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## ALEXANDRIA BAY HIGH SCHOOL 1925 GRADUATING CLASS



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The *Informer* committee wishes to express our thanks to Greta Slate, Town of Alexandria Historian, for letting the committee meet at her office in Alexandria Bay as well as making a great amount of material available to us.

We have also used a great deal of material that can be found on the Town of Alexandria web site at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycalex/>

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few, it's been over a year. Without excuses, we're concentrating on hotels in Alexandria Bay in this update. Someone wrote in and asked about Charles Crossman, and I discovered we had nothing on him or his hotel. We'll try for pictures this coming week, and o get all the articles on hotels up and on the website. Hotels Index Page will take you to everything we now have up, and Charles Crossman will show you a biography of him.

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If you have additional information, comments, or suggestions, please contact  
Nan Dixon

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### Names for our cover picture:

Alexandria Bay 1925 Graduating Class:

Front row, left to right: unknown, KATHLEEN PARKER, KATHLEEN JOYNER

Second row, left to right: PEARL BALTZ, JANICE LEE, BILL DOBBINS, BILL ESTES

Standing, left to right: CARSON CARRIS, Principal GEORGE RADLEY, DeETTA SIMPSON, RUTH NEWBERRY, DESSIE COOK (teacher), JOE HOUGHTON, GEORGE COMSTOCK, ROYAL "BUCK" GARLOCK, WILSON KERNEHAN, CARL DEANS

If anyone can help us find the rest of these names, please contact us.



# JCNYGS

## Minutes for October 9, 2010

Minutes by Tracy Robertson

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. by President Larry Corbett. There were no September meeting minutes available. **Treasurer's Report:** Terry Baker was unable to attend today but reported to Larry that he received the books from past treasurer Hollis Dorr. Terry e-mailed the following balances to Larry: Savings: \$512.97; Checking: \$1,593.24; CD: \$4,695.26; total = \$6,801.51

### Committees

**Program:** Phyllis Putnam reported that there is no program scheduled for December, so we could use it as an executive meeting or round table if we choose. Since we don't meet in January or February, the next meeting will be Sat. March 12, 1:00 p.m., at the Stone Mills Museum, LaFargeville, with Margarite Raineri.

A note was delivered to Larry that this room is not available for our meeting in November. Lenee McClure suggested the LDS center might be available; she will check and let us know. There was a discussion about the possibility of meeting at the LDS Center regularly. Ann Davis offered to open the records room and have them available for research, including microfilm.

**Publicity:** Phyllis Putnam distributed posters of next month's program and has half sheets with a list of several programs.

**The Informer:** November issue complete on the Sackets Harbor school system. The January issue will feature the Alexandria Bay school system. For March, topic suggestions are South Jefferson (with help from Debbie Quick), Belleville-Henderson and also adding some Jefferson County pioneer information.

There was no Old or New Business. Next meeting will be held on Sat., Nov. 6, location TBD. **Motion to adjourn** by Pauline Zach, seconded by Phyllis Putnam.

**October program then introduced** by Vice President Tracy L. Robertson: From Royalty to Rednecks: the genealogy of Janet Little Fish, Rodman, NY During research into family ancestry, Janet discovered many North Country surnames that can be traced back to European royalty and American presidents, as well as to the Watertown-area Irish Mafia "Gang of Forty Thieves." Names: Duffany, Lambert, LaPatra, Little, Macomber, Montondo, Overton, Scott, Shelmidine, Stage, Wilcox

# JCNYGS

## Minutes for November 6, 2010

Notes by Jerry Davis

President Larry Corbett called the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society to order at 1 PM in the LDS Church on Ives Street in Watertown. The minutes from last meeting will be held over until the next meeting. The treasurer's report was read with a balance of \$6387.39. Bill Dasno moved to accept the report. It was seconded by Phyllis Putnam and passed. Nan Dixon moved to spend \$25 for NYSCOGO dues. Seconded by Gerald Desormeau and passed.

Phyllis Putnam reviewed the advertising for the society's meetings. December's meeting will be on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM and will again be at the LDS Church with Anne Davis. Anne will be giving us a tour of the LDS Family History Library Center "A Local Treasure." Phyllis handed out posters for members to put in local spots of interest. Phyllis mentioned that we will not be meeting in January or February but our March meeting will be at the Stone Mills Agricultural Museum.

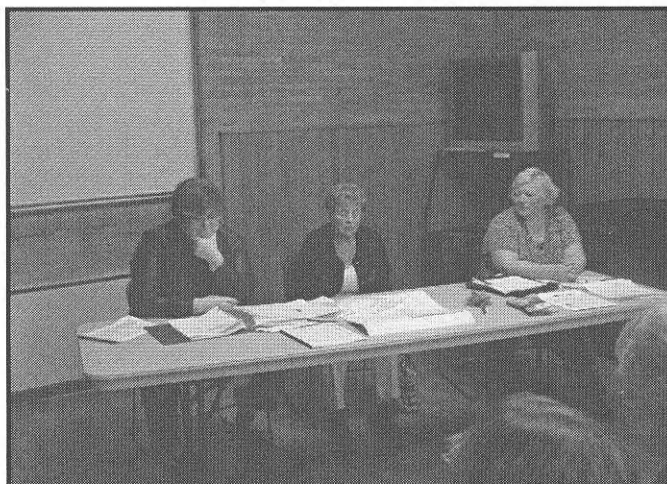
President Larry asked that our appreciation for the use of the LDS Church for our meeting be passed on to church officials.

Bill Dixon mentioned for the *Informer* committee that the November issue was put out on time and that the January issue will be on the Alexandria Central Schools. Nan Dixon asked for opinions on the Aunty Jeff article in the last *Informer* and the response was positive. Bill Dixon also mentioned that possibly the March issue will begin a series on the Jefferson County Pioneers, about 400 of which are on our web site. Nan also mentioned that something new was coming on Migrations to and from Jefferson County. There was further discussion on lack of queries and an invitation for new membership on the newsletter committee.

The meeting was adjourned and Phyllis Putnam introduced Robert Arnold for the program "1812: New York's War."

**Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!**

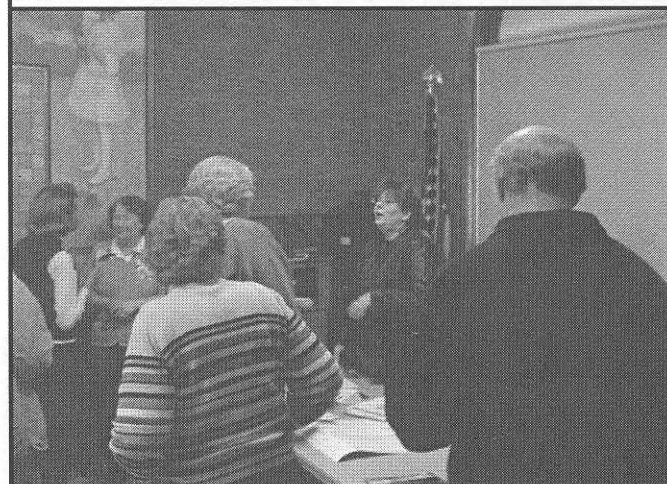
## What's Going on with JCNYGS October 9, 2010



Speaker Janet Little on the Left



A couple empty chairs but a good turn out!



Lots of discussion and questions afterwards

## What's Going on with JCNYGS November 6, 2010



Robert Arnold begins his presentation.



At the LDS Center, another good turn out!



Some friendly talk before heading home



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Ives Seminary in Antwerp or Belleville Union Academy in Belleville. There were several such schools in Jefferson County at one time or another. Another rating was First. I believe that like my mother, the teacher held a First Grade certificate, the highest recommendation given out by the Teachers' Training Classes. It was a permanent license. The teacher did not have to have further training, and to the dismay of at least one elementary school principal in the 1950s, she could return to teaching after an absence of 40 years with no upgrading. Mr. Marshall listed the teacher's salary per week, averaging around \$10.00. He gave the trustee's name, valuation of the district, and rate of tax. He noted the equipment and improvements needed, usually in conjunction with a discussion with the trustee, such things as a globe, flag, library, maps, slate boards, book case or shelves, floor, desks, outside closets, condition of the grounds, number of pupils registered.

Perhaps a word about the trustee, an important person in the district. As with school boards today, the trustee served without pay, was responsible for the hiring of the teacher, the care and upkeep of the school, and the disbursement of funds. He (at this period it was generally a man) was elected at the annual school meeting. It was NOT a sought after job. The two other officials were a clerk to keep the minutes of the meeting and carry on any correspondence, usually a woman who had been a teacher, and a tax collector, almost always her husband. And almost always, the woman did both jobs, the collector merely signing the necessary papers.

The trustee usually acted on his own, and was generally very parsimonious with the district's money. Other than the clerk, the officers were farmers living in the district, and having usually no more than 6 grades of school, the customary district education. School meeting night was looked forward to by the youngsters as a time to play in the school yard without supervision and without classes. Even as late as the 1930s few schools had electricity, so the school meeting was held in the long evenings of spring, without artificial light. It was the one time in the year when the district met as a whole, and newfangled improvements, such as a well, electricity, or school buses met with sharp opposition from those (some were illiterate) who believed that "readin" rots the mind!"

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## SCHOOLS IN ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### DISTRICT NUMBER 1

also called **Bean Hill**, was established by the Germans. It seems that the location was on top of Bean Hill and set back almost in a wooded area, not far from the New York Central Railroad on a road from Redwood to Butterfield Lake. This rural school had several teachers over the years, mainly from Redwood. Some walked the railroad track to reach the schoolhouse. In 1908 or 1909, the school was closed. Some pupils went to District Number 4, and some to Redwood.

### DISTRICT NUMBER 2

was called the **Bailey District**. It was located on the Bailey Settlement Road just east of Alexandria Bay off Route 26. Erastus Bailey was one of the early residents there, and that explains the name.

### DISTRICT NUMBER 3

was in **Plessis**. This was a two room building and always had two teachers when operating. Plessis is a small hamlet; but this building with two rooms was well equipped to care for the grades.

### DISTRICT NUMBER 4

was one of the early schools. "I have no dates, but I did find from an old Jefferson County History that Thomas Benton Marshall had taken up a farm almost to the county line on Route 37, and was married to Sarah Jane Peck." It is possible that this school flourished before 1860. As a William Schnauber family lived at the junction of the road and near the schoolhouse, the name **Schnauber** was given to the district. Most of the early settlers there were German families who took up land to clear and produce a good living. They prospered: the schoolhouse was larger than most rural buildings, having three windows on each side and two in the rear. The school was used for worship, as there was no Lutheran church. From all reports, the services were conducted in German. An unidentified clipping from the Town Historian's office states: The Schnauber's Corners school district number 4 annual meeting was held on Tuesday night, May 7 [1963?] at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Flath. Twenty three voters were present. Officers elected were: Merrill Hunneyman, trustee; Laura Flath, collector, and Louis Panunzio, clerk.

### DISTRICT NUMBER 5

was in **Alexandria Bay**. Mrs. King's mother attended school there. She said that the building was then about where the Methodist Church is now located [corner of Church and Rock Streets.] It was a two story building with grades on the ground floor. A new building was erected across the street from the church. It was a wooden structure with two or three floors. Later this was torn down and a brick building erected. When that became outmoded, it was used by the village for offices and the fire department and a yet larger brick building was erected on Bolton Avenue about 1929, which has been continually added to until the present date.

### #5 SCHOOL HISTORY

From an undated, unnamed news clip in the Town Historian's Office

ALEXANDRIA BAY--Between the years 1832 and 1833, marked improvement was noted in the affairs of the school district No. 5 in the town of Alexandria. During this period with the exception of one year, the board of trustees was influenced by the combined aggressiveness and shrewd business sense of Azariah Walton and John W. Fuller. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Walton were competing store keepers in the village. Mr. Fuller's store was located on what is now known as Crossmon Point. Mr. Walton had his on the site of the present Alexandria Bay Postoffice.

It was during the rule of this board that the 1828 movement to build a schoolhouse was resumed. A special meeting was held at the home of ? Barnes, Feb 2, 1833. Azariah Walton, John W. Fuller and George H. Cobb were appointed a committee to plan the schoolhouse. The building was not to cost more than \$150 and it was specified that the building should be completed before (---) 1, 1834. This time the movement was successful.

The schoolhouse was erected on the site of or in the immediate vicinity of the vacated brick schoolhouse which now stands on the corner of Church and Rock Streets in Alexandria Bay....children in the district between the ages of ? and 16 years. There were ? children attending school and only new names added to the lists of parents that year were William Plimpton and El... ..ch.

The reign of Azariah Walton, John W. Fuller and Henry Hoadley as trustees of District No. 5 ... at the annual meeting...5, 1833. The trio held office for the next five years. Henry Scott served as district clerk and Stephen Fish the collector.

There were no annual meetings recorded during this period. However, each year the annual ... was entered in the record and signed by Azariah Walton and John W. Fuller.

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The 1835 report showed that the number of children attending school had increased to 44 and the number of children in the district advanced to 78. The amount paid in teacher's wages that year was \$74.99 of which \$55 was raised in the district and \$19.19 was received from the commissioner of common schools. The school was not visited by the district inspector in 1834 and 1835.

The annual reports in 1836 and 1837 were practically identical with the exception of an increase in the funds received from the commissioner of common schools. In 1837 the district received \$32.33 from the commissioner, largest grant recorded up to that time. Among the names new on the school list at the close of the period were Peter July, John Seamon, Nicholas Voper, James Merrill, Enos Carpenter, Harley Knapp, and Jesse Davis.

During the next episode of school District No. 5 in the town of Alexandria, from 1838 to 1844, the general trend of affairs was toward advancement of the educational facilities. John W. Fuller and Azariah Walton returned to the front to close the period.

James Merrill, John Davis and Truman H. Cook took over the responsibilities of trustees Oct. 6 1838. Moses Smith moved in as collector and John W. Fuller as district clerk. The problem of collecting the wood tax apparently flared up again because the board's first act was to change the system of collection. The old system of having the parents deliver the wood at the school was abandoned. They decided that the trustees purchase the wood from the lowest bidder and then collect the cost from the inhabitants on the basis of the number of children each had in school. James Merreill furnished the wood for the district that winter for \$10.

In the winter of 1838-39 a wave of civic pride swept the district, terminating in the spring with the purchase of books for a district library and the installation of benches in the schoolhouse.

A special meeting was called April 13, 1839, and \$10 of the school funds was appropriated to purchase the necessary books for the library. Azariah Walton was appointed to purchase the books.

The most important meeting of the period was called Jan 4, 1850. A budget for the ensuing year was set up and totaled \$97. 52. This is the first time that the minutes of the meeting mention a budget or any pre-arranged plan for the financing of the district. The resolution was carried with 34 yes votes and 24 negative votes.

The budget included:  
 Teacher's wages, winter and summer, \$81  
 one water pail, 31 cents  
 two brooms, 50 cents  
 one dipper, 19 cents  
 window glass, 50 cents

painting blackboards, 29 cents  
 painting the school house, \$1  
 to pay John W. Fuller, James Merrill and George W. Simpson for wood furnished by the winter's supply of wood. James Merrill shaved the price to \$8. Jacob Gould was awarded the contract at \$7.75.

In 1842, Jacob Gould, Moses Smith, and Esock Green became trustees. For some unexplained reason they immediately disrupted the system of collecting the wood tax which had apparently been successful. They reverted to the old system of having the parents deliver the wood at the school. Shortly after the annual meeting Trustee Jacob Gould moved out of the district and James Merrill returned to the board in his place. Francis Thomson, then district clerk, was hired to teach the summer school. Upon Mr. Thompson's request the wages which he would receive for teaching the summer school, \$10, was advanced to him after suitable security had been furnished.

Azariah Walton and John W. Fuller move into the foreground again at the annual meeting Oct. 7, 1843, when they became trustees with John Hutchinson the third man on the board. Francis Thomson held both the positions of district clerk and librarian. Amos Curtis was the collector. Probably the most important step taken to insure the steady advancement of the district was made by the board that year. Realizing that the annual meeting usually made a complete change of policy in the district management, the board decided to alternate the expiration date of each trustee's term of office. The new system would leave two trustees from the old board still in office and would insure against any about face movements.

A special meeting was called on Oct 15, and it was determined by lot that Azarias Walton serve as trustee for three years, John Hutchinson, two years, and John W. Fuller one year, from the date of the annual meeting.

The annual report stated that a qualified teacher had conducted school for eight months and four days during the year. Eighty-one children attended school over the period. Of these, 25 attended less than two months; 18 nearly four months; nine nearly six months; and only eight attended the school continuously during the entire school year.

The money from the commissioner of common schools was \$36.58. The library money amounted to \$11.80. The library contained 97 books including Cobb's Spelling Books, Juvenile Readers 1-2-3, Easy Lessons, Murrey's English Reader, Hules's History of the United States, Olney's Geography, Kirkham's Grammar, Ruger's Arithmetic and Comstock's Philosophy.

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### ALEXANDRIA BAY SCHOOL 1890 EIGHTH GRADE CLASS

First row, left to right: ORVIE EICHHORN, AMY LASHBROOK, ISABELLE CLINE, LELA KEPLER, IDA HAAS, CLARENCE PROCTOR.

Second row, left to right: GEORGE BARBER, DANIEL QUINN, EDNA GRENNELL, ELVIE HOUGHTON, teacher; ANNA LYNCH, WILLIAM SLATE, CLINTON R. WILTSE.

Back row: FRANK PATTERSON, ED BERTRAND, LUCY HEATH, ELLA GRIFFIN, MYRTLE KINCAID, ADDIE WELLER, GEORGE CHAIN, LEWIS ESTES.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 6

is located near **Browns Corners** on the Wills Road at the intersection of a road going to Jewett's Corners, which is now gone. Mrs. King's mother taught there at age 16. She began to teach the first term on May 5, 1872 for \$2.50 per week. She had about twenty pupils, some nearly her own age.

#### TEACHER REMEMBERS No. 6 School

By Lillie (Babcock) Herrick, this is part of a series which appeared in *The Thousand Islands Sun*, used with permission of its editor, Jeanne Snow.

My first term of school was taught in "Number 6." It was a prelude to my later teaching for I was really filling in during a scarcity of teachers. I received \$2.50 per week which was the average teacher's pay at that time. I was sixteen years of age then, and most of my twenty pupils were twelve to fourteen years old. I began this term on May 5, 1872, taught through August and received \$31.00 for those four months of service. I enjoyed that teaching and my work proved satisfactory. I remember all of my pupils who went to that school. Among them were Jane Helmer Wilbur, mother of Marvin Wilbur and Mrs. Bessie Wheeler of Alexandria Bay; Percis Helmer Van Dresar who was

the mother of Mrs. Ula Wiltse of Alexandria Bay, and the grandmother of the present District Attorney of Jefferson County, Milton Wiltse; Annie Helmer Walker who now lives in Dexter; and Elsie Bauter, now Mrs. John Moore of this vicinity.

I boarded at the home of William Lowe and soon was enjoying the cheerful, homelike atmosphere and the companionship of his two lovely daughters, Mary and Nellie. At first I was given the "parlor bedroom" which was always considered the best room in the house. However, it proved to be cold in the winter, and I moved into a fine large room with the two girls, where we had a stove to keep us warm, and enjoyed very cozy times. But the schoolhouse in this district suffered in comparison with any I had known. My equipment consisted of a brown water pail and a cup. There was a small blackboard in the room placed so high on the wall that one needed a step ladder to reach it, and it could be of no use to any of the small children.

There was one long desk for the pupils, built through the middle of the room lengthwise. There was no drawer or shelf space for books. On either side of this long table were two benches fastened to the wall.

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I had a peculiar, small, one drawer desk fastened in a corner. Anyhow, we managed to get arranged and at once settled down for work. But progress was made in spite of these difficulties. I had about twenty-three pupils, varying in ages from ten to twenty-two years. Many of these pupils were older than I, but [I] managed to get on well with them.

The only real disciplinary trouble I ever had in all my years of teaching occurred while in this school. The trustee who engaged me warned that there was one boy who had caused much trouble for the teachers. The trustee was concerned about possible future trouble, and he told his children to come home for help if this boy should get into what he termed "one of his tantrums." For some time I could tell that my unruly pupil was "sizing me up," and "testing me out" to see how much I would endure. I tried to reason with him and to overlook his deliberately disagreeable manners, but whatever came I was determined to handle the situation myself. There came a day when he was especially disorderly. I kept my eye on him, and also a heavy ruler that lay on my desk. As he became more openly brazen I knew he was spoiling for a fight. I didn't relish the prospect. He was fifteen years old and larger than I was.

I believe some of my pupils sensed what was in the air for when the worst came the trustee's daughter immediately arose from her seat to go for her father. Afterward, I remember directing her to remain seated. This was my fight. The "show down" came after this boy had disobeyed an order to stop what he was doing. He stopped and turning around struck me directly in the pit of my stomach with his fist. Then he reached for the watch I was wearing on a long chain. I managed to hand the watch to someone and with my hands free I reached for his collar and tie with the intentions of choking him a bit. This tussle took us across the room and I somehow got my heavy ruler in my other hand. He fought on, and so did I, getting in some good blows with my ruler. I finally got him against a desk and I belabored the muscle in his arm with the ruler and weakened him until he gave up. He was a sorry looking sight as he picked himself up. His arrogance was gone, and so were his collar and tie, which lay on the floor beside him. I told him to apologize at once for the scene he had just caused, and he did so, and returned to his seat completely cowed. People in the district said that no other teacher had ever conquered him before. When the term was finished I returned to my home and never saw this boy again.

I enjoyed my teaching in this school and I have pleasant memories of my school work. Community life flourished in this district and we had social parties, "Professor Hungerford's singing school," and choir rehearsals.

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#### DISTRICT NUMBER 7

was at **Barnes Settlement**. The district was laid out on

April 25, 1838, even before Alexandria Bay, which was 1840 by a school record. Later on, at one time each had the same number of pupils. Barnes Settlement had seventy-one and Alexandria Bay had seventy-seven. The schoolhouse was first located at the junction of Alexandria Center and the road to Alexandria Bay [present Route 26?] on the right side of the road opposite the Babcock farm house. It burned and a stone building now stands on the opposite side of the corner on the road leading to District 6. Mrs. Herrick remembered the Barnes Settlement School. Mrs. King's mother taught in that school a long time before she was married in 1885. She had night school for penmanship for those who wanted to write better. The school was also used for church services and was well attended. Mrs. King herself taught for her first time there, and walked back and forth from Goose Bay, her home, which was three miles each way. "I remember three young men who got their work certificates in the spring. I was sorry that they had to do this for I knew their education in school was completed, and they were only fourteen years old."

#### TEACHER REMEMBERS BARNES SETTLEMENT SCHOOL

By Lillie (Babcock) Herrick, this is part of a series which appeared in *The Thousand Islands Sun*, used with permission of its editor, Jeanne Snow.

The trustees of Barnes Settlement School asked me to teach for a term in my home district. I hesitated about doing this as some of the students were former classmates, and some I knew were difficult to manage. One of the families definitely objected to my teaching there, but the majority seemed to want me, and I finally consented to take the school.

This was in a summer term of four months, starting in May of 1876. The pupils varied in age as was usual in those country schools. One of our first tasks, after our daily routine was established, was to clean the school house,—a task which teacher and children were expected to perform. One of the trustees, John Overacker, brought us a large round kettle, placing it in the front yard. We then filled it with water, built a fire under it, and soon had hot water. That, together with some sand, soap, and plenty of "elbow grease" from one and all furnished us with the means to scrub. The floors, walls and desks had no paint; they required "arm power." This took one full day. A couple of outsiders with kind hearts stopped by to help. We were proud of our cleanliness. I asked the children to bring unbleached cotton, and we made curtains for the windows. Later, we went to the woods and gathered cedars from which we made a large motto, "Knowledge is Power," and placed it over the blackboard. The children loved doing all this, and it gave them an interest in, and sense of responsibility for the building. Our next project was the school yard. Soon we had that clear of rubbish. We raked and swept the ground. Nice green grass came up as a reward.

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The family which objected to my teaching in Barnes Settlement had taken this attitude, I was told, because they felt I was too young for the position and probably could not manage the children. The mother said emphatically that if I punished one of her children, there would be trouble.

After I had been teaching a while, I received a note from this mother, stating that, if her children did not "mind" in school, I had her "permission to punish them." The note puzzled me, as her children were among the best behaved of my pupils. However, when I found that this was the family which protested my teaching there, I understood. I answered in a courteous manner, and thanked her for her interest in the school. I explained that her children had been orderly and obedient, but that if they had not been they certainly would have been punished according to my judgment, and without her permission. A few weeks later, this mother visited the school for an afternoon, listened to all that went on, and later became one of my supporters and best friends. I heard of no complaints, and we progressed on our schedule, aided by the old *National Readers and Spellers*, the *Wells and Quackenbox Grammar*, and *McNally's Geography*. We used three arithmetics: the *Davies Highest*, the *University Arithmetic* and the *University Practical*.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 8

was called **Tanners Corners School**.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 9

is located at **Browns Corners**. The schoolhouse is no longer there, but some town buildings have been put up near the same location, which is about two miles from Redwood on the road to Alexandria Bay.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 10

was the **Collins Landing** school, which stood on the road now going to the Thousand Island Bridge. It was not far from the home of Frank Collins who lost his home and motel when the entrance roads were constructed to the bridge. The Collins family supplied both teachers and pupils for this school.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 11

was called the **Gore District** and is located on a road which goes to Omar. This seems to be a rough, hilly part of the town, but a good farming area. The schoolhouse is long gone.

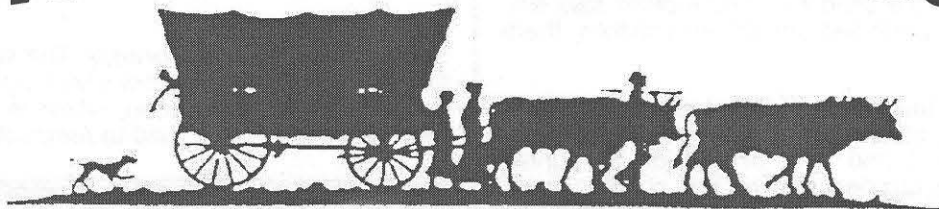


### GORE SCHOOL, DISTRICT NUMBER 11, ABOUT 1918

Greg Hall sent us this snapshot of the old Gore school house. He said: "Provided to me by Roy Hall. I'm guessing at the date, but by the looks of my father, Carson, I would say about 1918—20."

If anyone can name more of these children, it would be a service to us all. Probably taken around 1918 and probably showing the entire school at the time.

# Jefferson County Pioneers



<http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm>

A Jefferson County Pioneer is a person born outside Jefferson County, residing in the county as head of family before 1850. These are from a composite list of posted group sheets on our web site <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm>.

Abeel, Caroline	Alexandria
Ackerman, Robert	Brownville
Ackert, Abram B.	Clayton
Adams, Christopher	Cape Vincent
Adams, Henry	Brownville
Adams, John	Rodman
Adams, Sarah	LeRay
Adkins, Clarissa	LeRay
Adsit, Margaret	Watertown (City of)
Adsit, Philena	Watertown (City of)

## ABEEL, CAROLINE (Alexandria) as found in: PIONEER WAGONER FAMILY

**CAROLINE ABEEL**, daughter of JACOB and ELIZABETH (FOX) ABEEL, who was born 28 Feb 1798 probably at Ft. Plain NY. A petite woman, the family's affluence depended on her hard work as much as her husband's. She died 6 Dec 1876 at Alexandria Bay and is buried in Walton Street Cemetery with her husband JACOB PETER WAGONER.

Children, first 8 b Montgomery County, last b Twp Clayton:

i AMANDA MELVINA WAGONER married BENJAMIN POST

ii JOSEPH WAGONER married CATHARINA NELLIS

iii JEREMIAH WAGONER married (1) HARRIET INGERSON; (2) LOVINA A. BUSWELL

iv ELIZABETH WAGONER d.y.

v JACOB ABEEL WAGONER married MARIA VAN CAMP

vi ALFRED WAGONER married MELINDA BROWN

vii SIMEON WAGONER married LYDIA ANN LACKEY

viii DAVID WAGONER married HARRIET ZIMMERMAN

ix MARY MARTHA WAGONER married (1) WILLIAM ROGERS; (2) JAMES TUSLER

## ACKERMAN, ROBERT (Brownville) as found in: PIONEER ACKERMAN FAMILY

**ROBERT ACKERMAN** (son of JAMES/JACOBUS & MARTJE (ENDERSE) ACKERMAN of Tarrytown and Rye, Westchester County, NY.) was born at Stillwater or Milton Townships, Saratoga County, NY in 1763. His two sons, Lyman and Daniel, were both later of Pillar Point, Town of Brownville. Robert ACKERMAN was only 13 years old when the Revolutionary war broke out. It is unknown if he served during war time, but he did serve as a Corporal in the 13th Regt Albany, NY Militia. He married first a woman whose name is unknown, in either Stillwater, Milton or Ballstown, Saratoga, NY. Roxelana's parents were living in Ballstown in 1790, likely so were Robert and his sons. Between 1795 and 1811 they moved to the frontier of Oswego Co, living near Richland and/or Mexico. Lyman as well as his half brothers Asa and John had enlisted at Richland to serve in the War of 1812. Each of the brothers served only 1 month from Oct-Nov 1814. Asa was wounded and returned to his family. Shortly after they moved again and settled on or near Pillar Point as the Ackermans were quite a presence there for nearly 80 years. By 1815 Robert and his 2 oldest sons were living on Pillar Point. In 1820 Robert, John, Asa, Daniel and Lyman were listed as heads of households with all of them in agriculture except Lyman who was in both agriculture and commerce. Lyman became a Reverend to the folks out on Pillar Point, and he conducted nearly all of the marriages, etc. for nearly 50 years. In 1823 Roxelane's membership at the Milton, Saratoga, NY church was released and she was dismissed, (the same year as his death). Robert was laid to rest in 29 May 1823, the 3rd person buried at Sherwin Bay Cemetery. Roxelana lived a few years more as a head of household (see 1825 census). She died in 1828 and is buried at his side in Sherwins Bay Cemetery. After the death of son John a major exodus from Pillar Point occurred, with nearly all of the brothers leaving for Iowa and Wisconsin. Several ended up in Kenosha, Adams and Columbia, WI. He married (1) circa 1782 at Saratoga (---). She died between 1785 and 1788, as Robert

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remarried to Roxelana Childs in 1789.

Children of first marriage:

i LYMAN ACKERMAN

ii DANIEL ACKERMAN

ROBERT ACKERMAN married (2) 1789 probably at Ballstown, Saratoga County, NY ROXELANE CHILD, who was the daughter of Capt. INCREASE & OLIVE (PEASE) CHILD of CT and Greenfield, Saratoga, NY per 1790 Saratoga census. She was born 3 May 1769 Woodstock, Windham, CT. She died 5 November 1828 and was buried at Sherwin Bay Cemetery, Pillar Point, NY

Children of second marriage:

iii JOHN ACKERMAN married IRENE MEIGS

iv ASA C. ACKERMAN married RHODA

SHERWIN

v ROBERT ACKERMAN married HANNAH

EDDY

vi OLIVE ACKERMAN

vii ROXELANE ACKERMAN married JAMES

LLOYD WOOLSEY

viii SOLOMON ACKERMAN

ix MARK C. ACKERMAN

x LORYANN ACKERMAN

xi DAVID ACKERMAN

xii AMANDA ACKERMAN

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#### ACKERT, ABRAM B. (Clayton) as found in : PIONEER ACKERT FAMILY

**ABRAM B. ACKERT** (son of JOHN ACKERT) was born 25 Aug 1793 at Rhinebeck flats, Dutchess County, NY. He came to the Town of Clayton, Jefferson County by 1819. He was a farmer, and attended the Methodist Church. He died 26 May 1868 and was buried in the St Lawrence (Union) Cemetery. He married ABIGAIL (HAMILTON) GIFFIN, who was the daughter of JAMES & LUCY (HAMILTON) GIFFEN. She was born 24 March 1795 in Canada, and died 5 Jan 1888 at Clayton. She was buried with her husband in the St Lawrence Cemetery.

Children:

i CYRUS H. ACKERT

ii MARY JANE ACKERT married DYER ENSWORTH PIERCE

iii AMOS PAGE ACKERT married MARTHA PIERCE

iv ANNA ACKERT married (---) RHOADES

v JAMES ACKERT

vi MARUS ACKERT

vii LUCY ACKERT d.y.

viii LUCY ACKERT

AMOS PAGE ACKERT (son of ABRAM B. & ABIGAIL (GIFFIN) ACKERT) was born 8 Oct 1824 at Clayton.

Like his father, he was a farmer and attended the Methodist Church. He took part in the California gold rush of 1849. He died 1 Mar 1914 at Clayton and was buried in the St Lawrence Cemetery. He married 1 Jan 1859 MARTHA ERANACIA (?) PIERCE who was the daughter of BENJAMIN & FLORENZA (ENSWORTH) PIERCE. She was born 19 Dec 1837 at Hamilton, Madison County, NY. She died 18 May 1912 at Clayton and was buried with her husband in the St Lawrence Cemetery.

Children:

i GEORGE PIERCE ACKERT

ii CHARLES PAGE ACKERT married HARRIET MATILDA NICHOLS

iii FLORENZA ACKERT married MELVILLE THOMPSON

iv CYRUS LEWIS ACKERT married GRACE M. REES

v MINA M. ACKERT

CHARLES PAGE ACKERT (son of AMOS PAGE & MARTHA ERANACIA (?) ACKERT) was born 23 Apr 1863 at Depauville, Town of Clayton. He worked for Waters-Pierce Oil. He died 26 Feb 1916 St Louis, MO. and was buried in the Bellefontaine Cemetery. He married 2 Apr 1890 HARRIET MATILDA NICHOLS who was the daughter of WILLIAM A. & MATILDA (WALLER) NICHOLS who was born 22 Feb 1865 at Theresa, Jefferson County. She was a teacher. She married (2) CYRUS L. ACKERT, her husband's brother. She died 14 Oct 1956 at Spencer, Clay County, Iowa and was buried with her husband in the Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Children:

i RUTH NICHOLS ACKERT

ii CHARLES PIERCE ACKERT married WILLA RUFINE BRIGGS

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#### ADAMS, CHRISTOPHER (Cape Vincent) as found in:

##### PIONEER ADAMS FAMILY

**CHRISTOPHER ADAMS** was born 2 Aug 1822. He died 13 Feb 1898 and was buried in Rosiere, Jefferson County. He married in 1846 MARY BARBARA REFF, the daughter of PETER and ANNA MARIA (SPORMANN) REFF.

Children:

i PETER ADAMS

ii JULIA ADAMS married PETER FRALEY, son of JACOB and CATHERINE (SLICK) FRALEY

iii MARY ANN ADAMS

iv MARGARET ADAMS

v CATHARINE ADAMS

vi ELIZABETH ADAMS d.y.

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- vii MARY BARBARA ADAMS
- viii GEORGE ADAMS

**ADAMS, HENRY (Brownville) and  
ADAMS, JOHN (Rodman) as found in:  
PIONEER ADAMS FAMILY**

**JOHN ADAMS**, (son of MOSES and HEPZIBAH (DEATH) ADAMS) was born 11 Mar 1752 in Sherborn MA. He came from NH to the Town of Rodman, Jefferson County around 1807. He was a farmer, and in religion Methodist. He died 13 Jan 1820 in Adams, Jefferson County. He married 25 Jan 1774 at Dublin, NH MARY ROLLINS, daughter of JAMES and ABIGAIL (DOWNING) ROLLINS. She was born Jan 1758 in Dublin, NH and died 29 Mar 1818 at Adams.

Children:

- i HEPSEBETH ADAMS married ASA ROBINS
- ii ABIGAIL ADAMS married JOHNATHAN WYMAN
- iii Captain JOHN ADAMS married POLLY WRIGHT
- iv HENRY ADAMS married HANNAH INGALS
- v MARY ADAMS
- vi MOSES ADAMS married SALLY SCRIPTURE
- vii MARY ADAMS married ASA RICHARDSON
- viii JAMES ADAMS married REBECCA FARWELL
- ix JOSEPH ADAMS married MARIA COLE
- x JESSE ADAMS

**HENRY ADAMS**, (son of JOHN and MARY (ROLLINS) ADAMS) was born 13 Aug 1782 at Nelson NH. From there he came to Rodman, Jefferson County. He moved from Rodman to Adams Cove, Town of Brownville, around 1830 and died 8 Mar 1871 on Pillar Point, Town of Brownville. He was buried in the Ferry Cemetery on Pillar Point. He married 10 Oct 1805 in NH HANNAH INGALS, daughter of SOLOMON and ABIGAIL (---) INGALS, who was born in 1784. She died 5 Aug 1873 on Pillar Point and was buried with her husband in Ferry Cemetery.

Children:

- i HENRY ADAMS, Jr. married EMILY ACKERMAN
- ii SOLOMON INGALS ADAMS married NANCY BUSH
- iii JOHN ADAMS married EUNICE FARWELL
- iv MARY ADAMS married WILLIAM KING
- v PHILIP ADAMS married PHILLIP LUCAS
- vi JAMES ROLLIN ADAMS married MARGARET SATCHWELL
- vii MARIA ADAMS married REUBEN DAY

viii ABIGAIL CHARLOTTE ADAMS married WILLIAM DOUGLAS

**ADAMS, SARAH (LeRay) as found in:  
PIONEER WILSON FAMILY**

SUEL WILSON (son of ALEXANDER & HULDAH (GILBERT) WILSON of Putney, VT) was born 21 Aug 1779. He died (GS) 16 Nov 1827, buried with his wife and five of their children in Evans Mills Cemetery, LeRay, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK. A marker on his gravestone indicated he was a veteran of the War of 1812. He married in 1799 CHLOE (SHELDON) HARRIS, who was born 25 Apr 1780, daughter of James & Mary (Cheseboro) (Lord) Sheldon and widow of John Harris of Martinsweeks. She died (GS), 19 Dec 1827, age 47 years. They emigrated to Jefferson County about the year 1805 settling in the town of LeRay, where they raised a family of 11 children, eight sons & 3 daughters.

Children:

- i LYMAN WILSON married RUTH CAREY
- ii ABEL WILSON married MARY BARRETT
- iii ALEXANDER WILSON married SARAH ADAMS
- iv ISABEL WILSON
- v SUEL/SEWELL WILSON married LOUISA (---)
- vi HARRIET WILSON
- vii CHAUNCEY WILSON married SARAH (---)
- viii GEORGE E. WILSON married ALMEDA RICHMOND, daughter of JOHN K. & ROCKSENE (SAMBLIN) RICHMOND
- ix ELIAS WILSON married MARY JANE HOWARD
- x WARREN WILSON
- xi CHLOE ANN WILSON

ALEXANDER WILSON (son of SUEL & CHLOE (SHELDON) WILSON) was born 3 May 1805 at Hoosick, NY. They went by team from Jefferson County, NY in 1843 to Harmony, Illinois. They bought a piece of farm land, built a house and gave a corner of the land for a school house. Later, they built a new house. This land was in Coral Township, four miles west of Huntley. He died 23 Jan 1887 Huntley ILL. He married 1831 in Jefferson County **SARAH ADAMS**, daughter of JOSEPH & AZUBA (HENRY) ADAMS. She was born 19 Feb 1814 at Nelson/Cheshire Co NH. (Her lineage goes back to the two presidents). She died 27 Mar 1887, Huntley ILL.

Children:

- i GEORGE WILSON married HARRIET MARSHALL
- ii MARIETTE WILSON married GEORGE DEAN

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iii ALEXANDER HAMILTON WILSON

iv EMMA A. WILSON

v AMELIA E. WILSON married RICHARD DEAN

vi ELMINA ELIZA WILSON married (1) DAVID M. WILLIAMS son of JAMES WILLIAMS

vii HARRIET/HATTIE PAMELA WILSON married CHRIST? PUTNAM

viii RUTH EMMA WILSON married JAIRUS HITCHCOX, son of ASAHIEL & MELINDA AMELIA (DAVIS) HITCHCOX

RUTH EMMA WILSON (daughter of ALEXANDER & SARAH (ADAMS) WILSON) was born 24 May 1853 at Huntly ILL She died 31 Jan 1941 at Pipestone MN. She married Jan 7 1880 at Huntley ILL JAIRUS HITCHCOX, son of ASAHIEL & MELINDA AMELIA (DAVIS) HITCHCOX. He was born 3 APR 1856 at Pompia Twp, Onondaga CO/NY) and died 16 Oct 1919 Pipestone MN. His grandparents were Samuel & Roxenath (Benedict) Hitchcox

Children:

i MYRTLE ADEL HITCHCOX married HARRY ANDERSON GANO

ii VERA LEONA HITCHCOX married CLARENCE J. LONGSTREET

iii AURA MAE HITCHCOX married WALTER JOSEPH MUTZ

**ADKINS, CLARISSA (LeRay) as found in:  
PIONEER DUNTON FAMILY**

THOMAS DUNTON was born 26 May 1752 in Wrentham, Massachusetts. A veteran of the Revolutionary war, he settled first in Bennington, Vermont, whence he removed to the Town of Watertown in Jefferson County in the year 1800. Subsequently they came to Sandford Corners in the Town of Le Ray with his wife and family. His first six children were born in Massachusetts, the last two in Vermont. He died 26 May 1832 in the Town of LeRay, and he and his wife are buried, with some of their children, in the Sanford Corners Cemetery. He married 19 May 1773 JOANNA HOWARD, the widow Blair. She was born 1749 in the Province of Nova Scotia. She died in the Town of LeRay in 1826 and was buried in Sanford Corners Cemetery with her husband.

Children:

i DANIEL DUNTON

ii EBENEZER DUNTON married CLARISSA ADKINS

iii EPHRAIM HOWARD DUNTON

iv LUCY DUNTON

v PERSIS DUNTON

vi THOMAS DUNTON

vii AMOS DUNTON

viii JOANNA DUNTON

EBENEZER DUNTON, (son of THOMAS and JOANNA (HOWARD) DUNTON) born in Massachusetts, came to Jefferson County, where all their children were born. He was a brickmaker by trade, and was the pioneer in the brick making business in Jefferson County. He was first a Democrat, then a Republican when the party was formed. He was an Abolitionist, and favored temperance. He died 27 February 1858 and with his wife and son, JOHN GRIFFIN DUNTON, he is buried in the Sandford Corners Cemetery. He married 21 Aug 1800 **CLARISSA ADKINS**, the daughter of JOHN ADKINS of Guilford, New Haven County, Connecticut.

Children:

i AMOS MASON DUNTON married HARRIET HURLBURT

ii JOHN GRIFFIN DUNTON married PERSIS AUSTIN

iii ROBERT B. DUNTON married CYNTHIA PRICE

iv DANIEL DUNTON

v CAROLINE DUNTON married SILAS FAIRBANKS

vi THOMAS DUNTON married SALLY KINGSBURY, daughter of CLARK KINGSBURY

vii LOUISA DUNTON married (1) STEPHEN MIX; married (2) JOHN LAMPHEAR

viii MARCIA DUNTON married (1) GILBERT ALLEN; married (2) THOMAS BRITTINGHAM

ix WILLIAM DUNTON married DIANA WRIGHT.

**ADSIT, MARGARET (City of Watertown)**

**ADSIT, PHILENA (City of Watertown) as found in:  
PIONEER CALHOUN FAMILY**

CHAUNCEY CALHOUN (fifth child of EBENEZER & DOLLY MARILLA (FOOTE) CALHOUN) was born 15 Jun 1776 Washington, Litchfield Co. CT. Before 1800 several members of the Ebenezer Calhoun family removed to Frankfort, Norwich Corners, Herkimer Co NY. The 1800 census of Frankfort NY lists their surname as CAHOON. (It has never been listed as Cahoon in this line before or since, to our knowledge). Chauncey had a sister ABIGAIL MIRIAM CALHOUN who married JOHN HATHAWAY as his second wife. Chauncey is said to have moved to Watertown NY about 1802. However his first two children were born in Frankfort NY in 1801 and 1803. His third child was born in Watertown in 1806. According to a Watertown Daily Times newspaper article by David Lane (12 Dec 1940) Chauncey was a carpenter by trade, and was

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employed as a mechanic in the construction of the Madison Barracks in 1815-16. A newspaper excerpt from the 07 Aug 1863 issue of the Daily New York Reformer, entitled "A Link in the Chain," mentions Chauncey as follows: "In 1810 [Jabez Foster] erected the first class mansion now occupied by L. Paddock, Esq. on Washington Street. The work was done by Chauncey Calhoun." Chauncey is recorded as an early Trustee of the Village of Watertown and of Watertown's Universalist Church. He died on July 31, 1856. More information on the descendants is available from the contact listed below, but this sketch centers on the Jefferson County families. He married in Frankfort on 28 Jan 1801 SARAH EDWARDS PADDOCK, who was born 11 Jan 1782/3 in Middletown, Middlesex Co. CT. Sarah, whose parents are buried at the Norwich Corners cemetery in Herkimer county, died on February 10, 1860, and is buried at Watertown's Arsenal Street cemetery with her husband. They had eight children; three removed to Chicago.

Children:

- i EBENEZER CALHOUN married REBECCA LYON
- ii ALVIN CALHOUN married OLIVE MIRANDA COOLEY
- iii MARY CALHOUN married JOHN GUINN YOUNG
- iv JOHN CALHOUN married PAMELIA CARO-

LINE HATHAWAY

- v NANCY CAROLINE CALHOUN married SAMUEL McCLURE
- vi CHAUNCEY CALHOUN Jr. married (1) **PHILENA ADSIT**; (2) **MARGARET ADSIT**
- vii CHARLES CALHOUN
- viii SARAH ELIZABETH CALHOUN married CHARLES SHELDON BURT

CHAUNCEY CALHOUN Jr. (son of CHAUNCEY & SARAH EDWARDS (PADDOCK) CALHOUN) was born 14 Jun 1816 Watertown. He died 21 May 1862 at Watertown. He married (1) **PHILENA ADSIT** who was born 23 Jan 1819 at Canajoharie, NY.

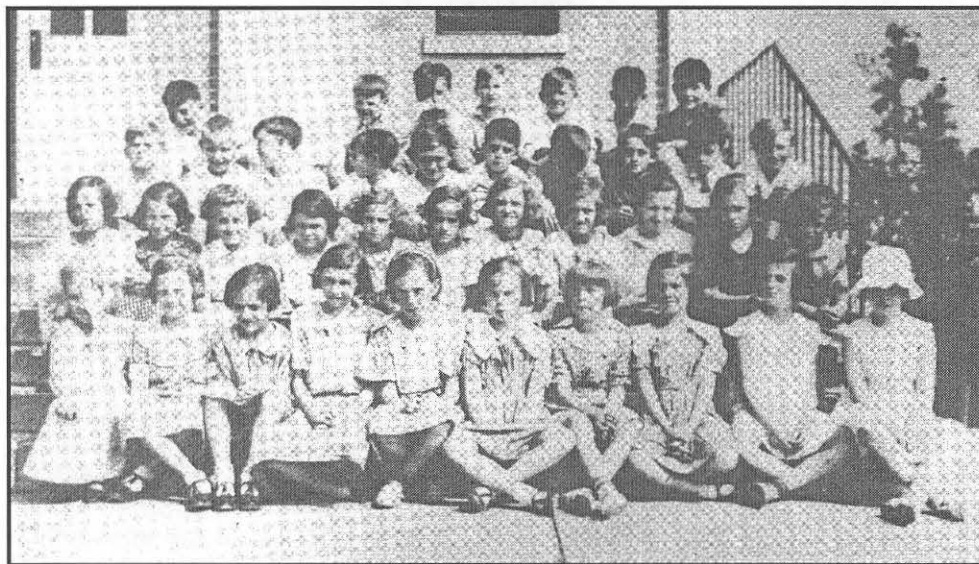
Children:

- i BYRON CALHOUN
- ii PAMELIA ADSIT CALHOUN married CHARLES HENRY WILBER
- iii SARAH EVELINE CALHOUN married JULIUS FERDINAND STALLMAN
- iv ALVIN EDGAR CALHOUN married (1) SUSAN SHERIDAN ROBBINS; (2) MARY HANNAH MAWSON

He married (2) **MARGARET ADSIT** who was born 18 Feb 1834 at Canajoharie, NY.

Children:

- i MARY FRANCES CALHOUN
- ii HATTIE CAROLINE CALHOUN



From 1997 Memories of the Thousand Islands Sun, by the gracious permission of Jeanne Snow, editor. Once the new Alexandria Bay School was built on Bolton Avenue, the preferred spot for class pictures was on the front steps. This photograph is believed to be about the fourth grade, this class went on to become the graduation class of 1944 at ABHS. From left, front row: BETTY BLOUNT FRINK, MARY HOUSE, IRENE VANDRESAR MacPHERSON, IRENE WAGONER, VIOLET JOBSON, MARY KNIGHT, JOSEPHINE DELAIR SKEL-

TON, KAY KNIGHT GAMBON, MADELYN WAGONER HARTMAN, BARBARA ESTES HUNTER  
 Second row: FREDA DAVIS DODGE, DOROTHY JOBSON, JUNE HARTMAN WARD, VIRGINIA FARRELL, VERNA ELY DANIELS, CAROL LEE JULIAN, FRANCES WAGONER CARLISLE, FLORA WAGONER CARLISLE, IRMA KING CHANTER, unknown, AUDREY SENEAL PRATT  
 Third row: VERNON COOPER, ALBERT BEATIE, LESLIE BEATIE, LEON WELSH, HAROLD SLATE ROBERT MURPHY, ROBERT SLATE (?), RICHARD SNOW, FRANCIS WEBBER, TEDDY STROUGH  
 Back row: unknown, unknown, LEON RUNNING, FREDERICK MOORE, DONALD SIMPSON, HERBERT REYNOLDS, GEORGE POWERS?



# A Day At A Country School

The children! The rowdy, quiet, boisterous, shy, clean, dirty, smelly, ragged, or neat children! Almost entirely farm children, almost all with generations of ties to the district, with a community memory of games, of what each nook and corner of the playground should be used for; they indoctrinated the newcomers to the district and the little first graders in all the mischief and games they knew. Alley-alley-over, where the large ball was tossed over the school house to the waiting team on the other side, caused all sorts of squabbling. One side could never see (even though spies might run around to peek) whether the opposition caught the ball legally before racing around to tag the first team. And yet it was a popular game, with lots of yelling, screaming and running out of doors, which took the place of dull, organized, regimented gymnasium periods of urban schools. All the children played, from the bewildered little first graders to the know-it-all sixth graders.

Another game which I never saw in later years was a rainy day game: clap in, clap out. It had some of the characteristics of hide the thimble, but again it was a noisy, active exercise, guaranteed to let off some of the steam generated by sitting still all morning, while keeping the children in their seats, rather than tearing around in the schoolhouse, upsetting things. The teacher kept a benign, sometimes amused eye on the proceedings, and could arbitrate in cases of disagreement. Instead of calisthenics, the teacher would initiate Simon Says, until we wore her out.

We went outdoors winter as well as fall and spring. We trod the snow in a huge pie shaped circle for fox and geese, scary for the little ones as the radii of the circle were so long they were sure to be caught before they reached the safe haven of the center. Four times a day the lucky child chosen for the privilege rang the school bell and called out, "Schoooooo! Tiiiime!" on two descending notes. We scampered in to our seats, hanging our outdoor clothes in the cloak room (*cloak* room? surely a hangover from some distant time in the past.)

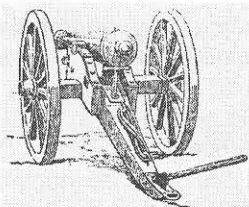
"Exercises", they were called, the opening of the day. First, two chosen children, one old enough to open the stiff snaps holding the flag to the flag rope, raised the flag on the pole set on the roof of the entry. We called it the entry, that little storm shed protecting the school door. One child held the flag ever so carefully, so that

it never touched the ground. Are modern children, I wonder, so reverent with our national symbol? And bless all those patriotic, conscientious teachers who instilled that reverence. The flag was raised every day in good weather, and brought in if it started to rain or snow. The smell of that wet wool as it was carefully draped over chairs to dry, and again it must not touch the floor, that smell lingers in the memory yet. Nowadays the sought after privilege is left to janitors, paid to do it. Then the salute to the flag, followed by *My Country 'Tis of Thee* with never a thought in our parents' minds that this might be inappropriate.

Our canny teacher knew the perfect way to settle us down for the next period of study: morning and noon she read aloud to us from some children's classic that kept the rapt attention of everyone, from tiny first grade girls to the big sixth grade boys. Then came reading classes, in our school from the Elson-Gray readers that whole generations of children knew as the Dick and Jane books. They were the pre-primers. That's pronounced *primmer*, with a short *i*, not the primer which one uses before painting. The classes went to the front of the room, beginning with first graders, while the rest of us did our homework in arithmetic, geography, or wrote our spelling sentences. After that came arithmetic, and then, glorious release, recess! Fifteen minutes of largely unsupervised mayhem, though any real trouble brought the teacher out immediately. Like a mother, she had a sixth sense of what was going on. After recess, I can't remember what took up the time until noon, except that spelling was the last thing before dinner. We didn't eat lunch. We had dinner from our dinner pails outdoors in warm weather and at our desks in winter. Then cops 'n' robbers, cowboys 'n' Indians, Mother May I, tag, fruit basket, redlight greenlight, and any of those other childhood games we all knew until someone called "schoooooo! tiiiime!" ringing the bell at the same time.

Another chapter from *Hans Brinker*, or *Little Men*, or *Dandelion Cottage* or *Nelly's Silver Mine*, and it was back to reading again. Geography, English, and special subjects filled in the afternoon. Penmanship, Palmer Method, with its spirals and lines on Fridays; health a couple of times a week (wooden toothpicks dug out the worst of the dirt from under fingernails in preparation for that), art once a week, and singing every day. No piano or guitar, no musical instrument, not even a tuning fork. We followed the teacher's pitch, and went from there. At the end of the day, the teacher saw that we were dressed, and started for home on the left side of the road. We were out of sight before she left for the day.

# CIVIL WAR BIOGRAPHY



## Jesse N. Buskirk

Union Soldier - Distinguished Service

Jesse N. Buskirk was born in Clayton on Aug 8, 1841 to S. Almorene and Lucinda Buskirk. He enlisted as a private with the 14th New York Heavy Artillery, Company K on November 31, 1863 for 3 years at Watertown, NY. Jesse was mustered in December 21, 1863. Watertown paid a bounty of \$300.00 and the US Government paid a bounty of \$100.00. He took part in many battles, including that of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. He was taken prisoner June 7 1864 in front of Petersburg battle and taken down to Andersonville prison and kept there until March 1, 1865. Jesse was mustered out September 4, 1865. He died Thursday, August 25, 1932 in Lafargeville, NY.

Watertown Daily Times Monday, July 24, 1926

### Survived Horrors of Andersonville Prison

Jesse Buskirk of Lafargeville, Veteran of Civil War

Will Celebrate 86th Birthday On August 8.

By MRS. FLORA S. UPTON

Lafargeville, July 24 -Here and in the north country are many men pursuing their every day tasks and carrying in their breasts stories of their lives, unknown to their fellow man. Could we but read their thoughts we might find therein something more thrilling than many a book of fiction.

There lives a man in the town of (Oriana)?, near here who expects to quietly celebrate his 86th birthday on Aug. 8. He seldom speaks of the past years of his life, and those days when he was serving his country in her great struggle.

Jesse Buskirk was born in the town of Clayton. As soon as he was old enough he began going to school and helping on the farm out of school hours. At the age of 22 he heeded the call of his country and enlisted in company K of the 14th New York Heavy Artillery. Captain Cooper was in command.

From Clayton Mr. Buskirk went to Rochester, where he was made corporal. That winter he spent in Staten Island. In the spring of '64 he arrived in Washington, and from there marched direct to the front. History will recall the famous Battle of the Wilderness, and here Mr. Buskirk met his first engagement. It was here that for miles and miles the trees were blazing as a result of fire started from heavy firing. The next battle was Spottsylvania and here the captain suddenly disappeared from their midst. Captain Underhill took command. Battle at North Ann river, Cold Harbour and Saint Petersburg followed. In a great mine dug under the Rebel fort, the Yankees had carefully laid their plans to blow up the fort. The plan failed to work. The Union soldiers attempted to capture it in a hand to hand fight. Through misunderstanding the men who charged were not followed by the support of the rest of the company. As the Stars and Stripes were shot from the hands of the sergeant, young Buskirk jumped to save it from the Rebels. Perhaps only one ever knew what became of that flag. Mr. Buskirk has proudly remarked that no Rebel ever captured it. Matters were growing from bad to worse. With other prisoners he was taken to that terrible place from which few returned to tell the story. This Place was the famous Andersonville prison in Georgia. There were 30 acres of land enclosed by a stockade. Around this field holes were dug and logs set in on end.

Smallpox broke out in the prison and tales of the great dead line became an untold horror of reality. As these men were turned in they were counted in squads of 30. There they met loathsome sights, covered with vermin and rags, beyond description. A veritable, living, seething hell.

Surrounding the stockade, and for about a rod inside it was a slender railing. This was known as the dead line. All around the top of the stockade sentinels were placed. Any prisoner who went beyond this line was shot instantly. Mr. Buskirk's tent mates were Harvey McKee, Joe Konklin, and Isaac Spears. Life had begun in terrible earnestness for these heroes of the north country.

If they had money, they could obtain a few things, or now and then some things could be purchased from a Rebel guard-while their money lasted. The first night these four men camped out, robbery on them was attempted. The tent was located near the brook. In the night a pickpocket crept inside and attacked Isaac Spears. The latter was a stalwart fellow and used his strength to advantage by giving such a kick with his foot as to land the thief outside and with a loud splash, the fellow landed in the brook. Justice was on track of these thieves and several days after It was learned they had been tried and hung for a murder.

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The next day the men moved to the other side of the brook on higher ground.

Rations were given to the men in very small quantities. Each day the ration was one pint of corn meal, and ground cobs, one half pint of beans, and one tablespoonful of molasses. Never a day went by but a comrade was carried out for burial, placed in the army wagon, just as they were picked up, one after another until the wagon was full, taken to the burial place and laid side by side in long shallow trenches.

Men failed after a while to recognize their own kindred. One morning, Mr. Buskirk heard someone call his name. He tried to locate the voice but could see no one. Later he was to learn that an uncle and a cousin died in the place. Little by little the boys formed a scheme to escape this terrible prison. Under one of these tents was a well and a brave heart conceived the idea of tunneling from this hell to freedom. They used knives, anything with an edge, to move a spoonful of dirt at a time. Those who were able assisted. Going was slow, but there was nothing else to do, and undoubtedly it saved the life of more than one. They knew that detection meant death, but they took the chance, and as the work grew, hope came to them and it began to look as though they were going through. It was nearly finished when a sentry passing by stepped into a little hole outside. One of the men grabbed for him to silence his tongue forever, but too late. He made a get away. Then came orders from the commander of the prison: three days and nothing to eat. After the starvation rations they had lived on despair gave place to reason. Some lived to tell how that stockade became a living mass of suffering, scarcely room enough to move. How many of them fought in vain to ward off disease as it spread among them. In three months the Rebels became alarmed thinking help was coming and moved the prisoners to Havana. Before they went, the story is told of how an unknown Irish woman threw bread over the dead line, for the men to eat. They called her "the angel of light." It seemed ages afterward to Mr. Buskirk when he was moved to Camp Lawton, where he was one of those to be let out on parole of honor. The price of their first meal of wheat bread, a dozen eggs and a piece of bacon and a bit of salt was \$500.

Confederate money was worth two cents on the dollar. The boys could begin to earn a bit if their health allowed and they began to have more comforts of life. They were moved from camp to camp, however, for fear of aid coming to them. They met with all sorts of experiences. In one camp, a Rebel lieutenant had heart enough to bring in a hogshead full of peanuts, but he was arrested for his act of kindness. After a time the men were moved back to Charleston, then to

Goldsboro, then on a transport to Maryland, where for the first time they had clean clothes and good quarters. Then came the furlough and the men were mustered out with their regiment. There are very few left in the town of Orleans and probably none who could tell such a tale as he.

It is understood the following veterans still live: Edwin Ostrander, Jacob Snell and Fred Dickson of Lafargeville. Martin Fetterly has moved to Utica where he lives in the Masonic home. Rob Sheeley lives at Fishers Landing and George Schryver lives near Omar.

Mr. Buskirk has several children: Ernest of Depauville; Ned and George of Lafargeville, Edwin of Evans Mills; Mrs. Dolly Walters of Lafargeville; and Mrs. Millie Bergan of Chaumont.

Lowville Journal and Republican August 27, 1932

#### **Civil War Veteran Dies At 91 After Stroke**

-Was Held Prisoner at Andersonville.

Jesse N. Buskirk, 91, civil war veteran, died Thursday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Buskirk Gould, at Lafargeville. He suffered a paralytic stroke several days ago. He was a native of the town of Clayton and served in the Civil war with the 14th New York heavy artillery, taking part in many battles, including that of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. At the siege of Petersburg he caught the Stars and Stripes as it fell, shot from the hands of a sergeant. Mr. Buskirk often stated no confederate ever got the flag, but only he knew what became of it. He was captured in this battle and confined to Andersonville prison, Georgia.

He leaves his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Anna Gould, Lafargeville; Mrs. Dolly Walter, Orleans; Mrs. Millie Bergen, Watertown; four sons, Cyrus of Orleans, Edward, of Evans Mills, Ernest, of Depauville and Elmer of Oregon.

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**"Everything is changing.  
People are taking their  
comedians seriously and the  
politicians as a joke."  
—Will Rogers**

## ASK AUNTY JEFF



"Aunty Jeff! Aunty Jeff! See, I've done exactly what you told me, and I got Gramma and Grampa Wagoner too, and when we went to visit Gramma Binns, she gave me ever so much more, and I put it in a chart just like you said! See?"

"Well, I begin to have some hope, dear. So many people start out with good intentions, but they let other things get in their way. I neglected to mention you must always cite your sources. Add another line to your chart to tell you where you found the information for each person, and it's a good idea to say when.

Also, since you have interviewed only close family, so far, you can go back and ask to see certificates. Birth certificates, marriage certificates, and such are called primary sources. They are the best kind. Even if your mother knows where and when she was born, it's even better if you can say you saw her birth certificate. One of my cousins (you don't know her, dear. I've only met her the once, even though we correspond regularly) told me recently she found out she's been spelling her name wrong for years. Her mother always called her Nella, but she's always called herself Nellie. She took a look at her birth certificate recently, when she decided to climb her family tree and found that Nella is her real name."

"You mean she didn't know how to spell her own name? She must have been dumb!"

"Manners, dear. Manners. Probably her first grade teacher taught her to print her name, and since Nella is rather unusual, and since Nellie always said her name was Nellie, her teacher assumed that was correct. Names are fun, and you will be coming across lots of them. Try to be sure you've got the right spelling, but I must warn you that names can be spelled differently and still be the same family. Why, I've counted eleven ways to spell the name Wagoner, and some people in the older days could spell it differently on the same page."

"Well, I still think it's stupid not to be able to spell your own name."

"We'll talk about that later, because if you keep on researching, you may find that many of your ancestors couldn't read or write their own names, and that makes your job very difficult, indeed. But let's go back to the certificates. You won't be able to see many be-

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sides your own, but if you do, when you handle other folk's important papers, remember: clean hands, no making little marks on the paper to keep your place, don't tear or damage the paper, and if you are lucky enough to have them let you make a photo copy, be sure to get it back to them promptly and in an envelope, if possible. Those sheet protectors you can buy at places like Walmart or Staples are a wonderful invention. They didn't have those when I first started. They are perfect for your own use, as well. And don't ever fold an important paper, unless it has been folded before. Eventually they will tear along the fold, you know."

"But when can I start doing real research, you know, look up things in libraries and like that?"

"You mentioned Joanie's Aunt Linda spent a lot of time in libraries. Well, it's time you spent some time there. But still, there are many things you can do at home. One is to start your own picture collection. Those family reunion pictures your mother always takes is a really good place to start. Make sure you have all those names, and if you don't remember the persons, especially from the earlier reunions, ask. Your grandparents will know them all. And then write down the names on the backs of the photos or snapshots. If they will allow you, borrow older photos. Never ask for them to give you their precious pictures; always get copies and return the originals. The more copies floating around, the better chance there is of the likeness surviving."

"Oh, I will. But the libraries?"

"The next time you go to Watertown, plan to visit the genealogy room of the Flower Library. You are fortunate. Not all libraries have a genealogy room, and not all genealogy rooms are as well organized and as complete as the one at Flower. Some won't allow people your age to use their material, so think of yourself as an ambassador for teenagers, and be on your best behavior. Ask questions politely, and even if you think you know the answer, listen patiently. Tell them what you are doing, and show them what you've done, so they can see that you are serious about this. And be respectful of all the library materials."

"What do you mean, respectful?"

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"When you are looking at a book, and you finally get to the page you need, and you find some one has torn or cut that page out of the book..."

"Oh, my! I didn't know grown ups would do that!

"You can still find a lot at home. You know, dear, the internet has much more material on how to go about your family history than I can give you, and it's right there for you to look back at as you go along. You do have a computer, don't you? Or your mother has, I know. Remember to be careful about using any material you find on the internet. So many people who should know better put up false information about their ancestors. But you can use the how-to sites with confidence. After all, they mainly tell you to do your own work.

"Always note the source of information that you record or photocopy, and date it too. If the material is from a book, write the name, author, publisher, year of publication, ISBN or ISSN (if it has one), and also the library where you found it (or else photocopy the title page). Occasionally you'll find that you need to refer to a book again, or go back to great aunt Matilda to clarify something she told you.

"Oops! There's Mother! Gotta run! Thanks loads, Auntie Jeff! I'll be back!"

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## SCHOOL RECORD LISTS PERIOD OF INACTIVITY

(From an undated, unidentified newspaper article)

ALEXANDRIA BAY—During the three year period from 1829 through 1831, school district No. 5 in the town of Alexandria went through a period of inertia as far as the advancement of the district was concerned.

A complete change was made at the annual meeting held at the home of Rodney Simons, Nov. 21, 1829. Alvah Westcott, John W. Fuller and Walter Briggs took a turn as trustees with Stephen Fish a district clerk and Chauncey Westcott, collector.

The trustees rented a room in which to hold school and levied the usual wood tax. A resolution to rent the schoolroom discloses the failure of the 1828 movement to build a schoolhouse.

The affairs of the district were upset when Alvah Westcott moved out of the district, making it necessary to elect a new member to the board, Azariah Walton, a prominent merchant in the village, took Mr. Westcott's place on the board and began a long career in the service of district 5.

Another thorn in the side of the school board that year was the attitude of collector Chauncey Westcott. The minutes of the meeting in dealing with Mr. Westcott state, "Whereas Chauncey Westcott was at the last meeting chosen collector of the district and upon being called to do the duties of office he positively refused to do said duties.

"Therefore be it resolved that said Westcott shall no longer be considered collector for this district."

Abel Root was appointed to the office for the remainder of the year. (Note. The Chauncey Westcott referred to owned the stone building still standing next to the Masonic Temple on James Street. For a period it was operated as a hotel under the name of the Mission House.)

The annual report showed that the number of months school was kept that year had dropped to three and one half. The public funds declined to \$17.96 and this amount was applied to the teacher's wages. There were 31 students in the school and two new names were added to the school list. They were Joseph Roderick and James Avery, each with one child.

I started out calmly, tracing my tree,  
To see if I could find the making of me,  
And all that I had was Great-Grandfather's name,  
Not knowing his wife or from whence he came.

I chased him across a long line of states,  
And came up with pages and pages of dates.  
When all put together, it makes me forlorn,  
Poor old Great-Grandpa had never been born.

One day I was sure the truth I had found,  
Determined to turn this whole thing upside down.  
I looked up the record of one Uncle John,  
But then found the old man to be younger than his son.

Then when my hopes were fast growing dim,  
I came across records that must have been him.  
The facts I collected made me quite sad,  
Dear Old Great-Grandfather was never a Dad.

It seems that someone is pulling my leg,  
I'm not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg.  
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree,  
I can't help but wonder if I'm really me!

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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.)

## **BABCOCK, FIELDS, HALL**

I am currently hoping to find proof of a marriage between my 3rd great grandparents, Chester **BABCOCK** son of John, born Jan 1829 in Canada, died 6 Oct 1911 buried in East Rodman Cemetery / Whitesville Burial ID 58285 and Sarah **FIELDS**, parents unknown, born Sep 1834 in New York State, died April 1902 buried in East Rodman Cemetery / Whitesville Burial ID 58338.

They were both living in Watertown during the 1850 census prior to their marriage and during the 1855 state census at which time they were married and had their first child Henry D. **BABCOCK**, born 1854. I would like to find a marriage cert. in hopes it will also enlighten me as to who Sarah's Parents were as well.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> Great grandfather is Chester & Sarah's son Frank C. **BABCOCK** born in May 1864; he died in 1939 and is buried at Sunnyside Cemetery / F W Woolworth Memorial Burial ID 140904. He married a Rose M. **HALL** born Dec 1874, most likely in Lewis County NY. She is buried as well at Sunnyside Cemetery / F W Woolworth Memorial Burial ID 140905. They were married in 1889 based on the 1900 census, which states they lived in Champion, Jefferson County, NY. I am unsure where the marriage took place however, but proof of this marriage would also be helpful.

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## **FOSTER, ESFORD**

Several years ago I received by mail a note from a **FOSTER** researcher living in Ilion NY. Unfortunately this person with the surname of **ESFORD** is now deceased and was deceased at the time of the receipt of the info. from his wife. Mr. **ESFORD** who is involved in my line of ancestry left notes regarding a **FOSTER**

Furniture Mfg. facility at Watertown. He had indicated that it was owned at one time by a John **FOSTER** who was from Canada and tied to my family line. In the 1870 census there was a John R. **FOSTER**, a sailor b. abt. 1832 in Canada living with his wife Albina at Brownville, Jefferson Co., with a post office of Dexter. They had 2 children Alice (b. abt. 1859) and George D. **FOSTER** (b. abt. 1862). In the 1880 census John and his family were still in Brownville and both children, Alice and George were teachers. John still indicated he was a sailor but in the comments section it was indicated that he was crippled with rheumatism. John and Albina were still in Brownville in the 1900 census but disappear after that. Both George D. **FOSTER** and Alice have flown the nest sometime after the 1880 census and before the 1900 census.

In the 1900 Census of Watertown there was a D. George **FOSTER** with wife A. Lillie and son J. Harold. He indicated he was into furniture Mfg. However he indicated both his parents were b. NY. It could therefore be that George D. **FOSTER** and D. George **FOSTER** are 2 different persons. A check of the 1910 census of Watertown shows D. George **FOSTER** still there with wife Anna L., and son Carleton, J. Harold **FOSTER** is not with the family. D. George **FOSTER** still indicates he is manufacturing furniture and this continues into the 1920 census. (that is the last census I have access to). I am hoping someone might have some information on this D. George **FOSTER** of Watertown and that of John R. **FOSTER** of Brownville. My **FOSTERS** weren't farmers and some did sail on the Gt. Lakes, or were carpenters, blacksmiths and laborers. Some of my Family line did end up at Brownville or more properly Dexter.

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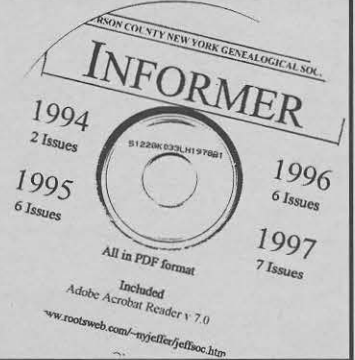
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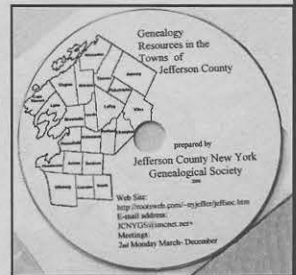
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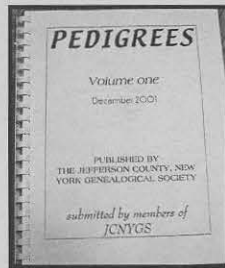


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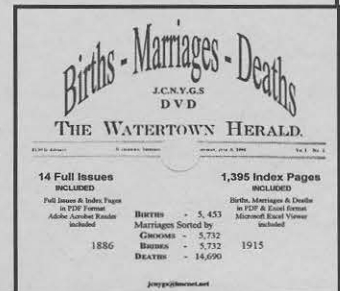
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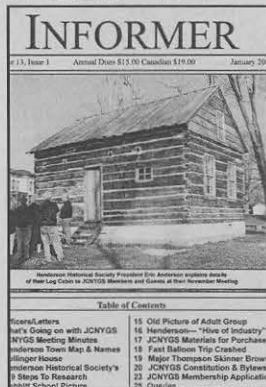
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From 1996 Memories of the Thousand Islands Sun, by the gracious permission of Jeanne Snow, editor. These students from Alexandria Bay High School are pictured about 1918 in front of the Methodist Church at the corner of Rock and Church Streets. The school was located across the street on Rock Street. It is believed that these were probably the junior and senior high students, though to this observer they look young for teenagers. The photo was provided by Margaret Wiltse Rappole.

From left, front row: Chub Ritter, Bill Dobbins, John Makepeace, Milt Wiltse

Second row: Louella Estes, Margaret Makepeace (Jones), Eva Estes, Edna Porter, Aurelia White (Welsh), Lena Wallace, Hilda Tidd (Massey), Gladys Capron, Thelma Lantier (Stoner), Norman Fitzgerald

Third row: (possibly) Akins, Unknown, Margaret Lee (Carey), Aletha Hutchinson (Laidlaw), Agnes Burtch (Rogers) (Miller), Eleanor Plimpton, Adelaide Hunt, Jim Priestly

Forth row: Unknown, Unknown, Eleanor Kirby, Unknown, (—) Hibbard, Leon Comstock teacher, Maxine Atkins (Garlock), Perry Simmons, John Estes, Craig Akins, Henry Zimmer, Unknown, (—)Porter, George Bowles



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## UNKNOWN CLASS OF ALEXANDRIA BAY SCHOOL—UNKNOWN TIME

Taken with the Methodist Church as a background, this must be a very large class, or perhaps two classes, considering the number of children in this photograph. Can anyone name any children, or at least hazard a guess as to the year? The clothing might indicate the 1920s.

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## NO, WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WAS...

(An experiment suggested by Ken D. Johnson, author of *The Bloodied Mohawk*. Jephtha Simms was a 19th century historian still widely quoted for his fabulous stories of the 18th century Mohawk Valley. Lossing's area of expertise concentrated on the Revolutionary War in the Valley.)

Those of us that have had the experience of sitting on our grandparent's knee should stop our bickering for a moment and think back thirty or more years and attempt to recall the absolute minute details of our favorite story they told us about themselves. After you complete this task, write it down or type it out a couple of months from now.

Then without reading it for a month or two sit down and tell one of your older children the same story you wrote down, without having looked at what you wrote for a month or more and have them type or write it out as best they can a month or two later. If they can do it letter for letter and detail for detail, then Simms' stories can be taken as near gospel, even though we are at the mercy of our grandparents' memories and veracity. If not we then know firsthand where myths,

legends, and lore come from. Now if we can screw up a story we heard thirty years ago from our parents or grandparents, AND LOVED, how is it that we are to buy "hook line and sinker" the stories that Simms or Lossing recorded as the absolute truth generations later?

## THANKS!

Treasurer Terry Baker mentioned in an email to the *Informer* staff that a renewal for JCNYGS dues included a donation above and beyond the dues and thought it might be worth mentioning in the *Informer*. While our dues for membership are only \$15, the membership application includes a "Support Donation" line and we are ever so grateful to those of you who also use this feature especially in these times of economic downturn. We wish to thank Robert Carter Arnold for his donation and to any of you who have also made donations, also our thanks!

The *Informer* committee wishes to again express our thanks to Greta Slate, Town of Alexandria Historian, for letting the committee meet at her office in Alexandria Bay as well as making a great amount of material available to us.

We have also used a great deal of material that can be found on the Town of Alexandria web site. If you visit the web site you will notice that the contact for the site is our own Nan Dixon. If we have not provided the source for any of our information, pictures or articles, you can assume that they were by Nan.



# JCNYGS

## Minutes for December 6, 2010

Notes by Jerry Davis

President Larry Corbett called the December meeting to order at the Latter Day Saints Church and ask if anyone would be interested in being secretary. After no response president Larry referred members to the *Informer* for notes on meeting issues and Dick Kemmis made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and the motion was passed. Treasurer Terry Baker reported a balance of \$6,471.55. Terry reminded members that the CD comes up for renewal this month and \$1,000.00 will be transferred from the CD to checking as approved at our last meeting. Ann Davis moved to accept the report and the motion was passed.

Phyllis Putnam reported for publicity and program committees that the regular notices were sent out and also mentioned that Newzjunky was also notified. Phyllis also mentioned that notification was given to the North Country Library System who in turn notifies all their member libraries. There will be no meetings in January or February. The March meeting will be Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 P.M. at the Stone Mills Museum with Marguerite Raineri. Phyllis mentioned several other programs that she was working on for the 2011 year.

Jerry Davis mentioned for the *Informer* that the January issue will be finished this week and will be turned in to the Flower Library for Clancy to take to the publisher. It will feature a new series on Jefferson Country Pioneers taken from our web site as well as the first of two issues on the town of Alexandria schools. President Larry mentioned also that reference to the *Informer* is now on Facebook.com on the internet.

Under new business Terry Baker mentioned that Al Seymour does the CDs for the information available from the society and is reimbursed a small amount for each CD. Terry requested permission to give Al a \$20 check to work with, keep receipts and receive another \$20 check when the previous one is used up. Gerald Desormeau made a motion to do so, seconded by Lis Couch, and it was passed.

Bill Dixon suggested amending our by-laws to have 9 meetings a year as opposed to the 10 now in the by-laws. This would take care of one more bad weather meeting time. Bill moved to bring this up for discussion at our next meeting and Nan Dixon seconded, passed.

President Larry invited any good stories or genealogy findings from members to be presented before the meeting adjourned. Gerald Desormeau mentioned that a lady named Pierce was looking for information on the Thrasher family and he has not been able to help her. Gerald asked if anyone else might be able to help. Dick Kemmis mentioned that the T. I. Sun has pictures of people reading the Sun at various vacation spots and Dick saw one of his cousins from Buffalo who belongs to a branch of his family that he lacks information on. Dick finally caught up with his cousin after a few attempts to find him and he was able to fill in a whole branch of his genealogy that he was missing. President Larry mentioned the various spellings of names and the difficulty of following three brothers with their last name being spelled differently for all three brothers.

President Larry adjourned the meeting and Phyllis Putnam introduced Ann Davis who would show the society the LDS library information available at our own Watertown LDS Church.

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## SCHOOL HISTORY

(From the Town of Alexandria Historian's office,  
courtesy of Town Historian Hazel McMane)

According to history the first school house was located where the Reformed Church now stands. It was built in 1821. Evidently school meeting records were not kept until 1827. At this time the school was being held in a room rented from Abel Root at 75 cents a month. The first school meeting was held in a room in the back of a store owned by A. Chapman on the first Tuesday of November, 1827. John Fuller presided at the meeting. The trustees evidently intended to have one meeting a year because the minutes show it was adjourned until next November.

The rooms were heated by wood. Each parent was taxed half a cord of wood for each child attending school. The first movement to build a school failed because of lack of interest. This building was to have been 20 by 24 feet and not to cost more than \$120.00.

The first teacher was Lemuel Goodell. The teachers boarded around at the homes of the parents. When the parent boarded the teacher, he was exempted from the wood tax. The average salary for a teacher was \$50 a year. In 1828 the school house was built, costing \$120. In 1855, they built a stone building costing \$400 to accommodate the growing population. Charles Crossmon donated land for this building. The school semesters were divided into winter and summer terms.

## THE COMMON SCHOOLS OR RURAL SCHOOLS OF ALEXANDRIA

(From a paper found at the Town of Alexandria Historian's Office, courtesy of Town Historian Greta Slate.)

Situated throughout the township were 23 schools, of which 21 were classed as ungraded or district schools. These were small one-room buildings, usually of simple wooden structure, although in one instance, a sturdy stone building was constructed. Generally the school was located at the points of converging roads in order to be most easily accessible to the rural population.

In the early days of the town attendance was optional. School was usually held in two terms, a summer and a winter term to coincide with the season when the children could be most advantageously spared from the farm work. In later years the school year was set at a regular schedule between September and June. It was held at 36 weeks for many years until about 1930 when it was lengthened to 38 weeks. Conditions in the early schools were of the most primitive, seating, lighting, teaching materials being of the simplest form. The building was usually heated by a wood burning stove, often of the box type, having no grate, in which a fire was kindled each day, leaving the building a frigid temperature overnight during the winter months. Sanitary conditions consisted of outhouses. The water supply, a bucket filled at the nearest spring or well and shared often with a common drinking cup. Later these conditions were remedied, partly through enforced regulation and the general rise in standards of living.

By 1920 many schools had improved the lighting conditions by placing nearly all or all of the windows on one side of the building, thus eliminating cross shadows and giving a stronger light. Electricity and improved plumbing facilities made their appearance where such was possible. The isolated location of so many of these buildings necessarily prevented much modernization. The number of pupils attending these schools fluctuated, since often the farms were operated by tenant farmers, who made November 1 or March 1 a moving day.

During the years of the rural schools' existence, in the 20th century, they served as preparatory schools for further education in the academic schools of the villages. It became the accepted procedure for the pupils to continue their studies at the high schools after having qualified by passing the required Regents examinations at the completion of the eighth grade. Gradually, with improved transportation (the better roads and the automobile) the children of the upper grades attended the village school, leaving six graded classes in the district school. While the number of pupils diminished because of the forgoing reasons, it was still possible in the 1920s to find a school operating on the eight grade basis with more than 20 pupils.

Throughout the years teachers' wages differed according to the living conditions and later according to law. In earlier days a very small sum was allowed the teacher who lived or boarded around among the residents as a part of his salary. This condition passed out of use many years ago and wages gradually were raised until a \$20 weekly wage as a minimum was set by New York State law and \$30 was considered an excellent wage.

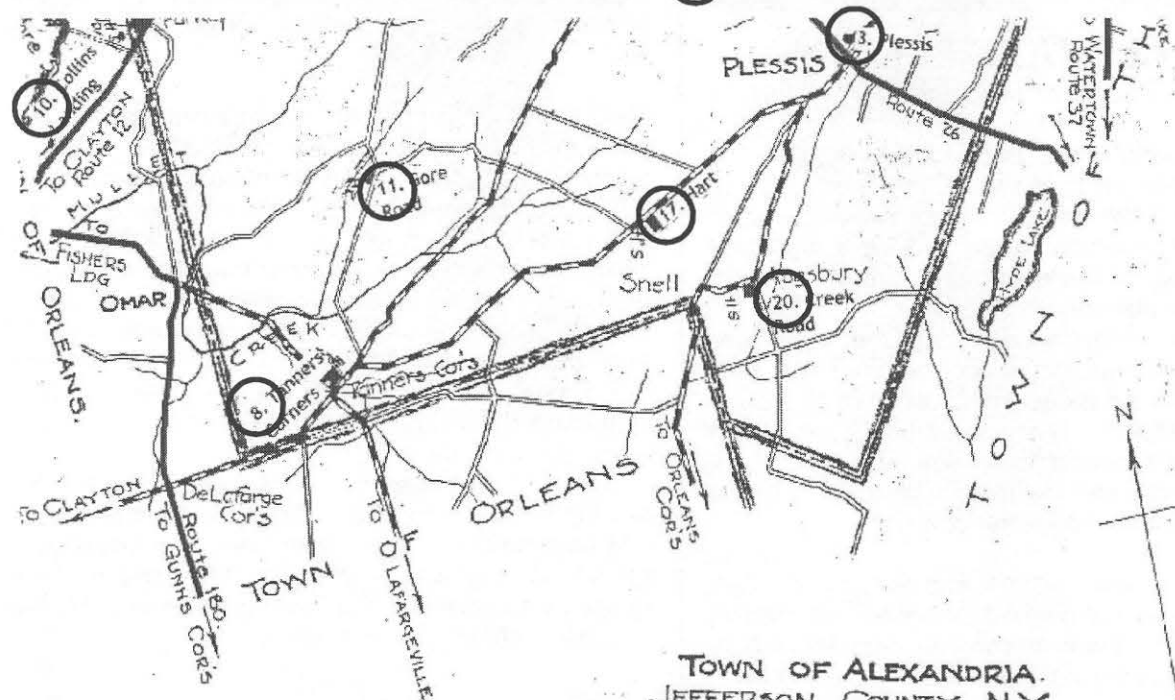
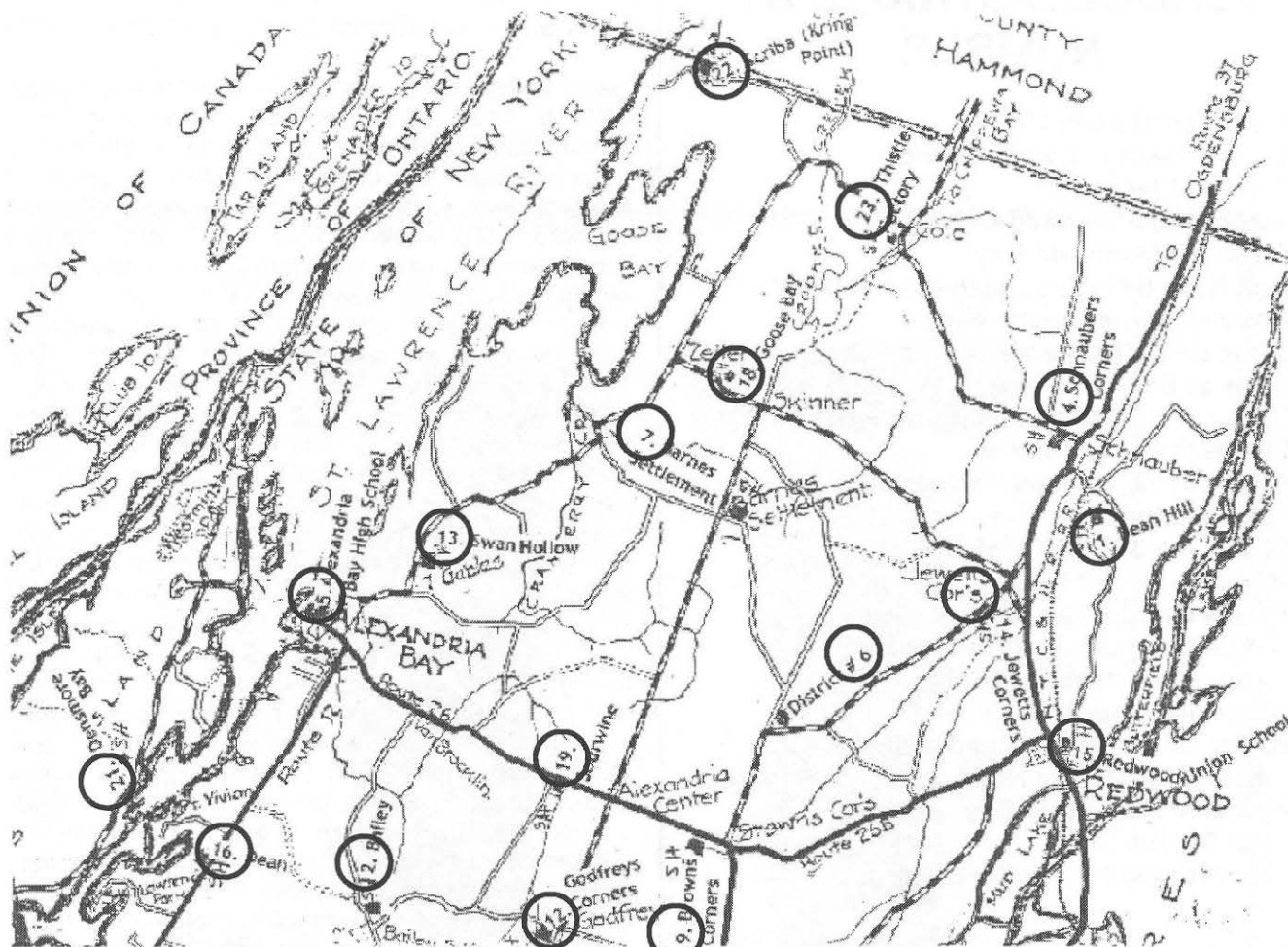
These district schools were administered by a trustee elected at the annual meeting held the first Tuesday in May. The position was unremunerative but for reasons of prestige and influence on school policy or selection of the teacher, it was often sought. A collector, also elected, collected the tax of the district, based on assessed valuation of the district property. He was required to file an annual report of his transactions at the town clerk's office. Public money, received from the state, supplemented the local funds and was used usually for the teacher's salary, although in cases of contracting with another district for education of the children, that public money could be used for transportation or tuition.

In spite of the extremely limited means at hand, meager supplies for teaching, lack of all equipment as is now available for teaching, much good work was done in the common or district school. As a chain is only as good as its weakest link, so these schools were as effective as their teachers. Many were dedicated individuals, entering the teaching field with little preparation, a certificate often being granted to promising high school students, who assumed a position of real leadership in the community, teaching and guiding those who later went on to complete high school and college. After careful consideration of the issue, centralization of the schools of the town was effected in 1945. This was in keeping with the statewide trend. Nearly all of the districts that had not previously contracted with the village schools at Alexandria Bay or Redwood, were at this time included in the Alexandria Bay Central School with transportation furnished by school operated busses. The last district to function independently was No. 4, situated at Schnaubers Corners. Closed in 1952, it was soon purchased and converted into a dwelling.

The school buildings throughout the town have, as of 1960, gradually disappeared from the scene, in some cases becoming residences or having fallen into such a state of disrepair that they have been dismantled. The building at Swan Hollow, No. 13, destroyed by fire in 1944 while still in use, was not rebuilt. Thus passed a way of life. The district school not only served as the seat of learning in the rural community but also, in earlier days, was used as a place of worship and a center of social life.



# Schools in the Town of Alexandria



TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY, N.Y.

## SCHOOLS IN ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY NUMBER

- # 1 was called **Bean Hill**.
- # 2 was called the **Bailey District**.
- # 3 was in **Plessis**.
- # 4 was at **Schnauber's Corners**.
- # 5 was in **Alexandria Bay**.
- # 6 on Road 6 didn't seem to have a name.
- # 7 was at **Barnes Settlement**.
- # 8 was called **Tanners Corners School**.
- # 9 was at **Browns Corners**.
- # 10 was the **Collins Landing School**.
- # 11 was the **Gore District**.
- # 12 was in the **Baucus Settlement**.
- # 13 was at **Swan Hollow**.
- # 14 was the **Jewetts District**.
- # 15 was in **Redwood**.
- # 16 was called **Dean District**.
- # 17 was the **Harte School District**.
- # 18 was the **Goose Bay School**.
- # 19 was the **Sourwine School**.
- # 20 was on the **Creek Road** at the junction of Jack Street Road, just outside Plessis.
- # 21 was at **Densmore Bay**.
- # 22 or **Scriba**.
- # 23 was called the **Thistle District**.

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## ALEXANDRIA

(From Child's Gazetteer, pub. 1890, pp. 246-251)

In 1880 Alexandria had a population of 3,135. The town is located in the third school district of Jefferson County, and in 1888 had 22 school districts, one of which was joint, in which 28 teachers were employed the same number of weeks or more. The whole number of scholars attending school was 931, while the aggregate days attendance during the year was 78,606. The total value of school buildings and sites was \$17,400 and the assessed valuation of all the districts was \$1,275,061. The whole amount raised during the year for school purposes was \$8,602.05, \$5,299.11 of which was received by local tax. Charles E. Whitney was school commissioner.

A fine graded school building was erected in 1884, and in 1885 it was first opened for classes. It has five departments under the instruction of competent teachers, and John O'Leary is the principal.

## FIRST SCHOOLS

(After *Growth of a Century* by John A. Haddock, 1895)

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The one room school, with its dedicated teacher, and often low teacher-pupil ratio, provided an excellent elementary education. This coordinator, her husband, and our parents were all products of these one room schools of Jefferson County. In many respects, our school experience was far richer than that of our children, who attended large, impersonal, and sterile modern suburban schools. With a maximum of two or three professional careers open to the nineteenth century woman, it is no wonder that the country school commanded the very best of instructors.

The first school-house in Alexandria Bay was a primitive log structure erected in 1821. It stood on the lot now occupied by the Reformed Church. A fine graded school building was erected in 1884, and in 1885 opened for classes. It had five departments under the instruction of competent teachers.

## SCHOOLS IN ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### DISTRICT NUMBER 12

was in the **Baucus Settlement**, located in nearly the center of the township. Early settlers were James Hardy and his wife, Emma. They had three children, George, Lulu and Arlena. Charles Hunter and his wife, Hazel, and their children, Roy and Helen also resided in this section. Roy later took over the farm with his wife, Katherine Beebee. Their children were Leon, Dennis, and Gary. Leon is now living on the farm [1990]. Also living in the area were Walter Sprague and Addie, and their daughter, Elzina. Near them were Adolph Hanni and wife, Elsie, with their children, Edward, Matilda, Bertha, and Martin. Cushman and Flossie Sprague and John Sprague and daughter,

Lucy Hotaling with her two children, John and Sevilla. Louis Zimmer and his wife, Sarah and children Valentine, Henry, Fannie, Marguerite, Korleen and Lois were also area residents along with Karl Roeder and wife, Mary, and daughter Margaret. Martin Hanni and Cora lived near the schoolhouse which is still owned by their son, Jay Hanni, and has been made into a home. Martin and Cora's children are: Jay, Kurt, Linda and Craig. One of the pupils of this district provided a list of teachers: Mabel Hinds, Bertha Dietrick, Mabel Stuart, Ruth Runions, Ethel Tilly, Lottie Hough, Maude Shannon, and Anna Burns Hall.

### DISTRICT NUMBER 13

was at **Swan Hollow**. The schoolhouse was built on a flat rock now occupied by the town offices, including that of the town clerk, just outside Alexandria Bay on

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### SWAN HOLLOW SCHOOL, DISTRICT # 13, ABOUT 1905

1st Row: Eva McCue, Ed Palmer, Irene Maxson, Noel Getman, Lillian Ruster, Jorl Lee, George Tayler, Lena Helmer, Lora Helmer, Mariam Robb, Bert Gilman

2nd Row: Thelma Edgerly (or Ethel Palmer Jackson), Agatha Lee, Cyril Lee, Irene Wagoner, Almira Wagoner, Lawrence Gilman, Ruth Lee (or Thelma Edgerly), Jessie Pursell, Florence Hunt, Leon Taylor, Earl Pierce, George Pierce



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the Goose Bay Road. The golf course is directly across the road from the location. The school burned in the 1940s. Quite a large area was included in this district, so the children had a long walk or ride to get to school. The area included Dingman Point, Reester Hill, and Swan Hill neighborhoods. It also took in many of the Thousand Islands, which made it one of the richest districts in the state, which never could be inferred from the scanty resources of the school itself.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 14

was the **Jewetts District**, which was located about three miles north of Redwood. There is an abandoned road which went over three bridges to the Jewett home, which stood very near the road going to District Number 6.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 15

was in **Redwood**. Each day all grades came together for a short opening program of flag salute, singing, and scripture reading. This way of teaching was more like the country school; and students also learned by listening to others in the advanced classes. There were two floors in the stone school building that was built some years later, pictured here from Mr. Wingerath's Post Card Album. The study room was upstairs. It had double seats for eighth grade to high school students. Names of early teachers and their salaries have been preserved in a document found in the Town Historian's office.

DATA FROM THE TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15 (REDWOOD) FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA  
Records of School District No. 15 (1856-1877)

A record of monies paid in District 15 include the following teachers: Geo. D. Linnell, Philinda L. Brown, Wm. Phelps, Clara Stevens, Mary A. Bailey, Adelia E. Abbot, P. Toper, B. Ellis, Edward Ryan, S. E. Sanborn, Bilona Augsburg, Miss D(---), Silas West, Julia Evans, W. O. Wood, Emogene Marshall, Jerome H. Bishop, Laura Jewett, H. L. Bennett, Mr. S. Stotler, Addie J. Blount, Miss Jane Davis, Sarah P [unreadable], Sarah Olney, E. A. Hutchens, Don A. Watson, Ella A. Mullen.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 16

was called **Dean District**.

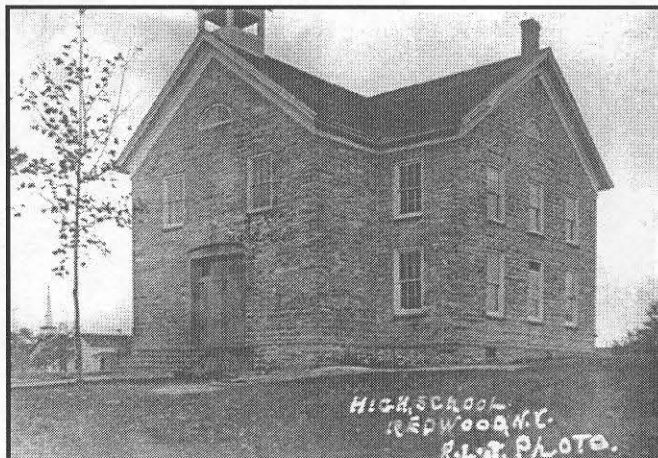
#### DISTRICT NUMBER 17

was the **Harte School District**. Their school was a well constructed building on the road to Tanners Corners.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 18

was the **Goose Bay School**. The schoolhouse was on the road leading to Redwood from Hibbards Corners. It was first placed upon a small knoll near the Fitzsimmons property, but the playground was down the road and across. After a few years the building and the woodshed were put on the playground lot, and a well for water was drilled for school use. At the back of the old school were two outhouses. Each was a "two holer," but only one student at a time was allowed to go during the school hours. There was a separate building for wood which was nearer the front door, as in the winter that old box stove had to be kept filled to keep all of the students warm. Mrs. King recalled a map on a metal rack which had several charts, some for reading first grade work and also some for arithmetic to figure. "This was the extent of the material furnished by the district. Other material was furnished by the teacher, and she bought that herself. We did a lot of blackboard work, and used our slates at our desks. "Barnes Readers were the books that I learned to read from. They had a good variety of stories. *The Little Match Girl* was one in particular that I liked. I remember listening to subjects that the teachers gave to older pupils. Jennie Ritter read to her class all about Confucius. I should have been studying my own work, but I liked this wonderful man, and in later years I had to study early educators like him--and "remembering what I had learned was valuable.

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This is Redwood High School as it appeared around the turn of the century in a photograph taken by R. L. Jewett. Donald and Phyllis Wingerath, residents of Butterfield Lake, provided it. Mrs. Wingerath is R. L. Jewett's daughter.

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Required subjects were: reading, writing, arithmetic, English, physiology [health,] drawing, geography, history, spelling, and sometimes little extra things like recitations and singing. Most schools had no libraries, but a few books were made available to us now and then, and we did enjoy every one of them." Town Historian Hazel McMane made a more modern view of the interior of the school available to this site.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 19

was the **Sourwine School**, near the Elmer Sourwine farm on the road from Redwood to Alexandria Bay. It has been torn down.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 20

was on the **Creek Road** at the junction of Jack Street Road, just outside Plessis.

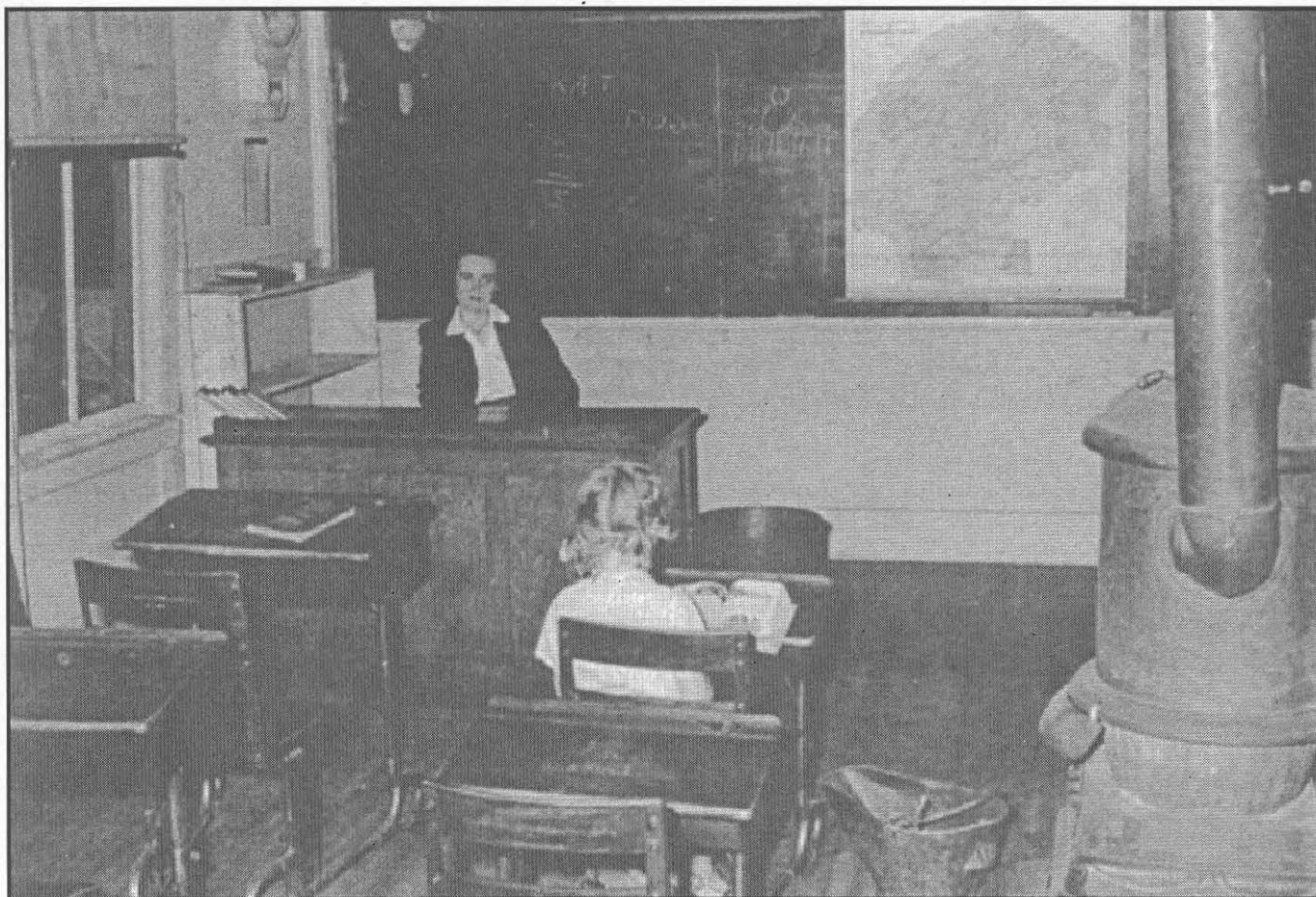
#### DISTRICT NUMBER 21

was on the lower part of Wellesley Island, near Densmore Bay. When it ceased to be used as a school, it was turned into a community meeting place, and is now a fire hall.

#### DISTRICT NUMBER 22

or Scriba, was in the northern part of the town. Some property there borders the St Lawrence River and Kring Point State Park. George Kring owned the state park land. The schoolhouse was built on the Harder property and is now gone. It burned.

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### GOOSE BAY SCHOOL, DISTRICT # 18, PROBABLY IN THE 1950S

Probably taken after the school was centralized, but still in excellent shape, this is the school described by Mina King. Notice the "KAT" on the blackboard, seated on a fence, and the map of Jefferson County. The round oak stove with coal scuttle are at the right of the picture. The desks are more modern than those that were in use in Swan Hollow (district #13) when it burned.



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### DISTRICT NUMBER 23

was the last school to be made in the Town of Alexandria. They called it the Thistle District after a cheese factory by that name very near the school. It was located near the Cole Hill going into Calaboga. The settlement was once called Dutch Settlement, as many German people lived there.

**Only In America -  
Do we leave a car worth  
thousands of dollars in the  
driveway and put our use-  
less junk in the garage.**



## ALEXANDRIA BAY SCHOOL, GRADE 4, TAKEN IN 1900

Pictured with their graduation rolls in their hands, Miss Bailey's fourth grade confronted the camera in 1900. Many of these children grew up and remained in the area all their lives. Listed under the picture are: Edna Hoover Baker, Guy Wilson (son of Calvin and Mary Wilson, 1890-1905), Mabel Trickey Flinn (wife of Ralph Flinn, 1888-1971), Mary Dingman Smythe, William Hickey, Margery White Pearce, Louis LaFafi, Mary Hickey Guerrerri (1890-1959; first wife of Samuel Guerrerri), Myrtle McIntyre, Fred Blevins (1889-1926; son of G. E. and Jennie Blevins), Clarke Newberry (1890-1926; son of Lucinda Newberry), Clara Francis Smith, Laura Conger O'Neill, Maggie Knell Bretsch, Freda Manning, Harry Wagoner (1888-1977; son of Jacob Peter & Clara Rose DeYoung Wagoner, and husband of Ruby Fall), Esther Cline (1889-1965; daughter of J. H. and Sarah Cline), Mary Batz Hall, Arthur Wagoner (1889-1906, son of George J. and Eliza Burch Wagoner, killed in a hunting accident. His brother LaVerne might be better known.)

Though a Miss Bailey taught elementary grades in the 1930s through the 1950s, this can't be the same Miss Bailey. How many of these children died at a young age!



## Swan Hollow Dist. School Destroyed

(From a February 1944 unidentified newspaper clipping)

Fire Which Starts Near The Chimney Destroys Building – Children Save Books And Wraps

Another landmark in the town of Alexandria has been obliterated. The Swan Hollow School house, just beyond the Seven Gable house on the road to Goose Bay was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon.

The building, which was erected over 100 years ago has undergone many changes, but has always remained an up to date rural school. During the civil war the school house was used to recruit soldiers. Many can remember attending the district school, among them Mayor William Plympton. Mrs. Belle Lee has been teacher at the school for the past few years, and it is expected that present pupils will go to the Alexandria Bay School.

The fire, which is believed to have started about the chimney in the back, was discovered soon enough that the children were able to save their books and wraps, but some of the books of the school and heavier equipment were destroyed. However by the time the Bay firemen had received the alarm little could be done except to save the wood pile.

Many youngsters from the village have enjoyed picnics at the school house and have taken their turn in the swings in the recreation yard at the school house.

## Letters From Our Readers

(From a February 1944 unidentified newspaper clipping)

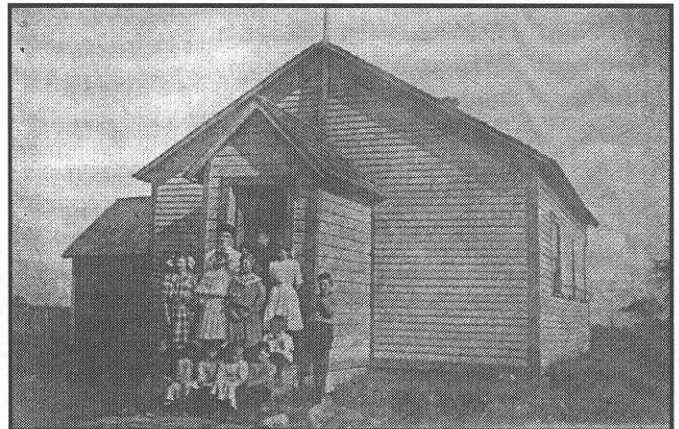
### Old School House Burns

Lafargeville: I note the burning of the old Swan Hollow district school recently, where I taught school, some 45 years ago. There was a box stove, which burned chunk wood; the teacher usually went into a cold school room as she had to build her own fire. The seats were benches, badly cut and marred, and no swings in the yard as of today. Around 25 pupils were registered that year, some boys of 18 and older. One young man persisted in chewing tobacco in school. The only way to prevent this was to have him seated, on the floor, near the teacher's desk. The boys of the

school were great traders and not being allowed to carry on the barter in the school, secretly carried their possessions outside, during the noon hour and there trade flourished. Supt. D. D. T. Marshall of Redwood (now deceased) visited the school at one time and commented about the program of subject taught and written on the blackboard. Algebra and some other high school subjects were being taught. Some of the family names of pupils registered at that time were: Casselman, Gilman, Wilbur, Egderly, Helmer, Simpson, and Reester.

Mrs. Belle Tamblin

February 14, 1944



Shown is the Swan Hollow School House which was then District 13 in the Alexandria Bay area. Among those in the photo are Mrs. Fred Springer, May Closs Springer, Lora Helmer and Leta Edgerly

**Can a first cousin, once removed, return? Cemetery: A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.**

**Crazy.... is a relative term in MY family. Genealogy: It's all relative in the end anyway.**

**Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.**

**I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.**

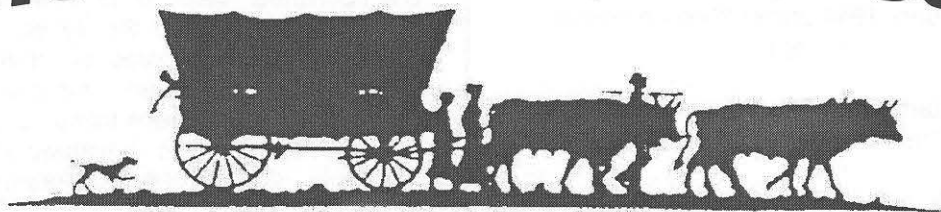
**It's hard to be humble with ancestors like mine!**

**Life takes it's toll. Have exact change ready!**

**Searching for lost relatives? Win the Lottery!**

**That's strange; half my ancestors are WOMEN!**

# Jefferson County Pioneers



<http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm>

A Jefferson County Pioneer is a person born outside Jefferson County, residing in the county as head of family before 1850. These are from a composite list of posted group sheets on our web site <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm>.

Ainsworth, Francis M.	Cape Vincent
Albertson, Josiah	Alexandria
Alysworth, James	Lyme
Aman, Andrew F.	Brownville
Ames, Horace	Brownville
Anderson, Diana	Wilna
Annable, Abner	LeRay
Anthony, Elizabeth	LeRay
Anthony, Elvira	LeRay
Anthony, Esther	LeRay
Anthony, Mark	LeRay
Anthony, Paul	LeRay
Anthony, Paul Jr.	LeRay
Anthony, Paul Sr.	LeRay
Anthony, Velina	LeRay
Anthony, William	LeRay

**AINSWORTH, FRANCIS M (Cape Vincent) as found in:**

## PIONEER CARRIER FAMILY

AUGUSTUS CARRIER (son of JERE & ABBY (POTTER) CARRIER) was born on 5 Feb 1818 in Floyd, Oneida County, NY. He came to Cape Vincent with his parents. He subsequently removed to Detroit where he remained 25 years but returned to Cape Vincent. He was a dealer in ship timber at the latter place and Detroit. He died in Dec 1903 in Washington DC and was buried in Woodmere Cemetery, Wayne County, Mich. He married on 18 May 1838 **FRANCIS (Fanny) MARILLA AINSWORTH** (daughter of Willard AINSWORTH and Sallie GREENE). She was born on 13 Jan 1817 in St. Albans, Vt. She died on 25 Oct 1899 in Washington DC and was buried in Woodmere Cemetery, Wayne County, Mich.

children:

- i ALBERT ESSELSTYN CARRIER married IRENE SOPHRONIA HIBBARD
- ii SARAH ABBEY CARRIER

- iii MARY E. CARRIER married NATHANIEL TERRY TAYLOR
- iv BENJAMIN CARRIER
- v BYRON A. CARRIER married CHARLOTTE "Lottie" MICHELSON

## ALBERTSON, JOSIAH (Alexandria) as found in: PIONEER ALBERTSON FAMILY

**JOSIAH ALBERTSON** was born 29 Mar 1809 in ??, NJ, d. 25 Oct 1882 and buried at Redwood Cemetery. Josiah was a glassblower who in the 1830s followed his trade from NJ to Sand Lake, Rensselaer Co., NY and then to Redwood, Jefferson Co., to (evidently) be employed at the Redwood Glass Factory. He bought a farm near Theresa in 1841 and later another farm nearby and is listed as a "farmer" in later censuses. The property was sold to William Folts in 1894. He married 18 June 1835 in Philadelphia, PA RHODA RIGGINS who was born 06 May 1813 in Elizabeth, NJ. She died 14 Jun 1892 at Theresa. They became members of the Theresa Methodist-Episcopal Church though they may have been Quakers prior to that.

Children:

- i SAMUEL ALBERTSON married ANNIE FENNIMORE in Burlington NJ 1 Jan 1863. He died 9 Jun 1863.
- ii JOSIAH HENRY ALBERTSON married ANNIE (FENNIMORE) ALBERTSON 1867.
- iii MARY ALBERTSON married GEORGE HOUGH
- iv MARGARET ALBERTSON married WILLIAM WALTER FOLTS
- v EMMA RUTH married BENJAMIN SHERMAN
- vi ORRIS ALBERTSON married ROSELTHA GOULD CORLISS
- vii SARAH M. ALBERTSON married BYRON DIXON HANSON
- viii LEWIS WILLIAM ALBERTSON married ELLEN McGRANN

## ALYSWORTH, JAMES (Lyme) as found in: PIONEER MCGRAW FAMILY

JAMES MCGRAW, according to the 1820 census, was living in the Town of Lyme. James died 20 Sep 1831 probably in Town of Lyme. He married about 1819

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**PHEBE/PHOEBE THOMPSON**

Children:

i EDWARD J. McGRAW married ESTHER SUMNER, daughter of EBENEZER & SUSANNAH (HARDY) SUMNER

ii ELIZABETH McGRAW

iii MARY ANN McGRAW

iv HENRY S. McGRAW married ELECTA (---)

v ANDREW L. McGRAW married SARAH (---)

vi JAMES McGRAW married ROANNA

**ORMSBEE**

vii CORNEALY McGRAW d.y.

viii WILLIAM McGRAW

PHEBE married (2) **JAMES ALYSWORTH**. They are listed in the 1835 census. PHEBE married (3) 14 Dec 1844 SAMUEL J. GRANNIS. Phebe GRANNIS died Chicago, IL 3 Jun 1872 and is buried in Chicago.

**AMAN, ANDREW F (Brownville) as found in:  
PIONEER AMAN/EAMAN FAMILY**

**ANDREW F. AMAN (EAMAN)**(son of JACOB EAMAN & MARGARET COUNTRYMAN) was born about 1796 of United Empire Loyalist parents in Osnabruck, Upper Canada and died before 1850 on Pillar Point in the Town of Brownville. His burial place is assumed to be on the original Aman family property on North Shore Road east of Adams Cove in Brownville. His parent's families were early settlers of New York Province and resided in the Mohawk Valley at the time of the American Revolution. They remained loyal to the King and, as a result, forfeited their possessions and land holdings in New York. After The Peace, in 1783, they were awarded Crown lands in Upper Canada along the St. Lawrence River at the Long Sault Rapids. Andrew married MARY "POLLY" CROWDER (daughter of JAMES CROWDER and ANNA GLASSFORD) on May 15, 1815 in Osnabruck, Upper Canada. Mary was born in Osnabruck in 1795 and died January 23, 1869, on Pillar Point. Her father James was an early member of Butler's Rangers and later served with Andrew's father Jacob in the 1st Battalion of the Kings Royal Regiment of New York. The EAMAN and CROWDER families were neighbors in Canada. Andrew and Mary were married in Osnabruck, Upper Canada, on May 16, 1815. Before 1820 they relocated to the Town of Brownville where Andrew was engaged in manufacturing. He bought property on Pillar Point in 1840. In the next generation the surname became Amans.

Children of their marriage were:

JANE C. AMANS married JAMES FEDERLY

JACOB JAMES AMANS married ELIZA JANE PUTNAM

PAUL AMANS

ANDREW VINCENT AMANS married

MATILDA DICKINSON

CAROLINE M. AMANS married FARLIN BALL  
ALZINA M. AMANS married WILLIAM HENRY  
ACKERMAN

**AMES, HORACE (Hounsfield) as found in:  
PIONEER AMES FAMILY**

**HORACE AMES** was born about 1791, in Massachusetts. During the War of 1812 he served as a private in Captain Elisha Camps Company of Artillery attached to the regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Bellinger, New York Militia. Horace Ames died 19 March 1855, and is buried in the Burnett Corners Cemetery near Burnett, Dodge County, Wisconsin. He married (1) unknown.

Children of first marriage:

i LOVISA AMES

ii HENRY HORACE AMES

iii ALFRED AMES

He married (2) on 29 October, 1834, at Ellisburg, Jefferson County, NY, Martin E. Cook, Minister of the Gospel, officiating, HANNAH BELL who was born about 1801 in Massachusetts. Following their marriage they lived in Hounsfield and Henderson in Jefferson County. The 1830 census for New York lists five male and four female children living with Horace Ames. These are probably children by his first wife (name unknown).

Children of the second marriage, order of birth unknown:

i ADOLPHUS AMES

ii son AMES

iii daughter AMES

iv daughter AMES

**ANDERSON, DIANA (Wilna) as found in:  
PIONEER CROWNER FAMILY**

ALFRED CROWNER was born 18 September 1800, possibly in Vermont. He was listed in the Wilna, Jefferson County census both in 1830 and 1840. He is probably the Alford Crowner given in the early settler file for Wilna. Sometime between 1845 and 1847 the family went to Michigan. Alfred died in Essex Twp., Clinton Co., Michigan, on 15 August 1847, according to his probate file.

He married (1) (---)

Children:

i EZRA CROWNER

ii DELANA CROWNER

He married (2) **DIANA ANDERSON**, who was born around 1804 and died 3 May 1873.

Children:

i JAMES DUANE CROWNER

ii WILSON MARSHALL CROWNER

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- iii ROSANA CROWNER
- iv SANFORD L. CROWNER
- v JOHN C. CROWNER

**ANNABLE, ABNER (LeRay) as found in:  
PIONEER ANNABLE FAMILY**

**ABNER H. ANNABLE** a farmer, was born about 1811 in Saratoga Co., New York. The name was variously spelled Annable, Anable, Annabel, and Anabel. In 1860, Abner was living in the town of Alexandria, and in 1864 land owner maps show his residence as being close to that of his daughter Louisa and her husband Eli G. June. He was a farmer. As a widower, he removed to the town of LeRay about 1874 where he spent the last 17 years of his life, and died 1 April 1891 in the town of LeRay, Jefferson Co., New York, where he is buried in Evans Mills. He married SALLY (---) who was born about 1815, died 18 January 1860, also buried in Evans Mills, Le Ray, Jefferson Co., New York.

Children (based on 1860 census records and burials):

- i LOUISA OCTAVIA ANNABLE married ELI G.

JUNE

- ii MARTHA ANNABLE
- iii LEVI ANNABLE married MARY SAWYER
- iv SAMUEL H. ANNABLE (probably same as Horace S. Annable below)
- v HORACE S. ANNABLE married JANE P. (---)
- vi CHARLOTTE ANNABLE
- vii MYRIS? ANNABLE

**ANTHONY, ELIZABETH (LeRay)  
ANTHONY, ELVIRA (LeRay)  
ANTHONY, ESTHER (LeRay)  
ANTHONY, MARK (LeRay)  
ANTHONY, PAUL (LeRay)  
ANTHONY, PAUL JR. (LeRay)  
ANTHONY, PAUL SR. (LeRay)  
ANTHONY, VELINA (LeRay) as found in:  
PIONEER ANTHONY FAMILY**

**PAUL ANTHONY, Sr.** (son of JOB and ABIGAIL (BUSH) ANTHONY) was born 1751 in Taunton, Bristol County, MA. He removed to the Town of LeRay, Jefferson County early in the 1800s. He died 7 Oct 1841 in the Town of LeRay and was buried in the Quaker Cemetery there. He married (1) 31 Dec 1778 in Swansea, MA, ELIZABETH CHASE, (daughter of DAVID and ELIZABETH (ASTEN) CHASE) who was born 5 Sep 1761 at Swansea, MA and died 16 Dec 1826 at LeRay. She is buried with her husband in the Quaker Cemetery.

Children:

- i DARIUS ANTHONY married RACHEL AN-

THONY

- ii ISAAH ANTHONY married SARAH ORVIS
- iii **MARK ANTHONY** married ESTHER AN-

THONY

- iv **PAUL ANTHONY, Jr** married MARION

MATTOON

**PAUL ANTHONY** married (2) PHEBE ANTHONY

Children:

- i **ELVIRA ANTHONY** married (1) CHARLES MATTOON; (2) (---) REYNOLDS
- ii MARY ANTHONY
- iii NATHAN ANTHONY married ESTHER

FINCH

iv THOMAS ANTHONY married AMELIA M. ANTHONY

v ELIZABETH ANTHONY married (1) CHARLES EVANS; (2) LEVI CRIPPEN

vi ISAAC ANTHONY

vii **VELINA ANTHONY** married PHILANDER

MILLER

Also shown in the file by Jean M Eustis:

viii ABIGAIL ANTHONY

ix JAMES ANTHONY

Generation No. 3

**MARK ANTHONY** (son of PAUL & ELIZABETH (CHASE) ANTHONY) was born about 1780 and died after 1850 in Antwerp, NY. He married ESTHER ANTHONY. She was born Abt. 1793 in Connecticut.

Child:

- i ASA ANTHONY

**PAUL ANTHONY, JR.** (son of PAUL & ELIZABETH (CHASE) ANTHONY) was born about 1782 and died February 1873 in Brownville, NY. He married MARION MATTOON.

Child:

- i OLIVER ANTHONY

**ELVIRA ANTHONY** (daughter of PAUL & PHEBE (---) ANTHONY). This person may not be in the proper family arrangement... marriage to a Mr. Reynolds was evident due to her appearance in court in 1856 under that name. She married (1) CHARLES MATTOON.

Children:

i RUTH MATTOON married JAMES ANTHONY

ii MORGAN L. MATTOON

iii LEVI MATTOON married LYDIA MATTOON

iv ANGELINE MATTOON

v MARION MATTOON

vi CHARLES MATTOON, JR

She married (2) before 1856. (---) REYNOLDS

**ELIZABETH ANTHONY** (daughter of PAUL & PHEBE (---) ANTHONY) was born February 7, 1789 in Massachusetts. Elizabeth came to Texas in 1839, probably on September 25, 1839. She left a married daughter, Gulia Eula (Evans) Cooper, in Jefferson County, New York. She came to Texas, possibly to join her Evans

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kin (Musgrove Evans, brother-in-law who had acquired large land grants due to his surveying expertise). June 20, 1854, Gillespie County, Book II, pg. 41g: Agreement filed by Elizabeth Crippen "of the other parts", holds a patent from the State of Texas for 640 acres of land in Bexar district on the waters of Sandy Creek, 70 miles north of San Antonio, issued 30th March, 1847. This land was sold for taxes to Rogan Cowan, who agreed to pay all costs in seeking to recover the land and it appeared he and Elizabeth would divide/share the land. In 1870 she was living with son Orrin Crippen and his family. She died before May 11, 1878 in Caldwell Co., Texas. She married (1) CHARLES EVANS, the son of Gen. SAMUEL & NANCY (CLOUGH) EVANS who was born April 27, 1787, and died June 13, 1818 in Philadelphia, Jefferson County, N. Y.

Children:

- i BURTON EVANS
- ii WISTER EVANS
- iii GULIA EULA EVANS married MARTIN B. COOPER
- iv ELIZA JANE EVANS married (---) HEATHERLY
- v EDMUND EVANS
- vi MARY EVANS

She married (2) about 1820 in New York LEVI CRIPPEN, son of JOHN & (---) CRIPPEN. He was born November 17, 1792 in Jefferson or Otsego Co., N. Y. He died after 1835.

Children:

- i PERRY CRIPPEN
- ii ORRIN CRIPPEN married MARY JANE 'POLLY' BORRER
- iii ORPAH CRIPPEN
- iv JAMES W. CRIPPEN

**VELINA ANTHONY** (daughter of PAUL & PHEBE (---) ANTHONY) was born 1808, and died December 5, 1844 in Evans Mills, N. Y. She married PHILANDER MILLER.

Children:

- i MAY MILLER
- ii PHILANDER MILLER, JR. married MARY MELINA MILLER

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## ANTHONY, WILLIAM PIONEER WILLIAM ANTHONY FAMILY

**WILLIAM ANTHONY** was born 23 October 1807 in Rhode Island. His date of birth was obtained by subtracting lifespan from death date on grave inscription. It matches age and birth state given in censuses 1850, 60, 70, 80. His middle name may have been "Henry" per oral remembrance but not confirmed by known record. Occupation listed as farmer all his life. His family was listed in the 1840 and 1850 census in the Town

of Leray, Jefferson County, New York. William Anthony's family 1840 census listing also had a third girl born between 1830 and 1835, not identified, in addition to CAROLINE and JANE known from 1850 census, another man in his 30s in addition to WILLIAM and a woman in her 50s. By the 1850 census, the unnamed persons were gone from the household. Within two years after the death of his first wife, WILLIAM ANTHONY remarried. By the 1860 census, WILLIAM and ANNIE ANTHONY had moved from Jefferson County to Union Springs, Springport Township, Cayuga County, New York with children ISABELI, ELISA, WILSON, GEORGE, ALFRED, MARY A. and WILLIAM HENRY. ISABEL and ELISA ANTHONY were listed as being milliners by occupation. Also in Union Springs in the 1860 count were ANTHONYS who may have been older children no longer living with the family. MARTHA E. ANTHONY, 18, the right age to be WILLIAM and MARY ANN'S MARTHA, was a common school teacher, enumerated with a David Davis, farmer. The Cayuga County Business Directory of 1868 lists William Anthony as a farmer with 168 acres WASHINGTON ANTHONY became a meat merchant in Union Springs. There was a W. DANIEL ANTHONY in Union Springs who married a woman named MARY, had a daughter named MARGIE about 1874 and died about 1878 or 9. A possible additional child of WILLIAM and ANN ELIZA: a RICHARD ANTHONY died on April 6, 1869 at age 3yr 10mo 18da which would have made his date of birth May 12, 1865. He was buried in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Union Springs, New York and WILLIAM ANTHONY was buried nearby years later and listed in cemetery records in what appears to be a family grouping, the two names together. However, young RICHARD was born and died between censuses and it is not known to what family he belonged. William Henry the elder died May 26, 1892. The inscription on his grave at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Union Springs, New York gives his lifespan as "84yr 7mo 3 da". He married (1) about 1830 MARY ANN (---), who was born 1808 or 1809 in New York. She died March 15, 1851 at age 42 years 3 months, and was buried in the Evans Mills Old Cemetery in LeRay township.

Children by MARY ANN, all born in New York State:

- i CAROLINE ANTHONY b 1830 or 1831
- ii WASHINGTON ANTHONY b 1833 or 1834
- iii JANE ANTHONY b 1835 or 1836
- iv ISABELLA ANTHONY b 1836 or 1837
- v DANIEL ANTHONY b 1838 or 1839
- vi ELIZA ANN ANTHONY b 1839 or 1840
- vii MARTHA ANTHONY b 1841 or 1842
- viii WILSON ANTHONY b 1844 or 1845
- ix GEORGE ANTHONY b 1846 or 1847
- x ALFRED ANTHONY b 1838 or 1839

WILLIAM ANTHONY m (2) ANN ELIZA ANDERSON, b 22 Dec 1814 New York State. She was listed in the

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1850 Jefferson County Census as living alone in Le Ray Township

Children with ANN ELIZA (ANDERSON):

i MARY A. ANTHONY b 17 Feb 1854 m DAVID F. SHANK. d 17 July 1919

ii WILLIAM HENRY ANTHONY b 12 Sep 1858  
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MARY A. ANTHONY was buried at Old Quaker Cemetery, Cayuga County. Her stone says wife of DAVID died July 17, 1919, next to his grave. She m DAVID F. SHANK

WILLIAM HENRY ANTHONY married "in presence of Mr. and Mrs. H. MOSHER, Wesley Mason minister" (Anthony family Bible record) Mason was pastor of the First Society of the M.E. (Methodist Episcopal) Church in Union Springs. Within a year of his father's death, WILLIAM HENRY ANTHONY moved to Webster, Texas where he was to work building an electric power line, taking his family with him: wife ANNA DEE, sons STANLEY D. and LANSING, baby daughter MARGARET, and his widowed mother ANN ELIZA. WILLIAM HENRY ANTHONY died in Texas after only two years, Oct. 24, 1895 and his mother died Sept. 26, 1898, leaving ANNA DEE a widow alone with three children. MARGARET and LANSING died without ever marrying. But Stanley D. Anthony married Lois Jones, a woman who had been abandoned by her first husband with three young children. And Stanley and Lois had a family in Genoa, Texas with six more children, some two dozen grandchildren (including this researcher) and many great and great-great grandchildren. He m 27 Dec 1881 in Union Springs ANNA DEE MOSHER, b 24 Mar 1863, daughter of DANIEL MOSHER and MARGARET ANN SLEIGHT. ANNA was a descendent of Mayflower colonists John Cooke and Richard Warren, according to "*Descendants of Hugh Mosher and Rebecca Maxson through Seven Generations*" compiled by Mildred (Mosher) Chamberlain and Laura (McGaffey) Clarenbach.

A family story that was passed down from ANNA DEE MOSHER through her granddaughter CLARA ANTHONY BROWNE to ANTHONY great-grandchildren including this researcher: ANNA DEE MOSHER was going to a lecture on woman suffrage to be given by Susan B. Anthony in Union Springs about 1880. She was told Susan B. would be staying with Anthony relatives and she should meet a good-looking eligible young man in the ANTHONY family. She met WIL-

LIAM HENRY ANTHONY as a result and they were married. Whether Susan B. Anthony was actually related to this WILLIAM ANTHONY is not documented. It appears she couldn't have been closer than a fourth cousin. Perhaps that is close enough for someone working for a Cause and trying to find a place to stay while stretching funds as far as they will go! Elements from the names of the two great woman suffragists of the time were joined in the name of WILLIAM HENRY and ANNA DEE ANTHONY'S fourth child, MERRITT CADIE ANTHONY. "MERRITT" was the name of Susan B. Anthony's youngest brother, "CADIE" came from the middle name of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the ANTHONY name came from the marriage.

Children:

i STANLEY DANIEL ANTHONY 1883 - 1965

ii LANSING MOSHER ANTHONY 1886 - 1918

iii WILLIAM HENRY ANTHONY 1888-1888

iv MERRITT CADIE ANTHONY 1891 - 1891

v MARGARET ELIZA ANTHONY 1892 - 1908

STANLEY DANIEL ANTHONY was born July 29, 1883 and died September 4, 1965. He married LOIS JONES, a woman who had been abandoned by her first husband with three young children. STANLEY and LOIS had a family in Genoa, Texas with six more children, some two dozen grandchildren (including this researcher) and many great and great-great grandchildren.

In the event you don't have a computer close to calculate a birth date, from the death date, and age at death....

### Remember 8870

Use thusly:

If a person died May 6, 1889, at the age of 71 yrs, 7 months, 9 days, write the year yyymmdd as 18890506. Subtract the age at death 710709, result is 18179797.

Now subtract **8870**. The result is 18170927. That is September 27th, 1817.

And if you know the person's birth date and death date, and want to find the correct age in years, months and days.

Use thusly:

Write the date of death as yyymmdd (20061003) (Oct 3, 2006). Subtract **8870** (20052133). Now subtract the date of birth as yyymmdd (19380706) (July 6, 1938). The result will be yymmdd (671427) or 68yrs, 2 months, 27days.

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(Thanks Al Seymour!)



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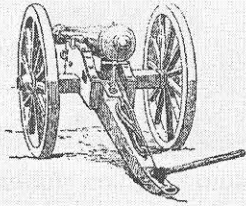
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## Adam L. Cratzenburg

Union Soldier - Distinguished Service

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Adam L. Cratzenburg enlisted in the 25th New York Regiment. His age made him old enough to be the father of any comrade in his regiment. His war battles included Rappahannock Station, Antietam, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Courthouse and Cold Harbor. In June of 1864 he lost his arm at Cold Harbor. During his tour of service he was also captured and confined to Libby Prison.

Upon his return in 1864, nearly 50 years old, he procured an appointment as lighthouse keeper at Tibbetts Point. He performed his duty there for twenty years, up to the administration of Grover Cleveland. Fearing replacement by a Democrat, he resigned. Prominent Democrats assured him of his retention, but he resigned anyway.

The above story of one of our beloved keepers was presented to our society by his great-great-grandson, along with a framed documentary of the same with pictures and obituary.

The Society sincerely thanks Alvin Watson of Goshen, New York. Through his generosity we are able to display this framed historical document in our Visitors Center for all to see.

Source: Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society  
*Highlights*

**We talked the matter over and could have settled the war in thirty minutes had it been left to us.**

**- A Rebel soldier, after speaking with a Union soldier between the lines.**

## From The Lamproom

(From the Spring 2007 issue of *Tibbetts' Tidbits*, a publication of the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Historical Society)

My past three columns were about lighthouse keepers who held that position at Tibbetts Point. Since there is no real data on the long line of keepers who worked our grounds and buildings, I can at least give you a listing of all the keepers who tended our light from our archives. When the United States Lighthouse Service was disbanded by our Government in 1939, many of these men enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard who took over their function. Some went on to serve at other lighthouses.

**Judah Williams 1st keep 1827**

**Nelson Williams 1831**

**Henry Cunningham 1855**

**William Collins 1861-66**

**Adam Cratzenburg 1867- 78**

**David Montonna 1885- 98**

**William Montonna 1897 -1906**

**Andrew Fredenburg 1901 - asst.**

**Harris Smith 1903 - asst.**

**J. C. Belden 1895 - fog sta. Keep**

**Edwin G. Ward 1920**

**Olin W. Stevens 1937**

**Mr. W. Montonna took over until 1939.**

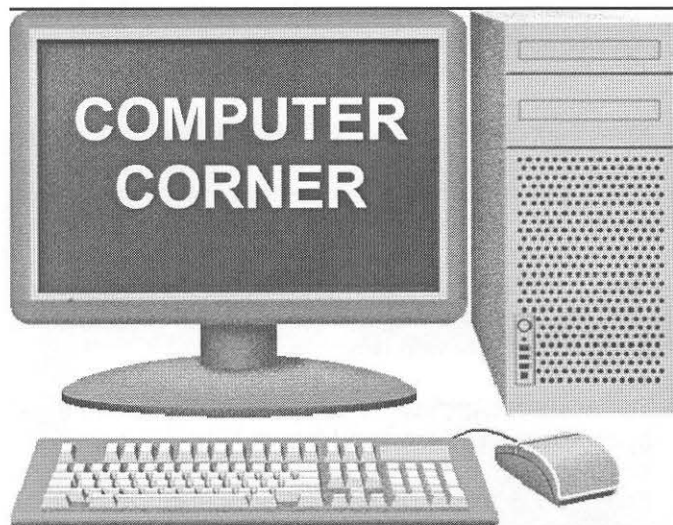
**Carl Williams 1940 Coast Guard Chief**

**Frank Sellman 1929 CMB USCG Keeper** of the harbor lights. The Linda, Carleton and Cherry Island, and the buoy between Carleton and Wolfe Island. He was also Harbor Master until WW 2. Coast Guard took over cleaning and polishing and painting of all the above.

Many of the keepers listed above served at different intervals than those printed above. At times a keeper would be reassigned to another station and than return to Tibbetts again at a later date. It is almost next to impossible to list exactly the number of years they performed their duties at a particular lighthouse.

This is the only listing we have in our archives at Tibbetts. There may be some that we have not given recognition to, and hope that descendants will come forward with information that they may possess. In the future when we have an accurate listing, a monument could be installed with all the names of the keepers of our lighthouse.

Joe Dudek  
President



For the first time since we've had a computer, and that reaches back into the 1980s, we have high speed internet. Well, medium high, anyway. Our tech insists that we will upgrade when we get used to this. Meanwhile, take a cruise around New York State on GenWeb. Starting right here in Jefferson County, find the Jefferson County GenWebSite at <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/>, run your cursor down the page until you find the license plate and click on it. That will take you to the New York State GenWebSite, and there you can find your ride to any county in the state. New York State is fortunate in having nearly every county on line, and each county page is different. With our new capability, I started at Albany County and went right down the list. One of my first finds was in Erie County. A click to New York Heritage, a research portal for the Empire State's history, a gateway to hundreds of digital collections about New York State's people, places, and institutions. Jefferson County will have a click to that site soon, but meanwhile you might like to browse the site, with its dozens of illustrations.

You will notice that each county is different, individual. The GenWeb people give us a wide latitude in individualizing our sites. Cortland gives you a choice of your own color for the background of the site, but far more exciting for me is the Internet Archive Website which I hope to have working on the Jefferson County Site soon. This site holds Jefferson County histories which I never heard of, with all sorts of new information, new as of 150 years ago, that is. This brief review covers only the first letters of the alphabet. There are lots more for you to discover for yourselves.

The Informer is now on Facebook, thanks to members Thelma Moye and Larry Corbett. You can access it from <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Informer/164654523574813>. Give us your opinions and suggestions. It's a good way to get messages out quickly to a number of people. What would you most like to see on it?

## WHO WAS DEXTER?

A Bit of History by W. Haller  
(Thanks to the Dexter Historical Society)

Those who live in the Village of Dexter, and many others, use the name nearly every day. But who was this Dexter, important enough for the village to bear his name, yet, for most of us, lost to history?

History tends to remember religious leaders, military heroes, statesmen, great artists and authors. Those who become known during their lifetimes for their work in business and commerce have not, for most of history, gained the same degree of renown. Had Simon Newton Dexter lived half a century later, during the Gilded Age, when great barons of business with names such as Vanderbilt and Carnegie secured their places in history, he might be better remembered today. For Dexter, born in 1785 (on May 11th in Providence, Rhode Island), was a highly successful entrepreneur, a skilled and respected man of business.

Simon Newton Dexter was born into a prominent family. His father, Andrew, is often credited with being the first to manufacture cotton goods in the United States. His uncle, Samuel Dexter, served as Secretary of the Treasury in the administration of President John Adams. Dexter began his business career in Boston, but, in 1815, moved to Whitesboro, New York, just west of Utica. It was from here that Dexter developed his association with the village that now bears his name.

The career of Simon Newton Dexter was largely involved with the development of industry and commerce in Upstate New York. In 1817, he constructed one of the first sections of the Erie Canal. He was involved as agent or director in a number of manufacturing companies throughout the upstate area, served as president of the Whitestown Bank from 1833 to 1853, and was for many years a trustee of Hamilton College. In what seems a most unusual involvement for a man of his interests, Dexter served as manager of the state lunatic asylum from 1849 to 1852. (Might he be the only person in our nation's history to have managed a bank and a lunatic asylum at the same time?) Dexter lived until 1863, passing away at the age of 77 on November 18th of that year.

Simon Newton Dexter's first association with the Village of Dexter was as a principal stockholder in the Jefferson Woolen Company, formed in November of 1836. The company built the village's great woolen mill, the major industry here for four decades and known in its day as the most complete woolen factory in the state. In March of 1837, Dexter furthered his

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association with the village by becoming a principal stockholder in the Dexter Village Company. The company laid out streets, divided the village into lots, and invested in the construction of buildings, mills, and dams.

It is believed the Village of Dexter was named for Simon Newton Dexter as a consequence of his donation to the village of what was once known as the Public Square. He intended this area, bounded by Grove, Liberty, Bradley, and Sterling Streets, and the site of the former school building and its grounds, to serve as the village center. Very much like a New England village common, the Public Square was to be the location of churches, schools, and other public buildings. While honoring Dexter's generosity, the village ultimately has not honored his wishes, and village activity has interred elsewhere for many years. Nevertheless, the village is named for one whose support and guidance were vital to its early development.

(As a member, your editor has received a notice from the President of the Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Reunion concerning an effort led by the "Friends of Herkimer Home" to preserve, protect and keep the historic site of the General Herkimer Home open for the public and school children. Your *Informer* committee has decided that since so many of the Jefferson County ancestors were in the Battle of Oriskany during the Revolution, this information might be of interest to our readers.)

## GENERAL HERKIMER HOME IS AGAIN IN DANGER OF BEING CLOSED

Dear SZT members:

I am writing to you in regards to an issue very close to our hearts. General Herkimer Home is again in danger of being closed. The site manager, Tom Kernan has been "laid-off" and the gate to the site is shut. Only a skeleton crew of maintenance and security remain until April 1, 2011. As you know there are serious financial concerns in New York State. Cuts in spending have impacted workers paid by the State of New York. Future cuts include closure of General Nicholas Herkimer's home as of April, 2011. This site is a New York State Historic Site and park. This closure has been stated by the park system as a permanent closure. When it is closed, the artifacts will be moved. Our an-

cestors' artifacts might be sold to the highest bidder. This historic site needs to be preserved.

New York State purchased General Nicholas Herkimer's home in 1913 and restored it as one of their Historic Sites in the NYS Park system. Since then many of our SZT extended family artifacts have been donated to this museum. General Herkimer was the leader of the local militia during the Revolution and was the hero of the Battle of Oriskany. Our Palatine ancestors fought with him.

The Historic significance of this site is not understood by the majority of the residents of NYS. General Herkimer and his militia were able to turn the tide of the British invasion of the Mohawk Valley in 1777. Their bravery set the stage for freedom in America. Some of the artifacts there include:

the Petrie textile - which is over 300 years old, the muskets carried during the Revolution by Jacob Youker, & William Feeter, pistols belonging to General Herkimer, various pieces of furniture which belonged to the Herkimer family, a chest used by the Herkimer family when they came to the New World in 1710, 18th Century Bibles in German from the Garlock, Timmerman, Herkimer & Bellinger families, a quilt frame from the Garlock family, a large loom from the Folts family, Baptismal certificates, & correspondence from that era - to name a few of the holdings.

An effort is being led by the "Friends of Herkimer Home" (a non-profit volunteer group) to preserve, protect, and keep this historic site open for the public and school children. What we can do is write letters, call our representatives, and show that we care.

Letters may be mailed to "Friends of Herkimer Home", General Herkimer Home State Historic Site, 200 State Route 169, Little Falls, NY 13365. The letters will be sent to the NYS parks office and NYS politicians & governor. This needs to be sent as soon as possible so that plans can be made. April 1st is too late. The "Friends of Herkimer Home" has many volunteers who are willing to continue the programs for the benefit of saving this site. The 2011 year's program has already been planned by the board of directors of the Friends. Sincerely,  
Nancy Cioch  
President - Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Reunion

"Resolve to perform what you ought.  
Perform without fail what  
you resolve."  
Benjamin Franklin—Autobiography,  
1789

# Research Sources Checklist

HOME SOURCES:	SCHOOL RECORDS: (CONTINUED)	NEWSPAPERS: (CONTINUED)	MILITARY RECORDS: (CONTINUED)	COURT-RELATED RECORDS: (CONTINUED)
PERSONAL/FAMILY RECORDS:	Diplomas	Business Page	Selective Service	Sheriff
Baby Book	Elementary	Deaths	Separation Papers	LICENSES:
Biography	Honor Roll	Genealogical	Service	Business
Economic Records	Publications	Gossip	Sword	Drivers
Family Bible	Report Cards	Historical *	Uniform	Firearms
Family Group Sheets	Scholarship	Indexes	CEMETERY RECORDS:	Hunting
Family Histories	Secondary	Local News	Sextons	Motor Vehicle
Family Tradition	Transcripts	Marriages	Family Bibles	Occupation
Farm Records	Yearbooks	Obituaries	Tombstones	Professional
Funeral Program	INSURANCE:	Society Page	Memorials	TAX RECORDS:
Health Records	Life	Specfic Dates	Gifts	Income Tax
Heirlooms	Marine	CHURCH RECORDS:	LAND RECORDS:	Personal Property
Journals, Diaries	Fire	Annulment	Deeds	Poll Tax
Legal Papers	Automobile	Banns	Land Grants	Poor Rate
Letters	Accident	Baptism	Leases	Real Estate
Lineage Books	Health	Birth	Maps	School
Military Records	OTHER SOURCES:	Burial	Mortgages	IMMIGRANT RECORDS:
Pedigrees		Christening	Patents, Grants	Alien Registration
Personal Interview	GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY	Confirmation	Surveys	Citizenship Papers
Personal Knowledge	OF UTAH INDEXES:	Death	Water Rights	Crew Lists
Photos	Computer File Index	Divorce	PROBATE RECORDS:	Customs Records
Scrapbooks	Family Group Archive	Marriage	Administrations	Department
Wedding Book	Temple Index Bureau	Membership Lists	Bonds	Immigrant Aid Societies
HEALTH RECORDS:	COMPUTER LISTS:	Ministers Records	Guardianships	Letterbooks
Doctor Bills		Minutes	Inventories	Logbooks
Hospital Records	U.S. FEDERAL CENSUSES:	Mission Reports	Packets	Naturalizations
Immunizations	Indexes	Ordination	Settlements	Passenger Lists
Insurance Papers	1790	MARRIAGE RECORDS:	Wills	Passports
Medical Records	1800	Banns	LEGAL PAPERS:	Protocols
Xrays	1810	Applications	Abstracts of Title	Register of Seamen
CERTIFICATES:	1820	Licenses	Auctions	Vaccination
Achievement	1830	Returns	Bankrupcies	Visas
Adoption	1840	EMPLOYMENT RECORDS:	Bonds	INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS:
Apprenticeship	1850	Indentures	Contracts	Charities
Award	1860	Apprenticeships	Convictions	Convents
Baptism	1870	Disciplinary	Divorce	Genealogical Societies
Birth	1880	Licenses	Guardian Papers	Historical Societies
Blessing	1890	Pensions	Loans	Hospitals
Christening	1900	Personnel	Subpoena	Libraries
Confirmation	1910	Retirement	Summons	Mission Societies
Death	1920	Service Awards	Tax Notices	Seminaries
Divorce	1930	Social Security	COURT RECORDS:	COLLECTION:
Graduation	Agriculture	Termination	Case Files	Biographies
Marriage	Mortality Schedules	Transfers	Dockets	Correspondence
Membership	LOCAL HISTORIES:	Union	Judgements	DAR
Ministerial		MILITARY RECORDS:	Minutes	Govt. Publications
Mission Release	CITY DIRECTORIES:	Bounty Award	Orders, Decrees	Indexes
Ordination		Citations	COURT-RELATED RECORDS:	Inscriptions
Transfer	NEWSPAPERS:	Disability	Jail	Newspapers
SCHOOL RECORDS:	Advertisements	Discharge	Jury	Periodicals
Alumni Papers	Anniversaries	Firearms	Justice of Peace	Personal Papers
Awards	Announcements	National Guard	Lawyers Briefs	Reference Works
College	Births	Pension	Police	Sumame Files
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(Some readers don't have internet access. Please include mailing address &/or phone numbers as well as email.)

## DANO, HYNEMAN

July 25, 2002 Kurt **HYNEMAN** sent the Jefferson County GenWebSite a brief genealogy of the Jefferson County Pioneer family of Charles and Mary **DANO**. The print out got lost, and that was a couple of computers ago. It turned up, with other missing papers, but without the sender's email address. The GenWebSite would welcome the address, as well as any updates from that time. The accompanying letter promised a fuller description of the family. Please send any information to nandixon001@gmail.com or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd, Clayton NY 13624.

## "TOE SOCIAL"

I received a query from someone who attended the "Hash over History" at the T. I. Museum last week, and now my curiosity is piqued. Query for the Informer: Does anyone know what a **TOE SOCIAL** is? Please reply to the Informer.

*Nan Dixon*

Reply (from *Informer* committee member Jerry Davis): I have my own experience with a pseudo **TOE SOCIAL** when as a new music teacher in the local school in the 1960s, I attended the annual Christmas teacher's luncheon at the McCormick's Restaurant in Clayton. One of the activities of the entertainment portion of the gathering was to have a few members including the new teacher hide behind a curtain with only their bare feet (ankle and lower leg) showing below the curtain. In the identification process, mine were identified as that of an attractive female English teacher.

While "Googling" **TOE SOCIAL** I found in "Google Books" the work of Rev. T. E. Beebe entitled "*Hatching Chickens for the Hawks*." While published in 1920 in California, Rev. Beebe was apparently a Methodist minister in New England earlier. In his book he was showing "present-day (1920) conditions and dangers, and reasons why we should conserve our own products in church work." I include here the beginning of chapter 3 titled "The Social Craze."

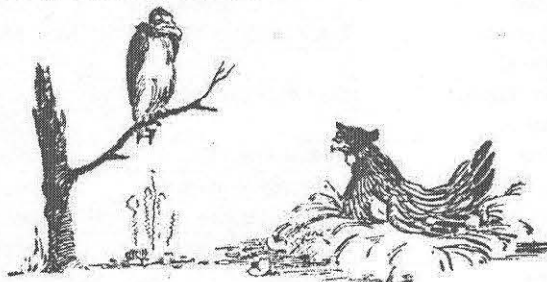
"Among a few of the very many socials churches have had and are still having that bring the blush of shame to the cheek of all who have principle and a regard for things sacred, the following set forth to what lengths a fallen church will go to gather shekels. What would Wesley say, were he here today?"

**The Toe Social.** A sheet is drawn across one of the rooms and certain female members of the church remove their stockings and then push their toes underneath the sheet in sight of the congregation. A sum of money is paid for the privilege of guessing whose toes are thus exposed.

**The Shadow Social.** The room is darkened and a sheet drawn at one end, the same as in the Toe Social. Behind the sheet the apartment is lighted. The female in the enclosure passes between the light and the sheet, taking pains to project a clear silhouette. It cost so much per guess who the stately female is. This social has drawn many dollars from the pockets of the men.

**The Kissing Social.** This social has gained great prominence in the fallen churches of this country. I personally know of a case where ten cents was asked for each kiss given a young lady who had been but recently saved. She had been influenced by certain worldly members of the church to which she belonged to permit this scandalous performance. To the kissing arrangement she innocently submitted in order that she might thus help raise money for the church. Many were the kisses she received from her male admirers. It was later reported on good authority that through this soul-degrading social this young woman had backslidden.

**The Sock and Stocking Social.** The Stocking Social was a new one to me until I read in a New York daily how the young women of a certain church had inaugurated this kind of a social. They took their own stockings and held them open and asked the young men they had invited to attend to put their money into them to help pay off the mortgage on the church building. The editor of the daily slurringly remarked: "Of course, the young women got all the money they needed when they took off their own stockings to their gentlemen friends."





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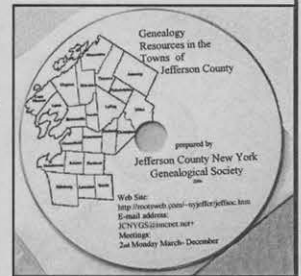


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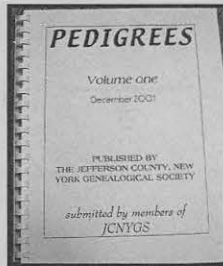


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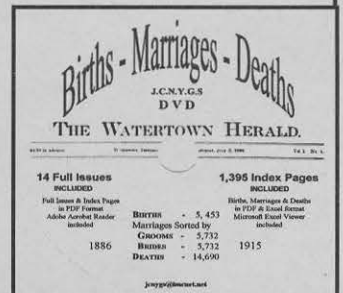
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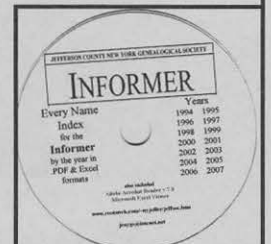
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*The 1837 Union Church/Meeting House has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This stone building is dedicated to the Memory of Josephine Fredenburg - one of the founders of the museum.*



The Original Alexandria High School

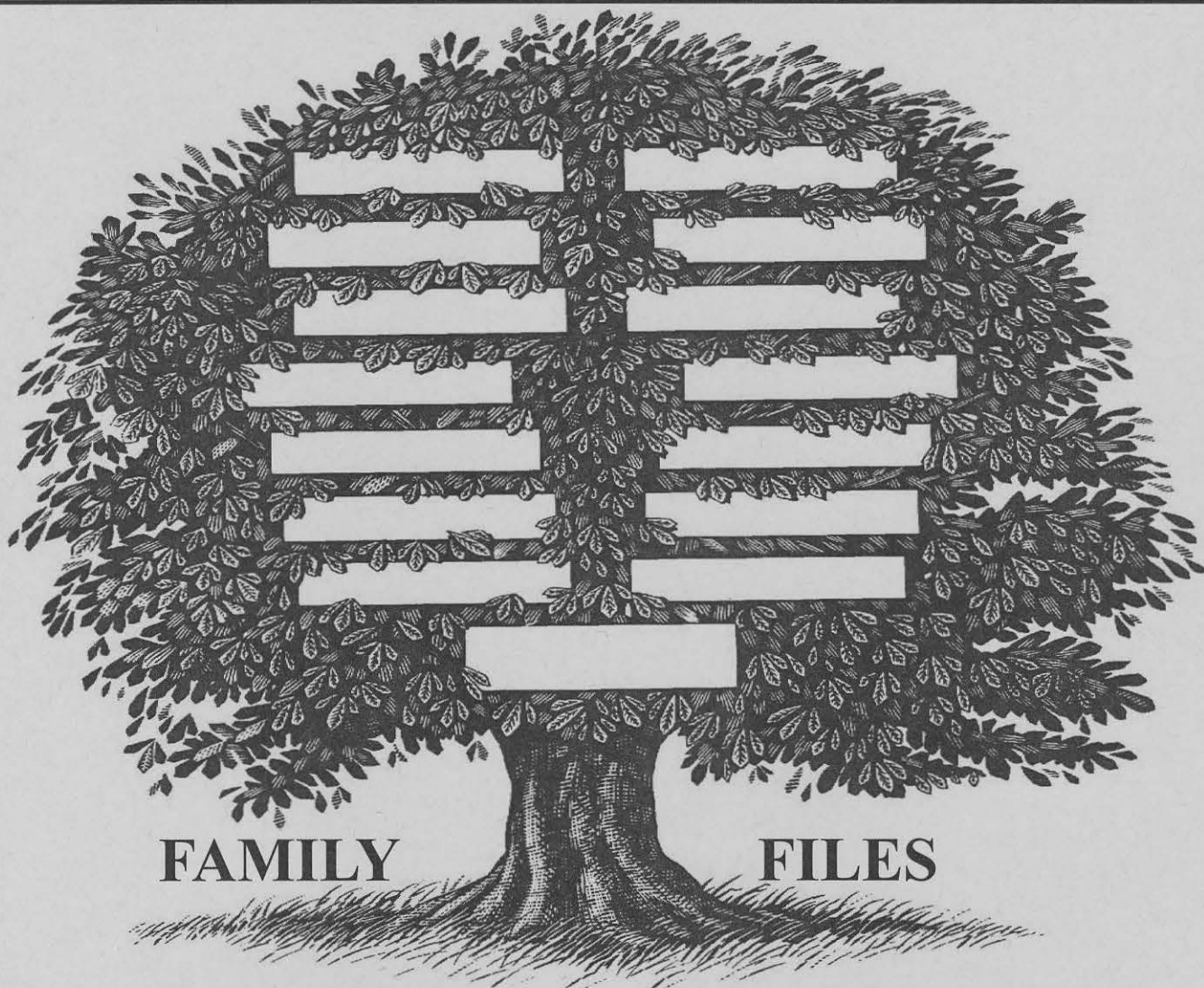
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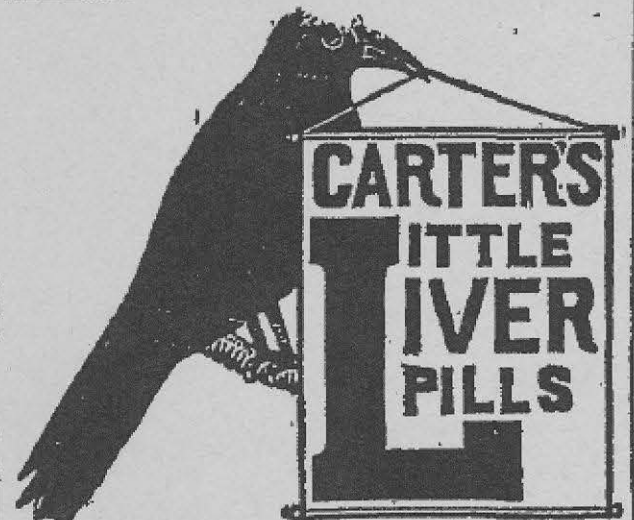
Letters to the editor may be directed to [nandixon001@gmail.com](mailto:nandixon001@gmail.com) or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

While we are taking a break this month from our series on the early schools of Jefferson County, we did receive an email from JCNYGS member Al Seymour about an early newspaper where Al found an article on teachers who attended a Teacher's Institute at Redwood in 1897. In the page Al sent us was not only the teacher's article but also several others that make for a most interesting read. We've also copied the "Carter's Little Liver Pills" ad here for your enjoyment. Thanks Al!

We're also publishing several "unidentified" pictures from various sources and if you can help us identify any please notify any JCNYGS member above or the source of the unidentified picture. Thank you!

Before going to press we received the following from Phyllis Putnam and will pass it along:

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## Minutes for March 12, 2011

Minutes by Terry Baker

The March meeting was held on March 12, 2011 at the Latter Day Saints Church. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Corbett. The minutes of the December meeting were read by the secretary Terry Baker. A motion by Phyllis Putnam was made, seconded and approved. According to the treasurer's report, there is \$3755.82 in the CD, \$1075.87 in the checking account and \$364.90 in the savings account for a total of \$5196.59. A motion by Nan Dixon to accept the treasurer's report was seconded by Phyllis Putnam and approved.

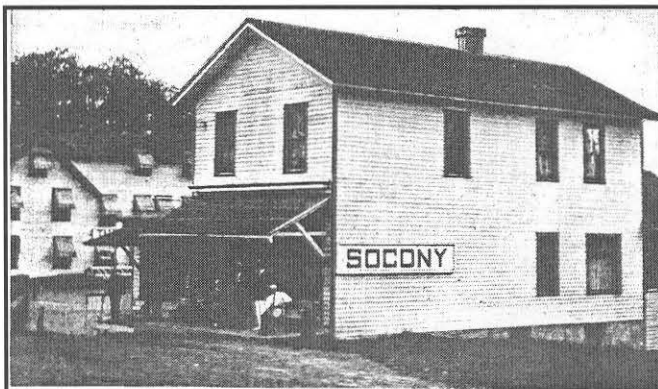
Phyllis reported that April's meeting will be on Saturday the 9th at the Flower Memorial Library when Yvonne Reff will explain the library's resources. Phyllis explained why today's meeting was rescheduled from the Stone Mills Museum and the schedule for the rest of the year.

Bill Dixon explained that the Informer will be focusing on schools in the Southern part of the county. The May issue will include the names of 800 early pioneers who settled in the county before 1850. Details on these settlers can then be found on the website.

Dick Barton spoke about the repair work he has completed at the Orleans and Corbett's Corners Cemeteries.

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Baker, seconded by Bill Dixon and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57.

Anne Davis spoke about the resources available at the LDS Church.



W. W. Hammond Co., General Merchandise and Groceries.

**Unknown Picture at T. I. Museum! Where is it?**

On the Web: <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net>

## We are the chosen

Submitted by Fran Anderson

(The following was written by Della M. Cummings around 1943. There are numerous versions of this on the Internet, so it is hard to tell which one is the original. Regardless, I believe this sums up the feeling and motivation of many genealogists.)

In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes.

Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me?

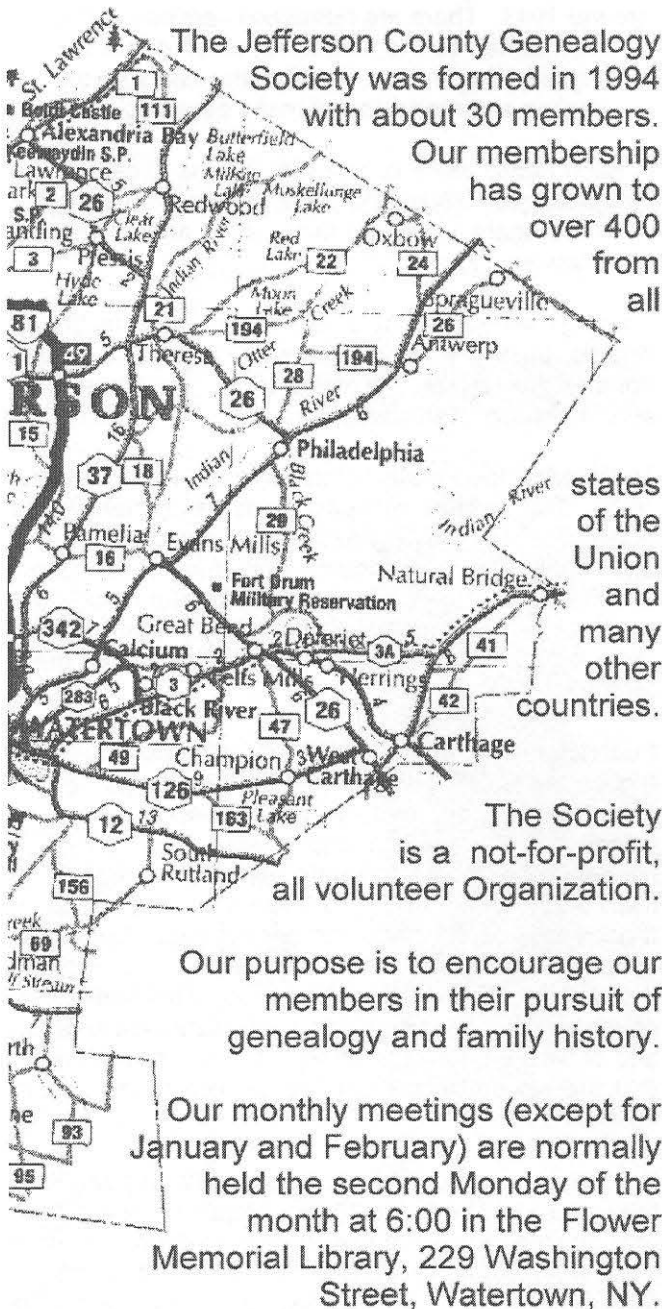
I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation.

It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

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The Jefferson County Genealogy Society was formed in 1994 with about 30 members. Our membership has grown to over 400 from all states of the Union and many other countries.

The Society is a not-for-profit, all volunteer Organization.

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

Our monthly meetings (except for January and February) are normally held the second Monday of the month at 6:00 in the Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown, NY.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY NY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

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- family membership..\$20.00 (2 members at one address)
- Canadian.....\$19.00 (US)
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a beginning genealogist? Y N

Are you an experienced genealogist? Y N

Have you published? Y N

(Cut or copy this box and add your 10 most wanted surnames on the back, alphabetically)

**It's that time of year again!**  
**Time to renew your membership!**  
**Or perhaps you would like to join us as**  
**A new member!**



# Family Files

Often we get questions from those seeking information for their genealogy research asking where can they find information. One such source that we have not previously explored in our publications is the wealth of Family Files that are in various sites. The staff of your *Informer* was recently very impressed with the files at the Thousand Island Museum in Clayton and thought that it would be of interest to our readers to publish a list of those files. While some files have just a little information such as a newspaper clipping, others have a great deal with pictures, personal stories, full genealogy reports and much more. While our search for available Family Files has turned up those from the Thousand Island Museum, the Town of Champion's Historian's Office, Lyme Heritage Center and the Historical Association of South Jefferson, we will continue to search for others. We will begin by publishing the surnames of those Family Files in the Thousand Island Museum on page 6 and those of the Town of Champion Historian's Office on page 8. We will continue with the other findings in future issues.

List your surnames below in alphabetical order and no more than 10.

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**Suggestions / Comments**

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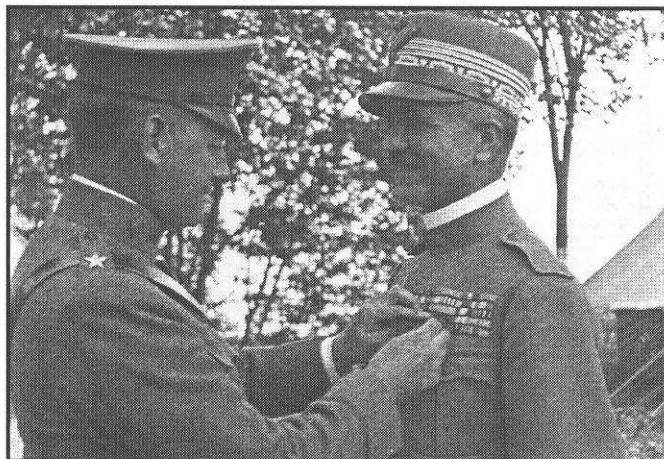
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**County names most commonly used:**

1. Washington County—31 states
2. Jefferson County—26 states
3. Franklin County—25 states
4. Jackson County—24 states
5. Lincoln County—24 states



**2 Unidentified Photos at the T. I. Museum**



# JEFFERSON COUNTY NEW YORK THOUSAND ISLAND MUSEUM FAMILY NOTEBOOKS

Ackert  
Allen  
Amo  
Anderson  
Angel  
Aubertine  
Augsbury  
Babcock  
Badour  
Bailey  
Baker  
Balcom  
Ball  
Baltz  
Barker  
Barnes  
Barrett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bates  
Bazinet  
Bechaz  
Bellville  
Bender  
Bennett  
Bertrand  
Bishop  
Black  
Blake  
Blanchard  
Blodget  
Bouchard  
Bogenschutz  
Bourcy  
Brabant  
Bretschi

Brigham  
Brooks  
Brown  
Buckman  
Burgess  
Burns  
Burrows  
Butcher  
Butterfield  
Calhoun  
Canell  
Cantwell  
Carlisle  
Carnegie  
Carpenter  
Carr  
Carter  
Cassleman  
Cerow  
Charlebois  
Chaumont  
Churchill  
Clark  
Clarke  
Cole  
Collins  
Comins  
Conant  
Consaul  
Cook  
Corbin  
Cornaire  
Corp  
Couch  
Cummings  
Cupernall

Dailey  
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Delaney  
Denesha  
Denny  
Dewey  
Diabo  
Dillenback  
Dillenbeck  
Dixon  
Docteur  
Dodge  
Dorr  
Duford  
Dwyer  
Dygert  
Easton  
Eckert  
Eddy  
Edmonds  
Elger  
Ellis  
Eppolito  
Exley  
Failing  
Farr  
Farrell  
Ferguson  
Fetterly  
Fisher  
Fitchette  
Fitzgerald  
Flanders

Flick  
Fluckinger  
Flynn  
Foley  
Fowkes  
Fowler  
Fowler  
Fox  
Frame  
Fraser  
Freed  
Frickman  
Frink  
Gale  
Gardner  
Garnsey  
George  
Getman  
Gifford  
Gillette  
Gillick  
Girard  
Glass  
Gokey  
Gould  
Grant  
Graves  
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Hall  
Halladay  
Haller  
Hammond

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Hart	Landon	Paige	Smith
Hawn	Lantier	Parker	Snell
Hayes	LaRue	Partridge	Solar
Heady	LaShomb	Patch	Stage
Heath	Leavery	Patterson	Steele
Henry	Lee	Paynter	Sternberg
Herrick	Lehr	Pecor	Stevens
Hill	LeRay de Chaumont	Pelow	Stoel
Hoffman	LeTarte	Percy	Streets
Hollenbeck	Lewis	Petrie	Strough
Holloway	Lingenfelter	Pettit	Sulier
Houghton	Littlefield	Phelps	Sullivan
House	Longton	Phillips	Swartout
Howe	Longway	Pierce	Taylor
Hubbard	Lonsway	Potter	Tetrault
Huchzermeier	Loveland	Purcell	Thibault
Hudson	Lowe	Putnam	Thomas
Hungerford	Ludlow	Radley	Thompson
Hutchinson	Maloney	Rarick	Timmerman
Hyde	Marshall	Reed	Turcotte
Ingerson	Maser	Rees	Turgeon
Irwin, May	Mason	Reff	Vaadi
Ivey	Matthews	Reinman	Vincent
Jackson	McAvoy	Rivers	Wagner
Jeffers	McCarn	Robbins	Walts
Johndrow	McCombs	Robinson	Warner
Johnson	McCormick	Rogers	Weaver
Johnston	McKinley	Rouse	Weller
Joles	Meeks	Rusho	Wells
Jones	Mellon	Russell	Wetterhahn
Keech	Mercier	Sanford	White
Kehoe	Miller	Schafer	Wilder
Kendall	Mitchell	Schell	Wiley
Kennedy	Moffatt	Schermerhorn	Williams
Kenyon	Moore	Schnauber	Wilson
Kittle	Morse	Schneider	Wiswell
Klock	Natali	Scott	Wood
Knapp	Norton	Seymour	Wright
LaChance	O'Brien	Shaw	Youngs
LaClair	Ormsby	Sheley	Zach
LaFarge	Pacific	Sherman	Zeigler
LaLonde	Page	Slate	Zimmer



**JEFFERSON COUNTY NEW YORK**  
**Town of Champion Historian's Office**  
**CHAMPION FAMILY SURNAME FILES**

Allen	Chamberlain	Dunaway	Granger
Andrus	Champion	Durkee	Graves
Archer	Chapin	Dutton	Green
Armstrong	Chase	Earl	Greenfield
Astafan	Church	Earle	Griswold
Babbitt	Clark	Eddy	Guyette
Babcock	Clark	Eggleston	Guyot
Barber	Clemons	Eggleston	Hall
Barden	Clinchman	Ellis	Harris
Barnes	Coburn	Emery	Herrick
Barr	Coffeen	Ensign	Hewitt
Becker	Cole	Eves	Hill
Bentley	Colvin	Fargo	Hopkins
Blackman	Cook	Feistal	Horr
Blanchard	Coon	Ferguson	Hough
Bohall	Coughlin	Flint	Howe
Bonaparte	Countryman	Fox	Hubbard
Bossout	Crandall	Francis	Humes
Bradley	Cronk	Freeman	Ingraham
Brocklin	Crook	French	Jackson
Brooks	Cross	Frink	Jacobs
Brown	Crowner	Fuller	Johnson
Brown	Cutler	Fulton	Joslen
Brownell	Dalton	Gaebel	Keddy
Buck	Danielson	Gaines	Kellogg
Buckley	Danks	Gardiner	Kellogg
Bush	Davis	Garrett	Kelner
Buswell	Deeds	Gates	Kelsey
Butler	Dodge	Gebo	Kennedy
Butterfield	Doolittle	Gen	Kilborn
Campbell	Dorchester	Getman	Knowles
Carter	Dorwin	Gillet	LaBarge
Carter	Doud	Goldthrite	Lackore
Carter	Duffy	Goodrich	Lamb

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Lanphear  
Lansing  
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LeRay  
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Martin  
Mason  
Maxim  
Mayhew  
McCallops  
McComb  
McCuin  
McNitt  
Merill  
Merriam  
Middleton  
Miller  
Mix  
Mott  
Murdock  
Nevills  
Nichols  
Noble  
Olds  
Olmsted  
Olney  
Orvis

Osterhout  
Outterson  
Paddock  
Palmer  
Pardee  
Parks  
Paul  
Peck  
Pennock  
Pfaff  
Phelps  
Pickert  
Pierce  
Plank  
Plopper  
Potter  
Powers  
Prentice  
Property  
Putnam  
Randell  
Rappelee  
Rasbach  
Raymond  
Reeves  
Rendle  
Rev. Soldiers  
Rice  
Richardson  
Roberts  
Rockwell  
Rockwood  
Rogers

Roggie  
Rounds  
Rowsam  
Rudd  
Rushlow  
Sage  
Sanderson  
Sayre  
Schwendy  
Scott  
Scoville  
Sech  
Shedd  
Shepard  
Sherman  
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Sisco  
Sisson  
Siver  
Skinner  
Smith  
Souls  
Starkweather  
Starr  
Stebbins  
Steele  
Steenbergh  
Sterling  
Stewart  
Stoddard  
Storrs  
Stott

Studley  
Swain  
Thesier  
Thomas  
Tillotson  
Townsend  
Tripp  
Trowbridge  
Twining  
Tyner  
Van  
Van Patten  
Van Sickle  
Vargulick  
Vary  
Vrooman  
Waite  
Waldo  
Wangerin  
Ward  
Warner  
Wheeler  
Whitaker  
White  
Wiley  
Williams  
Wilmot  
Wilson  
Woodard  
Woodruff  
Woolworth  
Zaph  
Zehr

You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.

~ Desmond Tutu

A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold.

~ Ogden Nash

Another Advertisement  
From the 1897  
Watertown Re-Union  
Newspaper

# Thin, Pale Children

One satisfaction in giving Scott's Emulsion to children is they never object to it. The fact is, they soon become fond of it. Another satisfaction is because it will make them plump, and give them growth and prosperity. It should be given to all children who are too thin, or too pale. It does not make them over-fat, but plump.

It strengthens the digestive organs and the nerves, and furnishes material for rich blood.

We have a book telling you more on the subject. Sent free for the asking.

SCOTT & BOWNE, New York,

## JEFFERSON COUNTY PIONEERS

After starting our series on Jefferson County Pioneers in our January 2011 issue, we thought it might be of great value to genealogy researchers to have a complete list of those names even though the list is continually growing and changing. That list appears on pages 12 through 16. We have chosen one example to show you on page 11, that of Oliver Bates. We wish to thank Gary Rhodes who submitted the Pioneer information and also helped us with additional information. We encourage readers to visit Gary's web site at [www.hendersonny.com](http://www.hendersonny.com) or even email him at [Jrhodes@bluefrog.com](mailto:Jrhodes@bluefrog.com) if you have questions or further information. We received the following email from Gary and used the Everts line drawing on our back cover.

"If you check *Everts History of Jefferson County*, you will find a nice line drawing of the house and barns as they were about 1880 or so when Truman Orson Whitney owned the farm, which he bought about 1843 when the estate of Cyrus Bates was settled.

We believe, but no proof that the house may have used as part of the underground railroad, or the small cave down back, due to a verbal statement by a Laird Family Member that the property was used for this, as well as the fact that the Aspinwall House and family were involved, and they married into the Bates family, a daughter of Cyrus Bates married an Aspinwall. Hard to prove one way or the other.

Gary L. Rhodes

The information on each Pioneer varies considerable from one to another, from a single paragraph to several pages of information and genealogical charts. The January and March issues of our *Informer* lists the information from Caroline Abeel to William Anthony but you may go at any time to our web site on Pioneers at [www.jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm](http://www.jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm) and have the information on any of the over 800 pioneers right at your fingertips.

**You know your addicted  
to genealogy when...**

**You have your own set of keys to  
the local family history center and  
the employees think you work  
there !**



## PIONEER BATES FAMILY

OLIVER BATES was born 7 Aug. 1763 in Shelburn, Franklin co. Mass, the son of JOHN and MARTHA FOSTER BATES. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, enlisting July 1, 1778 in Capt. Prichard's Co, Col. John Creaton's Massachusetts Regiment and was discharged April 7, 1779. He enlisted July 1, 1780 served as a private in Capt. William Taylor's Company, in the Second Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Badlam and was discharged Jan. 1, 1781. He was allowed his pension which was executed April 23, 1818 and at that time was 55 and living in Henderson, Jefferson County New York. ( File #S-44598)

Sometime between 1784 and 1797 he moved with his family to Vermont, between the towns of Randolph and Halifax. About 1798 he left for New York and it is believed he was in the town of Western in the 1800 Census, coming to Henderson, Jefferson County, NY about 1806 as best that can be determined at this point.

OLIVER built a log cabin in Henderson in the area now called Alexander Corners, named for the family of Jonathan S. Alexander who also came from the Halifax area to Henderson with his four sons. CYRUS and OLIVER built a stone house at Alexander Corners about the year 1820 so we assume they lived in a log cabin as did many of the settlers at that time. This fine stone house still stands today, being placed on the state and National Register of Historic Sites in 2004.

The House was a early Mormon meeting house for missionaries of the early Mormon Church and ORSON PRATT, one of the original 12 Church apostles was married to SARAH BATES, daughter of CYRUS BATES in the house. The house was an early church meeting house in 1835 and 1836. Later in her marriage SARAH burned and destroyed many of the journals and writings of ORSON PRATT, but of those that did survive, ORSON PRATT writes of his early missionary work to Sackets Harbor and the Henderson area in 1835 and latter in July of 1836 his marriage to SARAH BATES in her father's house.

At the time of OLIVER'S son's CYRUS'S death in October 1839 the local farm had 141 acres. Most of the family left the town and county, some with the Mormons before the history books were written. There are many websites that deal with the Bates family and one of the better ones is called the Bates Place.

OLIVER BATES married 16 Sept. 1782 at Shelburne, Mass REBECCA HART.

Children, BATES: ( The last two are listed as being born in Henderson but we do not believe that that could be the case.)

- i OLIVER BATES Jr. b 7 June 1784 Shelburne, Mass
- ii ASA BATES b 3 August 1786 VT
- iii POLLY BATES b 16 March 1789 Randolph, VT
- iv CYRUS BATES b 17 February 1792 VT
- v ELIAS BATES b 30 August 1794 Halifax, VT
- vi HART BATES b 17 March 1797 Halifax VT
- vi LAURA BATES b 8 July 1799
- vi FANNY BATES b 28 September 1801

For further information, contact:  
GARY L. RHODES

## About Our Jefferson County Pioneers

The preceding article on Pioneer Oliver Bates is an example of what you will find when you go to the web site <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm>

JEFFERSON COUNTY PIONEERS - Windows Internet Explorer

http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm

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JEFFERSON COUNTY PIONEERS

### JEFFERSON COUNTY PIONEERS

A Jefferson County Pioneer is a person born outside Jefferson County, residing in the county as head of family before 1850. This is a composite list of posted group sheets. If you know a pioneer not listed here, please e-mail us a family group sheet and we will be glad to post it.

Each name listed here has a family group sheet.  
Please click on the name to access the related group sheet.

You may submit as many Jefferson County Pioneer family groups as you please.  
Include your name and email address.

Surnames, in CAPITALS, should be the first words.  
Before you send them, look at your email address to be sure it is correct.

To send us a pioneer group,  
[Click Here](#)

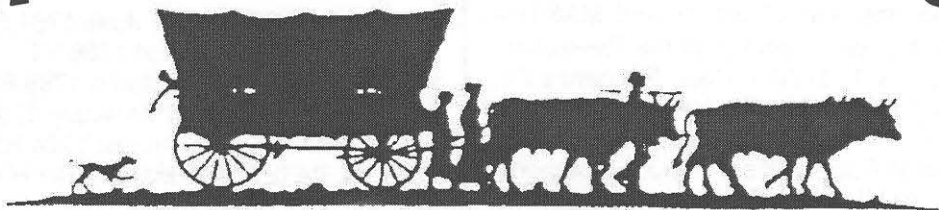
ANDREWS, George T. 1792	ALEXANDER, A.
ANDREWS, John 1792	ANDREWS, John 1792
ANDREWS, Robert 1792	ANDREWS, Robert 1792
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and then click on the alphabetical list to look up your Jefferson County Pioneer.

While the list is continually growing, we are printing the entire alphabetical list on the following pages as they appear at the time of this issue of the *Informer*.

You will also notice that you are encouraged to submit other pioneers not listed here. Notice also the definition used for a pioneer—born outside Jefferson County but residing in the county as head of family before 1850.

# Jefferson County Pioneers



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 ACKERMAN, Robert - BROWNVILLE  
 ACKERT, Abram B. - CLAYTON  
 ADAMS, Christopher - CAPE VINCENT  
 ADAMS, Henry - BROWNVILLE  
 ADAMS, John - RODMAN  
 ADAMS, Sarah - LERAY  
 ADKINS, Clarissa - LERAY  
 ADSIT, Margaret - WATERTOWN (City)  
 ADSIT, Philena - WATERTOWN (City)  
 AINSWORTH, Francis M. -  
 CAPE VINCENT  
 ALBERTSON, Josiah - ALEXANDRIA  
 ALYSWORTH, James - LYME  
 AMAN, Andrew F. - BROWNVILLE  
 AMES, Horace - HOUNSFIELD  
 ANDERSON, Diana - WILNA  
 ANNABLE, Abner - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Elizabeth - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Elvira - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Esther - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Mark - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Paul - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Paul Jr. - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Paul Sr. - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, Velina - LERAY  
 ANTHONY, William - LERAY  
 ARMSTRONG, Sally - HENDERSON  
 ARNOLD, Daniel - ELLISBURGH  
 ARNOLD, Daniel - HENDERSON  
 ARNOLD, Daniel - HOUNSFIELD  
 ARNOLD, Sarah (Sally) - ALEXANDRIA  
 ASHBY, Sarah - HOUNSFIELD  
 ASPINWALL, Salmon - HENDERSON  
 AUBERTINE, Eurer - CAPE VINCENT  
 AVERY, Jasper - WATERTOWN  
 BABCOCK, Jeremiah - CHAMPION  
 BABCOCK, William P. - CHAMPION  
 BACON, David - CAPE VINCENT  
 BACON, Jeremiah - LERAY  
 BACON, L. A. - ANTWERP  
 BAILEY, Caleb - LORRAINE  
 BAILEY, Seth - WATERTOWN (City)  
 BALCH, Abigail - RODMAN  
 BALDWIN, Jonas - THERESA  
 BAMFORD, Albert - CAPE VINCENT

BARNEY, Lowrey - HENDERSON  
 BARNES, Asa - LERAY  
 BARR/BAHR, Catherine - ORLEANS  
 BARRETT, Silas - ALEXANDRIA  
 BARTON, Alfeus - RODMAN  
 BARTON, Sarah - HENDERSON  
 BARTON, Thomas J. - ELLISBURGH  
 BASTIAN, John - ELLISBURGH  
 BATES, Charles Henry - CAPE VINCENT  
 BATES, Oliver - HENDERSON  
 BATES, Samuel - CAPE VINCENT  
 BATES, Samuel - HOUNSFIELD  
 BATES, Samuel Jr. - HOUNSFIELD  
 BAUM, Jacob - THERESA  
 BAXTER, Roswell - ORLEANS  
 BECK, William - ORLEANS  
 BEDFORD, Cornelius - CAPE VINCENT  
 BEDFORD, Jacob - CAPE VINCENT  
 BEDFORD, Stephen - CAPE VINCENT  
 BELL, Eunice - HENDERSON  
 BELL, Hannah - HOUNSFIELD  
 BEMIS, ASAHIEL - CLAYTON  
 BENNETT, Jonathan - THERESA  
 BENNETT, Peter C. - CLAYTON  
 BERTRAND, JOHN - CLAYTON  
 BETHEL, John - ANTWERP  
 BETTINGER, Georg - ELLISBURGH  
 BETTINGER, Peter - ELLISBURGH  
 BIGELOW, Horatio N. - ELLISBURGH  
 BIGELOW, Joel - ELLISBURGH  
 BINGHAM, Augustus - RODMAN  
 BINSSE, Dr. John - WATERTOWN (City)  
 BISHOP, Asa - HENDERSON  
 BISHOP, Calvin - HENDERSON  
 BISHOP, Clarissa - HENDERSON  
 BISHOP, Capt. John - HENDERSON  
 BISHOP, Rev. John F. - HENDERSON  
 BISHOP, Rev. Luther - HENDERSON  
 BISHOP, Rev. Sylvester - HENDERSON  
 BLACKMER, Calvin - LERAY  
 BLACKSTONE, Calvin - RUTLAND  
 BLAIR, Willis J. - ADAMS  
 BLODGETT, Archippas - LYME  
 BLOOD, Jacob - BROWNVILLE  
 BLOOD, Joel - BROWNVILLE  
 BODEN, Andre(Andrew) -

CAPE VINCENT  
 BODEN, George - CAPE VINCENT  
 BODMAN, Sylvester - THERESA  
 BOGENSCHUETZ, Christian -  
 CAPE VINCENT  
 BOOMER, Benjamin - ELLISBURG  
 BORDUE/BORDEAU, William -  
 CLAYTON  
 BOSSUOT, Jean Baptiste - WILNA  
 BOSSUOT, Jean Baptiste 2 - WILNA  
 BOSTWICK, William Buckley - RUTLAND  
 BOWERS, Zachariah - LYME  
 BRETSCH, Adam - ORLEANS  
 BRETSCH, Lorenz - ORLEANS  
 BRETSCH, Philip - ORLEANS  
 BRIMHALL, SYLVANUS - RUTLAND  
 BRITTON, Calvin - BROWNVILLE  
 BRITTON, Luther - BROWNVILLE  
 BRITTON, Lyman - BROWNVILLE  
 BRITTON, Otis - BROWNVILLE  
 BRITTON, Samuel - BROWNVILLE  
 BROADBENT, Thomas - HOUNSFIELD  
 BROTT, Nicholas - BROWNVILLE  
 BROWN, Allena - HENDERSON  
 BROWN, Ebenezer and Molly -  
 LORRAINE  
 BROWN, George - BROWNVILLE  
 BROWN, Greenlief - BROWNVILLE  
 BROWN, James Wilder - RODMAN  
 BROWN, Simeon - BROWNVILLE  
 BRUNET, Joseph - CAPE VINCENT  
 BUELL, John - RODMAN  
 BUELL, Zebe - RODMAN  
 BUNCE, Abigail - ADAMS  
 BUNCE, Betsy - ADAMS  
 BUNCE, Jacob - RUTLAND  
 BUNCE, Theodore - ADAMS  
 BUNCE, Truman - ADAMS  
 BURLINGAME, Asahel - BROWNVILLE  
 BURNS, Thomas - WATERTOWN (City)  
 BURR, Noahdiah - BROWNVILLE  
 BURT, Charles S. - WATERTOWN (City)  
 BUTTERFIELD, Elijah - ALEXANDRIA  
 BUTTERFIELD, Francis - ALEXANDRIA  
 CALHOUN, Alvin - WATERTOWN (City)  
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CALHOUN, Abigail M. - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALHOUN, Chauncey - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALHOUN, Chauncey, Jr. - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALHOUN, Ebenezer - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALHOUN, John - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALHOUN, Mary - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALHOUN, Nancy C. - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALHOUN, Sarah E. - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CALKINS, Rhoda N. - ELLISBURGH  
 CALVIN, Alpheus R. - CLAYTON  
 CAMPBELL, Sarah Maria - CAPE VINCENT  
 CAMPBELL, William - CHAMPION  
 CARNEGIE, James - ALEXANDRIA  
 CARPENTER, E. A. - ANTWERP  
 CARPENTER, James - RUTLAND  
 CARRIER, Augustus - CAPE VINCENT  
 CARRIER, Dr. Jere - CAPE VINCENT  
 CARTER, Anna - HENDERSON  
 CARTER, Braddock - ORLEANS  
 CARTER, Merchant Stone - ORLEANS  
 CASSELMAN, Frederick - LYME  
 CATHCART, John - BROWNVILLE  
 CHAFFEE, Isaac - LORRAINE  
 CHALKER, Annie - LERAY  
 CHALKER, Temperance - LERAY  
 CHAMBERLAIN, Electra Rachel - ELLISBURGH  
 CHAPIN, Chloe - ELLISBURGH  
 CHAPMAN, Boynton - ELLISBURGH  
 CHAPMAN, Daniel - ELLISBURGH  
 CHAPMAN, John T. - HENDERSON  
 CHAPMAN, Julius - HENDERSON  
 CHAPMAN, Levi - HENDERSON  
 CHAPMAN, Stepnen - ELLISBURGH  
 CHASE, Asenath - BROWNVILLE  
 CHASE, Elizabeth - LERAY  
 CHASE, Rhoda - ADAMS  
 CHASE, Stephen - ELLISBURGH  
 CHEESEMAN, Anson - THERESA  
 CHENEY, Caleb - ANTWERP  
 CHURCHILL, Archibald - LERAY  
 CHURCHILL, Henry - WILNA  
 CLARK, Alexander - ANTWERP  
 CLARK, Brayton - LORRAINE  
 CLARK, Datus - ELLISBURGH  
 CLARK, Enoch - CHAMPION  
 CLARK, Jedediah - CHAMPION  
 CLARKE, Charles E. - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CLARKE, - HENDERSON - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CLARKE, John - WATERTOWN (City)  
 CLARKE, Willett - HENDERSON  
 CLEVELAND, Isaac - RUTLAND  
 CLOUGH, Nancy - LERAY

COFFEEN, Goldsmith - RUTLAND  
 COLE, Benjamin - ADAMS  
 COLE, Moses - BROWNVILLE  
 COLE, Nicholas - ORLEANS  
 COLLINS, William - ORLEANS  
 COLVIN, Titus - ELLISBURGH  
 COMBS, George W. - LYME  
 COMINS, Alfred - LERAY  
 COMSTOCK, Alpheus - ALEXANDRIA  
 COMSTOCK, Daniel - ADAMS  
 COMSTOCK, John Henry - PHILADELPHIA  
 COMSTOCK, Thomas - ALEXANDRIA  
 CONKLIN, Daniel - HOUNSFIELD  
 CONKLIN, David - RUTLAND  
 CONKLIN, Ezekiel - BROWNVILLE  
 CONSAUL, Lewis - CLAYTON  
 CONSTANCE, Lawrence - CAPE VINCENT  
 COOK, Amasa - CLAYTON  
 COOK, John - ELLISBURGH  
 COOK, Willard Littlefield - ELLISBURGH  
 COOL, Benjamin Reuben - BROWNVILLE  
 COOL, Jonathan - LYME  
 COOLEY, Asa - RODMAN  
 COOLEY, David - RODMAN  
 COOLEY, John - RODMAN  
 COOLEY, Olive M. - WATERTOWN (City)  
 COOLEY, Stephen - RODMAN  
 COON, Florello - PHILADELPHIA  
 COOPER, Abraham - ANTWERP  
 CORNWELL, Daniel - CAPE VINCENT  
 CORNWELL, Isaac - THERESA  
 COSTER, Henry - HOUNSFIELD  
 COUNTRYMAN, George - PAMELIA  
 COX, Phoebe - ADAMS  
 CRANDALL, William P. - RODMAN  
 CRANKER, Christian - ORLEANS  
 CRIPPEN, Levi - LERAY  
 CROSBY, Elisha - ADAMS  
 CROSBY, Samuel - ADAMS  
 CROSS, Abel - RUTLAND  
 CROSSMON, Orison - ANTWERP  
 CROWNER, Alfred - WILNA  
 CUMMINS, Sabrina - ANTWERP  
 CURTIS, Abiah - THERESA  
 CURTIS, Abiah C. - THERESA  
 CUSHING, Dexter - WATERTOWN  
 DANO, Charles - RUTLAND  
 DAVIS, Roswell - HENDERSON  
 DEAN, Samuel - ELLISBURGH  
 DELONG, Hannah - CLAYTON  
 DENEY, John - ELLISBURGH  
 DEROSIA, Levi - CLAYTON  
 DESMORE, ANTOINE - BROWNVILLE  
 DEVENDORFF, Catherine (Fox) - CLAYTON  
 DEVENDORFF, John W. - CLAYTON  
 DE VILLERS, Louis - WILNA  
 DE VILLERS, Sophia Mary - WILNA  
 DEWEY, David - ADAMS  
 DEWEY, Sibel Ann - WILNA

DeYoung, Charles - ALEXANDRIA  
 DICKERSON, Braddock - ADAMS  
 DICKINSON, Paul - ELLISBURGH  
 DIEFENDORFF, Daniel H. - BROWNVILLE  
 DILLENBACH, Jacob H. - ALEXANDRIA  
 DILLENBACH, Johannes B. - ORLEANS  
 DILLIN, William - BROWNVILLE  
 Dion, Charles - ALEXANDRIA  
 DIXON, Curtis - ORLEANS  
 DOCTEUR, Joseph Francois - CAPE VINCENT  
 DODGE, Erastus - HENDERSON  
 DOUGLAS, Alexander - BROWNVILLE  
 DOUGLAS, James - BROWNVILLE  
 DOUGLASS, James - BROWNVILLE  
 DOUGLAS, John - BROWNVILLE  
 DRAPER, SAMUEL - WILNA  
 DRESSER, Aaron - PAMELIA  
 DUNHAM, Noah Sr - LYME  
 DUNTON, Ebenezer - LERAY  
 DUNTON, Thomas - LERAY  
 DUTCHER, Cornelius - ELLISBURGH  
 EASTMAN, Esther - ELLISBURGH  
 ECKER, Adam G. - ALEXANDRIA  
 EDDY, Enoch - PAMELIA, - RUTLAND  
 EDGERTON, James M. - ELLISBURGH  
 EDICK, Joseph - WILNA  
 EDMONDS, John - ADAMS  
 EDMONDS, John - ADAMS  
 EDMONDS, Samuel - ADAMS  
 ELDRIDGE, Clark - CLAYTON  
 ELLIS, Caleb - ELLISBURGH  
 ELLIS, Martin - CHAMPION  
 ELLIS, Sally (Sarah) - WILNA  
 ELMER, John - RODMAN  
 EVANS, Amos - LERAY  
 EVANS, Charles - LERAY  
 EVANS, Eldad - THERESA  
 EVANS, Mary - LERAY  
 EVANS (Wells), Nancy - LERAY  
 EVANS, Reuben - THERESA  
 EVANS, Richard - LERAY  
 EVANS, Gen. Samuel - LERAY  
 EVANS, Talmon - THERESA  
 EVANS, Urial - ALEXANDRIA  
 FAILING, John D. - PAMELIA  
 FAIRBANKS, William B. R. - LERAY  
 FAIRFIELD, Archibald - ELLISBURGH  
 FALES, David - HENDERSON  
 FARR, Ruth - PAMELIA  
 FAWDREY, Daniel - HOUNSFIELD  
 FAY, Sherebiah - ADAMS  
 FEDERLY, Daniel - BROWNVILLE  
 FEE, John - LORRAINE  
 FIKES, Henry - PAMELIA  
 FILLMORE, ETHNI - ELLISBURGH  
 FINNEY, Harry - ELLISBURGH  
 FINNEY, Sylvester - HENDERSON  
 FISHER, Vardis - ELLISBURGH  
 FLANSBURGH, Anthony - ORLEANS  
 FLANSBURGH, Peter - ORLEANS  
 FLINT, William A. - RODMAN  
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FLOWER, Nathan M. - THERESA  
 FOLEY, Thomas - CLAYTON  
 FOLTS, Delia - CLAYTON  
 FOLTS, Elizabeth - LERAY  
 FORBES, Francis - ALEXANDRIA  
 FORREST, Robert - WILNA  
 FORTIN, Julia Elizabeth -  
 CAPE VINCENT  
 FOWLER, Riley - BROWNVILLE  
 FOWLES, Joshua - CAPE VINCENT  
 FOX, Almira - ADAMS  
 FOX, Catherine - CLAYTON  
 FOX, Charlotte - ELLISBURGH  
 FOX, Christopher - LYME  
 FOX, Daniel - ADAMS  
 FRANKLIN, John - ELLISBURGH  
 FREDENBURGH, Henry S. -  
 BROWNVILLE  
 FREDENBURG, Joshua - PAMELIA  
 FRENCH, Ezekiel - WILNA  
 FRENCH, John - WILNA  
 FRENCH, Seth, Dr. - WILNA  
 FRENCH, Seth--biography - WILNA  
 FRINK, Carl - RUTLAND  
 FROUE/FREER, Hannah - ORLEANS  
 FULLER, Daniel - RODMAN  
 FULLER, John Woodward -  
 ALEXANDRIA  
 FULLER, John Woodward -  
 ALEXANDRIA  
 FULLER, Isaac - LERAY  
 FULLER, Lester - BROWNVILLE  
 FULLER, Malachi - ELLISBURGH  
 GALLEA, James - ELLISBURGH  
 GALLEA, Sarah - ELLISBURGH  
 GALLEA, William - ELLISBURGH  
 GARLOCK, Horace - ORLEANS  
 GARRISON, Peter - LYME  
 GAULIN, Louis-Elie - CAPE VINCENT  
 GEORGE, Page - ALEXANDRIA  
 GERU, Louis - ALEXANDRIA  
 GIBBS, Alvin A. - BROWNVILLE  
 GIBONS, Dorothy - ANTWERP  
 GLASS, James Jr - WATERTOWN  
 GLASS, Marinda - RODMAN  
 GLOYD, Amos - CLAYTON  
 GLOYD, Chester - CLAYTON  
 GOFF, Hannah - ELLISBURGH  
 GOLDEN, William - HENDERSON  
 GOUDIÈRE, Polly - CLAYTON  
 GOULD, Albert - WILNA  
 GOULD, John II - WILNA  
 GOULD, Levi - WILNA  
 GOULD, Lydia - ELLISBURGH  
 GRANNIS, Samuel J. - LYME  
 GRAHAM, Gouverneur M. -  
 HOUNSFIELD  
 GRAY, Richard - CLAYTON  
 GREEN, MARTIN - PAMELIA  
 GREENE, Charles - ADAMS  
 GREENE, Edward - ADAMS  
 GREENLY, Timothy - RODMAN  
 GRENELL, Benjamin—ELLISBURG

GROMMON, Archibald - ADAMS  
 GROOM, Rachel - ANTWERP  
 GUERNSEY, HENRY - ORLEANS  
 GUYOT, Barzilla - WILNA  
 GUYOT, Harriett - WILNA  
 HALL, Caleb G. - ANTWERP  
 HAGAN, Bernard - ALEXANDRIA  
 HALL, Elvira - CLAYTON  
 HALL, Foster Very - CLAYTON  
 HALL, Jonathan - CLAYTON  
 HALLADAY, Josiah - CLAYTON  
 HANCOCK, Betsy - CLAYTON  
 HARBRIDGE, James - HOUNSFIELD  
 HARRIS, Chloe (Sheldon) - LERAY  
 HARRIS, Experience - HENDERSON  
 HARRIS, Harrissa (Harriet) -  
 HENDERSON  
 HARRIS, John - HOUNSFIELD  
 HARRIS, Deacon William - ADAMS  
 HART, Reuben - ADAMS  
 HART, William - ADAMS  
 HARTER, Eva - ELLISBURGH  
 HASTINGS, Laura - BROWNVILLE  
 HATCH, Caroline - LERAY  
 HATCH, Jacob - LERAY  
 HATCH, John - LERAY  
 HATCH, Rufus Sr. - LERAY  
 HATCH, Sylvanus - LERAY  
 HATCH, William - LERAY  
 HATHAWAY, John - WATERTOWN  
 (City)  
 HATHAWAY, Pamela C. -  
 WATERTOWN (City)  
 HATHAWAY, William - WATERTOWN  
 (City)  
 HAYES, Daniel - CLAYTON  
 HEBERT, Lewis - LERAY  
 HEIL, Johann Philipp - CLAYTON  
 HELMER, Catharina - LERAY  
 HELMER, Elizabeth - ALEXANDRIA  
 HELMER, Jacobus - LERAY  
 HELMER, John Jr. - ALEXANDRIA  
 HELMER, John G. - THERESA  
 HELMER, Leonard - LERAY  
 HELMER, Louisa - LERAY  
 HELMER, Magdalena/Lena - LERAY  
 HELMER, Peter - LERAY  
 HELMER, Philip - LERAY  
 HERDER/HARDER, Catherine - LERAY  
 HERRICK, Francis - PAMELIA  
 HEWITT, Hannah - ADAMS  
 HICKS, Samuel - ELLISBURGH  
 HICKS, Stephen Alpheus -  
 ELLISBURGH  
 HILL, Laura - LERAY  
 HINES, Thomas W. - ELLISBURGH  
 HITCHCOCK, Bela - HENDERSON  
 HITCHCOCK, Joseph W. -  
 HENDERSON  
 HOADLEY, Henry - ALEXANDRIA  
 HOISINGTON, Grout - ELLISBURGH  
 HOLLEY, Theron I - HENDERSON  
 HOLLISTER, Charles - ELLISBURGH  
 HOOVER, Betsey C. - LERAY

HOOVER, William - LERAY  
 HOPKINS, Thomas - CHAMPION  
 Horning, Adam - ALEXANDRIA  
 HORTON, Cornelius - LYME  
 HORTON, Henry - LYME  
 HOSNER, John - ALEXANDRIA  
 HOSNER, Nicholas - ALEXANDRIA  
 and Abigail  
 and Dolly (WALLRADT)  
 HOUGHTON, Elijah - ANTWERP  
 HOUGHTON, Elijah - ANTWERP  
 HOUGHTON, ROSWELL - ORLEANS  
 HOUGHTON, Sally - HOUNSFIELD  
 HOUSE, David - PAMELIA  
 HOUSE, Peter - THERESA  
 HOWARD, Joanna - LERAY  
 HOWARD, John - ELLISBURGH  
 HOWARD, Joseph - ELLISBURGH  
 HUBBARD, Adeline - LYME  
 HUDSON, Amos - ELLISBURG  
 HUNGERFORD, Amasa - HENDERSON  
 HUSE, Moses - ORLEANS  
 INGALSBE, JOHN - RUTLAND  
 INGERSON, JOHN - LERAY  
 INGERSON, JOHN - LERAY  
 IVES, JOEL - WATERTOWN  
 IVES, JOTHAM - WATERTOWN  
 IVES, JOTHAM - WATERTOWN  
 IVES, TITUS, Dr - WATERTOWN  
 IVORY, John - HENDERSON  
 JACOBS, ALEXANDER - LERAY  
 JEFFERS, Conrad - PAMELIA  
 JEFFERS, Frederick - ANTWERP  
 JENKS, George Washington -  
 HOUNSFIELD  
 JENKS, Thomas - PAMELIA  
 JEROME, Charlotte L. - WATERTOWN  
 JEWETT, Ezekiel - LERAY  
 JEWETT, Capt Ezekiel - LERAY  
 JOHNSON, Caleb - CHAMPION  
 JONES, Azubah - ADAMS  
 JONES, Rachel - BROWNVILLE  
 JOY, Abiathar - ORLEANS  
 KANE, Uriel - BROWNVILLE  
 KEECH, Andrew - CLAYTON  
 KEENE, Hiram B. - ANTWERP  
 KEEP, Abigail - ADAMS  
 KEITH, Phineas - HENDERSON  
 KELLER, Aaron - LERAY  
 KELLER, Reuben - LERAY  
 KELSEY, Susan - BROWNVILLE  
 KIBBE, Sumner - ORLEANS  
 KILBORN, James - CLAYTON  
 KILBORN, Truman - ORLEANS  
 KINNEY, Sarah - WILNA  
 KIRBY, Edmund - BROWNVILLE  
 KIRSCHER, Jacob - ORLEANS  
 KLOCK, Daniel - ORLEANS  
 KLOCK, Harvey - LYME  
 KLOCK, Henry - LYME  
 KLOCK, Stephen - WATERTOWN  
 KLOCK, Thomas - LYME  
 KNAF, Thomas S. - BROWNVILLE  
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KNAPP, Charles - CAPE VINCENT  
 KNAPP, Mary - CLAYTON  
 LADD, Bodwell - THERESA  
 LaGRAVES, Dennis - ORLEANS  
 LANE, Thomas - HOUNSFIELD  
 LARKIN, Covil - RODMAN  
 LARKIN, Erastus - RODMAN  
 LARKIN, Stephen - RODMAN  
 LATTIMER, William Henry - ORLEANS  
 LAURENT, Toussaint - CAPE VINCENT  
 LAW, Consider - ADAMS  
 LAWRENCE, Amos - HENDERSON  
 LAWTON, Benjamin - THERESA  
 LAZELL, Ebenezer - WATERTOWN  
 LE ROUX, Mary (Mariette) Frances -  
 WILNA  
 LEWIS, Abel P. - CHAMPION  
 LEWIS, Arnold - CHAMPION  
 LEWIS, Asher - ANTWERP  
 LEWIS, Charles - ANTWERP  
 LEWIS, Eseck - CHAMPION  
 LEWIS, Henry - WILNA  
 LEWIS, John Sterling - ADAMS  
 LEWIS, Nicholas - CHAMPION  
 LEWIS, Rocky - CHAMPION  
 LINCOLN, George Washington -  
 PHILADELPHIA  
 LINDSEY, Stephen - ELLISBURGH  
 LINGENFELTER, John - CLAYTON  
 LINNELL, Samuel - CLAYTON  
 LITTLE, Shubael - BROWNVILLE  
 LITTLEFIELD, Abigail - ELLISBURGH  
 LOADWICK, Christian -  
 CAPE VINCENT  
 LOCKE, Reuben - PAMELIA  
 LONDRA, Mary - CAPE VINCENT  
 LOOMIS, Thomas - BROWNVILLE  
 LORD, William - BROWNVILLE  
 LOW, Peter G. - CLAYTON  
 LOWE, Gideon - CLAYTON  
 LOWE, Jacob - CLAYTON  
 LUTHER, Smith - WATERTOWN  
 LYNDE, Elliot - ANTWERP  
 LYON, Rebecca - WATERTOWN (City)  
 MAIN, John - WILNA  
 MAIN(E), Joshua - LYME  
 MAITLAND, William - BROWNVILLE  
 MANCE, Felix - CAPE VINCENT  
 MARKWICK, William - ANTWERP  
 MARSH, John - LORRAINE  
 MARSHALL, Thomas Benton -  
 ANTWERP  
 MASSEY, Jonathan - WATERTOWN  
 (City)  
 MATTOON, Charles - LERAY  
 MATTOON, Marion - LERAY  
 MAULE, Jonathan - LERAY  
 MAXON, Lois - BROWNVILLE  
 MAYHEW, Peter V. - LYME  
 McALLASTER, Richard - ANTWERP  
 McARTHUR, Mary - CLAYTON  
 McClURE, Samuel - WATERTOWN  
 (City)

McCue, William - ALEXANDRIA  
 McGRAW, James - LYME  
 McKEE, Appleton - ADAMS  
 McKEE, Jerushia - RODMAN  
 McKEE, Joseph - ELLISBURGH  
 McKEE (2), Joseph - ELLISBURGH  
 McNEAL, Montreville - ALEXANDRIA  
 McNEIL, Hepzibah - LERAY  
 McNITT, Elizabeth - LERAY  
 McNitt, James - ELLISBURGH  
 McNITT, John - CHAMPION  
 McROBBIE, Thomas - ANTWERP  
 MERRILL, Miner - CHAMPION  
 METCALF, Henry - HOUNSFIELD  
 METCALF, William - HOUNSFIELD  
 METTEY (MATTY), Jacques - RUTLAND  
 MILLARD, Sampson - ADAMS  
 MILLER, Philander - LERAY  
 MILLS, David - PAMELIA  
 MONTNEY, Joseph - CLAYTON  
 MOODY, Anson - RODMAN  
 MOONEY, Thomas Sr. - RUTLAND  
 MORGAN, Melissa - HENDERSON  
 MORGAN, Pliny - WILNA  
 MOSHER, Martha - LERAY  
 MOTT, Benjamin - PHILADELPHIA  
 MOTT, William - PHILADELPHIA  
 MOUNT, Wilson - LYME  
 NELLIS, Catharina - LORRAINE  
 NICHOLS, SAMUEL - RODMAN  
 NUGENT, Nora - CAPE VINCENT  
 NUTTING, Hiram T. - ANTWERP  
 OATMAN, Asahel - ADAMS  
 OATMAN, Capt Benjamin - ADAMS  
 OATMAN, Elias - ADAMS  
 OATMAN, Elijah - ADAMS  
 OATMAN, Richard - ADAMS  
 OATMAN, Truman - ADAMS  
 OLLEY, Robert H. - RUTLAND  
 ORMISTON, James - ANTWERP  
 ORMISTON, Jannette - ANTWERP  
 ORMSBY, Elias - CLAYTON  
 ORMSBY family - CLAYTON  
 ORVIS, Gershom - LERAY  
 ORVIS, Ira - BROWNVILLE  
 ORVIS, Ira - CLAYTON  
 OSBORN, Jonathan - WILNA  
 OSBORN, Phineas - CLAYTON  
 OSBORN, Schyler - CLAYTON  
 OVERTON, Isaac - HENDERSON  
 OVERTON, Joel - HENDERSON  
 OWEN(s), Elizabeth - WATERTOWN  
 (City)  
 PADDOCK, Joseph - CHAMPION  
 PADDOCK, Sarah E. - WATERTOWN  
 (City)  
 PADDOCK, Wilson J. - PHILADELPHIA  
 PAGE, Zilla - RODMAN  
 PARDEE, John - CHAMPION  
 PARKER, Joseph - ALEXANDRIA  
 PARKER, Nancy - BROWNVILLE  
 PARKINSON, William - RUTLAND  
 PARRISH, John, Jr. - PAMELIA  
 PARRISH, John Lyman - PAMELIA

PATCH, William - CLAYTON  
 PECK, Luman - HENDERSON  
 PECK, Sally - HENDERSON  
 PECK, Samuel - BROWNVILLE  
 PENNOCK, Wilson - CHAMPION  
 PENNY, Ammiel - LORRAINE  
 PENNY, Edward - ELLISBURGH  
 PHELPS, DANIEL - CAPE VINCENT  
 PHILLIPS, SILAS - RUTLAND  
 PHIPPEN, Samuel - WATERTOWN  
 (City)  
 PINNEY, Columbus - ANTWERP  
 PINNEY, Dan - ORLEANS  
 POST, Benjamin - ORLEANS  
 POST, Henry - PAMELIA  
 POTTER (PORTER?), Abby A. -  
 CAPE VINCENT  
 PRATT, Peter - ORLEANS  
 PRINGLE, Janet - ANTWERP  
 PURCELL, Michael - WILNA  
 PUTNAM, John - CLAYTON  
 PUTNAM, John A. - ALEXANDRIA  
 RANDALL, Eliza Ann - PAMELIA  
 RANNEY, Willett - ADAMS  
 RAVEN, Adam - ANTWERP  
 RAVEN, Mary - ANTWERP  
 RAVEN, Peter - ANTWERP  
 RAVEN, Peter George - ANTWERP  
 REAPE, Harriet (COMBS) - LEWIS  
 COUNTY  
 RECTOR, Peter - LYME  
 REDWAY, Preserved - ADAMS  
 REED, Deacon Amos - CLAYTON  
 REED, John - RODMAN  
 REESTER, Martin - ALEXANDRIA  
 REMICK, Samuel - ADAMS  
 RESSEGUIE, Samuel - HOUNSFIELD  
 RICE, Franklin A. - ELLISBURGH  
 RIGGINS, Rhoda - ALEXANDRIA  
 ROBBINS, Hosea - BROWNVILLE  
 ROBBINS, John - CLAYTON  
 ROBERTSON, Otis - CAPE VINCENT  
 ROGERS, Elisha - BROWNVILLE  
 ROGERS, George - BROWNVILLE  
 ROGERS, Gideon - CLAYTON  
 ROGERS, Isaac - ADAMS  
 ROGERS, William - LERAY  
 ROUSE, William - CLAYTON  
 ROWE, Ferdinand - BROWNVILLE  
 RUGG, Charles - WILNA  
 RURY, William - ELLISBURGH  
 RUSSELL, John - LORRAINE  
 RUSSELL, Reuben - LYME  
 RUST, Charlotte H. B. - ELLISBURGH  
 SAGE, Elias - CHAMPION  
 SALISBURY, Cornelius - PAMELIA  
 SATTERLEE, Rachel - RUTLAND  
 SAWYER, Charles - HENDERSON  
 SAWYER, Ebenezer - HENDERSON  
 SCHELL, Adam - CLAYTON  
 SCHUYLER, John - LYME  
 SCOVIL, Stephen - ORLEANS  
 SCOVIL, Stephen - ORLEANS  
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 SEATON, Asa - HENDERSON  
 SEATON, Leonard - HENDERSON  
 SEEGER, Henry W. - BROWNVILLE  
 SELTER, Jeremiah - LYME  
 SENECA, Etienne - ALEXANDRIA  
 SEYMOUR, George - WILNA  
 SHARON, PATRICK - WILNA  
 SHAVELEAR, Martha - LYME  
 SHAY, Phillip - LYME  
 SHELDON, James I. - ADAMS  
 SHERMAN, Dr. Abel - RUTLAND  
 SHERMAN, Eunice - HOUNSFIELD  
 SHERMAN, Jacob - THERESA  
 SHERMAN, Phineas - WATERTOWN  
 SHEW, Aaron - BROWNVILLE  
 SHEW, Godfrey J. - LERAY  
 SHEW, Godfrey J. Jr - CHAMPION  
 SHEW, Jacob - BROWNVILLE  
 SHEW, Stephen - RUTLAND  
 SHIELDS, John - ALEXANDRIA  
 SHOECRAFT, Matthew - ELLISBURG  
 SIKES, JOHN - WATERTOWN (City)  
 SIMONS, Rodney - THERESA  
 SIXBURY, Robert - LERAY  
 SKINNER, Alanson - BROWNVILLE  
 SLATER, Stephen - HOUNSFIELD  
 SLOAT, Hendrick - CLAYTON  
 SLOAN, James - LERAY  
 SMITH, Appolos - ELLISBURGH  
 SMITH, DANIEL - HOUNSFIELD  
 SMITH, EPHRAIM H. - WILNA  
 SMITH, Hezekiah - LYME  
 SMITH, Nicholas - ORLEANS  
 SMITHSON, Elizabeth - WILNA  
 SNELL, Nancy - LYME  
 SNOW, John - CLAYTON  
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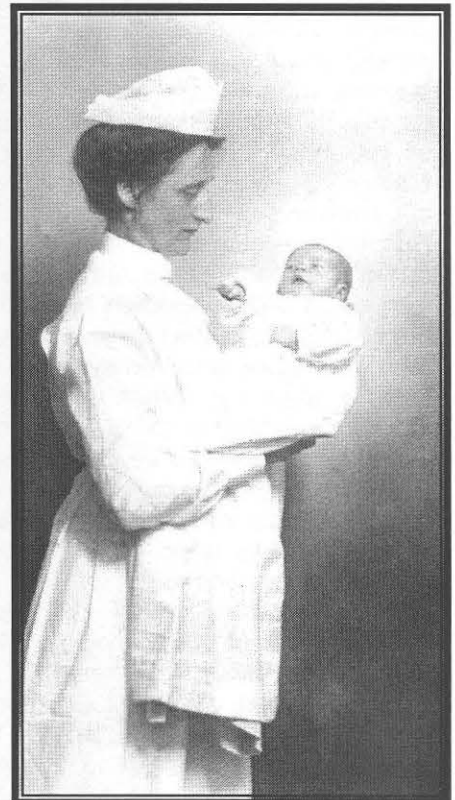
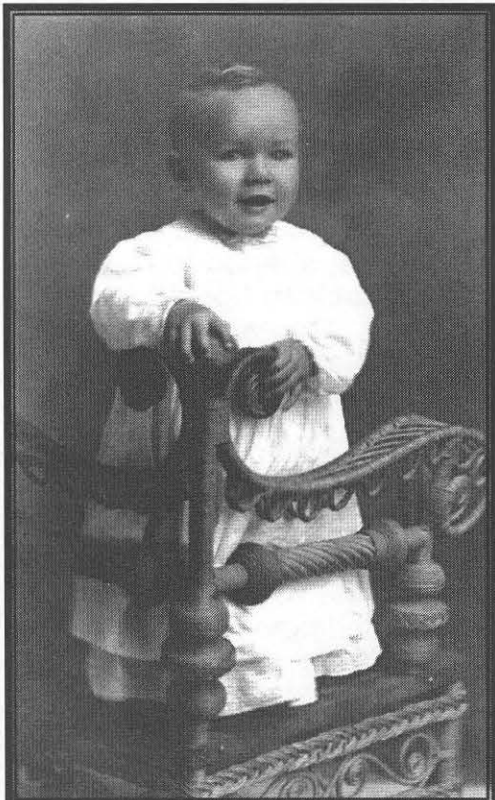
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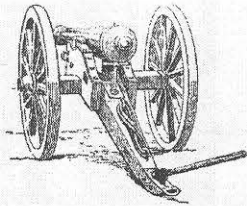


**Unidentified Pictures!**

We've included here 8 more unidentified pictures from the collection we have called the "Johndrow Collection" from Depauville. While we hope someone may be able to identify them, we want to emphasize the importance of somehow labeling your photos. Especially the young people who make such beautiful subjects for these photos.



# CIVIL WAR BIOGRAPHY



## JOEL A. HUBBARD

Union Soldier - Distinguished Service

Joel A. Hubbard was born in Champion, NY, the son of Clement and Arthusia Hubbard, and at the age of 18 enlisted in the 94th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, Company D, for 3 years at Hounsfield on October 30, 1861. He was wounded at Bull Run and sent to the hospital at Alexandria, Va. He was deemed unfit for further service and trained recruits for rest of war. Joel died June 29, 1923 in Watertown, NY.

**Served in 94th Infantry In Civil War  
Was Native to Champion  
Came Here 34 Years Ago From Carthage  
Four Generations of Family Trained  
or Fought at Madison Barracks**

Joel A. Hubbard, 80, a veteran of the Civil War, passed away this morning at his home, 456 South Meadow street. Death followed an illness of about four months of complications. Funeral services will be held at 1 Sunday from the late home. Rev. Charles T. Raynor, curate of the Trinity Episcopal church, officiating. Interment will be made in Champion cemetery. Mr. Hubbard was born April 17, 1843, in Champion, the son of the late Clement and Arthusia Hubbard. His grandfather was Judge Noadiah Hubbard who was one of the first settlers of the village. For many years Mr. Hubbard lived there, later removing to Carthage. He came here 34 years ago. When the Civil war broke out Mr. Hubbard enlisted in the 94th regiment of New York infantry. He fought in several major battles, including Bull Run where he was injured, when after having fallen, he was run over by a team of horses and wagon. He was taken to the hospital at Alexandria, Va., but never recovered sufficiently to again see active service. Returning here, he trained recruits during the remainder of the war period. Four generations of the Hubbard family have trained or fought at Madison Barracks, where Mr. Hubbard received his early instruction. An uncle of Mr. Hubbard fought in the ?? of Sacketts Harbor. During the Spanish American War,

his son W. Van Luven, was there for early training and during the world war, his grandson, Clement A. Hubbard, a member of the 74th serial photographic unit, was stationed at the barracks. Most of his life, Mr. Hubbard was an organ and piano tuner and was one of the first in enter that business in this section. He had been retired a number of years and for the past several years had been in poor health.

On. January 27, 1864, he was married to Miss Ellen M. Stott of Champion who survives him. Had he lived until next January they would have celebrated their 60th anniversary. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. P. B. Christensen, Camp Meade, Maryland; Mrs. W. J. Van Luven, Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Henry Hubbard, Weeping Waters, Neb.; five grandchildren, Roswald, Dorothy and Carroll Van Luven, all of Los Angeles; and James Wood and Clement A. Hubbard, both of this city; and two great-grandchildren.

### Sources

Jefferson County NYGenWeb, US Civil War Service Records, "Electronic," for Joel A. Hubbard  
Newspaper - The Watertown Daily Times - Friday, June 29, 1923

### "Mudwall" Jackson

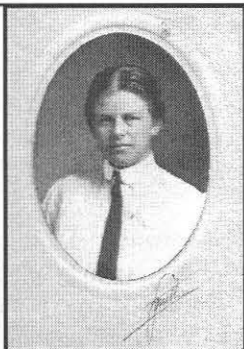
**William Jackson was a brigadier in the Confederate Calvary and saw many battles in the Shenandoah Valley campaign. He had proven his worth and mettle as a die hard Confederate. Because his famous cousin was "Stonewall Jackson," William's men aptly nicknamed him "Mudwall Jackson."**

### Quaker Guns?

**"Quaker Guns," utilized by the Confederacy, were large logs, shaped to resemble cannon, painted black and positioned behind fortifications. Occasionally, a real gun carriage was placed beneath the log. These were used during the war for deception that a position was strongly held and sometimes, the ruse worked...**

**Another Shot? - Whiskey That Is!  
Quinine was one of the most valuable medicines during the Civil War. It was in every doctor's medicine chest. It was used from everything from malaria to dentifrice. The most prescribed medication on both sides of the conflict was alcohol. It seemed to cure everything . . .**





**Unidentified  
Pictures at the  
Thousand  
Islands  
Museum**



Back of picture states only "Don't I look sweet and innocent? Ha Ha!"





# ASK AUNT JEFF



Pat James has granted us permission to use her list of the students at the Black River Institute, beginning with 1837. As soon as Ellie Flint gets it formatted for us, we will have a great list of names beginning with 1837 and running to about 1849 of approximately 1,100 "males and females", so noted, who attended what was to be the forerunner of Watertown High School. Making it even more valuable the home town of each student is noted. Both adults and young people attended, and an observer found that father and son were there at the same time. This will appear as soon as we receive it from Ellie, who has done so much good work for us. Pat James, who some of you might not recognize, is the founding mother of JCNYS. It was her idea, and her organizing, which gave us a jump start back in the summer of 1994. Some were disappointed that she dropped out of the Society so early, but it was never her idea to drive the Society. She got us started and then stepped out to let us sink or swim on our own. She felt the commute from Idaho, her home, was just too far!

The Informer is taking a break from its review of schools in Jefferson County, and will be providing names of family files tucked away in several, though not all, of our repositories. The number of family notebooks compiled by the volunteers at the Thousand Island Museum astonished all the newsletter staff, while Lyme Heritage may have even more files. For those from afar who hope to visit the area, these files might point you in the right direction.

Did you realize that the oldest genealogical organization in the United States, the venerable New England Historic Genealogical Society, now recognizes its neighbor, New York State, with a regular series of articles such as "Genesee Fever, the lure of land on the New York Frontier", and "Retracing a Vermont Family's Migration to the Holland Purchase?"

Another treasure, of which you may not be aware, are the booklets Debbie Quick, who is the director of the Historical Association of South Jefferson, has put together about each of the Six Towns, the six southernmost towns of Jefferson County: Henderson, Adams, Rodman, Ellisburg, Lorraine and Worth. While there may not be much going on there today, they were the first towns settled in Jefferson County, and as such, there was a lot of history being made. Her books contain early settlers, the format of which is much like the

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or E-mail [nandixon@Gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@Gisco.net)

pioneers of the Jefferson County NYGenWeb. She has vets of the many wars to which Jefferson County sent its sons, and later, daughters. Most interesting are the snippets of newspaper articles about some of the people.

Lyme Heritage Center's pamphlet on schools has many names of teachers and students, and might be of interest if your family was located in that area. Lance's local history of Along the Shore is another effort to put faces to the names of the area.

We still have a few pictures from the Johndrow collection of unidentified pictures that we have not yet printed. Here is yet another one.





In March, without fanfare, the <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/>, Jefferson County GenWeb-Site, found some new town histories, thanks to a faithful volunteer. Along with such old standbys as Hough's, Emerson's, Child's, and others, Durant and Peirce (note the different spelling of "Peirce") gives us a slightly different view of the early days of the county. Some towns can be reached from <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/dptnhistndx.htm> and have been extracted by our volunteer. You can reach the whole book on line at <http://www.archive.org/details/historyofjeffers00duran>.

A new website with great plans is the <http://www.newyorkfamilyhistoryschool.org/ny-region-genealogical-societies/>

"The New York Family History School's™ plan for the development of this web site includes listing family history-related events from historical and genealogical societies all over the New York region."

We are listed as one of the participating genealogical societies. You might want to watch and see what happens with this one.

Other areas have booklets, some merely scenic, but some, such as Along the Shore, having items of genealogical interest. Watch the "Book" section on our newly revamped <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net>, the Jefferson County GenWeb Site. The front page will have a new, and we hope easier to surf, look.

The County Coordinators would like to draw your attention to <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/jeffsoc.htm> where the Society's calendar is now working again, and will continue to work as long as this forgetful coordinator keeps putting occasions on it. Will some helpful members keep reminding (nagging) her to fill up the year? Volunteers gratefully accepted.

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From a November 1877  
Watertown Re-Union Newspaper



# Jefferson County Queries

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

Subject: Jefferson County Informer Query

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

## COLQUIT

The William **COLQUITT** family lived in or around the Watertown or Jefferson County area in the 1830's. He came there from England and married a lady by the name of Juliana who was born in 1813. They had 4 children born there with the oldest one born in 1839. They lived there until the mid 1840's and migrated to Detroit, Michigan. Their names do not appear on the 1840 census and suspect they may have lived with Juliana's parents. Her maiden name is unknown. Hopefully maybe someone may have some information on this family. I am looking for Juliana's maiden name and any info on this family. William was my gg grandfather.

Mary Ann Hubbard  
26450 Crocker Blvd #1208  
Harrison Twp., MI 48045  
586-329-1288  
hubbardma1128@yahoo.com

## DENEY, DE NEYS

I am looking for any information about John **DENEY**'s parents or siblings. Apparently there was an old black & white photo of a Hugh **DENEY** in my grandfather's photo book. He was standing by a desk in a business suit looking rather regal. I think my grandfather said it was his father. Hopefully there is a Hugh **DENEY** born in the years around 1780 to 1795 in New York State of French/Dutch descent. We believe the name "Francis **DENEY**" or "Francis **DE NEYS**" is the lost link as John's grandchildren were named Francis & Jesse.

Janice Deney  
5818 N 33rd St #503  
Tacoma, Washington 98407  
Celticdene@q.com

## HOWARTH, HOUGHTON, WHITE, PLACE, FRAYLEY

It seems to be my grandfather James Henry **HOWARTH**. He was born in NY September 18, 1877. He was married to my grandmother, Luella Mae **HOUGHTON** who was born July 4th, 1883 in Alexandria, Jefferson Co. NY. They



were married by her grandfather Daniel T. **WHITE** in Plessis, NY. He was a circuit minister. Daniel T. **WHITE** was married to Abigail J. **PLACE**. James Henry **HOWARTH**'s father was John **HOWARTH** (born 1859 in NY and died in Utica, NY 1881) and his mother was Lena **FRAYLEY**. The photo has his name written in pencil with the notation State Militia. Any ideas as to what the State Militia is?

Somewhere I read that the **HOWARTH**'s and **HOUGHTON**'s had a pharmacy and one bought the other one out. Do you have any idea where I could find out where the pharmacy was? I thought my father had told me it was in Alexandria. He has passed away now so I can't get any information.

Phyllis Howarth Muscolino  
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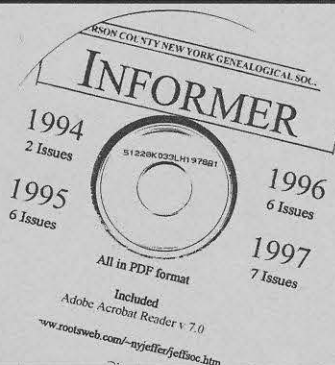
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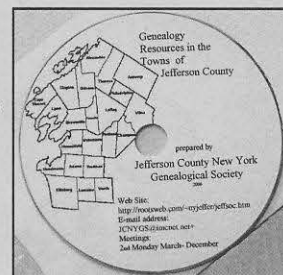
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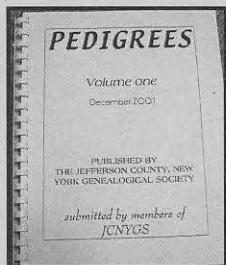


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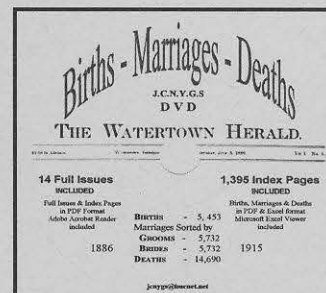
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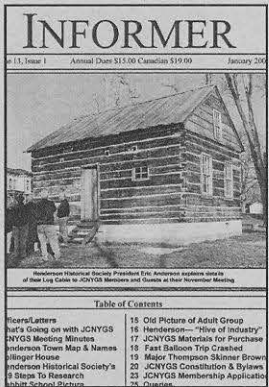
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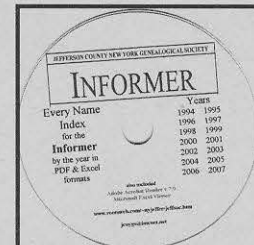
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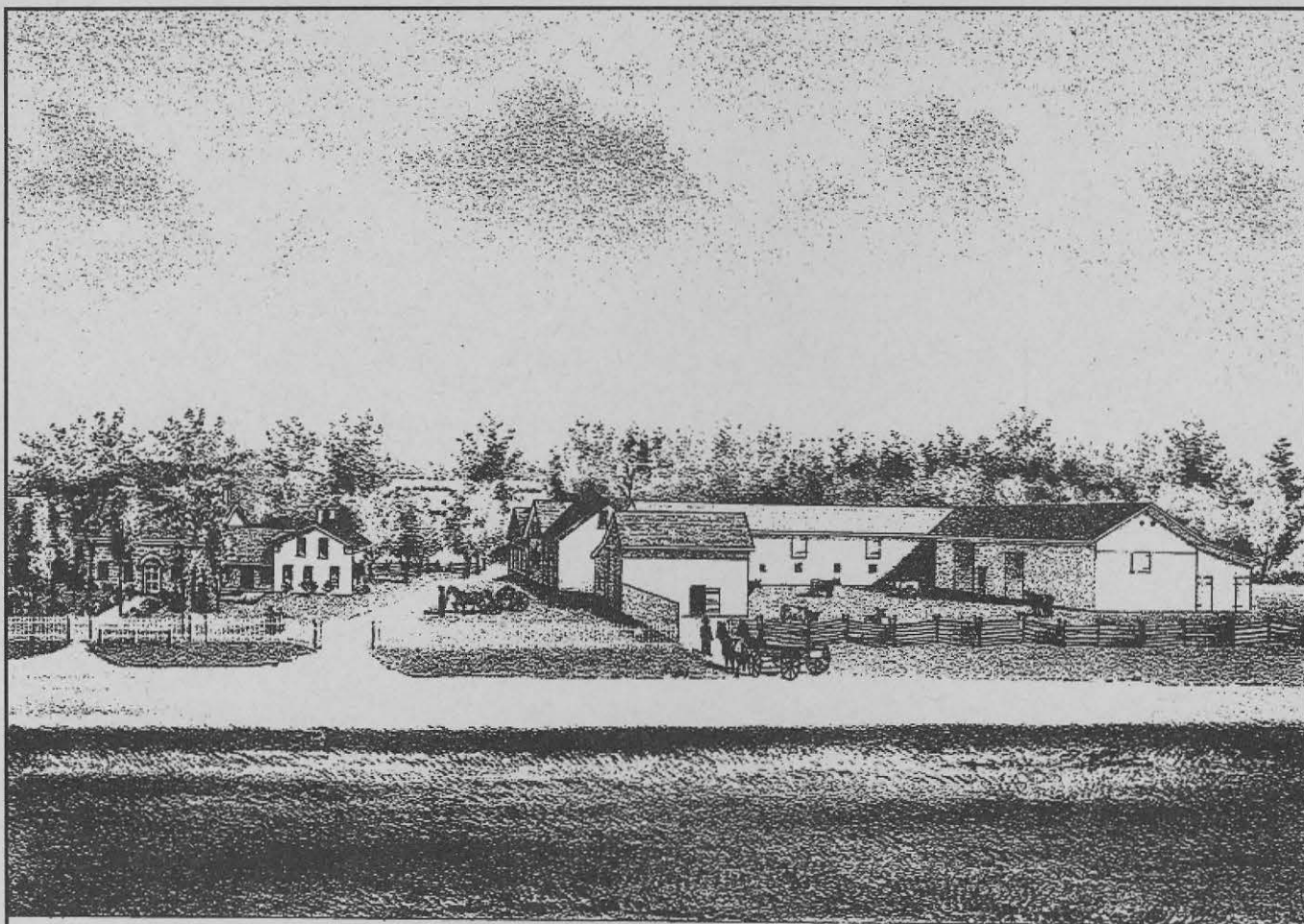
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From Everts *History of Jefferson County*, this line drawing of the Whitney property in Henderson about 1880 after Whitney bought it about 1843 when the estate of Cyrus Bates was settled. See information on our Jefferson Country Pioneer Oliver Bates that begins on page 5. Our thanks to Gary Rhodes for his help with our Bates information.

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### Letters.....

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For this issue of the *Informer* we have used the material made available to us by Debbie Quick at the Historical Association of South Jefferson (see Page 4) but we wish you to be aware that there is so much more information there than what we have presented here. As an example, we list former teachers at the

one room school houses only to 1900 but Debbie's information includes a more complete list up to the school's closing as well as whether they taught the summer, fall or spring sessions. We've listed only the earliest lists of school children while Debbie has listed many different years and often the last year the school was open.

We encourage you to take advantage of all that's available at the Historical Association of South Jefferson in Adams, New York.

### Cover Picture

Our cover picture of the Lorraine Village School District #3 is undated but the following names are listed:

Back Row: Foster Reed, Victor Vandermill, Winfred Casler, Lester Shelmidine, Earl Colman, John Shelmidine, Almeda Furgison, Leola Spicer, Arlene Bilkey

Front Row: Albert Reed, Kendrick Brownell, Arla Brownell, George Shelmidine, Carrie Vandermill, Delphine Casler, Ina Furgison

## REMINDER!!

**All membership renewals  
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# JCNYGS

## Minutes for April 9, 2011

Minutes by Terry Baker

President Corbett called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion by Anne Davis to accept the minutes as read was seconded by Dick Kemmis and approved by vote. The treasurer's report was that there is a total of \$5196.59 in the three accounts. A motion by Phyllis Putnam to accept the treasurer's report was seconded by Anne Davis and approved by a vote.

Phyllis explained that the next meeting's program will be about letters written home during the Civil War.

### Old business-

Terry Baker told that he will have a budget for next year ready for our next meeting.

### New business-

Terry Baker said he will contact the Jefferson County Fair about the possibility of our having a table at this year's fair.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hollis Dorr, seconded by Dick Kemmis, and approved.

Yvonne Reff, reference librarian at Flower Memorial, spoke about the improved resources available at the library.



Flower Memorial Library Reference Librarian Yvonne Reff addresses members of JCNYGS at their April meeting.

# JCNYGS

## Minutes for May 9, 2011

Minutes by Terry Baker

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 by President Larry Corbett. Minutes were read and approved as read. Phyllis Putnam explained the schedule for upcoming presentations and distributed promotional fliers for the next. The presentation for the June meeting will highlight the War of 1812.

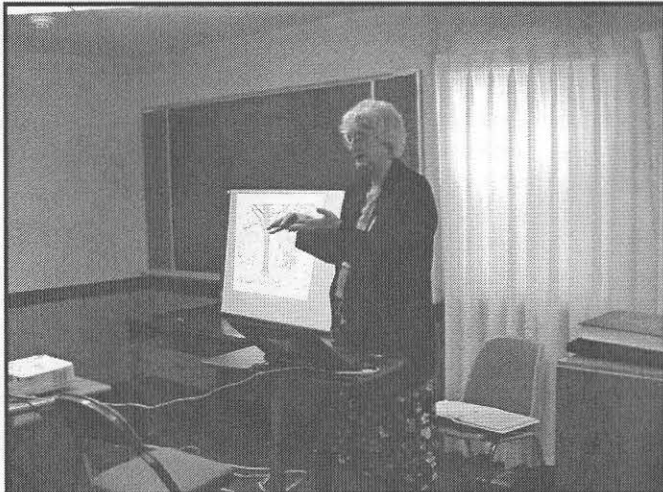
The treasurer's report showed there is a total of \$4810.44 in our three accounts.

Bill Dixon spoke about the content of future *Informers*.

Old business: Terry Baker explained that there has been no response from the Jefferson County Fair regarding our having a table at this year's fair. He also explained his concern for next year's financing. There may be a need to withdraw money from the CD to cover next year's expenses while maintaining the present level of dues.

President Corbett asked for a motion to adjourn that was made by Nan Dixon and seconded by Bob Van-Brocklin. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

The evening's presentation was on letters home from a Civil War soldier.

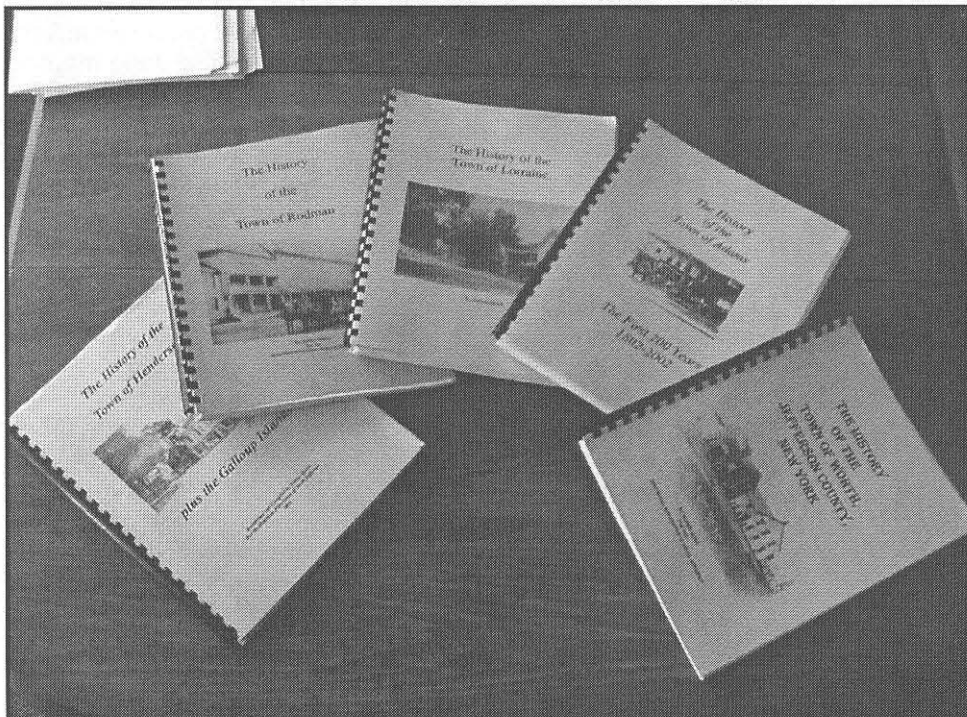


Susanne Greenhagen presents "The Civil War Letters of Galutia York," telling the story of one young Civil War soldier through his letters home. Susanne spoke at the JCNYGS May meeting.



## Early Schools of South Jefferson and Belleville-Henderson School Districts

Our search for material on the early schools in the South Jefferson Central School District and the Belleville-Henderson Central School District has brought us to a familiar name for those interested in genealogy and history in Jefferson County. We are so pleased that Debbie Quick at the Historical Association of South Jefferson has made available to us her material on the towns in southern Jefferson County as well as the resources at the Historical Association Of South Jefferson, 29 East Church Street, Adams, NY.



We have pictured here the histories that Debbie Quick has researched and compiled on the towns of Henderson, Rodman, Lorraine, Adams and Worth. Debbie has informed us that she is in the process of updating the history of the town of Ellisburg that will complete the histories of all six towns in southern Jefferson County.

We encourage readers to visit not only the web site of the Historical Association of South Jefferson at <http://hasjny.tripod.com> but also to visit their building on East Church Street in Adams. While we have searched the information on early town schools, you will find so much more including pictures and family files.

We begin our series with the early schools of South Jefferson Central School in the towns of Worth and Lorraine. Following is the introduction to each town's schools from Debbie Quick's history books.

**Worth District Schools:** The first school taught at Worthville was in 1807 by a Mrs. Noble and classes were held in the barn of Asaph Case. She had ten or twelve students from the Case, Russell, Bullock and other families. Mrs. Noble was followed by Ruel Canfield, Betsey Burpee (my great, great, great grandmother) and A. S. Gillette. A log schoolhouse was built at the corners about 1810. The town was divided into three school districts in 1813 (Worthville, Stears Corners and Greenley Corners). In 1888 there were eight districts. Districts nine and ten were added in 1895. The schoolhouse in district nine burned down in 1897 and was not rebuilt. The last district school oper-

ating was Stears Corners District #2 which closed in June 1961.

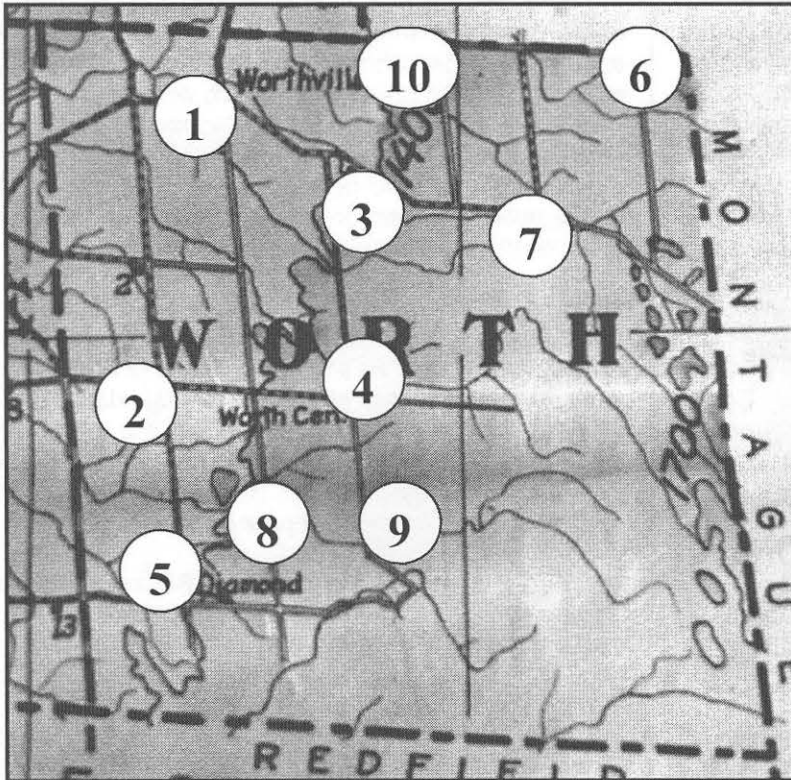
### Lorraine District Schools:

The first school in Lorraine was taught by Gladding Bumpus in the winter of 1805-6 in the back of a blacksmith shop. In 1807 a log schoolhouse was built where the Baptist Church was later built. The building was originally built without a floor, but one was later put in. The first teacher in the log school was Betsey Burpee. The next year the school was taught by Master Tisdale. Betsey Burpee became the wife of merchant Aaron Brown (Aaron & Betsey are my great great great grandparents)

In 1813 the town (including Worth) was divided into eighteen school districts, thirteen of these being in the present town of Lorraine. In 1835 the boundaries of the school districts were redrawn.

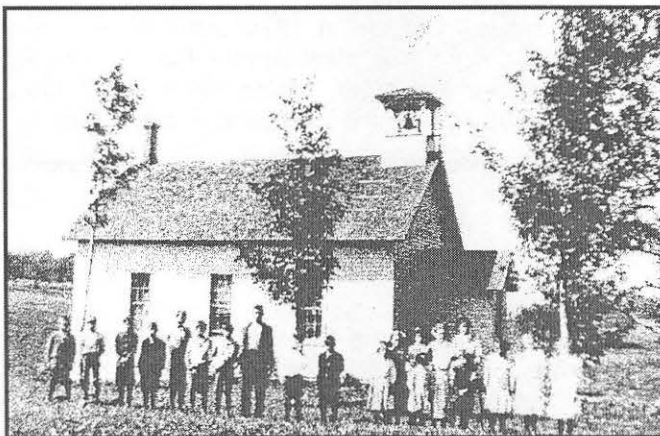


# Town of Worth Early School Districts



- #1—Worthville District
- #2—Stears Corners District
- #3—Greenley District
- #4—Worth Center District
- #5—Diamond District
- #6—Milestrip District
- #7—Seven by Nine District
- #8—Bice District
- #9—Snellville District
- #10—Town Line District

## Worthville School District #1



**Worthville School in 1910  
(built in 1902, closed in 1956)**

The first schoolhouse in this district was a log building built about 1810. It's not known if the log schoolhouse

was used until 1845 when a new frame schoolhouse was built. A new schoolhouse was built in 1872 by Bradley B. Brown. The schoolhouse was dedicated on October 9, 1872. The school room contained patent seats, a platform and desk for the teacher. There was a woodhouse, outhouse, belfry and a fence around the outside. The cost of the new school was \$1,000. In 1877 there were 37 students. In 1882 another schoolhouse was built. The bell was purchased from the Adams Collegiate Institute building and in February 1884 it was placed in the belfry of the Worthville School. In August 1895 Howell VanCamp's building, located directly behind the schoolhouse burned down. With great effort on the part of the citizens the schoolhouse was saved.

In 1934 Gilbert Leepy was hired to drive the high school students to Adams High School. The school closed in June 1956 and all the students went to Adams. The district was annexed to the Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965. The building sat vacant for many years and was eventually converted into a house.

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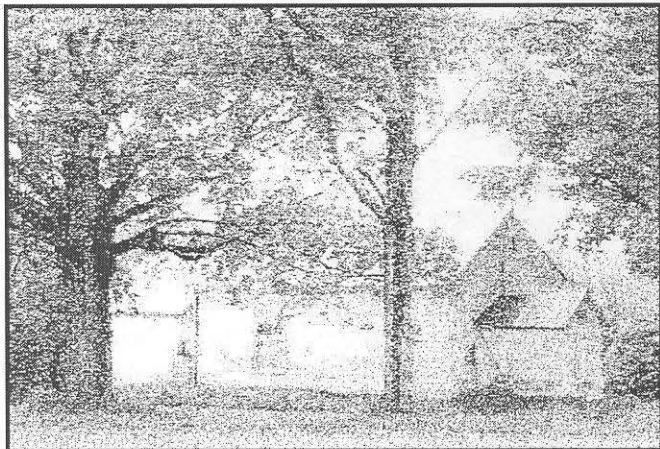
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Teachers in district have included - Alida Jenks 1875-76; Bradley B. Brown 1876-77; Eben Ramsey 1878-79; Stella Green 1879-1880; Wilbur Monroe 1880-81; Mattie Coon 1883; F. M. Ball 1886; Lydia Smiley 1887; Libbie Dayton 1887-88; Lizzie Reed 1888-89; Emma Cornell 1889-91; E. M. Bullock 1891-92; Hiram Tucker 1892; John Lanfear 1892-93; M. Porter 1893-94; Mrs. George Folsom 1894-95; Jessie Ramsey 1895; Mittie Grimshaw 1896; Cora Grimshaw 1898; Clarence Parsons 1898; Lydia Smiley 1899-1900.

There were 30 students in 1882 - May Blount; Julia, & Eddie Burt; Lizzie & Mary Bullock; Jennie Butts; Eugene Coon; Hattie Daneburgh; Emma & Frank Flaherty; Walter & Lottie Green; Levi & George Grimshaw; Jennie Hall; Edwin & Grace Jenks; Hellen Kellogg; Ettie Macomber; Fred Moore; Frank, Charles & Mary Overton; Milton Ramsey; Lydia Smiley; Ernest Stevens; Eddie Vallier; Charles & Cara VanBrocklin; Frank Wilcox.

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## Stears Corners School District #2



**The Stears Corners School District was the last District School in Worth to close in 1961**

The first school taught here was in 1809 in a log house. The schoolhouse was built on the southwest corner of Stears Corners on the Mattoon farm (date unknown). In the 1860's the school had handmade desks and a stove that took three foot long pieces of wood. The schoolhouse underwent repairs in 1882. It was shingled and painted in July 1911.

The annual school meeting on May 4, 1937 was quite interesting - the contest for trustee was between Delbert Ramsey and Merritt Pooler. It was necessary

to vote five times before a winner was declared, with Del Ramsey winning by one. The meeting was nearly broken up by several young 'hoodlums' who threw stones, sod and water by force pump.

In 1933 the school district joined District #11 of Lorraine to hire Henry Moreton as the first bus driver to take the high school students to the Adams High school. He used his own car which would seat seven. In a few instances (such as on January 14, 1935) he made part of the trip with his team, as the car couldn't get through. In 1940 he drove the first school owned bus, a twelve passenger bus, and picked up kids from other districts. He retired in 1966.

The school house underwent extensive repairs in 1941 and was wired for electricity in December 1948. In 1957 there were 16 students. The school closed in June 1961 and all the students went to Adams. This was the last district school to close in the town. The district was annexed to Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965. Building stills stands, is used for storage and is in a poor state of repair.

Some of the teachers were - Albert Stears 1870; Inez Valliers 1872-73; Ella Resseguie 1873-1874; Alida Jenks 1875-76; Ida Richardson 1876-77; Eben Ramsey 1879-80; Emily Smith 1881; Libbie Grimshaw 1882; Edwin Jenks 1882-83; Ruth Dawson 1883; Mary Knight 1883; Nellie Perkins 1883-84; Delilah Brown 1887; May Hanson 1887-88; Grace Jenks 1888; Gratia Fralick 1889-90; Theresa Ralph 1890; Lydia Smiley 1890-91; Mertie Bishop 1891; Augustus Flaherty 1891-92; Lizzie Reed 1892-93; C. Thomas Filson 1898-99; Nellie Horth 1899-1900; Minnie Houghtaling 1900.

Some of the students in 1874 were: Milton Brown, Clifton Elmer, Lettie Fralick, Anna Kilbourn, Josephine Leepy, Mary McCorgar, Hattie Miller, Fred Moore, Burdett Streeter, Minnie VanCamp, Frank Wilcox.

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## Greenley School District #3

Also referred to as the George Greenley District, the Greenley District #3 school was located on the road to Seven by Nine, a short distance past Greenley Corners on part of the Greenley farm. Nothing is known about when the building was erected. The district was formed in 1813. After the school closed the building fell into disrepair and eventually fell down. The land reverted back to the Greenley farm. The district was annexed to the Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965.

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Teachers in this district have included - William Gilbert 1881-82; Mrs. William Gilbert 1882-83; Nellie Perkins 1883-84; Emma Flaherty 1887-88; Lanie Sutliff 1890-91; E. M. Bullock 1891-92; Hiram Tucker 1892; Ora Cornwell 1892-93; D. W. Ansted 1894-95; Mertie Moore 1895; Minnie Houghtaling 1895-96; F. G. Burt 1898-99.

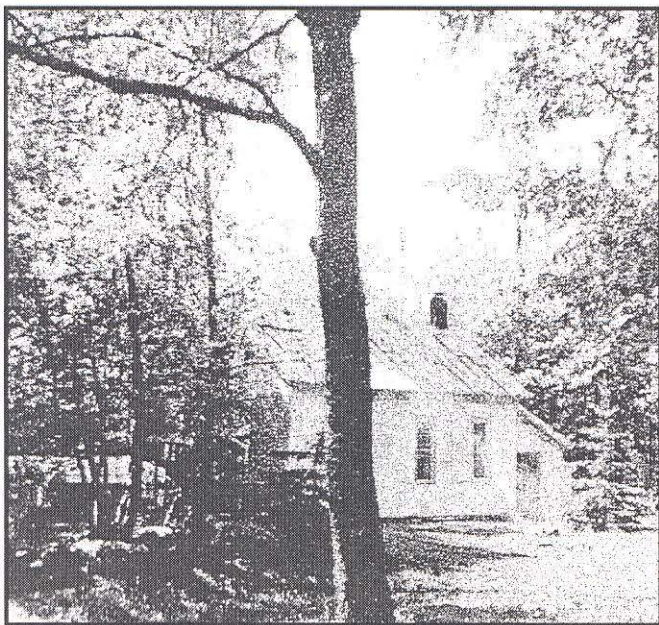
In 1916 there were 10 students: Thomas Conroy; Ruth & Mildred Gilbert; Dorothy, Allen & Nellie Greenley; Fred & Julia Howard; Charles & Lulu Liscum.

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## Worth Center School District #4



**The Worth Center Schoolhouse  
Is now used as a camp (2006)**

The Worth Center School District was established shortly after 1850. A schoolhouse was built by Edward Cornell. From the old district record books, which can be seen at the Historical Association of South Jefferson, we learn the following about the district: a new schoolhouse was built and dedicated on October 8, 1872; it had a cement porch, entry and a large woodshed. In 1879 there were 50 students and in 1897 there were 44. In 1881 Claudius Halladay received \$1.50/cord of wood delivered in the schoolhouse. He furnished 10 cords. Teacher's salaries were: \$177.20 in 1876, \$204 in 1883, and \$246 in 1900.

The fence was repaired in 1888. The schoolhouse was repaired in 1893 at a cost of \$100 & again in

1897. A new schoolhouse was built in 1900 a short distance east of Worth Center corners and the old building was repaired and converted into a house by Bruce Sanderson. A new stove was installed in 1922 and in 1930 new student seats, teacher's desk and chair were purchased. A new well was dug in 1935.

In January 1942 it stormed for two weeks, heavy snow and blowing wind, the teacher, Miss Stillman, went to school every day on snowshoes, but some days there were no children to teach. In January 1945 Orrinda Moreton was compelled to spend several nights at the schoolhouse due to storms and bad roads. The school closed in June 1953 and the students went to Adams. The district was annexed to Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965. After the school was closed the schoolhouse was converted into a camp. The building is still in good condition and is used as a camp.

The teachers in this district have included - Francis Noble 1874; Ida Richardson 1876-77; Gilbert Cornell 1877-78; Mary Fray 1878; Ida Cornell, 1878-79; Anna Brooks 1881-82; Julia J. Wright 1880-1881; Emma J. Smith 1881-82; Emery Cornell 1882-83; Ora Chaffin 1884-86; Helen Shaver 1886-87; Warren Steele 1887; Libbie Dayton 1887-89; Leon L. Cornell 1889-90; Lizzie Reed 1890-91; Theresa Cornell, 1891-92; Minnie Houghtaling 1892; Hiram Tucker 1892-93; Edna Cornell 1893; Mary Woodruff 1894; Emma Cornell 1894; Mary Pickett 1894; Ora Cornell 1894; Augustus P. Flaherty 1894-95; Clarence Pitts 1895; Merrie Moore 1895-96; Marie Lawton 1896; Minnie Houghtaling 1896-97; Nicholas VanBrocklin 1897; J. Pierce Filson 1897; C. Erskine Parsons 1897-98; Malinda Folsom 1898-1900.

Some of the students in 1880 were - Carrie Butler; Will & Leon Cornell; Sheridan & Jennie Hall; Claudia & Maud Halladay; Willie & Lillie Houghtaling; Emma Hunter; Mattie & Lucy King; Eva Larrabee; Kate, Thomas, Alice, Nellie, John, Carrie & Mary O'Connor.

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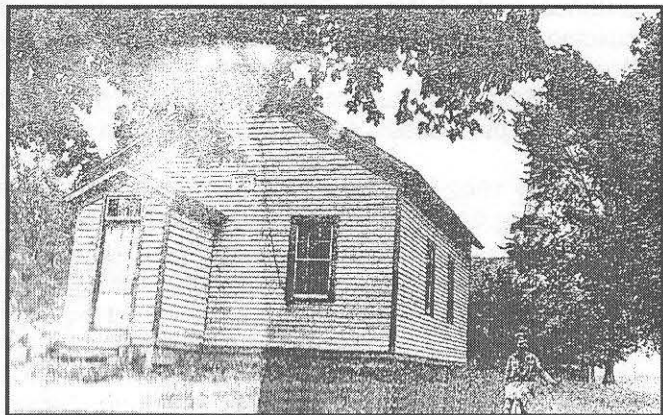
## Diamond School District #5

Also referred to as the Cadby District, the Diamond school district was formed after 1850. The schoolhouse burned to the ground on January 31, 1880 and a new schoolhouse was built by Douglas Tucker for \$293.50. In 1892 there were 41 scholars and there was talk of making it a graded school, but this never developed. By 1926 there were only 12 students in the district.

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**Diamond School House**  
(built in 1880, closed in 1951)

The school was closed all of January and most of February 1901 due to the measles. The school house was repaired in 1903. It was also closed the entire month of January 1927 due to the influenza. In February 1944 the school teacher, Florence VanCamp, and two of her students, daughters of Clarence Roberts, had to spend several nights at the schoolhouse due to a severe snowstorm. There were two houses nearby, but no one was living in them for the winter. Again in January 1945 the teacher was compelled to spend several nights at the schoolhouse due to storms and bad roads. The school closed in June 1951 and the district was annexed to the Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965. The building has been converted into a home and is in good condition.

Some of the teachers were - Lizzie Read 1886-87; Leon Cornell 1888-89; Melinda Folsom 1890-91; Vinnie Caulkins, spring 1891; John J. Lanfear 1891, resigned and Melinda Folsom completed the 1891-92 school year; Jennie Moore 1892-93; Arthur Flaherty, spring 1893; Emma Cornell, fall 1893-94; Hiram Tucker, winter 1894; John J. Lanfear, spring 1894; Lena Tucker 1894-95; Minnie Houghtaling 1895-96; C. O. Boyd, winter 1896-97; Minnie Houghtaling 1897-98; John P. Filson, summer 1899; Mary Tennant 1899-1901.

In 1890 there were 53 students - John, Hattie & Amasa Allen; Anson Barrup; Flora, Minnie, George, Fred & Arthur Bellinger; George Bowman; Ida & Jennie Cutting; John, Jennie & Iona Carpenter; Anson & Warren Elkins; Pierce & Thomas Filson; Flora, Andrew & Chet Folsom; Lafayette Hazard; George Hewitt; Charley, James, Jack & Carrie Kelley; Lizzie Manigold; Ella Marquette; Eddie, Amy, Stella & Anna Nichols; Jennie, Laura & Josephine Roberts; Clara, Hiram & Lena Tucker; Herbert & Henry VanAuken; Bertha, Byron, Chester, Luella, Fred, Ira, Bertie, Frank, Jared & Wilbur VanBrocklin; Ida Weston.

## Milestrip School District #6

Milestrip District #6 was the eastern most district in the town and was a joint district between Worth and Montague. It was established by 1877. The last reference I have found to the district was in 1903. The building has been gone a long time now.

Teachers have included - Nellie Horth 1894-95; Jessie Ramsey 1897-98; Minnie Houghtaling, winter 1898-99; summer 1901; Grace Sutliff 1901-03.

There were 20 students in 1901 - Carroll & Rosanna Brady; Thomas, Theresa, John, Rosalie & Anna Carroll; Ola Callahan; Mary Horan; Fred, Lena, Leon & Henry Lyng; Julia O'Donell; and Mertie, Wesley, Ray, Bertha, Samuel & Edgar Wait.

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## Seven by Nine School District #7

Seven by Nine District #7 was established by 1877. The original building was seven feet by nine feet, hence the source of the name of the community. The schoolhouse was later moved back and used for a woodshed and a larger school room was added. The schoolhouse was painted in 1932. Date of closing unknown. The district was annexed to Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965.

Teachers have included - Eben Ramsey 1877-78; Edward Valliere 1886-87; Ella Dayton 1889-90; Nellie Greenley, winter term 1890-91; Mattie Doneburgh, spring term 1891; Lucy Allen 1891-92; Ross C. Scott 1892-93; Minnie Houghtaling 1898-99.

In 1877 there were 27 students: Ettie Barrett; Gertie Boshart; George & Jennie Bowman; May Brady; Rus-sie Brownell; Julia Carroll; Victoria Denning; Edgar Douglas; Charles Edwards; Mary Galloway; Millie Henry; Fred Hensey; Herbert Kelly; Grace & Minnie Lane; Alice & Ida Lucas; Fred & Minnie Millard; Charlie, Frank & Johnny Morse; Edgar Prouty; Frank & Lona Richards; Anna Smith.

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## Bice School District #8

Bice District #8 district was formed in 1881 and the new schoolhouse completed in December 1881. The residents in the Bice District in 1887 included: Henry Bice, J. Parrish, E. Hyde, B. Silsbury, and H. Piddock. After discontinued the building was used as a home and then for storage.

Teachers have included - Amy Potter 1881-82; Leon Cornell 1886-87; Gratia Fralick 1887-88; Grace Reed 1888-89; Minnie Houghtaling 1892-93; Orrinda Moreton 1928-29.

Students in 1893 were: John Bidwell; John & Francis Brady; Ella, Ela, & Ola Callahan; Maggie Carroll; Essa & Earl Denning; John Leonard; Arthur & Samuel Tiff; Frank Tom; Emma, Lillie & George Wait.

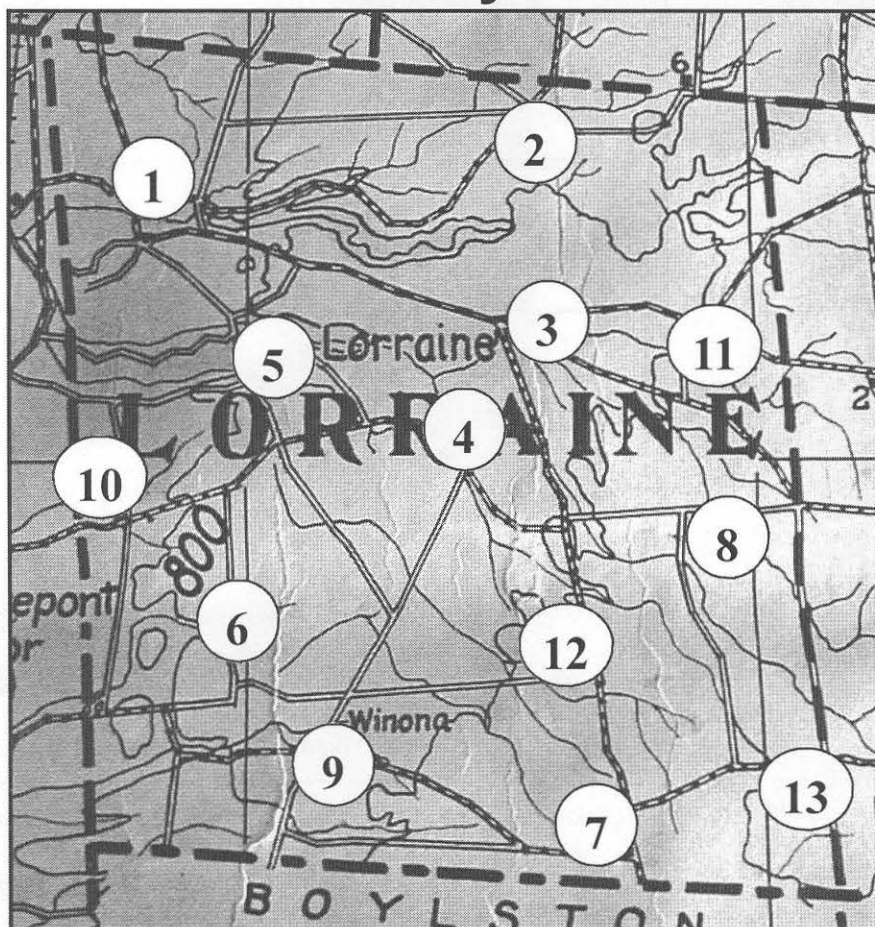
## Snellville School District #9

Snellville was located two miles south of Worth Center and was a logging community. The district was established in October 1895 with Cora VanBrocklin as the teacher. On December 3, 1897 the entire community burned down when the sawmill caught fire. Nothing was rebuilt.

## Town Line School District #10

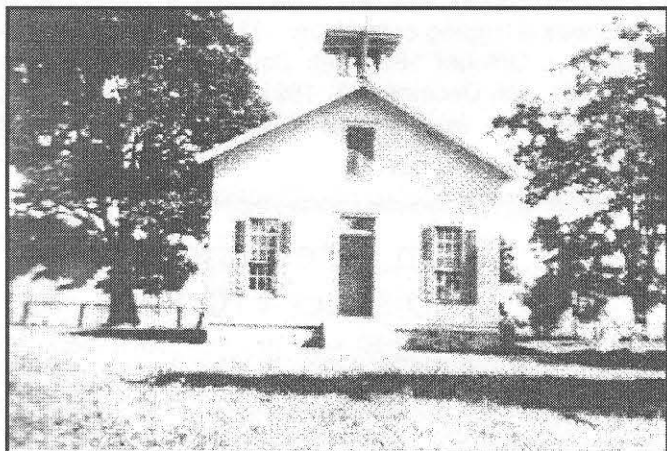
Town Line District #10 was a joint district between Worth and Rodman. The schoolhouse was located on the southeast corner of Hays Road, Town Line Road and Loomis Road. The residents in the district in 1887 included: John Hayes, C. Richards, G. Greenley, Michael Kelley, S. Babbitt, and H. Jewett. The building is now gone. Nothing more had been found on this district.

# Town of Lorraine Early School Districts



- #1—Allendale District
- #2—Gould District
- #3—Lorraine Village District
- #4—Lyman District
- #5—Mooney Gulf District
- #6—Allen District
- #7—Brown Corners District
- #8—Waterville District
- #9—Gardner Corners District
- #10—Hights Corners District
- #11—Maple Grove District
- #12—Pitkin District
- #13—O'Neil District

## Allendale (Caulkins Mills) School District #1



**Allendale District #1 Schoolhouse**  
This building was erected in 1876. The  
School closed in 1946.

The schoolhouse set near the southeast corner of the crossroads at Allendale. In the summer of 1876, O. W. & Martin V. Towles built a new schoolhouse for \$1,000. The previous schoolhouse, which had been built in 1865 was then moved across the road and made into a dwelling.

In 1867 there were 31 students in the district. In 1898 there were only 12 students in the district and in 1905 there were 16 scholars registered. In 1929 there were 33 students in grades 1 thru 6 and in 1932 there were 32 students in the district.

In 1891 the teacher was paid \$200.99. In 1898 the teachers salary for teaching 32 weeks was \$248. In 1929 the teacher's annual salary was \$930. In the 1932-33 school year the teacher was paid \$848.40. The districts budget for 1942-43 was \$2,047. At this time the state required teachers to be paid a minimum of \$1,000. per year.

A note in the Jefferson County Journal on January 24, 1905 stated 'owing to the severe storm Monday and Tuesday (1/16 & 1/17) school was kept without any scholars, as only the teacher was present'. The district spent \$100 on repairs to the schoolhouse in 1915. In 1925 a bible was given to the school district by six area Klansmen. The schoolhouse was renovated in 1926 with the walls papered, woodwork and cupboards painted, the built-in seats were removed and the desks varnished. In 1927 the schoolhouse was painted, the blinds removed, a new cement front platform and steps were built and a porch roof was built over the front door. In 1932 the partition in the schoolhouse was

removed, enlarging the room for more students, and a new hardwood floor was installed. The schoolhouse was wired for electricity in 1935. In 1938 indoor plumbing was installed in the schoolhouse and the outhouse was disposed of.

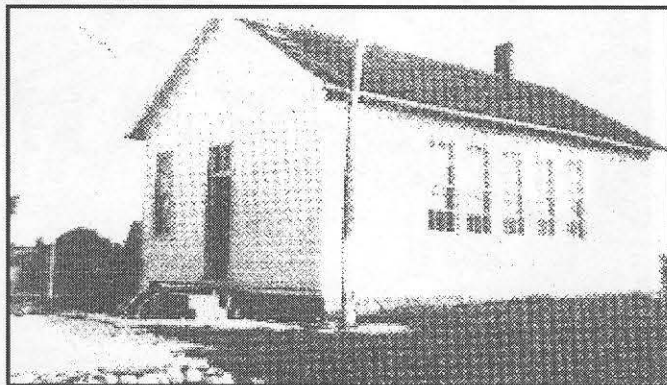
The school was closed in 1946 and the district contracted with Adams High School. In September 1956 the schoolhouse was moved to the James Kelley place (formerly the Standish home) and was made into a house.

The teachers in the district have included: John D. Bailey 1866-67; Asa B. Copeland 1867-68; Emma Washburn 1868-74; Miss Haight 1874-75; Ellen A. Emory 1879-80; Mary Bemis 1886-87; Phillip R. Wright 1887-88; Addie Poole 1889-89; Theresa Ralph 1889-91; Jessie Welch 1891; Warren W. Steele 1891-93; Stella Parsons 1893; Holly Maxson 1893-94; Mayhew M. Jenkins 1894-95; Georgia Farmer 1895; Fred J. Stewart 1895-96; Clarence Pitts 1896-97; Willis E. Bell 1897; Augustus Flaherty 1897-98; Herbert H. Nelson 1898-99; Fred Stewart 1899; Berha Purdy 1899.

Students in 1890 were: Minnie & Nellie Allen; Milo Baker; Edna & Floyd Fassett; Byron Heath; Elizabeth, Herbert & Rose Hodder; Laura Jimerson; L'Berta, Jessie, Fannie, Bertie & Raymond Lyman; Albert Penny; Julia Rice; Minnie Reed; George & Leon Ripley; Addie & Lula Spink; Lizzie, Minnie, Milo, Alanson & Martin Towles.

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## Gould School District #2



**Gould District #2 Schoolhouse**  
was built in 1881. The school closed in 1942.

The schoolhouse was located on the Washington Park Road, three miles up from Allendale Corners. A new  
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schoolhouse was built in 1881. The schoolhouse was renovated with a new roof and additional windows on the east side in 1930. A new floor was installed in 1931. When the Mixer District school closed in June 1931 after they centralized with Belleville, the Gould District purchased the slate blackboards and maps from the Mixer District. In 1932 a new well was dug on the south side of the schoolhouse, and new desks were purchased to accommodate the increased number of pupils. In 1935 a fence was built around the schoolyard. In 1939 Howard Hobbs was hired to drive the high school students from the Gould and Jerusalem Districts to the Adams High School. The school was permanently closed in June 1942 with only five students in the district and the district contracted with the Adams High School for all grades. After the school closed the building was converted into a house. The building has been gone a long time now.

Teachers in the district have included: Adelbert R. Cornwell 1881; Emma Cornell 1883-84; Warren Steele 1886; Jennie Allen 1887; Hattie Caulkins 1887-88; Lizzie A. Reed 1889-90; A. K. Chaffin 1890-91; John D. Shelmidine 1891-92; Alida Sheley 1892-93; Minnie Houghtaling 1893-94; Lena Tucker 1894-95; Clarence Pitts 1896-97; Nellie Grinnell 1897-98; Herman Rice 1898-99; Jessie Pettingill 1899; May Cooley 1899-1900.

Students in 1890 were: Bert, Leon, Birney, Louis, Julius & Eddie Bartlett; Erma, Augusta & Cora Chaffin; Leona & Lima Coon; Mina & Leslie Crandall; Lulu, Myron & Minnie Davis; Dora & George Stevenson; Grace Schuyler; Bertha Tanzer; Pearl, Myron & Fannie Walker; Robert, Earl, Frank & Mary Woodard.

## Lorraine Village School District #3



Lorraine Village School Schoolhouse  
was built in 1857. The school closed in 1960.

As previously mentioned, a log schoolhouse was built in Lorraine in 1807. This was gone by 1830 as the Baptist Church was built on the same lot. A new schoolhouse was built on the northeast corner of a lot on the road to Worthville. That building was replaced in 1857 by a new schoolhouse that was built on the southeast corner of the same lot. In the early 1880's a new belfry was built on the schoolhouse and a 422 lb. bell was placed in it. The bell was rung three times a day. In 1893 the district became a graded school. In 1906 a new furnace was placed in the cellar of the school house. Prior to this the school was heated by wood. The schoolhouse was repaired by Will Brigham in 1912, and a new cement walk was built in 1914. The schoolhouse had two rooms. In 1916 the building was refitted and the furnace repaired. A new partition was placed in 1918.

In 1934 the high school students were transported to Adams High School by Merton Poole. He took 11 students from the village, two from the Lyman District and three from Allendale. John Demido transported the students in 1945.

In the early years there was only one teacher, but later as more students entered the school they had two teachers. There were 40 students in 1880 and 45 in 1887. There were 52 students in 1938. In September 1944 there were 60 pupils as the Waterville District had closed their school and sent their seven children to Lorraine village. In 1947 there were 49 students. There were 59 students in 1953 and 36 students in 1956.

In 1943 an addition was built onto the east side of the school, making a third room to accommodate the increased number of students coming in from the Wise and Pitkin Districts which were closed. In 1945 five windows were added to the primary room and the interior of the schoolhouse was painted. In 1947 the district attempted to centralize with Adams High School, but this failed. In 1952 the district held a painting bee to paint the outside of the schoolhouse and to avoid raising the taxes. The district closed the school in June 1960 and contracted with Adams High School and the students then were transported to Adams. In November 1962 the school building and contents were turned over to the Town of Lorraine and the building was converted into the Town Hall. The School District was annexed to Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965.

Some of the early teachers were: Emma Brown, Delina Gilman, Bradley B. Brown, Dempster Chamberlain, Maria Chamberlain, George Gregory, R. R. Tousey, O. D. Greene, Sr., Lovina Stillman, Amy Perkins,

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Allena Bishop, Jennie Bartlett, and Dempster Francis.

## Lyman School District #4



**The Lyman District #4 Schoolhouse  
burned down on February 1, 1934.**

(In the early days it was also referred to as the Henry Lyman District)

The Lyman Schoolhouse was located one and one-half miles south of Lorraine village on the Manor Road, a short distance from the corner with Brown and Marsh Roads. The first known school house in this district was built in 1828 by Silas Lyman. In the 1840's-50's the Lyman Schoolhouse is described as follows: 'the schoolhouse was rude and rough, the desks were made of two inch planks, put up a little slanting, and ran clear around the schoolhouse. Long benches were made of basswood planks. The seats had no backs. There were two long low benches with backs. These were for the youngest children, who didn't require desks.

In May 1897 the students planted four trees on the school grounds for the area's first celebration of Arbor Day. In 1901 the Mooney Gulf District contracted with the Lyman District and brought their students here for the school year. In 1913 the District was also referred to as the Talcott District. Two new windows were added to the schoolhouse in 1915. The schoolhouse was repaired with new clapboard and the walls were plastered in 1926 and the outside was painted white in 1927. The schoolhouse was repaired in 1932 and new slate blackboards were installed.

The schoolhouse burned to the ground on February 1, 1934. Arthur Hanson discovered the schoolhouse on fire at 7:30 p.m. The fire appeared to have started in the attic and had gained such headway and with a high wind blowing nothing could be done to save the build-

ing. All the water nearby was frozen, so Arthur Hanson and his son concentrated on removing what they could. The teachers desk and the school library were saved, but the children's school books were lost. The schoolhouse was one of the oldest buildings in the vicinity. The following Monday school opened in the vacant Lyman homestead just up the road. At the time of the fire there were eight students in the district and the teacher was Frances Reed. The Trustee, Robert Best purchased the Garden Road Schoolhouse and contents, located on Comstock Road in the Town of Ellisburg (the Garden District had merged with Mannsville in 1929). The schoolhouse was moved on March 9 & 10, 1934 to the site of the burned schoolhouse. The woodshed was detached from the building and was towed on skids behind a truck. The main building was moved by the town of Lorraine snowplow tractor which was operated by Alfred Dealing. The building reached its destination in very good condition considering the route was over fields, hedgerows and uneven ground. The cement bridge over Deer Creek was found to be too narrow by two feet and the building had to be taken across the creek below the bridge. Some telephone poles, fence posts and mailbox posts were snapped off, also some tree branches, but this didn't seem to effect the tractor, it just kept crawling right along. After being moved a new chimney was built and the woodshed was attached to the rear. After three months of holding school in the 'red house on the hill', the new Lyman Schoolhouse opened on May 7, 1934. In September 1934 a piano was purchased for the school. The district later contracted with Mannsville Central School. In May 1953 it was noticed that the schoolhouse had been broken into sometime in the past year. The schoolhouse still stands today, but is in very poor condition.

The teachers in the district included: Nettie Caulkins 1889-90; Gertrude Edmonds 1892-94; Fred Stewart 1894-95; Lulu Pitkin 1895-96; Ruley Hudson 1896; Gertrude Edmonds 1896-97; Frances Piddock 1897-98; Fred Stewart 1898-99.

Students in 1894 were: Mary, Nettie, Willie & John Chrysler; Ira, James, Jasper & Angie Cleveland; Maria, Millie, Eber & Leon Gillispie; Amby, Loie, Florence & Nettie Loomis; Ollie, Lettie & Willie Talcott; Frances Fairbanks & Flossie Schlough.

## Mooney Gulf School District #5

The Mooney Gulf School District was formed before 1813 when it was divided into the Mooney Gulf District  
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**The Mooney Gulf District #5 Schoolhouse was built about 1865 after the old one burned down. The school was closed in 1939.**

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and the Hights Corners District. The schoolhouse was originally close to the Mooney Gulf Bridge. It burned down before 1860 and when rebuilt it was located next to the Mooney Gulf Cemetery, at the end of Comstock Road. In 1866 a number of maple trees were planted around the schoolhouse (many of these trees are still there).

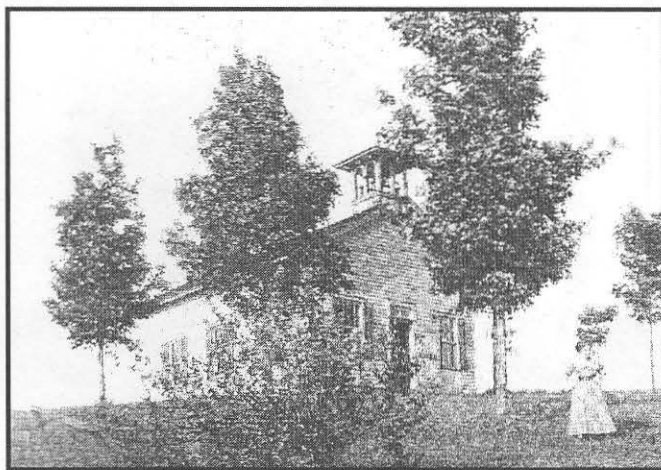
In the 1901-02 school year the Mooney Gulf District contracted with Lyman District #4 and the students were transported to the Lyman School and for the 1902-03 school year the students attended the Hights Corners District School #10. In 1909 the schoolhouse was repaired and painted. In 1913 the district voted to maintain the school and not to contract with the Hights Corners District. New cement steps were built on the school in 1916 and new hardwood floors were installed in 1932. In September 1939 the district contracted with Mannsville Central School and the district merged with Mannsville in 1945. The schoolhouse has been gone a long time now.

Teachers in the district have included: Russell Randall 1874-75; Amanda Bishop 1883-85; Nettie Bemis 1885; Lillian Lamson 1886; George Williams 1886; Delilah Brown 1887-88; Addie Lamson 1888; Amanda Bishop

1889; Myrtle Bishop 1889-90; Warren Steele 1890-91; Dora Clark 1891; Sydney Fassett 1893-94; Nettie Dodge 1895-96; Jessie Pettingill 1896-97; Sadie Harding 1897; Bertha Purdy 1897-99.

Students in 1874 were: Frank, Judson, Freddie, Amanda & Edith Bishop; Florence & Maggie Fassett; Willis & Flora Grant; Merritt, Jasper & Orissa Joyner; Frankie Loder; Charles & Celia McVee; George, J. B., Pamela, Clarence, Asa & Freddie Morrill; William Parker; & Winfield Randall.

## Allen School District #6



**The Allen District #6 Schoolhouse was located on Dixon Road near the corner of Lorraine Street Road. The school closed in 1931.**

The schoolhouse in the Allen District was located on the corner of Lorraine Street Road and Dixon Road in the southwest part of the town of Lorraine. It is unknown when the schoolhouse was built. The District was established before 1813. In 1914 the district contracted with the Mannsville District School and Roy H. Alexander transported the students to Mannsville. The district was centralized with Mannsville in June 1931 and the Allen schoolhouse was permanently closed. The schoolhouse was sold on January 20, 1934 to W. J. Moore. It was sold to the Lorraine Village School District with the idea of moving it to the village and adding it on to the existing schoolhouse. However, the building was never moved. It was used through the 1930's for dances and was known as the Marsh Dance Hall. The schoolhouse was later converted into a house. It burned down in the 1990's.

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Some of the teachers in the district have been: Miss C. Hurd 1871-72; Ada Myers 1889-90; Maud Petrie 1891-92; Mrs. John Clark 1892-93; Carrie Hitchcock 1893; Anna Beebe 1894; Ellen Gardner 1900-01.

Students in 1890 were: Ralph & Roy Adsit; Musetta Brigham; Walter, Lucy & Delia Brown; Fay & Sadie Marsh; Clara Parker; Willie, Walter & Charlie Poole; Shermie Saunders; Leon, Raymond & Clarence Shoecraft.

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## Brown Corners School District #7



**Little is known about the history of the Brown District #7 Schoolhouse. The district was a joint district with students coming from Lorraine and Boylston.**

Also known as the Barker District, the schoolhouse was located on the corner of Lorraine Street Road and the Redfield Road (State Road) in the southeast part of the town of Lorraine. The history of the schoolhouse is unknown. The schoolhouse was repaired in 1892 with a new floor and new seats. After the school closed the building was used as a camp.

Some of the teachers in the district were: Vinnie Caulkins 1888-89; Carrie Hitchcock 1889-90; Alice O'Connor 1891-92; Miss Hayes 1892; Fred S. Cornell 1892-93; Lottie Poole 1893-95; Mr. Pitkin 1895-96.

Students in 1890 were: Addie Baker; Willie Brinklow; Mial, Dannie & Zadie Eggleston; Jessie Emory; Lillie Fitzgerald; Lonnie & Willie Grow; Ernest & Frank Har-

ris; Clinton & Mina Nemier; Ida Pryor; Emery & Mattie Rudd; & Leah, Homer & Ralph Stevens.

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## Waterville School District #8

The Waterville School District, located southeast of the hamlet of Lorraine, included the Waterville and Weston Corners areas. Weston Corners straddles the Lorraine-Worth Town Line. Not much is known about the history of the schoolhouse. In May and June 1886 Scarlet Fever broke out in the William McConnell family, all the students in the district were exposed and school was closed until the threat passed. Fred McConnell built a new chimney on the schoolhouse in 1923. The school was closed in June 1944 and the district contracted with the Lorraine Village School as there were only five students in the district (Robert, Floyd, Irene, Perry & Ivan Fowler). The district contracted with Mannsville Central School in 1954 and the district was annexed to Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965. The schoolhouse still stands, and looks to be in good condition.

Some of the teachers in the district were: Ida Richardson 1874-75; Gertrude Wise 1883-84; Vinnie Caulkins 1884-85; Miss Williams 1885-86; Bertha Purdy 1896; May Hanson 1886-87; Flora Eaton 1887; Lizzie Reed 1887-88; Delilah Brown 1888-89; Annette Caulkins 1889-90; Minnie Houghtaling 1891; Miss Dodge 1892-93; Jennie Moore 1893-94; Metta Grimshaw 1894-95; Fayette Fee 1895; Frances Piddock 1895-96; Edna Bliss 1896; Nellie Horth 1897-98; Miss Petrie 1898-99.

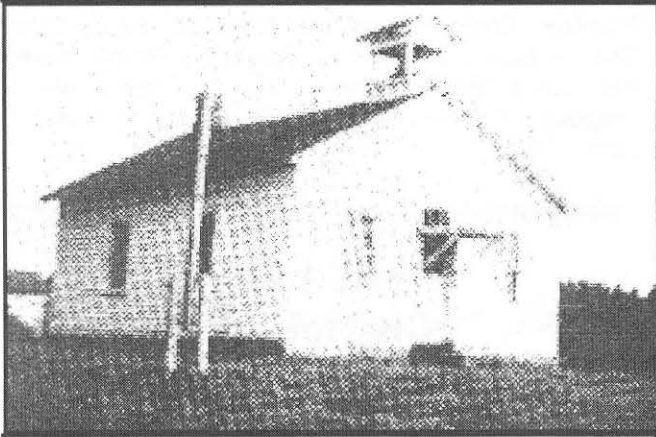
Students in 1883 were: Ellen Castor; Bert Fitzgerald; Eddie Fox; Emma & Willie Groves; Grace Kellogg; Theda & Clinton Lyman; Dora & Ellen Piddock; Ida, John & Clarence Sharp; Willie, George & Joseph Whitley; and Arminta Wilcox.

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## Gardner Corners (Winona) School District #9

The first settlement in this community was made around 1810. The school district was organized around 1813 and a log schoolhouse was built. Within a few years there was an average of 30 to 40 students in the district. Later a larger frame schoolhouse was built.

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**The Winona District #9 Schoolhouse was built in 1878. The school closed in 1936.**

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In an article in the March 19, 1901 issue of the Jefferson County Journal, Augustus L. Baker stated the following regarding the school district:

Between 1825 and 1830 the following families had children attending school: Augustus E. Baker, 3 children; Ezekiel Gardner, 4 children; John Alport, 5; William Dunlap, 5; Thomas Hall, 3; Vernon Miles, 6; Samuel D. Miles, 4; Jonathan Miles, 4; Jonathan Remington, 4; Henry Bailey, 2; Benjamin Allen, 4; and Jonathan Fairbanks, 4. The rate bill for paying the teacher was made on the number of children from each family. The school children did not dress as they do at the present day. Shoes and stockings and long skirts were the dress for the girls. They came a mile many of them, wallowing through snow often a foot deep or more, and sat with damp skirts and stockings through the day, after taking off their shoes and knocking out the snow. The boys cut cordwood and there were many contests as to who could cut the most. Wrestling was also a favorite sport among the boys.

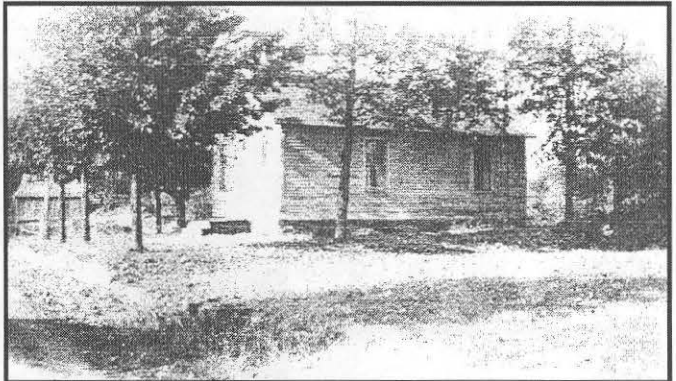
The old school building was sold to the Living Vine Grange in 1878 and a new schoolhouse was built further to the south. On January 19, 1894 a lit lantern was upset and the oil caught fire. The lamp was carried out the door and the fire put out before there was too much damage. In 1901 the schoolhouse was also used for religious services by the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists. In 1922 there were 17 pupils attending the district school, the largest number in several years. In 1925 the schoolhouse was painted and a new bell installed. The district merged with Mannsville Central School in 1936 and the district schoolhouse closed. The Schoolhouse is now gone.

Some of the teachers in the district were: Vinnie Caulkins 1886-90; Minnie Houghtaling 1890-91; J. Farmer 1891-92; Frances Clark 1892; Anna Beebe 1892-93; Carrie Hitchcock 1893-94; Maud Petrie 1894;

Frances Clark 1895; Estey Enders 1895; Ellen Gardner 1896; Maud Petrie 1896-97; Sadie Harding 1897; Ellen Gardner 1897-98; Nellie Grenell 1898; Ellen Gardner 1898; Nellie Grenell 1899; Anna Lamphier 1899; Vinnie Marsh 1899-1901.

Students in 1890 were: Sadie & Marshal Baker; Myrtie Bass; Hubert Beaman; Ernest Brigham; Lottie Brown; George, Ora, Willie & Floyd Cornwell; Leon & Charlie Gardner; Gracie Hall; Gladys & Nina Hitchcock; Lulu Lowrey; Ada, Clinton & Clarence Schick.

## Hights Corners School District #10



**Hights Corners district #10 Schoolhouse was built in 1888. The school closed about 1935.**

The Hights Corners School District was established in 1813 from part of District #5 (Mooney Gulf). The district was located on the western edge of the Town of Lorraine, two miles east of Pierrepont Manor. The schoolhouse was located a short distance west of the corner of Manor Road & Loomis Road, on the North side of the road. It was situated on the bank of a brook which empties onto Bear Creek. A new schoolhouse was built in 1888. A flag pole was erected in 1896.

In February 1902 there was a week long blizzard, the worse in ten years. The Hights Corners correspondent had the following to say: Our teacher, whose home is at Sandy Creek, reached Pierrepont Manor by railroad on Tuesday (2/4), but could get no farther, so our school will have a vacation until - - - sometime?

The winter of 1924-25 was quite rough, but through perseverance the teacher, Mrs. Ward Hilton, only missed one day. If she couldn't get to school by car, she brought her horse and cutter, and if that failed to

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get her there, she came on snowshoes.

The Mooney Gulf District contracted with Hights Corners for the 1902-03 school year and the students were transported there. In 1904 the district only had eight students and in 1909 there were only seven students. The schoolhouse was shingled in 1926. The school closed around 1935 and the students went to Mannsville. The district merged with Mannsville Central School in June 1946. The schoolhouse was used for many years as a granary by Roy Dodge. He later returned it to the South Jefferson Central School District where it was fixed up and maintained by the school district.

Some of the teachers for the district were: Orlando Douglas 1852-53; Frankie McBride 1884-85; Amanda Bishop 1886-87; Lillian Lamson 1887-88; Frances Clark 1891-93; Eunice Lamson 1893-94; W. A. Schell 1894-95; Miza Nutting 1897; Frances Clark 1898; Lena Carpenter 1898; Vera Washburn 1898-1900; K. Jennie Calnon 1900.

The students in 1927 were: Roy Dodge, 11 years; Arthur Marriott, 9 years; Arnold Knight, 8 years; Nathalee Marriott, 7 years; and Doris Knight, 5 years.

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## Maple Grove School District #11

Maple Grove District was also known as the Wise District, Grimshaw District and the White Schoolhouse.

The schoolhouse was located on the corner of County Route 189 and Overton Road. Nothing is known about the history of the schoolhouse. The school was permanently closed in 1943 and the students were sent to the Lorraine Village School. The district was annexed to Adams Center- Adams Central School in September 1965. After the school closed the building was converted to a camp. It was torn down in 2001.

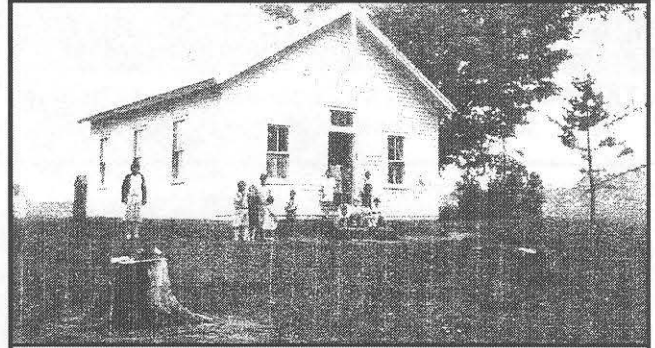
Some of the teachers for the district were: Bradley B. Brown 1881-82; Fred W. Brown, fall 1882; Lizzie Caulkins, spring 1883; Malinda Lanfear 1883-84; Ora L. Shelmidine 1885-87; Grace Jenks 1887-88; DeGratia Fralick 1888-89; Jennie Moore 1891-92; Nellie Horth 1892-93; Mittie Grimshaw 1893-94; Jennie Moore 1894-95; Myrtle Bishop, summer 1895; Stella Reed, fall 1895; Bertha Fox, spring 1896.

Students in 1886 were: Nora, Delilah, Fred & Bert Brown; Stephen Caulkins; Emma, Arthur & Augustus

Flaherty; Eddie Fox; Katie, Arthur & Pearl Gillett; Charles & Mittie Grimshaw; Maude & Mettie Middleton; Carrie Moore; John & Clarence Sharp; Minnie Wagoner; Dannie, Lottie, Eddie, Bennie, Charles & Lewis Wise.

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## Pitkin School District #12



**The Pitkin District #12 Schoolhouse was located on the State Road between Sharp Road and Dia-**

Pitkin School District #12 was also known as Phelps District & Bartlett District. The schoolhouse was located on the State Road between Sharp Road and Diamond Road. Very little is known about the schoolhouse's history. The building has been gone for a long time now.

In October 1914 the school was closed on account of Diphtheria in the Campbell family. The district school closed in June 1940 when the district contracted with Lorraine Village and all the children were transported there. The district merged with Mannsville Central School in September 1954.

Some of the teachers for the district were: Fred W. Brown 1881-82; Warren W. Steele 1882-83; Liva Grimshaw 1883-84; Malinda Lanfear 1885-87; Addie Lamson 1887-88; Lois Lyman 1888-89; Miss Cool 1892-93; Edward Pitkin 1894-95; Bertha Purdy 1895-96; Mr. Tennant 1898-99.

Students in 1880 were: Hattie & Carrie Hitckcock; Carrie, Marshall, Freddie, Frank & Hattie Lillie; Belle, Emma, Mina, Byron & Frank Pitkin; Minnie, Lida & Vinnie Caulkins.

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**CAPT. JOHN BISHOP** (son of JOHN & MARY (PEAKE) BISHOP) was born 24 Sep 1733 in Woodstock, Conn. He was a 2nd Lt. in the French and Indian War in Conn. and a captain in the Revolutionary War in New Hampshire. He lived in Holland, MA in 1762, moved to Chesterfield, NH, and to Henderson, NY between 1801 and 1804. He died 25 Sep 1828 in Henderson. Although his grave has not been found, he is believed to be buried at Bishop Cemetery, Henderson, along with other family members. He married (1) in 1763 at Woodstock, Conn. EXPERIENCE HARRIS, daughter of Abner and Mary Harris. She was born 4/19/1744 and died before 1780 in Chesterfield, NH.

Children:

- 2 i OLIVE BISHOP
- 3 ii MOLLY BISHOP
- 4 iii ESTHER BISHOP
- 5 iv JOHN BISHOP
- 6 v ABNER BISHOP

He married (2) in 1781 in Chesterfield, NH, SERVIAH KELLOGG, who was born in 1753 and died Aug 1841 in Lorraine. She is believed to be buried beside her husband in Henderson.

Children, all born in Chesterfield, NH:

- + 7 i CALVIN BISHOP married (1) SALLY ARMSTRONG, (2) SALLY PECK
- + 8 ii Rev. LUTHER BISHOP married ANNA CARTER
- + 9 ii ASA BISHOP married POLLY SPRAGUE
- + 10 iii CLARISSA BISHOP married ROSWELL DAVIS
- + 11 iv Rev. SYLVESTER BISHOP married ALMEDIA (---)

7. CALVIN BISHOP (son of JOHN & SERVIAH (KELLOGG) BISHOP) was born 9 Feb 1782 in Chesterfield, NH. He came to Henderson between 1801 & 1804. He served in the War of 1812 in Capt. Solomon McCumber's company, Col. Clark Allen's 55th Regiment of NYV Militia. He died 24 Jan 1850 at Henderson, and is buried in the Bishop Cemetery. He married (1) 15 Apr 1802 SALLY ARMSTRONG, who was born in 1783 and died 11/12/1816 in Henderson.

Children, all born in Henderson:

- 12 i CHARLES WESLEY BISHOP married SUSAN GORE

13 ii HORACE A. BISHOP

He married (2) 19 Jan 1817 in Henderson SALLY PECK, who was the daughter of LUMAN & EUNICE (BELL) PECK. She was born May 1796 in Mayfield, NY and died 5 Mar 1889 in Henderson.

Children, all born in Henderson:

- 14 i ALONZO BISHOP married MARY E. SCOTT
- 15 ii EUNICE BISHOP
- 16 iii JOHN BISHOP
- 17 iv LUCINDA BISHOP
- 18 v A. H. BISHOP
- 19 vi ALEXANDER BISHOP
- 20 vii CATHERINE ELIZABETH BISHOP
- 21 viii HELEN JANE BISHOP married LYMAN GREEN

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- 22 ix ALICE BISHOP d.y.
- 23 x OLIVE BISHOP d.y.
- 24 xi OLIVE D. BISHOP
- 25 xii JENNIE BISHOP married (---) MONTGOMERY

8. Rev. LUTHER BISHOP, (son of JOHN & SERVIAH (KELLOGG) BISHOP) was born 27 May 1783 in Chesterfield, NH. He came to Henderson with his family between 1801 & 1804. He became a Methodist preacher and was one of the pioneer missionary evangelist circuit preachers in New York State. He traveled many years up and down the St Lawrence River and Upper Canada. He died 14 Apr 1857 at Lorraine, NY, and was buried at Rural Cemetery, Lorraine. He married in 1807 ANNA CARTER, who was born 4/14/1790 and died 11/24/1860 in Lorraine.

Children, born in Watertown, NY:

- + 26 i Rev. JOHN FLETCHER BISHOP married ALLENA BROWN
- 27 ii CYNTHIA BISHOP married Rev. JOHN THOMAS

9. ASA BISHOP (son of JOHN & SERVIAH (KELLOGG) BISHOP) was born 7 Nov 1785 in Chesterfield, NH. He came to Henderson with his family. He served in the War of 1812 in Capt. Daniel Talcott's Company, Col. Clark Allen's 55th Regiment of NYV Militia. He moved to Michigan to live with a son after his wife died. He died 10 Jun 1872 at Bainbridge, MI. He married on 1/10/1807 in Henderson, NY POLLY SPRAGUE, daughter of Lt. Col. ANTHONY & ESTHER (JONES) SPRAGUE. She was born 23 Aug 1792 and died 29 Dec 1851.

Children, all born in Henderson:

- 28 i HARRIET BISHOP married ORSEMUS SPINK
- 29 ii ROXANA BISHOP married HARLEY HARRINGTON
- 30 iii ANTHONY SPRAGUE BISHOP married CLARINDA BABCOCK

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31 iv SUSAN MARIA BISHOP married ALBERT HALL

32 v ADELINE SOPHRONIA BISHOP married ALEXANDER McNEIL

33 vi MORRIS STEARNS BISHOP married SARAH WRIGHT

34 vii EMILY SOPHIA BISHOP d.y.

35 viii APPLETON ASA BISHOP

36 ix JOHN KELLOGG BISHOP married SARAH KNAPP

37 x ABIGAIL JANE BISHOP married WILLIAM BABCOCK

38 xi LAURA SOPHIA BISHOP married JONATHAN LEWIS

10. CLARISSA BISHOP (daughter of JOHN & SERVIAH (KELLOGG) BISHOP) was born in 1786 in Chesterfield, NH. She died 8/4/1875 in Henderson, NY and is buried at Bishop Cemetery, Henderson. She married ROSWELL DAVIS, who was born in 1785. He served in the War of 1812 in Capt. Solomon McCumber's Co., Col. Clark Allen's 55th Regiment NYV Militia. He died 14 May 1848, Henderson.

Children:

39 i CAROLINE M. DAVIS married PHILO HUNGERFORD

(---) 40 ii ALBERT A. DAVIS married CAROLINE

41 iii HORATIO NELSON DAVIS married CLARISSA CUSHMAN

42 iv ALMEDI A ANN DAVIS married E. DARWIN AINSWORTH

43 v LOUISA MARIE DAVIS married A. W. COLE

44 vi ALFRED K. DAVIS married ABIGAIL HUNGERFORD

45 vii LAURA SOPHIA DAVIS

46 viii WILLIAM PITT DAVIS

47 ix GEORGE DAVIS

48 x ERMINA ELIZA DAVIS

11. Rev. SYLVESTER BISHOP (son of JOHN & SERVIAH (KELLOGG) BISHOP) was born 17 Apr 1792 in Chesterfield, NH. He came to Henderson with his family and served in the War of 1812 in Capt. Martin Barney's Company, Col. Clark Allen's 55th NYV militia. He became a Methodist minister and moved to Clayton, NY. He married ALMEDI A (---). She died 7/9/1869.

Children:

49 i CORNELIA BISHOP married RICHARD SHARE

50 ii ERWIN K. BISHOP

51 iii GOODWIN P. BISHOP

52 iv SAMUEL H. BISHOP

53 v WILLIAM T. BISHOP

54 vi ORISSA D. BISHOP married ELIJAH BOW

55 vii JOHN FLETCHER BISHOP

56 viii SYLVESTER K. BISHOP

57 ix ALBERT A. BISHOP

58 x DANIEL A. BISHOP

26. REV. JOHN FLETCHER BISHOP SR. (son of Rev.

LUTHER & ANNA (CARTER) BISHOP) was born 24 Oct 1809 in Watertown, NY. He was ordained a Baptist Preacher in 1830 and moved to Lorraine, NY. He died 30 Oct 1859 at Lorraine, and is buried in the Rural Cemetery there. He married on 30 Sep 1830 in Lorraine, NY ALLENA BROWN, daughter of Aaron & Betsey (Burpee) Brown. She was born 25 Dec 1810 in Lorraine and died 11 Sep 1903 in Lorraine.

Children:

59 i JUDSON WADE BISHOP married (1) ELLEN HUESTED; (2) MARY AXTELL

60 ii LUTHER H. BISHOP married ADELINE GILMAN

61 iii ANNA ELIZABETH BISHOP married (1) THOMAS ELLERBEE; (2) Dr. Rev. ALEXANDER CHAMBLISS

62 iv AARON BROWN married (1) ELLEN AMANDA CRUMM; (2) MARY GILLETTE

63 v ALLENA B. BISHOP married OVID ROLFE

64 vi JOHN FLETCHER BISHOP, Jr. married ANN AUGUSTA PHINNEY

65 vii CYNTHIA PAMELIA married GEORGE H. GARDNER

66 viii FRANCES FLORA VIOLA BISHOP married THOMAS J. BIDWELL

67 ix MARY LOUISA BISHOP married ALONZO CUMMINGS

68 x LEVI B. BISHOP married LOUISE M. NICHOLS

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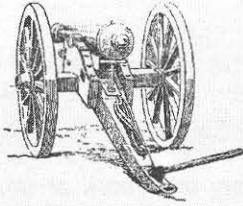
## O'Neil School District #13

The O'Neil School District #13 was also known as Standish District; Southeast Lorraine. The schoolhouse was located on the Diamond Road between French Settlement Road and Town Line Road. A new schoolhouse was built in 1883, the history before this is unknown. In 1926 there were 20 students attending the district school. The district was annexed to Adams Center-Adams Central School in September 1965. After the school closed the building sat vacant. The schoolhouse fell down in the 1980's.

Some of the teachers for the district were: Warren W. Steele 1883-84; Carrie Hitchcock 1888-89; Francis M. Clark 1889; Lottie Moore 1889-90; Fred Stewart 1891; E. N. Valliere 1892; Malinda Folsom 1893; Julia Overton 1893-94; Bertha Purdy 1894-95; Nell Rumsey 1895-96; Minnie Houghtaling 1899-1900.

Students in 1887 were: Willie Bates; Jennie, Annie & Nora Carpenter; Henry Gardner; Alexander McDonald, Cornelia Nichols; Eva Piddock; Ada, Dempster & Norman Walts; Ella & Eva Whitaker.

# CIVIL WAR BIOGRAPHY



## James Gifford Brown Union Soldier - Distinguished Service

James Gifford Brown was born in Rodman June 23, 1842, the son of James Canfield and Abigail Gifford Brown. He enlisted Oct. 29, 1861, in the 94th Regiment, New York Volunteers, Company A at Rodman. He was wounded in the back at the second battle of Bull Run in September 1862. He was discharged at Albany Feb. 21, 1863 and returned to Rodman. He died August 24, 1920 in Watertown, NY.

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Washington, Sept. 2.

Manassas Junction and Bull Run

Our army has advanced two miles towards the late battlefield. The killed are being buried, and the wounded removed under a flag of truce. About 2800 have this far been removed from the various fields of battle. Within the list of Wounded 94th N. Y. Volunteers - Gifford Brown, 94th N. Y., back.

WOUNDED IN 1863 PAIN NEVER ENDED BACK  
BONE SHATTERED BY CONFEDERATE BULLET  
JAMES GIFFORD BROWN DIES

Lay Behind Rebel Lines Four Days With Nothing to Eat  
but Raw Corn

James Gifford Brown, 77 years of age, a veteran of Company A, 94th Regular N. Y. Volunteers in the Civil War, who was seriously wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, died at his home in the Devendorf block on State Street about 1 this morning. Mr. Brown had never been free from pain since he was discharged from the Union army in 1863, but his condition has been critical since this spring. On June 29 of this year he fell in his room and broke his hip, and since that day he has been constantly confined to his bed.

The wound which Mr. Brown suffered at the second battle of Bull Run resulted in the ball touching the inside of his back bone. Over 70 pieces of bone have been taken from the wound. He was not free from pain a moment since he was wounded. For about ten years his condition has been such that he did not do

any work.

Mr. Brown was born in Rodman June 23, 1842, the son of James Canfield and Abigail Gifford Brown. His mother died when he was three years old. Mr. Brown spent his early life at Rodman. He enlisted Oct. 29, 1861, in Company A. 94th Regiment, New York Volunteers. When he was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run he was carried from the field by members of his company to an old house about two miles away. He was there four days with nothing but two small nubbins of raw corn to eat. He remained ten days with others at this house within the rebel lines. The tenth day he was taken to the hospital at Fairfax seminary and remained there about three months. He was discharged at Albany Feb. 21, 1863 and returned to Rodman.

He married Miss Caroline A. Butterfield Oct. 15, 1866, the granddaughter of Zachariah Butterfield, who came to Watertown in 1800 and built his home on the spot where the Y. M. C. A. building now stands. It was in 1805 that he with seven other pioneer residents deeded to the village of Watertown the land out of which Public Square was surveyed and plotted. Mrs. Brown passed away June 24, 1913.

In early manhood he was a merchant at Rodman and afterward in Rochester. His later life has been spent in Watertown. He was a member of Joe Spratt Post, No. 323, G. A. R. He leaves one daughter, Miss Grace Wyman Brown of Watertown, a teacher in the State Street school; one sister, Mrs. Abbie Brown of Rodman and three nephews, W. Z. Brown and Milo G. Brown, both of Rodman, and Leroy S. Brown of the town of Adams. The funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of relatives.

Sources: Newspaper - Syracuse Daily Courier - September, 1862

Newspaper - Watertown Daily Times - Friday, August 24, 1920 Jefferson County NYGenWeb, US Civil War Service Records, for Gifford Brown

"Thus ended the great American Civil War, which upon the whole must be considered the noblest and least avoidable of all the great mass conflicts of which till then there was record."

-Winston Churchill, *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*



# ASK AUNT JEFF



Aunt Jeff attended the JCNYS meeting on June 13, and learned so much about the War of 1812, the only war which had a foot on Jefferson County soil. A cannon ball from that war rolls around on the parlor floor, after being exhumed during plowing.

People honoring the fallen soldiers have kept interest in cemeteries, and were the first impulse for Memorial Day, a much bigger holiday in previous generations, especially those touched by the Civil War, or the War Between the States. In Auntie Jeff's younger days it was called Decoration Day, and it was the beginning of the summer season. When we find Gramma's grave in Jefferson County, but not Grampa's, we call it a brick wall. Here are a couple of true examples that might give clues to YOUR missing relatives.

Grampa quarreled with his eldest son, to whom he had left the family farm. It was a bitter controversy, and drew in other family members. So when Grampa could no longer live alone, instead of moving in with Robert, he made the long journey by boat to Indiana, where he lived with Harrison, who had seven daughters ("a great burden to a poor man") and wrote several letters to other sons from which we learn that he died and was buried there. And sure enough, by widening our search, we found him buried with an appropriate stone far away from Jefferson County. In that case a stray letter provided a clue.

Genealogists and family historians are some of the most generous people in the world, generous with that most precious commodity, their own time. When searches in Jefferson County did not turn up any clues to the Kilborns, we started on the surrounding counties, inquiring of town historians. After several letters, we struck pay dirt in Oswego County, and would have been content with the name of the cemetery, but one elderly volunteer searched the cemetery for us, unasked, and turned up not only other relatives, but another generation. A letter to a town historian triggered the avalanche of information.

Another grandmother's stone never did turn up, though we know she was living with Aunt Sallie when she died. Her husband's stone never appeared either. He was a Revolutionary veteran, and the American Legion wanted to put a marker on his grave. We know in which cemetery he was probably buried, but we also know that his family probably didn't have the wherewithal to get him a stone. I looked in vain for years in

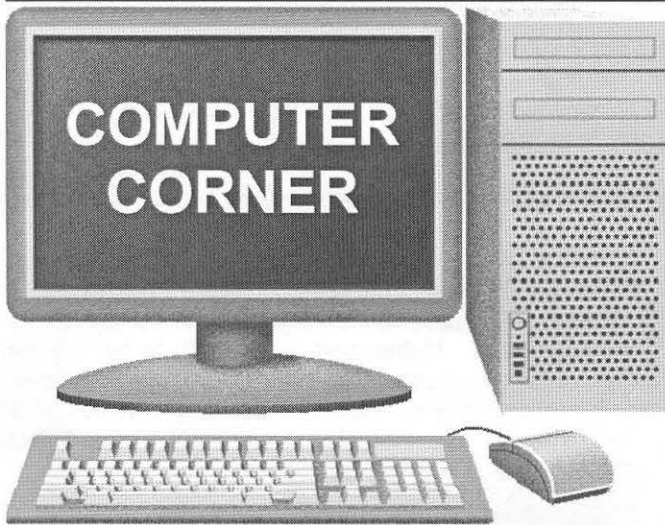
*Letters may be sent snail mail:*  
Aunt Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,  
Clayton NY 13624  
or E-mail [nandixon@Gisco.net](mailto:nandixon@Gisco.net)

Lewis County, the census claiming he had lived there. Then his pension application turned up in Jefferson County, and other papers indicated he passed the last years of his life there. It also stated that he moved approximately every ten years or so, always west and north. Don't build your brick wall on the faulty assumption that your ancestors never moved, and learn to love your neighbor counties.

Gram, the only grandparent I ever knew, told me her father was from Keighley, Yorkshire. Secure in this faulty knowledge, I searched for his birth record. Another brick wall! Then census records showed that at the age of six, he was working at a cotton mill near Skipton. Church records, provided by LDS, the Mormon Church, showed him baptized in Lancashire, a neighboring county (shire) to Yorkshire with his brother. Further poking around, assisted by a family association, gave us not only his grandparents, but the exact farm where the family lived before the Industrial Revolution drew these poor farmers off the land and into factories. This led to a study of history which, in turn, threw light on a family of Scots across the border. It also led to a further study of the offerings of the LDS church, and proved an elderly aunt's faint memory that her grandmother came from Inch, Scotland. Key information: LDS transcriptions of church records.

Mention in a presentation at another JCNYS meeting by a Canadian genealogist that the border between the US and Canada was completely open until 1908 prevented fruitless searches for records of family members moving back and forth across the borders. My parents grew up on both sides of the border, my husband's father was born in Canada...but that's another involved story. Attendance at a JCNYS meeting opened that door.

**The Rocket (1792)**  
The Chinese first used "fire arrows" in the 13th century. The British used them in the War of 1812. The "rockets" seen by Francis Scott Key were Congreves, 12-pound warheads fired at Fort McHenry from British boats.



The Jefferson County GenWebSite, home to the JCNYS, is a part of the USGenWeb Project. Your coordinators, Bill and Nan Dixon, would like to share this letter with the society. Mind you, it's not the Jefferson County site which received the praise, but the entire, nation wide project, of which the Jefferson County site is only a tiny part, but it does come under the oversight of the national one, and conforms to its rules. We're proud!

"Congratulations! Your website (The USGenWeb Project) has been named one of our annual 101 best family history websites in the September 2011 issue of Family Tree Magazine, which is now going out to subscribers and goes on sale at newsstands nationwide on June 28. The full list, including your site, can also be found on our website at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/101-best-websites-2011>.

Thanks for providing such a useful resource for the readers of Family Tree Magazine and, again, congratulations.

Best,  
Diane Haddad  
Managing Editor Family Tree Magazine  
[www.familytreemagazine.com](http://www.familytreemagazine.com)

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Olive Tree Genealogy site has always seemed too unwieldy for me to attack, but I have found a site that breaks it into manageable pieces. The trouble seems to be that I wander around and get nothing done, because it is so interesting. If you have no photos of your ancestors, and think there's no hope of you finding any, try [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/faces/?cj=1&o\\_xid=0002375064&o\\_lid=0002375064](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ote/faces/?cj=1&o_xid=0002375064&o_lid=0002375064) and click on Lost Faces.

Here are some more pages on Olive Tree that I find interesting:

Family history books on line  
Irish Immigration Lists 1833-1839

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Blogs appear to be with us for good. Genealogy has a long list of them, some useful, and some not. A sampling appears on Ancestry.com, a tool I avoid since I have long maintained that one can find family roots without paying a fortune. However, The Genealogy News - Weekly Edition appears in my email every week without charge. It gives an overview of current genealogy news, including blogs, and other handy sites. Since their material is copyrighted, I can only safely give you urls and let you see for yourself.

Olive Tree Genealogy has its own listing at <http://olivetreeregenealogy.blogspot.com> Probably many of you already know about this, but having just found it, I wanted to share.

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A blog with a good reputation, this is free and daily. It is put out by Dick Eastman, a man with a wide reputation for knowing what he's writing about. [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/standard-edition.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/standard-edition.html)

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And yet another Dick Eastman site: <http://blog.eogn.com/> with a lot of information. Check out that hand held scanner!



# Jefferson County Queries

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

**Subject: Jefferson County Informer Query**

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

## CURTIS, ALEXANDER, RICE

I am searching for the birth/marriage of a Jairus **CURTIS** born 9 Jun 1796. aka Jarrad, Jarad, Jarius, Jari-ous, James, Jamie. He married Susannah **ALEXANDER** born in Vermont in 1795. They had children born in Jefferson County New York:

Mark St John 1819

Cynthia abt 1820

Jairus abt 1823

Tharessa abt 1827

Sylvester abt 1826

Stephen abt 1828

Susannah is the daughter of Jonathan **ALEXANDER** born about 1749 in Old Fort Dummer (Brattleboro), Windham, VT and died in Mexico, Oswego, NY March 7, 1838, and Bathsheba **RICE** born 1754 in Massachusetts and also dying in 1844 in Mexico, Oswego, NY. I sure would appreciate some help.

*Fred Adkins*

*869 Sunridge Dr.*

*Waupaca, WI 54981*

*fred\_adkins@hotmail.com*

## BALDWIN, BROWER, BAUER, MONTRY

I am looking for information on Claude **BALDWIN** and his wife Hazel. They were living at 643 LeRay St., Watertown, NY. They had a daughter that died at 2 months. Don't know why. I believe Hazel's maiden name was **BROWER/BAUER** and would like to verify that. I am also not sure if Hazel was born in Michigan or Indiana and would like to find that out too. I believe Hazel was born in 1900 or so. Claude was born Sept. 2, 1897.

I was sent information stating that Claude sued Hazel for divorce in Jefferson County Newspaper in 1924 and he then married a woman named Bellivia **MONTRY** in 1925 and they moved. Any help would be so appreciated. This is a brick wall for me. I would like to know what happened to Hazel, where she went after the divorce because her daughter never saw her again, and her grand children would like to know when and where she died and where she is buried. Her grand children would like to know all they can. Thank you so much.

*Gerrie in NJ*

*chicka2962@aol.com*

## WAGONER

Nettie **WAGONER** was born in 1875. Nettie was a teacher in a one room schoolhouse somewhere near her household. Nettie died giving birth to twins when she was approximately 23-27 years of age. She lived in the household of Abraham or Abram **WAGONER** her father in law. Her husband was Frank **WAGONER** according to 1900 US census.

I have no household address, no street number or street name. I have no map.

Information is for research for upcoming sculpture exhibition.

*Pat Beglin*

*patbeglin@yahoo.com*

## I Am My Own Grandpa!

*author unknown*

Many many years ago when I was twenty three, I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be. This widow had a grown-up daughter who had hair of red. My father fell in love with her and soon the two were wed. This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life. My daughter was my mother for she was my father's wife. To complicate the matters worse, although it brought me joy, I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy. My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad and so became my uncle, though it made me very sad. For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother to the widow's grown-up daughter who, of course, was my step-mother. Father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run and he became my grandson for he was my daughter's son. My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue because, although she is my wife, she's my grandmother too. If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild and every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild for now I have become the strangest case you ever saw. As the husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa!



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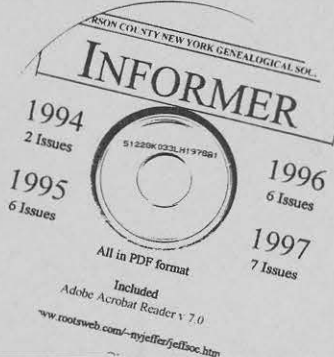
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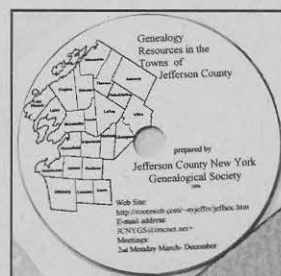
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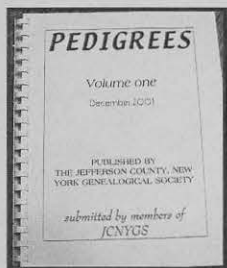
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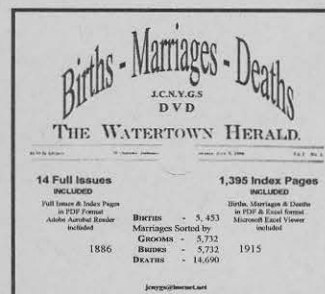
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Jim Eagan—"Pirate Bill Part II"

### September 12

Monday—at LDS Church 6 pm  
"Cryptic Clues in the Bone  
Yard" - Unearthing genealogi-  
cal data in the cemetery

### October 8 (tentatively)

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Marguerite Raineri from Stone  
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### November 5

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Joint District (Town of Adams and Town of Rodman). Merged with Adams High School in 1957.  
(Most famous student—General Bruce C. Clarke who rose from a private to a 4-star General in the U.S. Army).

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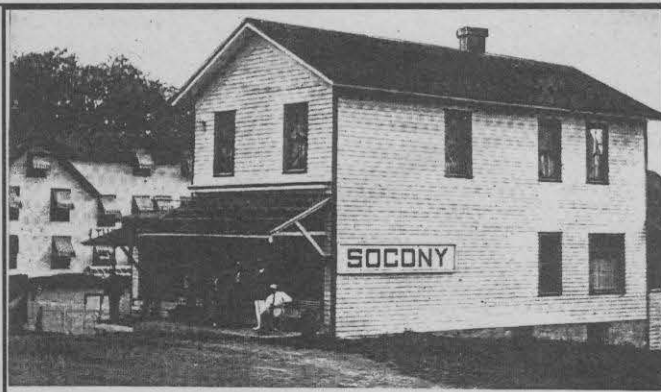
Letters to the editor may be directed to [nandixon001@gmail.com](mailto:nandixon001@gmail.com) or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

### Sons of the American Revolution

A new chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is being formed in NNY. We are looking to include all SAR members and prospective members in Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis Counties and southeastern Ontario Province. Interested parties should contact:

Parks Honeywell  
 48099 Hibbard Point Ext.  
 Redwood, NY 13679  
 (315) 212-9077  
[Parks@honeywellfamily.com](mailto:Parks@honeywellfamily.com)

We could learn a lot from crayons:  
 some are sharp, some are pretty,  
 some are dull, some have weird  
 names, and all are different colors ....  
 but they all exist very nicely in the  
 same box.



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From our May 2011 issue and titled -  
 Unknown Picture at T. I. Museum! Where is it?

20 June 2011

Nan,

In 1952, my Fassett family temporarily relocated from Syracuse to South Colton on route 56 south of Potsdam. This photo reminds me of the store where we picked up our general delivery mail. Appreciate and enjoy each issue of the *Informer*.

Gloria

Birthdays are good for you; the more  
 you have, the longer you live.

# JCNYGS

## Minutes for June 13, 2011

Minutes by Terry Baker

Terry Baker called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The minutes stood approved. The treasurer's report was that there is a total of \$4836.44 in the three accounts. A motion by Bob VanBrocklin to accept the treasurer's report was seconded by Anne Davis and approved by a vote.

Phyllis explained that the next meeting's program on July 11<sup>th</sup> will be by David Kendall and will focus on the diary written by a 22 year old woman in 1865 during the Civil War.

### Old business-

Terry Baker said he has had no luck contacting the Jefferson County Fair about the possibility of our having a table at this year's fair.

### New business-

Parks Honeywell of Redwood wants to start a local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Interested members can contact him at 315-212-9077.

Carol Heimburg from the Central NYGS explained that on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the CNYGS will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a two day conference at the Comfort Inn and Suites at 6701 Buckley Road in North Syracuse. Friday's session begins with registration from 4:00 to 6:00. Exhibitors will be available from 5:00. The dinner follows at 6:00 with Barry Ewell as the featured speaker. His topic is, "Ah, Ha! I'm a genealogist and Lovin it." Non-members may attend Friday's session and dinner for \$30.00. Saturday's sessions are \$35.00. Late registration fees apply after September 15<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is available at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycnygs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycnygs).

Phyllis explained Loyalist Trails as an online newsletter detailing some stories of the history of the Loyalists.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clancy Hopkins, seconded by Nan Dixon, and approved.

Raya Lee, a Buffalo librarian who has played with their philharmonic, spoke about the War of 1812.

# JCNYGS

## Minutes for July 11, 2011

Minutes by Terry Baker

President Larry Corbett called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

President Corbett asked for a moment of silence in memory of Pauline Zach who passed away recently.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The minutes stood approved.

The treasurer's report was that there is a total of \$4638.04 in the three accounts. A motion by Hollis Dorr to accept the treasurer's report was seconded by Anne Davis and approved by a vote.

Phyllis explained that the next meeting's program on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Alexandria Bay at the MacSherry Library will focus on Bill Johnson.

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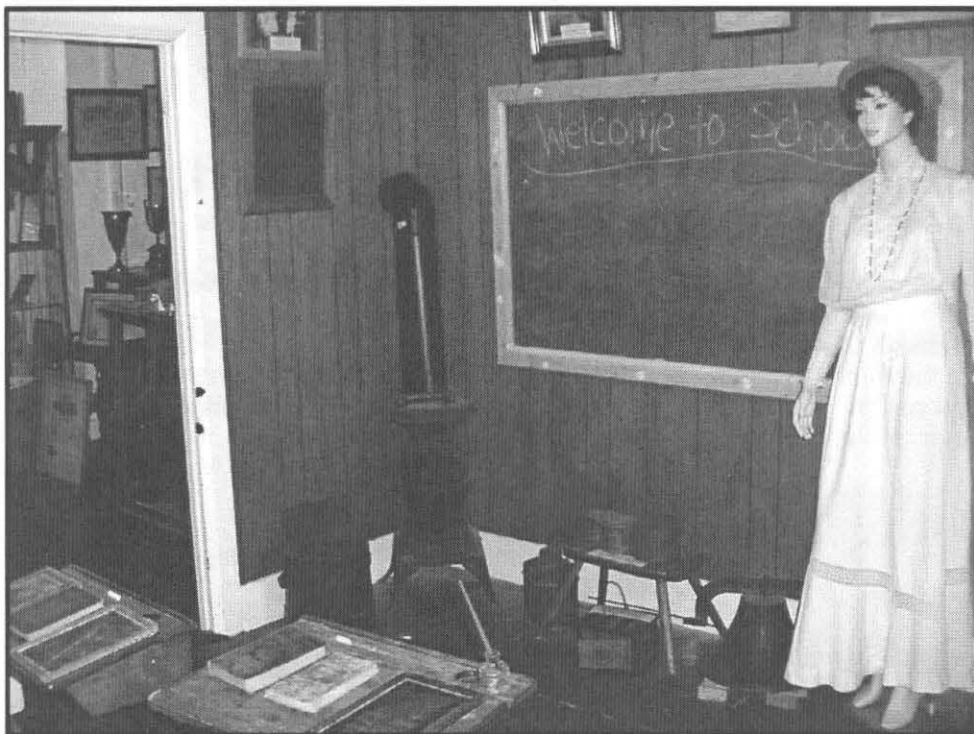
### New Business-

Bill Dixon spoke about upcoming topics.

Election of officers will be in September. President Corbett asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee. No one stepped forward. Terry Baker said that he will be resigning his position as he will be in Florida and not able to attend winter meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hollis Dorr, seconded by Bill Dixon, and approved.

David Kendall, from Clayton spoke about and quoted from the 1865 diary of a twenty-two year old Clayton lady.



We've included here a couple pictures of the school room upstairs at the Historical Association of South Jefferson at 29 East Church Street in Adams, NY. We again encourage our readers to take advantage of this wonderful collection of early history of southern Jefferson County and while we are concentrating on the early schools, you will be amazed at all that is available at the museum. Visit not only their web site at [HTTP://hasjny.tripod.com](http://hasjny.tripod.com) but also make plans to visit the museum itself at 29 East Church Street in Adams, NY.

We continue our review of early schools in southern Jefferson County (especially those that now comprise the South Jefferson Central School) with a look at the early Town of Adams schools. Again we are using Debbie Quick's *History of the Town of Adams* as our source of information and are so very pleased that Debbie and the Historical Association of South Jefferson have made their resources available to us.

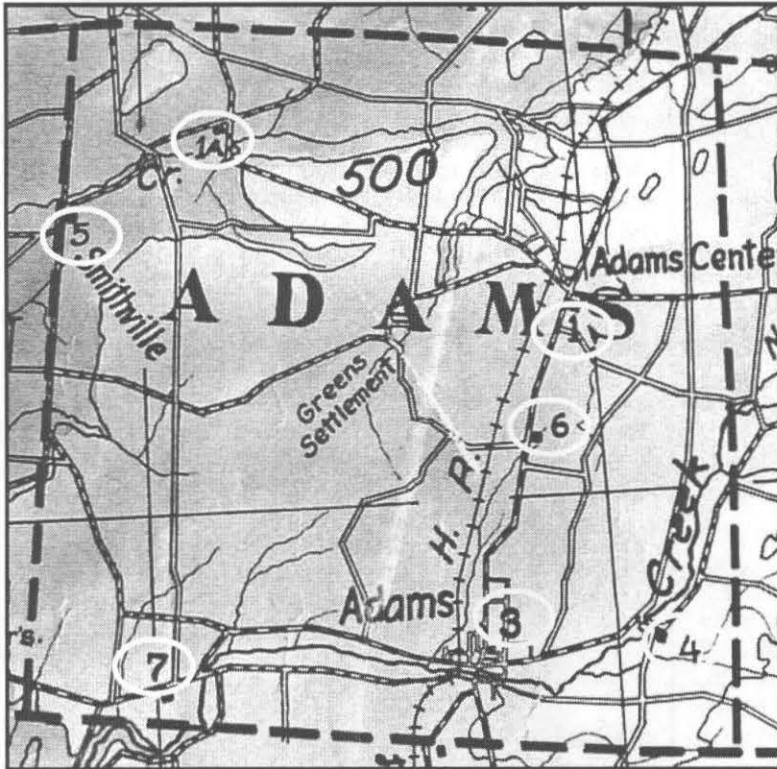
While our efforts in this issue are to find information on the earliest local school districts, Debbie's *History of the Town of Adams* also includes information on the Adams Seminary, the Philomathic Institute, the Adams Collegiate Institute and the Hungerford Institute. Perhaps a future issue of the *Informer* might feature information on these schools as well.

Oh! The memories when I look at things like the school bell, the variety of desks that I remember sitting at, the ink wells on the desk that I put Jean Cook's braids in one time, Ooops! Forget about that one. The feather pens were little before my time. That map on the wall reminds me of the contest to be the first to find a location on it. That red headed Judy Dunning won! Maybe if I'd paid more attention to the map instead of Judy, I'd would have won... Ooops! Better forget about that one too! I remember that long wooden bench in the principal's office. We used to... Ooops! Again!



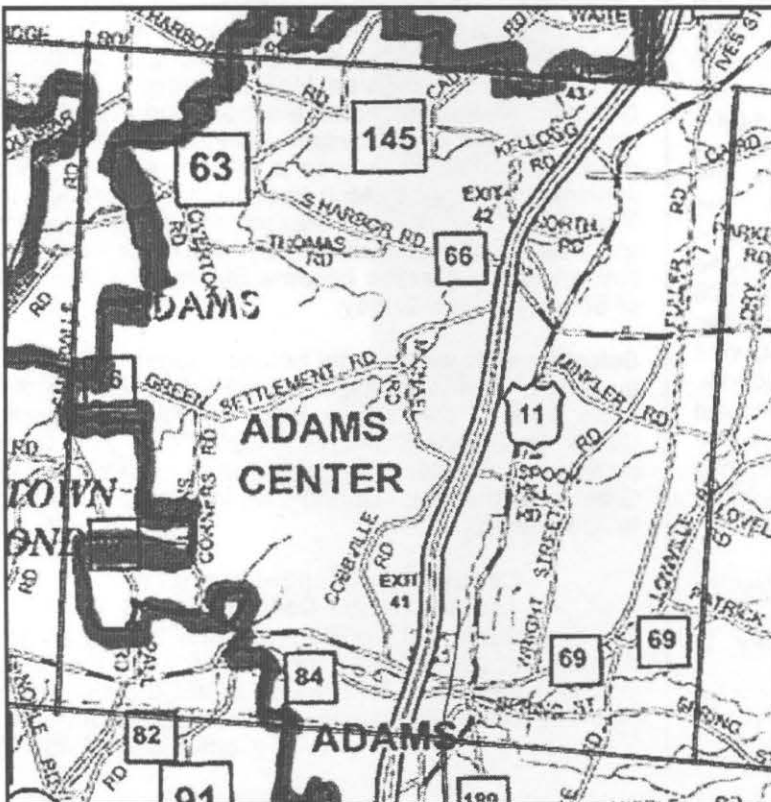


# Town of Adams Early School Districts



- #1 - Adams Center
- #2 - Thompson
- #3 - North Adams
- #4 - Kellogg
- #5 - Smithville
- #6 - Maxson
- #7 - Honeyville
- #8 - Ball District
- #9 - Lyons Corners
- #10 - Green Settlement
- #11 - Sand Street
- #12 - Thomas Settlement
- #13 - Adams Village
- #14 - Lisk Bridge

Our search for the location of the early district schools becomes quite complicated with the information available to us at this point. The map above is from an undated early schools map that *Informer* committee chairman Bill Dixon has made available to us. It shows only numbers up to 7 and we can't find number 2 but can see 1A. Also the list of 14 districts from Debbie Quick's *History of the Town of Adams* has just enough information on some district schools that would not match the numbers on Bill's map that we've only circled the numbers available and mention only that they may not be the same number as referred to in Debbie's list.



We include a map that has been marked for the boundaries of the present South Jefferson School District. We notice that the Sackets Harbor School District takes a portion of the Northwest corner of the Town of Adams and the Belleville-Henderson School District takes a portion of the Southwest corner. The South Jefferson School District also takes a portion of the Town of Hounsfield on the Northern border of the Town of Adams.



**Adams Center District School #1**

The first schoolhouse was built in 1823 and a stone schoolhouse built in 1829. The next schoolhouse shown above was built in 1876.

## Adams Center District School #1

The first school house was a small plank building erected at the fork in the road in 1823 by Luman and Hiram Arms, R. Warriner and Major Earl. This was used until 1829 when a stone building was erected. The stone school was used until 1857 when a new building was built. This school building was used until 1876 and another building was built. On January 6th, 1876 a union graded school was formed with the board of education consisting of J. Q. Arms, Correl D. Potter, J. C. Heath, Ephraim C. Crosby, A. J. Greene, John A. D. Snell, L. Williams, Asa M. Greene, J. J. Witter and Walter Fuller. The building was remodeled in 1891 with new seats installed, a new ceiling, walls painted, etc. A two story school was built in 1897 for a two year high school course. The regents was first given at the school in March 1897 and the school was registered as the Adams Center Union Free School. The first graduating class of the two year course was in June 1899. In August 1899 the Union Free School contracted to teach the older children in the Honeyville and Green Settlement districts. The trustees in 1906 were: Henry Glass, A. M. Sanford, Lewis G. Banister, and Walter G. Bunce. In October 1907 the school was advanced from a middle grade to a senior school. Schools of a senior grade had to maintain an approved three year course of study in their academic departments and approved instruction in pre-academic grades. They were also qualified to receive non-resident academic students at state expense.

The graduates in 1911 were: Mary H. Reed, Wesley W. Trowbridge, Agnes Snell, George Worden, I. Mabelle Onderdonk, Ernest Williams and Mary L. Greene.

The graduates in 1912 were: Will Corey, Virgil Langworthy, Horace Lord, Russell C. Langworthy, Bessie

Parker, Eva Witter, Bessie Wilbur, Pauline Haynes, and Mary Parham.

In the spring of 1914 the teachers were: Grace Cagwin, primary; Talcott Parker, 4th, 5th & 6th grades; Mrs. Will Cagwin, 7th & 8th; and E. W. Coons was the principal and Alice Pugh, assistant principal. The school continued to accept the students from Honeyville and Greene Settlement, plus the Maxson District. Grace Cagwin had a class of over 50 pupils. In August 1914 the district hired another teacher and divided the grades (1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th). They also advanced to a four year high school course and became the Adams Center High School. The courses were: Science, Mathematics, Latin, English, French, History and Civics.

The first commencement of the Adams Center High School was held at Heath's Opera House on June 22, 1915. The graduates were: Leonard Guzewich, Halsey Oatman, Helen Van Waldick, Donald Glass, Earl Ryder, Olga Oatman, Thelma Gardiner, Dorothy D. Parker, Alma Greene, Jennie McIntosh, Lyle Cady, Ralph Greene, and Nellie Smith.

The teachers for the 1921-22 school year were: 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades - Grace Cagwin; 4th, 5th, 6th grades - Alma Crosby; 7th & 8th grades - Florence Harrington; High School - Roswell Peters, Eleanor Hammond and Hazel Davis. The Adams Center High School Alumni Association was organized in June 1922.

Several noted people graduated from the Adams Center District School - Melville Dewey who developed the Dewey Decimal System for Libraries, Dr. Austin Kent Hale, Dr. Eri P. Rice (later of Chicago), and Rev. Arthur Maine - later Dean of the Theological School of Alfred University. Three Hale brothers - Albert & George became respected teachers and William became a lawyer in Rochester. Rev. E. L. Tomlinson, preacher and author, moved to New Jersey. Manford Jenkins and Henry P. Mott became noted teachers in New York City. William Maxson moved to Yonkers and was the originator of self-keyed number work system and Holly Maxson became Supervising Principal of Schools in New Jersey.

Select Schools were taught between summer and winter terms. The first select school was taught in the upper floor of the Dewey Block by Keziah Greene. Cinderella Greene Bates also taught here. Both were daughter of Charles Greene, one of the first settlers in Greene Settlement. During Civil War era, Ellen Lee taught a select school.

### Central Rural School District #1 (Adams Center Central School)

The organization of the Central Rural School at Adams Center began in the fall of 1925 when the state informed the district that unless better facilities were provided New York State would no longer permit high

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 school diplomas. At that time the grammar school and high school were both held in the district schoolhouse. In response Central Rural School District No. 1 of the Towns of Adams and Rodman was officially formed on December 22, 1925. The district was formed by the consolidation of Union Free School District #1 at Adams Center and common school districts #3 (North Adams), #4 (Kellogg Hill), #6 (Maxson), #7 (Honeyville), #8 (Ball), #9 (Lyons Corners) & #10 (Green Settlement) in the town of Adams and districts #1 (Toad Hollow) & #6 (Dillin) in the town of Rodman. The first Board of Education consisted of A. E. Babcock, Dr. Wesley Trowbridge, Nelson W. Smith, Arthur E. Greene and Harry D. Maxson.

In the 1926-27 school year the district didn't run any outside school except in the Dillin District. School opened August 30, 1926 with 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, and High School meeting in the old school building and 3rd-6th met at the Edward's house on Maple Avenue. The teachers were: 1st & 2nd - Grace Cagwin, 3rd & 4th - Edith Webber, 5th & 6th - Alma Crosby, 7th & 8th - Vanetta Endsley, High School - L. F. Allen, W. G. Stinson, Adaline Bowers, Ollie Gowey. Four buses were purchased to bring the children from the outside districts. Each bus could carry 25 people. The bus drivers were Mark L. Parker, A. R. Heath, E. C. Reed, and Ross Catlin. The 1927 graduating class consisted of: Ruth Carley, Gladys Wyman, Marian Davis, Ella Bezner, Lloyd Hunt, Wilson Davis, Blanche Davis, Gerald Ryder, Kenneth Bird, and Frank Mantle.

In the winter of 1926 a building site was selected on Maple Avenue and included lots purchased from the Edwards, Boynton and Blount properties for \$8,000. Water was provided by a well. The architectural plans of O. D. Green, Jr. were accepted and the contractor was A. M. Sanford. Construction began in August 1926. The school cost \$120,000. The building was located 200 feet from the street. The front of the building was 116 feet wide and the extreme depth was 116 feet. The Gymnasium wing was one story and the main building was two stories high with a 10 foot high basement. The building was constructed of red tapestry brick, backed by hollow scored tile. The window frames and sash were white pine, painted dark brown. Directly over the front entrance was a litholite stone entablature in which was cut 'High School' and at the front entrance was a doorway of litholite stone. At either end of the main corridor were double exit doors and stairways. The auditorium had a seating capacity of 650 and a stage 28'x20'.

The school building was dedicated on November 29, 1927. The District Superintendent was W. J. Linnell. L. F. Allen was the principal and Nelson W. Smith was the president of the Board of Education. In the early years of the school, when buses couldn't get through the snow, arrangements were made to bring the students in on horse drawn sleighs.

The first graduating class (1928) to attend the new district school building consisted of: Helen Reed, Florence Aldrich, Floyd Aldrich, Dorothy Dillin, Dorothy Galloway, John Kellogg, Annis Kellogg, Marion Char-nick, and Hazel Caird.

In 1931 O. D. Greene, Jr. built an addition on to the school building to house the agricultural department. The addition was brick, 26'x62' and cost \$3,961. In September 1937 two more districts centralized with Adams Center - Sand Street, between Adams Center and Adams, and the Rodman village district.

By 1938 the district had outgrown the school building which was made to house 300 students. In 1938 the Centralized District contained 17 school districts and received students from eight more on contract. The current number of students was 500. They had to build a two story brick and concrete addition that added nine more classrooms at a cost of \$120,000. Elementary schools were also maintained at Rodman village, Rices district and Dunn district, but the older children attended Adams Center. The addition was completed in February 1940. In October 1940 the district purchased five - half acre building lots from Albert R. Heath for \$450 for use as a playground.

An unsuccessful attempt was made in 1953 to consolidate Adams and Adams Center schools. Adams Center voters turned down the consolidation and instead they voted to build an addition onto the existing building. The addition would house two kindergartens and ten elementary classrooms in a wing divided from the existing building by a new 60'x70' gymnasium and shops so that the facilities for the younger children were separate from the upper grades. The addition was completed in the fall of 1956 and cost \$470,000.

Adams High School again attempted to consolidate with Adams Center in 1958 and 1960, and again the Adams Center voters turned it down. In 1962 the issue was again raised and with the Adams Center school again overcrowded the Adams High School was annexed to the Adams Center Central School on July 1, 1962 and became the Adams Center-Adams Central School.

The water supply of the Adams Center building (from a 20' well) began to dwindle in 1962. Recent changes made in the Rodman highway were believed to be the cause of the well going dry. The Adams Fire Department had to truck in two tank loads of water everyday until the water lines from Adams to Adams Center were completed in 1968.

Maynard P. Wilson (1905-1966) was principal of the Adams Center School from 1949 until his death in 1966. On June 16, 1968 the Adams Center building was dedicated as the Maynard P. Wilson building.

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On June 30, 1968 the Mannsville-Manor Central School merged with Adams Center-Adams Central School and on July 1, 1968 the schools became the South Jefferson Central School District.

Following a five day blizzard in January 1977 that dropped five feet of snow and left drifts as high as 20 feet, the roof over a hallway at the Wilson building caved in. School was delayed while repairs were made, snow was removed from the roof and the building inspected.

On January 25, 1987 a natural gas leak caused an explosion at the Wilson Elementary Building that blew apart the south wing of the school and damaged several homes. Seventeen classrooms were lost, with seven completely destroyed. The school reopened with some classes held in North Junior High in Watertown. In August 1987 the Wilson Building was torn down and in September 1987 twenty temporary classrooms were set up. Nearly three years after the explosion a lawsuit was finally settled with Niagara Mohawk and on June 25, 1990 the ground was broken for a new building. The new Wilson Building was dedicated on January 25, 1992.



**Adams Center District School #1**  
after it was remodeled in 1897.

The district schoolhouse was remodeled in 1897 to make more room and the school became the Adams Center Union High School. The district centralized with 9 other schools (North Adams #3, Kellogg Hill #4, Maxson #6, Honeyville #7, Ball #8, Lyons Corners #9 and Green Settlement #10 in the town of Adams and Toad Hollow #1 & Dillin #6 in the Town of Rodman) and became the Central Rural School District #1 of the Towns of Adams and Rodman. The new Central School Building opened in September 1927 and use of this building as a school was discontinued.

### Thompson District #2

The Thompson District School #2 centralized with Adams Center about 1925.

## The North Adams District School #3

Nothing has been found on the early records of the school. A new schoolhouse was built on the site of the former Congregational Church in the fall of 1885. Some teachers have been: Janie Shaw (1913-1914), Bessie Parker (1915), Mrs. Roy Green (1916), Hazel Langworthy (1917), Irma Wheeler (1920), Mrs. Hugh Bemis (1921).

Some of the trustees were: Carlton Parker (1914), Will Owens (1916). No district school was held in 1922. All the children were taken to Adams Center.

## Kellogg District #4



**Kellogg Hill School District #4**  
Centralized with Adams Center in 1925.

## Smithville District #5

Smithville sits on the town line between Adams and Henderson. The school building itself was in the Town of Adams. The present day school district boundaries put Smithville not in either South Jefferson Central or Belleville-Henderson Central but Sackets Harbor Central School. We will attempt to include the Smithville District School #5 in our future issue on the Town of Henderson early schools.

## Maxson District #6

The Maxson (S. Harbor Rd.) old schoolhouse was torn down in September 1893 and a new one was built. The older children in the district began attending Adams Center High School in 1913. They centralized with Adams Center in 1925.

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## Honeyville District #7

The early history of the school is unknown. Commencing in 1929 the older students of the district were sent to Adams Center. They were 'bused' there by Fred Wright. Two of the later teachers of the district were: Hazel Langworthy (1919), Nellie Smith (1920).

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## School District #8 (Ball District)

The school was located on Wright Street. Old school district records show that the schoolhouse was built before 1866 when it was moved across the road on land purchased from Leroy Bunce for \$53. The schoolhouse was maintained at least through 1929. In 1902 the district started sending the pupils to the Adams Center School. From 1912 to 1915 the children were again educated in the district. From 1916 on they attended the Adams Center School and the district paid \$400 for transportation for the year. Other interesting items in the old district clerks book include: in 1866 the district provided 9 cords of wood at \$1.50/cord. In 1868 they spent 92 cents on repairs to the schoolhouse. The total school tax for 1881 was \$196.09.

Trustees of the district from 1864 to 1924 were: L. R. Green (1864), G. W. Gardner (1866), E. G. Stewart (1867), E. S. Thompson (1868), DeWitt Strickland (1869), Lyman Saunders (1870), M. Saunders (1871), Wm. Empey (1872), Preston Nichols (1873, 1890-91), M. S. Babcock (1874, 1876, 1879-80), Eric Harrington (1875), C. C. Stewart (1877-78), LaMont Babcock (1881), Leonard Oatman (1882), Charles Babcock (1883), Levi Crandall (1884), Merrick Rudd (1885, 1921), George Gardner (1886, 1889), Mr. Whitford (1892), Elano Harrington (1893), Gaius Oatman (1894, 1904), A. D. Boomer (1895-97, 1905-08), Ernest Stewart (1898), G. Clark (1899), Mrs. Elano Harrington (1900), Ella Boomer (1901), F. A. Ball (1902), Eugenia Clark (1903), Mrs. Gaius Oatman (1909-10), Mrs. Stevens (1912), Pearl E. Ryder (1913-15), Reilly Harrington (1916), Joseph Whitley (1917), E. A. Remington (1918-19), E. Harris (1920), Mrs. Ross Catlin (1922), Ross Catlin (1923-24).

The teacher in 1880 was Emma Brown.

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## Lyons Corners District School #9

In October 1895 there were 71 inhabitants representing 23 families in the district. Of these 23 families only

two children were of school age, both boys, and only one attended school, Arthur Thomas, 11 yrs. Still the district maintained a good school with Annie Carley as teacher. Again in 1907 they considered contracting with an adjoining district but decided to keep the school open with Edna Bliss as teacher.

The students in May 1911 were: Edna, Laura, Arthur and Florence Thomas; Harold, Taddy and Polly Farr; Ruth Clark; Edna Trowbridge and Nellie Smith.

In 1915 E. A. Farr was the trustee, Ernest Stevens was clerk, George Shear was collector, and Ruby Nichols was the teacher. Hazel Langworthy was the teacher in 1923.

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## Green Settlement District #10



**Green Settlement District School #10**

Contracted with Adams Center to take older children in 1899. Centralized with Adams Center in 1925.

The school district was organized on April 1, 1822 and was located at the corners on the east side of the road. The first clerk was Isaac Sheldon 1822-24, followed by Roswell Saunders Jr. 1825-1840. The first trustees were Paul Green, Nicholas Williams and William Green.

In 1822 a tax was levied to raise \$44.08 to buy a house, \$30 to pay for moving and repairing said house, \$25 to purchase a stove and pay for other repairs, and \$4 for wood. On March 16, 1840 they hired Keziah Green as teacher. She was paid \$1 per week and boarded herself. They also raised \$3 to pay for seven panes of glass, repair broken plaster in the room and get a new latch for the door. The teacher in 1896 was W. P. Jones.

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School was closed in February 1922 due to an outbreak of scarlet fever in the district. Four families were quarantined when Mildred Lee, Kent & Ross Stoodley, Ken & Florence Marquette and Bessie Hockey became ill. The children all recovered.

The last teacher of the district before the students began attending Adams Center was Hazel Langworthy.

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## Sand Street District #11

Also called Michael's Corners District, the school contracted with Adams Center in 1926 to take the older children and centralized with Adams Center in 1937. The schoolhouse was sold to John Owens for \$350 in August 1938.

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## Thomas Settlement District #12

The early history of the school is unknown. Articles

from the journal give us the following information on the district:

Expenses in 1904 were: teachers wages - \$224; maps - \$12.75; stoves - \$15; repairs - \$12.95.

Students in 1909 were: Lewis, Carl & Floyd Noble; Jennie & Marion Thomas, Nellie Vandelinder, Sadie Miles, Ruth & Lena Paul, Joseph Pester, Harold Moore.

Students in 1916 were: Jared & Newel Maxon; Nellie, Frederick, Ruth & Doris Archer; Larkin Hovey; Gerald, Marjorie & Clifford Thomas; Leland & Nellie Schofield; Bert & Alonzo Weaver, Kenneth McIntosh, Edward Hicks, Frances Green, Lois Hodder, Carrie Mullen, Stanford Bates.

A new schoolhouse was built in the summer of 1921 by Fred E. Wright on the old school ground at the back of the lot. In the summer of 1934 electricity was installed in the schoolhouse for the first time. The school was maintained for 1st-6th grades until Adams Union School and Adams Center Central School centralized in 1962.

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**Thomas Settlement School District #12**

(names & date unknown) Adams High School contracted to take the older children and maintain school for grades 1-6 until 1961 when the district was annexed to the Adams Center-Adams Central School.



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Some of the teachers have been: Jennie Thomas (1881), Lena Young (1901), Collins Ivory (1909); Carrie Paul (1911-1912, 1915 winter term); Nora Thomas (1913-1914); June Dare (1915 spring term, 1916 spring term); Alice Day (1916 winter term); Lena Paul (1916-1920); May Pitkin (1921); Glorian Collins (1922-1925), Isabel Saunders (1928-29), Dorothy Dillin (1929-30), Myrtle Reed (1931-32), Carrie Paul (1932-31), Mollie Damon (1940-41), Katherine Campbell (1941-42), Mrs. Roy Bartlett (1942-43).

Trustees have included: W. H. S. Thomas (1905), George Garlock (1906), Lewis Thomas (1914), Lewis Bates (1915), Florence Bates (1919-1920), R. A. Mullin (1921), Lillian Thomas (1922-1924), Sanford Thomas (1924-1925), William J. Paul (1921-1928), Lewis Thomas (1929-30), Lillian Thomas (1933-35), Ralph Hodder (1946-47).

### Adams Village District #13

The Adams Village District School was established in 1802, and was located on South Main Street. By 1830

this building was the store of Jesse Hale. By 1830 there was one school building on Spring Street (District #13) and one on Church Street (District #16) across from the Presbyterian Church. The two districts were consolidated in 1865 and the Adams Grammar School District #13 was established. The building on Church Street was moved to the rear of the ME Church sheds, rebuilt and enlarged in 1876 at a cost of \$4,000. Wardwell Street was built at this time. The building was moved to a large lot because there was no adjoining lot at the old site that could be purchased. An addition was built in 1887. The school was originally built to accommodate 200 pupils and had 4 rooms. In the 1870's & 80's there was an average of 250 pupils and 6 teachers. At the annual school meeting on October 11, 1881 it was reported that their expenses included: teachers' wages \$700, \$60 for wood, and \$30 for a custodian to take care of the house. On April 7, 1897 David M. Greene gave the District School an exact copy of the Columbia Liberty Bell. It was made from the overflow left from the casting of the original Liberty Bell. It was mounted on a wooden

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frame with the inscription 'Presented to the Public School of Adams, NY by Col. David M. Greene April 7, 1897'. A Union Free School was established in September 1899 and on December 1899 they received a charter for a four year high school under the name Adams High School. In September 1900 there were 189 students in the grammar school and 65 in the academic department. On May 4, 1903 the Grammar School building and grounds were sold to Dr. W. S. Rice for \$2,500 and all the students went to the Adams High School.

## Lisk Bridge District #14

Lisk Bridge District School No. 14 - District 14 was a joint district partly in the town of Adams and partly in the town of Rodman. The old district clerks record book shows that in 1832 the district provided 12 cords of wood at 56 1/4 cents/cord. In 1835 the district educated 44 pupils from Adams and 29 from Rodman. In 1840 the teachers wages totaled \$66.79 (\$61.28 from public money and \$5.51 from district taxes). A new schoolhouse was built in 1847.

Trustees of the Lisk Bridge District School:

1832 - Abraham Sheldon, Sanford Ward, Elias Babcock; 1833 - Oliver McKee, Alvin McKee and Asa Lewis; 1834 - Joseph Beard, John C. Cooper, Rial Strickland; 1835 - Jefferson M. Brown, Joseph L. Green, Elijah Walsworth Jr.; 1836 - Elias Babcock, Chester Dewey, Joseph Beard; 1837 - Abram Sheldon, Oliver McKee, John Cooper; 1838 - Rial Strick-

land George Cooper, Hiram Rose; 1839 - Joseph Beard, Philip Tournie, Elijah Walsworth; 1840 - Piam Thompson, John C. Cooper, James Lisk; 1841 - Nathan Foster, Ephraim Greene, Cory Payson; 1842 - Rial Strickland, John Cooper, Eldridge Walsworth; 1843 - Luman Loveland, George Cooper and Joseph L. Green; 1844 - George Cooper, Joseph Beard; 1879 - Wm. M. Patrick, George Cooper.

Teachers have included - Addie Pool (1880), May Hanson (1887), Mary Allen (1906), Minnie Hammond (1907), Jane Whitford (1908), Mrs. A. J. Crosby (1916), Jessie Gilbert (1920-1921), Addie McLane (1926).

Students in 1881 included: Curtiss Lawrence; Burney Getman; Emily & George Franklin; Mattie, Floyd & Fuller Rogers; Arthur Washburn and Fred Godfrey.

Students in May 1917 were: Frances, Hamilton and Mary Clark; Ceola & Margaret Gould; Ora, Anna & Harris Bezner; Dorothy Gale; Robert Smith; Charles Hallett; Bertha, Frances and Warren Hess.

Students in November 1920 were: Ida, Jessie & Jennie Sturtevant; Walter, Anna & Charles Fuller; Robert Smith; Norman Baldwin; Fern Ward; Lelia Eastman; and Fred Miner.

In 1928 there were only 11 scholars - 1st grade (Marilyn Rogers, Dorothy Hodder, Lewis Clark, Kenneth Smith), 4th grade (Mason Converse), 6th grade (Margaret Vickery), 7th grade (Evangeline Smith, Allan Clark, Elvin Converse), 8th grade (Irene Eastman).

The most famous person to have attended the Lisk Bridge School was Bruce C. Clark who became a four star general in the United States Army.



Children from  
Lisk Settlement  
District School  
#14

## FAMILY FILES AT THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH JEFFERSON

To access these files, please e-mail Debbie Quick

Through the kind offices of Ed Lee and Debbie Quick, we have received the current list of the family files maintained by the Historical Association of South Jefferson. These files are being added to continually, and are current only for the day. Some cautions about using this list: every surname is listed, but the amount of information available varies widely from folder to folder, from an obituary in one to a complete family history in another. There is no guarantee that the person you are looking for will be included in the folder, even though she has the same unusual surname as the one listed.

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Abbey	Ayers	Bean	Bivins	Brooks	Carpenter
Abbott	Babbitt	Beardsley	Blackstone	Brown	Carr
Abrams	Babcock	Beattie	Blair	Brownell	Carroll
Ackerman	Backus	Beck	Blanchard	Brunet	Carter
Ackley	Bacon	Becker	Blanden	Brunridge	Case
Adams	Bailey	Beckstead	Blinn	Brunson	Casler
Adsit	Baker	Bedford	Bliss	Buckley	Casselmann
Agee	Balch	Bedor	Blodgett	Budlong	Castor
Ager	Baldwin	Beebe	Blood	Buell	Catlin
Ahern	Ball	Beecher	Blount	Bull	Caulkins
Albertson	Ballard	Beeman	Bolls	Bullard	Chadwick
Albro	Ballou	Belcher	Bolton	Bullock	Chaffa
Alden	Baltz	Bell	Bond	Bumpus	Chaffin
Aldoes	Bamford	Bellingher	Bonner	Bunce	Challons
Aldrich	Bancroft	Belloff	Boomer	Bundy	Chalmers
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Alger	Barbur	Bennett	Bosworth	Burnett	Chapman
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Andrews	Barkley	Bert	Boyd	Burt	Chawgo
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Ansted	Barrows	Betts	Branagan	Bushnell	Chrisman
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Archer	Bartlett	Bezner	Brethan	Butterfield	Christie
Arms	Barton	Bibbons	Brewer	Button	Chrysler
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Arnold	Bassett	Bickford	Brier	Cadby	Clafin
Ashman	Bassinger	Bickle	Briggs	Cadwell	Claira
Aspinwall	Bastian	Bidwell	Brigham	Cady	Clark
Atkins	Batchelder	Bigelow	Brimmer	Cagwin	Cleghorn
Atkinson	Batcheller	Biggers	Bristol	Caird	Clemens
Augsbury	Bateman	Bilkey	Britton	Caldwell	Cleveland
Ault	Bates	Bird	Broadbent	Camp	Cliff
Austin	Battle	Bishop	Brodie	Campbell	Cobb
Averill	Baxter	Bisig	Brodock	Carey	Coburn
Avery	Beadle	Bissell	Bronson	Carley	Cochrane



Coffee/Coffie/	Dailey	Durham	Finster	Glair	Hammond
Coffey	Damon	Dutcher	Fish	Glass	Hanchett
Cole	Dana	Dwight	Fisher	Glavin	Hancock
Colfax	Dare	Dye	Fisk	Glazier	Hanford
Collins	Darrow	Dyer	Fitzgerald	Gleason	Hannahs
Colman	David	Earl	Flaherty	Goddard	Hanson
Colton	Davis	Eastman	Flanders	Golby	Harding
Colvin	Davison	Eaton	Flansburg	Golden	Harrington
Colwell	Dawley	Eddy	Fleming	Golding	Harris
Comins	Day	Edelman	Fletcher	Goodenough	Hart
Comstock	Dealing	Edgar	Fletcher	Goodfriend	Hartley
Conant	Dean	Edick	Flint	Goodman	Hartman
Congdon	Decker	Edmonds	Fobes	Goodrich	Hartson
Conklin	Dee	Edwards	Folsom	Gordinier	Hartwick
Conroy	DeForest	Eggleston	Fone	Gordon	Harwick
Constance	Delano	Eldred	Ford	Goslin	Haskins
Converse	Delapp	Eldridge	Foreman	Goss	Hastings
Convis	DeLaVerne	Eldridge	Forward	Gould	Hatch
Conway	Delong	Elliott	Forward	Graham	Haug
Cook	Demsey	Ellis	Fowler	Grandjean	Havens
Cool	Deney	Ellsworth	Fox	Grant	Hawes
Cooley	Denison	Elmer	Fralick	Graves	Hayes
Coon	Denna	Ely	Frame	Gray	Hayward
Cooper	Denning	Emerson	Franklin	Green	Hazel
Copeland	Denny	Emmons	Frasier	Greenfield	Hazelwood
Corbin	Devoy	England	Fredenburg	Greenley	Heath
Corey	Dewey	Enos	Frederick	Gregg	Heaton
Cornell	Dexter	Erickson	Freeman	Gregory	Hedger
Cornwall	Dickerson	Erskine	Frink	Grennell	Helmer
Cornwell	Dickinson	Esseltine	Fry	Griffin	Henderson
Cote	Dillen	Estes	Fryor	Griffith	Henry
Coughlan	Dingman	Esty	Fuller	Griggs	Herring
Coulter	Divers	Ethridge	Fulton	Grimshaw	Hess
Coultrip	Dix	Evans	Gaffney	Griswold	Hessell
Countryman	Dixon	Eveleigh	Gage	Groff	Heustis
Cowan	Doane	Failing	Gallea	Grommons	Hewitt
Cowles	Dobbins	Fairbanks	Galloway	Groves	Hibbard
Cox	Dobson	Fairman	Gannet	Grow	Hicks
Crandall	Dodge	Fales	Gardner	Grummonds	Hill
Crannage	Doneburgh	Fargo	Garner	Guyette	Hinckley
Crast	Doran	Farman	Garvin	Guzewich	Hines
Cratsenburg	Douglas	Farmer	Gates	Hackleys	Hinman
Crawford	Downer	Farr	Gaylord	Haddock	Hitchcock
Crittenton	Downey	Farwell	George	Hadley	Hobbs
Crofoot	Downs	Fassett	Gerew	Hagadone	Hodder
Croft	Doxtater	Fawdry	Getman	Hagan	Hodge
Cronk	Drake	Fay	Gibbons	Haggerty	Hodkinson
Crosby	Draper	Fee	Gibbs	Haight	Hoff
Cross	Dresser	Felt	Gibson	Hakes	Hoffman
Crouch	Dryden	Fenton	Giddings	Hale	Hogan
Crouse	Dugan	Ferguson	Gifford	Hall	Hogancamp
Crumb	Dumas	Fields	Gilbert	Halladay	Hoisington
Cummings	Duncan	Filler	Gill	Hallett	Hoke
Curtis	Dunham	Fillhart	Gillen	Hallock	Holden
Cushman	Dunn	Fillmore	Gillette	Hamer	Holiday
Cutler	Dunton	Filson	Gillispie	Hamilton	Holley
Cutting	Durfee	Finley	Gilman	Hamlin	Hollis
Dack	Durgee	Finney	Gilmore	Hamm	Hollister

Holloway	Judson	Lawton	Manley	Mitchell	O'Brien
Hollowood	Kane	LeClair	Mann	Moffett	O'Connell
Holman	Kast	Lee	Manning	Monroe	O'Connor
Holmes	Kellar	Leepy	Mantle	Montague	O'Dell
Hooker	Kellogg	LeFevre	Manville	Moody	Oderkirk
Hopkins	Kelly	Leffingwell	Markham	Mooney	O'Donnell
Horr	Kelsey	Legg	Marks	Moore	Olds
Horth	Kendall	Leigh	Marquette	Moreton	Olmsted
Horton	Kenfield	Lennox	Marriott	Morgan	Olney
Hosner	Kennedy	Leonard	Marsh	Morrill	O'Neil
Houghtaling	Kenney	Leonay	Marshall	Morris	Ormiston
Houghton	Kenyon	Lephart	Marti	Morrison	Ormsby
House	Kerr	LeRay	Martin	Morrow	Osborn
Hovey	Kersey	Lester	Marvin	Morse	Otis
Howard	Kiblin	Levey	Mason	Morton	Overton
Howe	Kibling	Lewis	Mather	Mott	Owens
Howland	Kickland	Liddy	Matteson	Moulton	Page
Hoxie	Kidder	Lillie	Matthews	Moy	Palmer
Hoyt	Kilborn	Lindsey	Mattoon	Muchmore	Pardee
Hubbard	Kilmer	Lines	Maxon	Mullin	Parham
Hudson	Kilts	Linney	Maynard	Mummery	Parish
Husted	King	Lisk	McAllister	Munderback	Parker
Huffstater	Kinney	Little	McCabe	Munson	Parks
Huggins	Kipp	Littlefield	McCargar	Muntville	Parmenter
Hughes	Kirkland	Lloyd	McCarthy	Murphy	Parson
Hull	Kissell	Lockwood	McConnell	Murray	Patchen
Hungerford	Klock	Loder	McCoon	Murrock	Patchett
Hunt	Knapp	Lonsdale	McCumber	Murrock	Patten
Hunter	Kneeland	Looker	McCune	Muzzy	Patterson
Hurd	Knight	Loomis	McDaniel	Myers	Paul
Huson	Knowlton	Lord	McDonald	Myrick	Payne
Hutchinson	Kohl	Lortie	McEvoy	Naklik	Pease
Hyde	LaClair	Loucks	McGovern	Nash	Peck
Ingalls	LaCombe	Loutwell	McGrath	Near	Peckham
Ingersoll	Ladd	Loveland	McIntosh	Needham	Peltier
Isham	LaFleur	Lovelee	McKee	Nellis	Pennock
Ives	LaFountaine	Lowe	McKinley	Nelson	Penny
Ivory	Lagamore	Lowrey	McKinstry	Nemier	Perkins
Jackman	Laird	Lucas	McLean	Neville	Perrigo
Jackson	LaLone	Luff	McNeil	Newcomb	Perry
Jacobs	Lambia	Lyman	McNitt	Newell	Persons
Jacqueth	Lamson	Lynch	Mead	Newton	Peters
James	Landers	Lyng	Mellon	Nichelson	Peterson
Jamison	Lane	Lyon	Mendell	Nichols	Petrie
Jeffers	Lanfear	Mabb	Mepick	Nims	Pettingill
Jefford	Langworthy	Machold	Merrill	Noble	Phelps
Jenkins	LaPiere	MacIntosh	Merritt	Nohle	Phillips
Jenks	Larkin	Mack	Merwin	Nokes	Phippens
Jennings	Larmon	Mackie	Metcalf	Norman	Pickert
Jerome	Larmonth	Macklen	Middleton	Norris	Piddock
Jewett	LaRock	Macomber	Miles	North	Pierce
Jimerson	LaRose	Mahaney	Millard	Norton	Pierrepont
Johnson	Larrabee	Main	Miller	Nugent	Pierson
Jones	Lashbrook	Maitland	Mills	Nunn	Piper
Joslyn	Lashomb	Malinich	Minar	Nutting	Pitcher
Joy	Lavere	Maloney	Miner	Nye	Pitkin
Joyner	Law	Maltby	Minot	Nyeste	Place
Judd	Lawrence	Manigold	Misczuk	Oatman	Plank

Plummer	Rising	Shaver	Stephenson	Traynor	Weed
Pool	Risley	Shaw	Sterling	Tremaine	Welch
Pooler	Roach (er)	Shea	Stevens	Trevett	Weldon
Pope	Robarge	Shear/Shearer	Stevenson	Trombly	Wells
Porter	Robbins	Shed	Stewart	Trowbridge	Welsh
Post	Robellard	Sheffield	Stiles	Tryon	Wentworth
Potter	Roberts	Sheldon	Stillman	Tubbs	West
Potts	Robinson	Sheldon	Stinson	Tucker	Westcott
Powell	Rockwell	Shell	Stitt	Tuell	Weston
Powers	Rogers	Shelmidine	Stoddard	Tulley	Wetherill
Pratt	Rolph	Shepard	Stone	Turner	Whaley
Presley	Root(e)	Shepardson	Storrs	Tuttle	Wheeler
Pressler	Rosa	Sherman	Stowell	Tyler	Wheelock
Prevo	Rose	Shoecraft	Strate	Underwood	Whipple
Price	Ross	Shoemaker	Stratton	Vallier	Whitaker
Priest	Rounds	Shultz	Streeter	VanAlstyne	White
Prior	Rouse	Sias	Strickland	VanAuken	Whitford
Prosser	Rowan	Sill	Strong	VanBrocklin	Whiting
Prouty	Rowe	Silsby	Stuckey	VanCamp	Whitley
Pruyn	Rubick	Silver	Sturtevant	Vance	Whitney
Purcell	Rudd	Simmons	Sullivan	VanEpps	Whittier
Purdy	Rugg	Simpkins	Sutliff	VanOrman	Widrick
Putnam	Rumsey	Simpson	Sutliff	VanVolkenburg	Widrig
Quick	Rundell	Sinclair	Swan	VanWaldick	Wilbur
Quinell	Rury	Skinner	Swart	VanWinkle	Wilcox
Quinta	Rusaw	Slater	Sweet	VanWormer	Wilder
Ralph	Russell	Sloan	Sweetman	Veley	Wilds
Ramsdell	Ryder	Smedley	Switzer	Wade	Wiley
Ramsell	Salisbury	Smith	Sykes	Wager	Wilkinson
Ramsey	Sampson	Snell	Taber	Wagoner	Williams
Randall	Sanford	Snow	Tagg	Waite	Williamson
Rankin	Sargent	Snyder	Talcott	Wakefield	Wilson
Ranney	Saunders	Sorenson	Tarble	Walker	Winslow
Ray	Saver	Soule	Taylor	Wall	Wise
Rayburn	Sawyer	Southwick	Tedesco	Walrath	Witherby
Read	Saxe	Spalsbury	Tennant	Walsworth	Wodell
Reardon	Schell	Spaulding	Terry	Walters	Wolcott
Redden	Schick	Spavin	Tessier	Walton	Wood
Redway	Schram	Spears	Thomas	Walts	Woodall
Reed	Schrodt	Spencer	Thompson	Ward	Woodard
Reff	Schumaker	Spicer	Thornhill	Wardwell	Woodman
Remick	Schuyler	Spies	Thorpe	Warn	Woodruff
Remington	Scidmore	Spink	Tibbitts	Warner	Woodward
Resseguie	Scott	Sprague	Tibbles	Warren	Woolaver
Reudink	Scoville	Squires	Tiff	Warriner	Woolworth
Revoir	Searles	St. Ores	Tiffany	Wart	Worden
Reynolds	Sears	Stancliff	Tiff	Washburn	Worthington
Rhodes	Seaton	Standish	Tisdale	Waterman	Wright
Rice	Seaver	Stanford	Titworth	Waters	Wyman
Rich	Secor	Stanley	Todd	Watkins	Yerden
Richards	Seeber	Stanton	Torrey	Watson	Yerdon
Richardson	Seegar	Staplin	Totman	Waugh	York
Richmond	Seelye Seery	Stearns	Totten	Weal	Young
Rickerson	Severence	Stears	Tousley	Weaser	Zimmerman
Rickett	Seward	Stebbins	Towles	Weaver	Zufelt
Rider	Shaker	Stedman	Towne	Webb	
Riley	Shankland	Steel	Townsend	Weber	
Ripley	Sharp	Stell	Trask	Webster	





1. JOHN T. CHAPMAN, son of LEVI and BETSY (MASON) CHAPMAN was born 1814 in Lyme, Grafton, NH. He died 17 May 1891 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery Henderson, NY. John is listed as Levi's son in letter from Levi's grandson Dr. Eugene Chapman dated 1909. He worked as a blacksmith in Roberts Corners, Jefferson Co., and was a postmaster from 1850 to 1852 in Roberts Corners. He appeared on the tavern keeper census in 1850 in Henderson, as JOHN, his wife and 4 children, sister Lydia, plus Helen Overton (19) and William Sampson (18). Margin indicates residence was a hotel. Was William Sampson a relative through John's grandmother's side? He appeared on the census in 1865 in Henderson.

#### Biographical notes.

1 May 1866. Marine disasters near Cape Vincent, NY: John Chapman of Henderson had a schooner fouled by the *Hiawatha*. (nnylin.net/st-lawrence-republican). He was supervisor from 1876 to 1878 in Henderson, NY. (history.raysplace.com/ny/henderson-ny.htm). He was a proprietor of saw and shingle mill, and a farmer in Henderson. He married 1836 Henderson, MIRANDA N. CONGDON who was born 1819 Vermont and died 13 Dec 1891 Henderson, buried Evergreen cemetery. She appeared on the census in 1865 in Henderson.

#### CHILDREN,

2 i JULIAN B. CHAPMAN b Apr 1838 Henderson, Jefferson Co. d 26 Sep 1841, buried Evergreen Cemetery, Henderson

3 ii EUGENE ADELBERT CHAPMAN, b 9 Dec 1839 Belleville, Jefferson Co. d Jan 1917 Stafford Springs, Tolland, CT; buried Jefferson Co. m (1) AGNES G. McCLURE (Cir 1851-1941), m (2) Philinda M. Hungerford (1842-1874) 1865 - Ellisburg, Jefferson Co.

#### He worked as a MD.

News was received here this morning of the death in Stafford Springs, Conn., about 7 Monday night, of Dr. Eugene Adelbert Chapman, former county clerk, and a well known veteran of the Civil war. Dr. Chapman was one of the best known veterans of Jefferson county, and was prominent at all reunions of the Tenth New York Heavy Artillery, of which he was a member. Death was due to apoplexy of the throat. He had been living in Stafford Springs for the last three years. His health had been gradually failing for some time and death was not entirely unexpected.

#### Burial was near Belleville.

The body will arrive at Adams Wednesday morning and it will be taken to Woodside Cemetery about two miles west of Belleville, where burial will take place. The Belleville Lodge of Masons will have charge of the burial service, which will take place Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Chapman was born In Belleville in 1839, a son of John and Miranda Congdon Chapman. Dr. Chapman's grandfather, Levi Chapman, was a native of Lyme, N. H., and settled in St Lawrence County In 1817. Dr. Chapman's father was born in 1814 and settled in Robert's Corners in 1835. Dr. Chapman was the second of a family of five children.

#### Studies Medicine.

He received his early education in the old Union Academy, an institution which has had many graduates who have been successful. After finishing his course at the academy he entered the medical school of the University of Michigan, after which he was graduated from the medical school of the University of Buffalo.

#### Enlists in the Tenth.

The young doctor at once took up the practice of medicine, locating in Clayton, and soon built up a substantial practice. The civil war had just begun, and the patriotic fever ran high. Dr. Chapman abandoned his fine prospects for a medical practice and responded to the call for volunteers. Instead of seeking a commission as a surgeon he chose to belong to one of the fighting units, and entered the service as a private in Company G of the Tenth New York Heavy Artillery, Aug, 11. 1862. One month later he was commissioned first lieutenant and appointed adjutant In July, 1863. He was promoted to be captain. In November 1864, he was ordered to appear before the medical examining board in Washington, where he passed the medical examination and was made an assistant surgeon. Although this step reduced him in rank it enabled him to keep in touch with his medical profession. He was ordered to report to General Benjamin F. Butler at Fortress Monroe, where he was mustered out as captain and was re-mustered as assistant surgeon. Shortly after reporting for duty at Fortress Monroe he was ordered to Deep Bottom and was assigned to duty with the 127th United States Infantry. Shortly afterwards he was ordered to Point of Rocks Hospital, where he remained in service as an assistant surgeon until April 1865 when he received orders to report to the 127th Infantry which was sent to Petersburg, Va. and with this command he went to Appomattox. He was a participant to many spirited skirmishes incidental to the Shenandoah Valley campaign. He was in the bloody battle of Cold Harbor and at the siege of Petersburg when the mine explosion took place. He was at Appomattox at the time of the surrender of Lee. Dr. Chapman was ordered to Texas and he was made quarantine officer at the port of Brazna Santiago, holding that office until the summer of 1865 when he was mustered out of the service.

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### **A Country Doctor.**

Returning to civil life, he came back to Jefferson County and took up the practice of medicine in Henderson where for about eight years he lived the life of the average country doctor, making long rides into the country and in all kinds of weather on his missions of mercy. His health had been enfeebled by many vicissitudes during the war and the constant exposure and hardships incidental to his medical practice soon undermined his health so that he was obliged to give up his medical practice in 1873. He served as postmaster in Henderson in 1872 and 1873.

### **Recovers His Health.**

He was not constitutionally fitted to remain idle, however, and he went to Salamanca where he secured a position in [illegible] office. Diligently [illegible] his health and within about a year it had so improved that he felt he could resume the practice of his profession.

### **Locates in Belleville.**

He located in Belleville in 1873 and began building up a new business amid boyhood scenes and among friends of his school days. He took a prominent part in the civic affairs of his town and was elected president of the board of trustees of the Union Academy. He was elected coroner in 1870 and again in 1886. He served nine years as a member of the board of Supervisors and was elected chairman. He was the wise mentor and guide of the new members on the board and did much to make their path easier.

### **Elected County Clerk.**

In 1900 he was elected county clerk and took up his residence in Watertown. At the expiration of his first term in 1908 he was re-elected for another term of three years. He gave a most able administration and one that gained distinct popular approval. He was succeeded by Eli B. Johnson of Chaumont. Dr. Chapman was married in 1865 to Philinda M., daughter of Philo and Caroline Davis Hungerford. Three children were born to them: Clara M., who died in 1897; Florence L. and Walter E. Mrs. Chapman died in 1874 and in 1877 Dr. Chapman married Agnes G. McClure. Five children were born to them: Ross of Washington, D. C., John H. who died in 1901; Margery C. wife of Richard Valentine of Stafford Springs, Conn; Sanford T, who died about four years ago and Donald C, a non-commissioned officer in the United States Army. Dr Chapman was a great lover of fine literature and throughout his life he had been an omnivorous reader. He possessed exceptional literary ability and now and then contributed interesting stories to the press. About 25 years ago he wrote a story called "Jennie" which was first printed in The Times and was later re-printed in a great many papers in the country. This was about the intelligence of a horse which he once owned when he was in the country medical practice. The story finally became a tract of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"Dr. Chapman was a fine gentleman," said D. S. Miller this morning. "He was certainly one of nature's noblemen."

### **Senator Cobb's Tribute.**

Former Lieutenant Governor George H. Cobb, who had been a close friend of Dr. Chapman for many years, spoke with regret when he heard of the death. "Many residents of the county," said Mr. Cobb, "will learn with sorrow of the death of Dr. Chapman. He was a practicing physician at Belleville for many years and he was known and respected very highly by the people to whom he administered in that section. "He was the soul of honor, kind and gentle. Dr. Chapman was a conscientious physician and a very much respected citizen. He served as county clerk in this county and made an excellent record in that capacity. He lived a life of helpfulness and self-sacrifice, doing for others in whatever capacity he labored. Too much can not be said in his praise."

O. B. Cadwell associated with Dr. Chapman in army life and later as a member of the Tenth New York Heavy Artillery Veteran Association, said today: "When I first became acquainted with Dr. Chapman he was an adjutant in the Tenth New York Heavy Artillery. Soon after he was appointed captain of C Company. I remained at headquarters but our friendship continued. He was a man of unblemished character and very much a gentleman in every way. He was a man who stood very high and was thoroughly capable. He was one of the organizers of the Tenth New York Heavy Artillery Veteran Association and was always most interested in the organization. He served as president of the association from 1885 to Oct 20, 1910 when he gave up the office voluntarily. He was elected secretary and remained in that office until he departed from the city in 1912."

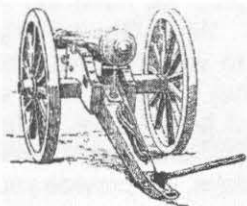
This article is as it appeared in the Watertown Daily Times Thursday January 30, 1917 from [www.fultonhistory.com](http://www.fultonhistory.com)

4 iii EUGELIA A. CHAPMAN AKA ANGELIA or EUGELIA, b Jul 1842 Henderson, Jefferson Co. m 1866 - Jefferson WALLACE WILLIAM GLEASON (1841- ) She appeared on the census in 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 in Henderson, Jefferson Co.

5 iv FLORENCE E. CHAPMAN, AKA FLORENCE L., b 1845-1846 Henderson, Jefferson Co., d 1865, bur Evergreen Cemetery, Henderson, Jefferson Co. She was still living on the 1865 state census in 1865 in Henderson.

6 v WASHINGTON IRVING CHAPMAN AKA IRVING W., b 19 Feb 1848 Henderson, Jefferson Co. d 7 Aug 1906 bur Roberts Corners, Jefferson Co., m 25 Feb 1872 - Henderson, Jefferson Co. EMMA SNOW (1851-1930). He appeared on the census in 1865 in Henderson, Jefferson, New York, USA. Listed as ERNEST in census. His cousin Ernest died in 1862, but Ernest's mother and her surviving son, Arthur, were living with or near IRVING'S parents. He worked at a boat livery in Henderson, Jefferson Co.

# CIVIL WAR BIOGRAPHY



## Maj. James B. Campbell

Union Soldier - Distinguished Service

Major Campbell was mustered in as a Captain in Company M, 10th Artillery Regiment (Heavy), also known as the Black River Artillery, on 11 September 1862 at Sackets Harbor. Company M was recruited principally from the Pamela, Lyme, and Cape Vincent areas and Campbell was presumably living in either Pamela or Watertown at the time. His wife and family were certainly living in Watertown in February 1865 as he requested leave to see them there.

Campbell signed on for the duration of the war and was rapidly promoted to Major in February 1863. He was wounded in action at Bermuda Hundred in April 1865 and mentioned in dispatches for bravery in leading his men. It would seem probable his injury took him out of active field service as he was assigned to the staff of Major-General Hartstuff as acting assistant Inspector General later that month.

In August 1865 he was transferred to the 6th Artillery as Lt Colonel and then mustered out when the regiment was disbanded a little later.

I presume that he was married prior to the war as I put his oldest child's birth around 1857 counting back, but I have no idea of what his wife's name might have been at this point. I always figured she may have died fairly early as he seems to have been alone when he went to join his grown family in Chicago and certainly was when he came out here.

### Sources:

Sent by Chrystopher Spicer, from Australia.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY GAR POSTS

From a list provided by Benedict R. Maryniak of Lancaster NY who is the Chaplain for the 94th Regiment of Volunteers Reenactment organization. The dates following each post indicate the official date of chartering and surrender of the charter, that is, the time period for which the post was active. Notes following this information concern the soldier for whom the post was named.

**#424 - Town of Alexandria: Maj James B Campbell, 6th NYHA - Alexandria Bay - 1-17-83 to 1928** mustered as captain in Black River Artillery September 1862 age 37 - this became Co M 10th NYHA; made major Feb 1863; WIA 4-2-65 Bermuda Hundred; transferred to 6th NYHA 7-18-65; mustered out with 6th NYHA August 1865 at Washington DC (appted Lt Col but never mustered as such).

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### HDQRS. DEFENSES OF BERMUDA HUNDRED VA

#### ARMY OF THE JAMES,

January 28, 1865.

Maj. JAMES B. CAMPBELL,

Commanding Second Brigade, Provisional Division:

#### MAJOR:

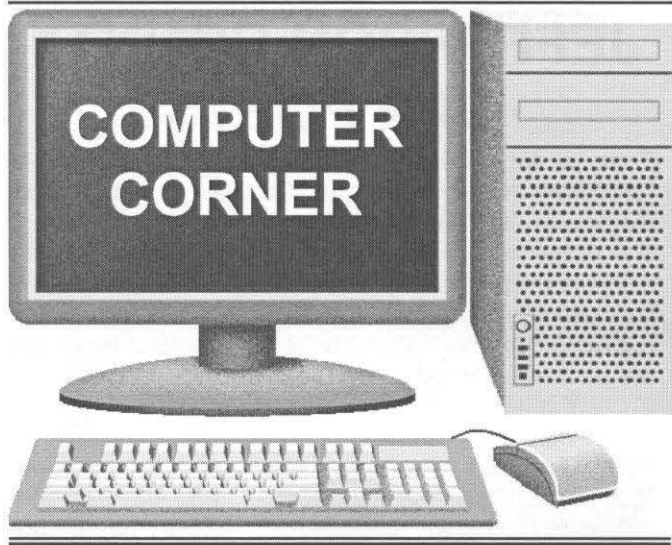
From information received, I have reason to believe that the enemy are determined to carry the right of your picket-line. They cover that point to aid them when their fleet comes down the river, which they intend to do soon, from all accounts. I desire you to use your own judgment and strengthen that portion of the line, as it must not be given up. You will also send a mounted orderly every evening to remain until morning at a point near the picket on the river to bring information in case of any movement in this direction. You can strengthen the right of your line at night, and caution your command of the intentions of the enemy, for their next attack will be a determined one.

By command of Brevet Major-General Ferrero:

GEG. A. HICKS,

Assistant Adjutant- General.





Whenever I look for items for Computer Corner, I always find sites I never heard of. "Weekly Buzz: GenealogyLinks.net" is no exception. The U.S. link, for example, leads to a page with links for every state, and links to every county within in that state. Naturally, I looked at Jefferson County, and found a Migrations page by Deb Axtman. Since your Jefferson County GenWebSite began a migrations page this year at "jefferson.nygenweb.net/migrate.htm," Jefferson County Migrations In and Out, I needed to compare. They are two very different takes on migration. The Jefferson County site gives more background, while Axtman's site concentrates on names.

The Weekly Buzz site also allows you to search by the type of resource such as cemetery lists, obituaries, marriage records, etc. The site offers a convenient way to browse available records, although the greatest value may be in surfacing previously unexplored resources.

"Statewide New York Genealogy Links" gives a broader view, more useful in particular cases. Unfortunately google has not yet caught up with the address change for the Jefferson County GenWebSite, but you can be pretty sure that when you get that annoying "404" message referring to a Jefferson County topic, the missing address is jefferson.nygenweb.net without benefit of Ancestry.com.

And for those folks who wring their hands over the lack of Jefferson County archives, usgwarchives.org supplies the following topics for Jefferson County, many of which have only one or two items: Bible Records, Biographies, Cemetery Records, Census, Church Records, History, Military Services & Pensions, Obituaries & Death Notices, Vital Records, Will Records, Probates & Indexes. Most of these titles are nearly empty.

Your own Jefferson County GenWebSite has dozens, if not hundreds of names for most of these subjects. Take cemetery records, for instance: thanks to our founding members, John and Ellen Bartlett and Ellen's father, Gus Rogers, we have the most available records I know of. While Gus no longer updates them (anyone willing to volunteer out there?) we do make corrections as they come in. And speaking of volunteers: you do not have to live in Jefferson County to have access to current burials: Newzjunk, based in Watertown, I believe, will provide you with all the information you need, and is as accurate as any such service.



## N.Y. STATE COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS

P.O. Box 2593  
Syracuse, New York 13220-2593

July 10, 2011

Dear NYSCOGO Member Organization:

We are offering an opportunity for all of our member organizations to participate in an endeavor to promote Family History and Genealogy On October 14th and 15th: CNYGS (Central New York Genealogical Society) is celebrating their 50-Year Anniversary with a Conference. NYSCOGO has obtained a table for display at the conference. We are asking our member organizations to submit 50 to 100 brochures to advertise each organization; they will be placed on the NYSCOGO table. We offer this to help you promote your organization and to share information with other researchers about some of the State of New York's valuable resources. There is no expense to you other than the postage to mail the brochures.

Please mail all materials by September 15, 2011 to the address above. If you have any questions please feel free to call Clarissa at (315) 427j-5420.

If you would like more information about the CNYGS 50th celebration you can find it at: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycnygs/50th\\_anniversary.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycnygs/50th_anniversary.htm).

You are also more than welcome to register to attend this great event. Registration fees and information are posted on the web site.

Sincerely,  
Clarissa L. Stallknecht  
NYSCOGO, Treasurer

# Good as Gold!

Central New York Genealogical Society Celebrates  
50 Years  
1961- 2011

October 14 and 15, 2011  
Comfort Inn & Suites  
6701 Buckley Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212

## Program

### Friday Evening, October 14, 2011

4:00 - 6:00 Registration  
5:00 - 9:30 Exhibitors & Vendors Open  
5:30 - 6:15 Cash Bar and, CNYGS "50 Years" Display  
6:15 - 6:30 "50 Years Reflections"  
6:30 - 9:00 50th Anniversary Banquet  
*and Speaker Barry J. Ewell*

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In every genealogist's life, there are those moments and experiences that change our course, give us the inspiration to solve the brick wall, or even cause us to laugh out loud. Barry will share his ten "ah ha" moments as a genealogist that will give you cause to say, "I'm a genealogist and lovin' it."

### Saturday, October 15, 2011

7:00 - 9:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast  
8:00 - 4:30 Exhibitors & Vendors Open  
9:00 - 10:00 Workshop I

#### 1. "Top 20 Lessons Genealogists Need to Know - Lessons 1-5." *Barry J. Ewell*

Verify, Document, Multiple Sources, Persistence, and Talking to Family.

*Barry J. Ewell is a writer and researcher with extensive genealogical experience in internet and field research, digital and software resources, and mentoring genealogists. He lives in Salt Lake City and is the founder of My GenShare.com.*

#### 2. "Researching Rural Communities: Local Government Records and Other Sources." *Suzanne Etherington, Ph.D.*

There are a number of records filed with or kept by local governments that can be useful sources of information for researchers. None of these records were created with the researcher in mind, so it takes a bit of digging to find them! This presentation gives some examples.

*Suzanne Etherington, Ph.D., is a Region 6 Advisory Officer, New York State Archives Government Records Services.*

10:00 — 10:30 Morning Break

Visit Exhibitors & Vendors

10:30 — 11:30 Workshop II

#### 3. "Top 20 Lessons Genealogists Need to Know - Lessons 6-10." *Barry J. Ewell*

Sharing Genealogy, Organization, Learning or Ancestors, Keeping Focused, and Finding the Unexpected.

#### 4. "Often Overlooked: Genealogical Records in Colleges and Universities." *Edward L. Galvin*

College archives hold information on alumni, faculty, staff, honorary degree recipients, and visiting lecturers. Learn what types of records are of potential interest to family historians.

*Ed is the Director of Archives and Records Management at Syracuse University.*

11:30 — 1:30 Visit Exhibitors & Vendors

12:00 — Buffet Lunch

1:30 — 2:30 Workshop III

#### 5. "Top 20 Lessons Genealogists Need to Know - Lessons 11-15." *Barry J. Ewell*

Questions, Photographs, Message Boards, Spelling Surnames, and Field Research.

#### 6. "Onondaga County Public Library: One of the Best Kept Genealogical Secrets." *Holly Sammons*

Learn why OCPL is one of the finest genealogy libraries in the country. Its collection is over 120 years old and full of many gems. OCPL has many unique materials related to historic and genealogy research in Onondaga County, New York State, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the New England states.

*Holly is the Head Librarian of the Local History and Genealogy Department at the Onondaga County Public Library.*

2:30 — 3:00 Afternoon Break

Visit Exhibitors & Vendors

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3:00 - 4:00 Workshop IV

**7. "Top 20 Lessons Genealogists Need to Know - Lessons 16-20."** Barry J. Ewell

Reading Old Script, Backup Your Data, Software and Web, Census, and The Genealogy Process.

**8. "Gadgets for the Traveling Genealogist."** Roger B. Williams

When planning a research trip there are many different types of resources you will want to have with you, and a number that may only serve to slow you down. Learn how to decide which items are most helpful to a successful research trip.

*Roger has served as a member of the CNYGS Board of Directors and helped develop the first website of CNYGS and the County Indexing Project.*

**Exhibitor Room & Vendor Hall Schedule:**

Friday	5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In the Vendor Hall at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, there will be a drawing for a prize given by the APHGA (The American Pomeroy Historic Genealogical Association).

**Conference Location**

Comfort Inn & Suites, 6701 Buckley Road, North Syracuse, NY, just off Route 81 at Exit 25 and just south of the NYS Thruway at Exit 36.

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# Jefferson County Queries

Send Queries to: Lis Couch, 24670 County Rt. 159, Watertown, NY 13601; [lcouch0624@aol.com](mailto:lcouch0624@aol.com)  
**Subject: Jefferson County Informer Query**

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

We have no queries to include this issue. We do have two items that we will include for which we have no or have lost the information as to who is requesting the information. Should you wish to respond, we will print your response in a future issue, hoping that the original sender will read your response.

## DEARDORFF, INGALLS

We are looking for the ancestors of Ophelia Maria **INGALLS** who married Thomas Collins **DEARDORFF**. Ophelia Maria **INGALLS** was born 2 Jul 1844 in Henderson, Jefferson, New York, USA and married Thomas Collins **DEARDORFF**, 18 Jan 1866, Warsaw, Kosciusko, Indiana, USA. She died 3 Feb 1935, in Salina, Saline, Kansas, USA. Her father was Samuel **INGALLS**, and we think his father was a Benjamin **INGALLS**. We are looking for any records that specify the father and mother of Samuel **INGALLS**.

## GURNEA

Norman and Mary A. **GURNEA** of Watertown 1848 I have a letter dated Feb 1848 and written by Mary A. and Norman **GURNEA** of Watertown to an unknown schoolmate. If there are any descendents of this family and you would like the letter, please let me know.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.



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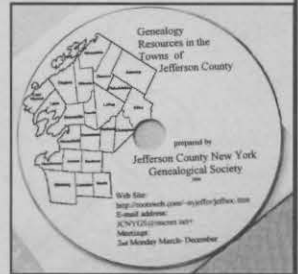
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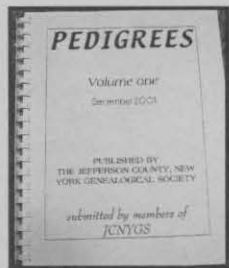
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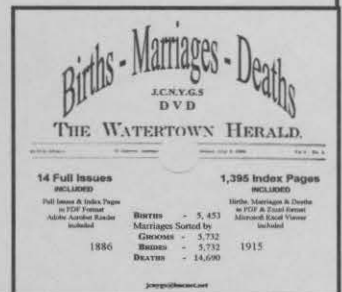
A collection of pedigrees Submitted by members of the JCNYGS with an every name index

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\$25 or \$28 if mailing is required to JCNYGS at

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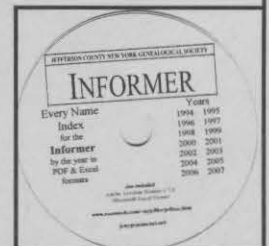
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Marguerite Raineri from Stone  
Mills Agricultural Museum

### October 8

Saturday—LDS Church 1 pm  
“Cryptic Clues in the Bone  
Yard” - Unearthing genealogi-  
cal data in the cemetery

### November 5

Saturday—LDS Church 1 pm  
Connie Barone—“War of 1812,  
the Local Scene”

### December 10

Saturday—LDS Church 1 pm  
Anne Davis and Bev.  
Sterling—“Early Pioneers of  
Hounsfield”

You may be only one person  
in the world, but you may  
also be the world to one  
person.

The irony of life is that, by the  
time you're old enough to  
know your way around,  
you're not going anywhere.

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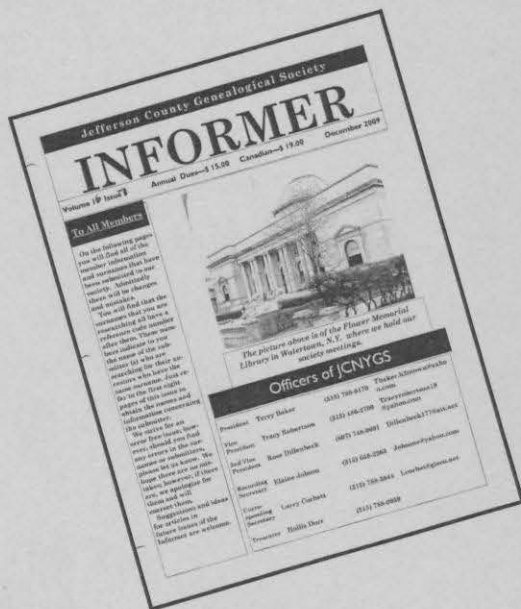
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### Letters.....

Letters to the editor may be directed to [nandixon001@gmail.com](mailto:nandixon001@gmail.com) or to Nan Dixon, 15407 Dixon Road, Clayton, NY 13624.

## SURNAME ISSUE UPDATE



It is time again to think about the Surname Edition of The *Informers*. I have found that for the most part, that the Surnames themselves hardly change from one year to the next. What does change however, are the e-mails, addresses and phone numbers. I believe that by eliminating the December Surname edition of the

*Informers*, for this year only, it will help our society save about \$700.00. For those members who have joined in the past two years, (who do not have a Dec 2009 Issue) we will send them a copy with the January Issue. For all others, who REALLY need a copy, we will try to accommodate them too. I am sure that there are many changes out there that I mentioned. SO, if there are any changes, put them on one piece of paper and send them to our PO Box 6453 Watertown, NY 13601. We will then put the changes on one sheet and insert it in the January Edition.

Clancy Hopkins  
[clancyhopkins16@gmail.com](mailto:clancyhopkins16@gmail.com)

### On Our Cover

Our Cover Picture is identified as the Town of Rodman **Creek School District #4 (c. 1890)**. Creek District was also known as Fassett District, Ralph District and Heath Factory District. The district was organized in 1812. A 2nd schoolhouse was built in 1854. The district centralized with Adams Center in 1958.

Front Row: Amy Evans, Ella Todd, Bertha Babcock, unknown, unknown, Perry Blair, May Edmonds, Merritt Brown, Harlow Ralph, Ora Plank  
 2nd Row: Monroe Joy, Merritt Kenfield, Harry Plank, Merle Ralph, Guy Colman, Arthur Jewett, James Varley, Earl Brown, Burt Jewett  
 3rd Row: Iva Stoddard, Eva Brown, Alice Plank, Lona Gregg, Louise Evans, Jennie Evans, Nora Wait (teacher)

# JCNYGS

## Minutes for Aug 13, 2011

Minutes by Terry Baker

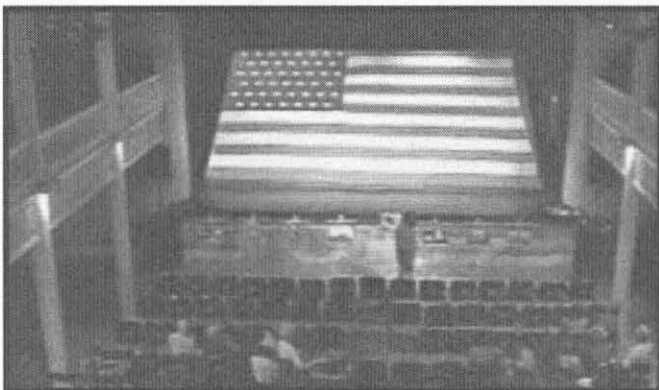
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Corbett. The presentation by Jim Egan on Pirate Bill Johnston was before the business meeting. Jerry Davis made a motion that was carried and passed that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Treasurer Terry Baker reported a balance of \$5533.04 in the three accounts.

Phyllis Putnam explained the topics for future meetings. Larry Corbett explained that we will be having a table at the CNYGS conference on October 14 and 15.

Election of officers will be at the September meeting.

Jerry Davis told about a program at the Clayton Opera House on August 24th that will mark the 100th anniversary of the burning of the Frontenac Hotel on Round Island.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.



The 1911 Frontenac Hotel Flag on stage at the Clayton Opera House for "Clayton's Night To Remember" on August 24th.

# JCNYGS

## Minutes for Sept 17, 2011

Minutes from Larry Corbett

The JCNYGS met on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Northern New York Agricultural Historical Society Museum in Stone Mills. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Corbett at about

1:10 PM. President Corbett read a communication from Treasurer Terry Baker who resigned his elected position as "treasurer/note taker/secretary" as of the September meeting due to illness in his family and other obligations. The resignation was accepted with regrets.

Due to the late resignation of the treasurer, Bill Dixon moved, and Phyllis Putnam seconded to move election of officers to the October meeting.

Phyllis Putnam read the treasurer's report, as submitted by Terry Baker. Balance on the CD: \$3771.52 Checking account balance: \$1119.27 Savings account balance: 367.25 Treasurer's report was accepted without comment subject to audit.

Committee reports:

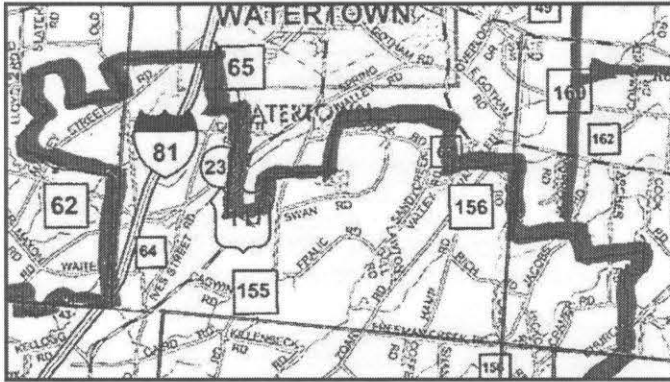
**Informer Committee:** Bill Dixon reported that the Informer Committee has recommended changing the publishing schedule and frequency of the Informer from a bimonthly publication to a quarterly publication, beginning in 2012. An April issue would replace the current March/May issues; while an October issue would replace the current September/November issues. The January and July issues would continue to be published as previously. Bill Dixon made a motion, seconded by Dave Kendall to accept the recommendation of the committee. In discussion, members questioned if quarterly issues would continue to contain 24 pages, or if they would be enlarged. The motion as stated did not restrict the number of pages to be printed. Nan Dixon pointed out that there is always plenty of material for the Informer, that what we really need is more participation in putting the issue together, proofreading, etc. Discussion included speculation about a larger web presence similar to Thousand Islands Life. Bill and Nan Dixon pointed out that file maintenance requires careful attention. Dave Kendall offered his services as a proofreader, since that position had previously been served by Pauline Zach, who passed away this summer. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was carried without opposition.

Bill Dixon also reported that the January 2012 *Informer* will have a War of 1812 theme. Phyllis Putnam reported on the upcoming programs for October, November, and December.

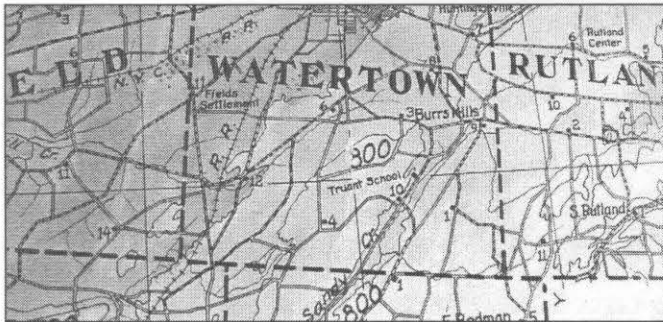
In new business, President Corbett mentioned the upcoming 50th Anniversary Conference of the Central New York Genealogical Society. We have rented a vendor's table for Friday, October 14, 5pm - 9:30pm and Saturday, October 15, 8am - 4:30 pm at Comfort Inn, Buckley Rd, North Syracuse. Volunteers are welcome.

Motion to adjourn by Nan Dixon, second by Phyllis Putnam. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm and a program was then presented by Marguerite Ranieri, director of the museum.

## Other Early Schools Now In SJCS District



We enlarged the South Jefferson Central School district map to isolate the town of Watertown and came up with the picture above. It also includes a portion of Hounsfield and the corner of Rutland. When comparing the early schools map below, it appears that there is no school house in Hounsfield to look for, however District #11 in Rutland is inside the SJCS outline. It appears Town of Watertown Districts #1, #4, #9, #10, #12 and maybe #3, #9 and #11 are part of the SJCS district.



While we are completing the early schools in the South Jefferson Central School District with this issue's coverage of the Town of Rodman, we've not found information on the Town of Watertown early schools but perhaps our readers could help us out with those schools. Your responses are always welcomed.

Committee member Terry Baker did some searching for Rutland District #11 and sent the following email:  
I am in contact with a 97 year old man who has Alzheimer's to learn more about the school. He taught at the school for a year in 1924. That was the year that the school burned down. After the school burned down, the students attended class at the Underwood house. The twin Underwood brothers had about 6 grandchildren who attended the school so they opened their home for classes for a couple of years. The Cook house was purchased and converted to a school. In the early 1920's after completing eighth grade,

students would attend high school in Watertown. Then, in the 1930s students went to Adams Center for high school. In the 1940s the school closed and all children were bussed to Adams Center.

On the Town of Watertown Schools, we have the following from Spafford's Gazetteer of 1813:

"There are about 200 dwelling homes, eight school-houses, eight grist and saw-mills, one paper-mill, one wool-carding machine, five distilleries, two breweries, a printing office and a weekly paper, and a large number of common mechanics; population, by the census of 1810, 1,849."

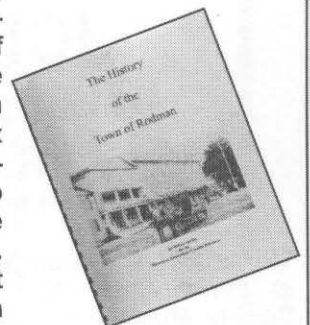
From Hough's History:

An 1827 census of Watertown, gave 1098 males, and 941 females, a gain of 500 in two years. There were 321 buildings, of which 224 were dwellings; 3 stone churches (Methodist, Universalist, and Presbyterian); court house, and jail; clerk's office; arsenal; 1 cotton factory with 1300 spindles, another Beebee's building; 1 woolen factory; 3 paper mills; 3 large tanneries; 3 flouring mills; 1 furnace; 1 nail factory; 2 machine shops; 2 fulling mills; 3 carding machines; 2 distilleries; 1 ashery; 2 pail factories; 1 sash factory; 2 chair factories; 1 hat factory; 4 wagon shops; 2 paint shops; 4 cabinet and joiner shops; 8 blacksmiths; 4 tailor shops; 7 shoe shops; 3 saddle and harness shops; 8 taverns; 15 dry good stores; 2 hardware stores; 2 hat stores; 2 book stores; 2 leather stores; 1 paint store; 2 druggists; 2 jewelers; 2 weekly papers; 7 public schools; 6 physicians, and 10 lawyers.

From a later source we find:

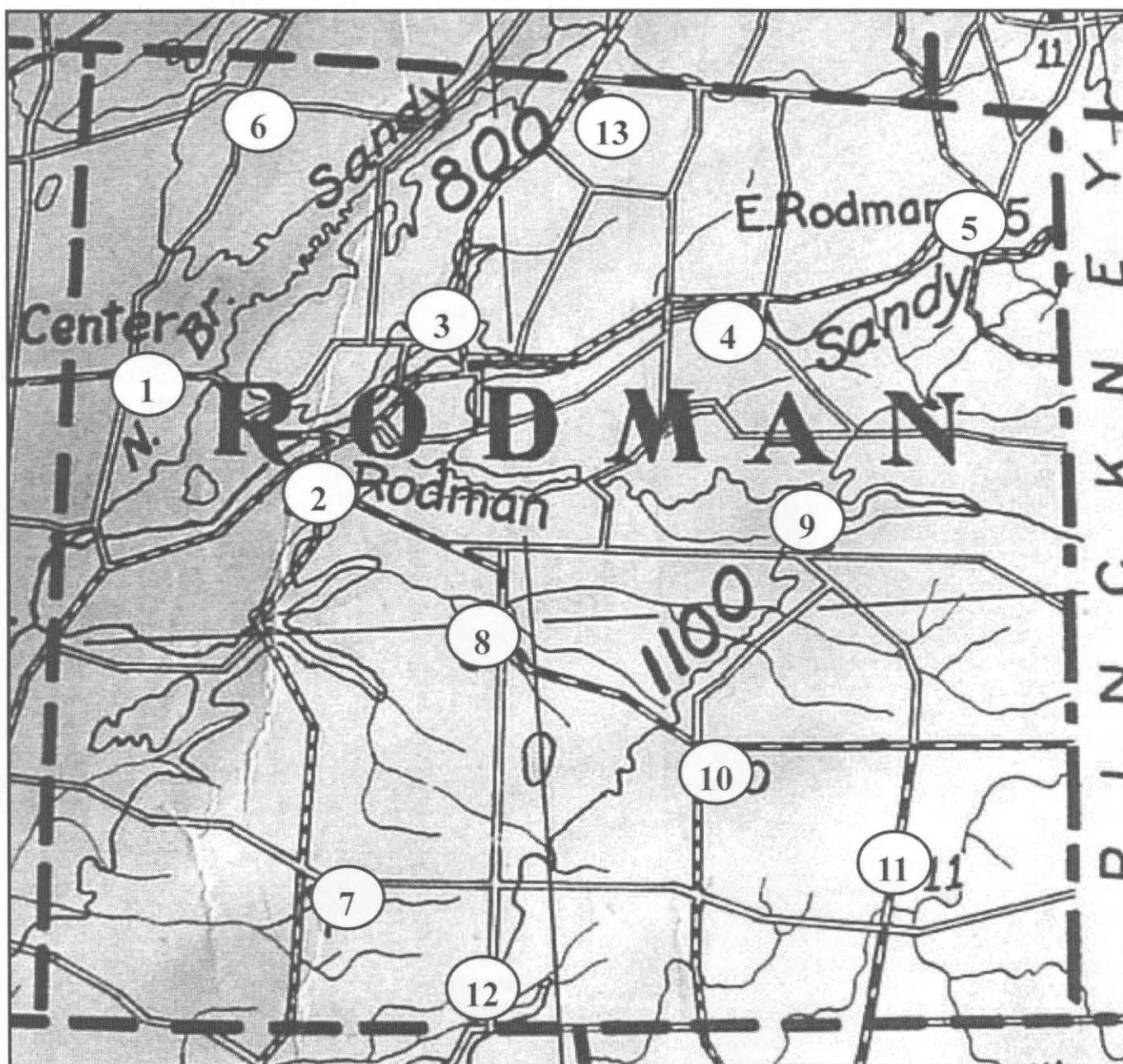
In 1880 Watertown had a population of 1,264. The town is located in the second school district of Jefferson County, and in 1888 had 14 school districts, in which 17 teachers were employed 28 weeks or more. There were 269 scholars attending school, and the aggregate days attendance during the year was 15,372. The total value of school buildings and sites was \$5,400, while the assessed valuation of all the districts was \$7,790.84. The whole amount raised for school purposes was \$12,434.08, of which \$1,169.56 was received by local tax. Truman C. Gray was school commissioner.

Once again we are using the material from the Historical Association of South Jefferson and the work of Debbie Quick in her histories of the six towns in southern Jefferson County. We are so pleased that they have allowed us this privilege. We encourage you to visit the Historical Society in Adams.





# EARLY SCHOOLS—TOWN OF RODMAN



- 1—Toad Hollow (also Whitford Corners, and West Rodman)
- 2—Rodman Village
- 3—Zoar (Unionville)
- 4—Fassett (also Ralph, Heath Factory, and Creek)
- 5—East Rodman (also Whitesville, Knights Corners, Northeast Rodman and Sandy Creek Valley)

- 6—Flanders (also Dillon, Harrington, Dry Hill and North Rodman)
- 7—Ross Corners (also Algona)
- 8—Dunn (also Cooley and Cook)
- 9—Wyman (also Brown)
- 10—Tremaines
- 11—Kellogg (also Babbitt's Corners)
- 12—Jerusalem
- 13—Freeman Creek (also Town Line)

## TOAD HOLLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT #1



### Toad Hollow District #1—Town of Rodman

(also referred to as the **Whitford Corners District** and **West Rodman District**) (in 1898 it was referred to as **Sleepy Hollow District**).

A schoolhouse was built on land donated by the Heath family. Nothing is known of the early history of the district. In 1903 the schoolhouse was repaired and painted and new steps were built in 1913. The school was closed in May 1917 because all the students were sick with whooping cough. Also in May 1917 the school was broken into by a tramp and nearly burned down. The district merged with Adams Center in 1925. Albert R. Heath drove the students to Adams Center from 1925 to 1939.

Teachers have included:

Herman Grinnell, **Melville Dewey 1868-69**, V. Webster Heath 1876-77, Alice Hunt 1877-79, Ida Austin 1881-82, Nellie Slaughter, Nora Wait, Miss Brooks, Myrtie Gordinier 1894-95, Percie Whaley, Lizzie VanAlstine 1897-98, Lena Whitcomb 1898-99, William Cagwin, Inez Powers, Mary Hall, Nellie Stoddard, Gladys Corey, Corlin Stoddard, Genevieve Green, Esther Gordinier summer 1902.

Students in 1877 were:

Silas Glazier, Arthur Grant, Dewitt Grant, MayBelle Grant, Fred Heath, Newell Heath, Homer Heath, Lizzie Hopkins, Clara Hunt, Florence Hunt, Nellie Maxson, Susie Nunn, Frank Munson, Minnie Munson, Nellie Munson, Eva Slaughter, Nellie Slaughter, Mary Whitford, Carrie Woodward, F. M. Woodward.

Students in 1897 were:

Ernest Cagwin, Melva Cobb, Meryl Cobb, Leon Cobb, Anna Dryden, Anna Glazier, Manly Harrington, Roy

Harrington, Sadie Heath, Laura Heath, Varo Heath, Albert Heath, Fred Langworthy, Laura Loveland, Rolla Loveland, Kate Sill, Allen Sill, John Sill, Janie Whitford, Lillian Wood, Fred Wright.



Above: Undated Toad Hollow District #1  
Below: 1896 Toad Hollow District #1



School Dist. #1—Toad Hollow, Rodman. 1896  
William Cagwin—Tr.

(No reference to order in picture)

Sadie Heath	Laura Loveland	Mark Parker
Anna Glazier	Edith Parker	Ernest Cagwin
Laura Heath	Melva Cobb	Anna Dryden
Janie Whitford	Leon Cobb	Rhoda Parker
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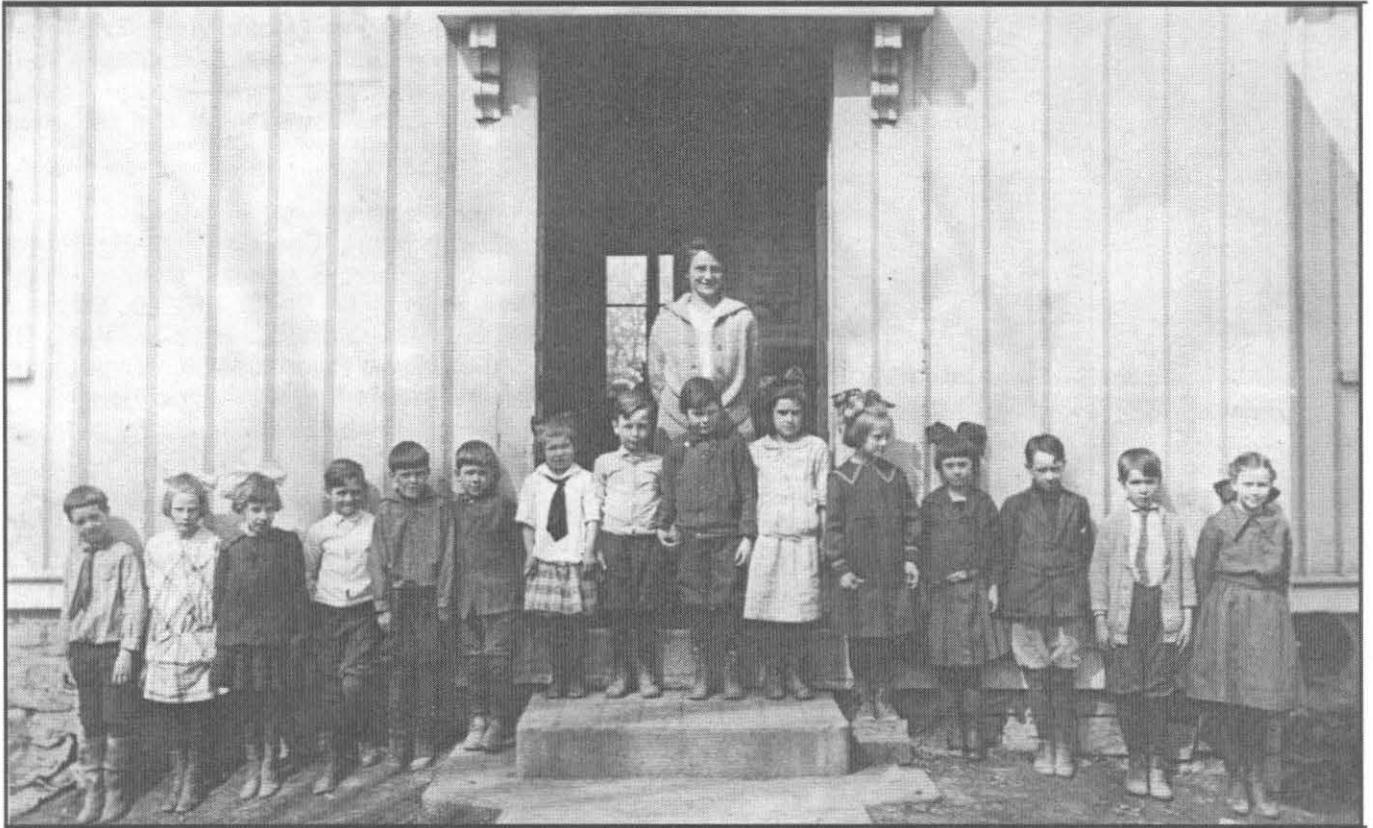
## Rodman Village School District #2

### Rodman Village District School #2

The early history is not known, but there was a school in the village by 1816. A new two room schoolhouse was built in 1866. In 1881 the school as repaired with new floors, new ceiling and new seats for a cost of \$300. On February 13, 1890 the district school was changed to a Union Free Graded School with three

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Rodman Village School District #2 (Photo—Primary Department in 1918)

(L to R): Gerald Rider, Hazel Caird, Bernice Cornell, Norman White, Aldred Loveland, unknown, Elizabeth White, Ralph Brown, Gerald Caird, Marion \_\_, Muriel Edmonds, Harriet Cole, Wilson Davis, Ralph Hammond & Marguerite Williams. Teacher—Inez Edmonds

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trustees - N.A. Wright, John Sheerer and Oliver Porter. In September 1906 the Women's Relief Corps and DeAlton Cooper Post GAR of Adams presented the Rodman Village School with a ten foot U.S. flag. A new hardwood floor was installed in 1915. A gymnasium was built onto the school in 1939 and the addition was dedicated on March 7, 1940. At this time there was an average of 35 students grades 1-6.

The district centralized with Adams Center in 1937, but the school remained open with 2 classes (grades 1-3) & (grades 4-6). Grades 7 thru 12 attended school in Adams Center. The school was closed in June 1966, the reason given was high operating costs.

Some of the early teachers were:

Electa Stanley, Hiram Smith, A. B. Copeland, Grace Duncan, M. C. Grant, Nora Woodard, Amelia Lyon, Frances Keegan, Nellie Burton, Fred Walker, Amelia Rutan, Orson Green, Mina Wood, Robert Alysworth, Ellen Hunt, Percy Eastman, James Lyons, Elijah Graves, Wm. VanAllen, Carrie Tucker, George Walker, Silas Maxon.

Later teachers included:

Marcus V. Grant 1871-73, Amelia Rutan & Amelia Lyons 1875-76, Mary Mack & Francis Keegan 1876-77, S. Whitford Maxson & Francis Keegan 1880-81, Fulton Ormsby & Amelia Spear 1881-82, W.A.

Brundidge & Amelia Spear 1883-84, Fulton Ormsby & Amelia Spear 1881-82, Walter Newton & Amelia Spear 1886-87, William Carpenter & Amelia Spear 1887-88, D. Jay Hubbard & Amelia Spear 1888-89, D. Jay Hubbard & Lillian Charters 1889-91, George Reeves & Lillian Charters 1891-92, William Herrick & Winnie Porter 1892-93, Murray Porter & Sadie Porter 1894-95, Chester C. Williams & Sadie Porter 1895-97, Chester C. Williams & Maatie Lawson 1897-98, Murray Porter & Sadie Porter 1898-1901.

Students in 1887 were:

Arthur Austin, Eva Austin, Ella Babbitt, Lester Blair, Etta Booth, Leroy Brown, Milo Brown, Lena Brown, Bellie Buell, Ada Eastman, Bertha Eastman, Chauncey Eastman, Gilbert Eastman, Grace Helms, Leon Huestis, Winogene Hughs, Wesley Hughs, Gertie Hughs, Fred Isham, Matie Lawton, Lizzie Lyon, Clarence Mack, Edna Newton, Melvin Newton, Lottie Nichols, Willie Oatman, Mattie Oatman, Nettie Oatman, Cady Pierce, Millie Plank, Murray Porter, Sadie Porter, Winnie Porter, May Porter, Charles Rice, Fay Simmons, Mettie Richmond, Maud Richmond, Fred Utley, Willie Utley, Lena VanDerVoort, Brace Vroman, Eva Wait, Clarence Wilson, Sewell Wolcott, Charles Woodard, Rollie Woodard, Estella Wyman, Sheldon Wyman, Millie Wyman, Willie Wyman, Bernice Youngs.





Undated Rodman Village School District #2



Another Undated Rodman Village School Picture

## Zoar School District #3



**Zoar District #3 (also called the Unionville District)**  
Nothing is known of the early history of the district which was formed by 1813. The schoolhouse was located on the west side of the Zoar Road at the corner of Pork Hill Road.

In 1926 the district started sending the academic (high school) students to Adams Center. The teachers salary in 1933 was \$20./week. The schoolhouse was extensively repaired in 1937 with new windows on the

south side of the building. Electricity was installed in the schoolhouse in 1938. In 1950 all students were sent to Adams Center. The district voted in October 1952 to centralize with Adams Center and the school closed in June 1953.

Some of the early teachers were -  
Submit Fellows, Henry Chaffee 1822-23, Homer Heath, Burton Freeman, Ella Butts, Gennett Angel, Nellie Whitcomb, Herman E. Hill 1879-80, Emma J. Smith 1881-82, Mary Maloney 1882-83, Albert P. Nichols 1886-87, Susie Pryor 1888-89, Winnie Porter 1889-91, Nellie Bullock 1891-92, Minnie Houghtaling 1892-93, Matie Lawton 1896-98, Daniel Anstead (spring 1898), Maude Richmond 1898-99.

Students in 1881 were:

Delbert Dye, Bertha Eastman, Wilson Glass, Bert Hill, Lora Hill, Bertie Plank, Frankie Rising, Fay Simmons, Ray Smith Fannie Smith, Milton Smith, Mary Spink, Jennie Spink, Edith Whitcomb, Jennie Whitcomb, Eddie Wilson, Clarence Wilson.

Students in 1926-27 were:

Andrew Butler, Arthur Butler, Lorena Butler, Archie Chrysler, Harvey Chrysler, Howard Daly, Anna Heath, Florence Heath, Webster Heath, Imogene Thomas, Luella Thomas, Clyde Whitford, Holly Whitford, Alice Worden.

## Fassett School District #4

**Fassett District #4** was also referred to as the **Ralph District, Heath Factory District, Creek District.** See also our cover picture.

The district was organized in 1812. A schoolhouse was built on the north side of Sandy Creek. In 1846 the schoolhouse was moved to the south side of Sandy Creek on the northwest corner of Ralph Nichols land. It cost \$480. to move and repair the schoolhouse. In 1854 the district purchased a lot from John Fassett for \$20. and a new schoolhouse was built for \$400. In 1856 the old schoolhouse was sold to E.L. Todd for \$5. and a post and bar fence was built on the backside of the school lot and a picket fence in front. In 1906 Clarence Edick repaired the schoolhouse. In 1932 Grant Damon drove the high school students to Adams Center. The district centralized with Adams Center in 1958.

Early teachers included -

Charles D. Gilbert, Charles Rice, O. Hadcock, Susie Pryor, Dempster Gardner, Maude Dean, Mina Gilbert, Arthur Cole, Clara Tucker, Max Stackels, Kate Smith, Leon Richards, Florence Clark, Arthur Boynton, Walter Newton, Molly Atwater, Alice Martell,  
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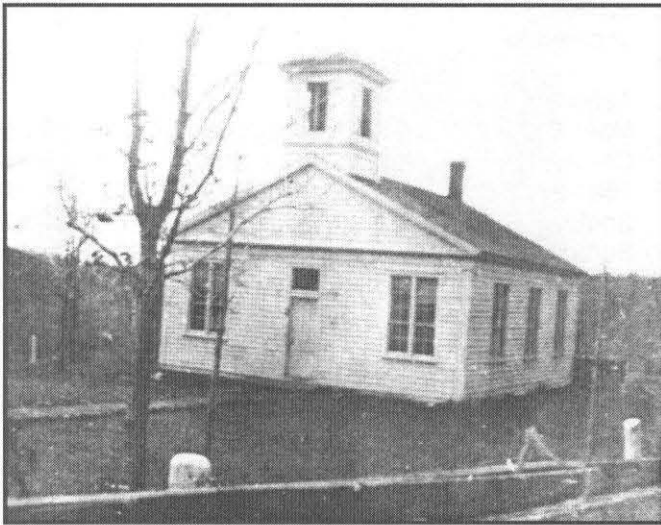
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Emma Smith 1881-82, Walter F. Newton 1884-85, Ernest McKinley 1888-90, Nora Wait 1891-92, Arthur Cole 1897-98, Nellie Whitcomb 1898-99.

Families living in the district in 1854 were those of:

Dennis M. Wait, Julius Colman, Milo S. Wait, Giles S. Kitts, John Fassett, Oren Fassett, Harrison Bibbins, George Staplin, Abner S. Kinney, Job Gardner, Green Gardner, Benjamin Fassett, Abram Lockwood, Charles Waterman, James Edmonds, Enoch Todd, Andrew Plank, Edward Plank, Daniel Edwards, David Hallock.

## East Rodman School District #5



**East Rodman District #5 (also referred to as the Whitesville District, Knights Corners District, Northeast Rodman and Sandy Creek Valley District).** The district was organized about 1812. The early history of the district is not known. The schoolhouse and all its contents burned to the ground on November 21, 1923. The schoolhouse as rebuilt. Starting in 1933 and continuing for many years an annual reunion was held for the former teachers and students on the district. In 1934 the oldest student attending the reunion was Charles Gardner, who graduated in 1875 and the oldest teacher attending was Ettie Ralph, who taught in 1875. The district centralized with Adams Center in 1953. The schoolhouse was sold and in 1967 it was the home of Merl Castor.

Teachers have included-

Clara James 1871-72, Etta (Waite) Ralph 1874-75, Herman Todd, Hugh Gregg 1883-84, Lillian Caulkins, Leona Walker, Fannie Shannon, Nellie Reed, Eugene Whiting, Ernest McKinley, Lillian Charters 1893-94,

Myrtle Bishop 1896-97, Maude Richmond 1898-99.

Students in 1905 were:

Mildred Clements, Willie Clobridge, Floyd Curtis, Lyle Curtis, Charles Dean, Lyle Dean, John Dodge, Florence Dodge, Wilma Dunaway, Edna Gregg, Jesse Jackson, Grace Lortie, Leo Lortie, Neva Lortie, Jay Merrill, Eva Myers, Irving Shaw, Wllen Todd, Gladys Wilder, Bennett Wilson, Raymond Wright, Irene Young.



## Flanders School District #6



Dillon School #6 Rodman

Front Row—L to R—Calvin Maltby, Perley Howard, Laura Mantle, Gladys Scrivens, Dorothy Mantle.

Back Row—L to R—Harlow Brown, Dayton Priest, Harry Mantle, Louise Dillon, Anna Scrivens, Ruth Dillon & Mary Denny.

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**Flanders District #6** is also referred to as the **Dillin District, Harrington District, Dry Hill District** and **North Rodman District**. The early history of the district is unknown. The school house was located along County Route 155 and Killenbeck Road.

The schoolhouse was thoroughly repaired in 1911. In 1913 there were 25 pupils in the district and new seats were put in the school and new cement steps added. The school district merged with Adams Center in 1925. Bradley Worden drove the students to Adams Center. The schoolhouse and grounds were sold in September 1926 to Gaius Oatman for \$275.

Teachers have included:

Emma Youngs, George Holloway, Dayan Hill, Carrie Fisher, Nellie Slaughter, Dora Currey 1893-94, Farlin Carr 1894-95, Emma Babcock 1895-96, Helen Still 1896-97, Freeman Graves 1897-98, Kate Lyons (summer) 1898, Anna Godfrey 1898-99, Lettie Carley, Florence Bell 1899-1900, Louise Dillin, Ethel Barker, Jennie Spicer.

The students in 1888 were:

Frank Bibbins, Lena Bibbins, Fred Bibbins, Ruford Cook, Willard Cook, Anna Dean, Earl Flanders, Bert Freeman, Mildred Freeman, Sheldon Kelley, Alden Ralph, Samuel Ralph, Fay Risley, Fenton Risley, Leon Risley, Angelo Smith, Mary Smith.

## Ross Corners School District #7



**Ross Corners District #7** was also referred to as the **Algona District**. The schoolhouse was located at the southeast corner of the junction of County Route 97 (Washington Park Road), Patrick Road and Dobbins Road. The district was organized in 1824. Up to 1826 the district rented a house in which to hold school. In 1826 a 20 foot by 24 foot schoolhouse was built for \$150 and 7½ cords of wood had to be provided for the

winter. On September 4, 1923 fire started in the shed attached to the back of the schoolhouse. Prompt action by the neighbors confined the fire to the shed and part of the roof of the school. In 1926 there were only seven students. In April 1927 the school was closed for two weeks as all the students were sick with the measles. The schoolhouse was repaired and painted in 1929. In 1933 the high school students were transported to Adams by Bert Delano. In August 1938 the east wall of the schoolhouse was repaired and the building received a new roof. In 1940 the school was equipped with a playground. The schoolhouse was wired for electricity in May 1942. In May 1947 the district voted to keep the school open despite the fact that the state required each district to pay the teacher at least \$2,000 per school year. The district was annexed to the Adams High School in 1957 and plans were being made to sell the schoolhouse. In 1967 the schoolhouse sat vacant and uncared for.

Teachers have included:

Mary Gregg 1878-79, Clara Tucker 1879-80, Minnie Cooley 1883-84, Nora A. Wait 1889-91, Grace Reed 1891-92, Miss Edmonds (summer) 1892, Mrs. A. Sheley, 1892-93 Matie Lawton 1894-95, Gertrude Edmonds 1895-96, Herman Rice 1896-97, Florence Cooper 1897-98, Clara McKinley 1899-1900, Perley Miller.

Some of the students in 1926 were:

Harry Berry, Clyde Delano, Ray Metcalfe, Ralph Metcalfe, Herbert Miller.



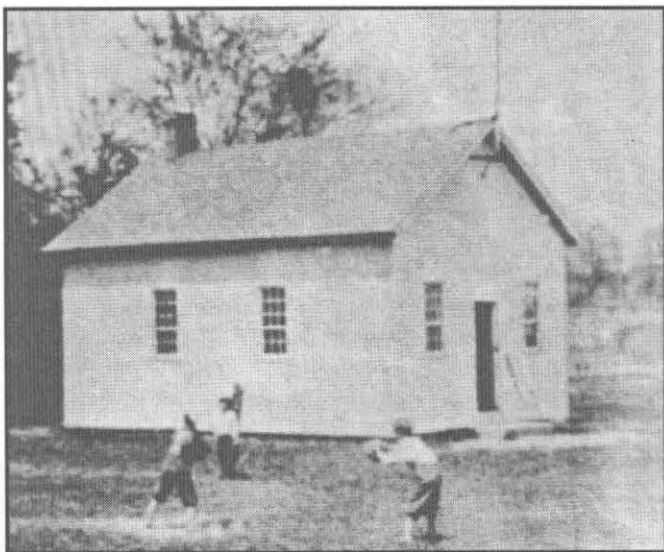
## Dunn School District #8

**Dunn District #8** was also referred to as the **Cooley District** and the **Cook District**. The district was located in Southeast Rodman near G. L. Butterfield's.

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The schoolhouse was located along Route 177 in a hollow on the right side of the highway, just south of Fairview Cemetery. None of the early history of the district is known. The schoolhouse was repaired and new furniture installed in the summer of 1916. The schoolhouse was again repaired in 1929 with new shingles, 4 large windows were installed on the south side and 1 large window on the west side. In 1930

they installed a new stove and chimney. The district centralized with Adams Center High School in 1937.

Early teachers have included:

Willard Newton 1878-79, Emma J. Smith 1880-81, May Todd 1888-89, Susie Pryor (spring) 1889, Cora Littlefield 1889-91, Murray Porter 1891-92, A. E. Cole 1892-93, Florence Jones 1893-94, Bertha Fox 1895-96, Sadie Porter 1897-98, Bertha Fox (summer) 1898, Stella Parsons 1898-99.

Students in 1880 were:

Flora Cooley, Minnie Cooley, Brayton Cooley, Albert Cooley, Charles Cooley, Mabel Grant, DeWitt Grant, Luman Jones, Adelle Newton, Frank Parmenter, Pitt Parmenter, Murray Porter.

In the picture below from the Dunn School District #8 in 1936 are:

1st Row—Richard Pond, Elmer Clark, Marjorie Castor, Marcella Brucker, Frances Castor, Eleanor Williams, Gussie Waite, Nina LaRock, Eleanor Castor.

2nd Row—Kenneth Williams, Lloyd Clark, Edna Waite, Charlotte Pond, Beatrice Williams, Virginia LaRock, Oakes & Genevieve Brucker.

3rd Row—Ernest & Mark Randall, Morris Waite & Ella DeRosier (teacher).



## Wyman School District #9

The **Wyman District #9** was also referred to as the **Brown District**. Nothing is known about the history of this district. The district was east of the Cooley District and north of Tremaines Corners.

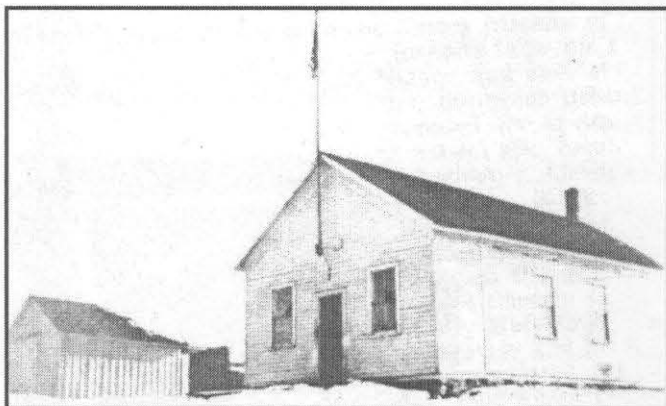
Teachers have included:

Emma J. Smith 1880-81, Claudia Cornell 1885-86, Minnie Cooley (summer) 1886, Clara McKinley 1886-92, F. Switzer Cornell 1892-93, Mertie Gordinier 1893-94, Ethel Hayden 1894-95, Matie Lawton 1895-96, Clara McKinley 1896-97, Bertha Fox 1897-98, Daniel Ansted 1898-99, Emma Cornell 1900-01.

Students in 1880 included:

Willie Brown, Homer Cleveland, Fred Edmonds, Stella Fry, Eddie Gill, Carey Hart, Eddie Hoke, Mattie Hoke.

## Tremaines Corners School District #10



**Tremaines Corners District #10.** The schoolhouse was located on the southeast corner of State Route 177 and County Route 95 at Tremaines Corners. Early history of the district is unknown. The schoolhouse was repaired in October 1881. In December 1884 high winds blew the chimney off the schoolhouse. From 1823 to 1883 church services were held in the schoolhouse. In April 1912 E. N. McKinley presented the Tremaines School with an oak bookcase in memory of his sister, Clara McKinley, a former teacher. The school closed in 1954 and the district contracted with Adams Center High School and the students were bused there. The district was annexed to the Adams Center-Adams Central School in 1965.

Teachers in this district have included:

Almeda Gardner 1872-73, Dayan Hill, Eva Slaughter, V. Webster Heath 1879-80, W. E. Bell 1880-81, H. E. Hill (summer) 1881, Clara Crofoot 1881-82, Mary

Pooler (summer) 1882, Etta Wright 1882-83, Walter F. Newton 1883-84, Edwin D. Jenks 1885-86, William F. Carpenter 1886-87, Mary Blount 1887-88, Jennie Allen (summer) 1888, Emma Flaherty 1888-89, Clara McKinley 1889-90, Emily Cleveland 1890-91, Sadie Bonnet (summer) 1891, E. C. Bullock (fall) 1891, Lizzie Reed (spring) 1892, Emma Cornell 1892-93, Arthur E. Cole 1893-94, Mittie Grimshaw 1894-95, Clara McKinley 1895-96, Bertha Fox (summer) 1896, Arthur Cole 1896-97, Clara McKinley 1897-98, Flora Coryne 1898-99.

Students in 1881 were:

E. Buel, Olive Buel, Arthur Cole, Bert Cooley, George Crosby, Will Dunn, Frank Flint, Ordilla Flint, Wayne Fox, Cora Hill, E. N. McKinley, Clara McKinley, Emily Smith.



## Kellogg School District #11



**Kellogg District #11** was also known as the **Babbitt's Corners District**. The schoolhouse was located in southeast Rodman on the east side of the road to Worth now County Route 189, midway from the corner  
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of State Route 177 and the town line with Worth. It was the smallest district, averaging only 11-14 students each year. In 1930 the district voted not to continue transporting the High School students to Adams Center. In 1931 they put in 4 new windows on the north side of the schoolhouse. The district had 6 students in 1932 and 11 students in 1937. The district was annexed to Adams Center-Adams Central School in 1965.

#### Kellogg District #11—Date and Students Unknown



Teachers have included:

Mary Pooler 1878-80, George Fairman 1880-81, Laura Butler 1885-86, Lydia Smiley, Etta Gardner, Minnie Cooley 1886-87, Clara McKinley 1887-88, Edwin M. Bullock 1888-89, Emily Cleveland 1889-91, Lizzie Reed 1891-92, Nellie Horth 1892-93, Nellie Bullock (fall) 1893, Minnie Houghtaling (spring) 1894, Florence Jones (summer) 1894, Perley Miller 1894-95, Bertha Fox (summer) 1895, Nellie Horth 1896-97, F. G. Burt 1897-98, Mittie Grimshaw 1898-99.

Students in 1893 were:

Ina Cote, Frank Glasier, Milton Glasier, Myrtle Glasier, Samuel Kilmer, Edith Streeter, Mary Streeter, Maude Streeter, Julia Streeter, Willie Streeter, Effie Streeter, Anna Streeter, Nina Worden, Vina Worden.

### Jerusalem School District #12

The schoolhouse was located on the north side of Jerusalem Road and was a joint district between the towns of Rodman and Lorraine. Not much is known about the history of this district. The schoolhouse was repaired in 1914. After the school closed the building was converted into a camp.



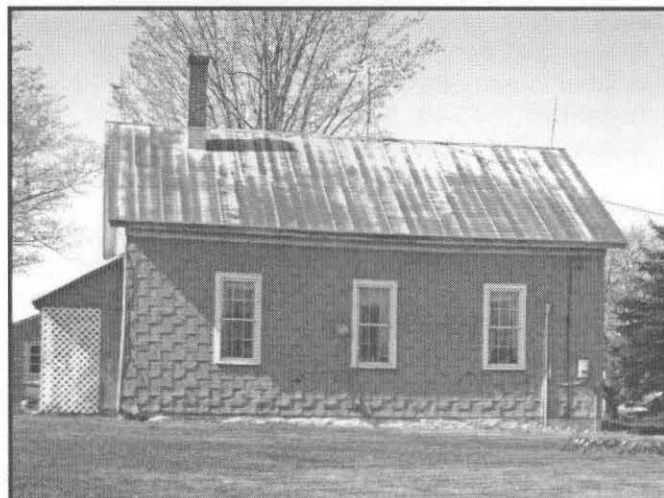
Teachers have included:

Emily Smith, Minnie Cooley, May Myers, Nellie Perkins 1878-79, Carrie Hayes 1879-80, Jennie Allen 1886-87, Eugene Coon 1887-88, Clara McKinley 1888-89, Eugene Coon 1890-91, Ross Scott 1891-92, Marion Myers (fall) 1892, Lizzie Reed (spring) 1893, Ross Scott (summer) 1893, Silas Maxon 1893-94, Emma Cornell 1894-95, C. O. Boyd (summer) 1895, Jesse Pettingill 1895-96, Emma Cornell 1897-99. Florence Coryne, Jennie Baker.

Students in 1895 were:

Bruce Brown, Mettie Dobbins, Mittie Dobbins, Ora Eaton, Herman Parkhurst, Olive Recor, Ethel Recor, George Recor, Ina Recor, Claude Woodard, Eugene Woodard, Jesse Woodard.

### Freeman Creek School District #13



Freeman Creek District #13 was also known as **Town Line District**. The district was in the area of Freeman Creek Road, Shawgraw Road and Coffeen Road. The first school taught in the town of Rodman

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was taught in this district in 1803 in Anson Moody's barn by Miss M. Nobles. (The Anson Moody farm was sold to Jasper Woolworth and later to Chauncey Lawton). School was then held in a log barn on the Horace Freeman farm until 1818 when it was moved to a log house on Reuben Crandall's farm. In 1820 an 18 foot square building was moved from the Smith farm and an 18 foot by 25 foot addition as built onto it. This building was used until 1830. The district was officially organized on May 2, 1829 as Joint District #4 of Watertown and Rodman. It was later known as District #4 of Watertown. A schoolhouse was built in 1830 and was located across the town line in the town of Watertown. There were 46 students in the district in 1831. The schoolhouse burned down in the winter of 1845. Classes were held in a cooper shop until a new schoolhouse was built on the same site as the burned one. The new building was completed in the fall of 1845. A new schoolhouse was built in 1881 at the southeast corner of the Zoar Road and Freeman Creek Road in the Town of Rodman and the district was re-organized as District #13 of Rodman. The school district closed in 1949 and the students attended the Adams Center Central School. The schoolhouse was converted to a house and occupied by Douglas and Peggy Lee for many years. The building is still in good condition.

Some teachers in the district have included:

William Moody 1830-31, Betsey Jones (summer) 1831, Nathaniel Sikes 1831-32, Carend Boom (summer) 1832, Nathaniel Sikes 1832-33, Nancy Smith (summer) 1833, Harry Fay 1833-34, Mercy Ingalls 1834-35, Marilla Sutton (summer) 1835, Agigail Smith 1836-37, Arletta Winslow (summer) 1838, Mr. Holton 1838-39, Dorothy Mantle 1839-40, Gouverneur Green 1840-41, Eunice Nichols (summer) 1841, Gouverneur Green 1841-42, Maria Isham 1842-45, Martha Butterfield 1845-46, Susan Butterfield 1846-47, Maria Isham 1847-48, Laura Sawyer 1850-51.

Students in 1831 were:

Luther Foot, Perley Foot, Orrin Moody, Adeline Holden, Albert Clark, Daniel Smith, Susan Smith, Lucy Smith, Eveline Smith, Emeline Smith, Nelson Smith, Antoinette Chaffee, Charles Chaffee, Jeremiah Crandall, Reuben Crandall, Sarah Isham, Bert Isham, Philena Wilson, John Wilson, Richard Wilson, Joel Wilson, Huldah Wilson, William Rose, Dempster Boom, Lucina Sikes, John Sikes, Clark Vanhoozer, Emeline Vanhoozer, Maryette Vanhoozer, Warren Vanhoozer, Hubard Brown, Sally Dunham, Samantha Dunham, John Dunham, Lorenzo Dunham, Julia Dunham, Isaac Gardner, Soloman Gardner, Louisa Gardner, Lucy Gardner, George Conklin, Adeline Hayes, Eunice Hayes.

## Adams High School Senior Class of 1924 Dedicates Their Annual To Their Faculty



Top Row from L to R: Miss Charlotte M. Thorpe (English and Elocution), Miss Gertrude E. Dewey (Second Grade), Floyd O. Barbur (Vice-Principal), Miss Florence J. Kellogg (Mathematics), George M. Duquette (Civics and History), Mrs. Florence B. Harrington (History).

Middle Row from L to R: Miss Mable K. Pitkin (Sixth Grade), Miss Grace M. Waterbury (Junior High School), Miss Mildred M. McAvoy (Music and Drawing), Francis M. Carr (Principal), Miss Hazel M. Snyder (English), Miss Beth D. Ewart (Latin and French), Miss Margaret E. Wear (Physical Training).

Bottom Row from L to R: Miss Irma F. Soultz (Commercial Department), Miss Helen E. Hilton (Fourth Grade), Mrs. Nina G. Stetson (First Grade), Miss Vera M. McBath (Fifth Grade), Miss Lidra A. Rawlings (Third Grade).

### No Guarantees of Results

Be cautious of a researcher who guarantees to find your family for you. Genealogists can search records to which they have access and that they can guarantee. However, no one can guarantee that they will find your great-grandparents--unless they already have done it and located the information before you ever contacted them. If a search has not already been done, there is no way someone can "guarantee" they will find your family for you.

### Did They Have it Wrong in their Head?

Information on your ancestor's records may be inconsistent for several reasons. One to keep in the back of your mind is that maybe they "got something in their head wrong" and used that wrong information every time they answered the question. There are times where there's no real "reason" for incorrect information and "wrong" details are not given with the intent to deceive.

Found on <http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/>

## A Response To Our July Issue

Hi Nan:

I read with great enjoyment the article in *The Informer* about the Haight's Corners District #10, one-room schoolhouse. My Great Aunt Lena Carpenter was listed as one of the teachers in the late 1800's. I would be very interested in knowing the sources of information for this article if you would be willing to share that information with me.

I don't know if it holds any interest for you but my beloved Grandmother, Leah Carpenter, also taught at this school. It was here that she met her husband and from whence I came. Leah and Lena were sisters, Lena being fifteen years the elder. Aunt Lena attended Potsdam Normal School that is listed online as the "Home of Pioneer Women Educators" <http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/normal.htm>. She remained a spinster and eventually retired after a long career of teaching. I am fortunate to have copious excerpts from her diary. I know from oral history, substantiated by clippings from Fulton Postcards, that Grandma Leah also taught at Gould District and at Hungerford's Corners - I am not certain if they are the only three schools where she taught but her teaching career may have been short-lived as she fell in love with "the boy next door" to the Haight's Corners Schoolhouse and the rest as they say is history. Grandma Leah Carpenter became Mrs. William John 'Owen' Phillips the following year on September 16th, 1916. It is my understanding that once she married, she could no longer teach. Whether or not my grandmother ceased teaching voluntarily, I cannot say but I found an article online titled '1879 & 1915 Rules For Teachers' that lists **Rule 6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.** We have surely come a long way.

We make at least one annual trek to visit the Haight's Corners one-room schoolhouse. I sense Grandma's presence when we are there. I have coerced numerous members of my family into joining me on these treks, thus keeping these memories alive. When first I came upon the schoolhouse it was sorely in disrepair. As we peered into the windows, the ceiling was hanging, the steps outside had decayed, the brush was overgrown, etc. You get the picture.

One of the people that I shared my discovery with is my cousin, Harriet Phillips Wilcox. Harriet is an artist and she did an oil painting of the schoolhouse from photos that we took while on our outing. Harriet and I met with Rose Martin who was on the South Jefferson PTO committee at the time. Harriet's artwork was such a hit that the local school district asked that it be displayed at an upcoming school art and crafts event. She then drew a pen and ink of the same view and offered it to the school district to be used as a fund raiser. Coffee mugs were manufactured with the drawing imprinted on them and even if Harriet and I were the best customers, I must say that it was delightful to have the schoolhouse commemorated in this fashion.

The PTO took interest in the old school and many repairs were made. An outhouse was positioned appropriately to the rear of the building, the cupola was taken down, repaired and put back in place, the ceiling was reinforced, painting was done, grass and brush was pushed back, etc. Sometime later, I received the following communication:

INVITATION from Eileen M. Moriarty, Mannsville, NY, addressed to Mrs. Diana Law, East Syracuse, NY reads as follows: You are cordially invited to join us for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Haight's Corners School-house on June 6, 2001. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 3:00 p.m. The schoolhouse will be open until 7:00 p.m. for viewing. Come and join South Jefferson Parent-Teacher Organization and see what a wonderful school-house South Jefferson has to offer.

Dick and I (Diana Griffin Law) did attend the celebration as did my sister, Leah-Rae and her husband, Raymond Baldwin. Harriet Wilcox, Bob Fulton, Frances and Bob Brenon, other family members attended. Many from the community were present as well. It was a lovely day and a most nostalgic occasion. Sadly, since then, the momentum seems to be lost or interest has waned as each year when I return, the charming little schoolhouse in the vale seems a bit more down-trodden.

I see in *The Informer* that you have books on some of the local schools. I shall have to read that more carefully. I would be delighted to see some of your wares on display at the upcoming CNYGS 50th Anniversary Conference in October. As the deadline nears, I have not seen Jefferson County's (JCNYGS) name on the list of vendors. Purely for selfish reasons, I was most hopeful that your society would be in attendance.

Oh, yes, the main reason that I wrote and I do get off on a tangent, is to say that I have a photo of the oil painting that my cousin, Harriet, did of the Haight's Schoolhouse, I probably have a copy of the pen and ink drawing that she drew for the PTO to use for the mugs. Of course, I have a number of the mugs. Somewhere I should have photos of the 2001 ribbon cutting dedication and ceremony. I have a photo of Grandma's 1911 Training Class from Adams. I have a few photos of the inside of the schoolhouse mid-repair; you can see that the ceiling is being put back in place. I have two or three different photos of my grandmother standing outside the school with a few of her students - one is a winter photo dated 1915. If you would be interested in seeing any of these items, I shall collect them and send them to you.

I had not intended to make this such a long communication but I got carried away having seen your article and wanted to share with you my connection to the school. No one's history or genealogy is quite as interesting as our own or perhaps quite as boring to others. Enough said....

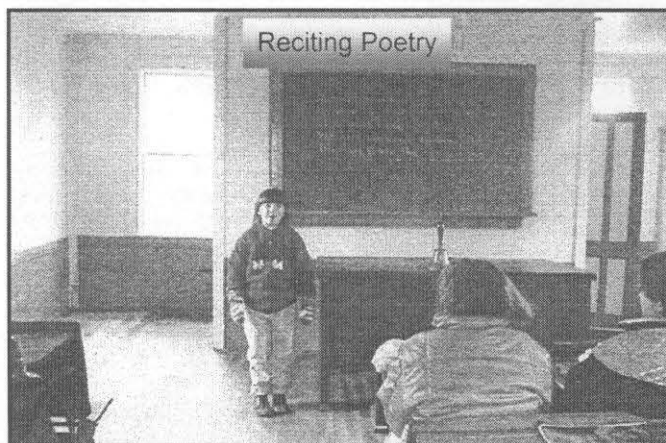
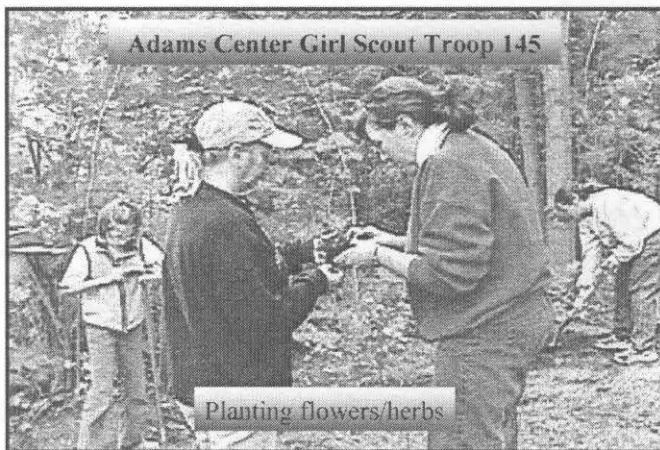
I do miss seeing you folks. Be in touch.  
Best regards - Diana

From: **Diana Law** <dianalaw@twcny.rr.com>

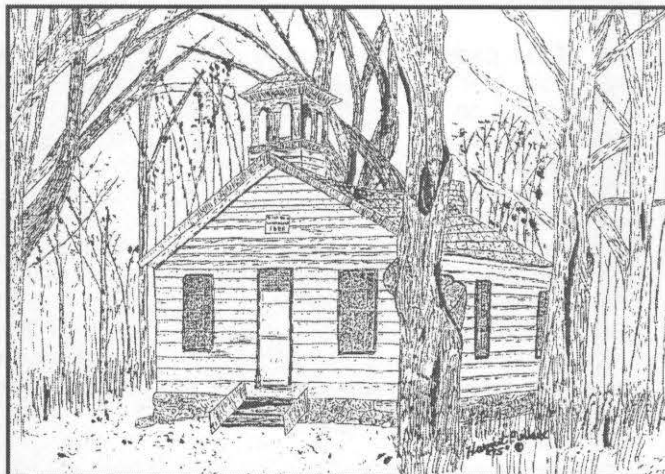
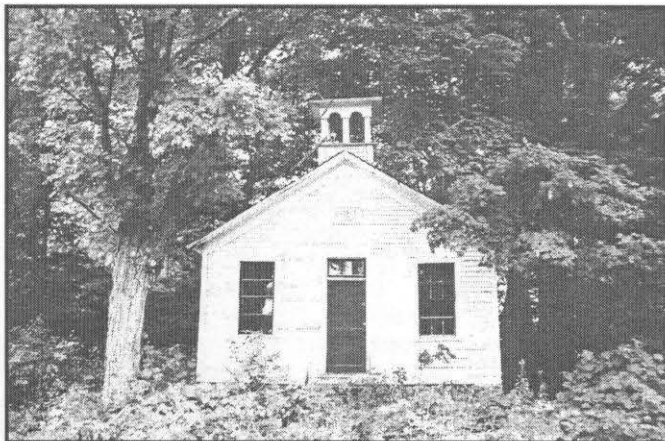


# Early Schools Research

*Informer* committee member Terry Baker did some leg work for early schools information and among the information he came across is a folder of the "History of Adams Center Schools" and a collection of papers on the Hights Corners School House that South Jefferson Central School Superintendent Jamie A. Moesel made available to the *Informer*. Among the papers is information on the history of Hights Corners School and pictures, newspaper articles and letters on the renovation of the schoolhouse by the South Jefferson PTO that was completed in 2001. There are letters from Orrinda Moreton of Lorraine who taught from 1923 until 1961 in rural schools. Eighteen personal hand written letters from students in Joanne Bickel's elementary class are included. They visited the renovated Hights Corners School on Friday, November 17, 2000 "reciting poetry they had memorized, doing math problems on slates, playing a math game and writing in their journals."



We've included 3 pictures from the many in the folder. They were not identified as such but we can assume they are ones that Diana Law refers to in her letter on the previous page. If the top picture is not Diana's then it is most likely very similar. The middle picture is of the painting done by Harriet Wilcox and the bottom picture of Harriet's pen and ink drawing that was used on fund raisers such as coffee mugs.





# GRANDMOTHERS

A grandmother is a babysitter who watches the kids instead of the television. Author Unknown

Never have children, only grandchildren. Gore Vidal

Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric. Pam Brown

Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because Pop-pops have only so many horse rides in them. Gene Perret

When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window. Ogden Nash

Grandma always made you feel she had been waiting to see just you all day and now the day was complete. Marcy DeMaree

Grandmas never run out of hugs or cookies. Author unknown

Grandmas hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever. Author Unknown

If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first. Lois Wyse

My grandkids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too. Gene Perret

If becoming a grandmother was only a matter of choice, I should advise every one of you straight away to become one. There is no fun for old people like it! Hannah Whitehall Smith

It's such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother - that's why the world calls her grandmother. Author Unknown

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

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly. Gene Perret

The best baby-sitters, of course, are the baby's grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods, which is why most grandparents flee to Florida. Dave Barry

I wish I had the energy that my grandchildren have - if only for self-defense. Gene Perret

Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love. Author Unknown

Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children. Alex Haley

Grandmother - a wonderful mother with lots of practice. Author Unknown

A grandparent is old on the outside but young on the inside. Author Unknown

One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather. Joy Hargrove

It's amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one. Author Unknown

If your baby is "beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and burps on demand, an angel all the time," you're the grandma. Teresa Bloomingdale

Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren. Author Unknown

What is it about grandparents that is so lovely? I'd like to say that grandparents are God's gifts to children. And if they can but see, hear and feel what these people have to give, they can mature at a fast rate. Bill Cosby

Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother. G. Norman

## Jefferson County Pioneers



<http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/pions.htm>

### PIONEER COLLINS FAMILY

1. WILLIAM COLLINS, (son of DANIEL and DOROTHY (WELLS) COLLINS) was born 25 Oct 1759 in Stonington CT. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He died on 23 Sep 1850 in the Town of Orleans, Jefferson Co. NY, and is buried in the Stone Mills Cemetery, Stone Mills, Town of Orleans. He married in 1782 POLLY ROSS, (daughter of JOHN and HANNAH (SAUNDERS) ROSS of Westerly, Washington County RI), who was born 2 Apr 1760. She died 29 Apr 1836 in the Town of Orleans, Jefferson Co NY and is also buried in the Stone Mills Cemetery. (William had a sister Hannah who married William Rouse)

Children, b CT:

- + 2 i POLLY COLLINS
- + 3 ii JOHN B. COLLINS
- + 4 iii RACHEL COLLINS
- + 5 iv LYDIA COLLINS
- + 6 v WILLIAM COLINS
- + 7 vi TACY COLLINS
- + 8 vii SOPHIA COLLINS
- + 9 viii HANNAH COLLINS

2. POLLY COLLINS, (daughter of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 18 Apr 1786. She d 16 May 1857 and is buried in Clayton Cemetery, Clayton, Jefferson Co. She married in 1801 at Plainfield, Otsego Co NY TRUMAN KILBORN, (son of Captain JOHN and ANNA (SMITH) KILBORN) was born in Adams, MA. He removed to Brownville NY in 1804; TRUMAN KILBURN was a taxpayer in the Town of Orleans in 1824. He died 6 Sep 1831 at (Twp Orleans?) Brownville, Jefferson Co.

Children, all but first born Brownville:

- + 10 i ANNIE KILBORN
- + 11 ii WILLIAM COLLINS KILBORN
- + 12 iii TRUMAN KILBORN
- + 13 iv FREDERICK KILBORN
- + 14 v JOHN KILBORN
- + 15 vi DANIEL KILBORN
- + 16 vii MARY KILBORN

3. JOHN B. COLLINS, (son of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 18 Apr 1787 at Stonington CT. He moved with his father's family to Jefferson County, and took up land near what is now Stone Mills in the Town of Orleans. JOHN B. COLLINS and PETER PRATT built a limestone grist mill, and the place was then known as Collins Mills. The name was later changed to its present Stone Mills. JOHN B. COLLINS also made early surveys of the area. He died 1 May 1866 and is buried at Stone Mills. He married about 1806 CLARA/CLARISSA RHODES, (daughter of JOSEPH and RHODA (WHEELER) RHODES) b Chemung Co 1791; died 8

Oct 1869 and is buried at Stone Mills.

Children, probably all born present Twp Orleans, Jefferson County:

- + 17 i JOSEPH COLLINS married MARY EDDY
- + 18 ii JOHN W. COLLINS married CLARISSA EDDY
- 19 iii JAMES L. COLLINS
- 20 iv WILLIAM B. COLLINS
- 21 v CORDELIA COLLINS
- + 22 vi THOMAS W COLLINS married MARTHA HAMLIN
- 23 vii CLARISSA COLLINS
- 24 viii GEORGE R. COLLINS
- + 25 ix ERWIN S. COLLINS married ADELIA DILLENBECK
- + 26 x DANIEL COLLINS married MARTHA HOLLOWAY
- 27 xi ROSS COLLINS  
Collins Frasier, an adopted son

4. RACHEL C. COLLINS, (daughter of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 29 (26?) Jul 1789 at Stonington, CT. She died 22 Sep 1876 in the Town of Orleans, Jefferson Co, and is buried in the Stone Mills Cemetery, Stone Mills, Town of Orleans, Jefferson County. She married, probably in Jefferson County, ROBERT SMITH, (son of NICHOLAS and ANNAATJE (HAGEDORN) SMITH) who was born 10 Sep 1784 at Schenectady, Schenectady Co NY. A farmer, he died 23 Sep 1867 in the Town of Orleans and is buried in the Stone Mills Cemetery.

Children, born Twp Orleans:

- + 28 i HARMON SMITH married LUCRENIA HURD
- + 29 ii DANIEL SMITH married SALLIE ANN DIXON
- + 30 iii NANCY SMITH married ROBERT B. DIXON, JR
- 31 iv NICHOLAS SMITH
- 32 v POLLY SMITH
- + 33 vi HANNAH SMITH married SANFORD PETRIE
- + 34 vii ROBERT SMITH married ALMA TUTTLE
- + 35 viii WILLIAM COLLINS SMITH married LAURA TUTTLE

5. LYDIA COLLINS, (daughter of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 12 Feb 1790 at Stonington CT. She died 26 Sep 1854 in the Town of Orleans, Jefferson Co and is buried in the Perch River Cemetery at Perch River in the Town of Brownville. She married ROSWELL BAXTER, (son of JOHN and ANNA (BOWDY) BAXTER) who was born 14 Jul 1787 at Sandisfield MA. He died 7 Jan 1866 and is also buried in the Perch River Cemetery.

Children, order uncertain, probably all born Twp Orleans:

- 36 i TACY BAXTER married (---) ROGERS
- 37 ii POLLY ANN BAXTER
- 38 iii NANCY BAXTER married SILAS SPICER
- 39 iv ALBERT BAXTER (eldest son) married POLLY COLLINS
- 40 v ELBRIDGE BAXTER (lvd Pike's Peak, CO, 1866)
- 41 vi SARAH BAXTER married CHAUNCY ROGERS
- 42 vii CORNELIA BAXTER

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6. WILLIAM COLLINS, (son of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 10 Jul 1792 at Stonington CT. He died 8 May 1876 in the Town of (?) Brownville, Jefferson Co. He married 12 Jun 1816 at Brownville, Jefferson County SALLY CRAWFORD, (daughter of WILLIAM and HULDAH (---) CRAWFORD) who was born in Chenango County. She died 18 Oct 1884 at Stone Mills, Jefferson County.

Children:

- 43 i HENRY COLLINS married (1) SALLY STETSON; (2) HULDAH BRAUT
- 44 ii WILLIAM PATRICK COLLINS married CYNTHIA ELIZABETH CRUMB
- 45 iii RHODA COLLINS
- 46 iv ALMIRA COLLINS married DAVID H. DIXON
- 47 v POLLY COLLINS married ALBERT BAXTER
- 48 vi EDWARD COLLINS
- 49 vii HUSE COLLINS
- 50 viii JOHN W. COLLINS

7. TACY COLLINS, (daughter of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 15 Sep 1795 at Stonington, CT. She died about 1887. She married SUMNER KIBBE, (probably the son of ISAAC and NAOME (KIBBE) KIBBE) who was born 2 Nov 1788.

Children, probably born Twp Orleans:

- 51 i PELL KIBBE married TABITA PERMELIA LIVINGSTON
- 52 ii ELISIA KIBBE
- 53 iii BETSY KIBBE married AMBROSE LITTLEFIELD
- + 54 iv MARY LENORA KIBBE married LEWIS ARNOLD
- 55 v ABAGAIL KIBBE married CYRUS NOYES
- 56 vi LYDIA B. KIBBE
- 57 vii GEORGE W. KIBBE married BELLE HARRIET WEST
- 58 viii CLARISSA KIBBE married (1) JEROME WHITE; (2) LEWIS LAMSON

Possibly also ALONZO KIBBE and LINUS KIBBE

8. SOPHIA COLLINS, (daughter of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 13 May 1800 at Stonington, CT. She died 15 Mar 1869 at Cole Camp, MO. She married WILLIAM ROUSE, Jr. (son of WILLIAM and HANNAH (COLLINS) ROUSE) who was born 5 Apr 1793 in CT. He moved to Missouri in 1869, came back to die in 1885 at Stone Mills, Jefferson Co.

Children:

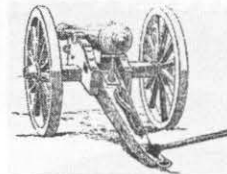
- 59 i ALONZO ROUSE married (1) AMY ORLIVA CRUMB; (2) REBECCA CANFIELD
- 60 ii WILLIAM ROUSE married (1) (---); (2) (---)
- 61 iii HANNAH ROUSE married SILAS SPICER
- 62 iv POLLY ROUSE married Maj. LUTHER KIEFER
- 63 v GILBERT ROUSE
- 64 vi SARAH R. ROUSE married PETER SWAIM

9. HANNAH COLLINS, (daughter of WILLIAM and POLLY (ROSS) COLLINS) was born 23 Oct 1802 at Stonington, CT. She died 12 Sep 1865. She married MOSES HUSE.

Children, probably born Twp Orleans:

- 65 i SARAH ANN HUSE married GEORGE P. MARSH
- 66 ii ALPHEUS G. HUSE married LAURA BOARDMAN

## CIVIL WAR BIOGRAPHY



### WILLIAM IRA EASTON

Union Soldier - Distinguished Service

Wilber Easton, a native of England, emigrated to America, locating in the town of Clayton, where he married Lois, daughter of Ira W. and Charlotte (Hubbard) Patchin. They moved to Wolfe Island, Canada and farmed there until the Civil War when they moved back to the U.S. and settled in Depauville in 1864. They had seven children, viz.: Nathan H., James B., Charles, Nelson O., Hollis G., Ella M., and William Ira.

William Ira Easton was born 15 November 1845 on Wolfe Island, Canada, and was a resident of Depauville.

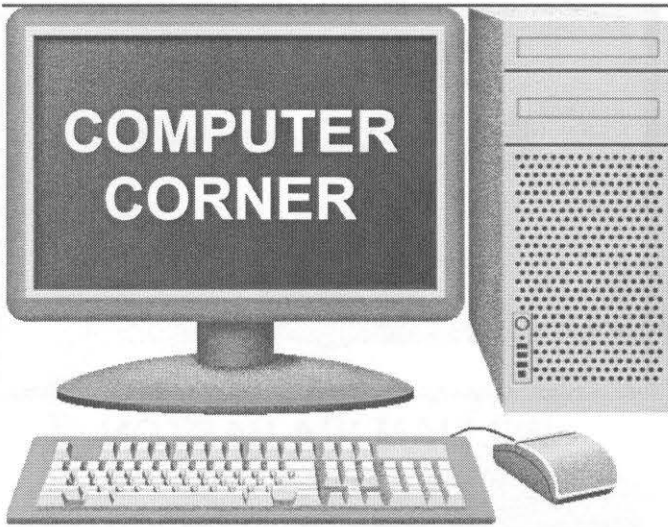
He enlisted 20 July 1864 at the age of 18 years. William served as a Private in the Civil War; he was in Co. G, 10th NY Heavy Artillery. William participated in the battle of Cedar Creek and before, Petersburg. He was honorably discharged 29 June 1865, serving 11 months, 8 days. He had suffered a gunshot wound in the left leg. William married Rosella Mary Hoan of Rosiere, NY on September 6, 1893 in Cape Vincent, NY.

William Ira Easton died 18 July 1897 in Brownville, NY.

Sources:

- Jefferson County NYGenWeb, US Civil War Service Records, "Electronic," for William Easton.
- Obituary of Nelson Omar Easton in Watertown Daily Times - August 4, 1936
- Child's Gazetteer of Jefferson County, Town of Clayton
- Baptism Records for the Anglican Churches of Wolfe Island, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada\line
- Publication: Joseph S. Stauffer Library, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada\line
- Media: Church Record\line Page: Book 3W1, page 17, line 1





New from this computer at  
**Jefferson County GenWeb**

After frustrating years tangling my feet in wires, necessity demanded another upgrade. A wireless mouse and wireless keyboard so far have been faultless. I recommend.

Marilyn Sapienza has contributed many Jefferson County Pioneers to the Jefferson County Website. When I told someone that Jefferson County has been named the "Black Hole of Genealogy," she emailed "Let's see if we can fix that." Her 66 files of names of those who migrated in and out of Jefferson County at

<http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/migrate.htm> have been a major boost to the website. Individual names can be accessed from the search engine on the front page.

Another step in the direction of more names are her lists of contributors to Durant and Peirce's 1878 history of Jefferson County, by town, along with articles from it.

New, at least new to me, The Irish Magazine turned up in my email this morning. It looks good. You can subscribe to Irish Roots magazine through our website

[www.irishrootsmagazine.com](http://www.irishrootsmagazine.com)

or follow it on Facebook. Some current articles include "Griffith's Valuation as a Source for Irish Family History" by Rachel

Murphy, and lists a couple of paying sites as well as a free one. I can't tell whether it's specifically for green Irish, or includes material for orange Irish also.

A number of site URLs appear in my email without any prompting from me. One of these is Genealogy Today, at

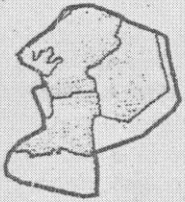
<http://data.genealogytoday.com>

It has an interesting mix of sources, and will take some time to explore, but it might prove a possible hole through one of your brick walls. A recent addition includes:

1. Rockingham County Commissioners 1884 Report
2. Weidner-Feather Family Genealogy Notes (1827-1905)
3. Passaic Senior High School 1958 Commencement
4. Talladega County Poor House 1900 Residents
5. Dover Lodge, No. 975, B.P.O.E. 1972 Memorial
6. Union Hill High School 1946 Commencement
7. This Party is taken on our Porch Undated Photo Post Card
8. Alabama Orphans' Home 1900 Residents
9. Lafayette College 1894-5 Catalogue
10. Lafayette College 1892-3 Catalogue
11. Connecticut Grand Lodge F. and A. M. 1889 Proceedings
12. New Jersey 1936 Highway Officials
13. Boston Latin Grammar School 1857 Catalogue
14. Derryfield Club 1905 Membership
15. Los Angeles Precinct 1443 Register of 1948 Voters
16. Los Angeles Precinct 1443 Register of 1946 Voters

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has its own website, well worth visiting. The catch there is that you have to belong to the society, but since many of us descend from New Englanders, that is not so much of an obstacle. They do now have a regular feature for New York State.

While JCNYS is about to begin our newsletter as now a quarterly, we thought it might be of interest to review the very first issue cover when we were only beginning to identify ourselves. The issue contained but 4 pages.



# JEFFERSON COUNTY FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Volume 1 Issue 1

August 1994

Uniting Families Past and Present

## Group to elect officers at next meeting !!!!

**A** scheduled meeting was held in the Dillenbach room at Flower Memorial Library Aug. 8th at 7:30.

In attendance were, Maurice Herron of Belleville, Gus Rogers of Clayton, Mary Lou McCreddie of Adams, Helen McDonald of Alexandria Bay, Ellen & John Bartlett of Syracuse. John Bartlett acting as temporary secretary read the minutes of the meeting on July 20 at Perkins when Pat James addressed us.

The members present held an informal meeting expressing our individual expectations of what we hoped our new organization could accomplish.

Mary Lou McCreddie mentioned that we could use the help from someone who was good at PR work.

Maurice Herron said that he felt that our Organization name did not really describe what our groups' interest was which is Genealogy. Others agreed that what we don't need is another Historical Association.

Mary Lou McCreddie asked what the group thought about including Lewis and Oswego county people in our association. Helen McDonald said that to the best of her knowledge those counties did not have an ongoing newsletter and that inviting them into our group now would be better than later and that there probably would be

many interested people from those counties.

Maurice Herron, who is President of the Jefferson County Cemetery Association has helped four other organizations in setting up as a Non Profit Organizations and said he would be willing to advise in that area.

John Bartlett will type up a preliminary constitution and by laws for submission to the group at the next meeting.

The group as a whole feels that we should more clearly define our purpose. One of the suggestions was to find out where each piece of genealogical data was for Jefferson county and to produce a list which would be published in our newsletter. This would help all researchers near and far.

Ellen and John Bartlett thought that we should ask for names of people who do research in the county, we then could publish this list of names so that our members who do not live in the area would have the names of local researchers they could contact.

Mary Lou McCreddie said that she could get out notification of our existence by getting some flyers to the North Country Library System.

We as a group agreed that it  
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## PAT JAMES Gets the Ball Rolling

commentary by John Bartlett

**P**at James, publisher of the "Genealogical Journal of Jefferson County" has asked us to join her in two meetings in the past two years. Last year we had a get together at the Ponderosa Steak House on Arsenal St. and this year 34 attended a meeting with Pat at Perkins Restaurant.

At the first meeting Pat implied that she was looking for a group of people in Jefferson County to consider

taking over the Journal. She has put a lot of time and effort into putting together her publication and was willing to turn it over in its entirety to a responsible group. She didn't get any offers.

This year Pat is asking for our help again. She has registered a business name "Jefferson County Family History Association", opened a checking account for the association and has rented a post office box.

At this years meeting Pat looked a little tired but who wouldn't be flying {continued page 2 col. 1}

**"The ball is in our court now, its up to us if we win or loose."**

PLEASE ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING:

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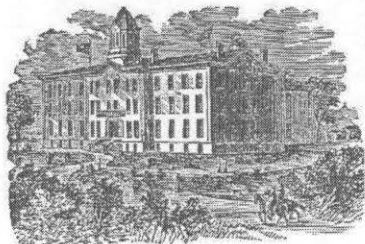


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Because of lost or no return addresses, if you wish to respond, we will print your response in a future issue, hoping that the original sender will read your response.

### DAVIDSON, MUDGE

I am trying to corroborate the circa March 14, 1822 birth of my great great grandfather Lewis Carlisle **DAVIDSON** to John **DAVIDSON** and Rhoda **MUDGE** in Sackets Harbor, NY. Can you please advise me of archives, historic churches or historic newspapers I should check?

Kelly Davidson  
kellydav@yahoo.com

### DEARDORFF, INGALLS

I am looking for the ancestors of Ophelia Maria **INGALLS** who married Thomas Collins **DEARDORFF**. Ophelia Maria **INGALLS** was born 2 Jul 1844 in Henderson, Jefferson, New York, USA; married Thomas Collins **DEARDORFF** 18 Jan 1866, Warsaw, Kosciusko, Indiana, USA. She died 3 Feb 1935 in Salina, Saline, Kansas, USA. Her father was Samuel **INGALLS** and we think his father was a Benjamin **INGALLS**. Looking for any records that specify the father and mother of Samuel **INGALLS**.

Adams Collegiate Institute was incorporated by the Regents, April 22, 1855. On September 8, 1864, the school was opened with elaborate exercises, at which time General Joe Hooker of Civil War fame, made one of the speeches. The school became noted for its thorough scholarship and excellent discipline. Military drill was maintained in the school and several pupils were young men who returned to school after service in the Civil War. On January 29, 1868, this building was burned to the ground. Five days later, a meeting of the trustees was held, when it was voted to erect another building immediately. General Hungerford donated a new site, the citizens subscribed money most generously and the new building was erected, considered in those days very commodious and handsome, being large enough to accommodate 60 borders and 200 day pupils. The building was completed and the school opened August 28, 1870. The Regents named the school Adams

Collegiate Institute on Nov. 16, 1883 and in the following year, one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the village occurred, burning nearly the entire west side of Main street and taking the school building with it. It has also worn the name Hungerford collegiate Institute and later became known as Adams High School. In this year of 2000, we now know the school as Adams Elementary or the Scholtz building. Currently the fate of the building is unknown. Discussions have ranged from tearing the structure down to turning it into a music institute.

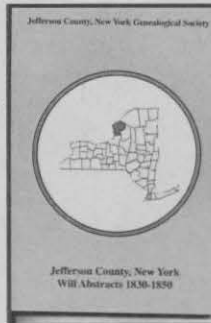


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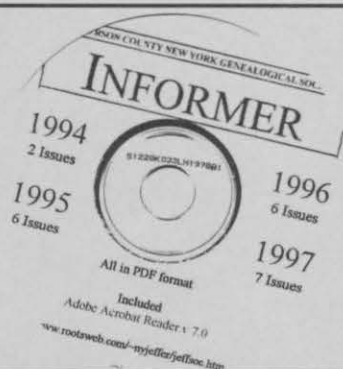
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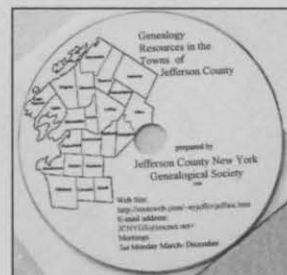
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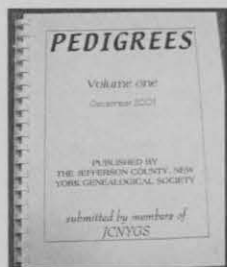
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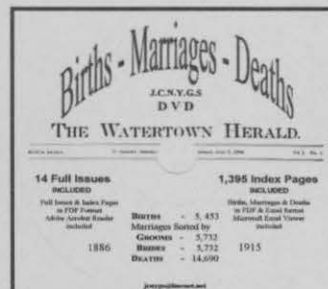
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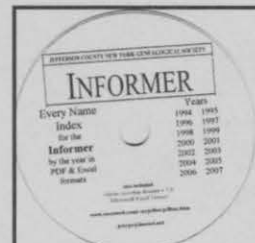
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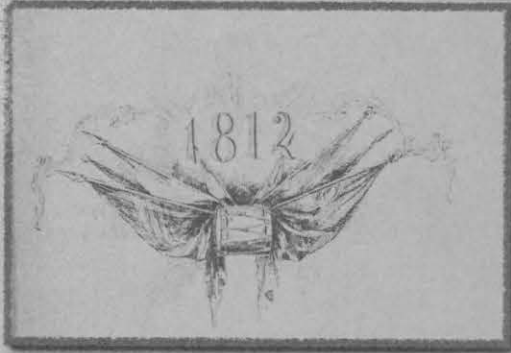
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