

## **Volume 2**

### **Reminiscences Relative to Chautauqua County and its Early Settlers**

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This collection of original manuscripts consists of correspondence and reminiscences of early county settlers, many of whom no longer lived in the area; political and religious history; assessment roll 1805, petitions; early military activity, including the War of 1812; and early elections and appointments.

This volume will be particularly helpful in family history.

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Oyas that moderator of the meeting

Philos Otter <sup>officers elected</sup> Supervisor

John S. Bellows T. Clerk

3 Cashier  
O Holmes

over-see

Richd. Williams

Justus Hinman } assessors

Isaac E. Howard

Samuel Bering

Abner Otter

John Black

Com. of Road

(S. Bering was a car-veyer of Say's J. Patten)

Geo. W. Pierce Const. & Cashier  
next meeting, William Goulds

1809 meeting at William Goulds

Otter Sup. Bellows T. C. - Holmes, Howard, Barnes assessors

Richd. Williams Const. & Cashier - Cashier & Holmes overseers

next meeting to be held "Million Goulds over"

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1810

P. Otter Sup. - Bellows T. C. - Hinman, Coss, Bennett assessors

Bering, Goulds, Fubbs Com. - W. Gould Const. & Cashier

next town meeting Goulds over

5<sup>th</sup> 11 P. Otter Sup. - S. Barker T. C. - B. Willoughby, B. Bery, A. Richards

Justus Bunnell Const. R. Seaton & Cashier



1811

Special town meeting Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Voted as follows

1 & 2<sup>o</sup> towns 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Rays be ~~off~~ off for new town  
(Elliott 877)

& 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> town 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> on s o s o s o s o (Gerry 877)

Special town meeting ninth Jany - 1812 Voted  
to petition Legislature to divide Parfait on N & S center  
line betw 5<sup>th</sup> & 6 town 11<sup>th</sup> Rays. (Toford Harvood)  
877

7<sup>th</sup> April 1812

Porter Sup - L Barker T. C. - Hinman, Gould, Hendon  
McCluer appears - R Seaver Cal - Shindler over. ~~by~~

1813

Town meeting Hugh Barker - Porter ~~Sup~~ L Barker T. C.

1814

Porter Sup - L Barker T. Clark

1815

Porter Sup - L Barker T. Clark

1816

Porter Sup - W. M. Hall T. Clark

(3)  
Pleasant Plain March 31<sup>st</sup> 1852

Hon. E. J. Fols

Sir Your favor of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant came to hand the 26<sup>th</sup> informing me of your engagement in procuring some mentors of the poineers who first settled our old County of Chentawge. The task is a pious worthy one and will no doubt pay well. I will give you what little information is in my power & relative to the name of "Dexter" as I received from my father and a number of old men in Rhodisland when I was 22 years of age and since that time. There were two brothers by the name of Dexter that emigrated from England and came to America in an early day and one of them settled in Massachusetts and the other in Rhodisland. our family sprang from the Rhodisland stock. I presume that all of the name now in this county sprang from the two brothers. I cannot give you any information that will be useful to you farther back than my father his name was Samuel Dexter he was born the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 7 1758 he died in 1831, aged 73 years he was born in Smithfield in the State of Rhodeisland he after marriage moved into the town of Plainfield Windham County Vermont where I was born January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1783

I have no particular knowledge of the origin of Judge Alexander. There is a person in the City of Kenosha (7 miles from me) that speaks Deneztyshe language with considerable skill

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My P. O. address is "Genoa Wisconsin"

I shall be happy to hear from you on the  
subject of your present enterprise

In health & with profound respect  
your old friend

John Dexter

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Pleasant Prairie April 30, 1852

Hon E T Foote

Your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 1<sup>st</sup> came to hand on the 26<sup>th</sup>

I have placed my peculiar signature to one of the blank sheets sent with notes & under written there is none of our old Chautauque Pioneers in this country that would be of much interest in your collection except Stetson & Fish and Stetson now lives 40 miles from me and Fish who is in Glenora. I have not been able to see since I received your last letter - Darius is now living in Illinois he came to Chautauque one year before I did. I served two months on the lines in the war of 1812 it was in 1814. I was Quarter Master in Col. John W. Mahan's Regt. our Regt was stationed near Black Rock, and saw the explosion of Fort Erie, when Gen. Gaines blew up the Fort & destroyed & made Prisoners of one thousand of the Red Coats. Darius was out at the same time. <sup>Duffy</sup> Stetson lives in Parkersburg Virginia. Brother W. died some 15 years ago.

Winn died at Fort Wayne & was buried with Masonic honors. George died in Michigan two years ago. Daniel & Warren emigrated south and have not been heard from for several years -

I knew Dot Sartwell when he lived at Meyrick but do not know any thing about his origin or parentage, nor where he went when he left.

6/ Before mailing this letter I will call on the Degenotypist and see what he says to your inquiry and let you know

# I cannot speak with any accuracy of and concerning any of the birth places of the early letters of Cheatanque that will be of service to you in your praiseworthy efforts to collect the facts which you seek

We have a remarkable cold wet and backward Spring more so than I have known for the time that I have been here

In health and with the highest esteem  
your affectionate friend

John Dexter

May 1<sup>st</sup> I have just called on the Degenotypist and find that the charge will be \$1.25 to take it and secure it well for mailing

Respectfully

J. D.

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Waveren June 16. 1843

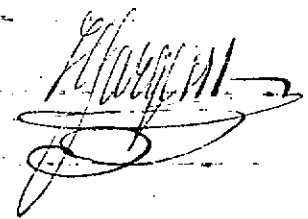
Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant -  
In June 1818, about week, a number of the Practising  
Physicians & Surgeons, agreeable to previous notice met  
at the Hall of Gen. M. Mahan in Mayville. Chautauq Co  
N.Y. organized by calling Dr. E. Foot to the chair  
and appointing Dr. Fern Derrin Secy. Dr. E. Foot  
was elected President. Dr. F. Derrin Secy. H. Cassin  
& Lykarran, Dr. O. Crosby. Whaley & Hargrave Secarors.  
Dr. Crosby, Whaley & Hargrave were appointed a committee  
to prepare a code of bye laws to govern sd society  
and to present them at the next annual meeting.  
Dr. E. Foot was appointed Delegate to the State So-  
ciety. (I might have stated that Dr. Snow was chosen  
Vice Pres<sup>t</sup> at the same time). We did no business  
only to examine a young man by the name of Chase  
and license him, until the next annual meeting  
which was in June 1819. When Dr. J. Prendergast was  
chosen Chairman & Dr. E. P. Upham Secy for the day.  
Dr. Crosby and Whaley had neglected to prepare any code  
of bye laws. I presented to the society the one I had  
prepared. They were adapted, without alterations  
at that meeting. Dr. J. Prendergast was elected President  
& White Minn. President. Dr. Upham Secy. Dr. E. Foot O-

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Crosby & Fitzgerald. Crosby & Fitzgerald was also appointed  
 to deliver an address at the next annual meeting. De  
 Koning was chosen Treas & Lybarran at the next annual meet-  
 ing, I think you were elected President & myself Secy. I  
 know I was Secy for several years. I purchased a blank  
 book and recorded the whole of the proceedings the first  
 organization of the society to 1826. we had changed the  
 time of holding the annual meetings from June  
 to October in the fall of 1826. I was about removing  
 to Carroll & that probably could not attend the  
 annual meeting. Dr. Crosby being Pres. at that  
 time. I carried the book to Louisiana, he told me  
 afterwards that he had misplaced it & could not  
 find it, which I considered a very careless trick for  
 the Mr. President, after I had taken so much pains  
 to procure a book and record the bye laws & the  
 whole proceeding up to that time at my own  
 expense, but so it was I remain yours sincerely  
 in haste

Wm E. F. Felt



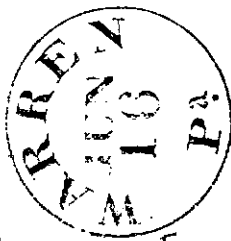
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Chautauque Med Society  
from Dr. H. Sargent

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1843

I think it generally  
correct E. V. Fiske



Man. E. V. Fiske

Sanctuary  
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Buffalo Feb'y 23 1852

My Dear Sir.

I owe you many apologies for leaving your letter, addressed to my mother & myself in December last, so long unanswered. It was received just as my Mother was leaving for the South, where she is spending the winter with a nephew, second son of Alanson Holmes, formerly of Pompey. She desired me to answer your inquiries at my first leisure, but I have been so constantly occupied since, having been East as far as New York. myself & all a part of the time, so that I have had no opportunity for doing many things that were of the utmost importance in a business point of view.

I hope you will excuse my seeming neglect of your very interesting letter. It was highly appreciated by my Mother, and nothing would have given her greater pleasure than to have answered it in detail, could she have done so before leaving. I will now answer your inquiries as far as I am able, and inclose the same herein, ~~on~~ a separate sheet, for your greater convenience. I am gratified to learn that you have been so long devoted to the annals of Western New York. I hope it will not be long before you give the result of your

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labor to the Public. Mr Turner's work is sadly deficient in matters relating to Chautaugus County. A Rich field was open there to his researches, but I believe he did not even visit it. Judge Peacock is full of anecdote and Pioneer adventures. Some one should visit him at Mayville and spend a month in taking down his "History of Chautaugus County" from his lips. Why will not you do it? I am sure you would be a welcome inmate of his his house.

I shall be happy to serve you if in my power, & prerin you not to neglect your favors in future.

I am Sir

Very truly yours

O. H. Marshall

E. J. Fiske M.D.

New Haven

Ct.

Town of Chateaugay County of Genesee

Made 4<sup>th</sup> July 1805 - By James Mc Mahon, Wm. Blaylock Jun  
(Date very blind)

Allen John 4:4-14 Rags	160	Ferry Moses non Res pt 26	4.14	200
Alexander William put 47, 3 <sup>d</sup> 150L-500as		Fredric Abraham Rndit 7-4-14	4.14	295
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Baker Philo (non Res) 3-3-15-125		Fishes Wm non Res	4.14	320
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Barritt Benjamin (resident) 26	6, 12 270	Forrest Thomas non	3 15	156
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Boone Peter (resident) 4 14 94		Holmes Erasmus Res <sup>43, 53</sup> <sub>44, 60</sub>	6, 11	977
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Bushing Zatter (resident) <sup>26, 29</sup> <sub>27, 38</sub> 6 12 536		Lehman (resident) 52	6 11	374
Bord Robert (non Res) 1 3 15 150		Merriford Low Res 21	6 12	361
Dean Alson (resident) 59 6, 11 372		Mc Mahon John Res	4 14	15240
Dickey Martin " <sup>26</sup> <sub>27</sub> 4, 14 440		Mc Mahon James Res	3, 15	1180
Dall George " <sup>27</sup> <sub>36</sub> 4, 14 626		Murray William Res	3 15	212
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Mr Galt John Res	3, 18	100
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Perry James Res	13, 20, 14	300
Phillip Glad. Nov	17	6, 11 100
Riddle Hugh Res	3 15	150
Rice John Nov	4, 14	160
Rees Martin Nov	11, 31	4, 14 320
Stratton Andrew Nov	4, 14	640
Spiers Andrew & Asch Res	11, 6	3, 15 130
Leymore Sala Nov	65	6, 11 329
Scott John Res	26	6, 11 270
Webber Wm Res	27	6, 11 482
Webber Francis Res	17	6, 11 322
Mc Intyre Res	3 13	150

about 60 or 70 many of them from President

Mr Russell David Egan, John Selsie  
appears in Ghent 1816 tall Russell writing

In 1808 I find Amos West in Roll of  
Nov President 3 Jan, 15 R, Whit lat 160 as

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O. H. Marshfield  
son of John E. M.  
letter with genealogy  
Feb 23/52.

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Seaman Osamus Holmes was born in Old Plymouth Massachusetts on the 11 day of October 1757.

He was the son of Ezekiah Holmes who was born in Plymouth County Mass, Feb 5. 1728. He was the son of William Holmes who was born in the same County. His father emigrated from England.

Osamus Holmes, my Grandfather, removed from Springfield Vermont in March 1793, & settled in Sherburne Chenango County. He removed from there to "Canada way" in February 1805. He lived there until the year 1833, when he removed to Holmes Security Ohio, and settled near Millerburgh, where he died Aug 26. 1835, aged 78. The names of his descendants who arrived to maturity are as follows; -

Sons & Daughters.

- Alanson Holmes. Born March 11. 1781 died May 3. 1818. in Pompey. N. Y.
- Abner Holmes. " April 10. 1783. lives in Knox Co. Ohio
- Brilliant Holmes. " Oct. 22. 1785 lives at Dixon Illinois
- Ruth Holmes. " Sept 20. 1790 " in Buffalo. N.Y.
- Neyron Holmes. " May 19. 1795 " in Wile Co. Illinois
- Asher Holmes. " Sept 28. 1797 " " " " " "
- Lauriana Holmes. " March 10. 1800 " " Marquette Co. Wisconsin
- Augustine Holmes. " June 4. 1803 died in Pine Grove Pa 1850.

My Grandfather married Ruth Webb daughter



of Sister Webb, who lived in Charieton, New Hampshire. She died in Holmes County Ohio Oct 7. 1835, in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of her age. She was born in Springfield Mass.

Bright Holmes married Capt John Scott. He died three or four years ago in Ogle County Illinois. I am unable to give you any particulars as to his age, date of marriage or ancestry. He emigrated to Illinois about 1840. If important, I could probably obtain particulars of Mrs Scott who lives with a daughter at Leison who married David Melty, an inkkeeper at that place.

My Father Dr John Ellis Marshall was born in Norwich Connecticut March 18. 1785. He was the son of Thomas Marshall and Sally Edgerton. His mother dying young, he was adopted into the family of James Ellis of Franklin Ct, by whom he was brought up. He was a pupil of the Rev Dr Axtell of Franklin, now living at the age of 98! He commenced his Medical Studies at 20 with Dr Philemon Tracy, an eminent Practitioner of Norwich, with whom he continued until licensed by the Connecticut Medical Society in 1808. After being licensed he went to Oxford Chenango Co, where he practised a short time, but removed in October 1808 to Mayville Chautauque County. He was married in Sept 1810 to my Mother Mrs Ruth Holmes, daughter of Dr Oliver Holmes. In April 1812 he was appointed

Surgeon to Col. Mc Mahans Chautaugus Regiment. 162  
& served two Campaigns in the late war on the  
Niagara frontier in that Capacity.

In Feby 1811, he was appointed the first Clerk  
of Chautaugus Co, & continued as such until his  
removal to Buffalo in March 1815. Here  
he continued to practise his profession until his  
death, which occurred Decr 27. 1838, after an  
illness of 5 days. The disease of which he died  
was Pleurisy. I omitted to state that he  
was appointed County Clerk of this (then Em-  
=brauj Niagara County) in feby 1818, which  
he held two or three years. He left no children  
but myself.

I have thus answered, I believe, all your direct  
inquiries that I am able. I will try and procure  
a copy of "The Buffalo Medical Journal" which  
contains a Biographical notice of my Father,  
and forward it to you. Also a Pamphlet  
containing some particulars of my Grandfathers  
life, his Captivity, imprisonment & escape at  
Tribes &c.

A. St. Marshall

Buffalo Feby 23. 1852

For Dr E. T. Foote.

A. Hancu. Conn.

Genealogical  
Orsamus Holmes  
Family  
Dr. John S. Marshall  
Family

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Buffalo May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

My Dear Sir.

I have again to apologize for a long delay in answering your letter. Soon after I received it I procured a copy of my Father's Portrait to be made by one of our best Artists, as requested by you, and have been on the look out for Judge Kessick ever since in order to procure one of him from life.

It was only last week that he visited Buffalo since the receipt of your letter. I immediately called on him stating the object. He was exceedingly reluctant to sit for his portrait for the purpose of engraving, & indeed positively declined & only consented at my urgent solicitation and for my Mother and myself. I found Mr. Donald's (not "McKenzie" as you wrote it,) daguerriotype of him quite defective. The Judge refused positively to go to Mr. Kenyes, said he <sup>had</sup> tried several times without success, & he had no confidence in his skills as an artist. I humored him in this, and took him to Mr. Evans, who is an accomplished artist, and have succeeded in obtaining, so far as the head and face are concerned, a strong well defined portrait. I paid the artist 20/- myself, and shall

Consider myself well compensated if the Engraver succeeds in transferring it with fidelity for your work. I would like however to reserve the portrait after you have done with it, as the Judge is an early acquaintance and particular friend of my mother, and I know it will gratify her to have it.

So far as my Father's portrait is concerned, as we can multiply them indefinitely, you may retain it if you desire to do so.

I shall send the two portraits, - a copy of the Medical Journal containing a Biographical Sketch of my Father, and a manuscript copy of a sketch of my Grandfather's bones, (I have but one copy of the printed sketch or I would send that,) also two of my Father's and two of my Grandfather's Autographs.

All these you will receive by Express, in a Package directed to your address at New Haven, Connecticut, Charges paid.

My Father was about 5 feet 10 inches in height, dark complexion, hair and eyes dark - his weight I should judge about 150 lbs. He united with the First Presbyterian Church in this City in the year 1825 of which he was an Elder when he died.

My mother is still in Laurens S. C. where she has been spending the winter.

I expect her home about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Should you visit Buffalo this season I should be pleased to have your call upon me.

I hope you will be encouraged to persevere in your undertaking, which I cannot but hope will result in a history of Chautauque County, worthy of its annals. The materials are rich and abundant, and now is the time to gather and embody them.

If I can be of any service to you in this quarter please command me.

Very Respectfully

Your Obl. Servant

O. A. Marshall

E. J. Fote M. D.  
New Haven  
Conn.

The manuscript I send was copied by my boy now 12 yrs old, which will account for the mistakes in the orthography.

Stephen Bates of Conondagua was mail contractor for carrying the mail from Conondagua to Niagara Falls 1802 Turners Irish Holland Purchase 469.

Chautauque County Members of Assembly

By appointment of 1836 she first had 3 members in 1837 (3 members) until 1837 she had 3 until 1846 in classis but by appointment of 1846 she went back to 2 members in 1847.

Richard Turner  
Letter from ~~Richard Turner~~

Richard Turner  
Historical  
March 21/52

Dear Sir  
I received your letter of the 21st / 1852

Mr. Stofield handed me your letter on the subject of some statistical information & I was gratified to hear you was occupying your time in a way that may be useful at least to a portion of our fellows. Many like myself fast harkening to the cry of man. Mr. Sprague will attend to giving or complying with your request. As I happen to have been just now I will occupy the time with giving a few items. My Father <sup>Fryal</sup> Joseph Turner was born in Cornwall Dutchfield County Connecticut remained in 1802 to the Western Reserve (New Connecticut) died in 1838 aged 84 years (An Officer in the Revolution) - I was born in the same place - came to Brown in 1816. Was in the merchant business until 1838. The following are the prices of some the leading articles - 3/4 Bran Shiting per 50 to 62, 1/2 1/2 Calico per 50 to 75 - Tea 75 - Salt 350 - Bushels - 1/2 1/2 Gold per 25 to 30 - Flour 4/4 - Pepper 3/2 - Nuts 25 to 30 - Indigo 1/2 to 1/4 - Coffee 56 to - Other articles as proportioned. This County first commenced settling in 1798. The first settlers were Daniel Jackson born in

Henry  
of  
was



Sharon Litchfield Co Court - Hugh John North  
 first New Jersey Jack Eddy <sup>from England</sup> - Dan the Priest (Irish)  
Math Young - Hugh Wilson John Smith & Boyd Ray  
John Andrews William Hodges - Hugh Wilson in  
 Brakenton I think. Spina about the first form and  
 sold his produce to some settlers about Northfield - Old  
God <sup>some boy</sup> at Northfield told me he once went  
 to him for a bushel of corn & brought it home on his back  
 He said he started without money but found a dollar  
 on the road - May Soth of Vermon - Can he only be died  
in his wife is living the others on all died  
but the Eddy & Myself Can and Jack run the first  
soft to Pittsburg made the first beer on the Allegany  
river and with a bottle of whisky down a pig on the  
board they lived principally by hunting - Jack and idea  
by with the bite of an Anti West is the job  
went (but a part) - Roll Rapel was an early settler  
and one of the first prominent land owners and deed  
some years since David Brand is com to regain from  
some years before I came here also Rob Johnson Mr  
Ditmore & Capt Wilson & John and an extensive family  
of meadows came early to Brakenton Brothers of the  
proprietors of Allegheny - The Con in this County  
together with other western Counties in Pan was perhaps

by the State of the Indians - and after visiting  
 certain points such as Horse Fork & Waterford  
 on the Indian way offered to settle for 20 ~~cents~~ 5 p  
 per acre by their complying with certain conditions  
 such as building a house 12 ft square clearing  
 5 Acs and raising grain with a residence of 5  
 years - unless they should be driven off by the  
 Enemies of the Country which to avoid the  
 conditions the settlers signed to be frightened  
 off by the Indians. In the meantime the Holland  
 Land Comp. had monopolized their privileges  
 and got the Country surveyed into tracts and sent  
 to Philadelphia and found names and got their  
 signatures ~~and~~ conveyances to them with wisdom  
 that they settled and were driven off which was the  
 origin of the war between the Comp. and other  
 settlers - who supposing the patent of the Comp. would  
 be discovered and thus title annulled had recouped  
 their lands in good faith on the condition  
 offered by the State - The Comp. however held  
 them - This was confined to the lands west of the  
 Conowing Creek & Allegheny River - the other  
 lands required no settlement but were put at  
 20 cents per Acre - a large body of land south of an

See Archibald Tamm's Obituary Western Journal March 22 1861 No 33

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on the Territory was purchased of the State and sold  
 out by lottery - the proceeds or rather unfortunate  
 for sale drawn (no doubt neglected to pay  
 the taxes and they are now the owned by the County  
 or on other hands they are greatly improving to some extent  
 Asa Winter removed to Michigan & since died  
 from the Eastern States. A good many are coming to the  
 County from N York & many from C Kentucky on an  
 of low price of land in comparison to N York. Many people  
 are returning from the Western States who left here  
 some years since - they lost their health and many  
 of them had only to come back to find they probably  
 will die looking for the lost treasure & the Dutch are  
 making rapid progress in every respect both in numbers  
 & improvements. Many come here destitute who are now  
 able farmers and respected in personal appearance. As a  
 body are great church going folks. Lutherans & Dutch  
 Methodists. I think the lumber & iron road soon  
 will probably be made which will open us to the  
 East - As Mr Hazeltine in a petition to the Legislature  
 said we were surrounded by a wilderness on two sides in  
 State of N York on the other I will be pleased to hear from  
 you I will probably be in N York in May and in Boston  
 Respectfully Yours  
 A Tamm

Cornwago April 23 1852

Hon E. J. Foste

Dr Sir

Mr A Tanner has handed me your letter directed to him and the description in which you solicit certain information relative to the early settlers of this country &c. He remarked that his son in law Mr Scofield was so imbued with the spirit of "Young America" and so averse to "Loggins" that he would probably not pay much attention to it, but let the past take care of itself as it might, & pursue with anxious solicitude for the future - therefore had turned it over to the "early settlers" to furnish the information desired. As my own & my father's name are mentioned among others, of those settlers, I very cheerfully furnish & send herewith a brief genealogy of our ancestry & history. By reference to a N York Gazette you will see a brief notice of my Grandfather Whites first settled in Whitestown with some incidents of the same. I have a record of the families of the Whites & Costmans at the time I left Whitestown in 1814-15. They then with their children & grand children numbered 160. being nearly equal on each side. & which was somewhat remarkable they all lived within an area of four miles square

My father was the <sup>first</sup> familiar that emigrated from  
Whitstown. They are now scattered to the four corners  
of the globe. but few of the name remain in  
the place of their nativity. I intend to visit  
Whitstown this season. probably for the last time.

I sent you a paper by the mail which  
states this containing an Agricultural Address  
before the ag. soc. of W. V. in which you will  
find a brief reference to my ~~past~~ emigration  
settlement in this Co. & its progress since that  
time. Any further information that is in  
power to furnish to further the very valu-  
able style of your manuscript & column will  
readily & cheerfully be communicated -  
should curiosity or interest ever induce you  
to have it published you will consider me  
as a subscriber for a copy.

Very respectfully  
yours

Saml  
Lansing Weston

P.S. I had written the foregoing before I made  
out the registry - I have added some matters  
on the third page which may be too extensive  
you you can abstract & put them in as you  
see proper -

If you have not post this away  
since I have been in my favor, neither  
it in your way to call the next time  
you come back I see for yourself I  
shall be happy to see you in my Storm House

We have a very backward spring. a great deal  
of snow, rain & high water. It has rained for four days  
almost incessantly. Thermometer on an average 40 above  
zero. Streams are <sup>too</sup> high now for running lumber.  
The worst of the lumber started two weeks since  
in snow storms. Have had to lie at Pittsburg -  
& other parts ever since - The storm on the  
2 weeks ago was 20 feet high. back the Allegheny  
up above Freeport - a great deal of lumber  
has been lost & lost.

Landing Victoria Bay

Wabun's Cove

April 28 1852

Historic engraving  
history & route of Fort St. Vrain

(considered April 29 1852)

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Fredonia April 18 1843

Dear C. J. Fack

Dear Sir

I have had so many other things to occupy my attention since you were here, that I have not made as much inquiry as I intended or hoped to do on the subject of the first settlement of this vicinity, and as I am now fixing off to N. B. I have concluded to write you before I go —

The first settlers in what is now the town of Panful were

McClintock in the now village of Fredonia in the Spring of 1804. An elderly man by the name of Webber in Sheridan at Kensington the same season David Dickson and a man by the name of Cleaveland at Dilow Creek the same Spring. A Mr. Sidney the ferry across the Collierys Creek at that time. In the Spring & Summer of 1805 quite a number of single settlements along the main road and along the valley of the Conadaway Creek. Some from Pennsylvania & some from the East among the number were Dr. Eason & Minzga from Penn. by the Conadaway, I. Cushing, Seth Cole, and Sons, Isaac & Benjamin Barnes, Elephelt Bernham, Benjamin Barrett, & some others from the Con of Onida. Mr. Bernham is the only survivor now in the vicinity. Some of the other may be living but have moved



Among those who settled on the main road in Shridan in 1805 O. Holmes, Leeg, John Scott, Benjamin Spague, John Walker, Thomas Stebbins, are names that I remember, During that year provisions were procured either from Canada or Pennsylvania, in some instances flour was brought from Waterford Pa. on foot by men on their backs. Flour cost \$10. per bushel in Canada. The season of 1805 was very favorable and the settlers raised considerable corn and other vegetables. The corn was mostly pounded in wooden mortars to make the bread of the people till the fore part of 1806 when Dickinson put the first brick mill in operation at Silver Creek he started a Saw mill about the same time at the same place. The first brick & Saw mills were built in Fildonia by H. Baskin & Sons the fore part of 1807. The main Road calls the old Erie Road was said to have been first cut through by Gen. Paine on his way from New England to Miner's Corners. The road through the now town of Pomfret was laid by the Commissioners of the town of Chautaugus in 1806 and cut through in its present location by the road district comprising that territory - Rev. John Spurr was the first Congregational Minister that settled in this vicinity I think about 1807. I presume the first church was organized in Shridan about that time, but I have had no opportunity of making definite inquiry —

The Congregational Church at Conadaway (now Sheldon) was organized Sept 29 1810 Rev J. Spurr moderator - the following names were all the members

Benjamin Barnes	Phete Ristley
Israel Loomis	Hannah Loomis
Maas Barnes	Jane French (French)
Norman Goodwin	Lucinda Goodwin
Asa French (French)	Persis Chadwick
Samuel Mark	
Mark Stacy	Maas Barnes & Israel Loomis, Secs
	Asa French Scribe

First members admitted on examination Dec 29 1810. Patten

Barnes & Lydia Goulding, first decess Jane French  
Jan 11 1813. June 30 1817 Church changed to Presbyterian

Maas A. Hoogoy, Joseph Plant, & Oliver Barnes Elders

The Baptists Church was organized previous to the Cong.

I did you some minutes of the Club the S. P. Grant

The first Post office was called Conadaway and established at the place where the Congregational meeting now stands in Sheldon Orsamus Holmes P. M. in 1800 the mail was carried in a postman's train or volice by a man on foot once in 2 weeks. John Edwards was name of the first mail carrier. I think the mail was now carried in a carriage till after 1820 or after then twice in each week till after that time

The 2<sup>d</sup> P.O. established at Hudsonia (called Pomful) was soon after the organization of the town of Pomful which was in 1808. Saml Berry P.M. the town of Pomful consisting of the 10<sup>th</sup> + 11<sup>th</sup> Ranges and the 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> towns 12<sup>th</sup> Range was organized April 1808 first town meeting at the home of Elisha Mann near where the Rail Road crosses the main Road now, Philo Ostrom Sep. + John S. Bellows town clerk - The first Merchant of Hudsonia was a Mr Cook Coy in 1808 or 9 Dr White was the first permanent Physician in 1809 The only names of Persons killed in the last war in this county were David Spiman Ira Stearns + Nathaniel Brown of Quinstown + a Mr Nash of Buffalo Samuel Marsh jr of this town was wounded at Buffalo and is now a pensioner. David B. Gould an elderly man belonging to a company of Silver Gray was taken prisoner and carried to Montreal at the battle of Buffalo. There were a great number of alarms along the shore of the Lake during the war and most of the men in the country went onto the line at one time or another - a foot load of men attempted to land at the mouth of Conadaway creek but a company of men stationed there rose up from behind a sand bank and fired upon them they took out 1<sup>st</sup> Town Rufus Webb + Holmes of Hudsonia Mann Barkin + Williams of Pomful

First settlers to be in that quarter  
 First churches - then killed in battle  
 Copied

H. H. Vra + R...

Fredonia 31 Jan 1839.

C. E. Foot Esq

Sir

I rec'd your kind letter of Jan 25 in which you request information of the biography of my dear departed husband with feelings of the most lively gratitude and for which I thank you.

My late beloved husband was born in the town of Rochester  
Plymouth Co Mass June 11<sup>th</sup> 1740 - removed to Saratoga  
Co 1790 from there to Oneida Co 1794, and to this place  
March 1805, was appointed first Judge of this Co <sup>from 11<sup>th</sup></sup> 1811.

As you were personally acquainted with him and know his character as a Christian and Citizen I need say no more

I am &c

This is from Mrs Cushing widow of E. Cushing  
Judge Cushing - Her maiden name was Elderkin  
from Berlin ton NY - She had a brother at that place a lawyer who removed to New Al-  
bany Indiana where he died

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Eliphalet Steward and his son John Steward & also Michael Grant  
emigrated from the Town of Grandfort Hertford Co. N.C. to Chautaugu  
Co. N.Y. 1811. He died at his son in his Medical Practice in  
Busti with who he resided for some years before his death

John Steward was born in Connecticut  
removed to Harmony A.D. 1821 died A.D. 1826 - 15<sup>th</sup> April  
aged 39 years - 10 months & one day on his farm  
on the road from Panama to Ashville

Stephen Wilcox died April 17<sup>th</sup> 1827 on his son  
John Wilcox farm in Harmony between Ashville & Panama

Elder John Lewis emigrated from the Town of Marcellus  
Onondaga Co to Chautaugu Co A.D. 1817 he was born in  
Litchfield Co. Conn. A.D. 1770 - Judge Lewis was born  
Wells Rutland Vt. A.D. 1807

Magaz Daniel emigrated from the Town of Newport, Hertford Co  
to Chautaugu Co A.D. 1813, & to Harmony A.D. 1820. was born in the  
Town of Chelsea Mass. He was an early resident in Jonestown  
and one of the first "blacksmiths" that kept first in the village

Joseph S. and Harvey Penlin came from Marcellus Onondaga  
Co. to Chautaugu Co (Harmony) A.D. 1815, were born in Vt

Joseph S. Penlin died A.D. 1835, at his residence on Goose Creek  
in Harmony between Ashville and Panama & Harvey subsequently  
sold his farm and moved west

Elder Simon Parsons emigrated from Bradford Co P.A. to Harmony  
Ch. Co A.D. 1816 born in Vt. Died A.D. 1843 aged 73 years

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From California.

Two private letters from California have been kindly furnished us, from which we make the following extracts :

Georgetown, Feb 10, 1850.

I have been anxiously expecting a letter from you, but have not yet received any. My anxiety has been greatly increased in consequence of not being able to mine except at intervals, during the last three months of the rainy season—or rather, the snowy one. In the vicinity of Georgetown for four weeks, there has been considerable snow, some of the time, 2½ feet deep. Three or four miles down the mountains, however, there has been but little, and none that has remained more than two days at a time.

The weather has been very pleasant for several days, and the snow is mostly gone. We are in hopes to commence our regular digging and mining again in a few days, and make at least our winter's expenses before this month is gone. Provisions have been surprisingly high, but are now getting down to more reasonable prices.

Messrs. Sabin and Wilson left Hango- town on Monday, the 4th inst., for home. I had learned they were going, and designed sending home by them. I had prepared 2½ lbs. of gold dust, that I intended to send to you, I meant for their place on the 8th, but they have left for home.

The prospects for mining seem as good as they were last year. I shall endeavor to improve my time to the best advantage, and return in the fall. Mr. REXFORD will probably also return with me.

Georgetown, Feb. 17, 1850.

I had written you a letter on the 10th of this month, and sent it to the Bay for the March steamer, but receiving yours of the 17th Nov., I deemed it proper to acknowledge the receipt of it immediately.

This is the first intelligence I have received from home since my departure, and you may well imagine it was a welcome messenger.

What my success may be it is impossible to tell. I think, however, if I have my health, I shall be able to make good wages at least. Some days during the past winter we have been able to make \$20 and \$25 per day, and some days not a cent. But now the weather is very pleasant, and we hope soon to go into the mines again for constant labor.

You wish me to write you concerning the timber here, and my opinion of the country in general. There is plenty of Pine all along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, and extending almost to the summit, and it is of very large growth. It makes excellent lumber or shingles, but is not as soft to work as the pine of New York; of this I can give you a better idea, by telling you what we have done. Mr. REXFORD and myself have made 2 M. per day after the timber was sawed. It has more pitch, and thicker sap than New York pine. Every

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the right side of the page, possibly representing a reply or additional notes.]*

*[Handwritten signatures and notes on the right side of the page, including:]*  
 - *Stearns*  
 - *John Davis*  
 - *James Parsons*  
 - *William Smith*

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Dea John Jones was born in Mendon Mass  
March 23. 1744 O.S.

John Jones died July 1828 in Busti N.Y.

The above was furnished me by Benjamin Jones of  
Carroll related to his father the late Deacon John Jones an  
early settler in Carroll & one of the first deacons Cong. Ch. there  
1828 I was father of Levi & Benjamin Jones, early settlers &  
1744 was a most devoted Christian and universally esteemed as such  
84 as he then lived

This furnished by Abner C. DeLand son of Deacon W D  
Wm. DeLand Born in Sandisfield Berkshire 39  
Co Mass

Died July 24<sup>th</sup> 1843 (settled in Vernon N.Y. about 1797. See Jones.  
Annals of Oneida County N.Y. 29. book 1)

(Bullard)  
Mary DeLand Born in New Marlborough  
Mass May 7<sup>th</sup> 1773 She wife of Deacon Wm DeLand  
Died Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1839

Edwin B DeLand Born in Vernon Oneida  
Co N.Y. Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1803  
Died Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1849

F. C. DeLand, Born in Vernon Oneida  
Co N.Y. June 9<sup>th</sup> 1801. First wife daughter  
of Stephen Willcutt Jones 2<sup>d</sup> wife a widow Morgan the widow  
of a brother of Philo Morgan.



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Ben Jones handed me  
to send to you I blindly

January 15th  
Jones, birth and  
death

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Messers S. and Land & Wilson left Hand

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~~Wm. De Land Born January 15th 1811~~

~~Wm. De Land Died~~

Records for  
De Land  
January 1852

Lawrence Frank was Born out - 1749 in the town  
of Frank fort Herkimer Co. N.Y. was taken  
prisoner in the month of August 1747 by the Indians  
and torneys taken to Quebeck & kept as prisoner  
3 years 3 months in Feb 1811 moved to Rusti Chautauq

He died April 13 - 1813 Mary <sup>Wife</sup> of Lawrence  
Frank was Born in Germany in the year 1753  
her parents came to Herkimer Co when she was  
a small girl Died Dec 1831 - Michael Frank

was Born Dec 14 - 1748 in the town of Frank fort  
Herkimer Co N.Y. in 1811 came to Rusti Chautauq Co

Joseph Frank was Born out 3 - 1796 came with his  
father to Chautauq Co in Dec 1813 went to Buffalo  
on their retreat was shot through the head & killed  
by the Indians & buried in a common grave with other killed

Eliphalet Stewart Born August 14 1759 in  
Stonington Connecticut came to Frank fort  
Herkimer Co in 1805 - in 1811 moved to Rusti  
Chautauq

in Dec 31 <sup>1813</sup> he was in the Battle at  
Buffaloe & narrowly escaped his life <sup>he was also in</sup> resolution.

Died Nov 3 - 1839 Mercy <sup>Wife</sup> of E Stewart  
was Born Sept 5 - 1764 in Stonington Conn<sup>ect</sup>

Died April 14 - 1813. you can alter leave out  
as much as you please

The above hand tree by Michael Frank & may be relied on.  
His wife a daughter of Eliphalet Steward. Michael Frank  
had sons Steward, John,

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The trunks  
of Burt's my  
from Michael &  
including the stand.

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The following given me by Capt Michael Frank  
 January 1852 & may  
 be relied on for dates &c.

Lawrence Frank father of Michael was born in the  
 town of Frankfort West Co NY AD 1749

He was taken a prisoner by the Indians <sup>months of August 1777</sup> and carried  
 to Quebec and kept a prisoner three years & 3 months  
 He removed from Frankfort to Frankfort (Busti) July 1811.

He died in Busti April 13 1813 AE 64

The wife of Lawrence Frank (maiden name Mary Myers) was  
 born in Germany AD 1753 & came with her parents to Westchester Co  
 when she was a little girl. Died in Busti Decr 1831 AE 78.

Capt Michael Frank son of Lawrence born in Frankfort Dec 18 1788  
 removed to Busti sometime of his father AD 1811.

Joseph Frank son of Lawrence born in Frankfort Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1796  
 and came with his parents to Busti 1811. He was a volunteer in the  
 militia at Buffalo battle Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1813 and was shot & killed <sup>thro the head</sup>  
 he retreated from Black rock to Buffalo and being pursued by the Indians & his  
 body buried in a common grave in Buffalo with other killed & never  
 brought home to his family residence. He was a single man.

Eliphalet Steward born in Sturington Conn Aug 14 1759  
 Came to Frankfort NY AD 1805 & removed to Busti with his wife 1811.

He was a soldier of the revolution & volunteered twice at Buffalo battle  
 Dec 31 1813 & narrowly escaped with his life. Died in Busti Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1837 AE 78

Mary his wife maiden name Mary Coates born in Sturington Conn  
 Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 1764. died in Busti April 18<sup>th</sup> 1813 AE 49  
 Michael Frank's wife was a daughter of Eliphalet Steward

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Thomas Jeffers on Winslow

New Dover June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852 <sup>45</sup>  
now of block Rock N York

(formerly of Jonestown Barbados &c)

makes the following relation - Born in Dover VT son of Elisha Winslow who died in Wilmington VT 1820 - Mother was Olive Jones sister of Solomon Jones - She died in Malboro VT 1833. For the notice of Barre Mass - I went to Jonestown fall of 1827 from Middlem Co VT, with Elisha Allen as clerk for a few months & then bought a <sup>piece of land</sup> small farm house of Jones Clark on the N side of Stillwater on the Warren & Jonestown road where I resided awhile & moved to Carroll village & kept "Deer's tavern" stood one year & then back to Stillwater & lived there about 2 years & then went into the Ellic's tavern on 2<sup>d</sup> street <sup>near Spring St (Sally Vandenberg)</sup> in Jonestown & kept it less than a year & then bought the present Show tavern of William Hall (1832) & kept the tavern about 3 years treated the stand Rowley & informant owed a mortgage to Alpheus Howley that was formerly given William Hall -

James Winslow in the Spring of 1833 bought a <sup>2<sup>d</sup> hand</sup> Port Coach from Fay the first ever run into the village & run for some time here to Sturdevant landing Left Jonestown Spring of 1836 & moved to Elyria Ohio & Ballard then died as he thinks sometime before - Harry Eaton married Miss by Maria Hunt sister of Mrs T. J. Winslow whose maiden name was Eliza F Hunt, & Eaton started the first stage Jonestown to Warrens - I left Elyria Ohio & went to Buffalo or block Rock N York 1836 where I have since resided I have three daughters married but have no sons. Winslow is about 5 feet 8 inches high, rather thick set, light complexion & eyes, and quite bald - I think he & his wife united with the Presbyterian church in Jonestown soon after its formation

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*Wm. H. Ed. Co.*

James Duran and Elizabeth - his  
 wife emigrated to Portland about 60  
 years ago from Lynn, Mass. in Feb 1803, and  
 subsequently purchased in Longport, of  
 a fertile and beautiful site, well suited  
 for farming purposes, as there is no other  
 town. When he came to Portland  
 the land had not yet been surveyed, and  
 the present town east, since at better  
 ranges back, and there were one or  
 two families at Westfield, the first a  
 small settlement by hand at first  
 made in 1806 (three years after he built a  
 large log house, with the logs - covered on  
 the outside with mud, and to get help  
 to raise it he had to go 20 miles east  
 and the same distance West.

The house is yet standing, and  
 is occupied by his son David Duran  
 who carries the old farm's business,  
 owned by his father. In the early  
 settlement of this country, and the western  
 country in Pa & Ohio Mr Duran kept  
 tavern in the said Log House, and  
 did a business, etc. however keeping still  
 but few if any now do, in the large and  
 commodious houses, of this day.



The house is probably the oldest in this county, and is in good condition and quite a comfortable house.

Mr. Duran paid 2 dollars for Bunch of Potatoes in Erie.

He had to go to Tuttle's Mill on Erie to get grinding.

Salt cost 45 dollars per Bushel at Buffalo. At that time there were but 3 cornstarch houses at Buffalo and these were by houses.

His Son George Duran was the first white child born in this ward.

3 of his Sons & 2 daughters

William Duran of Youngstown, Pa., Daniel Duran man living on the old farm, & John W. Duran of Matamoras, Pa., the wife of Walter Ruge and Jess the wife of James of Forestville in the county.

Jessie Duran Deid at Per Oct 23, 1838. (Age I think about 78, 297)

Elizabeth his wife died at Per Oct 23, 1850. <sup>about 82</sup> I think several years younger than her husband. - Mr Duran must have been nearly

50 years old when he came to Chaut Co. - See his petition papers & her application as his widow copied in my transcripts &c &c

among letters of says paid were Solomon <sup>See Judge James on 2d Co</sup> Samuel Williams <sup>1849 409</sup> (49)

Richard Williams, and his wife emigrated to Frederick in this county in July 1809, from Longwood <sup>Spital Co</sup> Frederick Co. Sophia's maiden name was Weston, (sometimes spelled Motter,) but further resided in Madison, Madison County, Virginia the Motters, of that county, and relatives of hers.

Mr Williams died in Portland 1822. I. O. given since, and his widow Sophia is now the wife of Thomas Crouch of Portland.

She is the gem of age, and notwithstanding the infirmities of old age, she still retains much of that energy of character, so requisite for the progress of a new world, and for which she partly acquired the reputation, of being a woman of uncommon energy and perseverance, and the labor and hardships, performed, and endured by her, show that she had a physical constitution of uncommon strength and endurance.

When they came to Frederick there were but few families. Dr. Putz, Leath, Benjamin B. Smith, Mr. Cole

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Summer years & Herkimb Bowker

About 50 families come in that season.

Mr Williams and Mr Bowker commenced building a Grist Mill and went to Pa. 80 miles with ox team after the Mill stones, and they had to go to Batavia after the oxen. It was with ox teams, and it took 21 days to go and get them.

In November the Mill was nearly completed, and the inhabitants anticipated getting their corn and wheat ground at home in a few days, but the water ran and took the Mill down, so that they had as fair prospect of continuing to go to Black Rock or Erie to get their grain ground, or to pound their corn in a stump or in a millstone, by fire as they had long done.

But the people volunteered and rebuilt the Mill in a few days (about 2 weeks) and the Mill was soon in operation.

Mr Williams lived during the first Summer & Autumn in a log house

12 feet square, and had a fire of  
 of from 15 to 20, while they were building  
 the first Mill, and as Mrs Williams  
 lived about 1/2 mile from the Mill, Mrs  
 Williams generally carried the provisions  
 there in summer, on horseback.

In order to help some of their relatives  
 to emigrate from Madison County,  
 Mrs Williams started on horseback  
 on the 27th day of December, of that year  
 with a child a little more than a  
 year old, and went to her father  
 in Madison County, and returned  
 the same winter in a sleigh with  
 Col. Barto and Capt. Berry's families.

Mrs Berry was a sister of Mrs  
 Williams. When they came to  
 Madison they were a family of  
 Carter's on the creek, and John &  
 Howard kept a Tavern at Silver  
 Creek. There was not a vessel  
 on Lake Erie except on the lower  
 side, and their salt and groceries  
 were brought from Buffalo via Seneca

It cost \$6,00 per cent. to get goods  
 from Utica to Madison.

Mrs Williams this year was  
 the first man who carried the  
 mail from Buffalo to Erie on

52. horseback, it having previously  
been carried by a footman.  
Abner was then 19 years old and  
it was considered dangerous business  
to carry the Mail through the woods  
infested with Indians, and have it  
seized and carried to the streams.

Abner was killed on board  
the St Lawrence in the battle on  
Lake Erie Sept. 10th 1813.

37 years since Mr Williams  
continued to carry the mail  
from Buffalo to Erie for 3 years  
at 600 dollars a year, and at the  
expiration of said term Col Bird  
became contractor.

Of 5 Sons, only one is living, Dr  
Oliver H Williams Shoe Leather  
dealer Buffalo & the 3 daughters reside

Mr Williams was a member  
of the Baptist Church in Frederick and  
the Church was organized, and still  
retains her connection with that  
church.

Portsmouth June 14th 1852

Mr. E. J. Foot

My Dear Sir I presume you have  
 seen this concluded that I have  
 forgotten your request, but I presume  
 you I think not, for I consider the  
 object well worth the attention of every  
 person, and I am glad you have  
 undertaken the business of collecting  
 the history of the first settlers of this  
 County, that succeeding generations  
 may learn something of the privi-  
 ledges and hardships endured by  
 those who first settled in this (this  
 includes wilderness) territory  
 densely populated and fruitful  
 County. Early last spring I went  
 to Mr. Coombs & Deane to get  
 their history but Mr. Coombs, formerly  
 Mr. Williams was at Buffalo  
 spending some time with his son  
 & daughter & Deane was absent, I  
 was that I have been  
 absent a number of weeks and  
 on my return to the western States  
 and on my return I called on  
 them as soon as I was able

for my health has been good  
 from since my return, but is not  
 quite good

Last Winter was one of unusual  
 season severity for this Lake Shore  
 region; & much of the time the snow  
 was impracticable.

Col. Carter has an excellent  
 series of his history with the  
 history of the Regt.

Perhaps I have noticed  
 some reports made in full  
 statements in your work, and  
 probably I have stated some thing  
 which you will mind

Any further assistance I  
 can render you, shall be  
 done with pleasure.

Yours Respectfully,  
 Wm. H. Westfield

Scott W Sayles letter

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Cam July 19<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Sir

Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> before me & am happy to hear from an old friend. I most cheerfully answer your interrogatory so far as I can.

My father Augustus Sayles was born in Providence R.I. in 1785 & removed with my grandfather & settled about midway between Otisco & Whiteboro Otisco Co N.Y. being among the very earliest settlers in that thin wilderness & remained there until I think the year 1807 when he removed to Mantles Mondago Co N.Y. & in 1816 he removed to near Mayville Chautauque Co. in 1821 he removed to Portman Genesee Co. where he died August 10<sup>th</sup> 1848

Scott W. Sayles was born at N. Hartford Otisco Co N.Y. June 13<sup>th</sup> 1803 & in 1814 came with my grandfather to Mayville in 1820 I came to Janantown in 1826 I was married to Rhoda W. Ballard eldest daughter of Capt Gilbert Ballard removed to Warren Pa. Feb 1827 & 1835 I removed to Cleveland O. where I lived until April 1851 when I removed to this

Yours truly  
Scott W. Sayles



In regard to Capt Ballard's <sup>Father</sup> story little is known of him by his daughter, as he died when the Capt was very young.

Capt Ballard was born I believe in Massachusetts & when a young man emigrated to New France Vermont when in 1804 he married Hadasah Perry & I believe was some time Deputy Sheriff. He ~~came~~ <sup>came</sup> to Jamestown N.D. in 1816 & his family the following year I think he started his stage to Mayville in 1824 & in 1827 removed to Mayville & remained there until 1830 when he removed to Elyria Lorain Co Ohio where he died in Sept. 1833 aged 51 years his wife is living with us aged 65.

Mr Folsom removed from Buffalo to Cleveland in 1835 & is still living there. Mr Hall resides at Warren Pa. Now enquire how I many children we have had eight four sons & four daughters, our oldest a daughter died quite young. I we have lost two sons one aged 19 & the 17 years, the elder died the 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 1849 & the other was lost on the Steamer Griffith on the following morning, he was on his way home to see his <sup>Brother</sup> die, they both occupy our grave.

<sup>(Rev Amasa West)</sup> Father West for 3 or 4 years <sup>was</sup> <sup>head</sup> of the May Day School Teacher at Mayville I have not <sup>heard</sup> from since 1826 he called at my house in Jamestown, he was just married to a sister of Dr Nephew of Mayville, I think he told me he was about to remove to Colts Station. I have made some enquiry at this place

but can learn nothing in regard to him,  
 Now my dear Sir I have given you the  
 desired information as nearly as I can, it  
 may not be strictly correct in every particular but  
 believe mainly so, I should be extremely glad to  
 see a Historical <sup>Sketch</sup> of the State of N.Y. embracing the  
 last 40 years of Chatham Co. in particular it  
 would awaken old associations & reminiscences &  
 go back to memory many old friends & neighbors  
 of your days that could not be otherwise  
 remembered. Believe me Sir I should be very  
 happy to see you, but that may never be, but  
 I am now absent in connection with my wife  
 at highest regard for yourself &

Yours Truly  
 J. W. Sayles

J. W. Sayles

name of Sayles grandfather, his father's brothers what became of them

the ... Rufus & Reed were his husband was born

arrived at Oneida county

Gilbert Ballard was born in Milford Mass. His father  
 died when he was young and his widowed mother married a man by  
 the name of Levi Legg with whom Gilbert & his sister Sally resided.  
 The family removed to Wardsboro Vt when Gilbert & Sally Ballard  
 were young & they resided there until they married. Sally  
 married Horatio Dix of Wardsboro. Gilbert B. married Haddassah  
 Perry - They removed to Lunenburg N.Y. about 1816

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Harvey Dewey's letter

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Dewey, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 Harvey Dewey

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The first wife of the said Steel was a maiden daughter of  
the said Steel. She was the daughter of the said Steel.  
She was born in the town of Westfield, New York, on  
the 13th day of March, 1813. She was married to the  
said Steel on the 13th day of March, 1833. She  
died on the 13th day of March, 1833.

His 2<sup>d</sup> wife Catherine Steel was a maiden daughter of  
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died on the 13th day of March, 1833.

I have been in search of letters and have no  
 more a collection in the subject. My only resource  
 is the records of the census records. It has been  
 a long time since I have been in the place from  
 which I have written to you. The probability would be  
 that the records of the census are records  
 of the family in 1850 and it may be of 1860  
 and 1870. I am sure about 1870 from this place  
 in and near the village of Waterville.

I know of  
 nothing further that would be of benefit in regard to  
 the name as yet enjoyed by the family since a married  
 here and wish to be remembered by you and your  
 sisters and sisters in the future. I would be  
 followed by the family in the future from in your  
 1876 I am  
 E. J. West Esq.

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His 2 wives both were steel was a modern daughter of  
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James B. Lowry's letter history of the Lowry and 63  
settlement of North Western Penna

Bristol July 13. 1852

Hon. E. J. Hoopes

Dear Sir

Your letter of inquiry of the 29. ult came duly to hand, and I will now endeavour to answer it as fully as I can.

It is in relation to my Father and Brothers. They emigrated from the north of Ireland (The County <sup>Down</sup> ~~Down~~) some time near the year 1787 and landed at New-castle delaware

The family consisted of the widow Margaret Lowry & ~~ten~~ ten sons — they first settled near Northumberland <sup>and</sup> on Sumbury in Penna. — Samuel the eldest of the children settled in Columbus Co. Pa. & died there 1826. — Hugh the next oldest boy settled in Union Co. Pa. — where he died about the year 1828. leaving a large family of boys & girls — Saml. family consisted of 5 children —

The remaining eight ~~sons~~ <sup>Brothers</sup> — ~~William~~ James, Robert, John, William, George, Alexander, Andrew & Morrow with the widow ~~she~~ emigrated to the Lake County in Pa. in the year 1796 or 95 — four of the Brothers including Father had previous to their starting for the wilderness intermarried into the family of James Barr, of Mifflin on the Susquehanna, Pa. — who was also from Ireland — their names was Robert, Andrew, George (father) and Morrow one (John) of the remain four never married. James married a Dunclade, Williams & Alexander married into the family of Nathaniel Dickey — all of Irish extraction.

They ~~was~~ all had numerous families excepting Alexander.



64 who had but the two children Hugh W. and Nathaniel A. and whose family consisted of four three sisters & myself

In the year 1794. the state of Penn<sup>a</sup> passed an Act - as to the settlement of her wild Lands - offering 40 to every actual settler who would emigrate on & improve the same 5 years & pay 20 cts.

In consequence of this inducement the Lowry family with others emigrated into the then wilderness - They found settlement in Western Pa. - there was a fort at Erie & Mills roads or any thing that pertain to civilization the south nearer than Pittsburgh - on the North Canada at fort Erie, on the East there were settlements in N.Y. as far West as Utica.

About the time that the Lowrys settled in Erie Co Pa. they met by emigrants from the East employed by the Population Company to settle the triangles - Between the settlers from the interior of Pa. there was a considerable warfare or strife & mob-law prevailed to a considerable extent for some years - in the mean time the Pop. Company commenced suits against the settlers. The courts at Philadelphia & Pittsburgh were they were wearied, impoverished, dishonored & by their counsel - judgments rendered <sup>against them</sup> in default of the Law - and the settlers <sup>were</sup> driven from their settlements they had acquired by unheeded provocations & sufferings - had cost them the best part of their lives - poor & broken down in body & mind to seek an asylum in laws or when the law was administered with more <sup>Northwestern</sup> The history of this first settlement of Pennsylvania -

of unparalalled injustice & oppression & you may seek  
 in vain for a parallel in the early settlement of any  
 State in the Union. The injustice done to the pioneers  
 of the Northwest part of the State of Pa. is a foul blot  
 on the State, & will ever remain in strong contrast  
 with the character of the illustrious founder of the  
 State - Owing to the indultigation the settlers never had  
 judgment against them on the merits of their Contro-  
 versy - I was born at North East Erie Co. Pa. on the  
 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1798. & about one of the first born in that part  
 of the State.

In the Spring of 1809, my Father removed  
 to Mayville - Chaut. Co. N.Y. We arrived at Mayville  
 on Town Meeting day the towns Meeting was then held  
 at Fredericks Tavern. McIntires plan at the head  
 of Cham. Lake - at that time the town of Cham. consisted  
 of all the territory around the upper half of Cham. Lake  
 and I am not sure but it included the greater part  
 if not all of Cham. County. There were but few  
 inhabitants at that time in the County.

Samy & John McMahan resided near Westfield  
 David Enson - <sup>of Cham. Co.</sup> Westfield. and Tho. McCl  
 Clintock <sup>(father of my present wife)</sup> kept Tavern and owned all the present  
 location of Westfield he first settled and owned  
 the place where Fredonia now stands. He em-  
 -grated <sup>from Cham. Co.</sup> to the West in 34. or 35. & located south of  
 Chicago where he died in 38. near <sup>(Blue Island)</sup> Blue Island  
 he had three sons now living in Ill. - Wilson &  
 James McClintock lives on Gray Creek 18 miles  
 South westward from Chicago - & Tho. lives near  
 Blue Island

66) The widow McKimery (1809) lived on the West  
side of Chautauque Creek & I think Samuel Wilkeson  
late Judge Wilkeson of Buffalo resided at  
Portland now Barcelona. - 1809 the inhabitants between  
the state line and Westfield (then called ~~the~~ road  
consisted of Tho<sup>s</sup> Prendergast, Cochran, Crosgon  
Perry, Cleworth, Harrison, Acers, Alexander (afterwards Dr  
McNeal, James Montgomery - of those old settlers  
James Montgomery still is living on his old place.  
Judge Alexander removed to the southern part of  
Indiana or Ill. soon after the last war  
of the children of the others some remain on the  
old place but the greater part have settled in the  
Western Country - The Inhabitants of Mayne  
consisted of Alex<sup>r</sup> McIntire, Martin Prendergast,  
John Scott, and Abram Frederick - then fixed in  
Cyrus Scott lived near Buffalo for several years  
and in the year 1838, he removed into the north  
part of this state, near Rock River where he & his  
wife & children were living the last time. I hear  
of him the others are dead or gone.

The inhabitants on the east side of Chau.  
consisted of Peter Barnhart, and Aries Decon  
Thayer, Nahum Aldrich, Abijah Bennett<sup>Esq.</sup>, Beeman  
Griffith, Cherry &c &c - Bennett removed  
south into Indiana - the rest are dead unless  
it be that Aldrich is a living yet - On the West side  
of the Lake, Jonathan Cherry, Matthew & William  
Prendergast, & Jonathan Smith - & Thos Beech

At Jamestown James Pendergast  
 had just commenced his Mills - Gen.  
 Nisly & Barker lived at Friedonia - The Holm  
 & some others at Sheridan - and Mungar <sup>Wm. Loggins</sup> ~~Stedman~~  
 Sprague between Westfield & Friedonia  
 Ossamus Holm the father of Mrs. Scott. & Mar-  
 shall removed to Ohio when he died one or  
 two of his sons reside in this state <sup>east of you in settlement</sup> near Indian  
 lives in a settlement mostly formed of Chan. Co.  
 people from Sheridan  
 Many of the first settlers of this part of Ill. was settled  
 people from Chautauque - The Napiers settled  
 Naperville - The Warrens & Howles settled  
 Warrenville - Amos Lee Comfort Morgan  
 (from the town line) Knowlton, Scofield, Sandon  
 (brother in law of Lee)  
 At Long Grove in this County - The Gillams the  
 Johnsons of Mayville and McCallains <sup>at Bristol</sup>  
 Eben Morgan Ashleys Parkhurst Selands &  
 others in Oswego. Earl Adams Winchels <sup>Wm. Loggins</sup> ~~Wm. Loggins~~  
 in Newark in this County (Kendall)  
 Sicon Johnson from Ashville <sup>now dead</sup> & Capt. Fitch &  
 others settled on Rock Creek 8 miles north of this  
 Henry Abel & a number of others from Chautauque  
 settled on Rock River  
 The Whitmans, & Tucker, Deems & others settled  
 Belvidere - a number of Chan. people  
 settled in Jansville.

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68 Almon Ives is still living at Long Grove when he first settled - has a large family of boys some of them Lawyers & some of them Doctors

Gillam, ~~that~~ <sup>who</sup> removed from Mayville lives here David Johnson & his sons came here from Mayville: George Bradford's family have removed to California: and David Johnson was blown up at St. Francisco two years ago

I have been rather dilatory in answering your letter in consequence of the hurry of harvest and I have drawn up this in a desultory manner - But I must hasten to a close - My Father & Mother are both dead - Father died 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1849 / Mother in Aug. following - They both departed in the full enjoyment of a Redeemer - There is none of the old stock of the Lowry or Barrs (my Mother's name) now living except Morrow Lowry who lives at Messer Co. Pa - I presume that there are many facts within my knowledge that would be useful to you which do not now think of.

If however you should <sup>wish</sup> any further further information (within my recollection) you will please call my attention to it & I will cheerfully give such information as within my recollection

Yours &c. Very Respectfully  
J. K. Lowry

P.S. I should be highly delighted to get the perusal of your work where it is out of print

Dr. Hurd's Phineas letter  
W. J. 69

Dear Mr. Hurd  
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7<sup>o</sup> whilst memory holds a seat in my brain practice and does good business 71  
there are but few of the rank and file that notwithstanding he loses more patients  
stood should do to should do twenty five than in his former practice.  
years ago it would seem that those the plegmonous erysipelas which raged  
who were boys at <sup>that</sup> time and now taking in Panama two years ago some thirty  
the heads of the political party to which I did, in the fall and winter it raged  
we then belonged, hardly give me a paper in this town some 60 cases none died  
glance now (it does not disturb me) I was at that time reading Orms book  
I have not attended but your County Court but dare not risk the practice  
for 8 or 9 years go. to the polls vote and so formidable disease.  
home again. Clymer has not given a I finally came to the conclusion that  
democratic Maj since I give up the should not change my practice  
lead to the boys (or rather since they took continue in the old beaten track  
Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> we got the Baltimore  
Nomination tell me how <sup>you</sup> like it  
and what you think of the political  
parties as they now stand. He  
I understand that you are practicing  
medicine (or rather Homoeopathically)  
in N. H. I presume you have had  
1501 experience in that mode of dealing  
with the small pills which satisfy yourself  
with whether it is the pills or diet that you  
ret. your opinion of the dependence on  
Orms of Panama has adopted that

Believe me Sir your sincere friend  
A. A. Phinney

P. S. write me at your most  
convenient time and oblige H

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 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land in the town of ...  
 The land in question is situated in the town of ...  
 I have the honor to inform you that the same has been purchased by the ...  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 J. H. ...

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June 9 1852

Ordering a copy of the ...

Dr. H. A. ...

Dr. H. A. ...

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Elvina Allen, father murdered  
Worcester, May 12. 1852. 73

Dear Sir, I find by the Massachusetts Register for 1793, (an annual like the Connecticut Register,) that Capt. Elisha Allen of Princeton was then a Deputy Sheriff for the county of Worcester. — In the Mass. Spy of July 18<sup>th</sup> 1793 is a brief notice of the murder of Capt. Allen by Samuel Frost of Princeton, who in Sept. 1783 killed his father and in April 1784 was acquitted from the charge of murder, on the ground of insanity, the jury having been out 18 hours. In the Spy of July 25. '93, is a short account of the arrest and committal of Frost, &c. The Spy of Sept. 20. contains a short notice of his trial and conviction of murder; and the number for Nov. 6. a notice of his execution. This last mentioned paper contains, also, an advertisement of a "Confession and Dying Words of Samuel Frost," and a "Poem," sold on the day of execution." The Confession and Poem I do not find in the Antiquarian Library. The volumes of the Spy for the years referred to are there, and also a Sermon preached on the day of the execution of Frost, he being present

and personally apostrophized, by the late Dr. Bancroft,  
 father to George Bancroft the historian.

I have not been to the Clerk's office here, as  
 the records of the Supreme Court, till early in the present con-  
 tending, were kept in Boston by a clerk who accompanied  
 the Court on their circuits round the State. — The published  
 notices given at the time of the murder and execution are  
 quite meagre, and yet they contain some statements which  
 may interest you. These I shall transcribe and present  
 at my earliest leisure. It is also my purpose to make  
 enquiries of several aged persons of sound memory, whom I  
 know. The general facts have been familiar to me from  
 early childhood. The fact may interest you, that I am  
 writing this from the very spot where Frost was executed,  
 and that what is now "Hospital Hill," was called "Frost  
 Hill" from the period of the execution to that of the erection  
 of the State Lunatic Hospital.

In your letter you mention having sent a  
 copy of the "Frost Genealogy," by Mr. Jordan, to the  
 Mass. Historical Society. That Society has its library

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Tremont St. Boston. No copy of the work has been  
sent by the American Antiquarian Society, or, rather,  
it has not been, a few days ago. It will be very welcome  
never it may come. It will give me pleasure to  
be at your service at any time.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. Jos. Allen

P.S. I have just recd. Mr. Jordan's letter,  
which I thank you and him.

S. J.

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Mr. E. J. Felt  
New Haven  
Conn.

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The following from Colonel Dorius Dexter to S. H. M. 77

Perry Pike Co Illinois August the 9 - 1852

Dear Sir, I received your letter dated the 6  
of May but have neglected writing to you in  
consequence of Abram Frank and Wife from  
Chautauque Co and Harrison Deater and Wife  
from Cincinnati and John Deater from Wisconsin  
arrived here on a visit soon after I received  
your letter and I have spent my time  
with them while they was here they have now returned  
home they and their families were all well and my  
family all well Hoping that you and family  
are enjoying the same blessing I have filled up the  
blank that you sent me but the inquiring you make  
of me about first settlers of Chautauque Co my  
memory is so poor that I think I cannot give you much  
information on that subject that would be of much  
use. Come in to Chautauque Co in the Spring of  
1808 and took the soil of Elliott to cut and clear  
out road from the head of Chautauque Lake  
one and half miles through May's land West  
field but six Rod wide and cleared three Rods  
and also cleared off the public square where  
the County House now stands, and then went back



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in the Fall and moved on next winter you inquire  
Where John Seath's house was located where the first  
Court was held it stood near the East line of the  
Public Square on the North side of Street that  
runs. From the Head of Chautauque Lake toward  
West Field you inquire the price of provisions  
When I came to Chautauque Wheat was from two  
Dollars to two Dollars fifty cents per bushel corn  
one Dollar fifty cents per bushel oats from twenty  
five cents to one Dollar per bushel. Potatoes at about  
same price as oats. Flour from sixteen to  
eighteen Dollars per barrel Pork twenty five  
cents per lb, and that made out of Winking  
Hays. The principal part of our provisions was  
brought from Pittsburgh. Some I can carry the name  
Grismill was John McMan, near Portland Member  
Felix Sicketts with other that ground  
corn at about <sup>two</sup> chip mucks could  
carry it off. our now Post 1804 and since then  
was quite a lot of salt brown <sup>over the postage</sup> in both years  
but as to the quantity I could not tell,  
and do not recollect what the price was  
Respectful yours old friend James Deater.

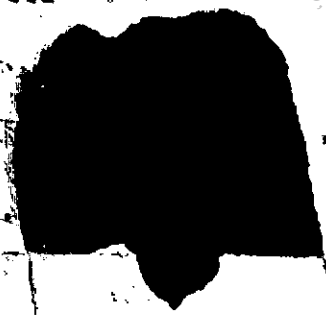
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*[Faint, mostly illegible cursive handwriting]*



*E. J. Steele*  
*Apr*  
*Amherst*  
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Doctor C. C. Croffield's letter

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Attica August 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dr Foot

Dear Sir - I received your  
Communication - But it does not find me  
\* at Hartfield I removed from Hartfield to  
Attica Wyoming County N.Y. the 25<sup>th</sup> of last Sept.  
I was born in <sup>Keene</sup> New Hampshire 1815 received  
the my preparatory Education at Kimbal Union  
Academy Plainfield N.H. Entered Union  
College at Schenectady in 1833 graduated in  
1838 received my medical Education in New  
York City Commenced the practice of Medicine  
in Ellicottville Cattaraugus Co. N.Y. moved to  
Hartfield in 1842 soon after I went there  
I commenced investigating Homeopathy & was  
the first Homeopathic Physician on the hills  
of old Chartaugue

I have transferred your letter to Henry  
L. Walker who is now Post Master at Hartfield  
in my place who will officiate in my capacity  
there - L. Hansket is living & so is Dr.  
Livingston the Doctor lives somewhere in  
Essex County N.Y. You will therefore obtain any  
information from the above H. L. Walker P.M. Hartfield

Your respectfully

C. C. Croffield

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of Cambridge August 13, 1852  
E. S. F. Esq.

My dear Sir  
Your kind letter of the 5th Ant. in Pa.  
and its contents I have I have happily comply  
with your request and if I interrupt you  
in your noble work bearing down  
to posterity something that will be both  
valuable and interesting. I will do it with  
pleasure. My friend Father was born  
in Thompson (then Killingly) Conn. July 4th  
1763 enlisted into the American Service when  
16 years old in Gen. Huntington's Brigade  
was a soldier in the Army that fought  
with the British was present at the  
Major Andre was executed returned home  
with; after about one year service was married  
to Hannah Bates in 1788 soon after their  
marriage they both professed Religion and  
joined the Baptist Church in Thompson  
In 1795 he was ordained as pastor of  
that Church and remained its successful  
Pastor till he resigned on account of ill  
health in 1820 and removed to Fredonia  
N.Y. he was able to preach occasionally till  
about a year before his death which

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was the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1829 at  
No 66 truly it may be said he fell as  
infirm without a groan or struggle in  
a strong hope which was the power of love  
was as an anchor to his soul - My  
dear friend Frederick in April 1851 in  
I was born in Thompson Conn. Feb 18 18  
followed farming most of the time Mar  
sally all learned of Thompson Oct 4<sup>th</sup>  
in 1813 my companion and myself in  
with the Baptist Church in Thompson  
in September 1818 I run over to Fredon  
New York in 1826 acted as the labor  
business with my Brother Pearson and  
the Partnership in 1835 removed to Belvid  
All in 1838 lost my companions in Dec  
1839 married Abigail <sup>Sister</sup> Niece of John Z  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1840 in 1851 removed to Janine  
this connection I have perhaps written more  
in summary of my father's history and my o  
but you are at liberty to use or so much  
of it as you please - I saw your relative  
Rev Mr Foot a few days ago he is a ve  
successful Pastor in this flourishing town  
Janineville now contains 4000 Inhabitants  
there are now in progress three Rail  
from the Lake Pointing to Janineville  
from Milwaukee Racine & Chicago

and one from Rock Island it is confidently  
 believed all will be completed to this  
 place by the close of 1853 the Milwaukee  
 road is to be done to this place the first  
 of Nov. Next should I live to see the time  
 that a Railroad is complete from here  
 to the land of steady habits I think  
 I will again visit my Old Native State  
 Peubin Buck & Benjamin Gifford are  
 here they inclose sketches as you requested  
 should you have leisure drop me  
 a line occasionally it is like cold  
 water to a thirsty soul to receive a letter  
 from an old friend and I will answer  
 them —

Yours Respectfully

Nathaniel Crosby

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John C. F. F. F.

Mrs. F. F. F.

Love

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Tolet Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1832

Hon E J Hoote,

Dear Sir. Your letter making inquiries in relation to those of the old settlers of Chautaugue Co. who live in this neighborhood, I have before acknowledged and am now ready to reply to,

Dr Curtis Haren died in September 1830

My great grandfather was one of the Eight men killed at Lexington the first blood of the revolution. Grandfather Elias Haren was then 10 years old. He afterwards removed to Chesterfield, Chester Co N. Hampshire, where most <sup>if not all</sup> of his children were born; My father Elias Haren, and Samuel Haren together with John, Simon Zelotes, Curtis, Rebecca, and Clarissa. The family removed to Saugusfield Oneida Co N.Y. in 1806 - Samuel Haren removed to Chautaugue Co. 1817. or 18 Elias Haren the same year Curtis Haren did not settle in Chautaugue Co until 1829 or 1830 at Jamestown. Elias & Samuel Haren settled in what is now the town of Sheridan 4 miles towards Buffalo from Fredonia. Elias, Samuel & Curtis Haren removed to Will. Co. Illinois in 1835 - Elias Haren died in December 1843. Samuel Haren is now living in the latter place. Elias was born in Chesterfield in 1788, Samuel in 1799 same place. Uncle Samuel Haren says he has heard his father speak of Barry and Dedham as towns in which he had lived at some time before going to Chesterfield.

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Charles Denny was born Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 1760 Town of Armenia Dutchess  
County N.Y. moved to Chautaugu Co. 1811 & to Illinois 1837  
and died August 6<sup>th</sup> 1839. in Witt. Co. Illinois

Lucinda Denny <sup>his wife,</sup> daughter of Gabriel Allen, born in a town (now  
like Cornwell) in Connecticut 1770 died Aug 2<sup>d</sup> 1837 in  
Witt Co Illinois

Allen Denny born in Coetsmans Albany. Co. N.Y. AD 1790 moved  
to Sheridan Chautaugu Co. 1811 and from there to Witt Co Ill.  
in 1835. where he now lives

Lucy Herrick his wife, born in Litchfield Ct Washington Co 1794  
Died Witt. Co. Illinois Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1844,

Lysander Denny Born in Greene Co. N.Y. Jan. 1798. Moved to Chautau-  
que Co 1811 and thence to Witt Co Ill 1834 where he now  
resides

Chas & Lucinda Denny above are the parents of Allen & Lysan-  
der Denny.

Respectfully Yours &c  
C. A. Haven

Rev. Justin Marsh pioneer missionary to Chautaugu (Arina)  
from Farmington Conn and <sup>married</sup> ~~married~~ John Law of Farmington  
Westfield N.Y. about 1830, a faithful good man died at Port Hope  
Michigan first year 1872 see complaint of Feb 15 1872 - Agummar



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Rev Samuel Gorton, letter  
Ripley Aug 1852

Judge Foot  
My Dear Friend and Brother

I received your letter in due time  
and should have answered it soon  
but for unavoidable occupations con-  
ing for my immediate attention

I was not aware till I received your  
letter that you were endeavoring to  
prepare a history of the early settlers  
of our Chataouque Co. I am glad to  
learn that it is so. It is a good  
work and your labors at some fu-  
ture period will be appreciated.

Any thing that I can do to en-  
age you in your work I will do  
with a good will. I will so far  
as I now give you the name of residence  
of those for whom you inquire. O. C. Brandley  
belongs to Rochester Presbytery, has charge  
of the Church at Honey-Falls. Justin Mack  
located at Ikonsha, Michigan. He is a  
member of the Presbytery of Marshall. Thompson  
S. Morris as I understand did some years since

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While laboring as a Chaplain for Seamen  
New-York. John B. Preston has remained  
North's Mesconin when he had charge of  
Church. I can not specify of the Town or County  
where he resides. But will inquire.  
- Rev Mr Preston at Berlin Wisconsin, 8777th  
Ebenezer H. Stratton is a member of Niagara  
by he is laboring at Soudant.  
~~for B. Preston to~~ Miles Doolittle is lab  
ing at Rushford, Allegany Co. P. P. Gray  
whose name you did not mention resides  
near Guinda but the name of the place  
I have forgotten. He should be remembered  
among others as Chautauque Co. had his mo  
skilled laborer in revival of religion than  
has. Parthen Jones who labored at May  
some two years had resided in Piquette  
for the last twenty years. I think that  
he must belong to some Old School  
Pres. as I do not find his name in our  
minutes. I do not know the place of  
Mr. Oak's residence. I have looked over the  
Assembly minutes but do not find his name.  
It would be well to notice Rev Giles Cook  
who was the Pastor of this Congregation and the  
Congregation at North East for eight years. He  
the first Pastor of these two congregations  
his labors commenced with these churches  
I believe in the latter part of the year  
1823. And he continued to labor with both till  
the congregations had acquired strength enough

to demand the entire labour of the Pastor  
 then he resigned his Pastoral labors here  
 here and continued several years longer at  
 North East Pa. from North East he subsequently  
 remained to Meadon Ohio where he was Pastor  
 of the Church for eight years then his health  
 failed and he suspended his pastoral work.  
 He died <sup>about eight</sup> years ago at Meadon. He was born  
 at Plymouth Letchford Co. Connecticut. As you  
 say our friend Bridley Marner has given  
 up his account and receive his reward. In 1821  
 he commenced the study of law at Cananda  
 when twenty one years of age then he turned  
 upon his profession and rose to distinction  
 as a pleader. His birth place was Lyme Ct.  
 He was sent as a Senator to Congress in  
 1822. In that capacity he served six years.  
 His subsequent life is familiar to you so  
 I need add no more. In a revival here  
 a little more than six years ago he  
 became personally interested in the  
 of the Gospel as we called it was in  
 him a great revolution a wonderful  
 overturn. His subsequent life has  
 made it evident that God made the  
 Gospel the power of God to save  
 He soon united with the Chh of which I a  
 Pastor, and was a few months after that  
 an Elder. In which capacity he ser-  
 ved till his death.

I will drop Br. Gregory a line requesting him  
to write to you... As to my self I wish to say but  
little. As to my family for any considerable  
distance back I have no definite knowl-  
edge. I desire very much to gain such knowl-  
edge and if you can send your researches  
help me I shall be very thankful. I was born in  
Litchfield Conn. in 1797. The names of my Parents  
were Miles O'Flaw and Lydia Gibbs both  
born in Litchfield South-James Society.  
And I suppose that my Grandfather and  
Grandmother were also born in that  
town. I bear the name of my Grandfather  
Samuel. My Grandmother's Maiden name  
was Mason. My Grandfather died as near  
as I can remember at a great age when  
I was a mere child, perhaps it was twelve  
years of age. If my memory serves me right  
he was 97 years old when he died. I suppose  
that his father came as one of the first  
settlers to Litchfield. I have no understand-  
ing <sup>my Grandfather</sup> had a considerably numerous family.  
How many daughters I do not know. But  
I have been often told that there were  
five sons, three of whom settled in  
Litchfield Over in <sup>my</sup> married Conn. And  
in Massachusetts in Berkshire Co. I think.  
You know the name is not a very common  
one, and I have supposed that most if not  
all of the name were descended from <sup>the</sup> <sup>same</sup>  
a common ancestry or at all events a near

3. page. My father died before I was 16 years of age. <sup>My Mother's Maiden Name was Sarah Gibbs. She is still living.</sup> I was the oldest of a family of eight children. We were left in very straitened circumstances. I was awakened and hopefully converted to God when I was in my 19<sup>th</sup> year. From the first I longed to become a preacher of the Gospel but saw no way in which it could be effected. I had neither friends of my own nor friends who were able and willing to aid me. But within a year I began study as I could getting such help as I could. Presently I made arrangements with <sup>the</sup> ~~which~~ I was living to pay for my board by working night and morning. Thus I fitted myself for College. I started Yale but was persuaded to go to New Coll. as it would be much cheaper so I started and graduated at that institution. Then I went to ~~Colt~~ traveled two hundred miles on foot, setting out with \$5.00, and raised \$11.00 left to carry me through. Coll upon my arrival there. I went through as you may suppose with much of struggle and difficulty. And so also struggled through a limited theological course at N. Ham. I was a member of the N. Class under Dr. Taylor. I graduated N. Coll. in the summer of 1822. I was licensed to preach the Gospel by Litchfield South Association in the fall of 1824. And immediately went to Del. Co. Ms. and engaged in Missionary labor in the destitute portions of that Co. for a few months. In 1825 I was called to the Pastoral work over the Church at Sidney.

9<sup>th</sup> Plains. I continued my labors there for three years &  
more, till by bad medical treatment my  
health utterly failed and so I gave up my  
charge. I gave up preaching nearly a year  
and then though no better, I resumed it again  
and I engaged for a few weeks in Missionary la-  
bor again and then to favour myself I took  
charge of a select school at Deposit Ill  
Co; and then the people insisted that I must  
preach a Sabbath or two till the best  
could be otherwise supplied. I did so and  
in the course of a few days it was mani-  
fest that the Spirit of God <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ among  
the people. And there nothing would do but  
I must labor on. This was the first re-  
vival in which I bore any great responsi-  
bility. I had every thing to learn. It was a work  
of great power. It continued with unabated  
interest for more than six months. And  
there was scarcely any perceptible abatement  
under a year. I was a woman. Here in my  
feeble state of health I had for <sup>some</sup> months to in-  
termit all labors in the way of preaching.  
But as soon as I could I was called to take  
up in other churches or desolate regions  
for a few weeks and months. As I was able  
It was in the winter of 1830 & 31 that I was  
written to by several Brethren of this Co to  
come and aid them a little in building  
up the Kingdom of Christ. I came and spent  
six months and then returned to my former field.

At that time I was at Erie Pa. At North East  
 At Westford at Fredonia at Mayville  
 and at Warren. As I said I returned to  
 Lewis Co. And my Presbytery insisted upon  
 my giving up my time for a year to visit  
 and labor with all their Churches. I did  
 so, and the blessing of the Lord was with  
 us. I then took the charge of the Church at  
 Lehi for one year during that period I had  
 numerous applications beseeching me to come  
 on to this Co. and labor as an evangelist.  
 I thought it duty to comply though at a pecuniary  
 loss. I moved on in May 1833. And spent nearly  
 two years in laboring with the Churches  
 in this western section of the State. You remember  
 those days of gladness and growth. Then  
 I took charge of what was called the Free  
 Church of Buffalo. I continued laboring with  
 that Church between two and three years  
 and then Buffalo Pres. came forward with  
 the request that I would labor among  
 their Churches for one year at least. I did  
 so again though at a pecuniary sacrifice  
 of \$2000 a year. It was a year of refresh-  
 ing and many turned to the Lord. When  
 I had finished that work I came here  
 where I have made it my home ever  
 since. I am now on my 16<sup>th</sup> year since I  
 came here. I have I should think on an  
 average spent  $\frac{1}{2}$  of all these years in labors

96 Among the Churches at Large. Of the nature  
of these labors you have personal knowledge  
so that I need not say anything. But I see I  
have done things that I did not design  
to do. I have written too much. Pardon me this

Now I am so much interested ~~and~~ in you  
enterprising that I am willing to render you  
any assistance I can. There are a number  
in my Parish who were here at an early  
day. One lady now over 80 years of age but  
still active and able to attend church regu-  
larly who settled just this side of Westfield  
in the summer of 1802. It is said that her son  
John McHenry was the first white child  
born in the Co. He had for many years  
been a confirmed drunkard. But last  
I should weary you I should stop.

Much love to yourself and Mrs. Gate and all  
of the children that have a remembrance  
of me. I have designed to embrace most things  
that you enquired about.

Yours truly S. G. Otton

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text at the bottom of the page, possibly bleed-through or a second draft.]*



Ripley Feb. 2. 1859.

Judge Foste

I commenced gathering facts for you: use before I saw you at Panama but interrupted it after that, as I gathered from you that you should visit R. before your return to N. Haven. I find it difficult to gather dates as these have slipped from the memory unless there is some record to which an appeal can be made, or some thing rather remarkable by which it was ineffaceably impressed upon the mind.

I can answer your question as to Mr David Rayer He was born at Plymouth in Conn. July 18. 1773. He died in this town Nov. 21. 1847 His wife Martha Rayer was born in the same place in 1775 (the month and day I have not got and died Dec 15. 1850

(David Rayer & my father were born in same neighborhood & school boys together in childhood my father about 3 1/2 years older E. J. Foste)

Judge Dickson

I cannot attend to this case today but will soon

Mrs Perry formerly the wife of Edward McHenry came to this town and Co. (though then neither were organized) in April 1802. This was the first family that settled on the tract of

98<sup>th</sup> country between Cataraugus Creek and the State Line. Her husband was drowned in Lake Erie while on his way to Erie for provisions in Aug. ~~1803~~ 1803. He was born in Orange Co. but the particular locality was known in 1770. He was 33 years old when drowned. Her maiden name was Statts. She was born at Saybrook in Conn. in 1770. Her father early removed to New York. He was a sea-faring man - was Capt. of a vessel. He and all on board perished at sea as was believed. as no tidings ever came in respect to them. Of her father's origin she knows nothing. He was lost before she was 8 years old. She thinks her husband's parents emigrated when young from the North of Ireland as did her own mother. But she can give nothing definite of any of them.

Her second husband's name was James Perry but of the place of nativity she can give no account. He left home on a journey of a few days and was heard of no more. Mrs. Perry is now in her 83 years and is remarkable for her vigor both of body and mind.

I have said that Edward McHenry's family was the first that moved into the Co. There were however several others that moved in the same year. Among them I mention the following Arthur Bell, the father of

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Mr Bell moved in the same summer 99  
Mr Bell came from Central Ia. when he and  
his wife were both born. Her Maiden name  
was Montgomery. She was sister of James  
Montgomery who still survives. Mr. A. Bell  
died before I came to this section. His wife  
died ~~to~~ about 12 years since. They  
were both professors of Religion when they  
came to the Country - Members of the Pres.  
Church. Their Parents I don't understand emi-  
grated from the North of Ireland. Mr  
Bell was a lad of 9 or 10 years when his  
parents removed ~~to~~ James Montgomery  
came on a young man, unmarried from  
the same neighborhood from which his relatives  
had removed and settled on the land he  
now occupies. I suppose you have got  
the facts of his history as I understand Mr  
Cass has been gathering materials for you  
Any particulars however which you wish me  
to gather up I will do it so far as I can.  
Mr. James Mc Mahan came into the town  
the same year - the summer of 1802. He has  
often said in my hearing that he raised the  
first wheat that was grown in the Co.  
He came from the Central part of Tenn. There  
were if I mistake not five young families  
that came through the wilderness from beyond  
the mountains to settle on the shore of Lake  
Orie in 1799 or 1800. All settled at first in North

cast. They consisted of Col. J. Mc Mahan and wife Louisa families of McCords Mr. Blain and Robert. The Ladies of the party journeyed on horseback carrying a Babie in the arms and in some cases another little one lashed on behind while the husbands made the journey on foot.

James Mc Mahan has told me that in 1800 he went to Detroit for seed wheat. The last of this company have gone to their graves. Most if not all of them were Professors of Religion and lived agreeably to such a profession.

As to my family name I can not give you as yet much additional information but hope to before long. One thing I have ascertained from a history of the early settlers of the town of Titchfield, that my great grand father's name was Samuel and that he was one of the Original settlers of the township in about 1720. See historical Pamphlet by G. C. Woodruff. And that he came from Woodbury Conn. I am writing to several of the name to get the help and light I can. And if any thing comes of it you shall hear from me soon.

I was born June 6. 1797. My Father Miles was born in Titch. about 1770. and died about 1811. His Father's name was Samuel and probably came with his Parents to Titchfield about 1720. His Father's name was Samuel and came from Woodbury.

This is all I can give you now.

Much love to you Wife and Children

Yours truly  
S. G. Mow

## From Mr Stone

Stone was born at Guilford Connecticut  
 1773 emigrated to Cortland County N.Y.  
 1798 - Married March 12 - 1800 to  
 Atwater daughter of Joshua Atwater,  
 born at Newhaven Connecticut Feb 28  
 In the winter of 1813 & 1814 Eber Stone &  
 sons & 1 daughter removed to Chautauque  
 N.Y. Mrs Stone died Oct 3 - 1841 Eber Stone  
 2 - 1845. Two oldest sons now reside  
 in Westfield N.Y. 3<sup>d</sup> son in Westfield N.Y.  
 died at Cincinnati Ohio 1835 - 5<sup>th</sup> son  
 resides in Tennessee 6<sup>th</sup> son born at Westfield  
 resides in Vermont

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Ripley. Feb. 10. 1853

Judge C. G. Foose

I received your last with much pleasure and gratitude. I think you have got hold of the right chain; I think by following on gently I shall find things becoming plain where there was nothing but confusion. I have been writing to the representatives of the various branches of the family since I last wrote to you and have received two or three replies and shall get more ere long. I wrote to <sup>Rev. A. G. Pratt</sup> of Lisle Broome Co. a second cousin and he has given me all he knows and that so far as the early history of those of the name was only traditional. He had it that the name of our ancestor who came from England was John instead of Thomas. But the tradition was right as to the emigration from some town (probably Charlestown) near Boston to Windsor Conn. But it did not carry them to Farmington but a part went to the south part of Litchfield Co. and another it was thought went to the north to Vermont or New Hampshire. There was one incongruity that I did not know how to reconcile. You say John the son of Thomas and Mary Pratt was baptized in 1647 & 8. Then a little after that that Thomas and

104 His wife united with the Puritan Church of Windsor  
in 1856. I presume there is some method of ex-  
plaining. One question do you want I should  
send a list of names of any Branch of the family  
that I can obtain or have you enough. I have  
to-day written you a long letter to G. C. Wood-  
ruff. I was well acquainted with him and in-  
deed with his father's family in my you-  
th years. I mentioned his history of the first  
settlers of L. to you some time ago. Well  
my thanks to you and to him. I have been  
moving in the matter as you requested and  
I will promise to do all I can in that line  
consistent with my other engagements. I have  
seen Bro. Montgomerie and Mr Forsyth and have  
sent word to Mrs Bell these all have as-  
sured me that they would put  
down for my use all the important facts  
as you wished. You spoke of Mr Moses Adams  
He gave me the following. I have endeav-  
ored to get things as definite as I could but they  
will be vagueness in spite of all that can  
done. Moses Adams was born in Armonia  
in Armonia N.Y. March 9 1784. His father was  
was Jonathan, who was born in Siyusbury  
Conn. about 1762. His wife's maiden name was  
Assenath Moses, who was born in the same  
place about 1782. They removed to Amenia  
1783. His grand father's name also was Jon-  
athan. His birth place does not certainly



known. The preceding generation tradition says emigrated from England to Mass. and a little after went with others Colonists to settle on the Connecticut River. But Mr A. has no record and perhaps could not now get one. Moses Adams came to this Co. in 1809, took up the farm which he still occupies. He was married to Annis Cochran Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 1811. She was born in 1783 at Cherry Valley N.Y. Her father Andrew Cochran remained from Londonderry N. Hamp-  
shire (date not known) to Cherry Valley. His wife's name was Gemina Wilson; it is supposed that she was born at Cherry Valley. Mrs Adams died in May. 1817. Mr A. was married to his present wife Clarrisa Dickson in 1829. She was born in Cherry Valley Jan. 9. 1796. Her father Samuel Dickson and her mother Eleanor Campbell were also born there. Her grand parents were from Londonderry N.Y. But dates cannot be given. In 1816 Mr James Nathan Adams emigrated to this town with the ballance of his family.

- 1788 Rhoda x Married Mr Stearns
- 1788 Jonathan x
- 1790 Susan x
- 1792 Seymour
- 1794 Asenath x Married to Mr Dickson
- 1796 Levi
- 1799 Adelia x
- \* all deceased.

M. Adams came into the country on foot with nothing to depend upon but his hands. He was hopefully led to enter upon a new life in 1831. at that early period in this State that

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Knew every man in the Co. This is all I have  
been enabled to glean in this case

All that I can gather in respect to Judge  
Alexander is as follows: He emigrated from  
Lancaster Pa. to this Co. in 1806. He occupied  
what is called the Poyce farm. He removed  
from here in 1816. He went down the Ohio  
and located somewhere in Southern Illinois or  
Indiana. He died and most of his family within  
a few months after reaching their place  
of destination. This all I can glean in this  
case.

Judge <sup>Elizer</sup> Webster moved into this town  
about twenty years since. But as he was a  
pioneer in Western N. Y. I thought it ~~to~~ may  
be well to send you the following particulars  
=relays. He was born in Weatherfield, Abt.  
Aug. 24, 1767. He says that his father Elizer, was born  
1769. in the same town, about 1742. And that  
his mother's maiden name was Ruth Dismore  
who was likewise born there. He says that  
the tradition is that his Ancestors came  
with the first Colony that came from  
Mass. to settle in that part of Conn. But  
he has no documents by which any  
thing farther can be definitely learned.  
His Parents removed to Hampton, Wash.  
Co N. Y. when he was young. He was mar-  
=ried when about 27, to Elizabeth Warren who  
was born in Weatherfield Conn.

5 p. about 1774. He took up and cleared a farm in Wash. Co. In 1803 he removed with his family to Warsaw Genesee Co. He was the first settler in that town having no neighbors within <sup>eight</sup> six miles for the first year. He was familiar with all the difficulties and hardships of pioneer life. He was a fair sample of that hardy, enterprising class of men who settled Western New York. A portion of his family were born in Wash. Co the balance in Warsaw. They raised a family of 12 children 11 of whom are now living. The eldest son died only a few years since in <sup>Illinois</sup> Indiana where he resided. They had eight sons and four daughters. I will give their names in their order

- 1 Arvix
- 2 Warren
- 3 Chapman Chipman
- 4 ~~Grace~~ married to <sup>Eliza</sup> Mr. Boston - still residing in <sup>Warsaw</sup> ~~Warsaw~~
- 5 ~~Clorinda~~ married to a <sup>Mr. Hough</sup> residing now in <sup>Westfield</sup> ~~Westfield~~ Chautauque Co.
- 6 Eliza <sup>Mr. Young</sup> Author of Science of Government and some other school books residing <sup>Warsaw</sup> ~~Warsaw~~. Eliza was the first child born in the town of Warsaw.
- 7 Morace
- 8 Samuel
- 9 Eliza
- 10 Gedon
- 10 Mrs. Garrison
- 12 ~~Harriet~~ <sup>Harriet Bennett</sup> now Mrs. John Smallwood.

All the children married, all well & have families considerably numerous. I did not think to ask the number of his descendants. I will get that before I write again.

Judge Webster owned a large farm in "New  
 = Saw consisting I think of some <sup>640</sup> 600 acres  
 and about 300 acres in adjoining towns.

He sold out there and purchased land  
 in 1836, and removed to this town in 1837.  
 some when about 1835 or 6. The Judge is now  
 88 years old, has been generally very healthy  
 and vigorous though evidently recently his  
 his powers of body and mind are giv-  
 =ing away. He has always been fond  
 of his gun and of wandering in the  
 woods. Even since 80 years old he  
 has diverted himself in this manner.

Probably in his prime that there was  
 no better Marksmen in this or the  
 adjoining Co's. He used to be a regular  
 attendant upon Public worship I am  
 told in the earlier part of his life and  
 always by pecuniary aid a support-  
 =er of religious institutions. He never  
 made any profession of faith in our Lord  
 and Saviour. <sup>He died in March, 1854, aged 86 years and 7 months.</sup> I will endeavor to write  
 you again next week. In great haste

I am afraid after all that all my  
 communications will amount to little.

But such as they are you shall  
 be welcome to them. I sympathize  
 with you in your undertaking and  
 agree with you that what is done  
 must be done soon. Your Brother  
 in a common cause  
 S. G. Otton

George Woodruff Esq. Litchfield - -

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Litchfield Conn Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

Mr. E. J. Foste

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>l</sup> enquiring about the  
ancestors of the Rev Sam<sup>l</sup> G. Orton was this day received  
You are right in supposing that Samuel Orton who emigrated  
from Farmington to Woodbury, thence to Litchfield, was not the  
Grand Father of the Rev S. G. Orton. He was his Great Grand Father,  
& had a son Samuel J<sup>r</sup> who was Grand Father of the Rev S. G. O.

Samuel Orton Sen<sup>r</sup> was one of the original granters of this town-  
ship, & owned 1/60 part thereof. He was one of the first settlers of it.  
I enclose to you such genealogical information of his family as  
I have

I well recollect the Rev Sam<sup>l</sup> G. Orton, tho' it is many years since  
I have seen him, & I do not know his residence. If you see or write  
to him please present my respects, & say I should be interested  
in such account of his own & his Father's family, & also that of his  
Uncle ~~Sam~~ Abnerah Orton, several of whom were my school com-  
panions, as he may have the power & leisure to communicate,  
to me. I believe they all went to the west in my youthful days

Very Respectfully  
Yours

Geo. Woodruff

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours truly,  
 J. H. [Name]

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Ortons in Litchfield Co Ct.

ton Miles of Samuel Jr  
 m Lydia Gibbs Jan 22 1795  
 Samuel G. b June 6 1797  
 Miles M. June 4 1799  
 William H. Nov 20 1801  
 Ruth G. Nov 19 1803  
 Betsey M. Apr 13 1805  
 Nabby M. July 1 1807  
 Edward S. Dec 25 1809

ton Hezekiah Jr of Hezekiah d May 25<sup>th</sup> 1770  
 m Phoebe Johnson July 25 1767  
 Solomon b June 5 1768  
 Hezekiah June 5 1768  
 Phoebe Jan 23 1770

ton Sedgwick of Hezekiah  
 m Sarah Tucker May 6 1775  
 Herman  
 Edmond  
 Harman  
 Olive  
 Polly  
 Daniel

ton, Azariah of Hezekiah  
 m Sybil Clerland Feb 3 1780  
 Dennis b Nov 7 1781  
 Sherman Apr 17 1783  
 Rhoda Apr 17 1786  
 Olive Nov 10 1788

ton, Eliada of Hezekiah  
 m Lucia Hungerford Jan 10 1770  
 Lucia b June 29 1772  
 Hosmer Dec 26 1773  
 Eliada Aug 16 1775  
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Orton, Hezekiah  
m Hannah  
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6 Nov 21 1790  
Aug 11 1792  
Aug 16 1800

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Samuel from Woodbury Conn  
 m Abigail Smedley Oct 26. 1723 d March 28<sup>th</sup> 1779  
 Samuel Jr b Oct 18. 1724  
 Hzekiah Apr 29. 1727  
 Azariah Aug 18. 1729  
 Lemuel Nov 24. 1735  
 Jeremiah Nov 11. 1740 m Capt Archibald McNeil Jr  
 John Mar 4. 1744 removed to Sharon Conn  
 Gideon Aug 18. 1732

Samuel Jr of Samuel d Mar 31<sup>st</sup> 1810  
 m Ruth Mason d Nov 10 1795  
 Levi b Nov 6. 1750. d May 1<sup>st</sup> 1776  
 Abigail Apr 19. 1752. d May 6 1771  
 Gideon Aug 26. 1753. d Sept 9 1753  
 Gideon July 19. 1754.  
 Huddah Apr 9. 1758  
 Samuel Dec 27. 1759  
 Miranda Apr 17. 1761  
 Esther Aug 22. 1762.  
 John Mar 24. 1764.  
 Arannah Dec 17. 1765. d June 26. 1766  
 Parnass July 15. 1767.  
 Arannah June 24. 1769.  
 Abigail Mar 26 1771.  
 Miles Mar 21 1774  
 Olive May 12 1777. d Sept 14. 1778  
 m Patty Bruce  
 Levi

Hzekiah of Samuel d Mar 27. 1790  
 m Ann Sedgwick Sept 2 1745  
 Hzekiah b Dec 2 1745. d May 25. 1770  
 Elianda May 29. 1748.  
 Sedgwick Aug 11 1750.  
 Anne Dec 1 1752.  
 Eleanor July 28 1758.  
 Azariah Sept 25 1757.  
 Parnass May 18 1760.  
 Rhoda May 21 1763.  
 Olive Nov 19 1765

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Orton, Samuel of Samuel a July 20<sup>th</sup> 1787  
 m. Mary  
 Samuel b. Mar 5 1761  
 Mary June 21 1762  
 Gideon Dec 31 1768  
 James  
 Sarah  
 John Dec 4 1770  
 William June 22 1772  
 Anne Jan 20 1776  
 Anna or Ruana Mar 22 1779  
 Mary Ann Jan 2 1784

Orton, John of Samuel Jr  
 m. Ruth  
 Clarissa b. Feb 23 1787  
 Demas June 25 1788  
 Betsey Jan 10 1790  
 Abigail Apr 21 1794  
 Aurora June 22 1796  
 Horatio Nov 2 1798  
 Polly Mar 12 1791

Orton Aramiah of Samuel Jr  
 m. Lois Gibbs Sept 1 1793  
 Irene b. Oct 19 1795  
 Esther R Dec 6 1796  
 Rachel Sept 18 1798  
 Ruth M. Nov 15 1799  
 Mary A Feb 25 1801  
 James M Oct 5 1802  
 Elizabeth M Jan 17 1804  
 Leman G June 22 1805  
 Erin Nov 25 1806  
 Lucy S Oct 22 1808  
 Phoebe M. May 27 1810  
 Rhoda J. July 1812

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Ellery

information from George Wallonley Knoxville Ill 1853

John Parks from Cayuga Co NY to Ellery 1809 resided there about 20 years & removed to Painesville Ohio & died there aged 78

Miles Seafied from Cayuga Co to Ellery 1810 & removed to Painesville about 1830 & died there AE 67

Enos Woodward an early settler in Ellery died there in a few years

Joshua Woodward &  
Joseph Beadle

early settlers in Ellery both moved to Virginia near the Rerikawa river where many went to from Chautauq to NY

Hamlet Amesbury moved to Ellery<sup>1810</sup> an early settler, removed to Virginia & from thence to Tazewell Co Ill where he died in 1848 AE 62

David Marley born in Sandisfield Ms. moved to Chautauque (Ellery) 1812 & resided there 30 yrs & then to Knox Co Ill & died there AE 79  
His wife was Desire Cook dau of Amasa Cook & born in New Haven Conn 1764 & she still survives at her son Geo W in Painesville Ill AE 88

Aller Marley of Ellery born in Sandisfield Ms & came to Ellery in 1810 resides there now 1852 AE 65

George W. Marley born in Sandisfield Mo Ellery 1811 resided there till 1838 & then to Knoxville Ill where he now 1852 resides AE 55

Wm Freed born in Pittsfield Ms & from Cayuga Co NY to Ellery 1813, & to Galici Co Ohio where he now 1852 resides AE 79 His wife was Olive Branch born in Pittsfield Ms & died in Ohio aged 60.

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East Granby Ct January 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

E. T. Footh - Esq

Dear Sir

In compliance with a promise made by me to you, I now proceed to give the information you asked for concerning Oliver Forward; as near as I can, I am unable to ascertain the day of his death; but I am sure the year is right - Oliver Forward was born in Granby, Connecticut Fairley Hills Society in the month of December 1781 - His father's name was Samuel, & his mother's maiden name was Susannah Holcomb - He was brought up a farmer - taught school winters - He had five brothers viz Samuel, Walter, Chauncey, Benjolin & Dryden, four sisters viz Susannah, Hannah, Betsey, & Julia - Oliver Forward was married to Sally Granger of Suffield Ct 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1803 two days after, he started on foot, together with three other men employed by his father, for Ohio; carrying packs on their backs; with clothes, 100 silver dollars each; & each one an Axe - When they arrived at Aurora Portage County Ohio, their place of destination, he claimed the right of cutting down the first tree, which was granted by his comrades, & that was the first tree cut in that town - They put up a Log House to receive his father & family, except the three oldest daughters, who were married & staid in Connecticut, & this was the first "Log Cabin" put up in said town - Erastus Granger, brother of his Wife settled in Buffalo New York very soon after this, & about four years after, Granger persuaded him to remove to Buffalo where he resided till his death - In 1832 he had the Cholera when

it raged in Buffalo fearfully - survived it - became  
Consumptive like & died in the Spring or early part of Summer  
1834 as near, as I can learn - I am sure it can not vary  
much from it - He had Eight children, six sons &  
two daughters, Six of them died previous to 1828 at which  
time, or in November 1828 I was at his house in Buffalo -  
His oldest child a son named Cromwell & the youngest a  
daughter named Julia now then living, Cromwell I  
suppose is dead Julia married a Merchant in  
Buffalo & went to Detroit Mich. & that is the last I have  
heard from her -  
Any other information which I am able to give will be  
cheerfully given

Respectfully Yours

Obt. Servant

Elmore Clark

To E. T. Foster Esq.  
New Haven Ct

See obituary of Judge Howard of Pittsford cut from Hartford Ct paper  
& in Folio Volume page 56

North Perry Lake Co January 1853

Honored Sir, I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter Dated Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1852  
 very unexpectedly - requesting me to give a history  
 of my settling in Chautauque Co and other purposes  
 I will try to do so as well as my memory will serve.  
 I first came to Chautauque Oct 1809 I viewed the  
 wilderness country and concluded to settle on the  
 Carradunga six miles from any house or road -  
 marked there was any gold & took the bark that  
 Indians had pealed and made a shelter, & sowed Corn  
 & potato seed, & returned back to Chenango Co N.Y. State  
 in March 1810, I returned with Joseph Smiley, Russell  
 & father, & Wm. W. Kitt, and commenced chopping.  
 In same Spring John Dermott, Stephen Jones, Amos  
 Atkins, & Wm. Gilmore came, also Major Sinclair Wm  
 Berry came to Sinclairville 3 miles from me.

In July I put up a loghouse covered it with bark. In Aug  
 my grandfather & grandmother <sup>my mother's brother</sup> Simmons, moved  
 we drove crutches in the ground & layed poles to put the  
 on for the old folks to sleep on. I could lay on hemlock  
 & raised a little corn that summer. Mr. Dermott  
 made a canoe and took a quart of our new corn and  
 went down the Carradunga to Works Mill in Dec cold  
 rather it took us 5 days cutting farms of bloodwood.  
 Mr. Dermott fell into the creek and froze his toes we burnt  
 on the banks of the creek at night and eat frozen  
 actually a daytimes if <sup>we were first</sup> any the white men that were  
 to down the Carradunga & killed 1 wild good

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12<sup>2</sup> The next winter 1811 came Elisha Bowe, Dexter,  
David Nicholson, Love, Abel Brunson, Johnathan Bug  
settled within 3 miles there was but 2 Towns in the  
Chautauque & Pomfret. We had to go to Buffalo to County  
Court the second summer I went to twenty two lograisings  
I cleared 60 acres of wild land Chopped & cleared 2 miles of the  
Eliot road & built one framed bridge across the  
-daga near my house <sup>cost \$175</sup>, another at Walkups mill  
Chopped & cleared the road towards Jannestown and  
Coursay to the amount of ninety Dollars —

I moved to Ohio 1834

Amos F. Simmons my Mothers Father was born in the  
of New Jersey he was in the French war and held 2 Com  
sions in the revolutionary war and died at Chautauque  
1825 aged 87 years he married Martha Brownell Dutch  
be N.Y. his sons Wm, Amos, John, & James, all dead  
my Mother the only surviving one of the family  
is 84 years of age lives in Auburn N.Y. with her  
dominlance A. A. Sabier —

My grandfather <sup>Elisha</sup> Barrows was one of two brothers  
came from England settled in Rochester plym  
County Massachusetts, and was a representative  
many years I donot know his age or when he died  
my Father Elisha Barrows was born in Rock  
Massachusetts 1768 - he married Sally Simmons  
of New Bedford and had two children Martha  
was born Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1786

I was born New Bedford, Massachusetts Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1788.  
 When I was about two years old my Father enlisted  
 in the Indian war, and came to Ohio, and was  
 killed by the Indians - my Mother went from New  
 Bedford to Saratoga County N. York State and married  
 Samuel Knight and raised a large family  
 she now lives with one of her daughters.

Father Knight has been dead many years I lived  
 with Grandfather Simmons untill I was 12 years  
 old then Grandfather moved to York State and  
 left me with Father Knight. He was poor and  
 thought a hard master. I left him at the age of 16  
 without any learning, money, or clothing, except  
 shirt, vest, pants, an old Topped hat and barefoot  
 that was my portion except a pair of stone shew  
 buttons set in silver that my Father left for me.  
 when he went off I then saw the necessity of learn-  
 ing I went to work and cloathed myself in a decent  
 manner and went to school winters and saved  
 in my purs 1800 Dollars. At the age of 22 I came  
 to Chautauque I felt encouraged to see the Calmflowers, nettles  
 and other herbage so plenty - the cattle shinning fat, the  
 the prospect of four corners a tavern stand the prospect  
 of having roads and a fine settlement increased  
 my ambition so that I could chop down the grate maple  
 house trees, and live on journey cake without shuddering  
 about 3 years had wool & flax and nobody to spin  
 and weave

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at the age of 25 I married Sally Sinecar Daughter of  
Maj. Samuel Sinecar Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1813

We have had 8 Children lived to manhood the  
two eldest, Sons Wm and Amos. Wm our older Son  
married in Ohio moved to Illinois about 1837  
he died July 14<sup>th</sup> 1851. His wife died July 19<sup>th</sup> 1851  
and only Child a daughter aged 13 years died July 28<sup>th</sup>  
1851. Amos our second son lives in sight of us  
has a wife and five Children.

Ezrah Barwell was born in Saratoga Co N York  
I know not what year. He died Randolph portage  
County Ohio, also his wife died at the same place

Yours Wm Barwell  
E. J. Foot Esq.

1788

Mrs Barrows  
11 Perry Lake Co  
Ohio Jan 11/53

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From George W. Murley

Knoxville July - 1853

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Judge Foot Sir,

I take the liberty of writing a few lines to you by the request of Mr Russell in answer to an inquiry from you as to the early settlers of Chautauque. I went to Chautauque in eighteen eleven and lived in the town now called Ellery until 1828 and was acquainted with all of the old settlers, you have sent the names of so many of them that it should think you were better acquainted with them than I am, I will mention the names of a few of them that you have not, there was John Parker from Cayuga County to Chautauque in 1809 lived there about 20 years, moved to Painesville Ohio and died age 79. Miles Hojield from Cayuga to Chautauque 1810 lived there 20 years moved to Painesville Ohio, died age 67, Enos Woodard died in Chautauque one of the first settlers, Joshua Woodard, Joseph Seedle both went to Virginia. Samuel Amersbury from Cayuga 1810 moved to Virginia from there to Ill. died in Jarvisell County 1848 age 62. David Manley born in Sandisfield Berkshire Co. Mass. moved to Chautauque 1812 lived there thirty years moved to Knox Co. Ill. died there age 79 his widow still living in Knox Co. age 89. she was born in New Haven Connecticut 1764 her father's name was Amasa Cook her name was Derive, Allen Manley born in Sandisfield Mass. to Chautauque age 65 lives there yet. Wm Manley born in Sandisfield to Ill. in 1811 lived in the town of Ellery until 1828 now in Knox age 55. Wm from Cayuga to Chautauque 1813 sent to Ohio galia Co. lives there yet age 79. his wife was born in Pittsfield Mass Berkshire County her name was Oliver Brown died in Ill. age 60, 80. as to more names I could not mention. Some of the rest I have mentioned you probably know as well as I do. Marion Ayres his Mother lives in <sup>middle foot</sup> Inaugus Co. Ill. Spring Creek or to Abigail Perinett. do not know whether he is living or not.

of it should be of any importance to you or any body else I can assure you  
he has a daughter by the name of Amy living in Georgia County married  
a man by the name of Dickerson,

is to deserters I will give you a little of what I know about them I was a soldier  
under Capt John Sibley I was a substitute for Asel Russell went  
to black rock crossed over and went to fort George stayed there untill the army  
was discharged by old Hildner Sibley Comp was the last militia comp  
that was crossed over to fort Niagara there I was discharged and drove my pony  
and went from there to the river of Stead there untill after the Buffalo  
battle then I went to battle ground to look for dead and wounded  
I was on the ground soon after the battle, as to the cause of desertion  
I'm not, for comfort and convenience I do not there was none, there  
was not a house nor tent in the town there was an old blacksmith  
shop in the south part of the town without doors or windows, that  
was all the building there was, untill you get some half a mile east  
there was a barrow said to belong to a man by the name of Gledy the  
house was burned, the inhabitants had fled in a most all directions  
still east some two or three miles there was a tavern and a few  
Officers and soldiers that had stopped more for convenience than for  
garrison, there was no chuse for food nor lodging, and not an enemy  
on their side of the river, and the soldiers that went home to  
Chautauque went home mostly because they were oblige to, the  
most of them were out of money or had but a little and no  
government stock on hand, and the worst of it is not yet told  
when they left there home for Buffalo the most of them  
left their families in almost a destitute situation both for  
food for them selves and for their cattle, Chautauque was  
then new and almost a wilderness, no hay not much straw  
and the people had to fall trees for their cattle to eat

the tops of them to keep them a live and a great number died at  
 that; and this was not all the soldiers had to furnish their own  
 blankets or go without; for if they took one from home they the  
 family suffered for the want of it; and it was highly necessary that  
 the soldiers should be at home and protect their families from starvation  
 that spring and summer was as hard on the settlers probably as was  
 ever known in the settlement of the country, meat none bread gone  
 and the nights windy or foggy so that we could not catch fish but  
 a little, a very little corn meal and that ground in a hole burnt  
 out in a stump with a powder, and frost bitten at that, work all  
 day on a little mush and milk. if the cows should not come home then  
 look out for a day supper or none at all, harvest came on slowly, there  
 was a man in the neighbour hood that had a piece of rye that was thought  
 would do to eat and he let the neighbours harvest it so they turned  
 out and cut the rye and thrashed it on a blanket, the wheat  
 was wet and had to dry the rye in a kettle by the fire and would  
 get burnt some at that, when day started a two men in an old  
 day out log for Prendergats mill at the foot of the lake was gone  
 two days got it ground then we had some of the best bread  
 that ever you see, this is but a faint sketch of the hardships of  
 the settlement of Chautauque County, as to signatures I have none  
 but Isaac Young and Smith Seymour I destroyed all of my old papers  
 when I came to this country, you see that my writing and spelling  
 is bad if you can read it so as to make any sense of it and should  
 wish to make any further inquiries I should be pleased to give you any  
 information that lies in my power with the greatest pleasure  
 please excuse errors for I swim looking over that they are numerous

as to accidents I do not know as Russell has wrote if any or not  
Anthony Cook, killed by the fall of a limb from a tree  
 died instantly, a some of Deocan Thayer started from Ayres  
 point for Mayville in Dec when the lake was first froze over  
 to get some groceries, shovled him self over on a hand sled with a fork  
 got his articles and came back almost to shore and was in to an  
 awn hole and was drowned. During summer & Ethel Marsh  
 coming from Mayville in the night with a canoe with a barrel  
 of salt. There came a squall of wind, the barrel wold and over  
 they went in to the water opposite of Ayres point late in the  
 fall and on the ground, see in the lake and dark at that, they  
 hollowed for help as long as they could make a noise canoe all  
 ice could hold on no longer one on one side and one on the other  
 each other with their teeth hold of the cloaths and helter  
 Took

There was some men at Old Sackets <sup>Filer</sup> Tabor heard the hollowing  
 took an old canoe and went in search of them found them  
 bothe lifes as it was they got them in to their canoe and took  
 them to Sackets and some time in the night they came to  
 and lived, there is as much as you can stand to read at once  
 So I will quit and subscribe myself respectfully yours Geo W. Mansfield

Jan 1st 1853

Cool Stanley  
 Knowlton's Hill  
 June 1, 1852  
 General's  
 Historical

From Alanson Weed Esq of Cherry Tree  
Venango Co. Pa

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Cherry Tree January the 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

Dear Sir I received a letter a few days ago from  
Chas which he received from a man which  
I know. Let down to answer I was born  
Westchester County State of New York in the year  
of our Lord 1780 my fathers name was Gilbert  
Weed my father moved to Saratoga County  
in the Spring that I was seven years old I lived  
in Saratoga until I was nineteen years  
old then went to Herkimer County lived  
there two years was married while I lived there  
to Polly Platt I then moved to Cayuga County  
in the Spring of 1805. Abijah Bennett, Elias  
Bennett, John Henry and myself started for the  
West we went near Buffalo got two horses  
and some provisions and then went to Chautauque  
County we explored about Chautauque Lake  
for two weeks selected each of us a lot of land  
and returned home the next fall my self Abijah  
Bennett Elias Scofield and two other men came out to  
Chautauque and staid we on the and then returned  
home. In the Spring of 1806, I moved my family out  
Abijah Bennett came out with me and worked that summer  
toward home the next winter he moved out  
lived in Ellery until the Spring of 1824  
I moved to the Town of Sherman



I lived in the Town of Sherman untill the year  
of 1838 I then moved to Pennsylvania in the  
of Cherry Tree Venango County where I now live  
My first wife Died about Eleven Years ago  
I had nine Children by my first wife three  
and six daughters all live to be men and  
women my oldest Son and youngest daugh-  
ter is dead I am now living with my second  
wife by whom I have had four Children four  
Girls all alive I live untill the 24<sup>th</sup> of Sept  
April I shall be 73 years old I believe I  
give you a history of my life as near as I can  
remember. A Brigadier General was born in  
Connecticut but I do not know what Town his  
father moved on the headwaters of the Ohio  
River in the State of Maryland he and his  
father were taken Prisoners when he was  
about Eleven years old was taken to  
Fort Niagara about Six years then the war  
ended and he was exchanged I do not know  
how long he lived in Ellery when he moved  
from there he moved to the Spring Garden  
there died you will see by my writing  
that I write under the impression of  
others were in very good health  
Yours respectfully

Wm. H. Henson

Abijah Bennett was born in Connecticut probably in  
Hartford County near Newalk and removed with his father onto the  
Hudson River where he and his father were taken prisoners by  
Indians when Abijah was about eleven years old & taken  
prisoner he was detained about six years until the close of the  
war when he was exchanged

Alanson Weed the son of Gilbert Weed born in Westchester  
County NY in 1780 in 1787 removed with his father to Sar  
atoga Co NY and 1799 to Herkimer County where he  
resided two years during which I married Polly Platts  
& then removed to Cayuga County.

The Spring of 1805 Alanson Weed, Abijah Bennett,  
John Sackett & John Henry went from Cayuga County to explore  
country at Co. Ontario Lake & staid there two weeks  
made selection then and returned back to Cayuga Co.

The fall of 1805 Weed, Bennett, Elias Scofield & 2 others  
visited Ontario Lake & staid a month & then returned  
the Spring of 1806 Weed moved his family to Ontario Lake &  
Bennett came out with him & spent the summer & returned  
moved his family onto his land - Weed lived in Ellery till the  
Spring of 1824 then to Sherman NY then removed to Cherry  
Township Ontario Co Pa. <sup>1838</sup> where he now (1853) resides -

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Alanson Woodruff

Genealogy of himself

Some facts relative to

Abijah Bennett

Jan. 20 1853

From Cherry Tree, Pa

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From  
Cherry Tree  
Pa

Miss E. H. H. & Co  
& Mrs. H. H. H. & Co

in commercial

Middleport Wagoner City Mo Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1855  
Mrs E. T. Fook

Dear Sir

I this day received yours of the 10 of  
of the present month and hasten  
to answer it according to request  
My Father & Mother was both  
born in Massachusetts but I do  
not know what County or Town  
they were married there and  
moved to Essex County New  
Hampshire & from Essex to  
Chautauque and from there to  
Mason County Virginia where  
my Father on the 29 of August  
1829 and would be 60 years old  
if he had lived to the 9 of Nov  
following My Mother's Maiden  
Name was Lucia T. Carey she  
still survives and is living in  
Tazewell County in this State with  
her youngest who is married to a  
man by the name of Ambsberry  
she was 75 years old the day  
of last Sept My parents had four  
Children born in Essex they were  
named Sally John Amelia & Martha

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I believe with the scarlet fever  
In 1810 My Parents Emigrated to Cha-  
taugue Where My Sister Sally  
Died in 1813 I had forgot to mention  
my self I was also born in Essex  
in 1808 Jan the 25 and was according  
two years old when my parents  
Moved to Chautauque there my  
Parents had four other Children  
viz Mariah Sally Aurelia  
& Marcella the three youngest nam-  
ed for three that died. In the Spring  
of 1825 My Parents removed to Va  
My Sister Maria Married to a  
man by the name of Geo Lindoe  
who was born in the State of  
Maine and also was an Early  
Settler in Chaut. he also Moved  
to this place and died here 1844  
and my Sister Maria Married again  
to one Doct. Samuel Brod of Ind  
and is know residing in this Co.  
My Sister Sally also married  
to a man by the name of Sam-  
Grice they emigrated to this State  
& then to Missouri then back  
to this State then to Va & then back  
here again where my sister died.

in 1832 My sisters Aureli and <sup>135</sup>  
Marcella are twins they both mar-  
ried Sons of Old Hammet Amstutz  
He was also an old settler in Chaut  
and moved to Va from there to  
this State when the Old gentleman  
died in 1846 Sister Marcella Mar-  
ried his Oldest son by the name  
of Seneca and Marcella's husband  
name is Carlos and they with five  
or six other younger Brothers  
now all live at Tremont Tazewell  
County this State I as for your  
dear humble servant he married a  
Virginia Girl by the name of  
Elizabeth Mary Grace in 1835 &  
Emigrated to this place in 1837 &  
am a Farmer by Occupation &  
Proprietor I should like to see the  
large Orchard you speak of that  
that my dear Father cultivated  
with so much care and taste and  
as for the Place I don't think that  
it could improve it much  
for it was the richest place in  
the State of Nature I ever saw  
all the names you mentioned are old  
acquaintance of Mine except Mr.  
Dudley, him I do not recollect.

These removed from Chautauque  
down river to Virginia

I Believe I have wrote all that  
will interest you there was several  
other families removed from Chautauque  
to Va. But I dont know much of  
their early history there was Thos  
Hopson Silas Rice Francis Cook  
Saml Hazze Wm Amos by Robt  
B Linclsey Wm Marsh

Yours with Respect & Esteem  
Hon G O Fook  
Saml Mason Ayres  
Born June 25 1805

was born Nov 9 1770  
Died in Mason Co Virginia Aug 29 1829 A 59 3/4  
wife still living

Samuel Ayres born in Connecticut Nov. 9. 1770.  
married Lydia T. Carey, of the same place, &  
removed to Essex Co from thence to the  
town of Chautauque, near Chautauque Lake N. 1810.  
Removed to Mason County Virginia in Spring of 1825.  
where he died, the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1829.  
Widow, now (1853) A 75 last 40 years with her youngest  
daughter who married an Ambley in Tazewell Co. Illinois.  
Left 3 children in Essex Co - given residence of  
Ayer. The writer of this Saml Mason Ayres only son

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Robert Miles letter

Warren Feb 14. 1833 137

Friend's Note

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ult was duly rec<sup>d</sup> in my absence, is my only apology for not replying at an earlier date, on receiving your letter. I immediately wrote my Brother & Brother Law at Sugar Grove, for some records of the old Pioneers who first settled that Township, & knowing that my reply had been so long delayed, I came to the conclusion to forward you what records I had of my own & my wife's knowledge and when I got the returns from Sugar Grove to forward them to you with out delay. If you should deem it necessary, you may say "Emmiskilling" county of "Tennamago's" Ireland E.T. & the Original Stock of the Miles Family, 4 Brothers, Robert, James, Thomas & William, Sons of John Miles, from Emmiskilling County of Hannanagh, North part of Ireland, Emigrated to the U.S. with his family some time before the R. War landed at Philadelphia to Cumberland Co. Pa. John Miles, father of the above named Brothers died about the commencement of the R. War, thence to Northumberland Co. Pa. James was killed at Fort Greeland, at the time the British & Indians took that fort. He was taken prisoner when the fort surrendered, & was taken to Quebec, & retained there as a prisoner three years before exchanging. Robert continued in the service of the U.S. for four or five years. Married Catharine Watts, Daughter of Genl Frederick Watts of the R. War, 1776. Mrs Miles, married Polly Watts, sister of Catharine Watts, some 4 or 5 years after Robert's marriage. Robert & Mrs Miles War Co Pa 1796, & surveyed a large tract of Land. He & Robert moved his Family to W. Co June 1797. Moved in a keel Boat the first Boat that ever ascended the Allegheny River



138 Warren. at that time there was but one small log house  
It was built by the Holland Land Co. for the purpose of a  
House. Daniel Jacksons Family, the only family in the  
Prior to the arrival of the Miles family. Robert Miles was  
in Cresskillion, Hannenough Co. Ireland 1755. Catherine, Walter  
born in Northumberland Co. Pa. 1755. Their Only Children, Rebecca,  
Jane, Frederick, Nancy, Polly, John, Robert, & David, all  
born in Northumberland Co. Pa. except David, who was the  
child-born of a white woman in N. Co. Rebecca, eldest son, E.  
died some time previous to moving to Warren Co. Jane, m.  
to Charles Piles, 1804. Thence to Chaut. Co. 1811. Thence to Washington  
Pa. Thence to Beaver Co. Pa. Thence to Ohio. Piles is dead, is  
12 or 15 years ago. Wife still survives last of. Nancy m.  
to Joel Tyler 1808. Tyler was born in Vt. Thence to the State of  
Delaware. Thence to Ohio. Thence to Warren Co. Pa. in company with  
L. Eddy March 1801. Thence to Chaut. Co. N.Y. 1811. Thence to the State of  
Mary Chaut. Co. 1820. Thence to White Pigeon Mich. Thence to the  
the state of Ill. & died some 12 or 13 years ago, wife still  
survives. Polly m. to James Gray of Erie Co. Pa. now  
resides in Sugar Grove Warren Co. Pa. Fredk. Mar. Charles  
Callin & resides on the Old Mansion farm in Sugar  
Grove; John Miles married Polly Jones, 1818. died Apr  
1818. Robert Miles m. Sally Smith (Daughter of Samuel  
Smith, Sugar Gro. Jan 7, 16, 1817, & resides in Warren Pa  
only children, Harriet, John, Catherine; Dwight, Jane  
Janett, & Sarah S.

William Miles, removed with his family  
to Erie Co. Pa. 1797. Only children, Jane, James and  
Frederick. Jane m. Doct. Daniel Beaman, son of  
Old "see forever Beaman" who resided at Chaut. Lake

James James Miles Mar. lives on what is called Elk Creek  
of a farm, about 20 miles above Erie on the Lake Road  
William Died 1845, Fredk. Died some 6 years ago,  
Thomas Moved to Erie Co. about the same time that  
you did, settled & lived there till his death, which took  
place some 21 years ago, had some 8 or 9 children wife,  
is also dead.

Rev. Samuel Smith, was Born on Long  
Island 1766, thence to Cone & Mar. Sally Knight of  
Hampden Co. Va. Aug. 1795, Sally Knight  
was Born 1770, Samuel Died 1830, their only children  
Sally, Hannah, Julia, Francis, Polly, William, Harriet  
& David, all married. Francis & David Moved to Piquette  
Co. Ohio, Francis Died 1849, Charles Taylor one of the old

pioneers of the Town of Ellicott, was Born in Oblong Dutchess  
Co. N.Y. Feb. 19, 1783, thence to Berkshire Co. Mass. Mar. Cynthia  
Jones March 8<sup>th</sup> 1807, to Chaut. Co. N.Y. 1815, to W. Co. Pa. Nov. 1822  
their only children, Corontis, Cornish G. Dewitt Clinton, William  
& Charles 12<sup>th</sup> four out of the 12 originated in the U.S. the  
remainder 8 in England, Only Daughters, Charlot Patsy, Caroline,  
Katherine & Cynthia Eliza, Charles Taylor & Cynthia his both wives.

Jehu Jones was killed by running a Horse, Sept. 15, 1823  
I enclose to you the original signatures of some  
of the old settlers, to wit, Jehu Jones, Fredk. Miles, W. Miles, &  
Joel Tyler, Isaiah Jones, William Sears, James Harriott

mention his name for the fact that he was at that Independence  
Ball at Stepan Frank's July 26<sup>th</sup> 1816, died some 25 years ago, James  
Miles son of Wm. now one of the Associate Judges of Erie Co.  
and also send you the signature of my father Robert Miles my Uncle  
of your last letter to me, & probably among the last he ever wrote, as  
I sent it in order to show you what a strong resemblance

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As it regards Old age, to that of Stephen Hopkins, who signed  
the Declaration of the American Independence, & also to show you  
what a marked difference there <sup>was</sup> between the signature of 1836 &  
1840 just 5 years prior to his death. Also I send Brown  
Brown, Acting Prothonotary & of W.C. at the time of his  
Jonathan Thompson Esq formerly one of the side Sides  
Court Co. came into W.C. 1812 or 13. died some 26 years ago.  
S. Paine one of our first Merchants in W. and Edw  
sons our Old Court Cigar, died 6 years ago.

I would have been more particular  
as it regards dates of the Miles family & others but  
have got the family word at my Brothers in S. G.  
Saramiah C. Newman came from some of the Eastern  
States. Came here in 1817 or 18. All the other names  
enquired for I will give you. When I get the record  
from S. Grove, you are aware that it is very deficient  
in dates, correct. You did not state whether  
not you wished me to give you some facts connected  
the early settling of this County, such as paying 40¢ for 1 lb  
salt, which we had to do. My Father in Feb 1799, went  
from Sugar Grove to LeBoeuf, now called Waterford a distance  
of 47 miles, gave 75 cents for peck of salt & carried on  
back through the woods; had on a pair of snowshoes. At  
the snow at that time was about two ft deep. pe  
Let hear from you & much Oblige your friend

Robert, etc

P.S. Signature of Old Senr. Anderson  
(Robert Purput) He then Law. who came to this  
in 1801 & died at a very advanced age you  
know he lived close by State line.

Samuel Everett's Daughters letter

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Chicago Illinois, Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Dear Mr. Cook,

As we journey along over the "desert highway" of  
life "how marked are the changes that come within  
observation, not only mentally and morally, but, ex-  
ternally and naturally: "a few fleeting years" have rolled  
on the present into the past; and many that we  
treasure, are not; and those that are, are scattered; few  
say where. Thus it is with my friends, doubtless the same  
with yours: but before I farther go, I had perhaps, better en-  
quire you as to, who it is, that you may know from  
whence they come; I am a great-grand daughter of William  
Everett of whom you spoke, and only daughter of Samuel  
Everett whom you recently addressed. The first five years of  
my father's life, were spent in the town of ~~Windsor~~ <sup>Windsor</sup> Vermont;  
at that age he emigrated to York-  
shire first to ~~Jefferson~~, then to Madison, afterwards to  
Wautauga; and in 1832, he made a move for the then  
west. His age is 60 yrs. - He bid me say to you that  
he was much pleased to hear from one whom he had  
long known, and that any letter from you would meet  
with a kindly reception, and a timely reply. That there  
are several of the York State pioneers residing on Hickory  
creek, nine or ten miles from him: he does not know  
his correct ages, nor other particulars which you require  
I can ascertain if you wish it. @ you can, address them  
under the name of your address to Ellen & Mary, who

William Holmes, Joliet, Ill. C. Illinois. also  
other of the Risleys living in DuPage in Ill. have  
any assistance we can render you in the way of accom-  
your object we will most willingly.

Respectfully yours,

Lurinda E. Eversen  
Teacher Chicago

Samuel Eversen  
Bremen Illinois

My Fathers name was John Eversen he  
in New Hampshire he was five years in  
the service of the Revolutionary war  
was in the Battle of Bunkerhill on  
Crown Point and how many more I do not  
know After the war moved to Ferrisburgh  
Windham Co Town of Ferrisburgh the place  
of my Birth then to Madison Co N.Y.  
and Died there. After his Death I went  
to Chautauque with Elijah Risley and  
remained there till 1832 and landed  
in Chicago the first day of Nov and now  
20 Miles from that City - My age is 60  
fourth of your next - there is a Rail Road  
from the City of N.Y to the Mississippi wh  
passes in sight of my house I should be happy  
have you take a ride out here and spend a few weeks  
with me yours with respect

original letter of Samuel Eversen

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Daniel G. Chamberlain was born in the town of ...

1779. When he was about 13 years of age ...

Year 1793 he removed with his father ...

the great ... when about 16 or 17 years of age ...

to reside with his uncle Peter ...

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He was indefatigable in endeavoring to build up that village in the then new County. I think he was a stock or shareholder as well as agent, but in a pecuniary point of view he was laid up any thing. He was ambitious of political preferment and official distinction. He was appointed Brigade Inspector of the Militia and for officers more display or show to better advantage in his military a regiment. He sought to obtain the office of Magistrate of Chautauque County and he performed his duties well in that office. He was also appointed District or Prisoner's attorney in that office he held for some years and was an active efficient prosecuting attorney. He was also a commissioner to discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner to discharge certain duties of a judge of the Supreme Court at Chambers under the then existing laws of the State. He was finally elected to Congress. as was told at the time

by a "subscription" which term I think he explained in another place. He was faithful in the discharge of his congressional duties and no man can ever more faithful to the local wants of his constituents, particularly in regard to harbors, light houses, prisoners &c. Mr. Gurney not being able to obtain a reelection to Congress & being out of employ or inclination he finally concluded to emigrate to the new territory of Michigan. On writing Michigan Gov. Cass informed him that he thought the new seat of Government would probably be established on the Kalamazoo River near Battle Creek & Mr. Gurney made a purchase or location there and laid out the village of Battle Creek. He however sold out or left that place and made a purchase at Bertrand Michigan where he laid out a village & I believe gave it the name of Bertrand. He resided there some years and finally removed to Rock Island Illinois where he purchased some land in that village. He was finally appointed receivor of public monies of the United States at the Land Office at Dickson Illinois under Gov. Harris but he did not hold it long, under Peat Tyler was removed and I believe in settling his accounts was a defaulter. He was always a bad financier & managed money concerns of his own indiscreetly.

original letter of Saml. Everson

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altho I believe he never had any intention of depending  
 anyone. After he left the law office at Dixon he was in  
 a measure out of business in declining years and  
 health and rather dependent on his friends who he  
 visited in different places. He visited a married daugh-  
 ter with his wife in Philadelphia early in 1851. and on the  
 approach of the completion of the New York and Erie Railroad  
 much was said about a grand celebration of that event at  
 Dunkirk. The work being to for completed that a car passed  
 over the road to Dunkirk as an experiment. A grand cele-  
 bration was appointed to be held on the day of June

1852 + Mr. Garrison. Noterally felt very solicitous to be  
 present at the celebration. <sup>at a village of which he considered himself the parent & patron</sup> He set out with his wife to be there at the  
 time appointed. On his way he stopped with his friends relatives  
 Ralph Plumb Esqr of Gowanda (formerly Lodi) NY, where <sup>he</sup> was taken  
 violently sick with erysipelas and putrid sore throat when he suffered  
 much + I have understood was unable to converse, much of the time  
 deranged, and died in 5 days. Viz: May 11<sup>th</sup> 1851 in the  
72<sup>nd</sup> year of his age - He had led an active laborious ambitious  
life but pretty uniformly unfortunate in a pecuniary point of view.

In stature he was full six feet tall, slim & spare habit, and  
very straight and erect in his walk (a fine military figure) and hair  
and beard, light complexion, dark blue eyes, and pleasant countenance  
quite talkative and rather dignified in his address. He was ambitious of  
 public preferment which caused him to devote more time to politics than his profession  
 on the commencement of life he was a freemason in politics & the return of politics  
 returned his official involvement + until he came to Chautauque + then acted with the dem-  
 ocratic party. At first a friend of Gov Zephaniah, then of Gov Clinton - Pref  
 John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, Gen Harrison, Pref Taylor &c.



I have been thinking of you very much lately  
 and wondering how you are getting on  
 I hope you are well and happy  
 I have not much news to write at present  
 but I will write again soon  
 I am your affectionate friend  
 S. E.

original letters of Saml. E. Swenson

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Oliver Higley was born in Simsbury con Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1779  
was the son of Elijah Higley who moved  
to Windham County Vermont (where Oliver was a mill  
boy) and died there at an advanced age

Oliver Higley married Miss Higley the daughter  
of Daniel Higley in Windham County Vermont. She was  
born in Simsbury (but not a relative of Oliver by blood)  
Nov. 13. 1781. Daniel Higley was a notable of Connecticut  
and a lieutenant in the Army of the revolution.  
Oliver Higley had a brother Elijah who lived awhile in  
Pine Grove Pa and contractor in getting out timber for the first  
bridges across the Allegheny & Monongahela rivers at Pittsburgh  
He moved east to Perrysburg NY

Oliver Higley & wife with a number of children  
removed from Windham to Vermont to Saratoga Co.  
where they staid a short time & then removed to Ellipton  
on East 144 and lot 50. 49. 2. town 11 Range a little south west of the bridge  
near Jamestown in the summer of 1815, where he formed  
to & joined Deacon Garfield in making clay measures, such  
as half bushels, peck, & 1/2 peck. measured the sides of them  
sawed white oak, steamed, bent round & the bottoms of sound white  
pine & the whole country was supplied with these measures  
for many years. They were a good durable article.

Mr Higley & wife were among the early members or  
founders of the Congregational Church at Jamestown  
and worthy good people. But they finally became dissatis-  
fied with the doctrines of the church & joined the Methodists  
at or about the same time as did Jacob Fenton and wife  
and Sherwin and wife. Mr Higley altho (in  
judgment of charity) a good man was naturally unstable

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and finally be come dissatisfied with the Methodists  
discipline and withdrew from the church alleging that  
the government was tyrannical, but I believe there was  
no accusation against him of immorality. About this  
time the Mormons sent out their preachers and one or  
more came to Jonestown and one Higley soon became  
a convert and joined their society and in 1834 removed  
with his family to Kirkland Ohio to be with the Mormons  
there but the society becoming broken he removed  
with his family to the State of Illinois (town of Buffalo Grove  
Ill 1839) where he died May 6<sup>th</sup> 1846 leaving his  
widow residing with her children.

Dan Higley the eldest son was a farmer & did not fall into  
mormonism & remained after his father went west & married  
a young widow Nancy Frank the daughter of Levi A. Bentley  
and they both became members of the Presbyterian Church of  
Jonestown - He followed farming on a small farm (near where  
his father settled) for some years and was doing well, but was  
finally persuaded by one Titus Kellogg of Jonestown to become  
interested with him in mercantile business as a partner  
& they failed & Higley lost all he had. Dan Higley removed with  
his family to Buffalo Grove Illinois - D 1839 where  
they still (D 1852) reside - Dan Higley had sons, Marshall,  
Judson, Theodore, Daniel, & Simon Bentley  
all residing with their father or in that vicinity.  
Dan Higley, son of Oliver, was born in Windham Co Vermont  
D 1804 & married Mrs Frank, daughter of Levi A. Bentley  
April 1828 (she had no children by her first husband)  
and they removed to Buffalo Grove Ill. D 1839.

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Feb. 11. 1853.

Dear Sirs  
 In reply to your letter & that of Judge  
 Foots in regard to the early history of my father in law  
 Rev. J. Handy. I have to ~~say~~ <sup>say</sup> I am able to collect  
 the following fact from his widow (now 79 yrs. of age)  
 & other sources. Eld. J. Handy was born in Guilford  
 Connecticut Jan. 24. 1772. his parents were James &  
 Naomi Handy of that place, his mother was a very  
 devout Christian. his father never professed religion,  
 he lived in Guilford about 15 yrs. & then went to  
 Granville Mass. where at the age of 17 he professed  
 religion & was baptized by Eld. Hamilton. He subsequently  
 went to Paris N.Y. where he married Polly McLeiseman - a  
 native of Taunton Mass. He afterwards moved to Brookfield  
 Madison Co, and where on the 21st of Oct. 1804, he was  
 ordained for the Gospel Ministry at the age of 32. (he was  
 in the Ministry 34 years) He preached in Madison Co.  
 until about 1808 or 9, when he moved to Chaut Co.  
 & became pastor of the Ch. in Fredonia, though for a  
 few years about this time he labored a part of the time  
 over the Holland Purchase and in parts of Pennsylvania  
 and Ohio as a Missionary of the "Mass. Bap Missy Socy" of  
 which Dr. Baldwin was president & Daniel Shauk was Secy. and  
 He continued as pastor of the Ch. in Fredonia about  
 fifteen years, when in 1824 he was succeeded by Rev  
 Chester

Elisha Tucker, and Eld H removed to Jefferson Ashta Co. Ohio, and for 22 yrs labored as pastor of the church that place, (during which time a large number were gathered into the ch) From Jefferson he returned to his old residence in Fridonia, and as an ch as opportunity and health would, alliv. preach to distict chs in Chaut. Co. He died on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1838 after suffering for about two years more or less intensely from a Rose Cancer. His children (except those which died in infancy in the order of birth, were Joy, Almira, Polly, Jaines, Alfred, Naomi, Zebiah & Alinda - Joy, Alfred and the two younger daughters are still living - Jaines married Abba Sapham, daughter of Gen. S. of Hamilton N.Y. He died in 1831. His widow survived him about 2 yrs, she died at her Father's in Hamilton - she was a sister of Mrs Jona. Wade Mays of Turin - they left no children

any further enquiries may be addressed to Alfred Hand, Pontiac Mich. or to myself at this place.

J. F. Saxton }  
 Argyle N.Y. }

Respectfully  
 John Saxton

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*Thomson*

Doctor Austin Pierce Villenova

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Early residents in the town

Hamlet, Oct. 21, 1853.

Hon. E. C. <sup>My</sup> Groot.

(Town of Villenova)

Dear Sir - Your letter came to hand last Tuesday, and agreeably with your request. I have sent to various individuals in town to obtain the desired information; the result is not as perfect as I hoped, but such as it is, I send it you. Some papers I have thought best to enclose as they came to me - others I have condensed, retaining the more important items.

The first settler in town was Daniel Whipple - farmer - born in Deerfield, Mass. 1774. Moved to Litchfield, N.Y. in 1800. Came to Villenova in 1810. Removed to Kane Co. Ill. 1839, where he died in 1848. Aged 71. His wife Betsey Sheldon - born in Brattleborough Vt. 1774, returned from Ill. after the death of her husband, and is now residing with in the town of Perryburg Ch. Cat. Stearns Co. During the same year, came John Hunt & Eli Arnold. William and Bonj. Barratt and Rodrick Mills came about the year 1811, and resided here a bout twenty years - their nativity I have not been able to learn. About the same time came Charles Mather, Capt. Sweet, and Nathaniel Bowen - they remained but a short time. Mr. B. went to Buffalo as a soldier in 1813 and was killed. Ezra Puffer - mechanic - born in Sudbury Mass. came to Villenova in 1812. Removed to Northern Ind.



in 1843, where he died. Villeroy Balcan came soon after and still resides here - Chubberry was his partnerity Arza Corbet - farmer - son of E. Loed, born in Mendon Mass. <sup>was a brother-in-law of Joseph Wright</sup> came to Villenoria in 185. His mother was Lydia Barr; his father a revolutionary soldier - both were born in Mendon Mass.

Charles Wright came in 1816. This brings account of to the time of the arrival of the Wright family - one of the enclosed papers contains that part of the history. Many of the settlers, who came before and after this time were from Litchfield Herkimer Co. New York. Among those who came after the Wrights (from Litchfield) were the family of Nathaniel Warner, the Smiths and Conglons, most of whom with their descendants are still here.

Austin Scire - Physician - Son of Gurdon, born in Berlin Vt. Sept. 27. 1799. Removed with my father's family to Thedford, in 1806 - to the town of German - now Pitcher - Cherokeo Co. N.Y. in 1810. Read medicine with Dr. David M. Winter of Pitcher - attended Lectures at Fairfield N.Y. Science by the Herkimer Co. Med. Soc. in 1829. Came to Villenoria Feb. 28. 1829. My father, son of Seth, born in Mansfield, Ct. now resides in Kane Co. Ill. is 78 yo. of age. My mother - George daughter of John Smalley - born in Norwich Vt. - died in Pitcher 1830. My brother - Royal - born in German Cherokeo Co. N.Y. 1812. Read medicine with me - attended Lectures at Fairfield, was licensed by the Herkimer Co. Med. Soc. - practiced with me one year - located in

(on medical society book) (Dr Austin & Royal Smalley transcribed on genealogical book &c)

Warren, this County in 1836, where he died March, 1845.

Being confined to the bed I have not been able to make out statistics as full and accurate as I wished, or you might have expected. My health has been declining gradually for ten or twelve years. Three years have been disabled for doing any business. The last two years have mostly kept the house - last winter, was unable to turn in bed without help. Pain has greatly diminished during the summer, and my strength somewhat increased, swellings of the joints have disappeared, but I can not yet walk or stand.

My oldest son, born March 1836, read medicine with me and graduated last Feb. at the University Med. Coll. New York. Stayed with me during the summer and is now located in his profession in northern Mississippi. My second daughter is my amanuensis. Hope I shall be able to give this my signature

Very respectfully,  
E. Arnold

Eli Arnold (Summer) born in Great Barrington in Massachusetts September the 1st 1772 Moved to Adirondack 1796 to Pownal in Vermont 1797 to Litchfield in New York 1798 to Williams town in New York 1803 to Villenova in his father - David Arnold was born in Connecticut Died in Villenova November 17 - 1829 Aged 89 years his Mother whose Maiden name was Mary Davis born in Vermont Oct 15 - 1740. died in Villenova Aged 96 years

Both in Toronto memorandum book

The above from Eli Arnold Villenova in his hand writing &c

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Very respectfully.

Your obt. servant.

Austin Peirce.

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Family Record of Dr. Squire White of Free-doned. My turn his sons after his decease

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Squire White . . Born November 20<sup>th</sup> 1785.

" " Died April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857.

" " married Sally Barker Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

1813 - Sally White Died July 13<sup>th</sup> 1829, 377

Children of Squire + Sally White.

1<sup>st</sup> William Darwin White. Born Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1814.

2<sup>nd</sup> Devillo Asa White } " July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1816.

married } Samira Jones } August 1<sup>st</sup> 1838.

3<sup>rd</sup> Julia Sally White } Born March 28<sup>th</sup> 1819.

married } Died Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

Francis S. Edwards } 14<sup>th</sup> October 1840

4<sup>th</sup> Edwin White Born 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1823.

" " Died 21<sup>st</sup> June 1825.

Squire White married Lydia Cushing daughter of Hon Zattu Cushing Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1826.

Children of Squire + Lydia White

5<sup>th</sup> Ellen Douglass White } Born June 20<sup>th</sup> 1827.

married } - Col Stephen Morgan } Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1851.

6<sup>th</sup> George Hinckley White Born Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1829.

7<sup>th</sup> Mary Sturges White " April 5<sup>th</sup> 1832.

" " " Died Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1841.

William D White resides in Albany N York

Devillo A White " " Fredonia N York

Julia S Edwards died in Fredonia which was  
the residence of herself & husband -

Ellen D Morgan resides in Musser Co Ky.

Geo: N White resides in Fredonia N York

I do not know the age of my father's first  
wife but if material to you, will enquire of her  
family - Lydia Bushing was born March 14<sup>th</sup> 1788.

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W. Redman April 30/54

W. P. Cook

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of

the 18<sup>th</sup> inst came duly to hand and permit me to assure you was not only a source of gratification to my Brothers and myself but to my Mother and Sisters. We had known from Father how deep and lasting had been the friendship which had bound you together through the years of the early settlement of the County. Through the trying time of Anti-Masonry, and in the succeeding years down even to the close of his life his oft repeated mention of your name as connected with the pleasant memories of the past spent

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As that the reciprocal kindness which had <sup>early</sup> bound you in the bonds of friendship had not grown old to this heart.

We acknowledge the obligations under which we rest to you in the possessing his daguerotype from which we have now only been enabled to multiply copies out as to procure a very good oil painting. all which my dear friend whose kindly intervention furnished us the means of procuring I shall ever acknowledge with grateful thanks.

The latter portion of my Father's life was passed in the quiet of agricultural pursuits with a practice circumscribed to his old friends and the poor of the village. For the past two years he has made us charge for his services, but has rendered them gratuitously and it is with an honest pride that I say he died without any enemy and



blessed by a multitude of friends  
 though he was not a member of  
 any church he lived the life of  
 a Christian and the prayer of the  
 poor hath gone up to heaven in his  
 behalf.

His health began to fail during the  
 early part of last fall, but before winter  
 set in he had recovered and seemed  
 better than he had been before for  
 years. In the latter part of June  
 he was called out to see a sick  
 child. It rained at the time and  
 when he came home he was wet  
 through. The next day he was  
 taken with an attack of pleurisy.  
 This too he recovered from in a  
 measure, and two weeks before  
 he died he was out for half a day  
 when it was very damp and raw  
 and the following was taken down  
 and now recovered

I inclose you an abstract  
of the Family record from which  
you can derive all the  
facts which you require. The  
paper which contains the notice  
of his death I sent you by  
mail some days since.

When your history of the  
County is published, I wish  
you to send me two copies  
with a Bill for the same for  
which I will remit.

Hoping that yourself and Family  
are enjoying the blessing of health  
I remain as ever

Most Truly Your friend

Geo H White

E J Foot

New Haven

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Daniel Wright - Farmer of Villanova - Schautaque  
County, N.Y. - I was born July 3<sup>d</sup> 1785 - in South-  
east Town Dutchess County N.Y. - and Moved with  
my Father to Green County in 1802, from that  
I moved to ~~the~~ Litchfield Herkimer County  
from there I moved and settled in Villanova  
in February 1817

My Father Edmund Wright, was born Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1763 -  
Southeast Town Dutchess County N.Y. - and Moved  
with his family to Green County N.Y. in 1802  
where he Died August 25<sup>th</sup> 1804 - age 41 years.

My Mother Sophia Rider was born April 14<sup>th</sup>  
1765 - Southeast Town Dutchess County N.Y. and  
Moved from Green County N.Y. to Litchfield  
Herkimer County and from there she Moved  
with her family and settled in Villanova - in  
November 1817 - and Died in this town June 1840  
age 75 years, I now reside on the farm I first took up

Villanova Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1853 Daniel Wright.

Now the family above mentioned consisted of  
Daniel Wright Charles Wright & Augustain Wright  
were all here and Elara Corbit & Polly Hall  
it were all here with their families the unmarried  
part of My Mothers family that came with her  
is Charlott, Libanus, Lewis, and Eliza; and  
they are for the most part all here with their  
Children and Grand Children Daniel Wright

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We learn that Mr. ADRIE SMITH, 101, of Dewittville, in this town, was one of the returning California passengers at the time of the Riots at Panama, and lost about \$800 in that affray.

At the present time there are but 89 boarders at our County Poor House, being a smaller number than has been in the House for a number of years past.

May 14 1856

ness.  
 May 8, 1856. *Internal May 14*  
 RETURNED.—Our fellow-townsmen, Hon. T. A. OSBORNE, will return to his home, from his southern trip, to-day, the mission for which he sought a more mild climate, having failed in restoring his daughter to health, or even materially prolonging her life. After spending several weeks in Mississippi, with his charge still more enfeebled than when he left home, he attempted to return by way of Mobile, Charleston and New York, but death overtook his daughter when they had reached central South Carolina, from which place he brings her remains for burial by the side of her mother and brother. In his bereavement, which though expected, is still sad to contemplate, he meets with the warm sympathies of a community among whom his daughter was born and reared, and by all of whom she was respected and loved.

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From John I Sayers letter July 1852

Elder Elisha Tucker, was born in Schenck Co. N.Y.  
his early advantages for an education was very limited  
He remained in Schenck Co till manhood & I think com-  
menced his ministry in Coventry N.Y about 1818  
Removed from there to Fredonia N.Y 1822 where  
remained about 9 years. He then went to Buffalo  
then to Rochester, afterwards to the Oliver Street  
Baptist Church in New York City; from there he removed  
to Chicago, where his health declined & from 1852 re-  
mains in bad health.

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From Willeorn Puffell's letter Knoxville Ill July 7/52 178  
Original letter is in Vol 3 (manuscripts)  
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Abigail Bennett Magistrate in town Chautau 5 1/2 high sandy complexion  
Pointe Placé blue eyes & florid countenance spare habit 57 years old  
Her son Puffell of course born in Id

He was originally from Connecticut & was Puffell but after he heard  
him speak of New Milford, Fairfield & Norwich Ct. - He was  
once a prisoner among the Indians - He removed down the river  
about Id & settled at Rising Sun Indiana 26 miles below Cana  
where he was a magistrate many years & died there - When?  
died May 1846 at Rising Sun Indiana

Elder Jones after the war of 1812 emigrated to Kaskaskia Ill - where he  
died leaving a widow who was the sister of Zephaniah Phelps

Zephaniah Phelps resided near Ashville

Diacon Adkins removed to Ohio & died there

Samuel Ayres died in Mason Co Wis. 16 miles above Point Pleasant  
I believe in the Kankakee - left one son Mason Ayres who resided  
in one to Hoopland Co Ill where he is a respectable farmer. A daughter  
Maria married who married bra Lindsey

Roland B Lindsey married a daughter of Mr Puffell & died in  
Knoxville Illinois Oct 18 1843

Lindsey his brother bra died April Id 1844 in Illinois

Darius Carver lives in Jonesville <sup>Wisconsin</sup> very intemperate

Solomon Shepard removed N bat of Ohio & died there some years ago

Darius Summer & died 6 or 8 years ago

Shubael L Maesh in Glynas

Samuel Hays moved down the river & settled on the Great Kankakee

Joseph Athens father's name was James & he at Westfield NY  
about 1816 said to have been from Mass.  
Mrs Joseph Athens was Elsa Holloway daughter of Mrs Holloway  
of Pawling Dutch Co NY

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The following is in James B. Lowrey's handwriting  
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James G. Postman's letter 180

Mr. Foote

Girard, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1852,

Dear sir: a letter dated April 20<sup>th</sup> was put into my hands not long since by Mr. Battles, the post-master of this village, purporting to have been written by you, expressing a desire to receive some information concerning your Indian-sons and his cousin the slave or their births &c. &c. being a grandson of Mr. Isaac Gilson, and son of James Postman whom you inquire in yours; it was thought advisable for me to give the information which you desire, and I pledge myself to aid you cheerfully for any information which can be obtained.

However it will take some little time for me to avail myself of the knowledge requisite for all the information mentioned. Grandmother died 1<sup>st</sup> March the 27<sup>th</sup> and Miss Gilson died 1<sup>st</sup> May. Her memory is so very indistinct that she recollects but little that transpired in those days of trial and privation through which she has passed. I shall be able to give you all the particulars connected with the Postman family as soon as news reach home which will be next week no probability providence if you will make out a list of the facts you wish to know concerning Postman, and direct it to Brady Keenan's Mess.

where it will search out, you will greatly aid me in ferreting out these particulars.

I have collected a few facts from Mr. Gilson but will not send them until a name is obtained. Mr. Gilson's family was buried up a number of years ago it will be necessary to write to those of Mr. Gilson's family who have records from which the facts can be obtained. I shall write to Warren today for this information and if it is received will forward it to you.  
Yours respectfully  
J. G. Postman

E. G. G. G.

J. G. Postman

Grand Pa may 52

relative to Gilson

Gilson

He died at Grand

27<sup>th</sup> March 1852

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Friday Kala Co. Mich.

(Write P. L. Moody  
July 11, 1853)

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The following is in James R. Looney's handwriting  
& is copied into my autograph book (182) 185

James W. Gilliam son of Henry Gilliam  
born in Washington Co N.Y. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1802

Married Senectles Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1824.  
to Helen Ann Fulton niece of Robert  
Fulton N.Y.

Removed to Mayville N.Y. 24<sup>th</sup> 1827  
Emigrated to Bristol Ill. Sept 1833

J.W. Gilliam had ~~three~~ Brothers, David  
J. Gilliam (who lived at Mayville at  
May 9 years) G. W. Gilliam & S. Gilliam.  
Had ~~two~~ <sup>five</sup> sisters viz Nancy Jane,  
Adeline, Sarah Ann, Eliza,

James W. Gilliam

Very love to all enquiring friends  
Please enclose me a note as soon as may be after leaving  
giving all necessary information that you may  
assist in the matter

Your most Obedt

Richard Lovell

To E. T. Foot

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Parvilion Center Jan 27, 1853

E T Foot Esq Dear sir

I Recievd a note from you by way of the post Master of Middlebury on the twenty sixth ult and it finds myself and family in usually good health.

I sit down to enclose a few lines to you informing you that I Recievd yours as to your inquiries I am not able to answer indefinitely but would say that my mother name was Sybille Durkee when she was a girl and I think lived near your place of abode. As to other inqires if any thing important is wanting I will make all possible best in getting a correct knowledge of the matter so as to give you a full statement of the facts in another letter as far as I am able

Very love to all enquiring friends  
I thus enclose me a note as soon as may be after leaving the giving all necessary information that you may want in the matter

Your most Obedt

Richard Coull

To E T Foot

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Richard Correll  
Pavillins Centre

Jan'y 27 '53

Mrs. Mrs. Morden Stone  
Sylvie Durkee

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Kindly mention me to Mrs. Foote - as our <sup>24<sup>th</sup></sup> early acquaintance

Yrs. J. W. Harvey letter

My Dear Sir

N. Y. Jan. 6. 1852

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your favour some days since - but having been unusually much employed - have not had time to answer your enquiries, and I now write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter; only.

I commenced late in the fall to erect a Cast Steel furnace at my place in Mott Haven; and have been, and still am, busy with it. My early history - the history of a Country blacksmith is not worth noticing - My subsequent life, I trust, will be found to have merited some little of distinction.

My habits have been more studious and I now have no occasion to consult any class of men - practical or scientific - as to Mineralogy Geology or Metallurgy - I have my own notions of the structure of this earth, crust, how formed or made & hence the success that has attended me in the discovery of primitive Metals - Mineral Substances, &c.

J. W. Harvey

1885  
I am now demonstrating the fact, that  
(U.S.) possess an ore, <sup>minutely</sup> compounded in  
nature with an other metal, which  
makes a superior article of steel  
intrinsically worth twice as much  
as the English article made of  
the celebrated Swedish iron  
of Danneborra. The mines, (several  
localities) belong to me in fee  
simple. They are literally inex-  
haustible - equal to the Missouri  
ones, in quantity, and in Putnam County  
this state. Our state Geologist  
walked over them without  
them & hence are not contained  
in their Report - excepting a  
small vein in South East - an  
old digging. And had they never  
seen them it is not likely they  
were versed in an other  
Metallurgy sufficiently to be  
shown that they were valuable  
for steel - because the books  
not so teach it.

My early life is totally now in-  
erting - I have the vanity to  
think that in few years since I  
be able to prove it (my life)  
other wise

You do not hint, whether you intend  
or at what time you intend  
to give a future generation  
the facts, which you are preserving

I might give you a few  
shots after a while from  
which (if the nature of your work  
should admit) which ~~would~~  
be of use, real utility to an  
unborn world. At least interesting  
as showing it possible for a man  
to live ahead of his contemporaries

I have a ~~manuscript~~ pamphlet of 18 or 20  
~~pages~~ which I myself had  
printed some 10 or 12 years  
after having had recourse  
to information - suggested by  
your self to me in 1832, both other  
helps run back in general to  
~~a few~~ - Turner Harvey, a famous  
Anchor in his day - An English name  
but I have also ascertained that my  
family are of French descent from  
the name De Herve - in which the  
part De has been left off, and  
the last letter - e, in the other part of  
the name when sound like a,  
makes Herve or Herve, Harvey, Harvey  
& so on. Yours truly Thos. W. Harvey

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19<sup>o</sup> I have ~~now~~ 5 Bloom Forges now  
yaged in your state, when the  
one is converted into wrought  
iron bars, preparatory to its be  
made into steel. I go to Minster  
where three of them, to morrow  
to look after them, as the proce  
is some what a new one - I  
after pass N. Haven did last we  
to visit a Copper Mine in  
Mass. which I found 2 or 3 year  
since & have commenced to wor  
and is of great promise a vein  
of 8 feet wide and some 3 or 4 m  
in extent its direction is vertic  
(no dip) in the earth.

I have a large "Verde Antiqué" of  
Mation in Florida Berkshire Co Mas  
17 miles from Greenfield - the only  
known quarry of that Mineral  
now existing in the World - the  
best quarries 3000 years ago  
but exhausted or lost.

Phosphate of Lime in Rock forma  
is abundant in this Country and use  
tell largely upon our Agriculture  
interest in future I have found  
in several places - Felspar for po  
lain is abundant & best in the world  
your state & Vermont - we are beg  
to want it - say now 1000 tons per annum

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Chataque July 14 1890

Joseph G. G. - Dear Sir

I have relinquished my title to  
Lot 140 542 towers - H. Range wish  
you let ~~him have it~~ to let  
Cathaniel Bird have it

Erasmus Turner

Erasmus Turner with his title & claim of land 56 1/2  
acres of land in the town of Chataque - The land has been  
conveyed to the lands of the state more especially  
the numerous acres of land in the town of Chataque

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Ernest ...  
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# HISTORY OF "ANCIENT WOODBURY."

The subscriber having spent his leisure time for the last five years, in collecting materials, at considerable expense, for a full and complete history of the "Ancient Town of Woodbury," including the present towns of Southbury, Roxbury, Bethlem, the larger part of Washington, and a small part of Middlebury, now proposes to publish the same, provided a sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained to pay the expense of publication. It is not expected to do more than this in so limited a territory as this history embraces, and *will not be published* unless this object can be attained.

1. The volume will contain a full history of Woodbury, as it was originally chartered, from 1672 to 1853, including the location of the first Meeting houses, dwelling houses, "home lots," mills, bridges, ferries, &c., &c.
2. Organization and History of Southbury Ecclesiastical Society, and of the town, to this time.
3. The same, of Roxbury Society and town.
4. The same, of Bethlem Society and town.
5. The same, of Juda Society, and town of Washington.
6. History of the 1st Church in Woodbury, its pastors and officers.
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12. A full Revolutionary history of the town. Probably no inland town took a more active and efficient part in the war of the Revolution, than Woodbury.
13. Action of the town on the adoption of the United States Constitution.
14. History of the Indians of Woodbury.
15. Fac similes of Indian marks.
16. Nova Scotia Refugees.
17. Samuel Martin's petition.
18. Parson Walker's letter of 1676.
19. Wood cut of first parsonage house.
20. Copies of early Indian deeds, and the Town Patent.
21. History of St. Paul's Church, Woodbury, and other Churches.
22. Short Biographical sketches of—
  1. The lawyers of the town.
  2. The ministers of the town.
  3. The doctors of the town.
23. A roll of the soldiers in the Revolutionary War, from the town.
24. A roll of soldiers in other wars.
25. Roll of Representatives from Woodbury, from 1684 to 1853.
26. " " " Southbury, since its organization.
27. " " " Washington, " "
28. " " " Bethlem, " "
29. " " " Roxbury, " "
30. List of Governors of Connecticut, since Woodbury was chartered.
31. " Woodbury Probate Judges.
32. " Washington " "
33. " Roxbury " "
34. " Probate Clerks.
35. " Woodbury Justices of the Peace, and of the Quorum.
36. " Members of Congress, Judges of the Superior and County Courts, and County Commissioners.
37. List of Town Clerks.
38. Woodbury Tax Lists.
39. Roll of the members of the 1st Congregational Church, from 1670 to
40. History of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 7.
41. " Bethel Rock Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 35.
42. " Pomperaug Division, S. of T., No. 27.
43. A complete list of the present inhabitants of the town, man, woman, and child.
44. Genealogies of early Woodbury family names, among which will be the following :

Atwood,	Bellamy,	Galpin,	Hill,	Jenner,	Martin,	Preston,	Sherman,	Tomlinson,	Whittlesey,
Bull,	Beers,	Graham,	Hurlburt,	Knowles,	Mallory,	Perry,	Strong,	Thompson,	Wheeler,
Bronson,	Cartiss,	Hinman,	Hooker,	Lambert,	Munn,	Prime,	Steele,	Tuttle,	Waller,
Baker,	Castle,	Hicock,	Hull,	Lumm,	Mitchell,	Prentice,	Skeel,	Terrill,	Wakeley,
Booth,	Cochran,	Huthwitt,	Hollister,	Leavenworth,	Nickols,	Piercey,	Squire,	Thomas,	Wintt,
Beardsley,	Canfield,	Hurd,	Judson,	Latin,	Orton,	Rogers,	Stiles,	Walker,	Ward.
Blakesley,	Drapeley,	Hotchkiss,	Johnson,	Minor,	Pierce,	Root,	Stoddard,	Warner,	

It will be a work of about 500 octavo pages, and will be furnished at the low price of \$1.00 per copy.

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It is intended to have the work ready for delivery on or before the 1st of July, 1853, and as no more copies will be printed than the subscribed for, it will be well for all to subscribe now.

Woodbury, Oct. 5, 1852.

WILLIAM COTHREN,



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Judge Sacke

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Judge Sacke  
Dear Sir

WESTFIELD, N.Y. 2012

Martin Webster Emigrated from Brunswick  
Essex Co. Vt. Westfield in 1818, Son of  
Elisha Webster married in 1820 Susan Rogers  
Daughter of Capt Frederick Rogers. Elisha Webster  
the Father, Emigrated to Essex Co. Vt. in about  
1787 had 2 Sons & 2 Daughters the Mother name  
Martha Pond formerly of Wolcott Conn.  
The Father died 1817 - Mother 1818. Mr Webster  
remained in Westfield until 1837 then Location  
in Lewiston Fulton Co Ill, when he now <sup>1854</sup> resides  
has 4 Children, 2 Sons & 2 Daughters all reside in  
the same County. Capt Rogers the Father of Mrs  
Webster was the one who was mercifully saved  
after being run down in a cart back roads into the  
Chertouque Creek at the gulph hill in an early  
day one mile south of Westfield. The distance  
from the top of the Bridge to where the cart struck the  
Bottom was 38 feet. Mr Rogers leg being badly  
Broken & set by gut-ferming

Rivd. S. Gorton

Ripley, Feb 25. 1853.

Dear Brother, I thank you for your letter and all its communications. I have written to G. G. Woodruff Esq. and have received a long account - a full one. I may say of my family name. I have also had letter from Woodbury Conn. to which I have replied and have subscribed for two copies of the forthcoming history and I gave orders to have them left in your charge which you will forward to me at your convenience.

As to the date of Judge Dickson's death which you requested me to obtain for you

Aug. 20 1832. He was in the seventieth year

of his age.

Alexander Cochran born Co. Down Ireland May 12 1766. He was the son of Hugh and his mother's maiden name Nancy Beattie.

He m. Nancy Martin in Oct. 1794.

Emigrated to this country in 1804. Leaving Ireland March 8, and arriving at New York April 8.

He came by water so far as practicable from New York to Erie. I think that there was but one carrying place

19. And then around Niagara Falls. The journey from  
New York to Erie took 7 weeks and 3 days. He came directly  
from Erie to this State and took up 360 ac  
on which his continue to occupy

He and his oldest son then built a small log house  
then shelter for some three weeks then returned  
He provided a shelter and moved his family out  
the trail when was to be then return home the latter  
part of the summer of 1804. He had to take a journey  
on foot following the Indian trail to Batavia  
secure a little for land. He has been blessed  
with a large family most of whom are still  
living

John b. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1796

Nancy b. Dec 22 1797. M. to Mrs Robinson

Ming b. June 29 1800

Alexander b. Oct 7 1802. These four were born in

Robert b. March 3 1805 (land)

William b. Aug 29 1806

Margaret b. Dec 28 1809

Samuel b. March 12 1808. d. when 17 years old.

James b. April 4 1811

Martin b. Jan 24 1815

David b. March 19 1819. d. same year

Andrew b. March 9 1819

Elleanor b. June 25 1820

Mr and Mrs Cochran were members of the Pres  
byterian Church in Ireland and in connection

many for with a few other scattered members early attempts  
 were made to sustain some religious meetings.  
 360 or thereabouts were organized in 1818 into  
 the Presb. Church of 1790 of which he was chosen  
 as one of its three Elders. An office which he  
 has still holds though he has ceased to act on  
 it on account of the growing infirmities of age  
 the latter he is now almost 87 and he is rarely absent  
 a year from the Sanctioning. His children that  
 are living are all members of the Presb. Church  
 except but one. Two sons are ministers of the Gospel  
 and still Mr. and have families but one.

Charles Forsyth was born in New London Co  
 April 25 1777. left Conn. at 18 years of age  
 went to Wayne Co Pa where he continued to  
 reside 5 years and when he was m. to Abigail  
 Millard in New London Co Conn. Dec 25 1800.  
 Remained from that part of Pa to what is now  
 called Union Erie Co in the same State in 1802.  
 from <sup>there</sup> 1808 he removed to this town and purchased  
 the land on which he now resides.  
 He says his Father and Mother were born lived  
 and died in Conn. and he supposes that his  
 ancestors came early to that part of the Country.  
 But he has no definite knowledge of facts

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The following are names of his children

Nancy b. Sept 6. 1802 m. to Fisk Durand

John Jr. b. May 6. 1804

Sarah M. b. Jan 2. 1806. m. to Berickson of Mead

Charles Jr. b. April 1808 d. Jan 1841

Asa b. Feb 20. 1810

Mannah C. b. Oct 1. 1812 m. to W. Doolittle Sept 22

d. March 22. 1848  
Parthena b. Jan 13 1814. m. to Christoph Hill Jan 11. 1818

Unice L. b. Feb. 27. 1816 d. Aug 24. 1824

David B. b. May 27. 1818 d. Jan 14. 1844

Abbey J. b. Sep 13. 1822 m. to Martin Dickey  
March 26. 1843

The whole Coy. Mr Forsyth was required as  
township and they held their town meetings at  
Maquille

Mr Forsyth further says that two Brothers from and  
Geo. George were early settled in his neighborhood  
at the corner of his farm. They were from Pa. They  
moved west about 1812.

Also Thomas Forrest moved from Pa. into this  
neighborhood in 1804. He also left there in 1811  
he was the supervisor that he removed to  
Missouri. He says that there were a large number  
of this floating population there, were there  
early among the pioneers but soon moved  
away. I do not know that I am getting what  
you want and shall be glad of any hints  
Yours truly J. G. Otter

David Royce b. in Plymouth Coun.  
 July 18. 1773. (I could not learn his father's  
 name. He was a soldier of the Revolution  
 and died while on his way home to his  
 family.) David married Martha Barrow  
 at the same place Feb 19. 1795. She was  
 b. Feb 15. 1775. They resided in Plymouth Coun.  
 till 1815. They both united with the Con-  
 gregational Church in their Native Town but  
 how I can not say. He bought out Judge  
Alexander. He d. Nov 21. 1848. And Martha  
 his wife d. Dec. 15 1850.

- Children.
- Thomas b. June 30 1797 m. to Achsa  
Edwards.  
 d. Nov. 20 1828.
  - Millie b. Sept 3 1799  
 m. to Felitta Mawley
  - Sydia b. March 15. 1802  
 m. to Alexander McHenry d. Oct 27. 1840
  - Betsy b. May 27. 1805  
 d. June 6. 1811.
  - Betsy B. Feb. 10. 1812 m. to Alpheus <sup>More</sup>
  - David b. March 21. 1818  
 d. Jan. 11. 1819.

The following is a list of the names of the  
 persons who have been elected to the  
 office of Justice of the Peace for the  
 year 1857. The names are given in  
 the order in which they were called  
 upon to take the oath of office.  
 The names of the persons who were  
 elected to the office of Justice of the  
 Peace for the year 1857 are as  
 follows:

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D.S. Wolbridge elected to Comptroller Michigan 1855 & re-elected 1857  
 John A. ...



Michigan

Kalamazoo March 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

Hon E. J. Hoou,  
Esq.

Your favor of Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> was received sometime since and I have to plead other engagements and not a letter consequently as my excuse for not giving it earlier attention. I am glad to know that one so competent as yourself has undertaken the task of pursuing some record of the old settlers of Jackson town and its vicinity and although I cannot concern that any sketch of myself or family can be a matter of interest to any body, I will at your kind suggestion give you some notes of my family.

My Grandfather "Henry Malbridge" was with his family among the earliest settlers of Birmingham (verinout there being I think but three or four families in the township when he went there. I do not know his birthplace but his residence before he moved to Birmingham was Norwich Connecticut. He owned a large family of whom my father "David Malbridge" was. I think the

D. S. Walbridge elected to Congress in Michigan 1855 & re-elected 1857  
Two terms. I presume a good member E. J. H.

My Walbridge of Holmango had when he left farm town three sons  
Wells, Elbridge, & Frank - He had a young lady in his family Eliza both called in letters  
d. our or niece who married soon after they removed to New York

youngest he having been born in 1769  
My father married Isabella Bush  
in 1789, by whom he had three sons  
who survived infancy, myself being the  
youngest. I was born July 30th 1801  
at Bennington, where I resided until  
1819, where I went to Genesee County  
N.Y. from which place I went to  
Chautauque County in 1826 and have  
resided in Westfield some two years  
removed to James town in 1828 from  
whence I emigrated to this place in  
1842. I married Oct 21st 1833 at Bennington  
Genesee Co New York: Eliza Fagart  
daughter of Dr Samuel Fagart of  
that town and grand daughter of  
Rev. Samuel Fagart of Colvaine Mass.

From the foregoing statement you  
can perceive such facts as you  
may think worth the trouble of  
saying.

I have not met your brother  
Abel but ever since he has lived  
at the Rapids, I saw him last fall.  
He was then in good health and I  
think is doing very well.

My wife desires to be remembered to  
you and your families  
Yours truly  
D. S. Walbridge

(25812)

W. J. ...  
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Co.  
New York

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that  
had

Mr. Oliver Lee Son of Solomon Lee. born in Lebanon  
 now Windham Co. Conn. in 1791 - Came to Genesee  
 Co. N.Y. in 1813 - to Chen Co. in 1825 - Died  
 July 28. 1846 - Age 54. -

The above Mr. Waiter furnished me to whom I  
 have answered your letter as I was obliged to be absent  
 that morning - I see by the date of birth &  
 death that the age should be 55.

From George W. Jew-ess (Chenango) -

G. W. J.

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Genealogy for  
Rev Mr Waite

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Josiah N. Wheeler.

(1852)

Emigrated from town of Dover-  
Vermont. Settled in Lowell N.H. 1815

Was born in Concord Mass. A.D. 1762 <sup>or</sup> now living  
his wife's maiden name was Molly Mills  
— born A.D. 1765 in Concord. Died A.D.  
18 — aged 87 — Years.

The names of his children living Richd.  
Rebecca, James, Francis, Josiah, Mills, Daniel  
& Polly & Anne  
Daniel is in Wisconsin.

Where did that singular being  
Matthew Turner come from from Connecticut when  
in Lowell 1812. — what Year removed  
to Pine Hill, Poland  
1815. — where to down the river. <sup>ultimately</sup> (transcribed) 205

Deoria Co. Illinois May 15<sup>th</sup> 1853. 207

Mr C. T. Foote Dear Sir I received your very friendly  
letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> April on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May in which you inform me you  
have a letter that we wrote to Mr. G. W. Manly of Knoxville in answer to  
enquiries concerning my wife's father's family I cannot give as correct a history  
of it as I would be glad to do. I have heard Father Bennett saw where  
he was born and where he was captured by the Indians but do not recollect  
the places not knowing Geography of the country where he was with the Indians  
- I have heard him describe the place where they were when they were  
the greatest length of time with out provision and it was a boat of some  
kind that brought the provisions and they were on a high land he said he  
went down an Indian ladder to the boat and when he got some bread he could  
- as come again without help from being exhausted with hunger my wife says  
she now thinks Alanson Weed is right in saying her Father was born in Connecticut  
- we now have a letter from Hezekiah Seymour that married Polly Bennett (who is  
now dead) she was the eldest daughter the letter is dated Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1846 which says  
that your Father Abijah Bennett died on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb at ten o'clock P. M.  
with out a sigh or a groan my wife is the third daughter - Abijah  
his Father's name was Daniel the Town or Co. where Father Bennett was born we  
do not know, but will write immediately to Hezekiah Seymour of Allensville  
Switzerland Co. Indiana who will likely know. Grand Father died in Cayuga  
Co. Town of Aurelius N. Y. My wife says her mother was born in Pough-  
keepsie but whether Town or Co. does not know nor the state. Her father's name  
was Charles Incomb and my <sup>wife's</sup> father had three Brothers. Mr who is dead  
Isaac and John both living the last we heard, and three sisters Rachel  
Hall living in Chautaque, Charity Deares living in Penns. near Lake  
Eric Polly Doty living in Springfield Penns. and Daniel Bennett

eldest brother of my wife lives in Springfield Pennsylvania but the  
 address we do not know but as soon as we get an answer from Haze  
 Seymour will write to you if you wish it. the Indian ladder in this co  
 where I have seen them is a long pole with the branches cut  
 at from four to six inches from the stem of the pole and then place the same  
 end against the tree or other object to be climbed and as near as I recollect  
 this is the kind that father had to climb when he was someone starved  
 he was treated as well as the Indian children. He was the first white  
 that ever fell a tree on the east side of the Chataque lake he was there  
 time of the great eclipse of the sun in 1806 Him and Will  
 were together, and was at that time in a tent they had  
 some corn and soed it to wheat. we moved there the  
 next January after I was seven years old that month  
 as for the hard times they had Mr Will can you  
 than I can write them I am certain that I have heard  
 him tell about his suffering while he was with the  
 when he was first taken he was given to an old sq  
 she soon died and he was left to go with the rest  
 the Indian boys. He all ways said they used him  
 the same as if he was one of them. They took pains  
 learn him to shoot the bow and arrow and he could  
 talk as well as any of them. He was with them 3  
 years and six months and five or six days. Him and his  
 father was to gether three of the first years most of  
 then his Father was put in the garrison to  
 at his trade, he was a tailor he said he also  
 regreted him when he pleased they was gone five  
 years their people heard from them then he  
 was declared and then his brother William

To see them about a year or more after his

brother was there they went home together him and

Father. We think we have scribbled as much as you can have

off patience to read we repeat to you what we wrote to Mr. Manly

concerning corresponding we believe we have not yet wrote you how they

last two were captured by the Indians the Family had moved and Abijah

he and his Father Daniel Bennett was going back or had got back with

the wagon or team to get a nother load when they were taken Abijah was

in that eleven years old when he was captured we was verrey glad

we to recieved your kind letter and suppose need not say we would

be happy to get another if it is convenient to you if I recd

Mr Manly's letter a right it is Judge C. T. Foote that we are

wrighting to and if so cannot demure to his de cisions in respect to correspondy

betwee audibly but your friend truly

Griffith and Aehrah Dickison to Hon. C. T. Foole

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*[Faint handwritten notes along the left margin]*

James Danforth (son of Benj. Walworth)

Born Taunton Mass Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1779  
 Son of Ebenezer Danforth mother  
 maiden name was Elizabeth  
 Keadole - father moved to Minn-  
 stars Vt, when I was 11 years old.  
 I was married at Keenington  
 when I was 21 to Martha Phelps  
 well was also born in  
 Taunton - born with Capt. Abel  
 here in 1814 - and first settled  
 in Ferrisville have lived in the  
 town of Pompey since -

60th Anniversary

Abel Griswold lived many years  
 with me, he had no family. He  
 came here in 1813 he built the  
 first <sup>grist</sup> mill in Phelps about  
 1819 - He was born in Orwell Vt  
 and died ~~June 6<sup>th</sup> 1883~~ aged 50, at  
 Phelps - He left his property  
 mostly to Lucretia youngest  
 daughter of James Danforth  
 Mr. G's ancestors were from Ct and  
 he was a relative of Gov. Griswold



From Loring Motmore Esqr

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Warren June 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

My Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup>. this day another letter of your kind & friendly attention, in the character of a paper ("Westfield Sentinel") containing a biographical sketch of the late David Cason of Westfield N.Y. I was much interested & interested in its perusal. He was well deserving the notice you have given in that article. I never was personally acquainted with him, altho I think I must have called one or twice at his farm when he kept the stage road. I heard the morning after my arrival at Mayville week before last that you was in town the evening before but had left that morning for ~~Camden~~ town. I intended to have seen you on my return, but did not arrive there in fact till late Saturday evening had to hurry away to get home that night. I wished to see you to talk over some matters contained in your highly esteemed favour of the 22<sup>d</sup> of A<sup>p</sup>l last. I owe you apology for wanting to acknowledge its receipt & return its contents before this time. It contains suggestions & historical matter which I prize very highly

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and intend of life & health is spent to make  
 a good use of them. I have not fixed on  
 a true job to remove my duties. I am not  
 vowing to improve the hints you gave me  
 in collecting materials & hope in due time  
 to be able to put them in shape for publica-  
 tion. Since my return from Maryland I have been  
 labouring under a severe cough, approaching  
 every near the Asthma - if not ~~altogether~~  
 that disease. It has prevented me very much  
 & I am hardly able to be about, & do not  
 to labour at all. Have you not been troubled  
 with that complaint? & if so what did you  
 the best remedy? I feel ill, able just at  
 time to pen this letter. And most likely  
 cause for omitting to notice many things  
 in your good long letter. You enquire  
 who the present separate judges are of Warren  
 County. John Judson of Columbus & myself  
 have the honor of holding those offices. We were  
 elected by the people a year ago. Last fall  
 first Election of judges in the state, by  
 of an alteration in the constitution. Some  
 after 5 years. Judson has repeatedly spoken  
 of you to me. He said he had argued  
 with you while a member of the N.Y. Leg. &  
 I think he said you was a member at the same  
 time that he was. He was from Saratoga &

Loring Wetmore Esq  
 Wainwright's Bay

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He was important at three in his family connection  
 his wife for all accounts I have, was a great thing and  
 a very good. The love almost every thing from  
 his that was invariable for humanity to bear.  
 when she resorted to Santipos method of torment-  
 ing her husband, it was more than he could  
 bear. He did not possess the philosophy of Corralis  
 when the contents of the Chamber was emptied on  
 him <sup>by his wife</sup> "woolly to unwork or much always expect rain  
 after the usual thunder... <sup>the</sup> <sup>good</sup> <sup>judgment</sup>  
 applied to the proper authorities & got a bill of  
 divorce. He married a widow at Stone Dam  
 in Erie Co. said to be a fine woman & makes  
 him an excellent wife - He is a very social  
 companionable man, but not remarkable for  
 talent or loyal opinion.

I have enquired of St. Lawrence as  
 you suggest as to plain when our first couple  
 was held. His recollection ( & he is very positive )  
 corresponds with my own, in particulars, now however  
 he says it was held in the plain you mention  
 once, some short time after the first, perhaps the  
 next ~~day~~ <sup>evening</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> held for a time or two in Dr.  
 Humphreys' house, when Parables were read -

From a late correspondence with J. Edwards  
 Wetmore of Saphanville Michigan, and the  
 sketch you sent me <sup>of it</sup> N.E. H. Kington, I am satisfied  
 there is a connection between the story & Minnow

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familiar, but he (F.E.W) was unable to trace  
 it. I doubt know that I shall ever take the  
 pains. Should you in the course of your  
 inquiries be so fortunate as to trace the  
 I will be under a great obligation for the  
 information. The register you give of  
 Francis Weston, goes far back of any I have  
 ever seen & have no doubt, be it the ancestor  
 of our family. I have never been able to trace  
 my ancestry further back than my great-grandfather  
 Joseph Weston, who lived in Middlebury in 1772. and  
 of family there, viz, Joseph Amos (my G. Grandfather)  
 & his wife Timothy Nathaniel, born in Amos  
 moved to Whitehall in 1785 - This about all I  
 know of the genealogy of the Weston family -

The little extract you give has excited my  
 curiosity to search into it - further

When I look up my pen I nearly intended  
 acknowledge the receipt of your favour & to offer  
 you my most anxious thanks - I have  
 I have nearly swamped over a sheet & must  
 close with a promise of my regard & best wishes  
 for your health, prosperity & the accomplishment  
 of your laudable undertaking in collecting materials  
 for the future historian - or for one of your own

Very truly Yours J Weston

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From Henry Wilson  
Larna N.Y. Laona Sept 2 1852  
Father Rufell Willson

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To Honorable Judge East Esq. Sir

~~Dear Sir~~

As you have indirectly solicited me to give something of  
of the past, I will endeavor to, Altho it may not come in  
modern style, hoping you may be look all mistakes - and  
impute it for want of an education - I was born in <sup>with</sup> Massachusetts  
Berkshire Co town Weststockbridge, in the year of our Lord 1789

I was sent to day school distance one mile and a half  
where I began my letters; I believe I tried to make some <sup>marks</sup> strokes  
but did not succeed very well - The third part was about that  
time introduced in to the school - however I do not remember  
that I made much progress, as I was the eldest male I had to labour  
and what time I had for study was mostly lost my parents  
were in comfortable circumstances, in the year 1800 my  
father purchased a farm in Ontario Co, in the town of Mendon  
he with his to "Eldest boys" (my self being one of them)  
came on to it, clear die ains and put it in to wheat, there them  
being no roads leading to or from the place, we put  
up a frame, one story high and father returned back for  
his family, and goods, - came on late in the fall - The  
family when all together consisted of eleven -



18/ The Country then being all most entirely new -  
and grain scarce, my Father had taken sick on our heels  
so much so, that we could labour but very little -  
a coveringly - had to put out their children seven then  
one from the other, 3 boys & 6 girls my youngest brother  
had thought to make a farmer and see to the family and work  
the farm, but my grandfather William William wished him  
to come back and be here with him, and I do suppose <sup>his</sup> William  
is with him to this day (for Christ told William  
no man has ascended into heaven but he that come down from  
heaven). In 1805 he returned took part of his family with him  
and in January the 20<sup>th</sup> 1806 in the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of his <sup>age</sup> he  
paid the debt due from Adam down to the end of the world  
he was a man being struck, and given more than Corn might  
he was looked up to as a good Counsellor, he held the office of  
Deacon in the Baptist Church, as long as I can remember  
and when his health began to decline, he was elected Justice of  
the Peace in and for the town of Abendon then out of  
but I must not give in to all the particulars after the be-  
-ings of the Deceased was settled <sup>or for</sup> William and family come back  
I was then serving at my trade, the responsibility rested on  
me, for my brother was not able enough to manage -  
I should work an year time and by year and carry to the  
family and it gave me joy and contentment then which  
amply paid me for all labour done for my widowed mother

The year after my term his wife I visited and looked in and  
 and moved the family making in the whole time in the  
 family. I think I worked two years in that way then moved on  
 to the farm again, and began the building and built new one  
 about this time mother was taken with the consumption  
 and I thought I needed a helpmeet, and you may be leave I got one  
 and by the blessing of god the monster cloth has not divided us  
 yet. Altho we are fast on the decline but our hope reaches  
 to that with in the vale whether Christ the promise for  
 us has entered. We have had three children, my eldest  
 was a girl and give to womanhood named, had two sons and died  
 pretty young named on her end off; my eldest son Lewis (now  
 deceased) began to be pretty well known in the town; and a young one  
 he died at sea on his way home from California 8 days out. Oct  
 28<sup>th</sup> 1850 aged 35 years. Rupel Wilson my youngest  
child served his time with Thomas Gillis Tricome and  
besides the Teller trend - commenced for him self at Juniata  
Chautauque County. Married for his first wife Jane Penner  
of the place. For his second, Corvelia Johnson maker, he went  
to California and was sick, his brother being so much  
attached said he would go there and assist him in getting  
home if it cost all that he had - made. Each other  
some where on the occasion. He did not go to California  
for gold.  
 He is for a brother he loved as his own soul  
 But I hesitate to come more particularly to the subject  
 for which this is written

Came to Chautauque Co. <sup>the</sup> ninth day of march by way of  
 Gardiner on Spring Hill, to land on river & land, through the lower  
 of Lake, not much of any roads on to <sup>the</sup> river with a brother  
 in law who had move there, and pushed a point one mile south  
 of the village I thought to myself I will go back and be content  
 But I had some business with Benjamin Perry living in <sup>the</sup> country  
 I came to his house and saw the contrast in the face of the country  
 my mind was brought back a game - put ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> with him for the  
 night in the morning after a good breakfast the Col invited me  
 to go down to the mills (the village their called Bulls mill)  
 I really expected the Quitem - for my eyes could extend  
 for some distance, having some view of the Lake likewise,  
 distance he said about two miles (half mile taken off, same)  
 we first came to the mills, <sup>the</sup> brother in law, by the name of Print  
 attended the mills for <sup>some</sup> Bull, he gave me and in the caution to  
 Bull; and he invited me to stay and dine with them, and to think to keep  
 he wanted supply me with a place on as reasonable terms as possible  
 I purchased three acres where I now live with the whole privilege  
 of water - returned back to attend on, and was preparation  
 to come and work through the winter, I left my family  
 and a brother in law brought me toBuffelore to gather with the my  
 chest of tools - I went a board of a small <sup>boat</sup> <sup>by</sup> the name  
 of the King bird, Capt Singley master & Lewis I think  
 stand <sup>board</sup> board at our main buffelore Capt Samuel Johnson  
 was one of the passengers, and one woman, The lake being real  
 rough had to beat our way up, get above dangers in hopes  
 to run in the upper channel - but the wind increased and blew  
 very hard so that it drove us down to Silver Creek,  
 where there being in the state of nature - we cast anchor  
 and wintered to stay for the night

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the men laying down of the time most horizontal  
 the <sup>people</sup> gathered on shore more piled than we here, Expected to see  
 us shift, after a while the liners slack of a little. The boat  
 was more moved in the time of the wave, I recollect hearing it  
 said she was to drive under the man of these Bone holes  
 in the bottom so they would fill and sink. But to the subject.  
 I was the first on deck, <sup>in the morning</sup> and saw quite a number standing on shore  
 but length Exped a long wooden Trumpet I took it and put it  
 to my mouth to see if I could blow it or make some sort of a noise  
 It sounded wonderfully. It was a noisy thing, it sounded all in here  
 and we began to see a preparation making to come to us  
 met with standing the white caps rolled and raged, we soon  
 saw three men coming, crying with all their might  
 to keep the boat from chapping, came long up side and spraying  
 water, but is wanting <sup>scither</sup> all alike, we would like to go ashore  
 if we are all out of provisions, The Capt. Janson and my  
 self wanted to go ashore, and we did but just escape  
 I had a good supply of pork and beans when we left Buffalo  
 or we should have suffered longer but we eat every thing up the  
 was eatable. Johnson and my self agreed to fasten up the beach  
 to Denmark, and as we had eaten nothing that evening  
 we got heavy faint so that we were glad to sit on a log and rest  
 a while. and then move slowly, there was but one or two log houses  
 in the whole tract, we was so hungry we could have ate them all  
 out in cold <sup>at</sup> house, and asked for some thing to eat, but they  
 had nothing but a little milk, she gave us a little and we mixed it  
 with water and it did revive my some. Went on and arrived

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W<sup>h</sup> printed at Dunkirk at ~~some~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~father~~ <sup>father</sup> I did not recollect who kept  
 the store then, but I think it was <sup>John</sup> his father for he appeared to be  
 at home, they were just a going to sit down to dinner  
 they had some baked or stucco beans, and you may depend on it.  
 They beliked well. after dinner, I undertook the journey from there  
~~to~~ ~~and~~ ~~come~~ \* not much of a road I will assure you, this unroad  
 is such has chapt in various places to show mind horse - and  
 I found it good after noon work, to get to where I now live.  
 But I leave you to make the contrast, want to look and clean  
 of opinion for it was all most in the state of nature, I put me up by  
 train for a house and employed some few wheels and ~~the~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~laboured~~  
 about three months and returned, ~~with~~ <sup>to</sup> my little family, ~~and~~  
~~went~~ <sup>went</sup> to work ~~getting~~ <sup>ready</sup> to move, by kind my brother has come by  
~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> has all most a week coming from Buffalo with ~~me~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~good~~  
 span of horses, had to him terms to put on before the ~~sun~~ <sup>sun</sup> and all that  
 could be, had to, or they might have found them selves in the mud holes  
 and now I say think of the contrast. <sup>Now</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>can</sup> sit on a cushion  
 seat in a fine flying chariot, and barely have some ~~smoking~~ <sup>smoking</sup> ~~and~~  
 before ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> are landed to the city of Buffalo. The day has come.  
 when the provisions are falling to the letter, they shall give on  
 more like lightning with than torches - and they shall give ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~  
 to getting, <sup>I</sup> ~~set~~ <sup>set</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> ~~way~~ <sup>way</sup> ~~marks,~~ <sup>marks,</sup> ~~make~~ <sup>make</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~self~~ <sup>self</sup> ~~pillars,~~ <sup>pillars,</sup> ~~high~~ <sup>high</sup> ~~like~~ <sup>like</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup>  
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 set the up way marks, make the high hills, I mean more  
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Then attention, as now, was to be directed to the construction  
 of highways, whereby safe and expeditious commerce may be  
 obtained through quarters previously unpropagated; and whereby places  
 otherwise distant, may be brought into easy communication  
 with each other, for their mutual advantage, and the general  
 diffusion of knowledge.

This hath been deemed a chief desideratum in these last days;  
 and to witness the attainments of it men have been impelled by an  
 irresistible impulse. The engineer hath contributed his skill -  
 and the man of business, his Commercial Ability, and the people  
 their Labour, and the Government its encouragement.

and capitalist, the funds necessary for carrying ~~it~~ forward  
 the ~~the~~ enterprise. Comparatively few, however it is to  
 be feared, have been thinking of any thing more than the  
 serving their own selfish ends - the <sup>forming</sup> of their own  
 narrow views of Commercial policy. You have been thinking that  
 they were in the Divine purpose, preparing a high way for our  
 God, at length attention will be given to the commands  
 set their heart towards the high way, this seems to be  
 the sense which is ascribed to Isa. XLIX 23-25

high <sup>men</sup> ~~men~~ that they there shall be an high way out of Egypt  
 of Gihon. Assyria and the Assyrians shall come into Egypt &c &c

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~~My dear~~ Mr. Foot Sir I have spend a few thoughts  
 and if you should think they could be kinse in place  
 some where within the body of your contemplated history  
 do as not <sup>to</sup> ask the Council they are at your pleasure  
 J. A. Foot Henry Wilson

Abijah Bennett Esq

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Wattsburg Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Dear E. J. Foot

My dear Sir, Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> of August is at hand, you address me as a stranger, I am the keeper of the "Wattsburg House" when you used to stop when passing through this country, and I have a very distinct recollection of you, though I had not heard of your leaving the county of Chautauque. You now address me on the subject of the Memoir of Uncle Abijah Bennett. My wife is a niece of his and we shall take great pleasure in obtaining the desired information and forwarding it to you as soon as possible. It will take a little time, as the relatives a long way apart and each one could contribute a little in refreshing each other memory upon the subject. His sister Polly Chaffee is living, but and altho the youngest of the family is quite an old lady, His oldest Brother Mr Bennett died near here a few years <sup>July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1848</sup> since. He could have told the whole story of living, as he went in search of them after the war was over. A younger Brother John Bennett died here about an year or two ago. Dease Bennett another Brother is still living in Delaware Co. N.Y. near the old spot where they were taken



1807 in Cayuga Co NY

Daniel Bennett father of Abijah Bennett Died

- 1 William Bennett <sup>Sons</sup> died near Willsburg P.
- 2 Abijah born Western Co NY & 1764 and died at Rising Sun
- 3 John Bennett died near Willsburg P & 1851
- 4 Isaac Bennett lived in Delaware County NY

Family moved to forks of Delaware NY 1774  
 Daniel (father) & Abijah captured by Indians & 1776  
 In the woods among Indians got away to Detroit  
 with Indians 6 1/2 yrs - Peace came & they returned to  
 Connecticut

About 1785 whole family removed again to Delaware  
 County NY & generally improves while there.

Abijah elected Captain Militia in Delaware County NY.  
 About 1797 he removed to Cayuga County and  
 resided there until he removed to Chautauque

Daniel Bennett's widow Abijah's mother died near Willsburg Pa & 1833 A 97.

~~Wm. Bennett~~  
 Wm. Bennett  
 Wm. Bennett

of the name of Mother, I will visit him  
 in Greenfield County about 20 miles from  
 it to you. His son Dennis Bennett lives  
 the information as correct as possible and find  
 by the Indian. I will let them see and get.

Wattsburg Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1883

Gen E. J. Foot

Sir, In collecting the information you desire in reference to Abijah Bennett Esq. from the different individuals of the various relations the following appears to be as nearly correct as I am able to get it.

Abijah Bennett was the 3<sup>d</sup> son of Deane Bennett and was born at the town of Western in the State of Connecticut about the year 1764. Went with his Father to the State of the Delaware (since now Delaware Co., N.Y.) about the Spring of 1774. Was taken captive by the Indians in the <sup>Spring</sup> fall of 1776 with his Father and all the other Inhabitants then at that place, and marched to Fort Mifflin - was there from 60 to 90 days on the march and suffered every thing but death. At that place they were separated, the Father sent to Detroit, the son to Montreal, and both remained prisoners and were sent into the British Army. The Father being a tailor by trade was put to that business making clothing for the Army; the son was bound to beat the Drum, and became so efficient at that branch of music, that they elevated him to Drum Major. When peace was concluded and matters settled, they returned to their home after an

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Absence of six years and five months.

About the year 1785, James Bennett with his whole family moved to Delaware Co. N.Y., but finding this was former Indian occupancy and all his tools and family essentials (which he had taken the precaution to bury before he was seized any by the Indians) were gone he settled in the Town of Stamford Delaware Co. where he remained several years and they all became quite wealthy. In that County Abijah Bennett was elected Captain of a Military Company, the first Captain ever elected in that County.

About 1797 Abijah Bennett moved to Cayuga Co. N.Y. when he lived till he moved to Chautauque Co. about 1806, his Father James Bennett followed him to Cayuga Co. with his family and there died <sup>in 1807</sup>. His Mother came to this County with her youngest daughter Mrs Chaffer and lived till 1833, when she died at the advanced age of 97.

Thus I have given you the history of Abijah Bennett up to the time he came to Chautauque County, as perfectly as I could obtain it. From that on I see by your letter you have got it more perfectly than any of us could. In obtaining this information I had to hear a thousand incidents connected with the life of this man too numerous to find a place in a brief letter, but one is of importance in the information you desire.

When they were on their March from the  
 Ports of the Delaware to Niagara they  
 were so long on the March through an unsettled  
 portion of the country that they used up their  
 provisions and were forced to live on a short  
 allowance for some time, when at last all  
 failed, and they were forced live without food  
 of any kind, except roots and barks ~~at~~ this stage  
 of affairs the boy Meshik Bemeto was taken sick and  
 became entirely helpless, his Father and one other man  
 obtained a bark rooled him in a blanket and carried  
 him on their shoulders, They Marched seven days  
 in that condition, all nearly exhausted and about  
 to yield up to the fate that so evidently awaited  
 them, when they were met by a British officer  
 on a Fat Mare, the officer seeing their condition  
 Alighted from his Mare and told them she was  
 not their skin, The words had hardly turn  
 to escape his lips when, the Mare fell and in  
 a few moments was entirely devoured every vestige  
 of her, by the almost starved Indians & Whites.  
 Soon after this they were met by provisions from  
 the Fort, and in three days were through.

This bite from the fat Mare they have often been  
 heard to say was the sweetest morsel they ever  
 eat in all their lives,

If any thing is omitted  
 that is necessary in relation to this man and you  
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My Father was married in Mansfield as I said  
 and removed to the Helobarruck 20 Miles below Albany  
 he lived there five years before he removed to Otsego  
 County, I do not know anything more that will be  
 scribble to you about the early Settlers of Chautauque  
 County

Yours &c

Samuel Southworth

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Genesee November 9th 1853.

Mr Elial T. Hoote

Dear Sir I have received your kind letter requiring more information about the early settlers of Chautauque County, as for Filer Sacket I think if my memory serves me he was from Massachusetts and Deacon Thare from the same place I do not know any one from Mansfield or Ashford in Chautauque but my fathers family my Grand Fathers christien name was John and Died at or near Quebec in the French War My Mothers maiden name was Charlotte Bicknell she was one of seven Daughters and born I believe in Ashford or Mansfield her fathers name I have forgotten, My Mother had but one Brother his name was Samuel Bicknell she was born July 17th 1765 and Died in Erie County Pennsylvania April 25th 1848. The first Methodist preacher that came to my Fathers house in Chautauque was Thomas Smith the first Travelling Preacher was William Brown my Father was the first Class leader Members of the first Class Wm and Charlotte Southworth Dr Lawton and Sally Richmond, the Dr Mother, George & Freeman Richmond, Benn & Annine Potter, Willis & Parkis Potter, Walter Young, Nancy Batiman The first Class was formed in 1811.

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(From Judge Freeman  
of Racine Wisconsin)

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Racine Nov. 24, 1853

Dear Judge, Your very Excellent & friendly  
letter, date 12th inst, directed to our mutual friend  
Judge Harmon, & myself, was received by an course of  
mail, & I can assure you, that it did my heart good  
to hear from you, & once more, see your own signature  
which looks as natural as life. I see that time has  
not impaired your faculties, or effected your nerves; but  
not so with me, as you will readily discover by my  
writing; as I have taken so much poison to try to cure  
a Cancer (or something like one) that it has materially  
effected my nerves; tho' my bodily health has been generally  
good; since I came West I am sorry to hear, that your health  
is not as good as formerly, but glad to learn that you  
are necessarily free from that oft times, distressing disease,  
the Asthma. Your request, for me to furnish a history  
of my birth, & ancestry &c, I most cheerfully comply with  
& pronounce it a meritorious, & praiseworthy undertaking.  
I was aware, that you was engaged in collecting statistics  
&c of the Early Settlers of Chautauque County, as I had the  
pleasure of perusing a letter written by you, to a Committee  
(Judge Campbell & others) not long after the death of our re-  
verend friend David Gason Esq, which was published in a  
Western paper. I am at a loss to know how you are to  
be compensated, for the time, expense, & labor in obtaining  
Autographs &c from so many; unless you design to publish the  
work; but whether you do, or do not, the Early Settlers, their  
descendants, & the whole people, ought, and I trust will

put themselves under lasting gratitude towards you  
 for the praiseworthy undertaking in preserving their history  
 so that when all are gone, it may live. I can look back  
 with pleasing recollections to the time, (as you remark) of our  
 friendly meetings, & correspondence, but it would be more  
 so, if I had been qualified to have rendered efficient  
 aid in discharging the duties of Court; for as it was  
 it was very much like placing a man before a unit, but I  
 did my part in some things, for I did pretty much all the  
laughing. If I had known I should have staid so long  
 in County I should have taken some pains to have qual-  
 ified myself, or resigned, & should done the last mentioned,  
 but was strongly opposed by my friends in Ripley, N. East &  
 Erie, as they often wanted some business done out of Perrin  
 & how what I learned while in office, has been some advan-  
 ntage to me, for I never have had to employ a Lawyer  
 in all my business transactions, & they have not been small,  
 as I had been engaged with a brother-in-law in business  
 Co. N.G. manufacturing threshing Machines, Wagons, Buggies  
 &c and sent here for me to vend & collect. A general amt  
 of sales, near \$40,000. I should have made a handsome spec-  
 had there not been almost a total failure of the Crops in '49  
 '50 & '51 & very low prices, which rendered very many unable  
 to pay & when they would defend, appeal &c, so I have had a  
 full share of lawsuits, and many went to California;  
 so that we have met with the heavy losses I said I had not  
 employed Lawyer, I have in some appeared cases. As to property,  
 I am comfortable off, have a small farm (100 acres) 3/4 miles  
 from the city, rich & productive, & a good house & lot in the city.

As you remark, you have retired from political life; it  
 very much so with me; altho' when an important elec-  
 tion comes round I buckle on the armor, but I not  
 sought nor accepted office, except in '57 I was urged &  
 finally was elected a member of the City Council; and  
 last Spring was elected City Treasurer, which is business  
 that suits me very well, it will pay me something \$1000  
 & may be a little above that. Our City is small yet & we have  
 to economize, as we have gone largely in to R. Road stock, have  
 some 26 miles (to Fox River) ready for the tier. This is our Western Road  
 to terminate at two points on the Mississippi River, Savannah & St  
 Dubuque Iowa, which when done we expect will benefit this place  
 materially. Lake Shore R.R. from Milwaukee via this place is good  
 pretty much from here to Chicago; but we are in infancy. yet in  
 that line compared with your Country. When I came in to Salem  
 6 years ago, last Apr. there was but little over 3,000 inhabitants  
 than a Village; Incorporated in 1848 a City, has now a population  
 of nearly 8000 - Called the bill City, but might be the City of Chunks  
 as we is in all 7 of which are brick with spires & wooden with spires  
 & 4 smaller, & 1 more Norwegian making 14. This a beautiful healthy  
 place, no cholera has ever reached us - I have two sons now in Col  
 went in March '40, have been wealthy, but have lost some in Clear  
 speculations, some expect them home this fall - We have lost 3  
 woman grown daughters, Mr Hubbard (Adelia) Consumption, the  
 other reminiscent & Typhoid fever, I have given a (not very brief  
 history, of my self, ancestry &c, perhaps more lengthy than you con-  
 sidered, for your book, but won't take more room than blank - It  
 is some like a squirrel jumping from tree to tree - Many of  
 the old Greenlagers folks are about here - John Dexter Daniel  
 Stearns, Daniel Stuffer. I suppose you have got the Dexter

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Autograph are now; he is about 5 miles from Kenosha. <sup>Strom</sup>  
 3 - Puffer & miles for this place. Defton & Strom got their  
 letters at Kenosha, <sup>I think</sup> they are both living, tho' have not seen them  
 for more than a year - In expectation or not and  
 wearing you before, I would say that it is an  
 unusual <sup>with</sup> purging time, one as I am now receiving  
 tubes, people crowding in from early morn, to late  
 at eve - Today is Thanksgiving, not so crowded, have  
 snatched a few moments at time to write. Engstrom  
 is moving & has not been in the office (we are both  
 in one office) for several days, & I don't know when  
 he will get time to write. I shall wait for him & send  
 both together - Please excuse this incongruous msg  
 I have not read it over - Perhaps the present time  
 to get anything of my history is very opportune,  
 for unless I get help soon my affliction may prove  
 fatal & end my days - I have caught at every fleck  
 Strom; tried almost all the nostrums of the day, many  
 other remedies, but no relief as yet - No doctor that I have  
 consulted seem to know what the sore is, whether cancer  
 Schrapfer, Allen, <sup>or Dupont</sup> tho' I have not been to any of  
 rtific man - It is an itching sore, (not very sore) & a  
 twinging pain - I am Dr. your sincere friend  
 J. Foreman

Hon. C. P. Foster  
 New Haven Ct

PS I have not seen Engstrom for several days  
 until today. I was waiting to send together - He  
 informs me he sent his letter the fore of the week - I now  
 hasten to send - I happened 3 P.O. stamps by one & sent them  
 to you - J. Foreman  
 New Haven Dec 3 1853

Wacine Wisconsin

November 29<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1853.

To my old friend, the Hon. Elias F. Foot.  
Dear Sir,

Your Letter of Inquiry was received some days since, and I should have answered it much sooner had I not been very much engaged in building and removing my residence; and have to steal time now to write this short letter. The information you desired of me, I have given in the enclosed sheet. Many years have rolled round, and so many the scenes I have passed through since last we met in friendship. You say I was a Bachelor when you knew me,

I was married at Providence Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1833, to Caroline Clark then 18 years old, and youngest sister to brother Martin D. wife, and she has made me one of the best of wives God ever gave a man. We have four children, all grown up; One son 24 years who resides at Peru Illinois and is doing well. Three lovely daughters. Their ages are 20, 17, & 15 years. Though young they are all members of the Baptist Church in our City, and appear to be devoted Christians. This is a great consolation to their parents.

It had not been my fortune to possess a great property, but I have managed to get a good living, and am in comfortable circumstances. My health is very good for one of my age - and I hope with industry

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and prudence I shall get through this world about  
as comfortably as most people. Brother Martin  
Widow resides at Chicago Illinois with his eldest son  
Edwin. She had two sons there in business who are doing  
very well. Judge Freeman resides a short distance from  
me. They are friendly and good neighbors.

Our City is delightfully located on Lake Michigan  
and contains about Eight Thousand Inhabitants  
Two Rail Roads are being built, running through  
it, which will be in running order another season.

Business prosper, and I must close by subscribing  
myself your old sincere friend

Isaac Harmon

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- 1808-9 32 Sep Archibald S. Clarke
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- 1816 39 Sep David M. Clarke & Elias Brown
- 1816-17 40 Sep Rufus Smith & Josiah Peindorf
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- 1819 42 Sep Philo Eaton & Isaac Phelps
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- 1822 45 Sep David Esom & Thomas B. Campbell

Esom's seat contested & obtained by Isaac Phelps  
 & Esom's seat obtained by Isaac Phelps

Chautauque County

- 1823-46 Sep James Mullett, Jr.
- 1824 47 do James Mullett, Sr.
- 1825 48 Sep Nathaniel Meyer
- 1826 49 Sep Elial T. Fote
- 1827 50 Sep Elial T. Fote & Samuel A. Brown
- 1828 51 do Nathaniel Meyer & Nathaniel Fenton (Antimasonic tickets)
- 1829 52 do Abner Hazeltine & Nathaniel Meyer
- 1830 53 do Abner Hazeltine & Squire White
- 1831 54 do John Bondall & Squire White
- 1832 55 do Squire White & Theodor Bly
- 1833 56 do Abner Plumb & Nathaniel Gray

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- 1834-57 1/2 Thomas Astor John Hall Union Ticket
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- 1836 59 " Richard Pelavin Thomas B Comptell Union
- 1837 60 " Alvin Plumb William Hiteleaf Anti Sl
- 1838 61 " Abner Lewis Timothy Judson Allen
- 1839 62 a Abner Lewis  
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- 1840 63 s/s George French William Rice, Oliver Benedict
- 1841 64 " George French Benjamin Douglas Robert White
- 1842 65 " Emory F. Warren, ~~Joseph~~ Rufus Johnson, Austin Pierce
- 1843-66 " Emory F. Warren, Joseph Pelavin, Oliver Benedict
- 1844-67 " Marcus Simons Elisha Waters Forbis Johnson
- 1845-68 " Samuel Knison Henry Le Fiske Jeremiah Mason
- 1846-69 " Elisha Wood Valorous Lake Madison Birrell
- 1847-70 " Madison Birrell Charles J. Eaton
- 1848-71 " John A. Pray 2<sup>d</sup> Det (David H. Bradley Ellington)
- 1849-72 " 1<sup>st</sup> Det Silas Terry 2<sup>d</sup> " Ezekiel B. Garrison
- 1850-73 " 1<sup>st</sup> Det John Ball 2<sup>d</sup> Det Samuel Barrett
- 1851-72 " 1<sup>st</sup> Det Austin Smith 2<sup>d</sup> " Daniel W. Douglass
- 1852 73 " Austin Smith 2<sup>d</sup> " Jeremiah Elsworth
- 1853 74 " Jeremiah Elsworth 2<sup>d</sup> " Walter L. Simpson
- 1854 75 " Francis W. Palmer 2<sup>d</sup> " Walter L. Simpson
- 1855 76 " Francis W. Palmer 2<sup>d</sup> " Samuel S. Walton
- 1856 77 " Smith Berry 2<sup>d</sup> " Harry A. Prudergart
- 1857 78 " Isaac George 2<sup>d</sup> " Harry A. Prudergart
- 1858 79 " Charles B. Green 2<sup>d</sup> " Henry Bliss
- 1859 80 " Sidney E. Palmer 2<sup>d</sup> " Henry Bliss



Genesee County

- 1808.9 Wm Renssey
- 1810 Chancy Loomis
- 1811 Chancy Loomis
- 1812 Zebulon Colby
- 1812-23 Lewis Ganson
- 1814 Lewis Ganson
- 1814.15 Isaac Satterlow
- 1816.17 Lewis Ganson, Isaac Nelson, Elgar Webster

Ontario & Genesee

- 1803 Polyzos B. Wilson, Thomas Chapin, Augustus Porter
- 1804 do do Nathaniel W. Knoll, Amos Hall  
(general store)
- 1804.5 Daniel W. Lewis, Alexander Rhea, Amos Hall
- 1806 Ezra Patterson, Daniel W. Lewis, Alexander Rhea
- 1807 Philatus Swift, Archel Wornes, Alexander Rhea
- 1808 Philatus Swift, Amos Hall, Archel Wornes Jun

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A " At a meeting of the Council of appointment held at the Chamber of his Excellency the Governor on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1811

Present  
His Excellency David D Tompkins

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Benjamin Coe  
John W Wilkin  
John McLean  
Philiter Swift  
Members "

" An approving from the certificate under the hands & seals of the Supervisors of the Counties of Niagara, Chautauque, and Cateraugus, dated at the Court House in the Village of "New Amsterdam" in the County of Niagara the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October last that the number of Inhabitants qualified to vote for members of Assembly in the County of Chautauque amount to Five hundred and thirty seven therefore in pursuance of the act An act to divide the County of Genesee into several Counties and for other purposes passed March 11<sup>th</sup> 1808;

Resolved that the said County of Chautauque be as the same is hereby declared to be organized as a separate County and that the following persons be and they are hereby appointed Officers for the said County  
Viz

He had those names Joseph, Nathaniel & John

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Westfield Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1853

Dear Sir

It is with pleasure that I write you this letter in answer to your inquires concerning my family, for the reason that I am anxious to perpetuate the Genealogy of it as much as possible.

None of my ancestors have kept any record of their friends to my knowledge, But I have taken pains to inquire a little into it a few years past and all the information I have obtained I am happy to communicate,

Our family originated in Scotland two brothers came to this Country together at what time I am unable to state, One settled in New England & called his name Ramsay, the other went to the south I think Virginia & called his name Ramsay we find Ramsay mentioned in Scottish History occasionally, but none of the Ramsay name from which I conclude that our genuine name is Ramsay, I am not able to trace back further than my Great Grand-parents, whose name was William, He lived in Reading Con. Afterward moved to Woodbury He had three sons, Joseph, Nathan & John

Joseph had seven sons, <sup>4 two daughters</sup> named Joseph, Isaac, Samuel, Mezekiah, Ephraim, William & John, they all died in Hubbardston Vt. Samuel was father to Sr. Samuel Munsey of Silver Creek, One of the daughters <sup>of Joseph Munsey Jun</sup> was killed by the fall of a tree on her way to Church Sabbath day, His son Timothy was killed at the battle of LaCole Mills Canada March, 1814. He stood at the right of my Platoon, at my left shoulder when he was shot, I do not follow this family any farther, perhaps its of no interest to you.

Nathan Munsey <sup>a brother of my father</sup> was a roving Character. He went with Lewis & Clark on their exploring expedition to the Rocky Mountains, Also joined the Army in 1812 went to Canada with Gen. Pike was taken at Kings Mt. carried to Halifax in 1814 died while Prisoner. John Munsey my Grand father married Esther Jones & emigrated to Hubbardston Vt. I do not know what year, He died 1796 in that town. He had three sons Nathan, David & Ebenezer, Nathans history is above, David my father I gave you an account of when here, Ebenezer went to Ohio and died there. I nothing about his family.

I have passed by Nathan Munsey <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> He lived in Woodbury, he had three sons Lewis, Benjamin & Nathan, I know nothing about this family.

Father married Hannah Bronson. Her father's name was Stephen, & Mother's name was Mary Weller, they lived in Woodbury; Mother had four brothers & one sister, Cornelius, Abijah, Thomas & Luman; Cornelius died in North Granville N.Y. His second wife's name was Aid, Jones, her husband was killed accidentally at a Military parade at Woodbury, His (Cornelius's) oldest son remained in the Army after peace was stationed awhile at Wagon, after that sent to Oregon. There were several miles from any white inhabitants.

Abijah was killed while helping to move a building at Castleton Vt. 1820. His wife's name was Hurd from Woodbury.

Father lived with his Grand father William from a boy until twenty one, After which he moved to Vt.

I regret very much that I cannot trace my Genealogy to the first arrival to this country, I think I shall yet get some more information, & I have often thought of going to New York & search Reading & search the records to see if I could obtain anything more that would be of any use to me, but I keep postponing & perhaps it will not be done by any one.

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I shall be happy to hear from you again a  
time it should be your pleasure to write me  
give attention to it immediately, I enclose  
Stores history in the within

Yours with regard

Stephen Rensselaer

Jr. A. G. Rensselaer

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Chaut Co - In NY Legislature A 1808.

In Senate March 9<sup>th</sup> 1808 Petition of Joseph  
Ellicott & others inhabitants of the Counties of Genesee  
& Allegany praying that said Counties may be  
divided into several Counties & sites fixed for Court  
Houses & jails in them respectively were read & referred to the  
Committee of the whole when on this bill entitled an act  
to divide the County of Genesee into several Counties & for  
purpose &c

In Assembly March 2<sup>d</sup> 1808, The petition of Matthew  
Warner & other inhabitants & Landholders of the Counties of  
Genesee & Allegany praying for a division of said Counties  
in the manner therein described was read & referred  
to a select committee consisting of Messrs Sylvanus Miller & (N.Y.)  
Henry Schofield (of Schoharie)  
John Forman (of Oneida)

The members from the Counties of Ontario, Genesee & Allegany  
that year were Philites Swift, Asahel Warner Jun<sup>r</sup> & Amos Hall,  
Steuben George Hornell,  
Tioga & Broome Emanuel Coryell.

The law for preventing taking fish in Chaut Lake in Seneca  
from Matthew Prudergast & others of town of Chaut presented to  
Assembly Feby 3<sup>d</sup> 1809. People from a distance were com-  
ing with nets & taking fish in quantities to barrel or carry out  
of the country and it was believed that nets would ultimately  
deplete the Lake of fish. Hence the petition & passage of the law

Friday March 4 1808.

Mr Miller from the committee. &c on the petition of Asa Ransom & others, Mathew Warner & others praying that a part of Allegany may be annexed to Genessee & that the County of Genessee may be divided into four counties by the names of Genesee, Niagara, Chautauque & Cataragous reported as follows.

That the territory proposed to be divided into counties is very extensive and when its population shall increase, the many contending and opposite interests which may arise in all probability, should a division of the County be adopted, produce those false statements and misrepresentations which have heretofore rendered it so difficult for the Legislature to decide the merits of a controversy of this kind.

The committee are therefore of opinion, whilst that unanimity prevails which now appears to exist among the inhabitants both as to the boundaries of the proposed counties, and as to the sites of their respective Court Houses that a division should be made agreeable to the plan submitted to the house more especially, as it appears to have been formed with a view as well to the interest of the future population of the territory as to the convenience of its present inhabitants.

1811 Petition of \_\_\_\_\_ for a turnpike from head of Chart Lake to Lake Erie.

of Orsamus Holmes & others to divide the town of Paint

Samuel Perry & others to ~~lay out a~~ for appointment of Commissioners to lay out a road from Buffalo to Cataragous Creek

In Assembly Feby 21 1812

Petition of Zattu Cushing & others inhabitants of the County of Chautauque praying that Commissioners may be appointed to designate a place in the eastern part of the County for the holding of courts of said County & when such place shall be so designated the courts of said County shall be held alternately at the place so established & where they are now holden, was read & together with accompanying map referred to a select committee consisting of Mr <sup>Bennett</sup> Bicknell of Andover, Zebbens Colby of Genesee & Wills

I did not find any report was considered I think that did not pass

In Assembly

1812 Feby 4<sup>th</sup>

Petition of Philo Burton & others inhabitants of Chaut & Niagara for an act granting to John Mack his heirs & assigns right of erecting toll bridge & referred to select Com<sup>tee</sup>

Same day

Zattu Cushing & others division of Pompey in marriage with <sup>Eliza Green & others</sup> <sup>remains in tract</sup> & with map referred select Committee

March 21

Petition <sup>Junior</sup> Joseph Palmiter & others of town of Chautauque that part of said town & of Pompey may be erected into a town by name of Ellicott. referred to last above Committee

March 12 1812 Petition of John Mc Mahan & others for a division of town of Chaut referred to above Committee

1821 Feby 5<sup>th</sup> Petition of inhabitants of Chaut. Co for the appt of a comm to perform certain Duties of a Judge of Sup Court has presented & referred to Committee on Judiciary

Feby 28<sup>th</sup> Committee reported against the <sup>petition</sup> duties were highly responsible. It was feared by Committee that the fees might improperly induce Dr. D. G. Gurney and friends wanted him to hold that office in the county.

Petition for Circuit Court, to be regularly held in Chaut. County granted

1820. Jan. 15 Petition Asa B Marsh & others for declaring certain parts of Stillwater Creek a public highway Referred to Foster, Farnon & DeLay

Feby 7<sup>th</sup> Committee reported in favor & introduced bill

Feby 8 Remonstrance of James Prendergast & others against last above petition. & referred to Comtee of whole when on that bill Dr. ~~Nothing more done~~

Feby. 1820 Petition of inhabitants <sup>agualization</sup> to the <sup>abolition</sup> of <sup>residence</sup> nonresident duties (for support of roads &c)

Wolves - Comptroller reported <sup>(in answer to Res of E. Williams)</sup> wolf bounties paid out of treasury in answer to resolution for destruction of wolves in several Counties &c. Among the Counties were:

<u>Chautauque Co</u>		<u>St. Lawrence Co</u> same period
1817 June 20	\$580	received \$3,197. <sup>50</sup>
1818 July 22	" 710	
1819 May 20	" 472. <sup>50</sup>	Staubers \$3,529. "
	\$1,762. <sup>50</sup>	Jefferson " 2,177. "
		Franklin " 2,445. "

(Elisha Williams of Hudson was an active & since non resident land holder & he with other land holders complained bitterly of losses from the destruction of Wolves in said counties &c &c)

Legislature met 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January. De Witt Clinton Governor  
Members from "Chautauque, Yates, Niagara & Erie"

David Eason Thomas B Campbell  
Members returned as elected

Isaac Phelps presented a petition for a seat as  
member of Assembly instead of David Eason

Jan 5 Committee on Elections report. Messrs Eason & Phelps  
before committee - Following facts proved & admitted  
that at the last annual elections in said Counties for members  
of assembly it appeared by the affidavit of Asher Freeman, Joseph  
Adelle, Warren Rosekrans & Arthur Constock, inspectors of election  
in the town of Royalton in the Co. of Niagara that Isaac Phelps jur.  
had 178 votes, that after canvassing they made their returns to the Clerk of  
Niagara Co. & inadvertently omitted to add junior to the name of Isaac Phelps.  
That all the votes given for said Phelps were plainly printed ballots  
with junior thereon & none other - The committee further report that the  
whole number of votes given at said election in said Counties were  
David Eason 2426, Isaac Phelps jur. 2275 & Isaac Phelps 178  
The committee are therefore unanimously of opinion that the seat  
of David Eason should be vacated & the petitioner Isaac Phelps jur. admitted to  
a seat as duly elected for said Counties. Thereupon he was admitted.

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(Mr Eason on exhibition of the evidence of votes as given in  
Royalton acknowledged claim of Mr Phelps jur. & did not resist claim.)

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1822 March 11<sup>th</sup> Petition of James McNamee setting forth that he commanded a company of militia stationed at Portland Harbor on Lake Erie for the protection of that place in the late war, & that they were supported at his individual expense & asked remuneration therefor. Referred to Committee on claims - I don't find any report -

1822 Jan 11 Petition of inhabitants of Erie & Chaut. Co. for the improvement of a road from Buffalo to Fredonia &

1826 Bill on notarial relations to supervisors held land for burial purposes &c in trust. Much need in Chautauque County. I obtained the passage of that law still in statute book. Geo. M. Foote petition for award to be furnished <sup>Life</sup> insuring a person under his command. He resided at Portland Harbor.

1819 Petition of Joel Brigham of Dutchess that he was shot thro' the body by Longfinger, a Seneca Indian & that he was convicted of said offence, & by which he expended considerable sum in bringing him to justice & that he prays may be reimbursed to him from State Treasury. Referred to Committee on claims

July 12<sup>th</sup> Jacob Peter Von senselover, Secy of Committee of claims, reported "that the Committee cannot perceive that this case has any claim to the justice or liberality of the Legislature & are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted."

1819 March 1. Petition from sundry inhabitants of Seneca Chaut. Co. for removal of public building to Fredonia. Referred to select Committee of J. Phelps, <sup>J. Nixon</sup> Sutton members for Chaut. Co. Consisting of Messrs Haring, Mattison, Wells. Remonstrance presented March 2.

March 9<sup>th</sup> Mr Haring Chm (member for Clinton) reported

a bill to fix site of Court house for Chaut Co &c.  
Sec report Legis letine Assembly Journal 1819 page 614  
say committee not unanimous petitioners & remonstrants about  
reual & petitioners now offer to change kind of petition to  
appointment of Cons instead of absolute removal following are  
facts; County on east from south to north 39 miles, from south  
from east to west 36 miles bounded east 1

A Lake 18 miles in length. Court house head of Lake Chaut about  
8 miles from Lake Erie where <sup>court house & jail built</sup> it was established about 8 years ago  
& site fixed by Cons appointed by legis letine about 11 years since  
when County new & thinly populated "Chaut Lake 10 miles in length"  
except narrow neck about middle where it is about 1/2 mile. May  
those of Lake Erie will better be improved & well directed road. For the east  
our County note will better till near Chaut Lake & are inferior to the parts of the  
Fredrica within 3 miles of important harbor of Denmark &c. Remonstrances say to  
remove entirely out of geographical center. Print building nearly new  
unwilling to be burdened with expense of building again <sup>for jail house</sup> some  
out of expense but can be made good small expense

1819  
March 9th Petition of sundry inhabitants for alteration of bounds  
of just limits refer to Messrs Otway Phelps, & David  
March 24th 1819 <sup>three</sup> Petitioners for Cons to examine Casadough to create possibility for of in  
prominent &c

March 1819 Petition from Supervisors to exempt County of  
Chautauque from payment of bounty on wolves

1817 Feb 18 In Assembly petition of Zolten Cushing & Mir  
Judge Ambers of Pratt for a law authorizing appointment  
of district attorney for Chautauque, Niagara & Yates  
referred to Prindgey, Smith, & Porter

Feb 21 1817 Prindgey's Reports. That the present district atty  
has seldom attended Court of Gen Supervisors in Chautauque Co, to the  
manifest injury of the public, & delay of justice - Dist atty  
now resides 150 miles from Court House Chautauque Co. Prindgey  
brought in a bill. Act to amend act relative to dist attorneys

1817 March 6, Petition from Court Bldg for a law requiring a  
Circuit Court & Court Organ & term to be holden in July, <sup>the</sup> next  
referred to Prindgey, Smith, & Porter -

Sept 1816 (47) Com made Nov 5 1816 Counties Niagara, Yates & Chautauque  
Richard Smith Jacob Prindgey were the members of Assembly

1824 Petition for incorporation Academy. Mr  
Mullatt drew up report. No Academy within 100 miles &  
home bought lot & erected building & nearly completed but  
not held table without incorporation - Incorporated.

# The first circuit in the County was appointed by Judge Supreme Court in  
consequence of this movement & afterwards without compulsion - E. J. Foster

Remonstrance presented March 2-

March 9<sup>th</sup> Mr Haring Chm (member for Clinton) reported



1820 March 11 David Burt in behalf of Holland & Hann Comfy, proposed to sell all unsold land to the State in County of Geneva, Niagara, Chautauque & Cattaraugus. Referred Mr. Forward, Huntington & Oakley Committee. Immediate remonstrance against the law to tax non-residents. Remonstrance from Land Agent.

April 13 Mr Forward reported at length & joint Resolution directing Board of Land Office to open negotiations for purchase land rights of action &c & ascertain lowest terms, and to advise all & law same before next Legislature. This joint resolution passed Ayeably same day & the yeas & noes taken 53 to 47.

Wolves

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1820 Supervisors of Chautauque County mayed for repeal of act to encourage destruction of Wolves. Referred to Foote, Forward & V. Tupper. The Supervisors wished to have the law amended leaving the bounty discretionary with the board. Not Compulsory. Committee report the infirmity of the law moved for.

1820 May 20 Petition of James McCowan, of Albion & other citizens of Niagara County for incorporation of Lake Erie Steam Boat Company to be founded at Chartiers sponsored for that purpose.

20 Petition for money to improve road from Elliotville to Mayville.

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State of New York  
In Assembly January 11. 1820.

Resolved That  
Mr. Foote  
" Havens  
" John Miller, be a  
Committee to enquire into the  
expediency of regulating by Law  
the Sale of poisonous Drugs by  
Apothecaries, Physicians and others.

By order of the Assembly  
Aaron Clark Clk

My Father was in the Army - 6th - 18th - 19th - 20th - 21st - 22nd - 23rd - 24th - 25th - 26th - 27th - 28th - 29th - 30th - 31st - 1770

Portsmouth June, 31st, 53

Hon E J Fords.

Dear Sir Yours of the 21<sup>th</sup> is not come very direct, (something rather unusual) and I feel gratified to your forgiveness kind offer. I thought of the subject when I received your former letter, but it occurred to me that the publisher had probably obtained all the information desired, from my Father's house in Parris Paddock, who resides in Littlefield Co, Ct, and has kept the genealogy of several generations.

But I have statements from my Father, made by him a few years since respecting my Grandfather <sup>of the</sup> generation <sup>and</sup> My Grandfather <sup>was</sup> <sup>born</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>Woodbury</sup> <sup>(I</sup> <sup>think</sup> <sup>)</sup> <sup>April</sup> <sup>8<sup>th</sup></sup> <sup>1739</sup>; He married Sarah Fletcher who was born May 30<sup>th</sup> 1740. They emigrated to Greenwich Co, of Green <sup>my</sup> with their family consisting of my Father No. 41 <sup>his</sup> <sup>Brother</sup> <sup>Williams</sup>, and Sister <sup>Abigail</sup> <sup>Ford</sup>.

My Father emigrated to Waterford.

My 23<sup>rd</sup> 1770  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1767  
his Brother Williams as in his  
his Sister Abigail as in his

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Clerical Jay of Portland came to Chevetopia in 1808 & took a deed for his  
land thus having lived on it 67 years (now 1871) He is 88 years old. " & a union & A. A. A. 63

about 1799, and in 1808, my grand father  
& ~~Grand~~ Mother came there to reside  
My Grand Mother died <sup>there</sup> July 20th 1815  
in the 86th year of her age and my  
Grand father died ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> Westchester on the  
10th of Sept 1821, in the 83rd year of his age

His Son Williams went to Coxsack to  
reside, and married a daughter of Mr. Barber  
and early settled there, He died there a few years  
since They had 3 sons named Russel  
Nicolson B, and Williams and three  
daughters Sally & Esther & Mary Ann

Russel Podson resides on the Hudson  
a few miles above Hudson, City.

Colward B. Podson resides at Syracuse  
He was a member of the Legislature  
the year that I was, 1839, Williams lives  
with him - Sally married a Mr King  
of Berkshire, Esther married a Mr Heronance  
of Catskill, Mary <sup>born</sup> married a Mr Herby  
and died a <sup>few</sup> years since

My Father has two sons Myself & Brother  
Charles, & two daughters Sarah & Maryett  
Charles married to Miss Letitia Whitiger  
a year since. Maryett married Thomas Barber

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& they emigrated to <sup>Pudron</sup> Michigan where she  
died 2 years since, I am his only daughter  
Olivia Pudron my father's sister  
married John Beagly a soldier of the revolution  
& lived in Durham Green County N.C.

They are both dead & died in Durham.  
His son John Beagly resides in Detroit  
& their daughter Laura resides in Berlin  
in said Co. <sup>of Green</sup> the widow of Orrin Day.

My Great Grandfather James Pudron  
had of sons, James, Isaac, Benjamin  
& Timothy and of daughters Hannah  
who married a Sherwood, the grandfather  
of Pudron W. Sherwood of Angeline, Allegheny  
County, & Bradford his brother Pudron W. over  
county, both a few years since and over the  
defunct records for longer this last I believe  
his father's name was Bildad Sherwood  
& resided in Whitestown <sup>brother to</sup> every year

about he had of daughters, Elizabeth  
who married Samuel Corfield of New  
Milford and Rebecca who married a Sherwood  
& Olive who married Benjamin Birtwick  
of New Milford My Great Grandfather  
had 4 grand children

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 Oldenburgh, Eliza Fay of Portland came to Choptega in 1808 & took a deed for her  
 Dr. McCoy's wife of Albany inquired of my Son to K. Jackson took  
 reports to the Government, if he ever related to Bunt Jackson, father of his  
 for she thought of her his features, that he must be

My mother's maiden name was  
 Cherrida Kirtland, (sometimes spelled Kitham  
 & sometimes Kirkland) Her Father's name  
 I think was Weston, He was wounded the  
 garrison at Snybrook just in the Revolution  
 His one of his sons Charles Kirtland was  
 at Groton, when it was taken and the  
 gentlest Ledgerd was killed with his own  
 sword, after he surrendered, & saved his own  
 own skin, but this Charles then 17 years  
 old was taken prisoner but through his  
 father's influence was soon exchanged.

His Father <sup>my grand father</sup> died at Snybrook, before my  
 recollection, at the age of 40 or 50 years of age.

I cannot account for the recollection of the  
 names of my great grand father's children  
 my father gave them from recollection  
 together with the names of their children  
 46 in number. Perhaps this statement may be  
 published in recognition with this information from other  
 previous letters over, We have had a few  
 days of fine shipping

Yours Respectfully  
 Timothy Jackson

P.S. I have heard the accounts frequently made to  
 me, by the people acquainted with the Indians in the  
 place, that they should know more a Indian from any  
 thing coming, & what is peculiar they have returned  
 certain accounts in their families

1835 Long & Court House Const. Martin Pruden & Just  
 Milling Peacock & Tho<sup>s</sup> B Campbell represent to the  
 Legislature that they have built a brick building  
 60 x 50 feet. Two stories above basement, exclusion of porch  
 or projection of 10 feet. Basement & projection of cut stone  
 walls of building of brick - They have spent the  
 \$5000 loaned from Comptroller by act of April 7<sup>th</sup> 1834  
 & walls complete & \$4,000 more loan asked to  
 complete building &c. Judge Campbell had been very tick & had  
 nothing to do with erection of the building except the use of his name by  
Remonstrance presented for electors of Chemung Co.  
 Co. March 1835 (mostly for Fredonia & 1/2 the  
 prob of County) against further appropriation  
 & object to accepting building erected by Com.  
 The \$5000 was sufficient to have built & completed a court house  
 & a dispute now exists between Board of Supervisors & Com. as to  
 accepting the expenditure - against imperative law on  
 Supervisors but if at all discretionary with them to  
 raise more money to complete house or not if the  
 Supervisors accept of the building from Commission  
 ers see supervisors proceeding page 268 in this volume - The  
 result was the Legislature did not remove Pruden & Peacock but  
 added Fort & Baskin to commissioners. <sup>Both did not accept. Fort died</sup>  
<sup>Pruden next died.</sup>

the year 1807 and in the fall of the same year went  
 to Moravia in Cayuga to study medicine with Judah R



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1815 Feb 21 Petition of John Priddy and others for a loan  
of \$7,000 for a paving road from Mayville to Ellicottville  
and Anglica - In Senate referred to Clark, Key & House  
(Niagara) (Jefferson) (Chambers)

July 17 Committee reported a bill for appropriation \$7,000 to improve  
road (did not pass)

1823 Jan 21 petition from judges Chant to alter terms of court  
referred to Mullett, Lewis, & McCall.

Petition for a new town Ellicott & Hornery (Busti)

1823 Petition for a paved road from Buffalo to Cataron  
which was referred - report to Mullett & others and  
Mullett made a long argument - report - says road bad & that  
about Cataron 15,000 inhabitants - Road through Indian reservation  
& sparse population, & only ask money to make this Indian  
reservation, inhabitants make the rest. Committee believe  
no money ever appropriated "by State for any purpose"  
"west of Buffalo" - Bill introduced by Mr Mullett agreeable to report

1823 Legis lecture met Jan 1823 Mullett Chant, Stephen Cro  
Cata - McCall, Allyn. Ebenezer F, Norton, Eric

1824 January petition to incorporate Company to build  
turnpike from 18 mile creek to Cataronys Carrots

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I, the Subscriber, in consideration that the New-York and Erie Railroad Company, shall construct their railroad so as to pass within \_\_\_\_\_ miles of my lands, situated in \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby agree to pay to them the \_\_\_\_\_ dollars sum of \_\_\_\_\_ on the completion of said railroad from the Hudson River to Lake Erie, in the county of Chautauque.

Witness my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

*Scaled and delivered in the presence of*

I, THE subscriber, an inhabitant of the county of Chautauque, in consideration that the New-York and Erie Rail Road Company shall construct their rail road so as to pass through the county of Chautauque, do hereby agree to pay to them the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars on the completion of said rail road from the Hudson river to Lake Erie.

Witness my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

*Scaled and delivered in the presence of*

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Wm C D Foose  
New Haven Conn.

Chautauque April 14/57

Dear Sir

Your letter of con-  
gratulation to my Mother & myself was received with much pleasure  
coming from an old friend of my Father and one  
whom I know and respect his worth. I have often heard him  
speak of you as one of his earliest associates both do-  
mestic and professional. I think he wrote you a letter some  
years ago in relation to the subject you wish to know  
as it regards the time of his birth etc. I think he either did  
not send, or it was mislaid, which would have been more  
satisfactory than anything I could send you on the subject.  
It would have been given in detail and many incidents  
which I have no knowledge of. As it regards the time & place  
of his birth and some other circumstances you wish to  
know I will endeavor to give you all the information  
then in possession of.

Hoit Wm Pundagast was born in  
his town of Pawling, Co of Dutchess in Feb'y 28. 1791  
He was the oldest Son of Matthew Pundagast his mother  
s name was Abigail Allen, and died when my Father  
was about 4 years old.

Hoit Wm P came to Chautauque with his Father in  
the year 1807, and in the fall of the same year went  
to Morristown in Conn'y to study medicine with Jacob P.

27<sup>th</sup> was with him about 4 Years.

Returned to Chaub. in 1811. and resided with his Father, a portion of this time before his marriage. He was married in 1815 to Elizabeth Prudden an Elderly Daughter of Martin R. Prudden.  
Mr P. lived in Mayville some 2 Years after his marriage before going to Lamont. He removed from Lamont in 1820. on to his farm where he lived until Sept 1836 when he moved to Mayville and returned in the Spring of 1841. and remained on his <sup>farm</sup> until his death, which was March 11<sup>th</sup> 1857. He died of Apoplexy it was his second attack, he had no warning of this death at the time. he was attack having been in usual health and more than common good spirits the evening of the fatal attack. He was attack in the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> about 11 O'Clock and died about 6 in the morning. He was not conscious at any time from the first until his death. His first attack was in Sept 1846 was not insensible at that time. From that time up to his death he had slight symptoms of this disease In height he was about 5 ft. 9 in in the latter part of his life his weight was about 210<sup>lb</sup>. His Eyes were Black and Hair also in his young days. at his death it had got to be very white not bald.

Elizabeth Prudden was born June 24, 1797.  
Mamah Whitcomb was born Aug 4, 1798.  
Marian Prudden was born April 22, 1769  
died Jan 21, 1835.

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Mr Pundayast's wife's maiden name was Martha Knott  
was born April 14, 1774. Died Dec 30th 1831

Mrs Knott is the only child of S. Pundayast  
and lives at Batham's Cannery

Col Wm Pundayast is in very poor health

Mr. Roberts <sup>(S. H. W. Holmes father in law of writer)</sup> is in the Co. with his wife  
and has some of Ophelia's

There are many things I have omitted  
to write would be satisfactory and useful  
to you but you must excuse me for  
not doing so I had given you all the information  
I could bring to my memory if there should be  
any information you wish that I have not  
given please let me know and I will try to  
inform you

You must excuse me for not  
replying to your letter before as you know  
the circumstances of the present occupied  
a great share of my time

I Remain  
Yours Very Respect  
M. Pundayast

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Chas B Poore of Mayville was appointed  
Post Master on the death of his brother Caspar Poore  
(4 P.M.) Feb 12 1813 & held that office until he  
was removed for Lacey Robby the mail to Nov 1 1816  
He was tried at the Circuit in Chautauq before Judge  
Spencer <sup>July 9 1817 at Mayville</sup> and acquitted (Virtually by the Judge) The public  
murder was universally dissatisfied and to see the prosecu-  
-ting attorney John L. Spencer, son of the Judge. I was present at  
the trial and disagreed with Judge Spencer except to the  
jury. He Poore emigrated to Meppan where he  
was murdered in an affray & I think his murderer  
was acquitted.

He was supervisors Clerk for organization of the  
the County in 1811 to 1815 in Chautauq. Jas Porter Re-  
yer, was his successor as supervisors Clerk in 1816

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Clerk's Office  
Chautauque County

Mayville April 17th. 1828

Hon. Chas. T. Fouts

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In the Commission constituting  
you First Judge of the County Courts of the County  
of Chautauque is received.

Yours respectfully

M. M. Gentry Dep. Clerk

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University of Georgia  
Athens March 1<sup>st</sup> 1858.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> ultimo has been forwarded to me from Augusta. I regret it is not in my power to give you information in reference to the early history of Dr Daniel Ingalls and Dr Crum, as you desire, except a meagre outline. Of the last named gentleman, I know nothing of interest beyond what is contained in your letter. Dr Ingalls and myself married sisters. He was reared and I believe born in the town of Richfield Otsego Co. N.Y. He studied medicine with the celebrated Dr White of Cherry Valley and attended a course of lectures at the Medical College in Fairfield, Herkines Co. N.Y., settled in the practice of his profession in Springville Erie Co. in 1818, removed to Portland Chautauq Co. early in the year 1825, thence to Pittsburg in 1849, and died in Buffalo in 1849, and was buried in Springville where his brother and other relatives resided. Few country practitioners, educated in the first ten or fifteen years of the present century were better read

in the Healing Art than the subject of  
this notice. By industry, economy, and  
general good conduct he acquired a  
fair property; which he, in common with  
thousands of others, lost by unfortunate  
investments in new lands at the West  
and in Buffalo, in 1836, and a little earlier.  
The loss of property depressed his spirits,  
and being much from home, where he  
had placed it, with little active employ-  
ment while boarding at public houses,  
and no domestic restraints, it is not  
strange that he slowly formed the habit  
of drinking with friends at the bar,  
more and oftener than wisdom  
will justify. I resided in Buffalo at  
the time of his last sickness and death,  
and know that he was not at any time  
an habitual drunkard. His death  
was caused by a liver and bowel compla-  
int of a bilious character, the seeds of  
which were imbibed with the bad water  
on the St. Joseph river in western Michigan,  
where he had then recently spent some  
months. His oldest daughter had married

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and settled in Pittsburg and this circumstance led her parents to follow her in removing from Salem Chaut. co. He had no sons, and but two daughters, one by each of his wives. His first wife died in Springville soon after giving birth to her first child, the second and his widow, has since married a Mr. Winebiddle, and resides on a farm near Pittsburg.

With regard to myself, I have done so little worthy of notice, except to prepare ground for a harvest yet to be gathered, that it is hardly fair to write my history while I have the promise by the favor of Heaven, of twenty years labor in ripened manhood.

I was <sup>born</sup> in the now town of Corinth, Saratoga Co., N.Y. August 8<sup>th</sup> 1804, and am not yet to 54 years of age. My father Thomas Lee, was a native of New London Ct., and my mother was born in Rhode Island. Both were the offspring of English emigrants to New England in the first settlement of the colonies. My father was an enterprising farmer, and settled in Smithville, Chenango Co. in 1816 - then a

a new, as well as a rough country. I was brought up on a pretty large farm, and never disliked the honest hard work of felling the forest, splitting rails, or making stone wall; and yet I may say without vanity, I was, when but a child, fond of reading and study. As books were hardly as plenty as we lived in the neighborhood, I frequently walked ten miles to borrow one, which when carefully read <sup>was</sup> as carefully returned to the owner. The Oxford Academy was ten miles from my father's residence, and that institution I obtained most of my educational instruction; often taking my books home to study, while the oxen with which I plowed had their food and rest in the middle of the day. In this way, I mastered in a few years, and mostly by my own unaided efforts, most of the Latin and Greek college text books. I studied medicine with Drs. Packard & Rouse of Oxford, and attended two courses of lectures in Fairfield, and one in New York; and first took the license to practice (to which you refer) and then graduated at Fairfield in 1826.

My first practice was in Westfield and  
co. in April 1825, in company with Dr  
Spencer, with whom I remained till the  
last of October, when I returned to the  
medical school at Fairfield. After  
graduating, I practiced a year or more in  
Boston in co. N.Y. <sup>and then</sup> learned what I could  
in the city of New York, and finally settled  
in Forestville in the fall of 1827. All my  
associations in Chautauque co. were pleas-  
ant. Dr. Simons and myself were near  
neighbors, active competitors for prac-  
tice, and even the best of friends.

I have never sought political distinc-  
tion; for except in rare instances, it is a form  
of the most ephemeral character. After  
I removed to Buffalo in 1836, <sup>I found</sup> that I could  
make a living easier with my pen than  
by the practice of my profession; and I  
soon became the correspondent, and  
finally the editor and proprietor of  
several papers. My first purchase  
was the half of the old Buffalo Journal,  
once edited by Jay and Haskins, Stagg,  
and others. It so happened that I twin rep-  
resented in part Erie county in the State  
they's latitude, and mainly to advance the

great farming interest of my native State.  
Although a pretty active politician in  
those days, my Democratic opponents  
were so kind as to make me Chair-  
man of the Committee on Agriculture  
in the Assembly at both sessions. One  
of my reports was not only extensively  
copied in this Country, but attracted  
some attention abroad. At that time  
(1844) one half of the Genesee Farmer  
(the oldest agricultural journal in  
the State) was offered to me as a present  
if I would take it and edit the  
paper. Accepting the office of Secre-  
tary of the State Agricultural Society, I  
visited most of the Counties in the State,  
to deliver public lectures, and aid  
in making public opinion support  
County and State Societies, and com-  
pel the Legislature to publish every  
year at considerable expense, the  
large annual volume of Trans-  
actions of the State and other  
Societies. At one time my Genesee  
Farmer had a larger circulation  
I have good reason to believe, than

all the agricultural journals in the  
world published out of the United States.  
This fact brought scores of new  
papers of the kind into existence; and  
being offered a good salary to take charge  
of one in Augusta Ga. I came to  
that city in the fall of 1847; and for eight  
years, I wrote all the leading editorials of  
both the *Genesee Farmer* and *Southern Cultivator*.  
With the latter I am still connected.  
In 1849, I was invited by Mr Ewing then  
Secretary of the Interior under Gen Taylor  
to take charge of the agricultural  
department of the Patent Office; which  
I did. At that time, the whole appropriation  
for the purchase and distribution  
of seeds, and collecting information  
from all parts of the United States relating  
to agriculture, and clerk hire,  
including my own salary, was only  
\$3500 per annum. Much of my salary  
was never paid from the want of agricultural  
funds; yet as I felt certain  
that Congress would print over a  
half million volumes of what I should  
say, and cause to be said on American  
Fillage and Husbandry, I kept my

Hoping that public opinion would soon call for a National University to be located at or near the federal Metropolis and one every way worthy of the Republic in which agriculture would not be neglected, I declined the generous offer. But after spending most of my time in Washington for five years, my better acquaintance with Congressmen and Government officials generally, served to moderate my expectations in behalf of any university enterprise dependent on Federal legislation. Three years ago my friend Dr. Terrell gave \$2,000 to the Trustees of the State University of Georgia to endow in perpetuity an agricultural Chair and recommended my appointment. My third course of lectures will close in two months, when I hope to visit all the more renowned universities in Europe, collect their text-books on rural affairs, study them thoroughly, and finally develop, so far as I may be able, the best plan of teaching and learning the true principles of agriculture. I have a farm here of 600 acres, but



12 Patent to every careful observer.  
The theme however cannot be fail-  
ly presented near the close of a long  
letter, written in the most hurried  
manner. When the Continent was  
first occupied by Europeans, and the  
population exceedingly small,  
wasteful habits, at the expense of  
fertility were of comparatively little  
moment, but now when thirty  
millions of people are doing their  
worst to exhaust the land which  
both feeds and clothes them, the  
evil is one of fearful magnitude.

I shall be happy to hear from you  
at all times, and to give any addi-  
tional information in my power.

I am with great respect,  
Your obedient servant  
Daniel DeLee

Hon E. G. Foote

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Iowa City, Feb. 16, 1860

Doct. E. T. Hoote,  
New Haven, Ct  
Dear Sir,

from E. T. Hoote  
(of N. City)

I owe you an apology. -  
like you may feel that you owe me a drubbing. -  
You were certainly very kind to furnish me with  
history of Mrs Russell so promptly after my request  
I am assured it was duly appreciated, appearances to  
the contrary notwithstanding. - Had you not sug-  
gested proofs of the Warren Bank notes you would  
have received an early reply. - Now allow me to explain.  
These bills were made in Phil<sup>a</sup> by the house the  
New York end of which I have been connected with  
Agent &c for many years. The proofs, if any,  
were in Phil<sup>a</sup> I wrote for them without delay, & received  
in answer that they then ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> in the hurry-burry of  
moving, but would soon look some up & send to  
me. After a while I wrote again - they said they  
found <sup>none</sup> ~~none~~ but thought there must be some  
where - would look again & search more dili-  
gently. I joggled them again, & got for reply that  
pieces of consolidating the several firms into  
- the Am. Bk. Note Co - the proofs of the different  
establishments had become mixed up so that  
it was difficult to find any particular proof,  
particularly so of those old fashioned & neglected  
Bk like those you called for. - I was finally obliged  
to give it up. But as our New York house had

wished the bills for the New Bank at  
Mass — the "Warren County Bank", at  
of one denomination — five — I found  
of & now enclose it. If peradventure that  
be of service to you. By the by — that Bank  
had a new name given it — The "North-  
ton Bank of Pa" — And here again  
by, was not there once a Bank at Need-  
le of that nom de plume? —

Well, I put the proof into your letter to  
see it at the first moment, & lost it! — According  
my custom, when from home, when finding I  
got through present business, and am  
ting for the cars, I lay too & go to doing up  
lected correspondence. On opening a neg-  
ted portfolio which I seldom take with  
me, in a back pocket what should I see

your letter so long missing! What did  
I do but devote the hour to paying my  
debt to one whom I had so long neglected,  
shall trust for pardon, & will try to do better

Should you ever again give me an chance  
I will say that I did not till recently  
know that you were gathering historic facts  
a permanent form to use, though I thought  
very strange that you should be able to  
gather such precise details. — You may have  
known more about the time when you should get  
a reply than I had supposed.

Elliott was much pleased that you  
should have called on him. — You will remember my sister was at  
Westtown at the death of my mother, & that you ab-  
sented her little child when sick. Having come across  
some fragments in writing from her hand I heartily refer  
them to your providence, & to that of my dear Burritt, I put  
to your letter, thinking you might like to see them. Please  
kindly return them to me, No. 1 Wall St. — Wm. July St. Shepard.

Genealogy — Shepard

Fitch, son of Noah Shepard and Dorcas his wife, was born in the town of Southbury, State of Conn. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1802.

He was married to Miss Delia Maria Dennis, daughter of Paul, at Schaghticoke, N.Y. July 10. 1828. — Removed to Lockport, N.Y. in 1830, and to Jamestown, N.Y. in the month of Decr.

1831. He became Teller of the Chautaugua County Bank. Elected Cashier of the Bank at Warren Pa. Removed to that village in the month of Feb. 1835. And to the City of New York in 1840.

When he still resides (1859) Mrs. Shepard, his wife, died in the city of New York, on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1843 A. 37 years & 18 days.

Children of Fitch and Delia Shepard.

Burritt Hamilton, born in Albany, Apl. 18. 1829. — died on the coast of China, Dec. 27. 1848.

Elliott Fitch, born at Jamestown, July 25. 1833, — Attorney & Counsellor at Law in the City of New York (in 1859) —

Augustus Dennis, born at Warren, Jan. 25. 1836. — Merchant in the City of New York (1859)

Noah, the father of Fitch Shepard was a native of the town of Somers, State of Conn. — died at Watertown, N.Y. July 1828. — The maiden name of the mother of said Fitch was Joanna Fitch

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daughter of Nephemiah Fitch - she died at  
Lamontown, N. Y. Dec. 5, 1834, A. 63 -

Marriet, sister of said Fitch Shepard, died in  
city of Brooklyn, N. Y. Feb. 27, 1858 A. 57.

Burrill, brother of said Fitch, formerly Lieut  
in the U. S. Navy, having resigned & retired  
resides in the City of New York (1859) -

I trust I have above given you the items you  
desired. I presume you condense & put into  
to suit your record.

J. L.

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1854

Westfield, Chautauk Co. N.Y. June 16  
Hanson G. Jones to C. T. Hood Esq

Dear Sir

At the request of C. Nichols Esq. I  
state to you a few facts. Should they be  
of any account to you, please do with all  
or any of them as may seem good in your  
sight. Nathan G. Jones, my father,  
in the summer of 1817, with his brother  
Ely Jones (then singly) came from town of Ferris-  
ington, Ontario Co. N.Y. to this Co. with a horse  
team. Selected land on the Lake shore, North,  
east corner of the town of Westfield, now  
formerly Portland. On said land there was  
standing near the Lake a large whitewood tree,  
which tree was hollow in the natural doo or  
the hollow at the trunk was sufficiently large  
to hold himself & wife, my father & Uncle, remain-  
ing here one sleeping in said tree and  
the other in the wagon, alternately (said  
my father say, when the wind blew hard the roots  
among so it fled to the wagon for safety  
until they chopped & cleared off 3 acres & sowed  
it with wheat, then returned to Ontario & in  
Oct. following my father & N. G. Jones & family  
his wife, with 4 children 5 sons & 2 daughters  
Namey Elias M. Jones,

Christopher H. Jones, Hanson G. Jones,  
Nathan S. Jones, Gaylord Jones, Silina  
Jones, Annarida Jones, together with father  
brother & sister, variety. Elias Jones, Jr. and  
Deborah Jones, came to this Co. - 18 days on  
road, on arriving put up with John P.  
for 2 or 3 weeks, until my father could erect a  
house, which he did with cut boards, glass  
on nails. - It was "capped off" 16 by 18. - It was  
near the Lake - well built, we had the ground for  
floor, plank for a door, crevices between the logs  
& the opening left for the smoke to pass out  
if it would, for windows when we moved in &c.  
I was between 7 & 8 years of age at the time  
remember a few incidents, as the following -  
my father in order to <sup>put</sup> his stock out some  
miles & thrashed wheat with a flail for the  
shadow of wheat from 2 to 250 per bushel, he  
of 150. after things to come home - I would not  
not give the debt after a while wheat was  
drying & merchants would not receive it for  
Tub. glass, & nails, brother &c. saying they  
were cast articles. - my father gave 4 bushels  
for 2 water pails, wheat 2 1/2 for bushel pails  
a pine - my brother C. N. S. Jones taught  
the first winter school taught in this  
District - my father is now deceased, I said  
on a part of the land he first located, my  
brothers reside in Ohio.

My father, Nathan G. Jones, was  
the son of Elias & Abigail Jones,  
who at the time of his birth, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
1782, resided Dutchess Co. N. Y. - Elias  
Jones' forefathers were of modest foreign  
marriage Abigail Green. - my mother's  
maiden name was Lurisia Harbey, daug-  
hter of Hezekiah Harbey who served in the  
Revolutionary war & died in Ontario Co.  
N. Y. 1792 & was son of Nathan Harbey  
who was murdered by the enemy in Rev.  
war & his load of Pork, & flour taken by  
the enemy in Conn. - Lurisia's mother, that  
is Grandmother, was the Daughter of the  
Rev. Christopher Minor Town of  
Hartford, Conn.

I somewhat dislike  
to think of the above incidents, in as  
much as it brings a frost to my mind  
the privations, & sufferings of my parents in the  
early settlement of this Co. - when I contrast  
the present appearance of this Co.; with what  
it was, I am led to exclaim "what has  
God wrought?" - Surely that that was a  
wilderness, & solitary place is now glad  
and blossoms as the rose. I cannot det-  
ail further. Yours truly  
Nathan G. Jones



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"An act to erect a part of Ontario County into a separate county by the name of Genesee" passed March 30 1802 "

"All that part of State of NY west of the main stream of Genesee river and a meander line drawn from the great forks of said river to the Pennsylvania line being the West boundary of Steuben County. Separately by name of Genesee - Act not to take effect until one year from passing of act, & not until Lemuel Chipman, John Thompson, & Richard M. Stoddard or any 2 of them shall certify to the Governor that H.S. Co at their sole expense built <sup>their</sup> Court House & Jail for said county, & not less than one acre of land there conveyed some by fee to county of Genesee.

Other usual provisions as to constituting Senate Congressional (& Dist. attorneys) districts  
Towns Northampton (East part) Southampton, Leicester  
Balance (West part) Batavia first town meeting in Batavia at the house of Peter Van Deventer

1804

Genesee Co. Town of Batavia divided into 4 towns

William ~~~~~ first town meeting Peter Van Deventer

Erie ~~~~~ first town meeting <sup>B. Hall</sup> John Cross

Cohontauque beginning on Penna line between 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Ranges thence north to <sup>the</sup> town of Erie & ~~to the east~~ first town meeting at house of Wm. McHenry

Balance of town of Batavia first town meeting at Court House

no more to be deposited

(over)

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1808 Petition for new Counties &c from Genesee  
copied by 277 old bundles of papers in favor of the State Library by 87 Feb 1883 283  
To the Hon the Legislature of the State of N.Y. in S.A. Concerned at  
The petition of the subscribers inhabitants of the County of  
Genesee Respectfully sheweth -

This year petitioners have intruded in the western dis-  
trict of this state, much contention prevailing among the  
inhabitants on the subject of dividing Counties. Your  
petitioners residing in the largest and most extensive County  
in the state, anticipating the evils attending the incorpora-  
tion of new Counties, the limits of which are most com-  
monly adjusted without reference to future divisions,  
are apprehensive that when the population becomes con-  
siderable, those divisions will not only prove a source  
of difficulty and embarrassment to your honorable body, but  
be calculated to promote dissensions among those who  
may be interested in the establishment of those limits.

Your petitioners are of the opinion that in the present  
state of population of the County of Genesee the bounds of  
future Counties may be so judiciously established & limited  
in extent as to obviate the propriety of any future divisions,  
and your petitioners conceive that the longer those divisions  
are delayed the more those difficulties will increase &  
by a variety of contending interests the more injudicious  
will the new Counties be divided.

Your petitioners are induced to believe and they  
presume that your honorable body will concur with them in  
opinion that an early attention to this important subject will  
not only conduce to the future harmony & prosperity of the County  
but supersede the necessity of future applications to the  
honorable Legislature  
(over)

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Your petitioners therefore pray <sup>that</sup> your honorable body  
will cause an act to be passed for the purpose of dividing  
the County of Genesee into four separate counties by  
the names of Alleghany, Cattaraugus, Niagara & Genesee  
and each of those counties into a number of towns con-  
formable to the plan and description hereto at-  
tached and provide in said act that the counties of  
Niagara & Cattaraugus may be organized by the name  
of Niagara in one year from the passing of said act,  
and that Joseph Ellicott, Erastus Gorges & James Williams  
be appointed Commissioners to erect a Court House  
and jail in said County.

And your petitioners further pray your honorable  
body will provide in the said act that the organization of  
said counties of Alleghany and Cattaraugus <sup>may</sup> be suspended until  
there shall be resident within their respective limits such  
number of inhabitants as your honorable body shall judge  
expedient and just.

And your petitioners further pray that your hono-  
rable body will provide in said act that the Court House & jail  
for said County of Niagara shall be erected on the easternmost  
public square in the village of New Amsterdam or Buffalo,  
and that James W. Stevens, Philip Church, & William Ramsey  
may be appointed Commissioners to fix upon a situation for a  
County town in said County of Alleghany; and that Joseph Ellicott,  
Erastus Gorges and Alexander Reed may be appointed Com-  
missioners to fix upon a situation for a County town in the  
said County of Cattaraugus.

And your petitioners further pray that your honorable body will also provide in the said act that all persons of the said counties not having freehold estates therein but possessing all other legal qualifications shall be liable to serve as jurors in the counties in which they shall reside.

Your petitioners beg leave to represent to your honorable body that they are informed that it is contemplated by a number of persons residing near the boundary line between the County of Ontario & Genesee to present a petition to your honorable body for the purpose of erecting a new County out of the western part of the County of Ontario & eastern part of the County of Genesee, your petitioners conceive that this contemplated division will be improper & unnecessary because it would reduce that territory of country hereby petitioned to remain the County of Genesee to too small limits for a county and impose an unreasonable & oppressive burthen upon the inhabitants of those Counties especially in their present thin state of settlement. Your petitioners therefore beg leave to remonstrate against the said petition and for these & other reasons that could be enumerated they entertain a hope that your honorable body will not grant the prayer of said petition and your petitioners as in duty bound with ever prayer

Benj Ellicott  
And A Ellicott  
James W Stearns  
Joseph Ellicott  
Daniel B Brown  
Reuben Town  
Mable Crocker  
Merrill Carey

David E Ewins  
Willim Peacock  
Isaiah Bobcock  
Richard Smith  
David De Craeken  
Lth Cole  
John D Weed  
Elias Sedgwick  
Felix Sackett (over)

David Eaton  
Richard Stiles  
Arthur Curry  
Benjamin Hutchins  
Mable Crocker  
Almon Weed  
Willim Bennett  
Harry Ingersoll  
Lyph & Bent  
Brown & Co

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In all. Some Seven hundred & fifty names  
pasted together in one petition.

The petition was in a beautiful plain hand  
& evidently copied with much care from an original  
without blot or interlineations & the signatures  
many <sup>(wings I presume)</sup> looked natural.

The accompanying papers of division I could  
not find on file - I was surprized not to find the  
County of Chautauque mentioned & so many  
Chautauque petitioners names without Chaut. to being mentioned.  
I again repeat there is no date to the petition.

In a beautiful hand writing I think the same  
as the above petition I find the following petition only  
with the other - No endorsement on either or date to whom  
where or by whom presented to the Legislature.

Copy

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York  
in Senate & Assembly, concurd

The petition of the subscribers inhabitants of  
Counties of Steuben, Genesee & Allegheny respectfully shew  
That your petitioners are of opinion that if your  
honorable body will pass an act to lay off as many counties  
as by its geographical limits may appear necessary  
that it would be found a measure calculated to  
relieve the many among those who may become  
inhabitants of those unsettled regions that eventually



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that eventually when this part of the state becomes populated the various interests will render it very difficult for the Legislature to define such bounds and limits for new Counties as will be most convenient for the inhabitants -

Your petitioners are further of the opinion should the boundary limits of Counties and their sites for the seats of Justice be established previous to the formation of settlements it will greatly tend to prevent those strifes & dissensions that are invariably the consequence when any new County is created out of a populated district of Country in respect to defining the boundary limits and fixing on the sites for the erection of the public buildings - Your petitioners therefore beg leave to suggest to your honorable body the propriety of this measure, and your honors will permit them to hope that you will cause an act to be passed to alter the present bound of the County of Allegany by annexing thereto the western range of the County of Steuben, and annexing the 3<sup>d</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Ranges of land of the Holland Land Company being the western part of Allegany County to the County of Genesee and to divide the County of Genesee into four Counties by forming all that part of the County of Genesee bounded north by Cattaraugus Creek

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South by the Pennycuik line. East by the west bound-  
ary of Allegany County (as petitioned for) and west by the meridian  
between the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Ranges of townships of the Holland  
Company's lands into a "separate county by the name of A"  
and all the remaining part of the State west of said meridian  
and south of Catoraugus Creek into another county" by  
the name of B" and all that part of the County  
of Genesee lying west of the meridian line between the 4<sup>th</sup>  
& 5<sup>th</sup> Ranges of said townships and north of Catoraugus  
Creek extending north to the boundary line in Lake Ontario  
between the United States and Great Britain <sup>the Dominion of the King of</sup> into "another  
separate County by the name of C" and all the  
remaining part of the County of Genesee to be continued  
and called the County of Genesee -

And your petitioners further pray your hono-  
rable body will establish the Village of Arylica in the County  
of Allegany the seat of justice for said County and the  
Village of Mayville in the County of B the seat of  
justice for said County, and the "Village of New Amsterdam"  
commonly called Buffalo at the west end of Lake Erie  
the seat of justice of the County of C

And <sup>your</sup> petitioners further pray that all that part of the County of A lying east of the present west bounds of the County of Allegheny and south of Catoraugus Creek shall be continued or annexed with the County of Allegheny as far as it respects taxation, Courts of Justice, voting for Governor Senate and Assembly and members of Congress, and be considered as a part of the County of Allegheny until the Ford County of A shall be organized - And all the remaining part of the County of A and the Counties of B & C shall be organized together as one County by the name of Niagara and that the seat of justice for said County shall be at New Amsterdam and your petitioners are duty bound will ever pray - (No date 1777)

Asa Ransom signed  
Joseph Ellicott  
Mungom Ellicott  
Thomas Prandazast. C  
Emory Bloodjet  
E Carey  
Peter Powers  
Asa Spear - C  
Richard Smith  
56 names

James W. Stevens  
David E. Ewers  
William Peacock  
Henry Wilson  
Andrew A. Ellicott  
Frankell Carey  
Jonas Williams  
John Mack C

and others to me unknown in all  
C Counties of the present County of A

Another Petition (nodate)

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly Convened.

The petition of the Subscribers & Landholders in the Counties of Genesee & Allegany humbly sheweth that the part of the County of Genesee lying between the County of Allegany and the Western boundary of the State of New York is too extensive to form one County but at the same time does not contain a territory sufficient to admit of its being divided into two Counties - Your petitioners apprehend when the population of the County shall increase that clashing interests will arise and consequently that much contention and strife may be created among the future inhabitants as to the proper division of the territory.

To prevent an evil which will destroy that unanimity and goodwill which is so desirable to foster more especially among those who may become settlers of a new County your petitioners pray of your honorable body to pass an act to annex the three western Townships of the County of Allegany to the territory above mentioned and to divide said territory into two Counties to prevent contention among those who may become citizens and inhabitants of these unsettled regions that eventually

by the name of Chontaugue and Catoraugus  
 agreeable to the plan herewith annexed. (This plan  
 I could not find 277) and to authorize his excellency  
 the Governor to appoint Commissioners to fix upon the  
 seats of the public built dings for those two counties  
 and your petitioners further pray that your honorable  
 body will provide in said act that the Counties of  
 Niagara, Chontaugue, and Catoraugus may be orga-  
 nized together by the name of Niagara and that the orga-  
 nization of Chontaugue and Catoraugus may be suspen-  
 ded until there shall be residents within their respec-  
 tive ~~counties~~ limits such a number of inhabitants  
 as your honorable body shall judge expedient

(no date) Signed

Matthew Warner

Philip Church

Jas. Woodworth

Jobez Wilkes

Geo. Hosmer (no other names)

Indorsed on outside as presented" in Assembly  
 March 2<sup>d</sup> 1808. Refered to Messrs S. Miller  
 Ross, Rumsey, Shoffert, Forman

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I shall certify the same under their hands & seals to the  
person administering the government of this state for the time  
being and that thereafter the said Counties of Chautauque &  
shall respectively be organized as separate Counties.

Court House & jail site of Niagara fixed at  
"the village of Buffalo or New Amsterdam" in said County

Provided the H. L. Co. within 3 years erect Court House  
jail & convey <sup>not less than 1/2 acre of</sup> land to County at the expense of said

H. L. Company - Commission to certify completed & then  
Courts to be held at, previous to which held at house of  
Joseph Landon in the village of New Amsterdam"

until jail completed, the jail of Genesee to be used by said County  
Governor to appoint at his discretion three persons as

Commissioners to fix site of Court House & in each of

the Counties of Chautauque & Yates respectively & their decision  
filed in Clerk's office Niagara County - Supervisors to pay

Cost for services but in site to be -

Supervisors in respective Counties of Chautauque & Yates - at their

first annual meeting after organization of their Counties receive

\$1500 with addition of 5 percent for collection Supervisors to use

same in the persons to build the Court House & Jail, at such  
places as designated by the Commissioners

Terms of Courts 3<sup>o</sup> Tuesday; July; 14<sup>o</sup> Tuesday June & November  
 to be held till Saturday; in churches & in court houses  
 when completed; previous to which in such place & County  
 Seats or Supervisors shall appoint in writing under their  
 hands & seals at least 30 days before the Court is to be held  
 three copies of notice to be posted in 3 most public places  
 & original filed with Clerk of Court - Prisoners to be  
 removed from Niagara Jail when Supervisors certify jails  
 completed &c - Niagara, Chaut & Cata to continue part  
 of Western border district & of 17 Congressional District  
 To continue with Waga, Waguga, Stuber, Ontario  
Genesee & Allegany as Dist Attorneys Dist.

Pro Circuit Courts in either Niagara, Chaut or Cata till Justice  
 Supreme Court deem it necessary  
Deeds & mortgages recorded in Genesee till a Court held in  
 Niagara <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>that Co<sup>t</sup></sup> Niagara for Chaut & Cata until courts held  
 in their counties

Towns in Niagara Co Cambria, Clarence, Wellint  
 Do. Chautauque County Pomfret East of line between the  
 11 & 12 Ranges till it strikes line between 16<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> tiers of town & thence  
 westerly to the meridian between the 12 & 13 Ranges thence on to  
 meridian to Lake Erie & boundary of Great Britain - First town meeting  
 to be held at <sup>Niagara</sup> Wagon Marm - Remaining part of County Chautauque  
 remain towns of Chautauque & first town meeting here John Beattie

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1808 Assembly Members of - Apportionment Oct/Dec 1 1808

Ontario 5 - Genesee 1 - Steuben & Allegany 1 - Niagara 1 -  
In apportionment March 30 1802 - 100 members, Apr Ontario & Genesee 3, Steubens 1. till <sup>next</sup> Congress

1809 Laws act Feb 17 1809 Marriage of slaves valid & obligatory  
as among the free & their children legitimate

1807 Navigable waters & penalty for obstructing them - March 31 1807

That part of Chaut outlet in Genesee & with other waters declared  
a public highway - Persons erecting mill dams or other works falling  
wood or timber in same to obstruct & penalty \$25 with costs de before  
justice for each offence & offenders may more over be indicted for a  
misdemeanor "Provided nevertheless" any person having erected  
dam or hereafter erecting one shall cut a canal through bush  
down or construct some as not to obstruct navigation exempt from  
the penalty

1807 By act of April 6<sup>th</sup>

"Stage Waggons" "Concordiaque to Buffalo along the Genesee"  
road of exclusive right granted to John Metcalf for the term  
of 7 years from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1807 - Another person running waggons on said  
road is a stage line penalty \$500 to be recovered by said John Metcalf  
Metcalf to provide at least 3 stage waggons & 3 stage sleighs with half  
cent covering & also sufficient horses - Fare not over six cents a mile for  
passenger & 14 cents baggage - Every 150<sup>th</sup> additional baggage 6 cents mile or that proportion

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In Assembly Feby. 16<sup>th</sup> 1807 (Chy. from legislative journal)

Petition of John Metcalf - Exclusive privilege of  
running stages from Concordia to Buffalo.

referred to members for Ontario & Genesee - - -

Members for Ontario, Genesee, & Albany were

Philittus Swift, Alexander Reed, Asahel Warner -

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Rhea - on above petition. (Albany)

"Find there is a line of stages from this city, extending to  
"the village of Concordia and no farther, at which place  
"travellers is left without due means of pursuing his journey,  
"and often liable not only to be detained, but to impositions  
"in hiring private carriages to take him on, the Com<sup>rs</sup>  
"mittee are therefore of opinion proper of petition ought to be  
"and have prepared a bill to -

John Metcalf commenced his stage wagons as anticipated long ago  
people of Concordia but his horses poor & his carriages had, for many  
years, still he was the pioneer stage promoter -

He arrived to Ashutobla Ohio sup<sup>er</sup> Judge Phelps of Concordia  
(Oct. 1861) many years since & after residing there a few years finally  
died at that place.

If said Miteolf neglect to perform duties enjoined in the act to forfeit all claims grant then made

He was required to start his stages & proceed on days regularly stated for that purpose. In the period between 1<sup>st</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup> October accomplish said route between said villages at least once in every week unavoidable accidents excepted -

Not more than <sup>seven</sup> "passengers" to be taken into a stage at one time with their baggage on said road unless by unanimous consent of the said seven passengers - if more than 7 apply & cannot be accommodated as foresaid to the number of four grown persons

the said Miteolf or representatives to forthwith send in extra stage covered as foresaid - 4 or more persons applying in one stage to go not less than 10 miles on said route shall be permitted in accomodated in the regular stage & will pay "8 cents a mile each" said proprietors to send extra stage for them.

Provides any person or person not prohibited from travelling in "private Carriages"

803 A Seneca Indian called George <sup>Sagoyew</sup> murdered John Hewitt & convicted at the Buteo Oyer & Terminer held by Justice Livingston 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1803 sentenced to hanging on the 15 April 1803. Governor by <sup>recommendation</sup> Messrs Red Jacket & Ston come to Albany & Child Counsel with Govt. claimed only amenable to his Government & - White man kill Indian Government make pursuit to Indian & matter settled - If State has Jurisdiction with make pursuits &c. If in pursuit for life it will certainly kill Indians

Counsel say state office

1802 by Act of March 19 Governor authorized to purchase  
mile strip along the Niagara river from Buffalo Creek to Vice  
Steedman farm including Block to enable the State  
to convey to a State <sup>treaty for military Post</sup> purchase after holding treaty  
might stipulate the granting to Jasper Parish & Horatio for  
not exceeding a mile square each in said mile strip  
as might be agreed on in said treaty - Ostensible object  
of holding treaty to enable State to grant land for military posts to

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Buffalo Gazette first paper (think) commenced by  
"Smith & Salisbury & Co" Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1811

The following ~~articles~~ extracts furnished by E J F

811 Dec 3 a new office has been established at Cataraugus  
Foster Young P. M. <sup>in charge</sup>  
First Insolvent advertisement in the (I see) is General Picket  
of one Hon Zettie Cushing date Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1811 to appear  
before him at his dwelling house in Pomfret 12<sup>th</sup> March 1812  
In same month before Samuel H. Poley, Nicholas V. Joy, Junior & Norton

811 Dec. a meeting in Genesee County & also Niagara to  
petition Legislature for Lottery to improve road from Buffalo  
Genesee River - signed by committee of first men from  
Genesee & Niagara Counties for I could judge of names  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1812

John Post's estate in hands of Robert Dickson

Mr M Piddle & Moses Adams expenses by order of Judge Cushing  
order  
Masonic

812 March Installation of Water in Star Lodge at Buffalo. Sermon by  
Elder Joy Hardy of Pomfret

Niagara & Cataraugus Federal nominations  
met adjourned to meet by 15<sup>th</sup> April

812 April 14<sup>th</sup> Convention at Cooks in Buffalo  
Abel M Groves no Buffalo for Assembly  
committees on towns in Amherst district

Pomfret Jacob Houghton, John Howard, Josias Hart, orson Holmes, James Hale  
Daniel Warren, Samuel Sinclair, Foster Young, Isaac Barnes  
Cattaraugus James M Mahan, Asahel Potter, Dennis Bradet, W<sup>m</sup> Berry  
Thomas Remond, Thos. M. Cloutock, S H Salisbury & H G. Lewis, Duff address

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Extracts from Old papers Continued

Buffalo U.S. Collector, 1812 April Oliver Torrance via, Erasmus Granger (I presume resigned) as his brother in law & intimate friend.

Election 1812. May 12<sup>th</sup>

Repealed Democratic majority, on a majority 150 in district.

Legislature provoked by Gov Tompkins: soon after meetings held in townss. Some approving some disapproving. Pro Judges

Samuel Tupper first judge - attacked petition for Erasmus Granger. Erasmus Granger then resigned as associate judge unwilling to be officiate under Judge Tupper.

Dancing School

Advertised in Buffalo June 1812

War Declared

1812 June 30 " Salt schooner <sup>on Lake</sup> seized by Canada boats General Hopkins brigade several companies sent to Buffalo Stray horses for Mayville

1812 Aug 10 P.W. Hall advertises \$20 reward 2 horses

Post Office Mayville

1812 August 25 has been established & Captn Bruce Esq. P.M.  
Sept 8 " 250 stands of arms & quantity of Ammunition has been forwarded from Arsenal Canada to Chautauque

By post mail. Pitt Buffalo orders to dispatch express mail twice a week to Blackland & to return as soon as roads would permit. Mail to go from Albany, at rate of 100 miles in 24 hours (Sept 8 1812)

Sept 22 " Sigs Tavern Robbed by British boats \$300 property furnished for boats landed, Mr. Gates also 60 or 70 \$ a week

Died at Lewiston in Capt J. H. Moore's Comp. of militia Genl. B. Butler Sept 14 1812.

Meeting of friends of Commerce & Peace called in Buffalo no name

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place  
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War - Political Nov 3 1812

Meeting at Dan Joes (where ... in the  
county of Chataugee of "Friends of Liberty, Peace & Commerce"

Jacob Houghton Chairman - Amos Potter Secy  
Committee of Administration / Messrs ... very decidedly  
Committee of Correspondence / Messrs Holmes, Samuel Sinclair,

Amos Potter, James Montgomery, Jacob Houghton, James Mc Mahon  
Foster Young State Conventions at Albany recommended - Previously  
recommended by other places in this is a ...

Sickness Considerable sickness mentioned as prevailing in the army.  
Deserters many advertisements for them with Rewards ...

Election Dec 1812  
Hepleins & Howell <sup>Federal</sup> have maj for Congress in Chaut of 47  
"Epidemic" prevailing in the army & in country & quite fatal

Died in Mayville Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1812  
Caspar Rowe Esq Atty at Law aged 27 years at 12 p.m. ...

Democratic meeting  
Chaut County at John Scotts in Mayville 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1812  
Matthew Prendergast Chm. John Duffley Secy  
Strong resolutions in favor of Justice of War to sustain it  
no Committee or delegates names mentioned

Cold weather Jan 12<sup>th</sup> on last Friday Therm 12 degrees below 0  
Buffalo Post office - Dead letters adverted of array 1812 Erasmus Prager full  
fills 4 closely printed columns - many deaths in country  
as well as the army are noticed from the "Epidemic"

Deaths Chaut que <sup>Jan 1813</sup> Laughlin McMill N. 60 blind of Road ...  
Robert Mc Bride N. 24<sup>th</sup> Chaut - In Pompey June 1812  
wife of Isaac French N. 41 ... of as of ...

Political.

- Chautauque County meeting of delegates favour of Peace, Liberty & Commerce held in Poultice 17 March 1813 (Tuesday)

Thomas Martin Chm & Isaac Pierce Secy -

Jacob Houghton nominated for Assembly

Committee to promote election

Thos Prendergast, Job Hurlbut, Elisha Waller, James Morten

David Eaton, Asa Hall, Henry Sartwell Chaut. Jos Prendergast Secy

Saml Sinclair, Robert W Seaver, Wm Divine & Horn. Wins or Gerry

Orsamus Holmes, Elisha Ripley Jun, Elias Matt, Isaac Pierce, Thos Martin

Andrew Bates, Rodolphus Conner, Poultice - John E Howard, John Mack

Bethel Willoughby, Guy Wilster, Geneva, Bushy, Boruall, Neil Thirt Hanover

Just. Synod of Genesee recommend Fast Thursday Nov

Appointmets Chautauque Co. Council of oppts. April 1813

Jacob Houghton Judge & Justice  
Anselm Potter

Daniel S Houghton Master in Chancery

Dennis Brackett Notary Public

RW Seaver, Wm Gilmore, Geo Anderson, Juby Hurlbut

Moses Adair, Elisha Waller, Bethel Willoughby

Ned Abiah Angell, Jared Nicholson, Mansar Ward

Removals

Thomas Morten, Justice of the Peace

Jonathan Hapson, William Alexander, Judge removed

Asa Spear, Abjeh Binnett, Daniel Pratt, Siloh Pickett

Justices removed

Sheriff David Eason. Robert Dickson & Rodolphus Conner Comrs

James Prendergast, Isaac Barnes & Garley Fuller Asst Justices

"Epidemic"

Communications Scotland thro papers recomm

- mending remedies Spring history "Epidemic"

April Election 1813

Convention at St Johns in Buffalo

Jonas Williams nominated for Assembly

Daniel Eddy chosen & John Root Secy

Committee in Chautauque

Zottu Lushington, Philo Eaton, John H. Morris, Eliphaz Dwyer, Pompey

Daniel Eason, Wm Peacock, M. B. Pendleton, John Marshall, John Batt, Chaut.

Political Character of Buffalo Gazette recently Federal

Chautauque County Election

Gov. Tompkins about 80 majority of Williams Assembly dist 130

His 800 great numbers of votes were admitted for Gov. & Senate by persons only holding articles for land (see old constitution)

Express established between Washington & Buffalo: 4 days 18 hours via Carlisle Pa, Williamsport, Bath, Danville & Avon here Buffalo

County of Chautauque has been annexed to this Assembly district & has given Tompkins 19 majority

In Niagara County Tompkins 2 to 1 over Gen. V. B. Benson for Governor

Dr. Chapin calls (by advertisement) for volunteers for 4 months etc. 24 July 1813

Dr. Chapin August 31st Maj. Chapin Volunteer at Lewiston

Weather & Crops August 31st

May & June in Genesee County uncommonly wet - but since middle July severe drought - wheat middling May large good crop - oats fine

Arsenal at Batavia of Stone completed - Ontario Bank inspection Sept 1813



US Direct Tax Levied by Congress  
\$3,000,000 to be raised in the United States  
\$430,140, apportioned to New York State

Gen Mc Clellens proclamation Oct 13, 1813 to

Inhabitants of Upper Canada to join his standard  
Illumination - Buffalo brilliantly illuminated on  
Sunday night Oct 24 on receipt of news of Phips Victory  
on Lake Erie. (The victory was in 1813)

occasional notices of meetings of Wash. Bazaar Society  
(H B Patten & Co)

Addresses to Baptist Churches

Association or Conference of churches of Holland Purchase  
Baptist Conference - In behalf of Misses Joy Hardy and Elizabeth Smith  
recommended ministry, Watchfulness, bear members - ordinary pastoral

Gen Hopkins brigade - another requisition for men to be  
- drawn at Fort George

US Collector, Jonas Harrison appointed Collector of the  
US Direct Tax in Genesee, Niagara, Chaut. Cattaraugus & Allegany  
to Stephen Bates for Ontario County

Married by W Gould Esqr Dec 1813

Charles Burnett Comptroller to Asphy Tucker Hanover  
Died

Harriet dau. A Hall Aged 25 Nov. Tabitha Caswell

Shipping or note published in files for Dec 14 to  
January 13 1814 - I suppose papers suspended during  
this time by burning of Buffalo

Official Report of Gen Hall - Bk. Parks & Buffalo  
 In enumerating his forces he says: "Chastice's  
 Militia a regiment under command of Lt Col Sullivan  
 which arrived at Buffalo in the 29 about 300 men which  
 would have been forced to 200 men, which were reduced by  
 illness & desertion on the morning of the alarm to less than  
 200 men" and so deficient were my supplies of ammunition  
 that a greater part of the cartridges for Lt Col McSherrers  
 Regiment were made & distributed after they were purchased  
 on the morning of the battle.

Paper's body torn & mutilated in the field but Lt Col  
 McSherrers Regiment had been a reserve in battle  
 but when ordered into action terror seized them fled in  
 disgrace, the same stood by & endeavored to rally men - The  
 defection of the reserves he imputes full charge of his report

Report dated January 6 - 1814

814 March Legislature appropriated \$50,000 to suppress  
 if destruction of 12 mi. to West Point, for the purchase of arms & powder

814 April 5 Buffalo several buildings already erected

Assembly & Court Session held at Franklin House  
 Buffalo April 4 1814 Assembly Joseph McCleary, Speaker  
 Senators Philites Swift out, Remitt Picknell Mad & John Pandeyat Hope Senate  
 Peter B. Peter & Lieut. B. ...

Federal nomination Elijah Holt, Brig. for Assembly - this nomination  
 confirmed in Court to hold in Paris April 11 - April 1814  
 Western House then daily - come in Elliott June 1 President W. D. ...

306 April 1814 Chart reported Congress Feb. maj. 53. Senate 55

Prices Current May 17 1814 in Buffalo

Bush	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>lb</sup>	Milk	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ q!
Vine	"	Fowl paid	1.00
Pork	"	Eggs	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ct 003
Butter	50		
Cheese	42		
Potatoes	1.50		
Beans	50 ct quart		

Building Buffalo May 21 1814

23 houses occupied - 3 taverns 14 dry good 12 grocery stores  
3 Offices " 300 40 shanties"

Farmers are informed all provisions will bring good prices

Dr. Chopin (May 31) late a prisoner in Canada a husband  
exchanged now on way to his family

It seems by affidavits published among us here as Morley W  
Abell that Gen. Mc Cleur hated Dr. Chopin & Co

First Chart to Post Office <sup>visited</sup> ad. letters for way  
1814 July 15 - Post Office Chart James M. Mahan Post

1813 Nov 30

Buffalo Gazette says "Friday week" a salt boat on Lake Erie  
bound for Cataragus Creek captured and two men  
Mr. Impron Pratt of Hanover, Charles Collins of Pompey were  
decreed - Pratt was from Worcester Co Mass & left wife & child  
Collins was from Vermont.

1814 Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> An Indian spy from Canada discovered in Buffalo  
& arrested & delivered to our Indians he admitted his guilt  
& was forthwith executed by our Indians -

Chauteaugue Niagara & Cataracts made a copy. Dis list with  
2 members: March 1815 21<sup>st</sup> of 0514  
see below on this page

Gov Tompkins Thanksgiving proclamation by date of  
Legislature to be kept to 2<sup>o</sup> Thursday April 1815 resto  
ration of peace &c  
1814 Aug. Did at Cataraugus Mr Newins # 66

Republican Nomination Village Buffalo 14<sup>th</sup> month 1815  
Daniel Mc Cleary Esq of Buffalo nominated for  
Assembly for Niagara & Chauteaugue

2<sup>o</sup> meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 1815 in consequence of the  
Legislature <sup>recently</sup> adding Cataraugus to Chauteaugue & Niagara  
& giving additional members

Elias Osborne of Cataraugus nominated

2<sup>o</sup> member - Niagara gave a good Democratic majority.

Federal nomination at first meeting

James Prendergast - 2<sup>o</sup> meeting Dart Chapin Buffalo

Names of former Chauteaugue Committee mostly <sup>but</sup> asking Amos  
Bridg Zuckers & others Hugh B. Patten, James Nicholas, Libbasc  
Small Federal majority in Chauteaugue, only white

1815 May 2

"Lake Erie has been from some unknown cause been  
rising for three years having risen nearly 3 feet and  
many communications to explain. Fact acknowledged by all -  
Buffalo Interpreted as village 1815 - First bill meeting May 29 1815.

1815 June 15 Here I stopped examination of the old papers  
after this date not regularly examined by me  
E. J. Forte

1814 Buffalo Gazette Apr 6 Capt Tubbs advertised a reward of \$170 for 15 deserted soldiers in militia.

Advertisement

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#170 Reward for - Deserted from Black Rock between the  
 14<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> aug 1814 for 17 Soldiers - Thomas Bull & others  
 Advertisement signed Martin B. Tubbs Capt. - Lt Col John Mullan Regt

#100 Reward

From Black Rock from 19 to 23 aug. 1814  
 Ten soldiers - Dexter Beards, Allen Manly Chad Joy.

James Mullan Capt.

(many similar advertisements from other officers & companies)

John Dolph in an advertisement of last month aug. 1814

he dates his advertisement at Clarence says mother

sent him from Luzerne Co Pa. He probably emi-

grated from there. At one time was at Cataraugus

& also at Buffalo.

Buffalo Gazette Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1814: Vol IV no 4

will give the address to his regiment of militia

their discharge at Batavia Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1814:

"Fellow officers & soldiers; the period is now arrived, when

we are to be discharged from the recent service of the United

States States. It is customary among friends when about to part to bid

one well to each other. This I cannot do to my brave officers & soldiers

unless I tender you my sincere thanks &c. - It occupies in all about 3/4 col.

He alludes to the death by sickness of one of his best officers Ensign

to depend on spirited youth &c ||

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1815

Jan 24 Buffalo Gazette John Ingersoll published his wife  
as having left his bed & refusing to live with him and  
forbids all persons harboring or trusting her on his account  
Justus Osborn <sup>of Pomfret</sup> also published his wife

March 14 Buffalo Gazette had been printed at  
Harrisville and Williamsville <sup>62 weeks</sup> and was about being moved  
back to Buffalo

1815 April 18<sup>th</sup> Jonas Piendergast nominated by a  
Federal meeting at Pomfret for the Assembly at  
which Jacob Houghton acted as chairman & Solomon Jones secretary

1819 At a Republican Convention of the County of  
Montauque held at the Court House on May 26<sup>th</sup> 1819  
to nominate a candidate for Member of Assembly  
for the Assembly District composed of Niagara, Cataragus  
and Chautauque, Doct. Eliakim Crosby of Pomfret,  
was chosen Chairman, and William Smith Jr of Mayville  
was chosen Secretary. Proceeded to nominate a con-  
didate for one of the two members <sup>of the</sup> to be elected,  
on balloting, Elial T Foote, elected nearly unanimously  
with such other candidate as may be nominated  
by the Counties of Niagara & Cataragus. Concurring  
in our nomination - By order  
William Smith Jr Secy      Eliakim Crosby  
From Chaut Gazette July 30 1819

1819 Died Feb 3 in Chataaugue Henry Arnold formerly of  
Hamburg 54 6 living wife & 9 children

Wagoner Patriot Feb 23 1819. = <sup>Patriot</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Assembly</sup>  
of the Colonies signed Reflection (my issue 1 just by morning glow)  
In this paper says Jediah Burdett Secretary decided  
for one year, Wilson the long term (P was no doubt legally  
elected, but his personal impopularity with senators induced the decision 27.7)

Archibald S. Clark & David T. Foster now for A. 84  
in Williamsville 29. March 1819 August Porter ch. Calvin Feltner  
Subsequent meeting in Buffalo Oliver Fennel nominated & concerned E. T. Foster  
First annual reports of Niagara Bill Soc possible

Patriot Dec 7. 1819 - "Bitterness"  
"Death to the good"

Dec 15 1816 Aris. cm Potters barn burnt by incendiary  
horse 3 tons hay \$300 reward offered in advertisement in  
the Buffalo patriot

1818 Fare on the Walk in the Water - new Steam Boat  
Black Rock to Dunkirk \$3.50  
Eric 6  
Grand River 10  
Cleveland 12  
Sandusky 15  
Detroit 18



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# Courses of appointment (old constitution)

1810 D D Tompkins gov. Federal Council - Federal Assembly - Repub Senate  
 swept all democrats office  
 gen Root removed as gen militia  
 Hammond vol 1. 280, 284

1811 Tompkins gov. Repub. Council - Repub. Assy  
 undid all appointments last Council -  
 Vol 1, 289 288

1812 Tompkins Gov Repub Council Repub Assy Vol 1-304  
 Repub cover previous year left little to Done  
 Bank of America corruption - Legis proceeded

1813 Tompkins Gov. Fed. Council Fed. Assy. Repub. Sen.  
 Repub Officers throughout State removed  
 Then Ass. Emmett removed atty gen  
 Non Vexation of painted (federal)  
 Vol 343, 346, 350

1814 Tompkins gov. - Federal Council - Fed Assembly - Senate strong Repub  
 Politics never run higher in a Legislature  
 Assembly oppose all war measure - Senate support war  
 A cut and run year. Assembly Res opposed war. Hours in lobby  
 US Peace treaty 24 Dec but not known till 12 Feb 15  
 263, 365, 369, 370, 371

1815 Tomp Gov Repub Council Repub Assy  
 Reverse all Federal Office appointed by Council restore Repub 392  
 N Sanford chosen US Senator from of Governor

1816 Tomp. Gov. Repub Council (Peter Allen!!)  
 canal policy introduced

1817 E. J. Potts appointed Assistant Justice Court Com. Pks

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Hanover, Ellicott & Gerry organized from Pomfret 1812

By an act passed June 1<sup>st</sup> 1812

Ellicott Townships Nos 1 & 2 in the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Ranges were formed into the town of Ellicott from Pomfret - First town meeting to be held at the house of Joseph Aiken

Gerry Townships No 3 & 4 in 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Ranges created from Pomfret by the name of Gerry & first town meeting to be held at the house of Samuel Sinclair

Hanover Townships No 5 & 6 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Range and east 1/2 of townships 5 & 6 in the 11<sup>th</sup> Range by name of Hanover First town meeting house Polker Brownell

"The preceding acts to take effect from and after the day preceding the first Tuesday in April 1813 Supervisors & Overseers Poor of the foregoing towns to meet & divide poor money then belonging to Pomfret

Toll Bridge to be built over Cata Creek by John Mack

"An act authorizing John Mack to build a Toll Bridge

"across Cataraugus Creek" passed June 12 1812

"Authorized to build" at or near where the land road at or near the place where the land road leading from Blount to Buffalo intersects said Creek in Counties of Niagara & Erie of substantial materials & workmanlike manner not less than 18 feet wide with substantial railings - Toll Rider & horse 6 cents, 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> class horse 3 cents - Every foot passenger 3 cents. Head of horned cattle 2 cents, score of

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Sheep or swine 10 cents - Wagon or sledge 2 horse or mules or oxen  
25 cents " + 25 cents for every additional horse or mule.  
Every wagon or sledge one horse or mule 12½ cents - No additional  
charge for persons travelling in or with any carriage other than  
for such carriage

No other person to build any other bridge or ferry within  
2 mile of Lake Erie on said creek penalty of treble amount  
of toll except person may ferry themselves in their own boat  
Any person injuring bridge <sup>or gate or breaking down</sup> pay the damages & some tax  
- a penalty of \$5 with costs

Penalty of \$5 for taking illegal toll if paid for in 30 days.  
If bridge permitted to be out of repair Commissioners  
of highways of town may order it repaired <sup>at expense</sup> if owner does not  
repair <sup>within 30 days</sup> may appeal to Court of Common Pleas of Niagara or Chautauque

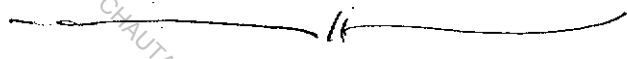
Bridge to be completed 2 years - If destroyed or worn  
away by flood to be rebuilt in 12 months in mean  
time keep a ferry at such place & receive same toll  
This act to be in force 21 years

After 7 years toll to be regulated by Common Pleas of  
Niagara or Chautauque. Expectation out bridge to become  
public property

1809. Fishing in Chautauque Lake with "Seines"  
By law passed Feb. 17 1809. Any person drawing a seine  
in Chautauque <sup>"or its waters"</sup> after 1<sup>st</sup> April 1809 forfeit & pay \$25. for  
each offence with costs before any justice of the peace  
in said County of Niagara 1/2 to person who will prosecute  
and other 1/2 to owners of poor where prosecution is had.

In 1808 \$25 act passed: Justice & jury jurisdiction  
 Dept not to be in prison <sup>or gaoler</sup> of householders & not freeholder  
 & pay \$1<sup>00</sup> a month & claims this superior before a pm if  
 No justice allow "to permit any person to appear & advocate  
in any court before such justice for any party if s/he  
 the party be sick or absent from the county & do Constable who  
 send process or any justice to advocate in any case

1808 April 1 Kidnapping Kidnapping free colored  
 person <sup>to enslave</sup> Stats prison not more than 14 years & off for life



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Buffalo

Examined Papers in Young mens association  
Novr 1852. Spent following & as I only  
had 2 hours time I made but partial examination  
and took but few notes intending to examine again  
1814 Jan 25 Killed in Battle Black Rock 30 ult

Acron Wash Honors

Dennis Bracket Chautauque  
Smith's near Trout Lake  
Prisoners taken by the British  
Richard Johnson }  
Oliver Stetson } Chautauque  
Ensign - Wm. Martin Elliott

Gen. Halle's official account of the battle  
says Gen. Hunt's Col. Matthews Regiment  
arrived 29th about 300 men - greater part of  
the Captives made for them after the alarm

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1814 The Buffalo Gazette com-  
menced Publication at Harris Tavern East  
of Williamsville (It was printed there over  
one year before it was removed back to Buf-  
falo - E.T. Foot)

Among contributions to sufferers at Buf-  
falo (was published) Wm. Leffingwell N. Haven \$50  
He was a brother of Mrs Augustus Hunt & Mrs Wm a native of N. Haven



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appointments by the Gov. & Counsel

Chautauque County

Daniel S. Houghton County Clerk

Joel Lee & Harriopater

Robert D. Ekson

Reuben Willoughby

James Prindley

Osmond Holmes

Levin Averill

Ozias Hart

Jabez Harbut

Asahel Potter

James Skellett

Sheriff

Elijah Risley

This was a mistake in the edit of the paper

The above were favorites & I presume nominated for appointments, but not if they were not appointed to the above supposed announcements I presume premature



1812 March 31 Casper Rowe Justice Peace

u June 18 Joseph Brownell Warden Alex Cleaveland the p<sup>l</sup>  
Justice -  
David Deft<sup>r</sup> Coroner

1813 March 30

David Deft Sheriff  
Robert Dickson }  
Rodolphus Louis } Coroner  
James Prudergost }  
Isaac Barnes } Capital Justice  
Joley Fuller }

1815 April 15 Anselm Patten Justice

1816 Nov 9 Palmer Phillips & Zephiah Phelps Justice Harmony

1814 Nov 2 Robert Dixon, Orsamus Holmes Bethel Willey

James Prudergost Justice  
Oscar Hart, Lemuel Merrill, John Wadlet  
Anselm Patten <sup>Capital</sup> Justice also Zelta Leiby Justice

Joley - Justice, Zephiah Phelps, David Russell, Gary  
Wentworth, Mr Gilmore, Robert Leaver, Abm Winsor,  
James Mullett Junr, Moses Adams, Joad Dickerson  
Elisha Wallis Solom<sup>n</sup> Justice

Rodolphus Louis Jonathan Cap<sup>t</sup> Coroner

Alanson Holmes Deaver Wright Treasurer  
Wells Willey Junr Auctioneer

1815 March 10. Council Gov. Tompkins

Chautauque New General Court

Elmendorf }  
Dwyer }  
Strickland }  
Hibbons }

Council of Appointive

Matthew Prindge

Philo Orta

William Alexander

# Erasmus Holmes

Justices

Abiram Orta

Leazite Barker

John Ed Marshall

John Silsbee

Henry Hill

Amelie Petter

Appointed Justices & Justices

Joseph Brownell Ephraim Hall Abiram Bull

Leah Snow, Thomas Montu, Samuel Pickett Joel Binell

Abijah Bennett Matthew Dealy, James Akin, Theron Plumb

Calvin Barnes, Asa Speers, Elijah Hayden, John Akin

Justices of the Peace

John Ed Marshall superseded (by revolution) as clerk

Jonathan Sprague Sheriff (reappointed July 12 1816)

John Dexter clerk

Monte Prindge Samuel Smith Coroners

# Erasmus Holmes no doubt intended for Erasmus Holmes but he declined the office & I believe the name was not counted. E.P.F.

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1812 January

Niagara Co. Brigade Commanded by Gen. Timothy S. Hoffman

John McElhannon Lt. Col. Commanding

William Purdy at Lt. Major

Hoace Barnes 2 u

Jonathan L. Boston Adjutant

David Johnson Quarters & Clerks

Samuel Perry Paymaster

John E. McNeill Surgeon

Elijah Perley Jr.

Martin B. Tubbs

Solomon Jones } declared the office

John Tilsbee } Captains

Abner Moore

Joseph Arnold

Henry Abell

Abner Adams

James Hale Joseph Cull } Lieuts

James Adkins Wm Forbes

Jonathan Lepp Abner Winter

Charles Barnes

Charles Brewitt Guy Webster } Engineers

Steph. Prudenst, Mr. Martin

William Ingersoll, Bayard Perry

Moses Leeland, Clark Parker

"Cumber Alexander" and Campbell also sent  
some of the names in this list. Purdy was called it Cumber & some of the others

Light Infantry

- Casper Pouse Captain
- Mercy Able Lieut
- Amelia Patter Ensign

In the 2<sup>o</sup> Squadron of 9 Regt Cavalry

- Joel Lee Capt
- William Perry Lieut
- Rudolphus Lewis Cornett

1808 March 10<sup>th</sup>

- Amos Hall out Co. Brig Genl. <sup>troop</sup>
- Alexander Rea Brig Genl. (Amherst)

Battalion in Niagara County

- John McMichael Major
- Joel Lee Adjutant
- Abner Holmes 2<sup>o</sup> Lieut

- |                    |               |                  |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <u>Captains</u>    | <u>Lieuts</u> | <u>Ensigns</u>   |
| William Bendershaw | Phileas       | Ashton Copp      |
| John E. Howard     | Thomas Brown  | Phileas          |
| Abner Carter       | Almon Weed    | James Montgomery |

(1810 <sup>erected</sup> Genl. Posthumous as Brig. Genl. <sup>!!</sup>)  
(Political feeling ran high & 77)

(Atchd & Campbell went into City office 1807)

Commissioners to atch deeds June 15 1818.

Buyers Eulus, Martin P... post Joseph Burdwell Joseph ...  
John LeThompson David Egan

Zephaniah Platt 1819

Abm ditto — do

David B Caspiter 1820

Wm Sayre, Wm ditto, James Mullett, April 1820

Sheldon Smith Feb 1820

Auctioneer Ebenezer Johnson July 30 1819

do Abm Willcutt & Robert Gray — 1820

Coverers Abm G... Rufus ... Sub ...

David G. Gurnsey June 11 1818 out atty

District attys dates of app'ts Counties in Dist.

1815 John B. Spencer from ... May 13 1815.

1813 death 1813 Poladore B. Wisner ... Seneca ... 1814.

1802 death 20 Wm Stuart out Cayuga, Seneca, ...

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