for any information about my great grandparents, Thomas Benson **BROWN** and Jane Caroline **VAN SCHAICK**. Thomas and Jane are printed in the 1850 census as living in Alexandria, Jefferson County with their new daughter, Martha. Their middle initials were mistakenly entered as P instead of B and E instead of C. Jane's obituary stated that she was born in 1831 in Lynn, Jefferson County, New York. Thomas was born in VT in 1818 and he was a Methodist Episcopal preacher in the north central New York region including Jefferson County from 1848 to 1856.

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BRENNAN

A 1906 marriage record for Mamie E. **BRENNAN**, reads age 20 and born in NY, the daughter of Patrick and Sarah **BRENNAN**. I am looking for evidence that may confirm that the Patrick **BRENNAN** family of Hounsfield, Jefferson, New York in 1900 is my family.

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HALL

My gggrandfather Chauncey **HALL** (42 yrs) and his wife Betsey (40 yrs) had 9 children in Theresa, Jefferson Co., NY listed on the 1850 Census. Shortly after they were in northern MI and it is believed before, they came from Vermont. That is not fact yet. Dates of birth started with Helen in 1832 thru the last child Eugene **HALL** born 1847. My ggrandfather was Oscar Alonzo **HALL** born 1833. I can't imagine I'll ever have the chance to get there myself so would very much appreciate any help from the locals! If anyone can actually find records and will let me know via email, I will send money needed.

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COMINS, HAYES

I am interested in the Hayes/Comins family connection in Adams, New York. My 2nd great-grandmother was Elisabeth Hayes (W/O Francis Comins) and she is buried in Rural Cemetery, Adams, New York. Elizabeth was born in Smith Falls, Ontario and I have had no luck in finding her or her family in any of the Canadian Census. I have gone to the center for genealogy for Lanark county and have not been able to find anything. On Elizabeth's death certificate her parents are listed as Henry and Ellen Burns. Across the road from where Elizabeth and her husband are buried is Ellen Hayes Nichol, 1807-1901, who I think is Elizabeth's mother. Ellen is buried with several different Hayes, Katharine 1877-1925, James 1838-1873, Beulah 1885-1919, and Joseph 1847-1905. I did find a marriage in Smith Falls of a Martha Hayes to an Abner Tucker who resided in Adams, New York. Martha's parents were John Hayes and Ellen Burn. I have found Abner Tucker and Martha along with their son on the 1900 US census for Jefferson County. Included with this family was Ellen Nichol and she is listed as mother in law. Do you have the church records of the Methodist Church in Adams, and do you have newspaper obits for Adams, New York? I was in Watertown but, the library was closed. I would like to return in the near future to try and solve this mystery. Could you please let me know if you have people who will do look up and also your hours of operation.

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COOK, HAYES

I am seeking information about where Joseph Henry **COOK** was born and when and where he died. I also would like to know who his parents were. He was born 5/3/1850, married Jennie **HAYES**, daughter of Alexander and Susan Earl **HAYES**, 11/23/1870. They had five children: George b 2/26/1872 d 5/?/1949; Edgar b 6/7/1877 d 6/21/1934 Ventura, CA; Arthur b 2/5/1881 d 2/17/1940; Floyd b 2/23/1884 d 10/6/1933 my Father; Mable b 11/3/1886 d 7/20/1955.

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Looking for others interested in the Pierre **TASSE'** family.

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(We reprint the following query from the September issue of the *Informer* as we printed an incorrect email address. Our apologies to Mr. Johnson.)

MELLEN

I'm looking for information on Alfred S. & Hattie A. **MELLEN**, who lived in Ellisburg, Jefferson County in 1840. They had four children born in Ellisburg: Alvaro Stebbins **MELLEN** (b 2 Jan 1839), Alberto Alfred **MELLEN** (b 17 Aug 1840), Mary **MELLEN** (b about 1845), and Henry W. **MELLEN** (b 7 Sep 1846). I'm hoping to track down a marriage record or other information that would provide clues about Alfred & Harriet's parents.

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PERIGO, PERRIGO

Justus J. **PERIGO**, for service in the War of 1812, was given land in what became Adams Co, IL & was the first settler in that county. His service papers say he was born about 1768 in Pownal, VT, but enlisted in Sachet's Harbor, NY, which I find to be in Jefferson Co, NY & Wikipedia has several Jeff. Co. history books - indexed - online. From that index I find a number of **PERIGO** on p 123 of HNR (From Saints to Red Legs, etc) , plus several **PERRIGO** on p 514 of CFS (Family Sketches section of the Gazetteer of Jefferson Co, NY 1864-1890). So I need a connection from my Justus J. **PERIGO** to one of these families. Could someone there be so kind as to photocopy those pages for me, & add any other data about the **PERIGO/PERRIGO** families?. Have any descendants been working on the family? Our line had that one of these ancestors was French-Canadian, & from the name (surely from Perigeaux town in France) it sounds like this family. Was there an influx of French-Canadians shortly before the War of 1812? Do they tie in in any known way to the history of the area? I am happy to send a check for this service.

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BIRTH MOTHER OR FATHER

I was born in Onondaga, NY in July of 1936. I have recently received non identifying info about my birth parents. I know the records are sealed, but the Jefferson County Dept. of Social Services handled my adoption. If my birth parents are members of your society or are looking, I would very much like to have them contact me through your society.

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PICTURE QUERY

I am enclosing an old photograph of Lester G. PIPER which was taken at the W. A. Johnson's Gallery Studio in Theresa, NY. 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 you in hopes that you might be able to locate the family and see that it is shared with them and others in your community. I recover these treasures as a hobby and appreciate reimbursement of my expenses if possible, if not please accept the photograph as a donation.

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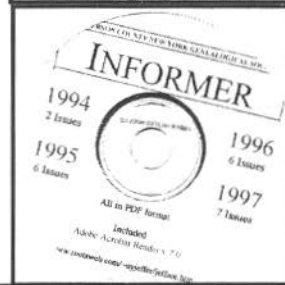
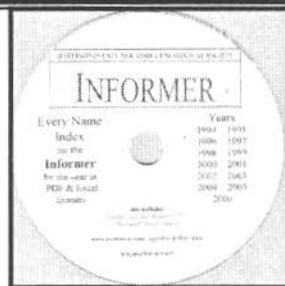
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About JCNYGS

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society was formed in 1994 with about 30 members. Our membership has increased steadily over the years and includes people from all over the US and other countries. Our society is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. Its purpose is to encourage the pursuit of genealogy and family history.

Our monthly meetings are normally held the second Monday of each month (with the exception of Jan. & Feb.) in the meeting room of the Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown, N.Y. 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. The repository is available to members at the monthly meetings.

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2	Abbey	M1					Baum	L1	S12			
3	Abeel	D16	H20				Baxter	C19				
4	Adams	G17	H25				Beal	L16	S2			
5	Ainsworth	D10					Beals	L16	S2			
6	Albertson	B10	J3				Beaman	W1				
7	Aldrich	B22					Bearkley	H11				
8	Alfred	W13					Bearup	H24				
9	Allen	C25	D20	M7	R5		Beckstead	M16				
10	Allin	C25	D20	M7	R5		Beckwith	C4				
11	Alton	D12					Beebe/ s	K2	M19			
12	Amo	D8					Beeles	L16	S2			
13	Anderson	B20	W5				Beeman	W1				
14	Angel	A4	D3 G4	H9 M2	P1	S3	Belanger	N3				
15	Angell	A4	D3 G4	H9 M2	P1	S3	Bell	B8	S2			
16	Arnold	L1	S12				Belleville	D2				
17	Ashley	C14					Bellinger	C12	L18			
18	Atwood	F10					Bemis	M23				
19	Aubertine	G1	H24	V3			Bennett	C22-H20	L2	S11	S14	Z2
20	Avery	C22	F4	R4			Benore	H24				
21	B						Benson	K7				
22	Bacon	C19	H28	W3			Bent	G5				
23	Bagg	P4					Benway	D12				
24	Bailey	P7	T6				Bergeron	N3				
25	Baird	A4					Berow	W7				
26	Baker	G5	K6				Besaw	P3				
27	Baldwin	P7					Bice	M17				
28	Ball	B8					Biles	P4				
29	Baltoff	D19					Binkey	G4				
30	Baltz	D19					Birch	D5				
31	Bamford /Banford	M23					Birmingham	W18				
32	Barker	G17					Blagg	F7				
33	Barkley	H11					Blanchard	W18				
34	Barnes	B5	F10	M5			Blevins	H28				
35	Barney	N6					Blodgett	W17				
36	Barrett	M14	R5				Blood	L1				
37	Barrus	D5					Blum	K4				
38	Barton	W13					Bogenschultz	P9				
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44	Booth	H14					Company	M24				
45	Bottles	L18					Campbell	E3	H8	H27	V1	
46	Boward	S7					Canell	S6				
47	Brainard	D6					Cannon	T2				
48	Branche	P9					Caris	S12				
49	Branson	B5					Carley	B8				
50	Brayant / Bryant	B23					Carnegie	F10				
51	Brennan	B16					Carpenter	C22	L2	M21		
52	Brenon	B17					Carr	P7				
53	Brewer	F9					Carson	M1				
54	Briggs	W7					Carter	G18	M17	S3	V1	
55	Britton	W4					Case	C4	T6			
56	Broat	C12					Castle	F11				
57	Brodeur	M14					Cean	Z1				
58	Bromley	S2					Chamberlain	V1				
59	Bronson	B5					Chambers	F7				
60	Brooks	W10					Champlin	C25	L16			
61	Brothers	M14					Chapin	L16				
62	Brotherton	N3	S14				Chapman	R8				
63	Brown	C18-D6	H14	L1	S14	W3	Chase	L18	M7			
64	Bullock	C23					Cheeseman	W12				
65	Bunce	M1					Cheever	C7	C9			
66	Burgess	P7					Chrisman	L1				
67	Burke	B22	D5	F1	P3		Church	C11	F10	H3		
68	Burns	H22	R7	S6			Churchill	M16	Z2			
69	Burr	B24					Claffin	R8				
70	Burtch	R10					Clark	C4	R1	S2	W5	
71	Burton	W1					Cleveland	G4				
72	Bushnell	G17					Cloes	C11				
73	Buskirk	K9					Clyde	H23				
74	Busler	D3					Coats / Coates	T7				
75	Butler	D18					Cocagne	M12				
76	Butterfield	S23					Coe	W13				
77	Byrnes	T2					Colburn	D10				
78	C						Cole	C14	G17			
79	Cain	D2					Coleman	H23				
80	Calarco	S8					Collier	T2				
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85	Combs	L15					Cupernall	D16				
86	Commins	C4	C19	H2	M21	T7	Curtis	B5	C27	W12		
87	Compeau	C19					Curtiss	B5	C27	W12		
88	Congdon	S12					D					
89	Conklin	L16					Dafer	D18				
90	Conner / Connor	M17					Dane	C11				
91	Constance	H24	K4	P9			Daniels	S6				
92	Cook / Cooke	C20	C23	N6	S10		Darby	D3				
93	Cool	C22	S14				Darou	H5				
94	Coolidge	D12					Davidson	K7				
95	Cooper	B8					Davis	D2 D5	D6 E3	H2	K6	W5
96	Copeland	F9					Dayton	H28				
97	Copp	R8					Dealing	S25				
98	Corey	W8					DeCourt	M14				
99	Cork	C27					DeFaut	L3				
100	Cornaire	H24					Defoe	R1				
101	Cornwell	K5	Z1				DeJardins	D8				
102	Cotton	M5					Delaney	G1	H22			
103	Couch	C24	Y2				Delano	H22	S22	W18		
104	Coughlin	F9					Demers	N3				
105	Countryman	C4					Denny	D2	H5			
106	Court	B22					Derainville	G19				
107	Covey	B24	P8				Derby	C24				
108	Cowan	B15					Desormeau	D12				
109	Cowles	C4					Deuel / Duel	C25				
110	Craig	W2					Devolson	K6				
111	Creaser	K7					Dewey	C9	L17			
112	Creighton	O1					DeYoung	D12	W21			
113	Crescent	S8					Dickinson	C6	M23			
114	Chrisman	L1					Diehl	M24				
115	Cronk	L2	W13				Diefendorf	H20				
116	Cross	W17					Dillenback	K5	Z1			
117	Crouse	K7					Dillenbeck	K5	Z1			
118	Crowner	H26	S4				Dillon	W7				
119	Cullen	K6					Dingman	S9				
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127	Dormer	F2					Farney	D6				
128	Dorr	D19					Farr	C23	F2	F5	K5	
129	Douglas	V3					Favreau	G5				
130	Dowling	F5					Fawcett	M2				
131	Doyl	D3	F1	G4			Feeter	C12				
132	Doyle	D3	F1	G4			Feisthamel	T6				
133	Draper	D3	H8				Felderman	D18				
134	DuCourt	M14					Ferguson	A1				
135	Dugan	C5					Ferris	S23				
136	Dunham	B22	V3				Fessenden	C27				
137	Dunlay	L4					Fethero	G5				
138	Dunn	B23	H23				Fetterley/ (ly)	G18	M17			
139	Dye	C22					Fields	W20				
140							Fife	M18				
141	E						Files	R1				
142	Earl	F5					Finch	C11				
143	Eastman	H13	H21	P4			Fisher	F4	L7			
144	Eddy	F7					Fisk	F5				
145	Edus	H24	L4				Fitton	C12				
146	Edwards	M1					Fleming	M16				
147	Eggleston	R10	W12				Flick	V1				
148	Ehle / Earl	F5	R5				Flintrop	F7				
149	Eldridge	B23					Folts	J3				
150	Elliott	M22					Foote	B5				
151	Ellis	D10					Foster	C18				
152	Ellsworth	W13					Fowles	L3				
153	Elmer	F11	W5				Fox	F8	K5	N6		
154	Emerson	H14	S9				Fraley	H25				
155	Empey/ Empie	G16	L3				Frame	L18				
156	Enders	Q1					Fraser/ Frazier	B15	D8	W10		
157	Endsor	C9					Fredenburg	C4	F2			
158	Engelesen	N3					Freeman	G12	H14	M12	N6	R5
159	Enos	M22					Frink	S25				
160	Eselin	A1	D3				Frizzell	B15	F7			
161	Estes	H28					Frost	H2	L16			
162	Evans	D12	E2				Fuller	B23	G18	M17		
163	Eveleigh	D19					Furgison	H23				
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169	Galloway	C25					Green	L15	W5	W18		
170	Gardiner	C9	D2	D8	L16	S10	Gregory	C9	L2			
171	Gardner	C9	D2	D8	L16	S10	Griffin	O1				
172	Garlock	J2					Groat	S5				
173	Gault	D8					Groom	T7				
174	Gebo/ Gibeau	P8					Gurnsey	H4				
175	Geer	B8					Guest	G4				
176	Gegous	G5					Guyre	W11				
177	Gerold	W4					H					
178	Gerstenschlager	M24					Haas	C27				
179	Getman	W13					Hagan / Hagen	C27	H23			
180	Gibbons	G18	H22	M17			Hague	H3				
181	Gibbs	C9	R10				Hale	H4				
182	Giddings	B14	P3				Hall	B13	H6	J2	M11	R1
183	Gil	H3					Halladay	C6	G5	M23	R7	
184	Gilbert	C9					Halliday	C6	G5	M23	R7	
185	Giles	V3					Hamil	D8				
186	Gillson	L16					Hancock	J3				
187	Gilman / Gilmen	D12					Hanson	J3				
188	Giltz	G18					Hardy	S25				
189	Givens	M17					Harper	L17	S25			
190	Glass	S14					Harrigan	S8				
191	Gleason	S23					Harringer	M8				
192	Gloyd	P3					Harrington	N3				
193	Golding	R8					Harris	H8	M5	P4		
194	Goldthwaite	B24					Hartman	V3				
195	Goodale / Goodell	B24	Z2				Harwick	C4				
196	Goodenough	N6					Harwood/Haywood	P3	R4	S25		
197	Goodrich	D20					Hastings	R10				
198	Gormley	W7					Hatch	C27				
199	Gosier	P9	V3				Hatcock/Hetkock	Z2				
200	Goss	B22					Hathaway	S17	S19			
201	Gotham	M23					Hauverman	S11	S19			
202	Gould	D5	D19	G17	H11	R4	Hawkins	K1	W7			
203	Gove	W2					Hawn	N6				
204	Graham	R8					Hayes/ Hays	B8	L15	C20		
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212	Herda	E3					Hurley	O1				
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215	Hess	H26	Q1				Ingall/ s	W3	W17			
216	Heyl	D19					Inman	R7				
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224	Holkins	K1					Jenne	S16				
225	Holliday	C6	M23				Jerome	G18				
226	Hollingshead	H3					Jewett	S1	W17			
227	Honer	S25					Jillson	L16				
228	Hooper	D16					Jobson	J2				
229	Hoover	F4	H11				Johnson/Johnston	F4	J4	R10	Y2	
230	Hopkins	H22	P2				Joines	K7				
231	Horton	L7					Joles	B14	B23	M2		
232	Hotis / Hottes	J2					Jones	B14-B23	H14-S5	W11	W13	Z2
233	Hough	J3					K					
234	Hourihan	C19					Kapfer	G5				
235	Hoverman	S11					Kasson	B22				
236	Howard	H23	M23	P6			Keegan	F4				
237	Howarth	D2	F2				Keeler	S10	W12			
238	Howe	R1					Keif	G4				
239	Howland	C19					Kellar/ er	F5	S10	W12		
240	Hoyt	H20					Kellogg	S25	W12			
241	Hrachovina	W20					Kelsey	C27				
242	Hubbard	M23	R5				Kemmis	K4				
243	Huck	W2					Kennedy	V1				
244	Hudson	R7					Kenyon	M16	S12			
245	Huffstater	F5	H2				Kettles	M23	M24			
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251	Kinne	R1					Lehr	H2	H14			
252	Kissel/ I	D7					Leonard	P6				
253	Kittle/ s	M23	M24				Lewis	B13				
254	Klock	C12	F8	K7	Z2		Lilley/ Lillie/ Lilly	B7				
255	Knapp	S8					Lindsey	W21				
256	Kniffen	C11					Lines	F11				
257	Knight	S7					Linton	M2				
258	Knowlton	G16					Littlefield	N6				
259	Knox	E3					Livermore	C4				
260	Kraener	S8					Livingston	F5				
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269	Lalonde	P3					Lord	R8				
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280	Laubach	H22					Mack	M5				
281	Laughlin	M2					Majo	A4	D3			
282	Law	L2					Male	Q1				
283	Lawton	C27	S2				Marsden	H20				
284	Layare/Leyare	B14					Marsh	W10				
285	Leary	L4					Marshal/ I	B20	C22	M24		
286	LeBaron	F10					Martin	D6	F9	M5		
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291	McCabe	T2					Mullen/ Mullin	M21	P3			
292	McCann	K7					Murdoch/ k	M24				
293	McCarty	S22					Murphy	D5	H8	O1		
294	McCready	H6					Myers	L18	S7			
295	McGowan	P2					N					
296	McGregory	L2	L18				Nadelen	W5				
297	McHale	T2					Negus	R7				
298	McHugh	B13					Neil	N3				
299	McIntosh	W1					Nellis	C12	F8			
300	McIntyre	W18					Nelson	B20				
301	McKee	W10					Newell	G17				
302	McKenna	M14					Newman	H28	K6			
303	McKinna	M14					Nichols/Nickles	L3				
304	Melbourne	C23					Norton	Z1				
305	Melichar	W20					Noyes	N6				
306	Mentry	M12					Nutting	P4	P6			
307	Mercier	B14					O					
308	Merrill	F10	H28				Oatman	R8				
309	Mesis	W20					O'Brien	D5	S8			
310	Metzger	T2					O'Conner/O'Connor	H24				
311	Meyers	L18					O'Donnell	O1				
312	Mick	M6					O'Leary	L4				
313	Millard	K5	L15	L18			O'Neil	O1				
314	Mills	M16					Oatman	R8				
315	Miner/ Minor	M1	R8				Olney	D16				
316	Minthorn	W7					Ong	D18				
317	Misar	W20					Orchard	M5				
318	Mitchall/ Mitchell	S10	Y2				Ostrander	M7				
319	Moffatt	D19	D20				Ouderkirk	S16				
320	Mohrherr	D12					Overacker	G17	S5			
321	Monteith	K4					Overocker	G17	S5			
322	Monty	G19					Overton	S25				
323	Moore	G4	H8	S7			P					
324	Morehouse	S9					Packard	C4				
325	Morley	E3					Palmatier	K5	L16			
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331	Parks	F2					Putnam	D7	M2	P9		
332	Parmenter	K5	L16				Q					
333	Patch	B14	P3	Z1			Quackenboss	K7				
334	Patrick	B20					Quencer	G5				
335	Patterson	J2	S9				Quesnel	S6				
336	Paver	P4					Quinn	C24	R7			
337	Payton	H28					R					
338	Peacock	J2					Radley	V3				
339	Pearce/ Pierce	B20-E3	F11	K7	M8	R5	Rafferty	O1				
340	Peaslee	F9					Ralph	A1				
341	Peck	D20	P7				Randall	R1				
342	Peeler	M7					Ransear	T6				
343	Pepin	G19					Rapol/ Rapolz	F1				
344	Percy	W7					Raven	T7				
345	Perigo/ Perrigo	R4	R10				Read/ Reed	B23	H21	S12		
346	Perkins	J1	S11	W18			Reeder	M11				
347	Perry	C11	F7				Reeves	C11				
348	Peters	H27					Regan	O1				
349	Petrie	T7					Reichenbach	W1				
350	Phelps	S9					Reinangle	H24	P9	V3		
351	Phillips	F11	H8	L2	Q1		Rena	Y2				
352	Philo	M2					Repolz	F1				
353	Picard/ Pickard	S6	S14				Rexford/ Rixford	R10				
354	Pidgeon	C24					Reynolds	L16				
355	Piedawe	G19					Rhodes	L2				
356	Pitcher	S6	S23				Ricard	W13				
357	Plankenhorn	M11					Rice	B5	H8	H26		
358	Plantz	P7					Richardson	B8				
359	Polluck	B23					Rider	M5				
360	Poole / Pooler	F4	W18				Ridgeway	Q1				
361	Porter	C27	T7				Rienbeck	W1				
362	Post	C22	H20				Riggins	J3				
363	Potter	D20	H21				Ripley	L2				
364	Powers	C14					Roberts	B8				
365	Pratt	M5					Robie	M14				
366	Price	E3	T7				Robinson	D5	W1			
367	Prior/ Pryor	C24	S16				Rockett	R8				
368	Proven	H23					Rogers	F9	M18	R10	R11	S12
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373	Rose	H23					Shannon	H28	S8			
374	Rosenbarker	B8					Shaver	H3	M16			
375	Ross	M22					Shaw	F10	H8			
376	Rothfuss	M11					Shea	C9	T2			
377	Roubie/ Rouby	M14					Shead	S1				
378	Roulette	S7					Sheldon	K1	M18	R7		
379	Rouse	D16					Sheley	S12				
380	Rowland	C11					Shelmadine	W8				
381	Royce	B5					Sherwood	F11	W1			
382	Ruland	W8					Shields	N3				
383	Russell	F9					Showers	F2				
384	Ryther	G4					Shumway	D20				
385	S						Shurtleff	F10	H28			
386	Sage	S1					Simmons	G5	H28	W12		
387	Salisbury	H5	M16				Slack	T6				
388	Salsbury	H5	M16				Slate	H23	H25			
389	Saltsman	F8					Slater	S14				
390	Sancomb	W18					Smith	C12-D5	D16-H22	M17-M22	R7	W20
391	Sanford	H23					Snell	C12	D19			
392	Sargent	H23					Snow	S12				
393	Saunders	L3					Snyder	H22	Q1	S17		
394	Sawyer	F4	L17				Sommer/ s	Z1				
395	Sayer	P3					Souva	W5				
396	Schell	D12					Spafford/Spofford	B5				
397	Schermerhorn	S25					Spaulding	S2	S23			
398	Schneider	H22	W2				Spaulsbury	H5				
399	Schram	Q1	W17				Spencer	S10	S16			
400	Schut	L3					Sprague	M8	S12			
401	Schweitzer	H5					St James	A1				
402	Scott	H8	R10				Stacey	N6				
403	Scovel/ Scoville	B5					Stadler	W2				
404	Scram	Q1	W17				Stanton	M1				
405	Seeber	S5					Starliper	S7				
406	Segovis	P3					Staunton	M1				
407	Selter	C22					Steel/ Steele	H20	Z2			
408	Senecal	G19	H25				Stephenson	C20				
409	Seymour	H23	S6				Stevens	B22	K5	P6		

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412	Stewart/ Stuart	D8	D18	G12	L2	S11	Tucker	K5				
413	Stiles	H8					Turck	T6				
414	Stoddard	R5	T6				Turcott	S6				
415	Stoel / Stowell	A1	C22	Q1			Turgeon	B13				
416	Stotler	W2					Tuthill	B5				
417	Stowell	Q1					Tuttle	B5				
418	Straub	E3					Twite	M1				
419	Streeter	C18	R10				Tyrrell	M16				
420	Strope	E3					U					
421	Stumpf	P9					Underwood	H14				
422	Sullivan	H8					V					
423	Summers	S7					Vail/ Vaile	C24				
424	Swalia	P9					Vallieres	N3				
425	Sweet	T7					Valliese	W2				
426	Switzer	H5					VanBlaricum	B22				
427	T						VanHooser	A1				
428	Tamblin	W5					VanSchaick	C4	W1			
429	Tassey	G19	H25				VanBrocklin	V1				
430	Taylor	B22	C9				VanCamp	D16				
431	Teachout	B22	L16				Vandenburg	H28				
432	Teagarden	W20					Vandervoort	L16				
433	Thibault	H25					VanDeusen	F2				
434	Thomas	G4	H2				Vandewalker	W11				
435	Thompson	B5	R5	S12			VanEveren	R5				
436	Thornton	T2					VanO'Linoa	S8				
437	Throop	F5					VanTassal	Z2				
438	Thurston	S16					Vautrin	H24	L24			
439	Timmerman	C12	C27	S14	W13		Veal	C24				
440	Tisdale	H2					Vice	C19				
441	Tobey	J1					Vinaca	R8				
442	Tom	J2					Vincent	B14	C6			
443	Tomsu	W20					Vroman/ Vrooman	R7				
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445	Tracy	D8					Wager	C19				
446	Tremper/ Trimper	L7					Wagner	C22	D12	D16	H20	
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453	Waits	W2					Wilbore/ Wilbur	H21	M16	Q1	S16	
454	Ward	G12	T7				Wilcox	B13	H14			
455	Waring	H20					Wilder	B13	C14			
456	Warner	W4					Wilkey/ Wilkie	K6				
457	Warren	D8	V1				Williams	F4	L1			
458	Washburn	H21	M5				Wilson	A1-B13	H28			
459	Washer	W5					Witby	S16		S10	W21	
460	Waters	T2					Witherell	H21				
461	Watkins	W7					Witt	C4				
462	Weaver	H2	L1	P7			Wolffing	W20				
463	Webb	F7	L2				Wollschlager	F4				
464	Weber	L1					Wood	B20	M19			
465	Webert	M14					Woodard	L1				
466	Weed	B15	Q1				Woodruff	B5				
467	Welch	H2					Woodworth	B5				
468	Weldon	H2	B10				Woolaver	D8				
469	Welles/ Wells	M19					Wright	H2	R8	T7	T20	
470	West	C24					Wuest	C24				
471	Westcott	R4					Y					
472	Weston	C11					Yale	G4				
473	Wetherell	H21					Yoran	T2				
474	Wetterhahn	D19					Young / Youngs	D20	M7			
475	Wheeler	L15	M8	P7			Yousey	S16				
476	White	C18	D7	H6	H24	K4	Z					
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