

The Town of Hanover
BICENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM



To Honor Our Heritage . . . To Forge Our Future

1776-1976



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SKEW ARCH (Cover Photo)

The nationally famous "SKEW ARCH" stone bridge, with a key-stone in the roof, one of the two of it's type in the world when it was built in 1869, erected over Jackson Street by the Buffalo and State Line Railroad, now owned by Conrail, was designed by a deaf mute Frenchman, Mr. E. Laguerre.

The outside arches of a skew arch bridge are parallel to each other but not at right angles. This principle was used in the stone railroad bridge at Silver Creek to overcome difficulties caused by the high railroad embankment and to add to the symmetry of the span.

Charles H. Lee, an uncle of Mrs. Denny's, was Vice-President of the original railroad.

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Thank You to Supporters

SCHEDULED EVENTS OF TOWN OF HANOVER BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

- May 1 Bicentennial Ball, sponsored by the Greater Silver Creek Area Chamber of Commerce at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Hall, 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
- May 20 "The Birth of Freedom", a Bicentennial three-act play, directed by Grace Abbey, Forestville High School, 8:00 P.M., interspersed with music and song.
- May 29 Greater Silver Creek Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Colony House Restaurant at 6:00 P.M. Col. Bernard Hughes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, guest speaker, awards, citizen of year, followed by dancing.
- May 31 Memorial Day parade and ceremony, village square, 10:45 A.M., Silver Creek.
- June 9 Mother and Daughter Bicentennial Banquet.
- June 12 Flag Day Program, sponsored by V.F.W. and Auxiliary, Central and Jackson, Silver Creek.
- June 12 Seneca Nation dedication of new Sports Arena building, 3:00 P.M., Irving.
- June 26 Parade in Forestville 1:00 P.M., Carnival.
- June 26 Official opening of bicentennial celebration. Silver Creek Village Park, 5:00 P.M. Speaker, Joseph Gerace, County Executive. Events scheduled: Paul Revere's Ride, unveiling of lasting memorial, prayers, music by Silver Creek High School Band.
- June 27 Horse Show, Legion grounds, Forestville.
- June 28 Band Concert, Silver Creek High School Band, Silver Creek Village Park, 7:30 P.M.
- June 30 Bicentennial dinner, sponsored by Greater Silver Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, honoring S. Howes, 120th anniversary, Silver Creek High School, punch reception 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
- June 30 Bicentennial Pageant, Silver Creek High School, 8:30 P.M.
- July 1 Festival of Grapes Day, Village Park, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Events include old-fashioned games, whistling contest, kazoo band, Silver Creek.
- July 2 Early Immigrants Day, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Silver Creek.
- July 3 American Indian Day, Silver Creek Village Ball Park, noon to 8:00 P.M. Features Indian crafts, Indian food, dancers. Dedication of totem pole, 3:00 P.M. La Crosse game, adoption ceremony, 4:00 P.M.
- July 4 Beard Judging, Silver Creek Village Park at 1:00 P.M.
- July 4 Bell Ringing Ceremony, 2:00 P.M. in cooperation with nationwide ringing of bells. Homecoming parade, 3:00 P.M., Silver Creek, Family Basket Picnic — Fireman's Building, 5:00 P.M.
- July 5 Sunset Bay Day at Sunset Bay. Events include flag dedication at 11:00 A.M., unveiling of stone, presentation of outstanding citizen award, refreshments — fire hall, noon to 1:30 P.M.; flotilla, mouth of Cattaraugus Creek to Silver Creek, 3:00 P.M., trophy presentation, Mulligan's Beach at 6:00 P.M.; Fireworks display at 9:00 P.M.
- July 9 Smith Mills Day, Hanover Road — 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Events include flag dedication and bazaar at Rebekah Hall.
Irving Day. Events include chicken barbeque, 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Dedication of Goodell Building, 7:30 P.M., street dance, 8:00 P.M. to midnight.
- July 10 Youth Day. Events include parade at 10:30 A.M., box lunch at village park, Silver Creek at noon, bicycle marathon, 2:00 P.M., horse show at village park, 5:00 P.M., Soap box and pinewood derby, 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., dancing at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church parking lot at 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.
- July 11 Hanover Fish and Game Club celebration, clubhouse on Overheiser Road. Events include flag raising at 1:00 P.M., "The Battle of the Rocks", ox roast, music by the Lanphere Brothers at 2:30 P.M.
Patriotic Musical, "I Love America" by a community choir, sponsored by Wesleyan Church, at 7:00 P.M.
- July 18 Hanover Center Day, Fire Hall. Events include chicken barbecue at noon; history recital at 12:30 P.M., tractor pull at 1:00 P.M.
- July 25 Dedication of Revolutionary War grave, Glenwood Cemetery, Rt. 20 at 4:00 P.M.
- Aug. 6 '76 Bake Sale and Crafts, by the Kiwaniannes.
- Aug. 21 Dedication of Skew Arch.
- Nov. 28 Horizon's Day.

MAP OF THE TOWN OF HANOVER

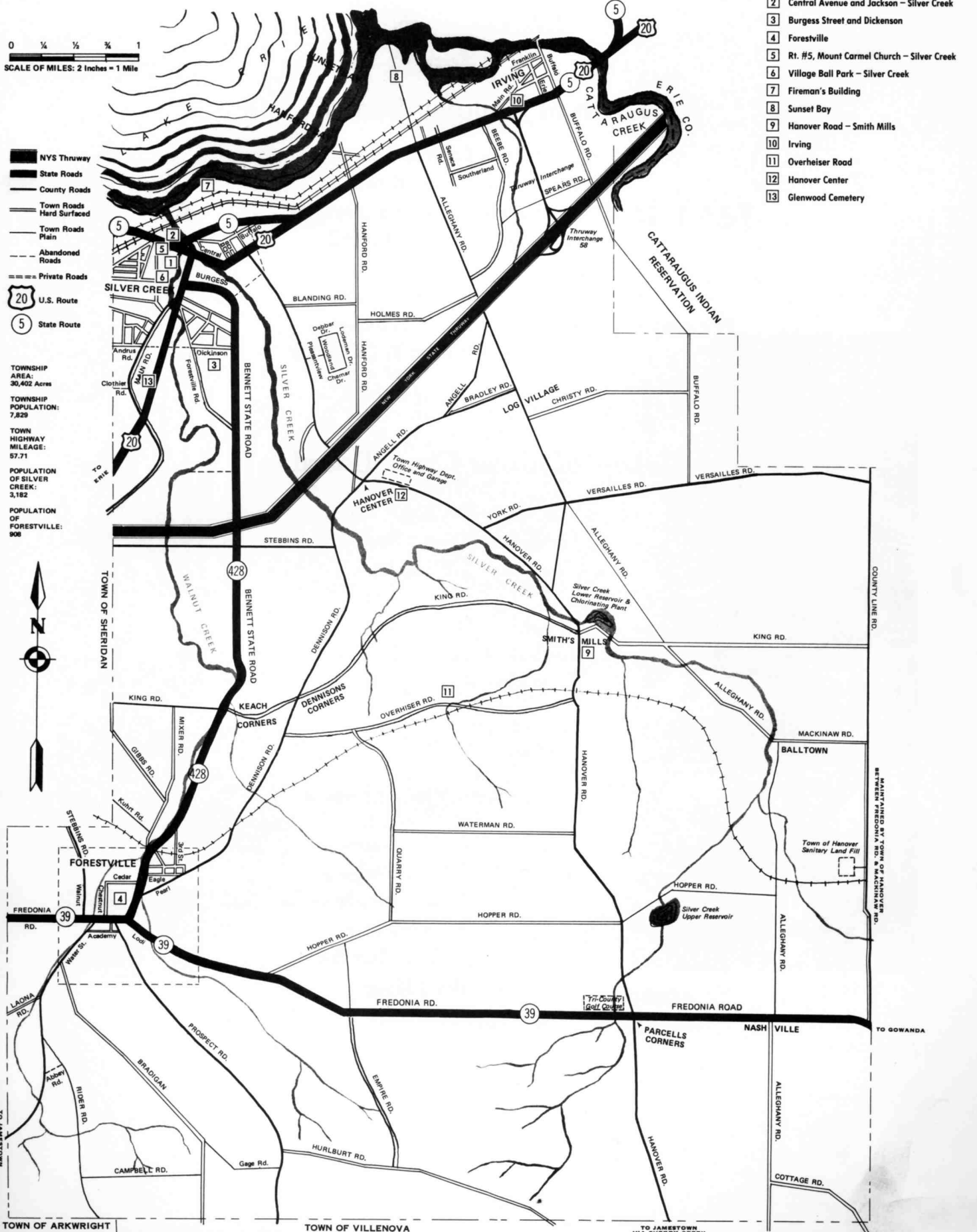
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

- 1 Village Park - Silver Creek
- 2 Central Avenue and Jackson - Silver Creek
- 3 Burgess Street and Dickinson
- 4 Forestville
- 5 Rt. #5, Mount Carmel Church - Silver Creek
- 6 Village Ball Park - Silver Creek
- 7 Fireman's Building
- 8 Sunset Bay
- 9 Hanover Road - Smith Mills
- 10 Irving
- 11 Overheiser Road
- 12 Hanover Center
- 13 Glenwood Cemetery

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SCALE OF MILES: 2 Inches = 1 Mile

- NYS Thruway
- State Roads
- County Roads
- Town Roads
- Hard Surfaced
- Town Roads
- Plain
- Abandoned Roads
- Private Roads
- U.S. Route
- State Route

TOWNSHIP AREA: 30,402 Acres
TOWNSHIP POPULATION: 7,829
TOWN HIGHWAY MILEAGE: 57.71
POPULATION OF SILVER CREEK: 3,182
POPULATION OF FORESTVILLE: 908



COUNTY LINE RD.
MAINTAINED BY TOWN OF HANOVER
BENNETT STATE ROAD

TOWN OF SHERIDAN TOWN OF VILLENOVA TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT TOWN OF HANOVER TOWN OF BALLTOWN TOWN OF NASHVILLE TOWN OF GOWANDA

Town of Hanover Board

Supervisor — Frederick Seegert
Councilman — Robert Kittell
Councilman — Larry Youngberg
Justices — Thomas Purcell
 Burt Valvo
Clerk — Marian Carson
Highway Superintendent — Donald Hilliker
Attorney — Robert T. Galloway

Village of Silver Creek Board

Mayor — Donald P. Studd
Trustees — George Borrello
 William Lantzy
 Martin Pecoraro
 Harry VanCuren
Clerk — Lucy Hoisington
Attorney — Walter Seegert

Village of Forestville Board

Mayor — James Merritt
Trustees — John Dillenburg
 Walter Meadows
 Robert North
 William Fleming
Clerk — Betty Higgs
Attorney — Burt Valvo

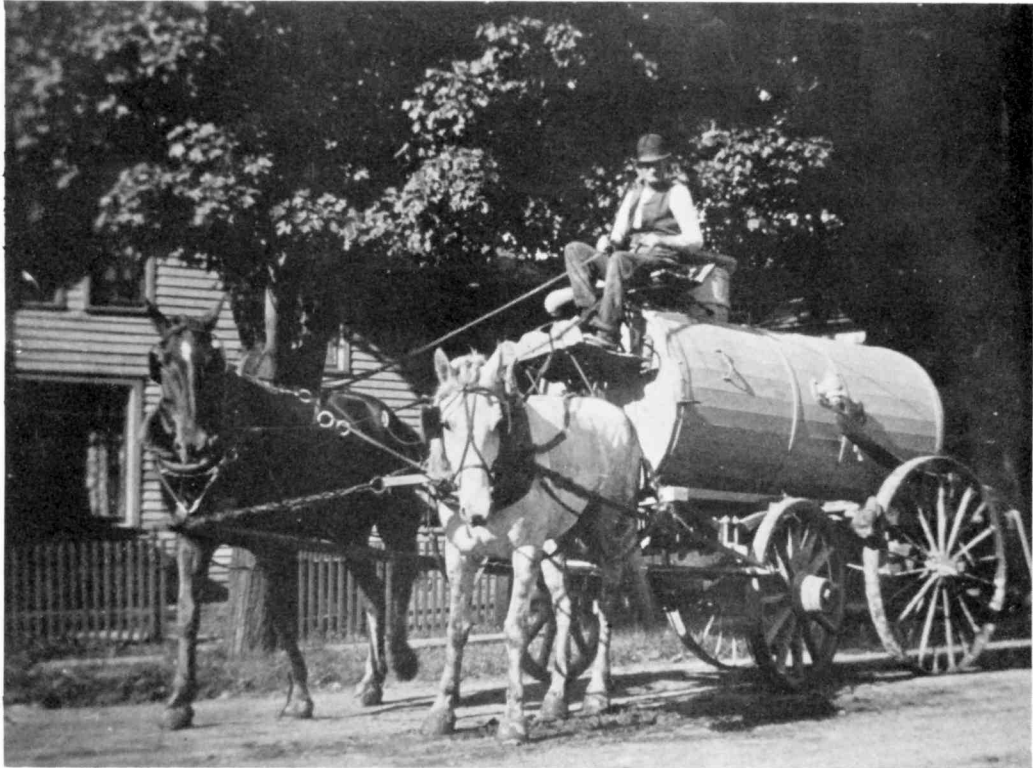
Mementoes of
SILVER CREEK'S HISTORICAL PAST



The Village Park in Silver Creek in the late 1880's.
Oliver Lee donated the land for this park.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ernest Montgomery about 1902 was known as Lighthouse Point and Montgomery Point. Mr. Montgomery, in the foreground, surveying his spacious property.



Sprinkler Wagon with driver, Thomas McPherson.



A view of Buffalo Street in the late 1800's.



A QUINTET OF BEAUTIES, AUGUST 1907
 Left to right: Nel Dever, Alice Brown, Doris Green, Net Dever, Almena Dawley.



OLD FOLKS PICNIC — 1913
 Log House, built by Woodruff Chapin in 1850 presently where Foit's Beach is located.
 Back Row, left to right: John Grasho, Harvey Montgomery, Chauncey Lanphere, L. Green.
 Front Row: George Mack, Orrin Fairchild, ? McIntyre, Wm. Laurie, ? Casbohn, Jay McAndrew.

A Quartet of
DANDIES



Upper Row, left to right:
Arthur L. Brown, Frank
Stewart. Lower Row: Ralph
Quale, Henry Shattuck.



THE METHODIST CHOIR, AROUND 1900

First Row (bottom), left to right: Minnie Carpenter, Marguerita Tulley, Sadie (Chapman) Gleaton, Etta Montgomery, (leader). Second Row: Mary Stebbins, Mrs. Peckman, Lola (Kofed) Kinney, Mrs. Johnson, Grace Montgomery. Third Row: Jay Brand, Edith (Hall) Fox, Arthur Kessel, Lea Bebee, Sandy Brooks, George Johnson, and Montford Fox.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS FOR PAST 95 YEARS

Twenty-two public-spirited citizens have served Silver Creek in the community's highest civic office since 1881. From 1848 until 1929 the president of the Village Board occupied the office now titled "Mayor". Noah D. Snow, elected in 1848, the year of the village's incorporation, was its first president and Lee F. Dickinson the last under that title. Ben. H. Bebee was the first head of the Village Board to carry the title of "Mayor" during his tenure 1929-1934.

Of the village's twenty-two presidents or mayors since 1881, Herbert J. Crandall served in that capacity for the longest time — From 1937 until Albert C. Seegert took over in 1955. James J. DeJohn, Mayor 1959 through 1972, served the second longest period of time. John B. Webster gave the third longest service as village leader, followed by Lee F. Dickson.

Here is the list of Village Presidents or Mayors since 1881:

Gordon L. Weeks — 1881, 1895
Ralph J. Quale — 1882, 1887
S. S. Starring — 1883
Frank P. Porter — 1884, 1901, 1902, 1909, 1910
William W. Huntley — 1885, 1886
Frank Swift — 1888
Simeon Howes — 1889, 1890
Arthur L. Brown — 1891, 1900
Frederick L. Cranson — 1892, 1893
George H. Shofner — 1894
John B. Webster — 1896, 1911-1916, 1920, 1922, 1923
O. Lee Swift — 1897
George P. Gaston — 1898, 1899, 1904-1908
Ed H. Young — 1903
Leroy C. Hammond — 1917
Lee F. Dickinson — 1918, 1919, 1921, 1924-1928
Ben H. Bebee — 1929-1934
Leo S. Kittell — 1935, 1936
Herbert J. Crandall — 1937-1954
Albert C. Seegert — 1955-1958
James J. DeJohn — 1959-1972
Donald P. Studd — 1973 to date

A Look Back Across the Years —

SOME MEMORABLE MEN AND MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF SILVER CREEK, NEW YORK

- 1796 — Amos Sottle, an employee of the Holland Land Company, was the first white man in this area, living in a cabin near the mouth of the Cattaraugus Creek.
- 1803 — First settlers in what was to become Silver Creek arrived: Abel Cleveland, David Dickinson and John E. Howard.
- 1804 — Cleveland and Dickinson started a sawmill and they also had a "mortar and pestle" for grinding corn into meal.
- 1806 — Cleveland and Dickinson left the area, leaving John Howard as the only white man in the settlement, at that time called Fayette.
- 1806 — Artemas Clothier and Norman Spink arrived on foot from Massachusetts.
- 1812 — The local Methodist Church had its beginning with organization of an official class by Rev. George Lane, circuit-rider since 1880 in all New York State, west of the Genesee River.
- 1812 — First school started.
- 1813 — Jacob Morrison opened a tannery on east bank of junction of Walnut and Silver Creeks.
- 1815 — The second plank house in the village (the first was the Knight House on Main Street near Walnut Creek bridge) at 117 Main Street was built by Elijah Holt (The Thomas House). This house, rear part of present structure, is today owned and occupied by the seventh generation of his descendants.
- 1816 — First ship for lake traffic built locally, was launched.
- 1816 — First store opened by Stephen Clark.
- 1822 — The great black walnut tree, reputed the largest tree in the state and east of the Rocky Mountains, was blown down April 22nd. It was 31 feet in circumference, 10 feet in diameter, and its lowest limb was 70 feet above ground. It was hollowed out so it contained a room in which 39 persons could stand and 17 sit.
- 1825 — First Post Office opened. It was located in a building just west of the present Theodore J. Welch house on Main Street.
- 1828 — Oliver Lee bought John E. Howar's property consisting of 350 acres. He built a wharf, warehouse, a hotel and quickly developed a busy port for lake shipping. By 1844 no fewer than 15 ships had slid down the ways of the local shipyard.
- 1831 — There were 28 houses in the village.
- 1831 — The Presbyterian Church was established. Oliver Lee built the Silver Creek House and this structure was incorporated into the Powers Hotel during extensive alterations in 1912.
- 1833 — U.S. Government Lighthouse erected on what came to be known as Lighthouse Point.
- 1839 — The First Library was established in the village.
- 1839 — Oliver Lee established the Bank of Silver Creek.
- 1848 — The first edifice to be occupied by the Methodist Church was completed and dedicated free of debt.
- 1848 — The first newspaper in the village— "The Silver Creek Mail", John C. VanDuzer, editor.
- 1848 — The village was incorporated under the name of Silver Creek.
- 1849 — The Buffalo & State Line Rail Road was formed.
- 1851 — Track laid through the village for the new railroad.
- 1856 — This year is considered to be the founding date of the S. Howes Company which became the world's foremost manufacturer of grain-cleaning machinery.
- 1865 — The impact of the Civil War on the village and township is indicated by noting the names of the men who died in service of action in battle or of disease. Thirty-four men of the Town of Hanover who served in the 112 Regiment, N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, gave their lives. Rodney B. Smith, Jr., of Smith Mills was killed in battle. Fourteen men from Forestville, died.
- 1869 — Skew Arch built on Jackson Street. (see cover)
- 1874 — Silver Lodge, No. 757, F. & A. M. was organized.
- 1877 — Hanover Farmers Club organized.
- 1879 — The village established a Union Free School and erected a building.
- 1882 — W.C.T.U. organized.
- 1882 — Ground was broken for the new Catholic Church at the corner of Porter Avenue and Monroe Street.
- 1882 — First class, consisting of four members, was graduated from the Silver Creek Union Academy.
- 1884 — Starring Post No. 523, G.A.R. organized.
- 1884 — Five Silver Creek men went to New York to attend the funeral of General Grant.
- 1886 — Huntley Hose Company #1 was organized. Its equipment consisted of a hand-drawn hose cart until 1914 when it was replaced by a Buick car converted into a hose truck and used until 1922.
- 1887 — Literary Union Organized.

- 1887 — New School building erected on present sight of Municipal Building. It was torn down in 1930.
- 1888 — New Methodist Church dedicated.
- 1889 — First Fire Hall, with first fire alarm was built at foot of Oak Hill.
- 1889 — Shakespeare Club organized by Rev. R. N. Stubbs, pastor of the Methodist Church.
- 1890 — Zion Evangelical Church, Lutheran was organized.
- 1890 — Local Catholic Mission formally organized.
- 1890 — A service by two layreaders from Buffalo, marks the beginning of St. Alban's Episcopal Church.
- 1892 — The electric light company set poles and strung wires for new street lights.
- 1893 — The first permanent Italian residents of the village came this year— Michael Mangano and his brother Angelo and then brother Gus. Angelo was father of present day active citizen, Louis Mangano. Angelo and Gus were partners in a masonry business. Michael opened a shoe repair shop in building now occupied by Smith's Dress Shop.
- 1893 — Silver Creek Lodge, No. 682, I.O.O.F. was instituted.
- 1893 — Christian Science Society was begun in the village.
- 1896 — Contract was let for the construction of the foot bridge on North Main Street.
- 1896 — Completion of the new gravity waterworks system.
- 1897 — Silver Creek Hose Co. No. 1 was organized.
- 1898 — Babcock Street School was built with eight classrooms, at a cost of \$10,000.
- 1899 — The Hanover Telephone Company extended its lines out Main Road to connect with the Fredonia System.
- 1899 — The State Bank of Silver Creek, later becoming the First National Bank of Silver Creek, opened for business.
- 1901 — Henry Christy died. He planted the first grape vineyard in the Town of Hanover in 1867.
- 1901 — At the Pan-American Exposition, Huntley Manufacturing Co. was awarded a gold medal for a gas coffee roaster and rice huller, a silver medal for a counter used in mills and a bronze medal for an exhibit of grain-cleaning machinery.
- 1903 — First school orchestra organized by Laura Fairchild.
- 1905 — Smith Mills reservoir built for village water supply.
- 1907 — First basketball team at Silver Creek Academy.
- 1907 — Contract let for grading and laying rail for the Buffalo & L.E. trolley from Derby to Dunkirk.
- 1907 — Silver Creek Hook & Ladder Company.
- 1908 — Huntley Hose Company, Silver Creek Hose Company, and Silver Creek Hook & Ladder united and formed Silver Creek Fire Department.
- 1908 — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is incorporated with Frank Minehan and Peter Kiefer the first trustees.
- 1908 — Natural gas well drilled on lake side of the Rail Road embankment behind Firemen's Club House.
- 1909 — Bijou Moving Picture Theatre opened by Andrew Geitner.
- 1909 — A mile and a half long parade featured Old Home Week festivities, eight automobiles, owned by villagers, was a highlight. Silver Creek Horseshoes baseball team played before the largest crowd ever assembled in the local park — over 1700 people.
- 1910 — Major Benjamin Bosworth Chapter, D.A.R. organized with over one hundred members.
- 1910 — Rev. Julius Walker began pastorate at Trinity Lutheran Church which lasted thirty-four years.
- 1911 — E. M. Fox was appointed constable in Silver Creek. In 1922 he became Chief of Police, an office he held until 1950, twenty-eight years.
- 1911 — House to house mail delivery was inaugurated.
- 1912 — Lynn Powers bought the Silver Creek House and remodeled it as it was until fire destroyed it in 1954. The original structure erected in 1831-1832 was integrated into the remodeled structure.
- 1912 — The Rev. Edmund J. O'Connor began a long pastorate at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, his ministry lasting more than thirty years.
- 1914 — Old Boy's of Silver Dreek Day at Gordon's Beach Park.
- 1914 — Motor Boat Club, Alexis Barbeau, first commodore, built a clubhouse (now Fireman's Club house) on Lake Front.
- 1914 — Catholic Church moved from location on Hickory Street (now Porter Avenue) to Central Avenue property (present site). Moving the frame building took six weeks. The Catholic school was opened in the Swift Mansion (present convent).
- 1919 — First hospital in village's history opened in Mrs. Rinehart's house on Buffalo Street. Dr. W. W. Cole was one of the physicians associated with it.
- 1919 — Don Martin Post No. 148, American Legion, was organized.
- 1921 — One of the most destructive fires in village history occurred when the Lucas Livery Stable, the Lucas residence, the trolley station, the William Wasmund residence, the Martin Ebling Hotel, the livery barn on Main Street and the Methodist Church were destroyed.
- 1921 — "Odd Fellows" Building erected on Central Avenue.
- 1922 — New Methodist Church built.
- 1922 — Geitner Theatre erected on Park Place.

- 1922 — Construction of new High School on Main Street.
- 1923 — Chamber of Commerce organized.
- 1923 — Tri-County Country Club organized.
- 1923 — Ward & Dickinson Diner Car Business organized.
- 1927 — William B. Lodico opened Park Pharmacy.
- 1929 — Ben H. Bebee, elected Village President, is the first to carry the title of Mayor.
- 1928 — Silver Creek Airport in operation at top of Ward Avenue.
- 1928 — In opening game of World Series, Howard, "Bob" Ehmke, Philadelphia's starting pitcher, beat Chicago 3-1, at the time setting a World Series record of thirteen strike-outs. He held this record until 1933.
- 1930 — Municipal Building was erected.
- 1930 — October blizzard stranded four hundred vehicles on village streets. Snow measured three inches to four inches on the ground.
- 1931 — New Municipal Building dedicated.
- 1932 — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church dedicated.
- 1933 — Last trolley car passed through the village.
- 1934 — Christian Science Society held its first service in its new building on Main Street.
- 1936 — New Post Office constructed on Main Street.
- 1936 — Silver Creek Garden Club organized.
- 1936 — Kiwanis Club organized.
- 1940 — Fortnightly Club organized.
- 1942 — The Rev. Edmund J. O'Connor, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for the past thirty years, was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor by his Holiness Pope Pius XII.
- 1942 — This year marks the end of forty-two years of public service to the village by Attorney Carlton B. Livermore.
- 1944 — Silver Creek Marina founded by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reppenhagen.
- 1945 — Montgomery & Talcott store closed its doors.
- 1946 — Samuel Cimino Post No. 6472, Local Veterans of Foreign Wars organized.
- 1947 — Excelco Developments, Inc. established.
- 1948 — New Route 20 west of Walnut Creek Bridge opened.
- 1948 — Forbes & Wagner plant established.
- 1948 — War Memorial in the village park dedicated.
- 1948 — Centennial Year with its parades, pageant and whole-hearted cooperation of the entire village residents.
- 1948 — Golden Anniversary of Silver Creek Preserving Corporation.
- 1950 — Wesleyan Church built.
- 1952 — Hanover General Hospital opened.
- 1951 — Newbrook Machine Corporation formed.
- 1951 — Sunset Bay Fire Company organized.
- 1952 — Silver Creek Grade School on Babcock opened.
- 1953 — The state opened a new cut-off for Route 5, eliminating Oak Hill.
- 1954 — A major fire destroyed the Powers Hotel.
- 1955 — Business & Professional Women's Club organized.
- 1956 — A serious fire badly damaged Roof's Restaurant, Brimmer's Store and Gasaway Restaurant.
- 1957 — First National Bank became part of the Manufacturer's & Trader's Trust Company.
- 1957 — New Silver Creek Preserving Plant opened.
- 1958 — Planning Commission of Village was established.
- 1958 — Alfred Heights residential development.
- 1960 — The Silver Creek Emergency Squad was organized and operated from a vehicle donated by Earle H. Hole.
- 1960 — The new Junior-Senior High on Bennett State Road opened under the name Silver Creek Central School.
- 1961 — New York State Thruway opened.
- 1961 — Lake Shore Auxiliary organized.
- 1962 — Gov. Rockefeller here for dedication of New Town of Hanover Hall.
- 1963 — New Building of Anderson-Lee Library dedicated.
- 1964 — Lake Shore Intercommunity Hospital opened.
- 1965 — C. S. Barresi, M.D. died, a servant and benefactor of the village.
- 1965 — Sewer System installed in the village.
- 1968 — First Annual Grape Festival held.
- 1969 — New building for Hanover Hose built.
- 1969 — Congregations of Methodists and Presbyterians merged to form First United Church.
- 1971 — Final run of New York Central Railroad passenger train.
- 1971 — Lake Shore Nursing Home, Inc. opened.
- 1972 — Barone's market gutted by fire.
- 1972 — Silver Creek National Bank bought by First National City Bank of New York and named Citibank (Western) N.A.
- 1973 — Former Methodist edifice sold to Baptist congregation.
- 1976 — Ray Damon marks fifty years as a businessman in the village.
- 1976 — As an outgrowth of Bicentennial Observance planning, petition seeking incorporation of the Hanover Society.

CONDENSED VERSION OF FIRST VILLAGE BY-LAWS — 1848

Editor's Note: Here, in condensed form, are some of the By-Laws enacted by the first Village Board on August 1, 1848:

1. It is not lawful to encumber or obstruct the sidewalks of the Village of Silver Creek without the permission of the Board of Trustees.

3. It is not lawful to erect steps, platforms, or cellar ways on the sidewalks of the village for the purpose of erecting a building overlapping the sidewalk.

5. Any dead animal found in the limits of the village must be buried within three hours of notification to the owner of the animal.

6. It is not lawful to fly a kite or roll a hoop within the village limits. A fine of 25¢ will be levied for each violation of this law.

7. It is not lawful to bathe naked in either Walnut or Silver Creek or along the shores of Lake Erie within the village limits after sunrise or before nine o'clock in the evening. A fine of 50¢ will be levied for each violation of this law.

8. It is not lawful for cattle, horses, sheep, swine, or geese to run at large within the village limits. All of these animals running at large should be expounded at the village pound until the arrival of their rightful owner. The owner, in order to recover his animals, must pay the following fees: 50¢ for each head of cattle, or horses; 3¼¢ for each sheep; 12½ ¢ for each swine; 6¼¢ for each goose.

9. It is not lawful to ride or drive a horse or other beasts on the sidewalks of the village except to pass over them. A fine of one dollar will be levied for each violation of this law.

10. Assessors will be paid one dollar for each day devoted to official duties.

11. The collector of the village will receive one percent of each dollar collected in taxes. He will receive five percent of each dollar collected on all taxes not paid within thirty days of notification.

15. It is the duty of each citizen to keep ashes in a safe, secure place.

16. It is the duty of each property owner to remove the snow on the sidewalks in front of his property. A fine of 50¢ will be levied on every property owner who has not removed snow before 8:00 a.m. and 12½ ¢ for each hour the snow remains after the property owner is notified.

18. It is not lawful for milk cows to run at large in the village before sunrise or after sunset. The penalty on stray cattle (see By-Law 8) will be imposed.

20. It is not lawful to fasten a horse to any ornamental, fruit, or shade tree planted in any public street or ground or to injure such tree in any manner. A fine of one dollar will be imposed for violation of this By-law.

21. These By-laws will take effect on September 30, 1848.

Noah D. Snow, President of the Board
Abiathar Gates
Charles H. Lee
George W. Tew
Austin Clark

Recipients of the
OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD
of
THE GREATER SILVER CREEK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1963 — C. S. BARRESI, M.D. | 1970 — RICHARD W. MILLAR |
| 1964 — FRED FELTZ | 1971 — EDMUND C. BARNES, D.O. |
| 1965 — A. J. NEWMAN | 1972 — ROBERT P. GALLOWAY |
| 1966 — ALBERT SEEGERT | 1973 — MARION WARD THOMAS |
| 1967 — JAMES KEDDIE | 1974 — HAMILTON CLOTHIER |
| 1968 — CHARLES L. HUGHES | 1975 — DOROTHY BROWN MANGANO |
| 1969 — IVAN I. VELZY | 1976 — DELMAR L. BRINKMAN |

**The Greater Silver Creek Area Chamber of Commerce salutes
S. HOWES CO. on its 120th Anniversary**

Simeon Howes was the financial sponsor of the first "Smut Machine" built and invented by Ezekial Montgomery and Alpheus Babcock. The crucial testing of the machine was so great, that at it's success Simeon Howes shouted, breathlessly, "Eureka" and the "Eureka Shop" was born. Thus, in 1856, marked the birth of an industry that was to be world-wide and bring to Silver Creek a reputation it still holds of being the world center of the grain cleaning machinery trade. This shop opened with fourteen workers and became an outstanding industry. The economy of the village reflected it in every direction.

In 1892, the business was sold to Louis Barbeau of Hull, England. It remained in the Barbeau family for three generations. Upon the death of Alexis Barbeau, Jr., the business was sold to Michael Cerrone, who had been with the company for ten years, and to Miss Virginia Wolfe, secretary to Mr. Barbeau.

Mr. Cerrone is now the President and owner of S. Howes Company. The 100th anniversary celebration was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce along with the Silver Creek Business and Professional Women's Club in 1956 at the Babcock School and now we meet again, for a greater celebration, — 120 years.

Congratulations!

S. HOWES PERSONNEL

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Harry W. Olsen 1975
Richard W. Millar 1973
George R. Kreuger 1953
Anna Anderson Kreuger 1939
Robert O. Bradley 1942
Mary Wilson Bradley 1939
Ralph O. Bradley 1947
Howard C. Webster 1965
Anna Smith Webster 1962
John B. Webster 1923
Emma Roeller Webster 1936
Mildred Metzger 1975
Stanley Eberlee 1976

OUR HONORED DEAD IN THE NATION'S WARS

Town of Hanover, Chautauqua County, New York

"THE SOLDIER IS ONLY THE CITIZEN IN THE GARB OF SELF-SACRIFICING SERVICE."

Charles Henry Brent, 1862-1929, Senior Headquarters Chaplain,
A.E.F., 1917-19; Bishop of Western New York, 1919-29.

"Better in one ecstatic epic day
To strike a blow for glory and for truth
With ardent singing heart to toss away
In freedom's holy cause my eager youth
Than bear as weary years pass one by one
The knowledge of a sacred task undone."

Inscription on gravestone of Lawrence Tennant Ballard (born
December 23, 1894; died October 1, 1918) Glenwood Cemetery,
Silver Creek, N. Y.

War of 1776

Glenwood Cemetery, Silver Creek:

John Darling (1757-1854)

John Johnson (1756-1838)

Doty Cemetery, Town of Hanover:

Jessie Clothier (1760-1850)

Shibnah (or Shebner) Spink, Jr. (1757-1846)

Smith's Mills Cemetery:

Asa Gage (1756-1837)

Rathbun Cemetery:

Solomon Rathbun (1764-1849)

Nashville Cemetery:

Silas Nash (1762-1852)

Thomas Frink (1762-1852)

Enos Schofield (1758-1836)

Ball Town Cemetery, Town of Hanover:

William Kirkland (1759-1830)

Hanover Center Cemetery:

Amos Ingraham (1755-1839)

William Ingraham (date of birth and date of death not
known).

Thomas Nevins (1748-1814)

Pioneer Cemetery, Forestville:

John Ferry (1754-1832)

Susannah Ferry (1752-1830), Army Nurse

Robert Love (1757-1846)

Reuben Barnes (1756-date of death unknown)

Isaac Van Camp (1759-1843)

Christopher McManus (1758-1849)

Abner Cooley (1751-date of death unknown)

War of 1812

John S. Martin (1796-1878), Glenwood Cemetery

Nathaniel Wells, Glenwood Cemetery

Robert Love (also War of 1776), Pioneer Cemetery,
Forestville

John A. Van Vlack (1782-1859), Hanover Center
Cemetery

Leonard Bliss (1794-1862), Hanover Center Cemetery

"Whether on gallows high,
Or in the battle's van,
The noblest place for man to die
Is where he dies for man."

Found written in pencil on a scrap of paper on body of Corporal
J. Munroe Potter of Irving, Company C, 112th Regiment,
N.Y.V.I., killed in battle at Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864.

E. D. Beach (died 1877), Hanover Center Cemetery

David P. Fuller (died 1880), Hanover Center Cemetery

Henry Davison (died 1840), Hanover Center
Cemetery

Capt. Asa Whitney (1783-1860), Doty Cemetery

Norman Spink (1788-1873), Doty Cemetery

Civil War

Company C, 112th Regiment, N.Y.V.I. was originally
recruited by Capt. Nahum S. Scott of Forestville in the
Towns of Hanover, Villenova, Cherry Creek and Ark-
wright. From the Town of Hanover the following gave
their lives:

Charles H. Barhite

Sumner Boss

Walter A. Coonrod
(or Counradt?)

David S. Crowell

Thomas W. Frink

Malcolm W. Gage

Franklin Harrington

Phillip McEvoy

Samuel S. McKee

Barton Merritt

David Mills

Henry H. Pierce

J. Munroe Potter

Fred B. Scott

Lewis Scofield

John Smith

Darius Van Vliet

James G. Walrod

Albert A. Weaver

George A. Watson, first
member of Regiment to
be killed in battle,
December 31, 1862

Company K, 112th Regiment, N.Y.V.I., was originally
recruited by Capt. Ephraim A. Ludwick and George
Mount in the Towns of Hanover, Villenova and Cherry
Creek. Company C had already been raised in this
district. By the end of the war, Captain Ludwick was
Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Regiment.
From the Town of Hanover the following gave their
lives:

Edwin T. Goodwin

Loren White

Henry Hull

John Guiles

Nelson Gage

Smith Peacock

Theodore Burr	Albert A. Stone
Daniel A. Blanding	Orton Turner
Alfred Barber	William Wilson
Risley Cole	Warham S. Foote

Charles W. Lawrence
(Company G, 112th Regiment, N.Y.V.I.)

Members of Company I, 49th Regiment, N.Y.V.I., all of whom enlisted at Forestville, who gave their lives:

Joseph Allen	Erastus D. Holt, Colonel, Regimental Commander
Nathan F. Alverson	Alva Hunting
Charles N. Boorn	Lafayette Hunting
James E. Counradt (or Coonrod?)	William Klein
Raselas Dickinson	George Little
Edwin A. Graves	Frank Remington
John Grisley	Rice Turk

Members of the 9th Regiment, Company D, N.Y.V.I. Cavalry, who gave their lives:

Henry C. Burch
Corporal, died July 7, 1862
Flavius J. Rathbone
Killed in action May 27, 1864
"Our Johnny"
Died at Lovellsville, Va.
January 25, 1865
at age 16 years and 10 months
(Buried in Hanover Center Cemetery)
Byron A. Wiggins
Co. F, 156th Regiment, N.Y.V.I.
Killed at Gettysburg
July 1, 1863
(Buried in Hanover Center Cemetery)
Ralph R. Doty
Co. H, 3rd Regiment, Excelsior Brigade
Killed in battle May 5, 1862
(buried in Doty Cemetery)
Rodney B. Smith, Jr.
1st Lieutenant, Co. H, 100th N.Y.V.I.
Grave unmarked and unknown
Jacob Gammel
Sgt., Company H, 116th Regiment, N.Y.V.I.
(Buried in Glenwood Cemetery)
William Smith
Co. B, 12th Regiment, Pa. Cavalry
(Buried in Glenwood Cemetery)
John R. Wickham
Born June 30, 1843
Died May 23, 1865
(Buried in Hanover Center Cemetery)

World War I

John Verdi, Jr.
Henry Titus
Don Martin, War Correspondent in Uniform
Lawrence Tennant Ballard, of former village family,
buried in Glenwood Cemetery

World War II

Homer Adsitt
Samuel J. Ark
Samuel Cimino
Samuel A. Genco, died June 2, 1944
(Buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery)
Wallace Gould
Louis Griewisch
Erwin Kramer
Carl Ludwig Kuell, Jr., died July 30, 1943
(Buried in Glenwood Cemetery)
Harland Laye
Leland Laye
Walter J. Majkowski, died July 14, 1944
(Buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery)
Louis McGowan, killed on Saipan, 1944
(Buried in Glenwood Cemetery)
Donald A. Newton, died July 6, 1944
(Buried in Hanover Center Cemetery)
John J. Noto
Edward Robinson
Gilbert Seegert
Lester Seibert
Vernon E. Stearns, died July 8, 1943
(Buried in Glenwood Cemetery)
Jeremiah Sullivan
Ralph Watkins
Edward Weimer
Raymond Martin Koch, died April 5, 1944
(Buried in Glenwood Cemetery)
Daniel F. Shaw, died May 19, 1943
(Buried in Glenwood Cemetery)

Korea

Robert J. Goodwin, died September 1, 1950
(Buried in Hanover Center Cemetery)
Horace Bifaro, Jr., 1933-1954, 809 Engr. Base, Guam
(Buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery)

Vietnam

John B. Cornwell, died July 9, 1969
Larry Smith, died February 2, 1967
Norbert H. Zepp, Jr., U.S.N., died May 14, 1972
(Buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery)

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the same and in the morning
We will remember them.

— Laurence Binyon, 1869-1943, from "For the Fallen"

IRVING HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST SETTLEMENT IN THE TOWN OF HANOVER — 1796

Amos Sottle arrived on the shores of the Cattarugus Creek to survey for the Holland Land Company. He moved on to Ohio, in about 1800 to survey what was then known as the Northwest territory, and returned in 1803 to his land near West Irving, where he lived out his lifetime. He was reported to have been the first white man to settle in Chautauqua County.

Another early settler, named Charles Avery, came about 1803 and opened a small store. He traded with the Indians and received furs in exchange for goods.



1912 view of Goodell's Store and Port Office, Irving, N. Y.



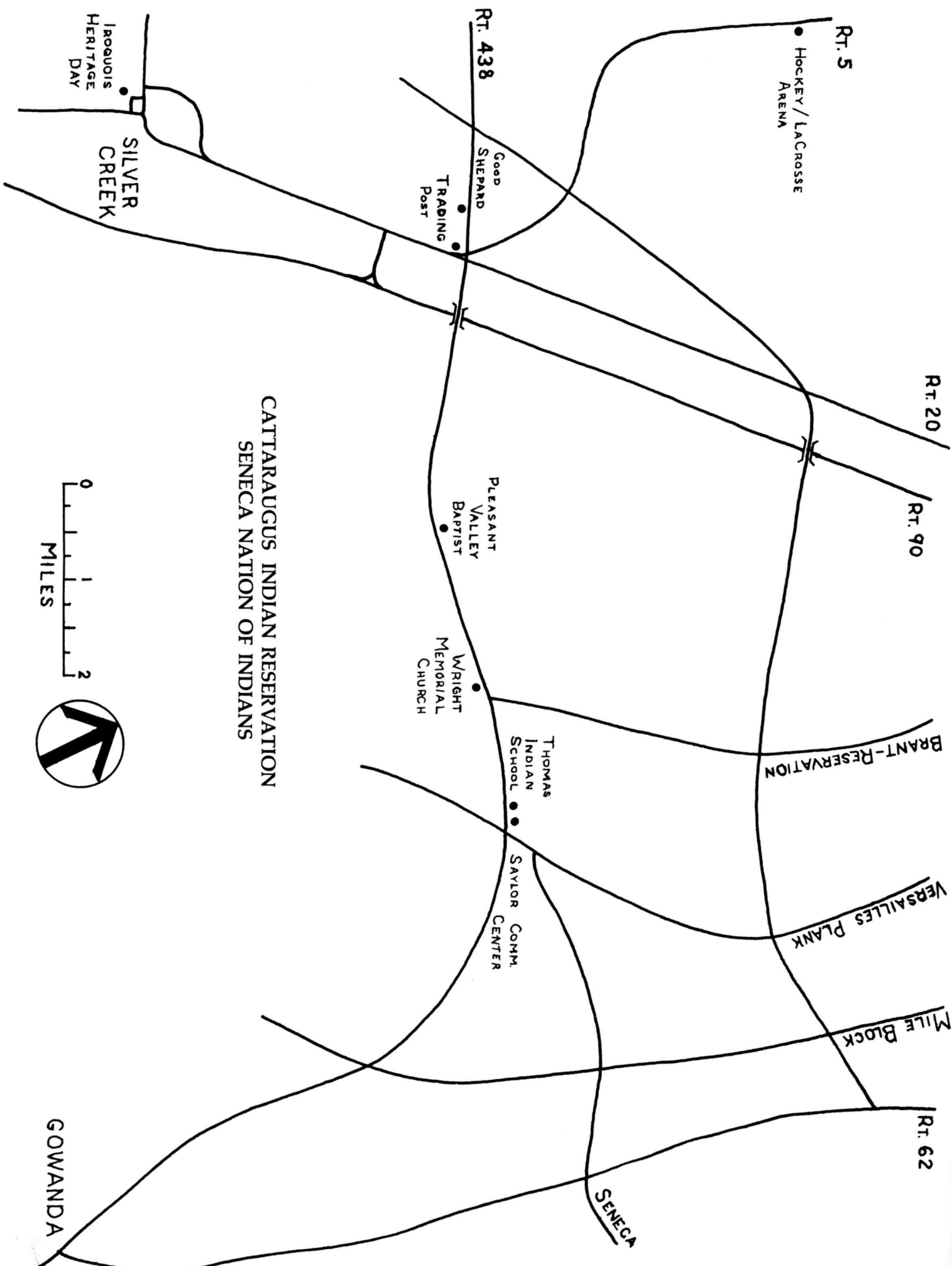
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Irving, N. Y. — 1912



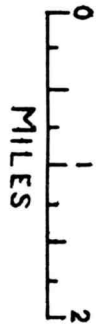
Baird Hotel, in Irving, opened by John Baird in 1884 and named "THE CARTER HOUSE".



Buffalo & Erie Trolley Bridge, under construction at Irving about 1908.



CATTARAUGUS INDIAN RESERVATION
 SENECA NATION OF INDIANS



GOWANDA

INDIANS, THE NATIVE AMERICANS ON THE CATTARAUGUS RESERVATION

Thomas Indian School

The cornerstone for what became known as the Thomas Indian School was laid in 1855. Through the intercession of William Pryor Letchworth the school became a State Institution in 1875 — rebuilt in 1900. Boarding students, as well as day students, attended and eventually it absorbed all but one of the small district schools on the reservation. The Thomas Indian School closed its door in 1958.

Churches On the Reservation

The Quakers or Society of Friends were the first organized group to help the Indians. Jacob Taylor, a Quaker, visited the Cattaraugus Reservation in 1807 as a Missionary.



Pleasant Valley Baptist Church

The Pleasant Valley Baptist Church began in about 1856, when a group of Indian women, known as the Baptist Society, met in member's homes. As the number grew, the need for a building was evident. Rugged Seneca men built the church, in three years, financed by donations — large and small. The present Church building stands as a monument to such early members as: Ostin John, John Griffin and Albert Bluesky. A new addition was started in 1964.

An Indian Legend

The turtle (as a symbol of peace) is revered by the Seneca Indians. Because of his ability to walk upon mother-earth as well as live within nature's waters, the turtle shared a magnificent lesson in the wisdom of living in peace and harmony with one another.



The first Christian Church on the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation. It was originally called the Mission Church, now the Wright Memorial Church in honor of the Rev. Asher and Laura Wright Missionaries. It was built in 1857.

OUR NATIVE AMERICANS TO BE HONORED

During the Bicentennial ceremonies, which will be held in Silver Creek starting June 26th, 1976 at 5:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon, Seneca Indians from the Cattaraugus and Allegany Reservations are to receive special recognition. At the opening ceremonies, the Indian Prayer will be used.

On June 30th at 6:00 P.M., the Greater Silver Creek Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a dinner in the Silver Creek High School. Representatives from the Reservations will be honored for their efforts in promoting good educational and business relationships with the Village of Silver Creek and the Town of Hanover. Also, they will be recognized for the peaceful friendships that have developed.

At 8:15 P.M. on the same evening, Indian Pageantry will open an evening of pageantry and music. The Native Americans will depict a scene showing how the Iroquois shared in the foundation of a Great Republic.

Many Indian events, including a Ceremony of Adoption, a Lacrosse Game, and Indian Dances will occur on Saturday, July 3rd, which day will be known as the Native American Indian Day.

A Special Invitation has been extended to Native American Indians to display and sell their arts, crafts, and food. All native Americans have been invited to come and join in the festivities as we all look forward to many good years as friendly neighbors.



THE SALOR COMMUNITY CENTER

The United States Government confiscated Indian lands for the erection of the Kinzua Dam. The money received by the Seneca Nation for the confiscated property was used to build two community centers — one on the Cattaraugus Reservation, the Salor Building erected in 1965, and one on the Allegany Reservation known as the Haley Community Center.

INDIANS, THE NATIVE AMERICANS

The Bicentennial Celebration of the United States reminds us that WE, the Native Americans, also have a heritage to remember and preserve. As we look back, we cannot feel the same glory as our white brothers, we can only assess this celebration by our contributions to help make this country what it is today.

When the early explorers set foot on our homeland, there were about 850,000 Native people living here. More tongues were spoken among our people than those in European race. Yet, each Nation in this great country was united as we sat around our Council Fires. We were united in the common belief of one "Supreme Force". We were united because we belonged to the strongest Clan system known to mankind. United — because we shared every gift provided by our "Mother Earth" with all Creation — in family unity and kinship. United — because we achieved local self-government, enjoyed equality, personal liberty, mastered political economy.

Long before settlers came to our homeland, the Five Nation Iroquois Confederacy had been formed. This government rested primarily in a body of fifty Hereditary Chiefs; a Chief and a Sub-Chief. The five Hereditary Chiefs were called the "Council of Sachems". The Chief and Sub-Chief were named by the Chief Clan-Mother; the oldest Clan woman member. A Clan-Mother Chief was named by all the Clans. Clan-Mothers spoke in Council on questions of peace, war, and other important issues. Their words were final because of their wisdom.

The Clan or family, spreading through the Nations of the Confederacy constituted a link of friendship, provided friendly discussions, cemented political ties and lessened the friction that might have defeated the purpose of the Confederacy.

Without European contact, the Iroquois Confederacy had established union, independence, self-government with a system of checks and balances in public affairs to guard against anarchy born of popular license and dangers of arbitrary despotism.

In New York State, the Iroquois Confederacy was united through peace at home and respect afar. Leading a natural, care-free existence, by regulations of a well-ordered civilization, where public opinion was the motivating cause for success, harmony and sole ban for any transgressions.

Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of the Constitution of the United States, learned of the Iroquois Confederacy and saw in it a value for use in Colonial union. At Albany, New York, he proposed drafting some of its democracy in writing the Constitution. Thus, the Iroquois Confederacy anticipated the present Great Federal Republic.

In change, produced by acculturation, rarely is the exchange between cultures equal. Yet, culturally, Native American influences have captured our conquerors. Nearly half of the States have Indian names. More than fifty new foods have been added to the menus of the world. Europeans turned to the pharmaceuticals the Native Americans discovered for the relief of their ills. Today, wearing apparel, sports, physical fitness, techniques for camping, and the present "back to Nature movement" have become part of the American way of life.

Thus, we can look at our heritage and see it preserved in the blending of many cultures, where the culture of the Native American has been ACCEPTED in the very personalities of the NOW American people.

INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

honoring

THE NATIVE AMERICAN

July 3, 1976

The Seneca Nation — Seneca Indian Historical Society Bicentennial Committee

Twylah Hurd Nitsch — Liaison person between the Seneca Nation
Seneca Indian Historical and the Hanover-Silver Creek Bicentennial Committee.

Lester Maybee, Alicia Jemison — Cattaraugus Indian Reservation

Thelma Ledsome, Thomas Printup — Allegany Indian Reservation

Johnson Jimerson — Urban Areas

Seneca Indian Color Guard

Lester Maybee, Sterling Jimerson, Luther Snow, Hugo Pierce

OPENING CEREMONY

- 1:30 P.M. Prayer Rev. David Owl
"Indian, the Native Americans" Twylah Hurd Nitsch
"President of the Seneca Nation of Indians" Hon. Robert Hoag
- 2:30 P.M. Indian Dancers Allegany Reservation
- 3:00 P.M. Dedication of the "Totem Pole" Calvin Kettle Carver
- 3:30 P.M. Adoption Ceremony Johnson Jimerson, conducting
- 4:00 P.M. Indian Dancers
- 4:30 P.M. La Crosse Game On-gwe-ohn-weh Kah-a-teh, Indian Clan Game
Ha-dee-nyah-deh (Turtles) VS Ho-tah-yo-nee (Wolves)
- 6:00 P.M. Indian Dancers
- 7:00 P.M. Indian Dancers

In Peace and Thanksgiving:

May we close this day of sharing with a greater depth of understanding, with expanded horizons of perception, with broadened conceptions of unity, with increasing reverence toward Nature and everlasting devotion to our Creator.

The Seneca Nation of Indians

NASHVILLE

Named from the DEACON SILAS NASH

Nashville, in the 1800's, was situated in the southeast part of Hanover and contained two churches, a general store, blacksmith shop and cheese factory and about twenty dwellings. The cheese factory employed three persons, used the milk of six hundred cows and manufactured 130,000 to 150,000 pounds of cheese per year.

Custer and Howard were general merchants while J. M. Brown, Jacob Meechum and Benjamin Styles did the blacksmith work. Horace Bernham and Edgar Blakely were carpenters.

Nashville's first school was built around 1820. The Remingtons ran the Nashville store for years. The cheese factory was a most memorable sight as was the cigar factory and Slawson's Tannery.

HANOVER CENTER

(Formerly ANGELL'S SETTLEMENT)

Henderson and Comstock, located at Hanover Center, first known as Angell's Settlement (about 1812), owned the lands belonging to the Gridley Family and the latter, those belonging to Alonzo Horton and part of the Ethan Angell Farm.

Excelsior Cheese Factory, located equidistant between Silver Creek and Smith Mills, at Hanover Center, was built about 1865. Two persons were employed. The milk of three hundred and fifty cows was used and forty tons of cheese was produced annually.

A store, grist mill, and hotel was located on the road from Angell Settlement to Forestville (near the present day Russell Bentzoni property).

SMITH'S MILLS

Did you know —

Theodeur Barnard and George Winslow were both shoemakers?

Chauncey Remington painted buggies and cutters?

A cheese factory stood back of Roy Dawley's on the creek?

In 1881 a well was drilled and the farmers used the oil for their machines, but it was soon closed?

The Overheiser Road was named after James Overheiser?



The Smith's Mills Hotel built in the year 1837 and destroyed by fire in 1906.

Rodney Smith named
"Smith's Mills" in 1823.

Hiram and Harry Smith
built the first hotel.

Justice Watrous was one
of the early owners of the
Smith's Mills Hotel.

J. L. Knowlton had a feed and
sawmill where the
reservoir now is.

All the mills in Smith's Mills
drew their power from a
distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles on the
creek that flowed through,
known as Silver Creek.



Benjamin P. Hutchinson,
once owner of the Smith Mills Hotel.

There was distilling, tanning
and merchandising as well as
milling from which the
Smith's Mills derived
its name.

At one time, more business
was done in Smith's Mills
than in Silver Creek.

There was a match factory
where friction matches were
made and sold — 37¢ per 100.

In the late 1930's a cloud
burst uncovered four dams,
from older days, on the Frank
Faulkner farm.



SMITH'S MILLS — FOUNDED 1820

Smith's Mills is situated on Silver Creek and near the line of the Erie Railroad. In the 1800's the small hamlet contained a school house, hotel, two stores, a tannery, saw and feed mill, marble shop, blacksmith shop and in 1870 had about one hundred and twenty-eight inhabitants. Smith's Mills was named after Rodney B. Smith, who owned the mills and was the only man in the vicinity who paid cash for his grain at an early day. Martin & Company's Tannery was established here in 1865. They employed twenty-four people, annually consumed 2,500 cords of bark and tanned 30,000 sides of leather.

In the 1800's, John D. Hiller was a general merchant, Postmaster and a member of the Assembly 2nd District. Ansel Nevins was a mason and a builder; Hill and Wagner owned the marble works while Benjamin Hutchinson owned the hotel which was built in 1837 and burned in 1906. Other businessmen were Mason Howard, groceries and provisions; Jacob Heilemann, wagon builder; William Mark, carpenter; Edward James, gunsmith; Otis and Seth Record, saw mills and Amoza Tompkins was the Justice of the Peace. There was also a slaughter house and a distillery.

The school was built in 1845 and the church in 1886. The Erie Railroad became a reality in 1851 and Miles Nevins was depot agent for many years. Benjamin Hutchinson, early owner of the Smith's Mills Hotel, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Louis Mangano of Silver Creek.

Placed on the Common at the four corners of this nostalgic, as well as historical community, is a monument which bears a plaque reading —

"Birth Place of Mary Smith Lockwood 1831-1922
Pen Founder of the National Society of D.A.R.
Erected by Benjamin Prescott Ellicott, Jamestown,
Mayor Benjamin Bosworth and Patterson Chapters —
Chautauqua County 1940"

SMITH'S MILLS — RESTORED GAGE CHAPEL



An abandoned church in Smith Mills, near Silver Creek before being taken over by the American Mission for Opening Closed Churches.

This Chapel was built in 1886 and was named after Emory Gage. The Church was closed in 1947.

Gage Chapel, after it was remodeled and reopened in 1955 by The American Mission for Opening Closed Churches.



GLIMPSES OF FORESTVILLE

Entering the village from the north on Route 428, we come to the Erie Depot. In 1851, the last section of track was completed through Forestville. It has been reported that five passenger trains a day, each way, traveled the road as well as freight which was especially heavy during grape season. No trains use the tracks today and the depot building is a storage place for the Agway store across the street. (This was one of the two commercial areas in the town).

A canning factory hummed with activity during the summer and logs cut and hauled to Miller's Mill provided work for many people, making the logs into grape baskets for the area, as well as being shipped to other places. A grist mill, a shoe repair shop, and a grocery have also burned or been discontinued during the last forty years. Only the hotel remains. In a directory for 1854, it was called the Forest House with Mr. Wade the proprietor. In 1812, a James Bennett operated the first Inn and had a grocery store in a part of it. One wonders if Bennett State Road (Route 428) was named for him.



THE CANNING FACTORY



LOGS FOR MILLER'S BASKET FACTORY



SHIPPING GRAPES

Coming into Forestville, from the West Route 39, we break over Sheridan Hill to see our village spread out before us in panorama. Vineyards are on all sides, but to the east and south, we find dairy farming takes over as we get into the hills. Main Street starts at the corporation sign. Forestville was incorporated in 1849. In 1873 there were 800 people and in 1976 we have still not reached 1000 inhabitants.



FERRY HOUSE

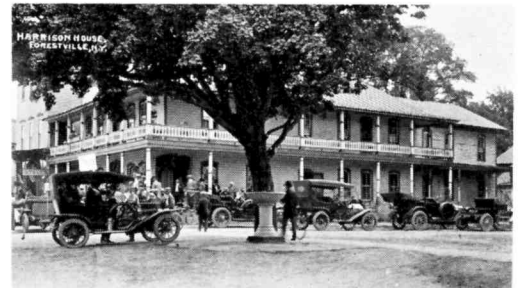
At the bottom of the hill, we cross Walnut Creek and a few rods to our left is the falls where the famed Jehiel Moore built that first sawmill. Just beyond the bridge is one of the oldest houses. It was built in 1827 and was used as a stage-coach Inn at one time. It was purchased in 1947 by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ferry who remodeled and repaired it to make the lovely home it is today.

On the sight of the Main Hotel, the Morrison House, a three story structure, was the pride of the town. It is listed in 1854, 1867, but about 1874 it burned. In 1880 the present building was built and called the Harrison House.

Samuel Swan was the first blacksmith around the 1818 period. The last blacksmith was Thomas Summerlee, whose shop across Park Street from the Main Hotel closed its doors in the summer of 1959. Men who did this work had many vital duties besides putting shoes on horses.



MORRISON HOUSE



HARRISON HOUSE



TOM SUMMERLEE BLACKSMITH SHOP



SCHOOL

As early as 1808, there is mention made of a school for the dozen or so families who lived in the "vicinity" of Walnut Falls. In 1820, the name was changed to Forestville and there were three more schools in use until 1866. At that time, a wooden building was erected on the site of the present High School, serving the community and the surrounding area for sixty-two years. It was a grade school and high school. Also, a one year Teacher's Training Class was offered. This was a very popular course and high school graduates came by train daily, or boarded in town, to become full-fledged grade school teachers. The front part of the present school was built during 1927-1928.

Main Street ends abruptly by dividing into Lodi Street and Pearl Street. At this point, at one time on the grass triangle, a band stand was built. A cornet band was organized in 1868 with eleven members under the direction of Frank Spencer. In the early 1920's, a young boy named Burton Hopper was killed by a car, during a concert, and soon afterwards, the band stand was torn down.



MAIN
STREET



BAND
STAND



17 Pearl Street



21 Pearl Street



1 Center Street

As we journey down Pearl Street, we see a number of houses that, as many others in town, probably have interesting histories— but we pause where Center Street meets Pearl Street and look at three houses there.

We have another example of Georgian Colonial, on the right, like the Ferry House on Main Street. This one was built in 1812, from brick made of clay, from the farm it stands on. In 1949, it was purchased and renovated by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neeb. It is a fine example of the charm and durability of old houses. They were built to last. Next to it, on the right, is the home of County Judge and Mrs. Lee Towne Adams. The repeated arches show Italian influence. This house was built in 1872. It was purchased by the Adams' in 1955.

Between the Adams house and Center Street is another architectural form. It is the hip roof with cupola. It was erected in 1854 and is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Petersen, who purchased it in 1949.

If we continue down Center Street, we will soon come to the old Depot and find that we have come just one and one-tenth miles from the West boundary of the village.



STREET FAIR



FORESTVILLE CENTENNIAL



HILL CLIMBING

Besides attending Church and helping each other by having different "Bee's", people enjoyed contests and celebration. One big event in the years 1906 and 1907 was the Street Fairs. All kinds of produce was brought in for display and competition. Canned goods and handwork also were entered. There were prizes for the biggest family present, the fattest woman, the person coming the longest distance, etc. On one occasion, a couple were married in front of what is now Dr. Wendell's Building and given suitable presents by the merchants. Another time, a Trained Horse performed various fetes.

In 1908, the Centennial of the founding of Forestville was celebrated, and in 1958, the Sesqui-centennial was observed.

In 1910 and 1911, cars competed in a Hill Climbing contest with the Ford Car being the favorite. The top of Sheridan Hill was the objective.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT FORESTVILLE

St. Peter's Episcopal Church was built in 1859, although services had been held in Forestville since 1832.

In 1817, twenty-nine people met to organize the Baptist Church. Their building was built in 1825, but burned in 1859. The present edifice was erected in 1860-61.

The First Methodist Church was built also in 1825, but burned the following year. Another was built immediately, but the present one was dedicated May 7, 1862. It is believed that in 1812, seven people met to form its beginning.

St. Rose of Lima built a small church in 1861. Later Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Angell donated land at the corner of Park and Academy, where the present church was built originally. It was moved to Center Street in 1931.

The Forestville Banking Company was organized in 1870 with \$50,000.00 in capital.

The Fire Department was organized October 22, 1895. It was then called the L. J. Pierce Hose Company No. 1. Water was brought into the village in 1895.

On March 16, 1881, according to the oldest minutes of the Board meeting now available, a Board of Trustees was formed. Chauncey Judd was the President. E. H. Wiggin, J. E. Root, John Hutchinson, and Ambross House were the trustees.

1895 marked a year of changes as The-Forestville Free Press came into being that year. Prior to this time, the Chautauqua County Weekly was first printed here in 1869.

Minnie Salzbury, a former resident of Forestville, now in the Johnson Nursing Home, recently celebrated a hale and hearty ninety-ninth birthday. Howard C. Livermore is, at present, the oldest living resident of the Village of Forestville. At ninety-five years of age, he is looking forward to his ninety-sixth birthday which will be August 15th, 1976. He has lived in the house pictured below for the last eighty-five years of his life.



The
Livermore
Residence

In 1873, a stage coach left from Forestville every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Kennedy station. There the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad was available for passengers and freight.

There were three churches, a printing office, a bank, two hotels, and a school listed in the 1873-1874 era as well as twenty-three stores. In all, one hundred and four with a Forestville address, earned their living in other business than farming.

At A. C. Cook's Mill, corn was 35¢ per bushel; oats 25¢, and wheat 75¢. This appeared in an advertisement in a 1895 Free Press as well as the following: "You can buy an Easel for from 50¢ to \$5.00 at F. D. Ellis Store. Bids will be received for plowing the sidewalks during the coming winter by the undersigned. November 18, 1896. —Charles L. Dix, President".

The election of McKinley was celebrated in Forestville by a crowd of men and boys marching around Main Street, followed by Sweet's Drum Corp, stopping at intervals to shout Rah! Rah! Rah! After the march, a cannon was fired as well as roman candles and rockets.



THE OLD MILL FROM BELOW THE FALLS



THE OLD MILL FROM ABOVE THE FALLS

Although Hamilton Childs Gazetter says that "Nathan Chase from Boston, Jehiel Moore, and Jonas Green settled in Forestville in 1805", the accepted date for the celebrations of Centennial and Sesqui-Centennial has been 1908 and 1958. This is the time a saw mill was built by Jehiel Moore and became the first commercial venture in our village.

Walnut Falls, shown on the back cover of this book, was the power that turned the mill and continued to provide power for a grist mill built two years later. As far as is known, there was a grist mill on that spot until the late 1920's when the one known as Cook's Mill burned to the ground during the night.

Hanover Mills here, both from above and below the falls, was located on the same Walnut Falls site.

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