

Place Names in Chautauqua County

by Joanne Kaufman

This list began with the Fredonia Academy research, [i.e., place names used between 1826 and 1867 in the hand-written Academy ledgers] but would not have been possible without C. Malcolm Nichols' 1960 book, *The Early Post Offices of Chautauqua County, New York*. In his text, Mr. Nichols actually mentions many more "places" than are indexed in the list of post offices and all of these places were incorporated into the list. [Note that while much of the information here is from Mr. Nichols' book, he also provides the date(s) of official postal service references and more history of the areas served, including names of residents and postmasters, none of which is included here. Coincidentally, arrangements are now being made to reprint this title and we'll publish the details as they become available].

Information compiled by Douglas Shepard and Jack Ericson has now been incorporated into the list, but it remains a work in progress and still includes a few places which we have been unable to identify. All additions and/or corrections to the present list will be welcomed because at some point it may even grow up to become a publication of the Chautauqua County Genealogical Society. In the meantime, please send all additional information and any questions to Jo Ann Kaufman, Reed Library, SUNY College at Fredonia, NY 14063-1198 [and thank you! in advance].

The list is arranged alphabetically with "see" and "see also" references from a name to other appropriate locations and it helps

to understand that early postmasters were political appointees and early post offices were often located in the home of the postmaster. As a result, post offices moved frequently, but not always logically, so dates are important.

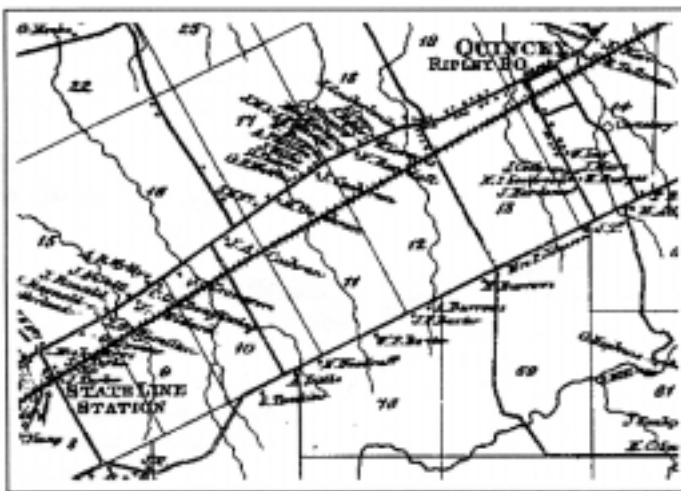
Another entrance point is by the name of

our present townships. Following each town is its date of origin and the place names which would be located within its current boundaries. Town historians may be the best source of more information about a particular place.

We tried to organize this from the perspective of our out-of-state members who possess old family letters referring to locations which no longer exist on available New York State and Chautauqua County maps, so once again, suggestions for improvement are welcomed.

The following abbreviations are used, with the first three referring specifically to post offices: disc. - discontinued (closed);

est. - established; loc. - located; p.o. - post office; twn - township at that time; [Twn:] - the present township.



Abbey p.o. est. 17 February 1898 in the northeastern corner of Arkwright Twn, on the road from Forestville to Arkwright Summit about three miles south of Forestville, in the north central part of lot 16. On 31 August 1898, Abbey was disc. and mail sent to Forestville. [Twn: Arkwright]

Acasto p.o. est. 9 December 1826 at Cattaraugus Village and disc. 10 March 1830. It was re-est. 30 July 1834 and its name changed to Irving on 4 June 1836. The Irving Company expected to win the western terminus of the New York and Erie Railroad, so when that prize went to Dunkirk and Congress withheld further appropriation for the development of Cattaraugus harbor, the p.o. was moved one mile upstream to bustling LaGrange on 26 October 1841. The village then gradually assumed the name of the p.o., but on 6 January 1868, the new postmaster moved the Irving p.o. back down to the lower village and named it South Irving. However, by 10 February 1868, another new postmaster had changed the name back to Irving and moved the p.o. back to the upper village. [Twn: Hanover]

Arkwright 1. Twn set off from Pomfret and Villenova 13 April 1829.

The following places are in the present Town of Arkwright: Abbey, Arkwright, Arkwright Summit, Burnham's Hollow, Chicken Tavern, Griswold.

2. p.o. est. 6 January 1833, loc. midway on the line separating lots 30 and 38 on the highway between Laona and Hamlet, also referred to as Arkwright Center. On 9 September 1854, Arkwright

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Our President's Message

Here are some highlights of our busy 1996:

Our meetings have been on the move. At the Husti Museum in May we listened in awe as our speaker detailed how he came into possession of some Civil War letters and documents detailing very early connections between Chautauqua County, Saratoga County and the Canadian Government. In June we toured James Prendergast Library in Jamestown and took advantage of their collection for individual research. Your positive response to these meetings has our vice president searching out other programs and meeting sites around the county.

Virginia Harden and I spoke at a meeting of the Chautauqua County Rural Cemetery Federation on June 12. This is a group of caretakers of rural cemeteries in southern Chautauqua County. The sixty members present were impressed at the amount of work CCGS has done collecting and preserving information on the cemeteries.

Donna Mills organized a research trip to the Case Western Reserve Library in Cleveland on June 29. Let us know if you're interested in another trip this fall.

The Sherman Village Cemetery was chosen for our annual reading project on July 13. Thanks to everyone who helped copy inscriptions, and special thanks to Jean Hanson who arranged for us to eat lunch and then tour the Yorker Museum.

If you plan to be at the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference in Rochester August 14-17, stop at our CCGS booth and say "hello." Several local members will be there to talk about research opportunities in our county.

Special congratulations on the 50th anniversary of our newsletter editors on June 15.

Yours in genealogy,

Valerie Veley Griffing

QUERIES

HIGBY, PUTNAM, DINES

Looking for parents of Joel HIGBY b ca 1806, m Harriet PUTNAM 1834 in Ellery, Chautauqua Co., NY. Could his parents be Sylvester HIGBY & Esther HINES? Esther's parents were John Putnam & Sobra Preston. I would like to hear from anyone researching this family. Sarah Puckett, 508 N. Chicago Ave., Rockford IL 61107.

COVILL, WHITE, AVERILL

Seeking info on Milford D. COVELL, b25 Jul 1819 Chaut. Co. NY, m Eliza White 25 Dec 1844, moved to Wyoming Co. NY. Children (all born NY): Eugene Erastus b 1848, Alice b 1850, Lucy b 1853, Oly b 1855, Libby b 1856 and Elizabeth b 1859 Fayette Co. IA. Also seeking info Lewis AVERILL b 1817 NY. His wife (1860 Fayette IA Census) was Fanny b abt 1820 NY. Children: Mary Jane b 1841 PA, Priscilla b 1843 NY, Sueann b 1844 NY, Francis Perry (Frank) b abt 1845 NY (PA?), Delbert b 1849 NY, Daniel b 1855 IA, Charles b 1858 IA, Eva b 1864 IA, and Jeff b 1873 IA. Susan Sperry, 6333 Pacific Ave #349, Stockton CA 95207. email extrabear@aol.com fax (209) 478-5769

WOOD, WOODS, SHELDON

Seeking parents & family of William WOOD (WOODS) b 1789 VT. His son Cyrenus WOOD of IL married 13 Oct 1876 in Westfield Mary SHELDON of the former place. (Mayville Sentinel). Is Electa Wood d 14 May 1876 Jamestown wife of son Hannibal? Is Mary WOOD d 10 Nov 1852 Jamestown wife of Oliver WOOD, son of William?
 Mrs Patricia Stahler, 3 S 664 Delles Rd., Naperville IL 60563-1469

SCBNEIDER, VOLGSTADT

Seeking info Charles SCHNEIDER father of Louisa VOLGSTADT m Elizabeth (?) b Germany, d Oct 1880 Erie PA., bur St. Paul Cemetery and later moved to Erie PA cemetery but not buried with his wife and daughter's family. Also had a son Dolph, who lived in Erie. Where was Charles born? Was he married in Germany or in Erie PA?
 Mrs. Harold Volgstadt, 1141 Sierra Vista Dr., La Habra CA 90631-2768

MUMFORD, THAYER, SNOW, LAWRENCE, BROWNE

Seeking info: Are/were Henry MUMFORD/Lydia THAYER connected with Vermont? Their dau Lydia J. b 20 Sep 1831 m Ezra SNOW of Sheridan, Chaut. Co., NY. Is Henry MUMFORD related to Dea. Robinson Mumford who m Mary LAWRENCE dau of Josiah LAWRENCE, Monkton VT?

Also seeking info: Cornelia (Cordelia) Jane Lawrence of Buffalo (lived most of her life in Forestville, Chaut. Co., NY) signed purchase/deed for Ft Erie land 1889. Sellers Chas C. & Emma L. S.

MUMFORD, Wm & Amelia A. BROWNE. Were they relatives of Cornelia, d 1910 F 84 at Episcopal Home, Buffalo.

Have info to share with anyone researching these families. Marjorie Lawrence Henninge, 13025 Concord Church Rd., Glouster OH 45732

McNITT, ELLIS, SEARLES

Looking for info re Ezra McNITT b 1802 MA & his wife Hulda ELLIS (parentage). Known to have lived in Stockton Twp from 1812 to at least 1835. Ezra's father was Adam, and had brothers James, David and Adam. Also seeking info SEARLES family who are believed related to McNITT and/or ELLIS families.

Keith McNett, 5076 Amondo Dr., San Jose CA 95129

MEEDER, KIMBLE, HEWLETT

Seeking info: Pearl MEEDER b abt 1882 NY ; Frank MEEDER b abt 1852 Chaut. Co. NY; Frances KIMBLE b abt 1857 Cattaraugus Co. NY (dau of Jobe & Elizabeth KIMBLE). Jobe died when Frances was young. Elizabeth then m Andrew HEWLETT; Claude Pearl MEEDER. Frank and Claude both owned property in Pornfret Twp around 1889. Frank and Francis married and may have had a daughter Claudia. Any help would be appreciated.

Mike Marinics, 9244 W. Kimberly Way, Peoria AZ 85382-3656. email TGRP99A@prodigy.com

BEEMAN, ROCKWELL

Searching for info on Sylvanus Alfred BEEMAN b CT d Findley Lake, Chaut. Co. NY (brother of Judson BEEMAN). His son William BEEMAN m 1840 Mary ROCKWELL. Does anyone know of siblings of William? Has anyone seen an obituary of Sylvanus Alfred BEEMAN?

Gail A. Howell, 107 Lonsdale Ave., Dayton OH 45419

HILTON

Seeking confirmation residence/birth of my ancestors. John HILTON immigrated with his parents James HILTON & wife from Holly m Yorkshire England abt 1830. John worked for Erie RR for 36 years. He m Mary Magdalene SPECKERNICKL of PA. Two of their sons Walter Jay HILTON b 3 Aug 1841 and John A. HILTON b 11 Mar 1837 were born in Charlotte Center, Chautauqua Co. NY. John resided in CT in 1868.

Cheryl Schultz, 700 Morningside Dr, Henderson KY 42420

PIERCE

Seeking info parents of Luther PIERCE b 1800 VT d 1893 Wayne (DuPage) IL m Clarissa WELLS b 1807 MA.

Wendy Herder, 4 Cliffside Circle, Willow Springs FL 60480

New in our library: *THE SKIFFS. some descendants from the immigrant, James Skiff* by CCGS member, Elise Nelson Draper. Includes the surnames: Smith, Chipman, Hopkins, Merrill, Baldwin, Morrow, Cochran, Morse, Bush, Hildreth, Closser, Hackett, McCray, Metz, Calbeck, Dunlap, Papke, Adams, Nelson and many more. Other recent donations were two works by member, David R Bolling - *Cave, Aphorp & Thomas Families and Boiling & Osher Families*. Both of these contain hundreds of related family surnames.

WELCOME OUR NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS

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#583 **Cheryl Schultz**-700 Morningside Dr., Henderson KY 42420; (502) 826- 7364; researching: **HILTON** (John & sons: Walter Jay HILTON, John A. HILTON)

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CORRECTIONS TO THE SURNAME RESEARCH LIST
in the May 1996 issue of The Chautauqua Genealogist

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#502 **Donna J. Johnson**-3325 Carpenter-Pringle Rd., Ashville NY 14710-9746; researching: **MALOY** (not Maldy)

#452 **Sally I. Lagerbusch** -100 Beacon Hill Dr., Moon Township PA 15108; researching: **SMITH, SHAW, HALLEY**



James A. Cochrane
1811-1891
son of Alexander &
Nancy Martin Cochrane
b 4 Apr 1811 d 14 May 1891
his wife: Nancy Johnson
f of Alexander N. Cochrane



Nancy Johnson Cochrane
1818-1891
wife of James² (Alexander)
Cochrane
b 1 Mar 1818 in Ireland
d 9 May 1891

BENONI HILL, PATRIOT SOLDIER

When the Reverend Frederick W Kates had gone as far as time and health permitted, he left incomplete the military history of several of the men listed in his two-volume history: *PATRIOT-SOLDIERS OF 1775-1783: Veterans of the War for American Independence of Chautauqua County. New York*. In the nine years since Fred's death, several patriot-soldiers have been discovered, identified, documented, and added to the Master Copy in the Chautauqua County Historical Society. Within the past few months, one of the known but lost men has been found: (Benjamin) Benoni Hill has been identified without question or dispute.

Recorded on 28 June 1836 in the Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas for Chautauqua County, is the widow's application for her husband's pension, thus:

In the matter of application of Ruby Hill, widow of Benoni Hill, deceased pensioner: Ruby Hill, sworn, testified that she is the widow of Benoni Hill, that said Benoni died at Ripley in this County on the 27th day of December 1835, and was a pensioner at his death, and the pension certificate now exhibited was his at the time of his death, and that he was 73 years old.

Matson Otis, sworn, testified to the same facts, which evidence was satisfactory to the Court.

Benoni was born 1762, died in Ripley, is buried probably in East Ripley, but there is no marker. If you have a Hill ancestor with ties to this county, perhaps now is the time to see if you can add your information to the pool. Other known Hill ancestors are Zimri Hill(s), born 1762, Revolutionary soldier, buried in Portland Cemetery, Eleazur Hill born 1775, buried in East Ripley, probably of the same family as Benoni, James Hill in Fairview in 1837, probably a resident of Chautauqua County.

ACOCHRANE FAMILY in Chautauqua County

It was five years ago [June 20, 1991] that a Ripley-Westfield neighbor, Bill Cochrane, took a copy of his one-page family history to the Town Historian for preservation and for sharing. He did not say who had prepared the original, but probably one of his uncles or perhaps a cousin. The original is dated May 24, 1881, and while there are other xerox copies of this in the county area, it may be that this will be welcome to a distant descendant.

Mr Hugh Cochrane, son of Hugh and Nancy Cochrane, was born in Wood Grange, County Down, Ireland, in 1790; died March 6th, 1854. He spent the early part of his life in the town of his birth. He was married in 1818 to Miss Jane McRobert by whom he had two children, Nancy and James.

Mrs. Cochrane died in 1821. Two years after, he married Miss Sarah N. Nesbit by whom he had six children. In 1825 with his wife and three children, he migrated to America and settled in Ripley, N. Y., on the farm which his son William N. now owns.

Nancy married John Strain who died in May 1857; after her husband's death, she, with her family, removed to Minnesota where she now resides. James died in 1842, aged 22. Sarah J., wife of David W. Johnston, died April 7th, 1857 aged 36. John died March 3, 1846, aged 20. Alexander died April 12th 1854, aged 26. William N. married Nancy A., daughter of David C. Johnston, June 5th, 1855. Rachel, wife of Alexander C. Cochrane, was married May 16th 1866. Eliza A. died June 5th 1854 aged 19. His widow resides with his son William N. Cochrane of Westfield, N. Y..

She is the only one of the first families that came to this Country that is now living. [May 24, 1881]

This is, of course, not the way a latter-day genealogist in the CCGS would set down the material for accuracy and retrieval. but it is an exact copy of the document now circulating. Use caution in adopting this material, but be aware that there is material enough in Chautauqua County to compare it with without much difficulty.

* * NEW * *

AVAILABLE IN AUGUST

Western New York Land Transactions 1825-1835:

Extracted from The Archives of The Holland Land Company by our own Karen E. Livsey. You may purchase this at FGS Conference in Rochester, August 14-17 or order from

Genealogical Publishing Co.,
1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202

FAMILY RECORD: VAN GAASBEEK -DUNHAM

The following records were written in a large Bible published in New York by Robert Sears, 128 Nassau Street, in 1847.

PARENTS' REGISTER

FATHER

Matthew P. Van Gaasbeek, Born July 10th 1793 at Kingston New York

Married at Pomfret New York July 10th 1816 to Lucy Dunham of Colchester New York

MOTHER

Lucy Dunham Born Oct 28th 1797 at Colchester New York and Married at Fredonia in Pomfret Township New York, to Matthew Pierson Van Gaasbeek of Kingston, State of New York

BIRTHS

William D. Van Gaasbeek Octr 1st 1817, Portland, N.Y.

Harriet Van Gaasbeek Sept 23rd 1819, Portland, N.Y.

Charles D. Van Gaasbeek July 5th 1823, Portland, N.Y.

Helen Van Gaasbeek April 20th 1828, Portland, N.Y.

Minerva Van Gaasbeek Sept 17th 1833, Portland, N.Y.

Elizabeth Van Gaasbeek Decr 26th 1835, Portland, N.Y.

Salome Van Gaasbeek Jany 23rd 1838, Portland, N.Y.

MARRIAGES

Harriet Van Gaasbeek to John Springstead May 15th 1845.

Helen Van Gaasbeek to Richard Jackson Decr 26th 1871.

Minerva Van Gaasbeek to John Tern April 1865. Elizabeth

Van Gaasbeek to Joseph H. Shaffer 1859. Salome Van

Gaasbeek to Richard Watters April 2 1856. Married again to

Walace Wilber Decr 20th 1867.

DEATHS

Matthew Pierson Van Gaasbeek May 16, 1862 at Portland, N.Y.

Lucy Dunham Van Gaasbeek Dec 3rd 1875 Portland, N.Y. William

Dunham Van Gaasbeek, Decr 20th 1840, at Portland, N.Y. Harriet

Springstead June 14th 1880 Portland, N.Y. Helen Jackson Apr 6th

1895 Portland, N.Y. Charles D. Van Gaasbeek Oct 21 st 1899 Portland, N.Y.

Minerva L. Tern Feb. 29th 1896 Portland, N.Y.

Elizabeth Sharer Oct 6th 1873 Ripley, N.Y.

Salome Wilber Jan 1905 Pine Bluff, Ark.

Richard Watters Decr 13th 1861 at Rouseville

Walace Wilber died in a soldiers home

END OF RECORDS

Note: All of the entries prior to 1873 are in the same handwriting, believed to be that of Lucy Dunham Van Gaasbeek

FAMILY RECORD: SHAFER -VAN GAASBEEK

The following records were written in a small Bible published in New York by the American Bible Society in 1858.

J. H. Shafer of Portland & Elizabeth Van Gaasbeek of Portland were married in 1859 Oct 26th
Elizabeth Shafer Dyed in the year 1873
October 6th 15 minets after three PM

Jerome F. Shafer Born in the year 1860 Oct 3
Frank E. Shafer Born in the year 1862 Feb 23
Florence E. Shafer Born in the year 1864 April 13
Kate E. Shafer Born in the year 1866 March 29
Charley D. Shafer Born in the year 1869 Nov 20
LUCY M. Shafer 1873 May 15

J. H. & Elizabeth Shafer in Ripley Chaut. Co. NY
Oct Monday 6th 1873
Or tuesday morning at 15 minets after three She
Elizabeth dyed with out a Struggle Good By Elizabeth
hur age as folows 38 years Olde
Joseph H. Shafer died Mar 2- 1905 buried at Round Rock, Tex.

Secent Wife

J. H. Shafer & Angie E. Wilcox was Married in 1877
September the 9

Charlotte E. Shafer born in the Year 1890
November the 24

END OF RECORDS

This information was contributed by H. Martin Soward, III (5215 Dove Nest, San Antonio, TX 78250)

The Bibles are now in the possession of Mr. Soward, he having inherited them from his maternal grandmother, Ruby Florence Shafer Porter (1907-1990) of Pleasanton, Texas. The Bibles were given to Mrs. Porter by her first cousin, Miss Lucy Barnes of Hutto, Texas. Miss Barnes obtained the Bibles from her aunt, Miss Lucy Shafer (1873-1952) of Pflugerville, Texas. Miss Shafer was a daughter of Joseph Harris Shafer and Elizabeth Van Gaasbeek.

P. S. In my typwritten versions I have used the spelling, capitalization, and punctuation, or lack thereof, as recorded in the bibles. - H. Martin Soward, III

Summit post office was est. two miles southeast of the center but on the same highway, on the line between lots 13 and 21. Arkwright Summit has long been known as Chicken Tavern. The original Arkwright p.o. was disc. 1 March 1858 and sometime between 1876 and 1880, Arkwright Summit was changed to Arkwright, but that post office was also disc. on 5 April 1880. In 1875, Arkwright Summit was supplied with mail from Hamlet. On 14 June 1880, an Arkwright post office was re-established, but in the original "Center" location. After 15 September 1900, all mail for the town of Arkwright was delivered from Fredonia. [Twn: Arkwright]

Arkwright Center see Arkwright.

Arkwright Summit see Arkwright.

Ashville see Harmony 2.

Balcom p.o. est. 9 May 1892 at the intersection of lots 10 and 18, and disc. 15 September 1900 and the mail ordered sent to South Dayton in Cattaraugus County. [Twn: Villenova]

Barcelona see Portland Harbor.

Bates Settlement see Ellington.

Bemus p.o. est. 31 July 1826 at the "narrows" in Harmony, on lot 54. When the postmaster died suddenly, the p.o. was disc. on 20 July 1829. See also Stow. [Twn: North Harmony]

Bemus Point see Ellery .

Blockville p.o. est. 1 April 1847. Name changed to Janesville on 8 February 1849, then back to Blockville on 16 August 1849. Located on the highway from Panama to Ashville on the northeast corner of lot 9, p.o. was disc. 13 September 1902 and the mail ordered sent to Ashville. [Twn: Harmony]

Boomertown p.o. est. 9 October 1883 in the twon of Busti about a mile south of the village of Ashville on lot 48, and disc. 31 May 1913, after which all mail came from Ashville. [Twn: Busti]

Brigham p.o. est. 8 April 1854 on the road from Stockton to Fredonia, in the extreme northeast corner of lot 35, and disc. 9 September 1867. [Twn: Pomfret]

Brockton see Salem X Roads.

Brokenstraw p.o. est. 22 October 1861 in the southeastern part of twon of Harmony on lot 18, at the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad station. The railroad called the station Grant, which was confusing because of another Grant in NY and since they refused to honor the name Brokenstraw, Niobe was selected for both the station and p.o. by the postmistress at the time, 29 April 1904. [Twn: Harmony]

Bucklin's Corners see Vennont and Gerry.

Burnhams p.o. est. 5 January 1881, on the D.A. V. & P. railroad, which ran down the east line of the town, hardly a mile west of Casadaga village. It was disc. 31 August 1942 and the mail sent to Cassadaga. [Twn: Stockton]

Burnham's Hollow see Griswold.

Busti 1. Twn formed from Ellicott and Harmony 16 April 1823 .

The following places are in the present Town of Busti: Boomertown, Busti, Chautauqua Lake, Cowings, Lakewood.

2. p.o. est. 10 October 1823, in the center of lot 60 and disc. 15 November 1907 when the mail was sent to Jamestown. [Twn: Busti]

Canadaway the second p.o. in the county, est. 18 June 1806, four miles east of the present village of Fredonia, located on lot 61, where the road from the lake shore meets the Buffalo to Erie highway, and disc. 6 August 1817. [Twn: Sheridan]

Canadaway Village early name of Fredonia and site of the Pomfret post office, 1809-1817. [Twn: Pomfret]

Carroll 1. Twn set off from Ellicott on 25 March 1825.

The following places are in the present Town of Carroll: Cowan, Dodge, Fentonville, Frewsburg, Frewsburgh, Ivory, Pope Hollow, Robbins Hill. .

2. See Fairbank.

Casadaga p.o. est. 27 October 1838, at the time in the twon of Pomfret, at the extreme southeast corner of lot 1, at the intersection of the stage road with the road to the village of the same name. It is not clear when the spelling was changed to Cassadaga. [Twn: Stockton]

Cascade early name of Canadaway Creek referring to falls at Laona near where the original trail forded the stream. It is on some early maps and the Cascade Hamlet built ca. 1818, just west of the Main Street bridge in Fredonia used the name, too. [Twn: Pomfret]

Casdaga p.o. est. 16 June 1825, on the lower portion of the present village of Cassadaga. Casdaga p.o. was disc. 18 December 1830. [Twn: Stockton]

Casdauga spelling used in earliest county gazetteer, see Casadaga.

Cassadaga see Casadaga.

Cassadaga Lake Free Association see Lilly Dale.

Cataragus p.o. was est. in April, Mayor June, 1812 (definitely before July 1, 1812, but the exact date is unknown) at the primitive ferry located at the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek in the twon of Hanover, and disc. 4 December 1817. This location was also re-

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ferred to as Cattaraugus Village and the Lower Village, not to be confused with LaGrange, or the Upper Village. Congress then appropriated money to improve the harbor at the mouth of the creek, from which considerable shipping trade was carried on. When a new p.o. was est. 9 December 1826, it was named Acasto. See also Acasto. [Twn: Hanover]

Cattaraugus Village see Cataragus and Acasto.

Celeron p.o. est. 9 December 1897. [Twn: Ellicott]

Center Corners see Havilah.

Centerville see Portland 2.

Centralia p.o. est. 22 July 1889, half a mile east of the old Oregon location (Oregon, located exactly in the center of the line dividing lots 40 and 33), at the forks of the road on the upper part of lot 32. Rural free delivery caused its closing on 15 July 1907, when the mail was sent to Sinclairville. [Twn: Stockton]

Centre Sherman p.o. est. 23 November 1837, just north and east of the Centre Sherman Road intersection, on the north line of lot 51, but quite some distance west of the logical center of the town. It was disc. 19 May 1869. [Twn: Sherman]

Chadwick's Bay see Dunkirk.

Charlotte 1. Twn erected 18 April 1829 from Gerry.

The following places are in the present Town of Charlotte: Charlotte Center, Charlotte Centre, Gerry, Holdenville, Pickett, Pickett Corners, Pulaski, Saint Clairsville, Sinclairville. Charlotte Center see Charlotte Centre.

Charlotte Centre p.o. est. 6 January 1833, changed to Charlotte Center about 1893, and discontinued 15 July 1907 when mail was ordered sent through Sinclairville. [Twn: Charlotte]

Chataughque 1. early spelling of Chautauqua

2. name of the first post office in the county, est. May, 1806 on the west side of Chautauqua Creek, at the old crossroads, just west of Barcelona. [i.e., where the Buffalo to Erie mail road crossed the Portage Road, which French soldiers first cut in 1753 from the mouth of Chautauqua Creek on Lake Erie to Chautauqua Lake.] That p.o. was disc. 17 March 1818. [Twn: Westfield]

Chautauqua 1. the county formed from a portion of Genesee on 11 March 1808.

2. The twn remaining after Pomfret was split off to form a second twn in the county, also 11 March 1808. In 1808, Chautauqua included the present towns of Ripley, Mina, French Creek, Westfield, Chautauqua, Sherman, Clymer, Portland, North Harmony, Harmony, Stockton, Ellery and part of Busti. In 1821, Clymer was the last of the present towns to be taken from Chautauqua.

The following places are in the present Town of Chautauqua: Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Lake Camp- Meeting Association, Dean, Dewittville, DeWittville, DeWittsville, Fair Point, Hartfield, Hewes, Magnolia, Maysville, Mayville, Mayville C.H., Mayville Court House, Point Chautauqua, Point Chautauqua Association, Summerdale, Whitney's Landing, Wooglin.

3. As of 24 February 1879, the new name of the former Fair Point p.o., now Chautauqua Institution. See also Fair Point. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Chautauqua Institution see Fair Point.

Chautauqua Lake see Cowings.

Chautauqua Lake Camp-Meeting Association see Fair Point.

Chautauque earliest (French) spelling of Chautauqua.

Cherry Creek 1. Twn taken from Gerry April 18 1829.

The following places are in the present Town of Cherry Creek: Cherry Creek, Shattucks Creek, Thornton.

2. p.o. est. 2 January 1828 on the south part of lot 20, but caused some strife among the residents of Shattucks Creek located about a mile east of the Cherry Creek settlement (on lot 36), who felt they deserved the p.o. more than "that mud hole" down the road. [Twn: Cherry Creek]

Chesley p.o. est. 15 December 1897 and disc. 31 December 1901, loc. at the site of a steam saw mill on lot 64 in the two of Mina. [Twn: Mina]

Chicken Tavern see Arkwright.

Clark see Ivesville.

Clark's Corners see Ivesville.

Clear Creek p.o. est. 18 March 1829 about three miles east of Ellington, on the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus county line, and disc. 15 August 1916. The mail was ordered sent to Conewango. [Twn: Ellington]

Clymer 1. Twn taken from Chautauqua in 1821 which included the present towns of Mina, Sherman and French Creek.

The following places are in the present Town of Clymer: Clymer, Clymer Centre, Clymer Hil, Clymer Hill, Grover, Hurlbut Switch, Jaquins, North Clymer, Panama Station.

2. p.o. est. 7 November 1825, when Clymer included the present towns of Mina, French Creek and Sherman. The first mails were brought by the settlers, in turns, from Panama and no road existed until the 1826 Jamestown-Erie, Pa. road was laid out and a mail line established. [Twn: Clymer]

Clymer Centre p.o. est. 12 November 1832 just north of the present settlement of North Clymer at about the center of lot 32. It was

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disc. 12 July 1844, then re-est. 18 May 1850 at the Clymer Centre crossroads and finally closed 20 June 1853. Meanwhile, North Clymer p.o. was est. 1 February 1840 in the northeast corner of the town, near the Clymer Hill crossroads but far from the present North Clymer. It was disc. 18 March 1852. North

Clymer p.o. was re-est. at its present location 17 October 1867, but on 23 February 1875, the name of the North Clymer p.o. was changed back to Clymer Centre and moved back to the old location at the crossroads. One year later, the name was changed back to North Clymer for the last time, but North Clymer on the map was still called Panama Station by the railroad. [Twn: Clymer]

Clymer Hil [sic] p.o. est. 3 May 1898 at the present Clymer Hill corners, but disc. 13 September 1902, a victim of rural free delivery. Mail was then sent to Clymer. [Twn: Clymer]

Clymer Hill see Clymer Hil and Clymer Centre.

Cordova, mentioned in the Fredonia Academy records between 1841 and 1863, was "the little known section of Fredonia and the Town of Pomfret, centering about the junction of Matteson and Chestnut Streets. The settlement was first called Crosby Ville; but due to the fact that a Spaniard, who worked for the Crosbys was constantly talking that the place reminded him of his home in Spain, the men decided to change the name to Cordova". (Dunkirk Evening Observer, June 29, 1950, p. 12, from paper by Mrs. E.P. Crandall to Chautauqua County Historical Society) [Twn: Pomfret]

Conewango Valley p.o. was actually est. in Cattaraugus County on 25 March 1879, but moved across the line on 7 April 1879. An 1892 cover shows Connewango Valley, but an 1898 cover reverts to the original spelling. The p.o. moved to Cattaraugus County again in 1903, and back for the last time on 28 February 1919. [Twn: Ellington]

Connewango Valley see Conewango Valley

Cowan considered as a name for the p.o. at Pope Hollow, see Ivory. [Twn: Carroll]

Cowings first p.o. at Lakewood, est. 31 July 1874, changed to Chautauqua Lake on 23 July 1875, and Lakewood on 22 January 1880. [Twn: Busti]

Crosby Ville see Cordova.

Cushing see Van Buren Harbor.

Cutting p.o. est. 28 April 1891 in the south central part of lot 27, at the crossroads, in the town of French Creek. When it was disc. 29 June 1907, the mail was ordered sent to Clymer. [Twn: French Creek]

Dean p.o. est. 3 May 1898 at the Dean Cheese Factory, at the crossroads in the center of lot 14, R. 13. While it existed, the mail

was delivered from Stockton, but after it was disc. 13 September 1902, the mail was ordered sent to Cassadaga. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Delano see Stockton 3.

Denton p.o. est. 22 June 1896 at the crossroads where lots 56, 49, 64 and 57 meet, and disc. 13 September 1902 when the mail was sent to Dewittville. [Twn: Stockton]

DeWittsville p.o. est. 30 June 1825 on east shore of Chautauqua Lake on lot 14, R. 13, but disc. 5 March 1830. Re-est. as DeWittville 21 June 1833, and officially spelled Dewittville as of 27 February 1894. Found one reference to Dewittville, formerly Tinkertown. [Twn: Chautauqua]

DeWittville and Dewittville see DeWittsville.

Dexterville a settlement on the Jamestown-Levant Road, now East Second and Buffalo Sts. in Jamestown. [Twn: Ellicott]

Dodge the name of a Special Post Office est. 8 April 1899 at the Riverside Creamery, in the Robbins Hill area of the southeastern corner of the town of Carroll, almost directly on the NY-PA state line, on lot 17. Dodge was disc. on 31 January 1902, then briefly re-opened from 15 March to 15 August 1902. All Dodge mail was delivered from Ackley Station, Warren County, Pa. [Twn: Carroll]

Dry Brook from 27 March 1900 Jamestown Journal... Poland, Center School is mentioned. see Kennedy's Mills? [Twn: Poland]

Dunkirk 1. the smallest town in Chautauqua County, taken from Pomfret in 1859.

The following places are in the present Town of Dunkirk: Chadwick's Bay, Dunkirk, Gratiotville.

2. was originally settled as Chadwick's Bay in 1809, but the first private p.o. was est. in 1818 under the new name. [City w/n Twn: Dunkirk]

East Mud Lake see Wango.

East Ripley p.o. est. 18 November 1864 on lot 5 in the northeastern part of the town, at the point now known as Forsyth Crossing, on the railroad and main highway. It closed seven months later, on 15 June 1865. See also Forsyth. [Twn: Ripley]

East Ripley Corners see Ripley 2.

East Sheridan see Hanover and Sheridan.

Ellery 1. town formed from Chautauqua 29 February 1821. Ellery contains three generic parts: the village of Bemus Point on lot 39, the "center" on lot 25, and West Ellery, including Long Point.

The following places are in the present Town of Ellery: Bemus Point, Ellery Centre, Greenhurst, Long Point, Maple Springs, Point

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Whiteside, Union Ellery, West Ellery.

2. p.o. est. 3 April 1822 in the neighborhood of Bemus Point. By 14 July 1849 it had moved northward far enough to be logically re-named West Ellery p.o. Meanwhile, on 8 February 1826, a new Union Ellery p.o. was est. at the center so West Ellery was changed to Ellery on that same day, 14 July 1849. [Twn: Ellery]

3. But, on 14 July 1853 the name Ellery was changed to West Ellery and the office over by the lake changed to Ellery.

Yes, this was very confusing and on 29 December 1853 West Ellery changed to Ellery Centre. The p.o. by the lake continued as Ellery until 9 April 1863, when it became Bemus Point. The name Ellery Centre continued until 2 February 1865, when it became Ellery and this p.o. was finally disc. 31 December 1900, and all mail sent to Bemus Point. [Twn: Ellery]

Ellery Centre see Ellery .

Ellicott I. Twn formed from Pomfret 1 June 1812 which originally included the present towns of Poland, Carroll, Kiantone and part of Busti (until about 1845). The foot of Chautauqua Lake extends into the southwest corner of the town.

The following places are in the present Town of Ellicott: Celeron, Dexterville, Fluvanna, Kimball Stand? Levant, Ross Mills, Tiffany's, Work's Mills, Worksburgh.

Ellington I. Twn formed from Gerry 1 April 1824.

The following places are in the present Town of Ellington: Bates Settlement, Clear Creek, Conewango Valley, Connewango Valley, Ellington, Falconer (1874—), Falconer's Station, Thornton.

2. p.o. est. 28 May 1825. On 6 July 1829, p.o. was moved to the Bates settlement, a neighborhood loc. about lots 48 and 56 and later known as Thornton, then moved again to Ellington village on 29 August 1834. See also Thomton. [Twn: Ellington]

Elm Flat p.o. est. 23 April 1868, also on the Buffalo & Oil Creek Crosscut Railroad and only a short distance from Prospect Station, on lot 52. It was disc. 18 January 1871. [Twn: Portland]

Fairbank p.o. est. 24 August 1821, six miles south of Jamestown village in what was then Ellicott and on a U.S. mail horseback route from Buffalo to Pittsburgh. On 14 August 1826, the new postmaster moved the p.o. to a location slightly west of the present Kiantone, to lot 19, then known as Sear's and later known as Searsburg, then Carroll on 9 September 1826, following the division of the twm and finally Kiantone on 18 April 1855.

The p.o. was disc. 15 August 1900 and the mail ordered sent to Jamestown. [Twn: Kiantone]

Fairbanks p.o. est. 27 October 1898 just a bit south of Lombard, in about the center of lot 61, but disc. 15 October 1900 when the mail was sent to Westfield. [Twn: Westfield]

Fair Point p.o. est. 25 July 1877 on the grounds of the Chautauqua Lake Camp-Meeting Association on lot 29. Name changed to Chautauqua 24 February 1879. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Falconer (1852-1861) see Kennedy's Mills.

Falconer (1874—) see Worksburgh.

Falconer's Station see Worksburgh.

Fayette p.o. est. 8 February 1825, about three miles west of Irving. On 23 March 1826, the name was changed to Silver Creek. [Twn: Hanover]

Fayette Village, used in 1808, see Fayette.

Fentonville p.o. est. 8 September 1852 at the state line on the highway between Frewsburg, NY and Warren, Pa. in the vicinity of lot 34 and 41. Fentonville was disc. 15 June 1929, at which time the mail was ordered sent through Frewsburg. [Twn: Carroll]

Findley Lake and Findley's Lake see Friends and Minaboro.

Fish & Barnes stand see Prospect Station.

Fisher's Corners see Mentor.

Fluvanna p.o. est. 22 May 1827 on the shore of Chautauqua Lake on lot 59, and disc. 2 January 1901 when the mail was ordered sent to Jamestown. [Twn: Ellicott]

Forestville see Hanover 3.

Forsyth p.o. est. 1 June 1892 at the same location of the previous East Ripley p.o., (on lot 5 in the northeastern part of the town, at the point now known as Forsyth Crossing, on the railroad and main highway) and disc. 16 January 1906, when the mail was ordered sent to Ripley. [Twn: Ripley]

Forsyth Crossing see Forsyth.

Fredonia see Canadaway Village and Pomfret.

French Creek 1. twmformed from Clymeron 23 April 1829, the extreme southwestern town in the county.

The following places are in the present Town of French Creek: Cutting, French Creek, Marvin.

2. p.o. est. 2 January 1828 on lot 32, and disc. 29 June 1907, when the mail was sent to Clymer. [Twn: French Creek]

Frewsburg p.o. est. 8 April 1837, on the northeast corner of lot 61. [Twn: Carroll]

Frewsburgh temporary spelling of Frewsburg. Used in 1840 Fredonia Academy ledgers.

Friends p.o. est. 25 April 1851, at a location slightly south and west of Findley Lake on lot 57, and disc. 11 October 1859, when all mail was sent to Findley's Lake. [Twn: Mina]

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Gerry I. Twnfonedfrom Pomfret I June 1812 which included the present towns of Ellington, Charlotte, Cherry Creek and Gerry. In 1829 the town was cut down to its present size.

The following places are in the present Town of Gerry: Bucklin's Corners, Gerry, Kimball Stand?, Towerville, Vermont.

2. p.o. renamed 24 December 1825, see Saint Clairsville. [Twn: Charlotte]

3. p.o. renamed 24 January 1873, see Vennont. [Twn: Gerry]

Grant see Brokenstraw.

Grapes p.o. est. II March 1898 at the Brocton station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where the railroad leaves the lake shore and turns toward Mayville. The name was changed to Vineyard only three weeks later, 7 April 1898, and it was disc. 15 September 1931 and the mail sent to Brocton. [Twn: Portland]

Gratiotsville used in August 22, 1832 Fredonia Censor ad for laborers for Dunkirk Harbor. [Twn: Dunkirk]

Greenhurst p.o. est. 15 September 1925 (and probably the youngest post office in Chautauqua County) between Bemus Point and Jamestown. [Twn: Ellery]

Griswold p.o. est. 20 April 1891 at the Burnhams Hollow Cheese Factory, on lot 26, about three miles south of Arkwright Center and disc. 15 September 1900. [Twn: Arkwright]

Grover see Jaquins.

Hamlet p.o. est. 19 November 1850 at the settlement of Omar, about 2.5 miles from Villanova, at the southern intersection of lots 35 and 43. It's not clear when the village adopted the name of the p.o., but it was disc. 31 December 1954 and the residents served by a rural route from South Dayton in Cattaraugus County. [Twn: Villanova]

Hanover I. Twn formed from Pomfret I June 1812, in northeast corner of the county.

The following places are in the present Town of Hanover: Acasto, Cataragus, Cattaraugus Village, Fayette, Fayette Village, Forestville, Hanover, Irving, Lower Village, La Grange, Nashville, Silver Creek, Smith's Mills, South Irving, Upper Village, Walnut Creek Falls, Webster Settlement.

2. p.o. est. 21 August 1817 in the town of the same name, at a place afterwards called Kensington (18 February 1822), located on the Buffalo to Erie mail route, about five miles west of Silver Creek and three miles northwest of Forestville, in the town of Sheridan. The Kensington name was changed to Sheridan I May 1827, and to East Sheridan 12 May 1827. [Twn: Sheridan]

3. p.o. est. 15 May 1823 at Forestville, along the Perry (Genesee County) -Fredonia post route. The name was briefly changed to Forestville from 15 October 1823 until 22 March 1824, after which

time Hanover seems to have been used at the Forestville location until 30 August 1852, when it was officially changed to Forestville. [Twn: Hanover]

4. Unfortunately, county historians, postal records and local residents seem to have been as confused as we now are but Hanover seems to have been used for both locations from some time after 7 July 1823 and before 29 October 1823, once again depending on the postmaster.

Harmony 1. twn formed in 1816, from two of Chautauqua. Part of Busti was taken off in 1823, and the twn split into Harmony and No. Harmony in 1919.

The following places are in the present Town of Harmony: Blockville, Brokenstraw, Panama, Watts Flats.

2. p.o. est. 14 August 1822, at the present village of Ashville. The name of the p.o. was changed to Ashville on 9 June 1892. [Twn: North Harmony]

Hartfield p.o. est. 22 January 1850 a mile northeast of Mayville on the road to Dewittville, about in the middle of lot 33, R.13. Disc. 15 August 1908 and quickly re-est. 22 January 1909, it was finally closed for good 29 June 1935 and the mail sent to Mayville. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Havilah { see Genesis 2: 11 } p.o. est. 14 April 1897 at the place known as Center Corners, directly north of Sheridan Center, at about the middle of lot 48, on the Michigan Southern and Lake Shore Railroad, the p.o. finally opened 21 June 1897, but was disc. 29 November 1902 and the mail ordered sent to Silver Creek. [Twn: Sheridan]

Hewes p.o. est. 22 May 1897 at the Morris Creamery on the west side of Chautauqua Lake at the crossroads on the line between lots 43 and 44, T.3, R.13., and the mail brought to and from Mayville by milk truck. Hewes was disc. 13 September 1902 and the mail ordered sent to Mayville. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Holdenville p.o. est. 18 March 1836 just south of the Pickett neighborhood in the northwest corner of the two of Charlotte, probably on the east side of the highway, on lot 62. The residents evidently petitioned for a new p.o. after Pickett was closed and located this one on the stage route south from Dunkirk. Holdenville was disc. 27 October 1838 when Cassadaga was est. [Twn: Charlotte]

Hurlburt Switch see Jaquins.

Irving see Acasto.

Ivesville p.o. est. 14 January 1833 on lot 3 in the twn of Poland, near the crossroads known as Mud Creek or Clark's Corners. The p.o. was disc. 18 November 1841 and the mail presumably sent to Poland Centre. Then, on 11 January 1893, a new office was est. at the Mud Creek Corners and named Clark. Clark was disc. 14 December 1901 and the mail ordered sent to Kennedy. [Twn: Poland]

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Ivory p.o. est. 4 April 1898 in Pope Hollow, the northeast section of the twn of Carroll, at the intersection of the main road with Emery Hill Road. It was disc. 14 December 1900. [Twn: Carroll]

Jamestown p.o. est. 30 December 1816. [City w/n Twn: Ellicott]

Janesville see Blockville.

Jaquins p.o. est. 19 July 1893, in a small settlement about a mile from Clymer village. The p.o. was moved into the WNY & PRR station on 1 March 1895 and in 1921 the station was moved, post office and all, about a mile south to a spot known as Hurlburt Switch. The p.o. was finally disc. 15 September 1930 and the mail sent to Clymer. Note that the "people of Clymer" originally petitioned for this new p.o. to be known as Grover. [Twn: Clymer]

Kennedy see Kennedy's Mills.

Kennedyville a temporary name for Kennedy, possibly used between 1841 and 1852 but not documented.

Kennedy's Mills p.o. est. 18 December 1830 on lot 23 of what was then the twn of Ellicott. In 1832, the twn of Poland was set off from Ellicott, so on 18 November 1841, this p.o. was moved to and renamed Poland Centre. Then, on 31 March 1852, a new p.o. was est. at the village formerly known as Kennedy's Mills, now called Falconer. On 15 June 1861, the name was changed for the last time to Kennedy. Meanwhile Poland Centre was apparently re-spelled Poland Center in 1891. Poland Center was disc. 15 October 1904, and the mail ordered sent to Kennedy. [Twn: Poland]

Kensington see Hanover.

Kiantone 1. Twn formed from Carroll on 16 November 1863. The following places are in the present Town of Kiantone: Carroll, Fairbank, Kiantone, Sear's, Searsburg.
2. see Fairbank.

Kimball Stand at intersection of Routes 60 and 380, at bottom of the hill between Gerry and Jamestown. [Twn: Ellicott? Gerry? on town line]

LaGrange or Upper Village, now Irving, see Cataragus and Acasto.

Lakewood see Cowings.

Lamberton p.o. est. 22 April 1891 and disc. 15 September 1900, and located at the same settlement as the short-lived p.o. of West Milford, about midway between Fredonia and Brocton. The village had long been known as Milford, but there was already a p.o. with the same name in New York State, so the new name was chosen. Mail had been supplied by carrier from Fredonia, and it is assumed that mail was then directed to Fredonia. [Twn: Pomfret]

Laona p.o. est. 11 December 1826 on the banks of Canadaway Creek, at the crossroads between lots 7 and 15. Disc. 19 October 1827, it was re-est. 14 January 1850, disc. again 31 May 1901, re-est. 27 January 1904 and finally closed for good on 27 July 1905 with the mail sent to Fredonia. [Twn: Pomfret]

Leet's Point see Point Chautauqua.

Levant p.o. est. 14 May 1840 on lot 5, at the small hamlet where the Cassadaga joins the Conewango, about a mile northwest of the present village of Falconer, on the Kennedy Road, but discontinued 10 May 1864. Re-est. twenty-eight years later on 2 June 1892 but finally discontinued 30 September 1903 and the mail sent to Falconer. [Twn: Ellicott]

Lilly Dale p.o. est. 27 June 1888 to serve the Cassadaga Lake Free Association, located on the east side of the upper Cassadaga Lake. The spelling was changed to Lily Dale on 1 October 1927. [Twn: Pomfret]

Lily Dale see Lilly Dale.

Little Canadaway see West Milford.

Lombard p.o. est. 14 September 1882 at the crossroads between lots 63 and 64, still known as Lombard corners, and disc. 14 December 1900 when the mail was sent to Ripley. [Twn: Westfield]

Lombard Corners see Lombard.

Long Point see West Ellery.

Lovers' Retreat used in the September 5, 1917 Fredonia Censor to refer to the grove of trees now 99 Chestnut Street in Fredonia. [Twn: Pomfret]

Lower Village see Cataragus and Acasto.

Magnolia p.o. est. 16 August 1826 on the west shore of Chautauqua Lake on lot 21, R. 14, and disc. 9 October 1861. Never more than a neighborhood, this area has long been known as Whitney's Landing. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Maple Springs p.o. est. 2 January 1892, three miles north of Bemus Point, at Point Whiteside on Chautauqua Lake. [Twn: Ellery]

Marks p.o. est. 14 July 1892, on lot 1 in the twn of Mina and disc. 31 December 1901. [Twn: Mina]

Marvin p.o. est. 22 October 1849 in the town of French Creek, in the extreme northeast corner of lot 51. When the state road was put through from Clymer, a cut-off was made to avoid a bad corner and Marvin was left stranded half a mile from the main road. On 13 September 1902, the p.o. was disc. and the mail ordered sent to Clymer. [Twn: French Creek]

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Mayville first est. as a private p.o. 1 July 1812, officially est. 12 February 1813. Mayville was the only p.o. south of the "ridge" until December 1816 and residents traveled thirty miles for their mail. Also referred to as Mayville C.H. (Court House), but never used officially. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Mayville Court House, or Mayville C.H., see Mayville.

Maysville, sometimes used instead of Mayville, variously reported as the name of the wife and/or daughter of William Peacock.

Medina used in July 10 1833 Fredonia Censor report on the annual meeting of the Temperance Society instead of Little Canadaway. [Twn: Pomfret]

Mentor p.o. est. 20 December 1878 at the crossroads known as Fisher's Corners, south of and across the road from the M.E. Church (then known as the Ebenezer Church) about a mile and a half north of Open Meadows. When the p.o. was disc. 31 August 1901, the mail was ordered sent to Ashville. See also Open Meadows. [Twn: North Harmony]

Milford see West Milford.

Millville used in October 7, 1840 Fredonia Censor advertisement, just prior to use of Cordova. [Twn: Pomfret]

Mina I. Twn taken from Clymer in 1824, including Sherman until 1832.

The following places are in the present Town of Mina: Chesley, Findley Lake, Findley's Lake, Friends, Marks, Mina Corners, Minaboro, West Mina.

2. p.o. est. 17 December 1824 on lot 6. To correctly locate the Mina p.o. keep in mind three settlements: Findley Lake area, Mina Corners, and the neighborhood early known as Throop's (lot 6), in the east part of the town and site of the first Mina p.o.. On 8 September 1832, the original Mina/Throop's p.o. was renamed for its new twn, Sherman. See also Minaboro. [Twn: Sherman]

Mina Corners see Minaboro.

Minaboro p.o. est. 4 October 1825 in the first store on Findley Lake. On 7 May 1828, its name was changed to West Mina. On 20 December 1832, Findley Lake lost its p.o., as the new postmaster owned an inn at Mina Corners (crossroads at the intersection of lots 20,21,28 and 29), and the p.o. name was changed to Mina, then finally disc. 13 September 1902. On 4 May 1855, a "new" Findley's Lake p.o. was est. at the original Minaboro location, at the north end of Findley Lake. That name was changed to Findley Lake on 23 February 1894, and by 1902 it was the only p.o. in the town. See also Friends. [Twn: Mina]

Moon Station see Moons. Named for Ebenezer Moon, one of the first directors of the Dunkirk & Warren Railroad. See Fredonia Censor, July 14, 1886 for his obituary.

Moons p.o. est. 13 January 1873 at Moon Station on the D.A.V. & P. railroad, on the west side of town line road, near the top of , lot 2. Disc. 15 May 1923, the mail was sent to Cassadaga. [Twn: Stockton]

Mud Creek see Ivesville.

Nash a short-lived p.o. est. 14 May 1900 at the location now known as West Portland, at the intersection of the main highways in the south part of lot 41 , and disc. 28 February 1901 when the mail was sent to Westfield. [Twn: Portland]

Nashville p.o. est. 14 June 1825 at Webster Settlement, where lots 2, 3, 10 and 11 meet. When it was disc. 14 February 1901, the mail was ordered sent to Forestville. [Twn: Hanover]

Nettle Hill p.o. est. 13 February 1829 on the mail route from Mayville to Waterford, Pa., on the east side of the highway near the top of lot 49, and closed 26 June 1845. [Twn: Westfield]

Niobe see Brokenstraw.

North Clymer see Clymer Centre.

North Harmony 1. Twn taken from Harmony in 1919.

The following places are in the present Town of North Harmony: Ashville, Bemus, Harmony 2, Mentor, Open Meadows, Stedman, Stow.

North Portland see Portland 2.

North Sherman p.o. est. 10 January 1834, probably just inside the northern boundary of the town, on the east side of the road on lot 32, as a convenience to settlers actually living just two miles from Sherman village. It was disc. 26 May 1836. [Twn: Sherman]

Omar see Hamlet.

Open Meadows p.o. est. 20 April 1878, in a settlement around district school no.5. Mail was carried from Watts Flats station, thru Blockville, to Open Meadows. When disc. 13 September 1902, the mail was ordered sent to Ashville. [Twn: North Harmony]

Oregon see Stockton 2.

Orrington p.o. est. 15 April 1824, on the south side of the Buffalo-Erie Road, lot 53. Moved 4 April 1840 to the "center" and renamed Sheridan. [Twn: Sheridan]

Outlet Chautauqua Lake p.o. never existed, but Spafford's Gazetteer assumed so in 1824, probably from a description of an early mail route from Meadville, Pa. to Mayville, "by way of the fork of Oil Creek, Warren, the outlet of Chautauqua Lake to, Mayville."

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Panama p.o. est. 22 March 1826 as a private p.o., at which time it was the metropolis of southwestern Chautauqua County. The village plat covers lots 39,40,47 and 48. [Twn: Harmony]

Panama Station see Clymer Centre.

Pickett and Pickett Corners see Pulaski and Holdenville.

Pleasantville ???????? {from 27 March 1900 Jamestown Journal}

Point Chautauqua p.o. est. II August 1880 and disc. 29 November of the same year, then re-est. 4 April 1881 to serve the Point Chautauqua Association, the Baptist assembly quite like and directly across from Chautauqua Institution. The large auditorium and Grand Hotel were constructed on Leet's Point, about a mile north of Dewittville. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Point Chautauqua Association see Point Chautauqua.

Point Whiteside see Maple Springs.

Poland, Twn taken from Ellicott on 9 April 1832.

The following places are in the present Town of Poland: Clark, Clark's Corners, Dry Brook, Falconer (1852-1861), Ivesville, Kennedy, Kennedy's Mills, Mud Creek, Mud Creek Corners, Poland Center, Poland Centre, Waterboro.

Poland Center see Kennedy's Mills.

Poland Centre see Kennedy's Mills.

Pomfret 1. Twn formed from Chautauqua on 11 March 1808.

In 1808, Pomfret included the eastern part of the county, i.e., the present towns of Dunkirk, Pomfret, Sheridan, Arkwright, Charlotte, Gerry, Ellicott, part of Busti, Kiantone, Hanover, Villenova, Cherry Creek, Ellington, Poland and Carroll. In 1859, Dunkirk was the last of the present towns to be taken from Pomfret. The following places are in the present Town of Pomfret: Brigham, Canadaway Village, Cascade, Cassadaga Lake Free Association, Cordova, Crosby Ville, Cushing, Fredonia, Lamberton, Laona, Lily Dale, Lilly Dale, Little Canadaway, Lovers' Retreat, Medina, Milford, Millville, Shumla, Van Buren Harbor, Van Buren Point, West Milford.

2. p.o. est. 6 May 1809 in Canadaway Village. The name was changed to Fredonia on 1 January 1817. [Twn: Pomfret]

Pope Hollow see Ivory.

Portland 1. twn formed from Chautauqua on 9 April 1813, then including the present towns of Westfield and Ripley. Ripley was erected 1 March 1816, comprising all of the lands west of Chautauqua Creek, and Westfield was formed from portions of Ripley and Portland on 19 March 1826.

The following places are in the present Town of Portland: Brocton, Centerville, Elm Flat, Fish & Barnes Stand, Grapes, Nash, North Portland, Portland Center, Prospect Station, Salem-On-Erie, Sa-

lem X Roads, Vineyard, West Portland.

2. p.o. est. 7 December 1814 at the forks of Ellicott Road (the old Erie Road) on the north line of lot 33, and disc. 2 September 1829. On 30 September 1828, the North Portland p.o. was est. at a tavern half a mile east of the present village of Brocton. The p.o. was moved to another tavern, west of Brocton on the northwest part of lot 19 on 3 September 1830, and the name changed to Portland on 23 September 1830. The last move was in the spring of 1835 to Portland Center, also called Centerville, the present village of Portland. [Twn: Portland]

Portland Center see Portland 2.

Portland Harbor p.o. est. 24 October 1827 at the present site of Barcelona, on lot 15 at the harbor on Lake Erie. Portland Harbor was a port of entry and the 1828 light house still stands, but the p.o. name was changed to Barcelona on 9 September 1836 and disc. 4 December 1862. [Twn: Westfield]

Prospect Station p.o. est. 9 December 1868 at the first stop south of Brocton on the Buffalo and Oil Creek Railroad, which connected Brocton and Corry, Pa. At the top of the hill, this area was known locally as Fish & Barnes stand, on the highway between lots 53 and 54, at the railroad crossing. The small neighborhood p.o. was disc. 15 August 1910, and the mail ordered sent to Westfield. [Twn: Portland]

Pulaski p.o. est. 28 November 1825 at Pickett Corners in the northwest corner of lot 62. The name was changed to Pickett on 2 October 1834, but the post office was disc. on 4 November 1834. See also Holdenville. [Twn: Charlotte]

Putnamville, from 27 March 1900 Jamestown Journal, possibly now in Warren Co, PA.

Quincy, see Ripley 2.

Ripley 1. twn formed from Portland 1 March 1816, comprising all of the lands west of Chautauqua Creek.

The following places are in the present Town of Ripley: East Ripley, East Ripley Corners, Forsyth, Forsyth Crossing, Quincy, Ripley, Ripley Hill, Sheldon's Corners, South Ripley.

2. p.o. est. 9 July 1816 on the northwest part of lot 7, on the old Buffalo to Erie road, at what is still known as East Ripley Corners. On 17 November 1825, Quincy p.o. was est. at the present Ripley village site. On 26 April 1830, the name of the Quincy p.o. was changed to Ripley, and the original Ripley p.o. disc. The village was still known as Quincy until the late 1800s, when it took the name of the p.o. [Twn: Ripley]

Ripley Hill p.o. est. 18 February 1828 in the eastern part of the town, on or near lot 34 and the highway between lots 34 and 35, and disc. 13 May 1829. A second Ripley Hill p.o. was est. 5 December 1843, a mile and a half north of the Sheldon's Corners intersection, on lot 30, and it closed 1 August 1844. [Twn: Ripley]

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Robbins Hill see Dodge.

Roberts Corners used in April 4, 1917 Fredonia Censor, referring to the corner of Roberts Road and Route 20. [Twn: Sheridan]

Rogersville p.o. est. 7 August 1830 on the northeast corner where the road from Lake Erie meets the Buffalo- Erie Road, on lot 3, and disc. 23 December 1839. [Twn: Westfield]

Ross Mills p.o. est. 19 June 1874 on the southern part of lot 31, where the railroad crosses the highway in northern Ellicott, and disc. 31 August 1893 with the mail ordered sent to Gerry. [Twn: Ellicott]

Saint Clairsville p.o. was est. 14 October 1822 on lot 41, and changed to Gerry on 24 December 1825. On 18 April 1829 the twn of Charlotte was separated from the twn of Gerry , which left the Gerry post office in the wrong town. On 6 March 1861 the name was changed [or perhaps corrected?] to Sinclairville. Major Samuel Sinclair had been the original settler there in late 1809. [Twn: Charlotte]

Salem-on-Erie, name of the site of Thomas Lake Harris' Brotherhood of the New Covenant retreat on route 5 near Brocton. [Twn: Portland]

Salem X Roads p.o. est. 16 February 1835 mainly because the "corners" needed a p.o. if the Portland p.o. was to be moved to the "center", and named to distinguish it from an existing Salem p.o. in New York State. On 7 September 1857, the name was changed to Brocton, but 1859 Academy Records refer to "Brockton". This does makes sense if the name was formed from Brockway and Minton, who then kept hotels at the crossroads. See also Portland 2. [Twn: Portland]

Sear's see Fairbank.

Searsburg see Fairbank.

Shattucks Creek see Cherry Creek.

Sheldon's Corners p.o. est. 10 April 1891, in the southeast corner of the town, disc. 11 November 1896 but re-est. 13 May 1897, then finally closed on 14 December 1900 when the mail was sent to Ripley. [Twn: Ripley]

Sheridan 1. Twn erected from Hanover and Pomfret on 16 April 1827.

The following places are in the present Town of Sheridan: Canadaway, Center Corners, East Sheridan, Hanover, Havilah, Kensington, Orrington, Roberts Corners, Sheridan, South Sheridan.

2. p.o. est. 1 May 1827 on the Buffalo-Erie Road at the location of Kensington, located on the Buffalo to Erie mail route, about five miles west of Silver Creek and three miles northwest of Forestville, in the town of Sheridan. The Kensington name was changed to Sheridan 1 May 1827, and to East Sheridan 12 May 1827, then

disc. 4 April 1840 when Orrington p.o. was also "closed", and the "new" p.o. est. at the center of the town whose name it now shared. See also Orrington. [Twn: Sheridan)

Sheridan Center see Orrington.

Sherman 1. Twn taken from Mina in early 1832.

The following places are in the present Town of Sherman: Centre Sherman, North Sherman.

2. see Mina 2.

Shumla p.o. est. 11 March 1831 deep in the valley south of Laona, on lot 4. The office was disc. 27 October 1838 and the mail ordered sent to Holdenville. On 4 February 1889 it was re-est., then closed for the final time 15 September 1900 and the mail sent to Fredonia. [Twn: Pomfret]

Silver Creek see Fayette and Fayette Village.

Sinclairville see Saint Clairsville.

Sinclearville, one spelling of Sinclairville in the Fredonia Academy records, see Saint Clairsville.

Smith's Mills p.o. est. 30 January 1833 at the cross roads between lots 15 and 30. It was disc. 15 July 1935, when the mail was ordered sent to Silver Creek. [Twn: Hanover]

South Irving, see Acasto.

South Ripley p.o. est. 31 March 1864 at the small settlement on the road between lots 71 and 72 in the southwest part of the town. It was disc. 14 December 1900 and the mail ordered sent to Ripley. [Twn: Ripley)

South Sheridan p.o. est. 27 January 1829, 1.5 miles east of the Canadaway p.o. location, on the north side of the highway, in the extreme southeast corner of lot 53. This is the road running directly from the Canadaway p.o. location to Forestville (Route 39??). Disc. 12 October 1838 due to the proximity with Orrington p.o. [Twn: Sheridan)

South Stockton p.o. est. 12 July 1854 in the southeast corner of the twn, on lot 15. That p.o. closed 6 January 1865, but reopened from 14 April 1871 to 29 June 1907, when the mail was sent to Sinclairville. [Twn: Stockton)

St. Clairsville see Saint Clairsville.

Stedman p.o. est. 31 January 1854, on a daily mail stage route from Panama to Westfield, and disc. 15 September 1905. Stedman is located northwest of Stow. [Twn: North Harmony)

Stockton 1. Twn formed from Chautauqua 9 February 1821, but it should be noted that Stockton lost one tier of lots to Ellery in 1850.

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The following places are in the present Town of Stockton: Burnharns, Casdaga, Casadaga, Centralia, Delanti, Denton, Moon Station, Moons, Oregon, SouthStockton, Stockton, Stockton Corners.

2. p.o. est. 13 March 1823, at the south line of the town. On 11 August 1826, the name was changed to Oregon, located exactly in the center of the line dividing lots 40 and 33, disc. 8 April 1873. [Twn: Stockton]

3. new p.o. est. 11 August 1826 at Stockton Corners, at the southeast corner of lot 38. The name of Stockton Corners was changed to Delanti on 18 January 1831, but the p.o. remained Stockton until the village finally adopted that name many years later. [Twn: Stockton]

Stockton Corners see Stockton 3.

Stow p.o. est. on the west side of the [Chautauqua Lake] narrows opposite Bemus Point on 6 December 1880. This is the same neighborhood as the very early office called Bemus. [Twn: North Harmony]

Summerdale p.o. est. 20 April 1871 and mail was carried by the newly completed Buffalo & Oil Creek R.R.. Located at the cross roads between lots 20 and 28, R. 14, and never more than a rural hamlet, "Summerdale" now sits near the big curve on the road from Mayville to Sherman (Route 430). The p.o. was disc. 15 September 1918 and mail sent to Sherman. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Thornton p.o. est. 28 April 1892 at the Cherry Creek-Ellington town line on lot 49, and disc. 31 December 1901, when all mail was sent to Ellington. See also Ellington. [Twn: Cherry Creek]

Throop's see Mina.

Tiffany's also Work's Mills, c. 1840-1864, a small settlement on the Jamestown-Levant Road, now part of Falconer. [Twn: Ellicott]

Tinkertown see DeWittsville.

Towerville a short-lived p.o. in the twn of Gerry, on lot 60 at the corners of the west lot line, it was est. 1 January 1853 and disc. 29 December 1856. The mail was presumably sent to Vermont/Gerry. [Twn: Gerry]

Union Ellery see Ellery.

Upper Village or LaGrange, now Irving, see Cataragus and Acasto.

Van Buren Harbor p.o. est. in April or August 1836, four miles west of Dunkirk. Van Buren lost its enthusiasm in 1851, when the railroad was completed only to Dunkirk, and the p.o. was disc. 6 December 1856. On 22 September 1897, a new Cushing p.o. was est. at the railroad crossing between lots 34 and 35 in Pomfret, near the early Van Buren Harbor site, but disc. 30 April 1903. Again, on 2 October 1920, the Van Buren Point p.o. was est. as a

seasonal office and is still in operation in 1996 located in the corner store. [Twn: Pomfret]

Van Buren Point see Van Buren Harbor.

Vermont first settlement in the original town of Gerry, est. in 1815 by several families from the state of Vermont who settled along the Cassadaga Creek. By 1822, the settlement was also known as Bucklin's Corners. On 4 May 1826, a p.o. was est. at Bucklin's Corners but called Vermont. In 1869, the original Gerry post office, now in Charlotte, had its name changed to Sinclairville. On 24 January 1873, the Vermont p.o. had its name changed to Gerry. [Twn: Gerry]

Villanova p.o. est. 10 October 1826 at Wright's Corners, the crossroads in the north central part of lot 19. The name was changed to Villenova 8 October 1890, and the p.o. disc. 15 September 1899 with the mail sent to Balcom. [Twn: Villenova]

Villanova 1. Twn erected from Hanover 24 January 1823.

The following places are in the present Town of Villenova: Balcom, Hamlet, Omar, Villanova, Villenova, Wango, Wright's Corners.

2. see Villanova.

Vineyard see Grapes.

Volusia p.o. est. 20 December 1832 on the Plank Road from Westfield, south of Nettle Hill and near the intersection of lots 39, 40, 47 and 48. {Named for the postmaster's daughter, Volusia Ann Haight was a Fredonia Academy student in 1846 and 1847}. The office was disc. 21 September 1836, then re-est. 17 June 1837 at the northwest corner of the Plank Road, where it meets the cross road on lot 48. It later moved about two miles nearer Sherman and was disc. 14 July 1891, only to be re-est. 21

October 1891. It finally closed for good 15 October 1900, and the mail was sent to Westfield. [Twn: Westfield]

Walnut Creek Falls, original settlement in what is now Forestville.

Wango p.o. est. 17 February 1890 at East Mud Lake in the northeastern corner of the town, and disc. 31 July 1900. The mail probably went to Villenova. [Twn: Villenova]

Waterboro p.o. est. 25 July 1827, at the western border of lot 8 in the twn of Poland. It was disc. 15 December 1832, re-est. 9 March 1833 and finally disc. 29 July 1845. [Twn: Poland]

Watts Flats p.o. was also est. on the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, at the crossroads midway of the line between lots 4 and 60, on 28 August 1863. It was discontinued 28 February 1950, but no mention is made of where mail was directed. [Twn: Harmony]

Webster Settlement see Nashville.

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West Ellery see Ellery .

West Milford p.o. est. 13 March 1872 at the settlement in the northwest corner of lot 55 known as Little Canadaway until 1 November 1836, then as Milford. The p.o. closed on 19 September 1872. See also Lamberton. [Twn: Pomfret]

West Mina see Minaboro.

West Portland see Nash.

Westfield 1. twn formed from portions of Ripley and Portland on 19 March 1826. The following places are in the present Town of Westfield: Barcelona, Chataughque, Fairbanks, Lombard, Lombard Corners, Nettle Hill, Portland Harbor, Rogersville, Volusia, Westfield.

2. a new Westfield p.o. was est. 15 June 1818 on the east side of Chautauqua Creek, on lot 17. In 1836 the p.o. was moved into the three-year-old village of Westfield. [Twn: Westfield]

Whitney's Landing see Magnolia.

Wooglin p.o. est. 1 June 1888 on lot 19, T.3, R.13 to serve the short-lived summer colony for members of the Beta Theta Pi national fraternity. It was disc. 14 January 1905 and mail was then sent to Point Chautauqua. [Twn: Chautauqua]

Work's Mills, also Tiffany's, c.1840-1864, a small settlement on the Jamestown-Levant Rd., now part of Falconer. [Twn: Ellicott]

Worksburgh p.o. est. 26 February 1872, at Falconer's Station on the D.A.V.&P. Railroad. Changed to Falconer 1 May 1874. [Twn: Ellicott]

Wright's Corners see Villanova.

JUST PASSING THRU

Farm For Rent.

Enquire of T. J. Ainsworth

DEATH OF MILFORD D COVILL

Milford D. Covill was born July 25th, 1819, in Chatawqua (sic)Co, New York, where he resided until 27 years ago when he was united in marriage with Eliza White, December 25th, 1844. They moved from there to Wyoming County N Y, where they resided about eight years when they moved to Taylorsville, Fayette County, Iowa, and in this vicinity they have resided until August 24th, 1902, he departed this life being 83 years, 30 days old. There were born of this union six children. Erastus Covill who died April 10th, 1848, Oly Covill died April 23d. 1857, Mrs. Lucy Lackey, Alice E. Keith, Libbie J. Torry, Eugene Covill, still survive their father and were with him During his sickness and death [from the *Ar-*

lington News, Arlington IA —28 Oct 1902 p 9, col 5. Submitted by Susan Sperry (#580)]

Note: It is unstated if the Farm For Rent item had any significance to the death notice following it.

EDMUNDS Edward S, teacher b Dan by, Rutland Co VT 27 Sept 1843 s/o Obidiah & Miriam (Thompson) Edumunds, eldest of 3 ch...when aged 10, mother died 9 years later family removed to WNY .In winter of 1862-63 completed education at Ripley Academy next summer to Oil Creek PA 10 Sept 1864 to end of war in naval service up the Mississippi in 1865 removed to Cattaraugus Co farming 1882 living and teaching in LaGrange Co IN. [*Hist of LaGrange Co*, submitted by V W Barden]

DODGE David Elisha b 15 April 1831, Pomfret, Chaut Co to David Jr & Maria (Cole) Dodge father died when David was aged 1 Y2 mo and mother Maria remarried in 1833-4 Dr Cogsdale Terrell. Dr Terrell and family are enumerated 1850 in Harborcreek Twp, Erie Co PA and were residing there when David E Dodge is listed as attending Fredonia Academy. David m (allegedly in Dunkirk) Harriet Ellen Cole b 11 Oct 1835 and took up residence in Erie Co PA 7 ch: Maria Lavina b 1856; James Lucian b 1858; Ulysses Henry b 1860; Almon Terrell b 1865; David Doctor b 1867; Fatette Thorne b 1869 and Wilbur Chauncey b 1870.

David E Dodge served as Pvt in Co G 169th PA drafted militia 6 Oct 1862 to 26 July 1863 Removed with family in 1878 to Rooks Co Kansas was teacher, carpetweaver, farmer, and preacher in the Presbyterian faith. Wife Harriet died in Kansas in 1894 remarried 1896 Anna Lindsey Riddington, and lived for some years in Harlan Co Nebraska where 2nd wife died married 3rd Rose Clark Nichols in 1905 and removed to McPherson KS where he died 20 June 1920 and is buried in McPherson City Cemetery. [information from gr-gr-grand-daughter, Gina Thomas Patterson, Long Beach CA, in answer to Jo Ann Kaufman's quest for biographies of graduates of Fredonia Academy]

[Sally Bixby Bailey sent a copy of the *History of the Hull Family of Massachusetts* that included Ira Sherman who lived in Sheridan, Chautauqua Co from sometime before 1830 until sometime after 1842.]

SHERMAN Ira, b 1778 in Hinesburg VT s/o Prince and Submit Rogers Shennan. When crops failed and famine threatened, Prince Sherman and family removed to a Crown Concession in Upper Canada. following the death of his father, Ira remained with his mother in Plum Hollow, Bastard Township until his marriage in 1815 to Phebe Edmunds d/o Joseph & Phebe (Andrus) Edmunds b VT between 1790 and 1792 and her family removed to Upper Canada in the same vicinity as lived the Widow Sherman and family. To Ira and Phebe were born seven daughters before the family removed from Canada to Sheridan.

In 1833 in Sheridan, a eighth daughter was born. Their children:
 1. Orilla b abt 1817, married Marcus DALRYMPLE
 2. Sylvia Ann b 18 Jan 1818 m Ist Schuyler MATTOON, 2nd -Wm Cyril CALKINS, 3rd Elias Bliss SUTHERLAND
 3. Emily b 2 Feb 1820 m George YOUNG
 4. Nancy b abt 1822 m Joseph BABCOCK. as his 2nd wife

5. A daughter, unnamed in family records; said to have been frail
6. A daughter, unnamed in family records; said to have followed Brigham Young to the Great Salt Lake in 1847, and was never heard of again.
7. Harriet b 19 June 1827, married Anthony DELAP, as his 2nd wife. She became the step-mother of Wesley Delap who later married her niece, Jeanette Calkins
8. Laura, b 10 July 1833, m 1st Dexter CROCKER; 2nd Henry SOUTHWICK

Sylvia Ann Sherman married Schuyler Matoonat Hanover, Chaut Co about 1838. He b 1807 Warrenstown NY abt 1807 s/o Abel & Mary (Livingston) Mattoon. Amanda Louise Mattoon was born at Silver Creek 23 Sept 1840 and Phebe b 1842. Soon after the birth of the 2nd dau, the family started west in a covered wagon and en route at St Joseph Mo in 1842, Schuyler Mattoon died. Sylvia soon remarried William Cyril CALKINS and by him had one daughter, Jenette, b 7 Jan 1845. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and took his new family to Nauvoo IL.

In all, five of Ira Sherman's eight daughters became "mormons," but there is no record that the parents became members of that church. Some of Ira's daughters who were married in Chautauqua County may have remained here. The parents removed to Wisconsin sometime after 1842. Here they raised the three daughters of Sylvia Ann who after the death of her second husband before 1850, traveled to Wisconsin to be with her parents. There Sylvia met her third husband, Elias SUTHERLAND, and removed with him to Colorado, leaving the three daughters with her parents. The youngest, following her marriage to Wesley Delap, traveled to Colorado to be with her ailing mother who died 30 April 1883.

[Information is greatly condensed here. We are sure Sally Bailey would be happy to hear from anyone who would share information about this family. Look her up (#234) in the member list in the May issue for address, etc.]

[This information from Doug Shepard, found in the *Fredonia Censor* for 9 March 1847, headlined "Pass the Villain Round" seems to fit this "Just Passing Through" theme]

A man by name of Daniel GUNTHANK courted and agreed to marry a respectable girl in Massachusetts; the wedding day was appointed, friends invited, and all things in readiness and waiting for the bridegroom but he gave them the slip and went to parts unknown the female ruined. About twelve months after, Unthank came to Troy, in this state, and married at the house of William Tucker (this was about fourteen years since) moved to the state of Ohio and had two children by this wife. He went to Detroit on business, in the year the cholera prevailed in this country, and got some person to write to his wife informing her of his death by cholera. She supposing all to be right, left for her friends east, mourning the loss of the husband. The wife, after one or two years married a man by the name of Samuel Sleeper. After about seven years, friends heard Unthank was still living. He had come to **Chautauqua County** and representing himself as a single man, married Zilpha Howard from a respectable family, lived happily for some two or three years, and had by her two

children. All at once he again disappeared to parts unknown. She sending east to his relations and finding he had another wife living, and being clear from him has since married and now lives in the State of Ohio. In the year 1842 he came to this city [?], where another unsuspecting female, to whom he made love, and was accordingly married, at the house of Henry Bush by Elder Hotchkiss. The last lady he married was Lydia Bush, with whom he lived agreeably for two years or over and had one son. This last fall he pretended he was going to the State Fair at Auburn. Suspicions were excited on account of his long absence; and communication had, which has led to the above discovery. Report says he has still another victim in Michigan and one in Canada. He was last seen in Canada. He is 38 years of age, light complexion, rather bold, about 5 feet 9 inches in height, black eyes, thick set, wight about 160 pounds, had one of his arms marked with a square and compass, and flowers on one or both, and also a ring around one of his fingers- all with India ink, is a blacksmith by trade, an excellent stove mounter, and he is supposed to be around some Furnace in Canada. He took away a pattern to make irons for revolving clothes lines, which he may be peddling.

Editors of newspapers will subserve the interests of humanity by publishing the above facts, both in the United States and throughout the world.

PUBLISH BIRTH NOTICES?

We have all noticed the lack of birth information published in the same early newspapers that did regularly publish notices of deaths and marriages. "Eagle Eye" Shepard found this bit in the *Fredonia Censor* for 8 Feb 1843. Promises, Promises!!

Births. -We find in the *New York Express*, an announcement under this head, which we copy into our department with all pleasure. We already perceive here and there throughout the country, journals evincing the good sense to publish these events the same as marriages and deaths are chronicled, and the custom is gaining ground quite as rapidly as so material an innovation upon long established usage could be expected to. Sensible persons can't fail to see that the objections thereto urged are little better than mere mawkishness, and will gradually fall into the commendable custom, until it gets to be no novel thing. This result would be right speedily brought about if our brethren of the press generally would but take ground on the subject.

We concur with the editor of the *Buffalo Commercial* in the remarks which we have above quoted from his paper, and again offer a portion of our columns to the gratuitous insertion of notices of births, as we now record hymeneal and obituary ones.

Doug later came across this entry that may [partly] explain that omission.

Fredonia Censor for 3 Jan 1852

Some of the Massachusetts papers have adopted the custom of publishing births as well as marriages. It is now become a mooted question with them whether the notices of births should precede the marriages, or vice versa. The advocates of one side urge that births very naturally follow marriages, while their opponents triumphantly ask, "who ever knew of a man's being married before he is born?"

A Puzzle Resolved Or Is It?

I have always been interested in who my ancestors were and where they came from. As a teenager, I collected some information from relatives, reunion notes and cemeteries but it was only a start. For years afterwards, at various times, I attempted to learn more but never had any success. A few years ago I started searching again and found a wealth of available resources that were not there in the past. There were computer programs to store and organize family pedigrees. The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints had an extensive microfilm and microfiche collection available at Family History Centers (FHC). Many colleges and libraries had rooms dedicated to genealogy. There were census records, microfilmed newspapers, parish records, family histories, directories, cemetery records, ship passenger lists and many other sources. There were also many genealogical organizations with specialties in geographical areas and ethnic groups that anyone could join.

One of the first things that I did was order the 1860 census records for Chautauqua County, NY. I knew my great great grandfather's name was Thomas Cave and that he came to America on the ship *Parkfield* from England. I felt that Thomas should have been in America by 1860. It didn't take me more than 15 minutes before I found his name. The thrill of finding one's ancestor in a document over a 100 years old excited me as it has for many other genealogists each time they make anew discovery. I found Thomas, age 33 living with his wife Sarah and five of their children. His occupation was listed as engineer. What did engineer mean? Did he work on a railroad or was he a professional engineer? This puzzled me since my mind had envisioned him as a farmer. He had a farm that was passed down through two additional generations of Caves. Then the New York State Thruway cut directly across it.

As I collected additional information on Thomas, I began to build a composite of his life. In England, his father, James, was an agricultural laborer. James died in 1844, Thomas came to America in 1846. His brother, Paul, came to America in 1848. His mother died in 1850 and the 1851 census in England showed several siblings living with other families as servants or paupers. There certainly did not seem to be any indication of a family with means to send a child to school to learn engineering.

I also found Thomas in the 1850 census for Chautauqua County. He was listed there as a laborer in the town of Pomfret. Later in the 1870 U.S. census for Chautauqua County and in the 1892 New York State census, Thomas is listed as a farmer. In 1936, a newspaper article appeared telling about the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Murray. Mrs. Murray was the daughter of Thomas Cave, Emma Maude Cave. The article told of William and Emma being married in the old Ezra Ely farm house then belonging to the bride's father, Thomas Cave. In an early map of Pomfret, a black square marks the location of the Ezra Ely farm house, just across the Fredonia line on Temple Road. This is the farm that passed on to Thomas' son, James and then managed by his grandson, Clarence. From a Fredonia Censor newspaper clipping, Thomas also purchased part of E.L. Shepard farm on Chestnut Street in 1866.

How then could Thomas be listed as an engineer in 1860? It is evident throughout most of his life, he resided and worked on a farm.

Recently, I was browsing through some old Fredonia City Directories. You know how genealogists like to read things like

that. There is no plot but the advertisements are interesting and sometimes they help one realize what life must have been like in the good old days. I was not looking for anything in particular, just perusing the names. Most of my ancestors and their descendants settled in or near Fredonia and I found familiar names on almost every page. The directory was the 1883 Fredonia Directory published by P.R. Bartram. On page 24 the E's began and suddenly a familiar name struck my eye. It was Ezra Ely, the owner of the farm that Thomas Cave had bought. He was now living at II Green Street and his occupation was ...civil engineer.

A scenario began to grow in my mind. Perhaps sometime after Thomas Cave came to America, he found employment working for Ezra Ely, who was a civil engineer. During the course of his employment, he performed some of the duties of an engineer and when the census taker asked him in 1860 what his occupation was, he may have said or perhaps it was concluded that Thomas was an engineer. It is also possible, through a friendship with his employer, Thomas found out that the farm on Temple Road was for sale and purchased it. Perhaps, Ezra helped him with the financing. At last I felt that I had a reasonable explanation for the occupation of engineer that had puzzled me the last few years. - 1996

I would like to know if any local historian of Fredonia or anyone researching the Ely line could verify or add any information to the scenario that I constructed. I would appreciate hearing from them.

David R. Bolling, 2515 Bidle Road, Middletown MD 21769

editor's note: It may or may not add to the solution of Mr Bolling's puzzle, but it is a coincidence that just this past week Jane Edwards from Ottawa Canada was in town researching her ancestor, Deacon John Seymour. When Deacon Seymour retired in 1856 to move into the village, he sold his farm, "just over the line between Pomfret and Dunkirk, on Temple Road" to Ezra S Ely. Seymour's lengthy obituary on page one of the *Fredonia Censor* for 23 Feb 1876 describes the extensive work done in the early days in the machine shop on Mr Seymour's farm.

Shepard's Additions and Corrections

There are no words to express appreciation for Doug Shepard - to know there is at least one other person in this area who enjoys pouring over rotting old newspapers and/or microfilms of same. We take such joy in finding bits of vital information and even accounts of human frailties bordering upon gossip about those souls who trod the land before our arrival.

In this issue I am trying to pull together the several bits Doug has generously slipped into my mailbox in the past year or so. Some are included in our "Just Passing Through" column. Following are records that did not appear in our publications of deaths and marriages reported in the *Fredonia Censor* 1819-1899. Since the extractions for those publications were a joint effort of many society members, past and present, I refuse to feel terminally guilty that they were missed. I am grateful, however, to add them for the record. The first we include here to share the information, but as I indignately pointed out to the aforementioned eagle-eyed researcher, it was not included because we stopped the extractions for publication at the end of 1899. Hopefully, someday, someone will continue the project from 1 Jan 1900 until the *Censor* ceased to exist in mid-century. LMB

Fredonia Censor 7 Dec 1904: In Conneaut OH 23 Nov, William **Moore** of this town and Miss Julia **Clifford** of Dunkirk. They are living on his father's farm on Christy, Road.

(in the same issue) Harvey E **McIntyre** of Dunkirk and Miss Eva Bell Rogers of Sherman were married by Justice S P Fox, 26 Nov.

FC 4 Jan 1832: William **Couch**, formerly of Fredonia, committed suicide in Westfield Tuesday last [3 Jan] taking opium.

FC 14 July 1846: We learn that two boys were drowned while bathing in the Canadaway, near Shumla, one day last week. They were of the respective ages of 8 and 9, and sons of Mr **Foster** and Mr **Plumb**.

FC 8 July 1891: Married in the parlor of St Mary's Church by the Rev Father Albert at 9 o'clock this morning, Mr Elmer Nelson and Miss Bernice **Wilson**, both of Fredonia.

FC 28 March 1900 (also after the last date our extractions): an article on "Early Days on the Lakes," mentioned the drowning deaths of Haven **Cook** when a vessel foundered off Silver Creek in 1835; Capt **Ferry**, John **Lawrence** and Geo **Beck** of Silver Creek lost on *The Marcy* in the great gale of 1844; and John **Denny** drowned in 1853 while going aboard a vessel at Irving. These deaths all occurred during the time of our publication, so either were not noted in the *Censor* or were missed by our volunteer extractors.

Doug also noticed that in the **1865 census for Pomfret**, the list of deaths for the year ending 1 June 1865 (excluding servicemen) included the following not in our publication, probably because these deaths were not noted in *The Censor*:

George R Mason	6 Aug 1864	1 year old
George Shaffer	28 Dec 1864	shoemaker
Georgia Bradley	3 June 1864	abt 22
Robert Wilson	26 May 1865	58; farmer
Sally Wilcox	14 Jan/June 64/65	54
Della Trotman	15 Jul 1864	8
Jane Trotman	14 Feb 1865	9

Please see the Publication Update on page 60 for other items missed in our extractions from the *Censor*,

NEHGR on CD-ROM

Some two years ago, the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), the oldest such organization in America, announced they were planning to publish the entire **The New England Historical and Genealogical Register** (NEHGR, or more commonly, *The Register*) on CDs. The Register, a quarterly, was first published by the Society in 1847, and has been issued without interruption since that time. As the name of the Society implies, their genealogical interests are wholly centered on the six New England states.

We placed an order for the CDs with NEHGS almost immediately. However, the folks in Boston have had their problems with companies who made promises of publication dates which did not materialize. Our long wait is finally over, we have the CDs and they are everything one could hope for .

I should like to stress the fact that what we have is not just an index, but the entire set of quarterlies from 1847-1994, 148 of them to be exact. If one's ancestors came to the New World through one of the several ports in New England, *The Register* is a prime source for information about them. The Garland Room at Barker Museum does have many of the issues, including the very latest ones. Unfortunately, these do not include the first 82 (1847-1928), which invariably seem to be the most wanted ones. Barker Museum also has the complete index in hard-copy (3 volumes).

It goes without saying, to make use of this acquisition, one must have a computer equipped with a CD-ROM drive. At the moment our society does not own a computer for use in the Barker Museum. Because the material is under copyright, we are licensed to have the program which makes the CDs work on only one computer. As a temporary measure, Norwood Barris has installed the search software on his computer and C.C.G.S. members may ask to use his equipment at the Barris' house. I have also purchased my own copy of the Register, and I make the same offer to society members.

The little program which runs things is very easy to use. It takes all of five minutes to learn all one needs to know. The 148 issues of the Register are contained on eight CDs, a ninth contains a master index. If there is a printer attached to the computer, hard copies of pages in the Register can be made on the spot.

—Richard Sheil, 368 E. Main St., Fredonia, NY

Fall Program Schedule of Chautauqua County Genealogical Society

August 14-17

C.C.G.S. attendance at the FGS conference in Rochester NY.

August 20

An open meeting to discuss the FGS conference and other Society business.

September 17

Dr. Jacqueline Swansinger, Chairman of the History Dept at SUNY Fredonia will speak on the Affects of German/Italian immigration in the Pomfret Area.

October 15

Devon A. Taylor of Mayville will speak on the History of Mayville. This program meeting will be held in the Mayville area. Watch local publicity for the exact location.

November 19

Walter Sedlmayer, past County Commander of the Chautauqua County American Legion, will speak on the historical genealogical resources available from Legion records. This is also our Holiday party and will meet at a nearby church. Watch you November newsletter for exact location.

Publications Update

Virginia Barden's long anticipated Gleanings II has been added to our publications list. Its 149 pages are filled with family information from obscure newspapers, court documents, Civil War discharges, scrapbooks, and other sources Mrs Barden has "gleaned" over the past several years. It has an every-name index and is \$22.00 postpaid.

Two new Evening Observer Indexes will be ready for shipping by the end of August 1996. These include the five year periods, 1941 through 1945 and 1946 through 1950. These are unique in that Donna Mills did the original extraction, but with no collateral index. Lois Barris has used Mrs Mills work as a guide in re-visiting the newspapers to edit the earlier work and to add a collateral index to each. Now there is only a 15 year gap (1966 to 1980) to complete the indexing of this local newspaper from 1900 to the present. Each five year index is \$27.50 postpaid.

Town of Pomfret School Records are available now and the Town of Portland will be ready by the end of August. Each is \$15 postpaid.

We like to hear from you, even when your message is critical of our efforts. Dr Douglas Shepard, our guardian angel, pointed out to us several years ago that we were missing 77 records in our extractions of Death Notices From The Fredonia Censor 1819-1899. We were able to trace this problem to a computer gremlin that literally swallowed those records. These records, all beginning with FR—, were sent to earlier purchasers of the books, and have been incorporated in the later editions. Some of you may notice that they appear in some editions in two places -the correct alphabetical location, and as an addendum.

Now, Donna Mills has discovered an even greater lapse in this work -106 records beginning with BU- [Bugbee, Bull, Burgess, Burnham, etc, etc]. We have been unable to explain this problem by blaming the computer program or other technological problem, so it seems the extractor must shoulder

the blame. Please remember she is hardworking, well-meaning, elderly- and a volunteer at this work. But seriously, we do want to get the information to all those who have purchased the book or who use it in libraries. Any individual or library who has bought this book (in later editions, a two-volume set), please send a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope to the society address on page 42 to receive these pages. These six pages will be an addendum to any edition sold since we discovered the error, and will be incorporated into the text of future editions.

We encourage our members to submit family history and related articles for this publication. We have used almost everything that has been submitted. Exceptions have been those that do not relate to family history and those we have lost. In this last category, we ask your indulgence. Please send them again, and please re-read the third sentence in the above paragraph. The same statement describes the co-editors of The Genealogist.

The newly-published **GLEANINGS II** by Virginia W. Barden contains a poem in memory of George Clement, reprinted here for your interest. We do not yet know just who George is, and we are not sure that poetry anthologies would include this effort, but see how much it tells a family genealogist about him.

In the solemn gloom of midnight at the close of Labor Day
End to toil and struggle final, pass George Clement did away:
Gone eternally the torture, by the stomach cancer caus'd
Soul and body separated, and the faithful watchers paus'd; :
Months of pain, beyond expression, at the hour supreme did cease.
Earth and Heaven came together at the moment of release;
A true Catholic was Clement, and his moveless faith in God,
Plac'd his feet on Rock of Ages and the path the angels trod;
Him who was for long our neighbor was American with pride,

But of Belgium a native, crossing early ocean's tide;
Ellen Riggs the man did marry in the bloom of manhood's morn,
Lived some forty years together. To the twain no children born;
As a husband he was noble, to the friend his heart was near.
He in years was four and sixty, did himself to all endear;
Oh! 'tis true, for long we'll miss him, but he no more will know,
And to think of him in Heaven will forbid the tear to flow.

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