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HISTORY

OF THE

Town of Orwell

Orwell, N. Y.

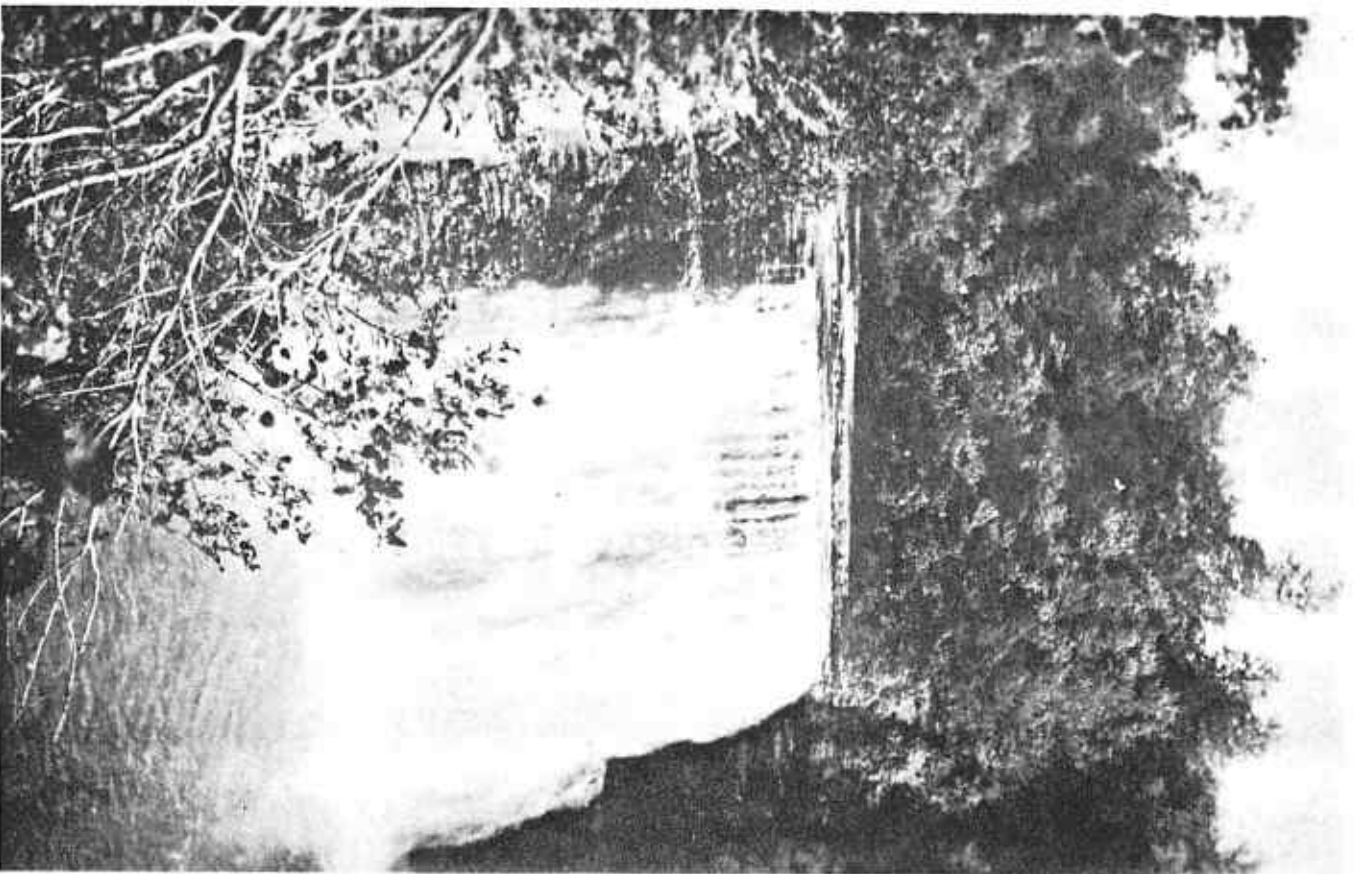
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Salmon River Falls 110 Feet High

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FOREWORD

History not only makes its records of the living past, but it points the way toward greater realizations of the common good both in the living present and in the unfolding future.

These pages tell of significant epochs in the community, as well as in the old-time families, of Orwell.

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May this history be a source of real inspiration to all who read it.

Kenneth L. Combs

June 19, 1950

EARLY HISTORY

When the Indians lived in our town, about one hundred and fifty years ago, conditions were vastly different than they are today. Instead of the pleasant surroundings and many advantages we now enjoy, this territory was completely covered with an immense forest, through which roamed deer, bears, wolves, panthers, many small animals, and Indians. No good roads in those days, nothing except the runways of these wild animals to their favorite drinking places, and the trails used by the Indians as they traveled through the woods. One trail lead from Cyril Potter's barn down where L. A. Potter's house now stands. This was the trail that lead from Rome to Sacketts Harbor. A favorite camping place for the travelers of this trail was found in the woods on the M. D. Pennock farm, being attracted by the splendid springs of water that gushed from the hillside there, which also proved a great attraction to Joshua Hollis, who settled there in 1807.

Percy Stowell told Anna Weed that on this Hollis farm for many years was plainly visible an Indian grave. Flint arrows were commonly found by the first owner of the farm. It was customary for Indians to frequently visit their old camping grounds, even after it had become the property of Joshua Hollis. The great number of flint arrowheads and tomahawks that have been found on several farms in Orwell, is evidence that these places have been happy hunting grounds for the dusky warriors, or may have been scenes of battles fought among them. These implements of warfare have also been found on the L. A. Potter farm, the George Waggoner farm, and the Henry Stowell farm, which is now owned by Earl Lester. On this same farm can be seen entrenchments which has resulted in its being called Fort Hill. Many beads, some of a brownish color with different shapes have been found. Dishes and pottery with carved decorations have been discovered, and even a human skull was plowed up.

Early in the seventies, a band of St. Regis Indians selling baskets were frequently seen about this town, although their camp was in the town of Boylston on the Elwin Blodgett farm. The squaws also made beautiful cushions, pocketbooks, and other trinkets from beads.

At the present time we have a few people in town whose early ancestors were Indians. The early histories give no mention of Indians at that time, although we know they lived here then.

The first white men came to Orwell about 1798, for Moses Coffin was listed as paying taxes that year. The town was formed from Richland February 28, 1817. At that time there were about ten families. For awhile the settlement at Pekin grew faster than Moscow, as Orwell was then called. The earliest pioneers made their way cautiously into the unsettled region by following the Salmon River. The Aiken's Mill was built above the Falls in 1810. A little later a trip-hammer shop was built on a little stream that runs through Pekin. Here scythes and axes were forged.

The cold season of 1816 when snow fell 10 inches in June, came near causing a complete destruction of crops and the spring and summer of 1817 were noted for the scarcity of food. Even the possession of money was useless. Some families went without bread for six weeks at a time, living on fish, greens, and milk.

By 1818 there was only one house at Orwell Corners, which was Balch's tavern, located where the Firehouse now stands. It became a noted stopping place and dispensed good whiskey and comfortable entertainment to the neighboring pioneers. In this tavern was a large room with a fireplace, where the Indians who passed through the town stopped and baked their hoe cakes, in the hot ashes.

In 1820 Jonas Thompson built a saw and grist mill near the stone quarry. Up to this time the grists were taken to Pulaski to be ground, a difficult journey, as the road was filled with stumps and other obstructions. The road did not follow its present course, but came up through Robert Greenfield's farm in the Potter district.

In 1824 the quarrying of grindstones for the eastern markets had become quite an industry. The little settlement boasted two boarding houses and a grist and saw mill, besides several dwellings.

Before 1825 there was a woolen mill built on the north bank of the Salmon River near the Bennett Bridges. On the south bank was a store. Soon after 1825, Elijah Stowell settled on the Boylston road, about a mile from Castor Corners. George Greenfield was the first settler on the Vorea road, while Orrin West was the first settler in the Chateaugay. In 1830 a potash factory was started on the south bank of Balch's Creek. It continued to operate until 1850. Gilbert and Dickinson opened a store at the Corners while Albion Strong started one at Pekin.

Reuben Salisbury's grist mill was built in 1831 by Elon Stowell. A series of revival meetings was held in the new mill which resulted in a new Baptist church being built. Olmstead's Store was started in 1840 and has been in continuous operation by the same family ever since.

By 1854 the town grew rapidly after the tannery was rebuilt on a larger scale by Weston and Lewis. The bark of the hemlocks was the only part used. On almost any farm in this vicinity you can still see the huge logs left to rot. By 1880 Beecherville had three sawmills, for lumbering was the chief industry for many years. A three mile railroad with wooden rails was built by Charles Babcock and son from the big mill in New Scriba to Smartville, town of Boylston. A big steamer was used to haul the loads of logs. Perry Keller was the engineer with Charlie Carpenter as fireman. Lumber jacks on the job were Ben Hazzard, George Cook, Dave Sanderson, Toby Rose, and Dick Dean. High Snow ran a stove mill on the Vogel farm, New Scriba. There was another mill in New Scriba ran by Voodre. More business was done in this one section than in the whole town now.

At this time the Springsteen Hotel served as a town hall and auditorium for entertainments such as medicine shows. Teeth were extracted

for nothing if you bought their herbs. Yankee pack peddlers were a common sight throughout the town. Mr. Springsteen carried mail and freight for years. Orwell had two barber shops, two meat markets, four stores, 4 blacksmith shops, a ladder shop, 6 cheese factories, and 2 millinery shops. It even claimed to have the tallest flag pole in the state. Smart's Steam Wagon came to town to raise the flag pole. It was the first steam engine in this section, so the day of the pole raising was quite an event. A good many years later someone asked Mr. Smart what he remembered most about the day and he said, "I was so afraid a little one-armed boy named Mike Aldrich would get hurt, for he kept fooling around the engine".

At another time there was great excitement when Elisha Kelsey, a restaurant man, said he was going to jump over the Salmon River Falls using a large umbrella, as parachutes were unknown then. People swarmed over to the falls, but the man never showed up.

At about 1883 the town had a good band. They used to have a big celebration for the 4th of July, ball games, horse races, etc. About 75 years ago the Good Templar's Hall would be packed for various shows. As many as 500 people would attend for three nights in succession. It stood where Whiting Hilton's Ladder Factory now stands.

In 1888 A. E. Olmstead started the manufacturing of chairs in the tannery building that stood on the lot now occupied by the Town Hall. He continued in this line until 1892, when the business was taken over by Frank Woodbury.

Woodbury gradually increased the manufacturing of chairs until it grew into a very thriving enterprise. Ralph Stevens, who was superintendent in the shop for a long time, and is still living, said that the normal employment was about 125 men and during the rush periods had reached as high as 200 men. L. A. Potter and Charles Carpenter, who both worked in the shop and are still living, say at this time it was almost impossible to find a bed and room in the town. Wages were small in those days. A good man got a \$1.00 per day for 10 hours, 6 days a week. Mr. Stevens was the boss and he got \$1.25 per day.

In October of 1894, shortly after 9:00 a.m. the village was shook by an explosion of the boiler in Woodbury's factory. The boiler was torn from its setting and came out of the front of the building and landed across the side walk between the present residence of George Thomas and the Fireman's Hall. Had this happened 15 minutes before there is the chance that school children walking along the sidewalk might have been injured. Also, by mere chance no one was killed in the plant, but several were severely burned by the steam.

On June 15, 1905, the finishing and packing building, which was across the creek from the rest of the plant, was struck by lightning and burned. After the loss of this building Woodbury did not rebuild and moved the remainder of the plant to Phoenix. The main building next to the street was torn down to make room for the Town Hall.

The Town of Orwell has within its boundary two large Hydro-Electric power plants, on Salmon River. One above the Falls and the other

below. The first or upper plant was completed in 1913, and was quite an engineering job, of the time, as the dam is about 1½ miles above the power plant and the water from the dam comes down to the plant through a pipe line which when built is said to have been the third largest in the world. The lower plant is so constructed that its backwater comes up to the upper plant. The lower plant was completed in the late 1920's.

Orwell, also, has been noted for years for its tuberculosis hospitals. The first of these hospitals was started by the County of Oswego to furnish care for the County tubercular cases. This institution started in the homestead of the late S. C. Davis, grew to have a men's and ladies building, nurses' home, children's pavilion, as well as laundry and other installations necessary for a modern and efficient hospital. This county hospital was the scene of a disastrous fire on January 4, 1949, which before it could be brought under control had nearly destroyed the Hunt building, or men's ward. The building was later torn down and the cellar covered by a roof to be used as storage space.

The Ideal Rest, which was located in the village was started by Dr. P. D. Bailey, in the Beecher house on the corner of East Main and Barker Hill Streets, at about the end of World War I. Dr. Bailey had as backing, The Endicott-Johnson Shoe Co. who sent their employees who were tubercular here for treatment. This hospital also grew in size until it consisted of five buildings for tubercular patients. One large general hospital, a nurses' home, green house, and laundry. The general hospital of the Ideal Rest will long be remembered by the people of this and Oswego County, as a very efficient and well equipped hospital for such a small community. However, due to the good work which has been done in recent years to arrest tuberculosis; and the fact that the general hospital was not self-sufficient, the hospital was closed and the equipment sold at auction in 1932. The only buildings left today of what was once Ideal Rest is the Carpenter residence on East Main Street and the Martin Residence on Barker Hill.

The Town of Orwell is primarily a farming town. While the milk produced years ago was mostly made into cheese, today it is all shipped in the fluid form to New York City.

Our only industries today are the ladder factory operated by Whiting Hilton & Sons, who manufacture extension, step, and fruit ladders which are sold throughout the Eastern part of the country; and W. H. Lattimer's Sons, which is being operated by the third generation of Lattimers and manufacture chairs and furniture specialties.

Alice B. Clark
De Wilton W. Lattimer

CHURCHES OF THE TOWNSHIP

In 1805, according to the most reliable records the first settlers came to what is now the town of Orwell. In 1806 Frederick Eastman and family came into this wilderness land. He and his wife were Presbyterians. The next year some Methodist people moved in, Nathaniel Bennett and family. Soon they commenced prayer meetings, held in Mr. Eastman's house.

The first church was organized by the Presbyterians in 1819, 13 members. In 1827 the members and congregation met at Timothy Balch's on May 30, where they resolved, "That we form ourselves into a branch society auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society". The Home Missionary was organized in 1833 with a membership of 29.

From 1820 the church was served by pioneer preachers. In 1827 the society was organized under the name of First Presbyterian Society of Orwell. Before 1845 no regular pulpit supply was provided. Only Communion services were kept up. The following three years Rev. J. B. Wilson preached alternately here and at Sand Bank, now Altmar.

Other Methodists came and settled here, and circuit preaching began at Pekin. Large groups were attracted to these meetings. When the quarterly meeting in the year came they came ten miles with ox sleds to attend it. The women rode while the men walked.

Early Baptists held meetings at first in a new grist mill built by Reuben Salisbury. After a revival many new members were added and a meeting house was built in 1835 on the corner of Deacon Salisbury's land where Mrs. Ada Clemens now lives.

The town outgrew the little church and in 1843 a church was built in Orwell for the use of all denominations. The land was given by Mr. Pierrepoint and the building was done by O. B. Olmstead. The church was 36 by 52 feet. The lumber was already to begin building when the shop that held it caught fire and burned. Mr. Pierrepoint told Mr. Olmstead to go into the woods and pick out two of the nicest pine trees to replace the burned lumber. The church was dedicated in Feb. 1845, costing \$1963.



Orwell Union Church

In 1850 a church was built at Pekin for the Methodists. This church was torn down in 1922.

In 1852 a new Salmon River circuit was organized which included Orwell, Pekin, Chateaugay, Pineville, Pulaski, and others. Samuel Salisbury was pastor. The first quarterly meeting was held at Pekin Aug. 14, 1852. The preacher's claim for service was quarterage \$200, rent \$18, fuel \$10, table expenses \$40, traveling expenses \$8, making \$276, apportioned to Pineville \$138, to Pekin \$69, to Orwell (Moscow) \$69.

Pekin



Church

The Presbyterians reorganized in 1858 into the Congregational Church and the members were composed of the former members of the 1819 group. In 1876-77 there was a big revival raising the membership from 20 to 85.

The Methodist Circuit had five classes, one at Orwell village, one at Chateaugay, one at Pekin, one on Salmon River near the Albion line, and one in Albion. In the early days the Methodist ministers rode from one log school house to another on their circuit. Sunday Schools were held in these classes.

The Congregationalists and Methodists used the same church on alternate Sundays each society having their own pastor. In 1882 the edifice was remodeled and enlarged.

Our most beloved pastor was the Rev. T. T. Davies who served the Congregationalists for 28 years, concluding his pastorate in 1921. In the spring of 1922 the two societies voted to unite having one pastor. Dr. I. N. Steelman, a Presbyterian minister, was called for the first Orwell Union Church Society.

For several years our church was served by the Methodist minister residing at Richland, until in the spring of 1949 a new determination developed in the Orwell Church to again secure a resident pastor. Everyone cooperated to completely renovate the interior of the parsonage and a new oil burning heating system was installed. More than \$1400 was expended for these parsonage repairs and improvements, in addition to many hours of donated labor. The first Orwell Old Home Day, held Aug. 13, 1949, netted \$863, which nearly covered the cost of the heating system. The 1949-50 church year was an excellent year of progress in the whole life of the church.

Organizations now active are the Church School, the Gleaners, the Dalkeds, the Higher Trails, the Youth Fellowship, the new United Society of Christian Service, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Our present pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Combs came to Orwell with his family in June 1949. He serves Orwell Union Church and the Methodist Churches at Richland and Ricard.

DeAnna Jeanes

CIRCLE OF GLEANERS

On July 22, 1910 the members of Mrs. Sarah Sampson's Sunday School Class were invited to her home for the purpose of organizing the class that we might do something definite and helpful for our community. A business session was held and Mrs. Ethel Allen was chosen the first president. There were fifty four charter members. Meetings were to be held the first Friday in the month. At each meeting a collection to be taken for some church benefit. During one of the first meetings work was begun on a quilt for a needy family.

At a meeting held October 1912, it was decided to hold a bazaar in the Town Hall on the day of the regular meeting in December. This became an annual affair. The gross receipts of the first bazaar were \$149.99. The receipts of the 1949 bazaar were \$215.90.

On July 22, 1930, the "Circle" celebrated its twentieth anniversary at the home of Mrs. J. R. Allen. The first secretary, Mrs. Mary Carpenter was present at this meeting, as were seventeen other charter members.

On July 12, 1940 the thirtieth anniversary meeting was held at the home of DeAnna Jeanes. Twenty two of the charter members attended.

The "Circle" contributes to the pastor's salary, current church expenses, Red Cross, and other organizations as needed. Many people of the community have been made happy by sunshine and flowers from the class when ill or in sorrow. During the year 1949, the "Circle" contributed \$350 to the various causes.

The members who have served as presidents are, Ethel Allen, Jennie Potter, Ella Mae Greenfield, Lela Olmstead, Mary Carpenter, Grace Hilton, DeAnna Jeanes, Audrie Howlett, Sadie Bohanan, Lillie Himes, Viola Tubbs, Celia Babcock, Mattie Clark, Coral DeLong, Elvira Lattimer, Ella Mae Miner, Ethel Moyer, Florence Barker, Lilla Bambury, Beulah Greenfield, Lillie Blodgett, Lulu Finster, Edna Cole, Harriet Potter, Ruby Smith, Mary Cooper, Genevieve Minor, Emma Graham, Jessie Waggoner, Ruby Olmstead, Pearl Potter, Coral Lindsey, Grace Comins, Mildred Oliphant, Laura Carr, Marjorie Carpenter, Blanche Adams, and Flora Barker.

DeAnna Jeanes
Ruby Smith

THE VOREA COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Vorea Community Church, situated between Orwell and Smartville, has played an important part in the religious life of the community for over fifty years. Founded originally in 1897 as a Church of Christ, there are now only three charter members living, Mrs. E. D. Mead, Mrs. Emma Lester, and John D. Monteith.

As the timber was cut in that area and lumbering operations moved farther away and families moved to more prosperous farming areas, the congregation dwindled until about thirteen years ago the church was forced to close. For nine years its doors were not opened and the building fell into a bad state of disrepair. Some five years ago, under the leadership of Rev. Ellis Birchfield of Pennsylvania who was then preaching at Stillwater, a campaign was begun to reopen the church. People of the community were enthusiastic in their response. Under the guidance of the Walter Mead, Royal Potter, and the Arthur Waggoner families the church was repainted, a new roof put on, heating equipment secured, and the interior redecorated. Services were resumed and conducted by visiting clergymen. For the past two years Rev. Selden H. Ward, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sandy Creek, has also pastored the Vorea Community Church. At present there are regularly conducted services each Sunday including Sunday School, preaching service, and two young people's meetings. A prayer and Bible-study hour on Tuesday evening has become a regular part of the church schedule.

A Lord's Acre project, now sponsored by the church each summer, aids considerably in the maintenance of the Kingdom's work on that field.

PINE MEADOWS WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

The First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Orwell, under the jurisdiction of the Syracuse Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, was organized by Elders Mathew Presler and John M. Wait, Apr. 4, 1858.

For 38 years the meetings were held in the school house in Pine Meadows. During these years the elders of the said Syracuse Conference served this church as pastors. To their ministry this church is chiefly indebted (coupled with the infinite grace of God).

In 1897 the pastor, Rev. Henry Shares, gave the church an acre of ground on which to build a new church.

His offer was accepted, and a building committee consisting of Rev. H. C. Shares, J. R. Nash, W. A. Rowell, Frank Fox and William Sidebottom was appointed. The church was built during the year of 1898 and named Bethel.

The missionary society of the Wesleyan Methodist convention of America, Syracuse, loaned the money to help build the church. Many people of the surrounding communities donated money and labor in this work. During this time many people were brought to Christ through the faithful ministry of this church. Rev. Paul Bogart is now the present pastor.



Babcock's Mill back of Town Hall



Main st., North side, showing Town Hall, fountain, Dr. Nelson, blacksmith shop and hotel.

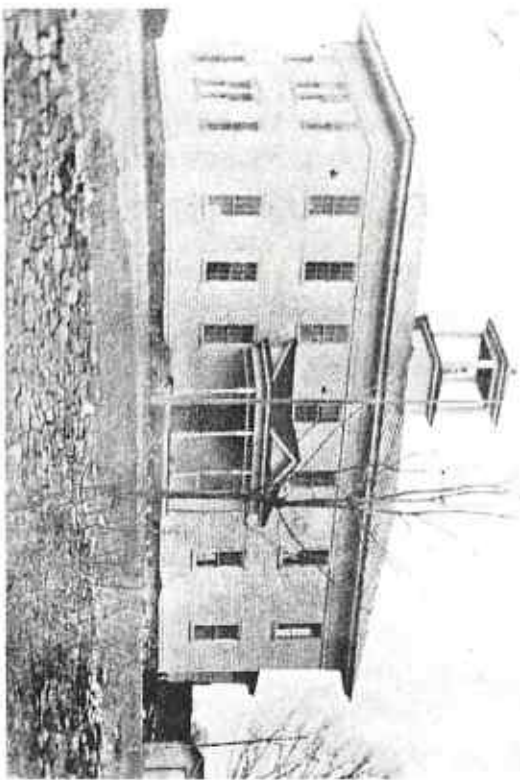


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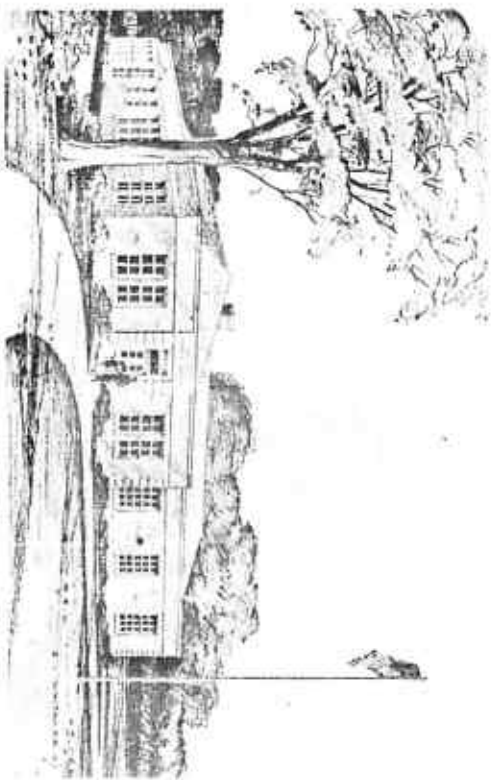


Ideal Rest Hospital

THE OLD ORWELL SCHOOL



THE NEW SCHOOL



SCHOOLS ... PAST AND PRESENT

The pioneer's concept of man's need for education was expressed in the early establishment of schools in Orwell. Early in the nineteenth century settlements were made in the township at Pekin near the location of the present power plant.

As early as 1810 Miss Jessie Aiken taught a school, the location of which cannot be determined, and again in 1818, a school was taught by Lucy Gilbert at the home of James Wood on the Sandy Creek Road.

The first town meeting was held in 1817 after the legislature had established Orwell as a township. At this meeting, which was held at the home of Timothy Balch, the officers voted to double the amount of public school aid received from the State.

The following were elected inspectors of schools: John Dean, John Wart, Jr., John B. Tully and Asa Hewitt, while John Reynolds and Eli Strong were elected school commissioners. School commissioners and inspectors of schools were elected until 1856, when the office of Commissioner of Common Schools was created.

The office of District Superintendent was created in 1912, and in this area, Mrs. Mildred Pratt served in this new office until 1932, when Mrs. Audra Hadley became our present District Superintendent of Schools.

After the War of 1812, settlers came in greater numbers, thus necessitating the building of many schools. The first was built at Pekin in 1818, on a site south of the cemetery and another about one half mile north of the Orwell four corners on the Sandy Creek Road. Two buildings having burned at this location, the last in 1854, the school was relocated on the first four corners north of Orwell and became known as the Castor Corners School, Dist. No. 2.

Orwell Village school, established in 1841, was a division of the Castor Corner area. A two story frame building was built which is now the north part of the present building. Sometime later the front part was added.

For many years, while Frank McKinney was principal, first year high school subjects were taught. This practice was carried on until about 1935, when only the eight grades were taught. Now there are but six grades.

This year (1950), a new modern grade school is under construction on land formerly a part of the Donald H. Clark farm.

The Chateaugay School site was bought in 1859 from William C. Pierrepont by the trustees Alonzo Hilton, L. C. Gale and J. K. Meyer for the sum of two dollars.

Chateaugay, one of the two rural schools in the township still open, comprises the area included in Beecherville and Stillwater districts. Stillwater, often spoken of as "The Red Schoolhouse" having been located in the area now flooded by the reservoir, was established in 1914 in a new school on the Orwell-Redfield road, but this was united in 1936 with Chateaugay.

Beecherville in the eastern part of the town had a school established in 1876 since at that time a settlement of considerable size had grown up near the Stone Mill. Soon after the closing of the mill, which was approximately forty years ago, the school was closed there being but few people other than mill workers in that area.

New Scriba, District No. 10, now closed about thirty years, has but little information available except a small amount from an old clerk's book, which has been nearly covered with papers having been used as a scrapbook.

From older residents of that area it is thought the school was established about the time of Beecherville School. This school, like Beecherville, depended upon a saw mill to give its people work so when the virgin timber was cleared the mill moved away, and the district joined Vorea.

At a joint meeting in 1850 of the Orwell Town Superintendent of Common Schools; L. M. Stowell and the town clerk of Boylston; J. O. Gardner a joint district was formed with Boylston and is now known as Vorea, District Number 7. This school has not been closed.

Potter Road School, Dist. No. 1, located a short distance north of the present school was established in 1847. David Pruyn was trustee.

On October 18, 1867, a special meeting was called and it was voted to build a new schoolhouse twenty-two feet square. The building was in use until 1910, after which the district contracted with Orwell Village school until centralization was completed in this area.

In 1894 a vote of thanks was given Alexander Potter, who had served as clerk for forty years.

The last district to be formed was the Sanitorium school in 1925, which included only the children in the hospital. In 1930 about thirty children were enrolled, but this year the school has not been opened, since there are no children at the Sanitorium.

In the schools thus provided, children were taught by many persons, some living; many now dead. These names often appear in the list of early teachers; Lucy Gilbert, Mr. Wheelack, Mrs. Noah Damon, Samuel Stowell, B. F. Mason, Emily Dewey, Amasa Carpenter, Hannah Thompson, and James F. Davis. At a little later date were Henry D. Greenfield, Fred Hilton, W. L. Bartlett, Anna Weed, Ella Fink Hilton, Edward Lyons, Mrs. Edward Lyons, Professor Shear, Frank McKinney. Still later other names appear - Mrs. Guy Stevens, Miss Mayme Crossett, Ella Mae Hilton Greenfield, DeAnna Jeanes and Eva Stowell.

Many interesting facts were found while searching old records and interviewing people. A cord of wood cost forty-four cents, a broom twenty-five cents, a chair one dollar and three panes of glass seventeen cents. Schoolhouses were cleaned for a dollar and the same amount paid for kindling the fire during the winter.

About eighty-five dollars was the usual amount of public money received by the districts, in the middle of the 19th century, while the teachers received three or four dollars a week.

Older people related how thirty or forty pupils often crowded into the schools. Some of the teachers, who were less skillful in managing the groups, often found themselves locked out of their rooms or even forced to give up their positions. Teachers often came into this section from other places and one lady related how a tiny little teacher, not much more than a child, rode into the New Scriba district through the woods from Redfield on a buckboard.

The population of Orwell was greatest about 1880, but no records of the number of pupils attending school has been found. However, in 1892 there were 310 pupils and twelve teachers, again in 1915 there were 221 pupils and ten teachers, while this year there are about 120 pupils and five teachers.

About thirty years ago, Mrs. Mildred Pratt, District Superintendent, under a new state law, had the schools of the township under one single school board. This board equalized the taxes, hired teachers and carried on all business pertaining to the schools. Although this idea has been accepted in our modern centralization plan, the people at that time were not pleased with the system.

The Power House District and adjoining area was centralized with Altmar-Parish Central School in 1942 and the remainder of the township with Sandy Creek Central School the same year.

Mabel Hilton

HIGHLIGHTS

At Castor Corners there was a saw mill with a vertical saw run by water power.

Wooden pipes and eaves troughs were made. The first running water was carried through these old pipes, probably about 1871. The first iron pipe was used in 1895.

The Cogswell Monument has a crystal star on top that can be seen as far away as Selkirk. It is said to have come from Egypt.

Prices taken from Orin Beadle's account book in 1831: pitchfork - 69¢; drink of whiskey or glass of beer 3¢; broom 13¢; sugar 13¢ a lb.

The town has been dry for over a hundred years except for a short period when the eighteenth amendment was repealed.



The first car in Orwell,
owned by Fred Olmstead.
A 1909 one-cylinder 10
H.P. Cadillac touring.



Church street showing the old Band Stand



Oswego County Sanitarium, 1917

HIGHLIGHTS

When the town was first settled, salt was a scarce item. People either traveled on foot or took oxen to Syracuse or Whitesboro to get wooden pails of salt once a year.

Caskets were made in the barn back of Lila Bambury's place.

L. A. Potter's father painted the church steeple when he was past sixty years old. No one else would do the job so he got up there and flapped his arms and crowed like a rooster to put the younger men to shame.

Whiskey Springs was supposed to be on the old Henry Pennock place in Stillwater. There the pure spring water was used to make licker.

The old stone quarry was on the Myron Madison and West place. Stone cutters worked one or two seasons but it was discovered the stone had soft and hard spots that made them unsuitable for grind stones. Another quarry was on the old Emial Bass farm by the Meyer's Creek. At one time he was offered a thousand dollars for the quarry but refused to sell.

Below: Oxen were still used in the woods at the mill
of Charles Carpenter in 1905.



THE TOWN BOARD



The present town board consists of; Supervisor-Jasper Finster, Clerk-Orville Stevens, Highway Superintendent-Louis Cole, Assessors-Merrill Waggoner, Richard Potter, and Frank Jeanes, Welfare Officer-Benjamin Bohanan, Councilmen-Herbert Cooper and Ward Greenfield, Justices of Peace-Thomas Soule and Melvin Hilton.

The following is a list of supervisors from 1817 to 1950

1817-1824	John Reynolds	1854	Orin Beadle
1825	John Wart	1855	Lloyd Aldrich
1826-1830	John Reynolds	1856	Ormil Olmstead
1831-1832	Jabez Gilbert	1857-1859	Hoyt N. Weed
1833	John Reynolds	1860	Wm. Strong
1834	Alben Strong	1864-1873	Alexander Potter
1835-1836	Jabez Gilbert	1874-1875	H. H. Potter
1837	Alben Strong	1876-1879	Norman Hall
1838-1839	Mason Salisbury	1880-1881	H. H. Finster
1840	John Beadle	1882-1884	A. S. Barker
1841	Henry Tillinghast	1885-1886	E. S. Beecher
1842	Alben Strong	1887	A. E. Olmstead
1843	John Bennett	1900	D. Carpenter
1844	Orimel B. Olmstead	1905	Henry Hilton
1845	Nathan Simons	1906-1908	S. J. Olmstead
1846	Wm. Beecher	1908-1918	Albert Barker
1847-1848	Nathan Simons	1918-1924	S. J. Olmstead
1849	Flavel Strong	1924-1928	Chas. Barker
1850	Edward Allen	1928-1930	Fred Babcock
1851	Wm. Strong		Mrs. Celia Babcock
1852	Edward Allen	1930-1938	Albert Graham
1853	Daniel Pruyn	1938-1950	J. J. Finster

THE COGSWELL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Nov. 5, 1908 a Library Committee of the Town of Orwell was created, by the Town Board of the Town of Orwell. The members of this committee were, Joseph Cogswell, Frank Fitzgerald, Homer West, Frank McKinney and Robert Potter. Upon motion of the committee, itself, Joseph Cogswell was appointed to head this committee.

On Mar. 2, 1909 this committee met to draft a constitution and by-laws, and other procedures necessary to obtain a charter. At this time there was no place suitable for a Library, so in the plans for the Orwell Town Hall, being built at the time, a room 17½ ft x 13½ ft in the west side of the building was assigned for a Library.

Sept. 17, 1909 a special Town Meeting voted to establish the Library and accept an endowment fund of \$1000.00 from Henry D. Cogswell, D.D.S. of San Francisco, Calif., an uncle of Joseph Cogswell.

On Oct. 5, 1909 Library Trustees were elected by the town board for terms as follows: Joseph Cogswell, 5 years; Homer West, 4 years; Frank Fitzgerald, 3 years; Frank McKinney, 2 years; Robert Potter, 1 year. A new trustee was to be appointed each year by the town board to succeed the one whose term expired, and to serve for a term of 5 years.

Oct. 28, 1909 the Charter No. 1962 was granted, as THE COGSWELL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, in honor of Dr. Cogswell.

Jan. 15, 1910 The Cogswell Free Public Library received its first \$100.00 draft from the State Board of Education. Jan. 28, 1910 the first consignment of books were bought from Baker and Taylor Co, New York City, after inviting the local school teachers to help select the volumes.

The Library was officially opened Feb. 17, 1910, with Samuel Cogswell acting as Librarian. The Librarian has changed from time to time through the years. The exact number of books contained in the Library the first year cannot be obtained. But the report of 1911 records 200 adult and 64 children books, making a total of 264 volumes. As more books were added the Library outgrew its space and an archway was cut through the north wall connecting an adjoining room with the Library as it is now. A 1949 Library report shows 2927 adult and 683 children books, totaling 3610 volumes.

CIVIC AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Orwell Fire Department

The Orwell Fire Department was founded in 1918 by the following charter members; C. H. Nichols, Joseph Hutchins, F. L. Olmstead, E. H. Greenfield, G. E. Clemens, Frank Hall, W. J. Edmonson, Herman Aydt, Herbert W. Jeanes, George Barker, Thomas Jeanes, Wm. Beadle, Robert Armstrong, Miles Blodgett, E. C. Syfert, G. S. Petrie, F. B. Minor, Clarence Sheeley, Wm. Cogswell, A. E. Clark, S. J. Olmstead, F. L. Jeanes, L. A. Potter, J. B. Clark, B. E. Bohanan and Bernard Cain.



The first apparatus was bought with money raised by subscription. It was a hand-drawn chemical tank mounted on wheels. This tank was later mounted on a truck with two 30 gal. chemical tanks and this truck, together with a Brockway truck with pumper and a new portable pump with sufficient hose, now constitutes the equipment of the Dept.

The first apparatus was housed in Wm. Beadle's barn and in Olmstead's store. The meetings were first held monthly in the Town Hall and the Dept. was incorporated July 14, 1919 under the laws of New York State.

Soon after organization the Dept. purchased the Grace Stowell property for a home but later sold this property to Dr. Bailey to form a part of Ideal Rest Home.

The first floor of the I.O.O.F. Hall was rented for about 12 years to hold their meetings and house their equipment, but in Aug. 1938 they again purchased their own home on the main St. which they now occupy. This building is on the site of the former "Kremlin", one of the first large buildings to be built in town for a hotel.

The Dept. contracts with the town for five year periods to attend fires with adequate equipment. Additional money is sometimes raised for the Dept. by suppers, entertainments, etc.

The Dept. personnel consists of Civil Officers, President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer; and active officers, Chief, Asst. Chief, Foreman and Asst. Foreman.

The Dept. has answered many calls since its inception, involving both large and small fires, one of the worst being the fire at the Oswego Co. Sanitarium on Jan. 4, 1949.

(See Page 33 for Membership List)

Herbert W. Jeanes

WELCOME LODGE 680

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Welcome Lodge No. 680, Independent Order of Odd Fellows was instituted Aug. 24, 1893 at Orwell, New York



The Odd Fellows hold their meetings in the Lodge Hall which was purchased in 1906 and have used it continuously since it was purchased. The ground floor has seen service as a store, later was used by Orwell Volunteer Firemen to house fire fighting equipment, at present the Lodge uses it for a dining room.

The 1950 records show a total membership of 42 members, of which 25 are Past Grands. Arnold Armstrong is Noble Grand and Willard Ellis Vice Grand. The local Lodge of Odd Fellows also boasts of three active members who are Past Deputy Grand Masters of Oswego District No. 2, namely, D. Cyrel J. Potter, Earl D. Potter, and Clarence Sheeley. It is expected that we will have another from this lodge in 1950.

The year 1950 will be especially important to two of our members as they will have enjoyed 50 years continuous membership; Brothers Llewelyn A. Potter and Clarence Sheeley having this honor.

We do have in the Local Lodgeroom some regalia of a previous Odd Fellows Lodge, also a receipt for dues, dates 1851, and issued at Moscow. However, the records of said Moscow Lodge are not available and the Charter under which the present Lodge exists was granted August 24, 1893.

The three links, symbolic of the Order, represent Friendship, Love and Truth, which are the teachings of our Fraternity, all of which are taken from the greatest fountain of all knowledge - the Bible.

"You are always Welcome at Welcome."

ORWELL REBEKAH LODGE

Orwell Rebekah Lodge No. 236 was organized May 13, 1900, under the leadership of Clarence A. Larned, assisted by Mrs. Alice Miller, Past Assembly President, Mrs. C. B. Burch, D.D.Pres. and members of Rising Sun Rebekah Lodge. The Charter members were; Mrs. Chas. Balch, Mrs. Don Hilton, Mrs. W. G. Finster, Henry Van Auken, L. C. Sampson, Chas. Balch, C. A. Larned, W. G. Finster.

After organization, Mrs. C. B. Burch, D.D.Pres. of Pulaski and the charter members proceeded to nominate and elect officers as follows; N.G.-Miss Maude House, V.G.-Miss Bertha Van Auken, Rec.Sec.-Mrs. Cora Balch, Per.Sec.-Mrs. Belle Hilton, Treas.-Mrs. Belle Hilton.

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ORWELL BOY SCOUT TROOP 42

Orwell Boy Scout Troop 42 was organized about 1915. The first Scoutmaster was Rev. Spencer Owens.

Among the past Scoutmasters are: Howard Waggoner, Tom Soule, Sr., Harold Blodgett, and Parker Potter. Melvin Hilton is the present Scoutmaster.

Troop members now include: Robert Pratt, Carl Ehresman, Philip Drake, Frank Sanderson, Jr., Kenneth Graham, John Cone, Gene Greenfield, George Haines, Robert Finster, Sidney Smith.

Overnight camping trips are taken, and the Troop spends a week in summertime at Camp 12 Pines, near Williamstown.

THE HOME BUREAU

A unit was formed here about 1936. There was a good membership and several worthwhile projects carried out. We had an exhibit each year at the Sandy Creek fair. During the war the unit was discontinued but in 1949, it was reorganized with Minnie Pratt acting as chairman, Mildred Drake vice chairman, Cathrine Hilton secretary, Marjorie Carpenter treasurer. We now have 25 members and we are sponsoring many useful and interesting projects.

4-H FORKS AND THIMBLES

The Forks and Thimbles 4-H Club was organized in April 1950, with eleven members under the leadership of Mrs. Francis Drake, with Mrs. Donald Clark, Mrs. Kenneth Combs, and Miss Mildred Bohanan as assistants.

Sewing, cooking, dairying, and forestry projects were undertaken for the first year.

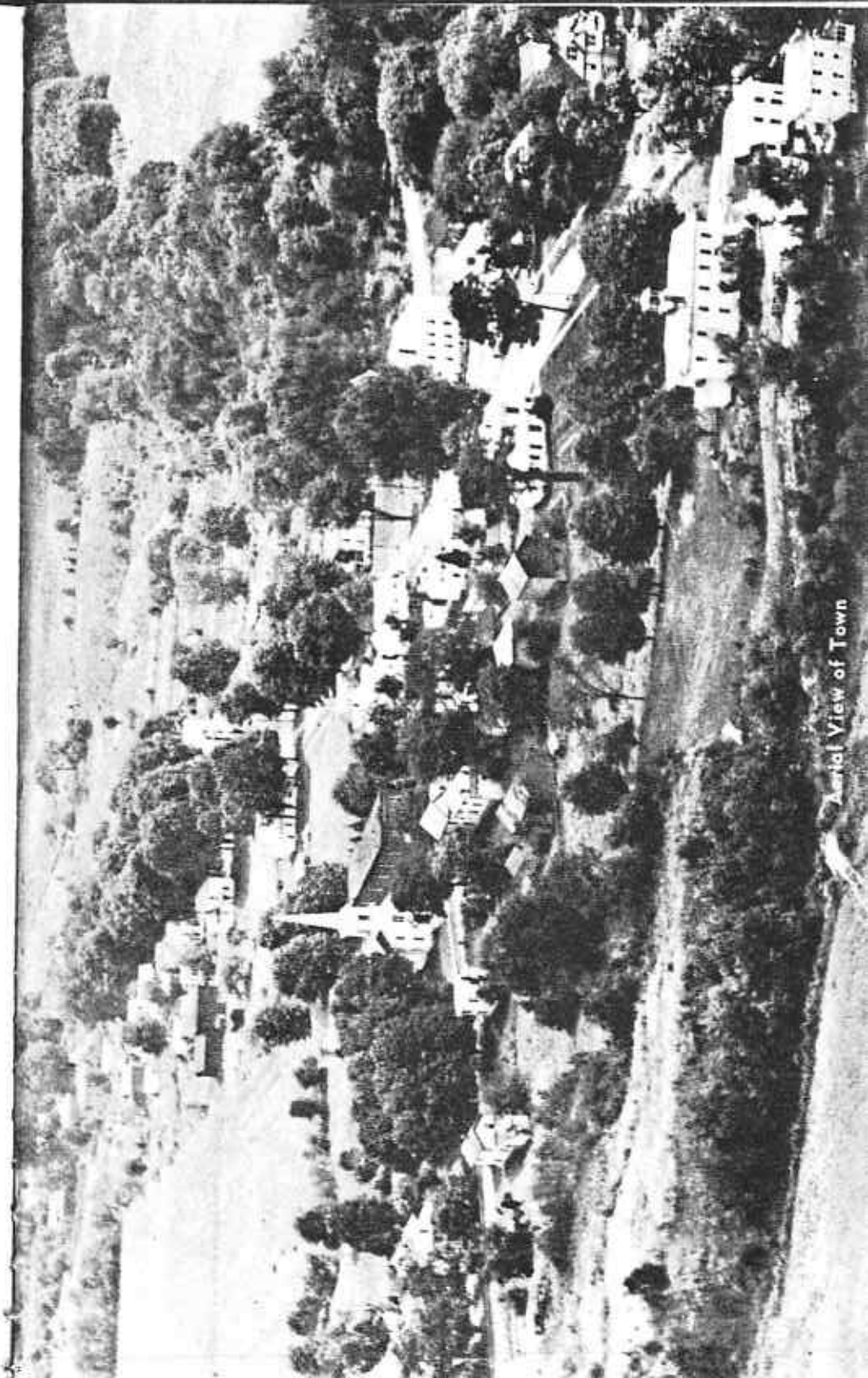
A county 4-H camp conducted at Camp Hollis in June was attended by six members.

THE ORWELL FISH AND GAME CLUB

The Orwell Fish and Game Club was reorganized February 4, 1937. Their purpose is to conserve the game and help stock the trout streams of this region. Each year two boys are sent to the Conservation camp to learn good sportsmanship habits.

The present officers are; President-Don Clark, vice president-Norman Bush, secretary-Orville Stevens, treasurer-Richard Potter.

The Orwell Club is a member of the County Federation.



Aerial View of Town



Our Revolutionary Heroes

THE WAR OF 1812

Beecher, William
Cogswell, George W.
Gilbert, Edward
Jewell, Erastus

Oderkirk, Abram
Parker, John
Potter, Charles
Very, Clark

ORWELL VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Ackley, Henry
Adsit, Henry
Aldrich, George
Aldrich, Watson
Allen, Orla
Allen, Wiley
Armstrong, Robert
Babcock, Charles
Balch, Ezra
Ballard, Benjamin
Ballard, Orrin
Bammert, Joseph
Barnes, Lewis
Bass, Allen
Bass, Philo
Bass, Samuel
Beadle, Alfred
Beadle, John
Beaman, Albert
Beaman, Alsom
Bellows, Horatio
Bellows, Jay
Bonner, Allen
Bonner, Alvin
Bonner, Ephraim
Bonner, John
Brooks, Milford
Brown, Joseph
Brown, Samuel
Burch, Calvin
Burch, Homer
Burch, Nelson
Burns, Thomas
Bushnell, Asa
Cable, William
Campbell, Allen
Carpenter, Dewitt
Carr, Lorenzo
Caswell, Jonas

Caswell, Nelson
Caswell, William
Clark, Almoron
Clark, George
Cogswell, Amos
Colvin, Francis
Cooper, Manning
Cramer, Abram
Craner, Weaver
Crawford, Henry
Crocker, Gilbert
Cronk, Henry
Crossett, Henry
Crossett, Monroe
Crossett, Newman
Curtis, Gilbert
Damon, Duane
Damon, George
Damon, George
Daniel, Charles
Davis, Archibald
Dennison, Martin
Devett, John
Dingman, Daniel
Doane, Abram
Doane, Henry
Durgee, Lewis
Eastman, Byron
Edgett, George
Finster, Henry
Finster, Irvin
Gale, Orson
Gary, Alvin
Gordon, Chester
Greenfield, Amos
Greenfield, Dexter
Greenfield, Robert
Grinnells, William
Gurley, Charles



Soldier's Monument

Hall, Darius
Haner, George
Hawkins, Lyman
Hewlett, Charles
Hewlett, Samuel
Hilton, Charles
Hollis, Delano
Hollis, Gardner
Hollis, Henry
Hollis, John N.
Hollis, John J.
Hollis, Malcom
Hollis, William
Houghton, Lyman
Houghton, Marcus
Houghton, William
Kellogg, Ambrose
Kenyon, Lyman
Kingman, Elias

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ORWELL VETERANS ... WORLD WAR I

Lassells, Oliver	Pennock, Henry	Stevens, Marshall
Lattimer, John	Potter, Albert	Stewart, Charles
Leigh, John	Potter, Hiram	Stillman, John
Leigh, Luman	Potter, Latham	Stowell, Albert
Leigh, Nathan	Presley, William	Stowell, Cyrus
Lewis, Benjamin	Putman, William	Stowell, Charles
Loomis, Henry	Quinn, Matthew	Stowell, Eugene
Mann, Philip	Quinn, Thomas	Stowell, George
Mason, Franklin	Reamar, William	Stowell, Henry
Mason, Henry	Remaw, George	Stowell, Linus
Mattison, Philander	Richards, James	Stowell, Marshall
Montague, David	Rider, Claudius	Stowell, Milan
Myers, Charles H.	Robbins, George	Stowell, Milo
Myers, Charles M.	Runyon, Lyman	Stowell, Nelson
Myers, Herbert	Salisbury, Jay	Stuart, Charles
Myers, George	Samson, Willis	Thomas, George
Myers, Mason	Sampson, Lewis	Turner, Ira
Nash, John	Sampson, Mattison	Twitchell, Perley
Near, Edward	Samson, Levi	Ufford, Alfred
Nichols, Thomas	Shear, Andrew	Ufford, Julian
Olmstead, Mervin	Shear, Clark	Vernon, Thomas
Olmstead, Orimel	Shepard, John	Waggoner, John
Outekirk, George	Shuster, Adam	Wakefield, Richard
Parker, Charles	Smith, Philetus	Walkins, Philo
Parker, Dewitt	Snyder, Ranson	West, Frederick
Parker, Horace	Sparks, William	West, Gates
Parker, Loren	Sperry, Franklin	Williams, Harrison
Parish, Mason	Stearns, George	Wilson, Joseph
Parish, Nathan	Stevens, Albert	Woolever, Charles

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Bohanan, Benjamin E., Cpl. 8/11/99-8/10/02- Troop H, 3rd Reg. Cal. Phil.
 Cogswell, Joseph - Vet. Surg. 4/1898 - 3/1899 - 9th Reg. Inf.
 Cook, Samuel E. - 7/2/98 - 9/2/98 - Co. B. 9th Reg. Inf.
 Hilton, Mervin B. - 5/31/98-5/2/01 - Co. A, 9th Reg. Inf. Cuba - Phil.
 Shoecraft, Fred E. - 10/10/98 - Co. F, 9th Reg. Inf.
 Weston, Orren C. - 10/10/98 - 1904 - Co. B. 9th Reg. Inf. Phil. China

Archibee, Henry
 Barber, Edwin L. 1917-1919
 Barber, Lewis 1917-1918 Army Cpl. Europe
 Beecher, Erwin S. 1917-1918 Lt. Commander G.O.U.S.N.
 Bigham, Charles 1918-1919 Army P.F.C.G.O. France
 Bonner, Milford Claude Navy, Enlisted 12/17/17 to 4/19/19 N.S. 1/c
 Boutell, Harold 1918-1919 Pvt. Army
 Bumpus, Carl D.
 Burke, Elmer Navy
 Clemens, Earl 1917-1919 Ph.M.1-c Navy
 Cogswell, Charles Navy
 Cogswell, William 1916-1919 Army 2/Sgt. U.S.A.
 Davis, Perle
 DeLong, Arthur 1918-Army P.F.C. U.S.A.
 Endsley, Samuel G.
 Graham, Franklin 1917-1919 Med. Corp. P.F.C. Europe
 Hall, Charles
 Hilton, Ward 1917-1919 Sgt. Europe
 Hilton, Whiting 1917-1919 W.G.R. Europe
 Hutchins, Joseph 1918-1919 Army M.G.Bu.
 Jackson, Walter
 Jeanes, Mabel 1918-1919 A.N.C. U.S. France and Germany
 Kaine, Foster 1917-1918 Army Cpl. U.S.A.
 Lester, Byron 1918 died of flu. U.S.A.
 Martin, Leon
 Mattison, Jerry 1917-1919
 McKee, Herbert 1917-1919 Army Sgt. E.T.O.
 Miner, Harvey 1918-1919 Army P.F.C. U.S.A.
 Miner, Samuel 1917-1918 A.A.F.T./Sgt. Europe
 Montroy, Henry
 Olin, Floyd 1917-1918 Army P.F.C. Europe
 Pennock, Harold
 Potter, Glen W. 1918-1919 Army P.F.C. Europe
 Russell, Delbert 1917-1919 Army P.F.C.G.O. France killed in action
 July 15, 1918
 Smith, Winant 1918-1919 W.G.R. U.S.A.
 Stevens, Harold Army P.F.C. France
 Stocker, George
 Thomas, William 1918-1920 Pvt. Europe
 Whitehouse, Benjamin
 Whitehouse, Ralph 1918- Army Pvt. U.S.A.
 Williams, Bernard 1918- Army P.F.C. U.S.A.
 Williams, Harry 1917-1919 Army E.T.O.
 Wiggins, Harrison
 Wiggins, Niles Enlisted Army 1/1/12 to 7/24/20, Sgt.

ORWELL VETERANS
WORLD WAR II

Aldrich, Sylvester 1944 Army E.T.O.
Aldrich, Vernon 3/1/43-9/13/44 P.F.C. U.S.A. E.T.O.
Armstrong, Arnold 6/30/42-10/13/45 S.Sgt. U.S.A. P.T.O.
Archibee, Arnold 2/15/43-2/27/46
Archibee, Donald 2/22/45-10/17/45
Archibee, Elmer Deceased 7/24/45
Archibee, Fenton
Archibee, Keith '43-'46 Army P.F.C. E.T.O.
Archbee, Lee
Babcock, Ellis 7/6/42-11/9/45 Cpl. Air Corp. E.T.O.
Babcock, Elton
Babcock, Hildreth 10/16/42-10/10/45
Babcock, Robert '45-'49 P.F.C.U.S.Inf. E.T.O.
Bailey, Clifford
Bailey, Harry 3/8/43-8/20/46 Hg.1 th Det.U.S.A.
Bailey, Percy Lt. R.A.A.F. E.T.O.
Balch, Roland '41-'45 Army P.F.C. E.T.O.
Barker, Carl '42-'45 P.F.C. U.S.A. E.T.O.
Barker, Charles '47 In Service W/O U.S.C.G. P.T.O.
Barker, Donald '42-'45 T-Sgt. U.S.A. E.T.O.
Barker, Edward '41-'46 Army Cpl. E.T.O.
Barker, Harvey 4/29/41-7/28/41 Co.E. 53 Med.Batt.Am.
Barker, Oscar P.F.C. P.T.O.
Barker, Paul 4/29/41-'45 53 Med.Bar.E.T.O.
Bartlett, Howard 10/31/42-3/11/43 Pvt. Co.C. 861 th Eng.Am.
Bellinger, Donald 12/11/42-2/23/46 S.P.(P) 2C, Maint.Div.
Blodgett, Harold '44-'45-S l/c E.T.O.
Bohanan, Edmond '45-'47 Army Eng. P.T.O.
Bohanan, Keith '41-'45 Army T/Sgt. P.T.O.
Brennan, Raymond '43-'46 Cpl. U.S.A. P.T.O.
Cain, Brainard
Carr, Harvey 7/16/41-11/25/45 T.Sgt. 101st Airborne E.T.O.
Clark, Leon '43-'45 U.S.A. E.T.O.
Clark, Richard 9/43-'45 P.F.C. U.S.A. Med.Co. E.T.O.
Clement, Charles '43 killed at Iwo jima 1945
Comins, James '42-'45 A.A.F. Cpl. E.T.O.
Conant, Kenneth Sgt. U.S.A.
Cook, Nelson
Dollison, William '42-'45 A.A.F. Cpl. E.T.O.
Eaton, Wilbor '43-'46 P.T.O. P.F.C. Army Eng.
Elkins, Earl '44-'46 Navy S l/c P.T.O.
Elkins, Harry '43-'45 Army M.Sgt. E.T.O.

Field, Horace '42-'45 Navy Ph.M.1/c Med.Dept.
Graham, Albert '42-'45 Army P.T.O. E.T.O.
Hager, Clarence '42-'44 Army Cpl. A.T.O. Corp.
Haver, Warren
Hilton, Edward '44-'46 Army E.T.O.
Hilton, Jack '45-'47 M.P. P.F.C. E.T.O.
Hilton, Melvin '43-'45 A.A.F. S/Sgt. C.B.T.
Hutchins, Fred '42-'50 Navy M.M.2/c P.T.O.
Hutchinson, Harold '42-'45 Army P.T.O.E.T.O.
Jackson, Arnold '42-'46 G.M.3/c E.T.O. and P.T.O.
Jackson, Gordon '45-'47 Army P.F.C. M.T.O.
Kaine, Charles '42-'45
LaCelle, Charles '43-'46 Eng.Corp. P.T.O.
Larimer, Robert '42-'45 Army A.T.O.
Martin, Everett '40 Machinest Mate 2/c E.T.O. and P.T.O.
Martin, Francis '41-'46 Army T.Sgt. P.T.O.
Martin, Robert '44-'46 Army Cpl. E.T.O.
Minor, Franklin '44-'46 Navy F l/c P.T.O.
Moyer, Donald 2/27/45-5/18/46 S.l/c U.S.N.
Olin, Clyde '43
Olin, Lloyd '42-'45
Pennock, Roy '44-'46 Army E.T.O.
Polson, William '42-'45 Navy Printer E.T.O. and P.T.O.
Potter, Betsey 2/18/44-1/25/46 1st Lt. A.N.C., 114th Gen.Hosp. E.T.O.
Potter, Carl '42-'45 Army Sgt. E.T.O.
Potter, Albert J. 11/20/44-6/22/46 Cox.134th N.C.B. P.T.O.
Potter, Earl D. 4/23/45-11/14/46, P.F.C. 22nd A.C. Eng., P.T.O.
Porter, Parker '43-'45 Coxswain P.T.O.
Pretory, Albert '42-'46 Army 1st Sgt. E.T.O.
Pretory, Royal '42-'46 AAF P.T.O. and E.T.O.
Rogers, Cecil '41-'45 Army
Rowe, Donald '43-'45 Army P.T.O. and E.T.O.
Simpson, Marion '42-'45 S/Sgt. A.A.F. E.T.O.
Simpson, Robert '42-'46 Sgt. Army P.T.O.
Sloper, George
Spink, Donald '45-'47 M.P. P.T.O. and E.T.O.
Stevens, Albert '27-'50 Retired C.c/M E.T.O. and P.T.O.
Stevens, Floyd '37-'47 C.G.Momn l/c E.T.O. and P.T.O.
Stevens, Guy '44-'46 Army P.F.C. P.T.O.
Stevens, John '43-'45 Army M.T.O.
Stevens, Orville '43-'45 Navy MM/2/c P.T.O. C.B.
Stevens, Ralph '43-'46 C.B. C.M2/c P.T.O.
Tanner, Carl '43-'45 Army P.T.O. P.F.C.
Tanner, Fred '42-'45 Army Cpl. C.B.I.
Thomas, Willis '43-'45 Army P.F.C. E.T.O.
Tiff, Edward '43-'45 Army
Turner, Francis '41-'43 Army Sgt. E.T.O.

Turner, Robert '41-'45 Navy F 1/c E.T.O. and P.T.O.
 Turner, William '42-'50 Army Sgt. E.T.O.
 Van Camp, Kenneth '42-'46 Army P.F.C. P.T.O.
 Van Camp, Lloyd '42-'50 Army Cpl. P.T.O.
 Waggoner, Robert 4/13/42-2/25/46 Sgt. 830th A.C.Eng. E.T.O.
 Wart, Wayland, Pvt. Ante Tank Co., 149 Inf.
 West, Clifford 11/25/42 Cpl. U.S.A. E.T.O.
 West, Floyd Cpl. U.S.A. P.T.O.
 West, Kenneth
 Woolson, Converse '44-846 Army Sgt. E.T.O.

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Veterans pages are dedicated to the memory of Charles Clement who gave his life for his country in World War II

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HIGHLIGHTS

Marshall Pennock had a trout in his milk vat that leaped out of the water and bit the dog's ear. This was written up in "Believe It or Not" by Ripley.

Once in the New Scriba school about fifty years ago the children locked the teacher out the front door while they all crawled out the back window.

Dr. Lavina Davis was the first college graduate from this town.

The Honorable John Parker was our only Assemblyman.

There have been several murders in town but the Greenfield case was outstanding for the trial dragged on for six years. People still argue whether Orlando was guilty or not.

Billy Beadle and Frank Woodbury had the first old high wheel bicycles. Fred Olmstead had the first car.

When the fountain was erected in 1881 a lead box was placed in the base containing various papers of interest. There were pictures of the Cogswell family, a pamphlet describing the dental college at the University of California which Dr. H. D. Cogswell established; a fair book for 1880; a book entitled "Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors". In this it mentioned the dog tax for Orwell as \$75. Today it is about \$346.

**CHEESE FACTORIES
 ONCE NUMEROUS IN ORWELL VICINITY**

Although the town of Orwell formerly had more cheese factories than any other town of its size in the county, today it has none.

The first cheese factory built in this town was located at Pekin and opened in 1853 by Bonfey and Bennett and was closed in 1904. In 1863, Charles Loomis opened a factory in Orwell village, which was later operated by Albert G. Thompson and H. F. Newton. It was closed in 1880.

~~Samuel Blodgett~~ opened a factory in 1865 on his farm on the Castor Corners road. In the year 1865 William Beecher and John Beadle opened a cheese factory on the farm now owned by John Kaul. James Hilton opened a factory at Chateaugay in 1870 which was closed in 1890. William Hollis operated a cheese factory from 1871 to 1876 on the farm now owned by M. D. Pennock. Dwight McKinney, Sr., made cheese from 1871 to 1878 on the farm now owned by Allen VanCamp. Marion Springsteen operated a factory on the cross road running from the Pekin road to the Potter road.

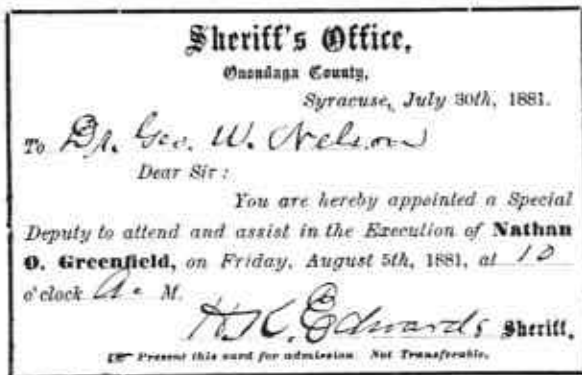
John N. Stowell made cheese at Vorea from 1874 to 1877. George Loomis opened a cheese factory near Castor Corners, May 2, 1877. This factory was closed in 1916. A. E. Olmstead opened a factory in Orwell village in 1881, which was closed in 1910. A. C. McKinney's Cheese factory was opened in 1890 and closed October 3, 1909. Riverview factory at Stillwater opened April 6, 1904 and was burned May 27, 1908. This was operated by Ephriam Greenfield.

Orwell Butter and Cheese factory opened in 1910 and closed in 1923. This was owned and operated by the Clark Brothers. Orwell Creamery was built in 1899 and burned in 1901. It was located on the site now occupied by the home of John W. Lattimer.

Several other families made cheese and sold it right in their own homes. The Molino Creamery run by Charles Allen was located on the Pekin Road.

FIREMEN'S LIST (From Page 22)

The present membership consists of the following men:
 H. W. Jeanes, Don McChesney, C. H. Sheeley, Robert Armstrong, F. L. Olmstead, Don Minor, Albert Lillis, L. M. Cole, Don Elkins, D. W. Lattimer, G. A. Clifford, Ward Hilton, Howard Blodgett, Lester Blodgett, Joseph Hutchins, Thomas Soule, Howard Bartlett, Marshall Blodgett, Harold Greenfield, Francis Drake, Henry Carr, Clifton Finster, Edson Thomas, Hunt Rowe, Charles Hilton, William Dollison, Carl Potter, Earl Elkins, George Thomas, Harold Blodgett, Robert Martin, Robert Waggoner, Guy Stevens, Fred Hutchins, Frank Sanderson, Orville Stevens, Albert Graham, G. J. Clifford, Don Clark, Zachary Brownell, Jiggs Blodgett, Robert Finster, Charles Lattimer, Parker Potter, Cyril Potter, Charles Ehresman, Willis Thomas, Franklin Graham, Melvin Hilton, Jack Hilton, Calvin Henry, Harvey Barker and Franklin Minor.



A pass issued to Dr. Nelson to attend the hanging of Orlando Greenfield

Boots & Shoes.
Nelson C Burch

Cabinet Maker.
Geo W Aldrich

Carpenter.
Lawrence H Fuller

Carriage Maker.
Allen C Campbell

Cheese Box Fact'ry
Beecher & Martin

Cheese Factory.
Samuel Blodget

Clergymen.
Rev S J Decker, Bap.
Rev John S George, Meth

Gen'l Merchants.
Ormel Olmstead
Woodbury & Bros

Crist Mill.
Hoyt N Weed

Grocery.
Arnold Aldrich

Hotel.
Cataract House, (Salmon
River Falls,) Isaac N
Gurley Prop

Milliner.
Miss Pamela Olmstead

Physician.
Geo W Nelson

Saw Mill.
Chas B Cross

Tannery.
B F & F B Lewis, Robert
N Sawyer, Foreman.

Turners of Wood.
Geo W Aldrich
Beecher & Martin

ORWELL.
ORWELL CORNERS.
(Orwell P. O.)
Blacksmiths.
Frank Mason
James Phillips

PEKIN.
(Molino P O)
Cheese Box Fac-
tory.
John Washburn
Cheese Factory.
Walter C Holmes
Gen'l Merchant.
Wm T Hoyce
Saw Mill.
John Washburn



Original
Orwell Fire Equipment

AT LEFT:

Ads from the business
directory of Oswego
Co., 1866

ORWELL FAMILIES . . .

RALPH D. ADAMS



The House Today

Remodeled - the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Ralph D. Adams since 1947.
They purchased the property in 1943.

The Old House

Originally the land was of the
Township of Constable's Purchase,
lots No. 29 and 39. The first house
was built about one hundred years
ago, or before 1857.

Premises were conveyed by S.J.
Decker to John J. Keeney in 1870.
From 1870 to 1883 the house was
owned by Robert N. Sawyer when it
was sold to William J. Keeney fam-
ily who occupied it until 1919. It
was then bought by J. Charles Pot-
ter, who died in 1922.

Mrs. Claudia Potter, second wife
and widow of J. Charles Potter was
the last resident of the old house.
She died in 1943.



REBEKAH . . .

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At a special meeting the Charter Members selected the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month for meetings, also that the Lodge be called Vesta. Later the name was changed to Orwell as three other lodges in the state had the name of Vesta.

There have been 49 Past Noble Grands and 8 District Deputy Pres-
idents. The 50th anniversary was observed April 28, 1950.

At present there are 107 members. Mrs. Wilhemina Ehresman is
Noble Grand; Mrs. Naomi Ellis, Vice Grand; and Mrs. Harriet L. Potter,
District Deputy President.

ROLLO DEY BARKER

Attorney Rollo Dey Barker was the son of Attorney Albert Stems Barker and Nancy Jones Barker, was born in the village of Orwell, July 23, 1888. He attended Orwell School, Pulaski High School, graduating in June 1910. Entering Syracuse University in Sept. 1910, graduating in 1913. Admitted to the New York State Bar Sept. 23, 1913.

After practicing law with his father several years he opened an office in Marathon, Corland County, N.Y. in 1919 where he practiced until the time of his death July 28, 1947.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church, Marathon, where he served as trustee and secretary of the official board for many years and until the time of his death. He was also Secretary and Past Master of the Marathon Masonic Lodge F. & A.M.

On July 23, 1913, he was married to Miss Alta Jane Hilton, daughter of John Josiah and Rosert (Wart) Hilton, granddaughter of Josiah and Pearlina (Stowell) Hilton, great-granddaughter of Peter and Sarah (Preston) Hilton, who pioneered to Orwell from the New England States. Mrs. Barker is active in the work of the church, W.C.T.U. work in town and county. A member of Gen. Asa Danforth D.A.R., The National Society of New England Women and the Eastern Star No. 101, Marathon.

To Attorney and Mrs. Rollo Barker were born seven children; Herbert Eugene Barker, born in Orwell, N.Y., married Miss Violet Dorr of Buffalo. They have one son, John Edward, living at Alden, N.Y.

Alta Marial Barker, born in Orwell, N.Y., married Stanley C. Eggleston. They had four children, Jean Marie, Bonnie Lee, Karen Elizabeth (deceased) and Joseph Richard, living at Marathon, N.Y.

Cora Ersula Barker, born in Marathon, married Charles E. Fitch, had four children, Cora May (deceased), Mary Ann, Martha Jane and Robert Charles. Living at FreeTown, N.Y.

Erna Ruth Barker, born in Marathon, married Loren H. Fitch, has one son Ronald Eugene, living at Marathon, N.Y.

Clarence Hilton Barker, born in Marathon, married Miss Virginia Wheaton. They have one daughter, Janeen June, living at Marathon, N.Y.

Roy Woodrow Barker, born in Marathon, living in San Francisco, California.

Ronald Barker born in Marathon. Home in Marathon, N.Y.

Herbert E. Barker was in the Merchant Marines, and Clarence H. Barker, A.A.F. Roy W. Barker, Marine, Veterans of World War II, having served in the Pacific Theatre.

EMIAL BASS

Emial Bass was another founder of a pioneer family, who came to Orwell with his wife, Delinda Rowland, by ox cart from Hamilton County, N.Y. He was born in the town of Hope, N.Y. 1805 and died in Orwell in 1882.

Of their nine children, two died before they came to Orwell, James was drown in the Meyers Creek before he was six years old, and two were killed in the Civil War. Philo was killed at the battle of Bull Run, while Samuel Jay died of fever in Baton Rouge, La. Allen was wounded in the second battle of Bull Run and received his discharge in 1863.

Allen was born in Orwell, Feb. 9, 1840; died Dec. 21, 1889. He was united in marriage with Rosa Waggoner May 5, 1861. She was born in Germany in 1842, and came to the United States when she was five years old. She died Sept. 13, 1887. Allen married Etta Waggoner Dec. 5, 1888. She died July 19, 1892. Allen became an ordained Methodist minister.

Allen and Rosa had four children; Anna, Alice, Bessie and Samuel. Anna married Mervin Weed Sept. 19, 1886. After spending over fifty years together, he died Nov. 1939. She died May, 1947.

Alice married Dr. Fred Austen of Lacona. He died Aug. 1928. Mrs. Austen spent many years in her home at Lacona. She was a milliner for 25 years. At present she is staying in Adams in a nursing home.

Bessie married Fred L. Groat. He died Dec. 1940. They had one child, Bernice M. Groat who was graduated from the Chicago Institute with honors in Interior Decorating and Design. In 1921 she married Robert Hacker of La Crosse, Wis., who was also a graduate in the same class. He is president of the Hacker Furniture Co. of La Crosse which makes all kinds of church furniture. They have two children, Robert Jr. and Rosemary. Robert attended Notre Dame University and was graduated with honors in the Architectural Course. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Engineers, serving 1½ years, part of the time in Guam and Iwo Jima. After discharge from the marines, he entered Pennsylvania University for his Master's Degree in Architecture. He graduated from there with high honors, winning a scholarship for six months travel in Europe, studying modern architecture, taking over 2000 pictures to be used in the lecture room at the university. He is now with a large firm of architects in La-Crosse. Rosemary graduated from Northwestern University, Chicago, in Interior Decorating and is with a large firm in Minneapolis, Minn.

Samuel married Nellie McKinney. They spent 35 years in farming before retiring to build a home in Florida. Their children are Pauline, Alice, Viola, Muriel and Rowland. Pauline married Stanley Getman, a prosperous farmer of LaFargeville, N.Y. He served as president of the Board of Education, Town Board and Justice of Peace. Mrs. Getman taught one year before her marriage. At present she is on the Jefferson County Home Bureau Executive Committee. Their children are; Alice

Marie, Harold, and Jay (deceased). Alice Marie married Everett Schneider of LaFargeville. She is a graduate of Strong Memorial Hospital and is now working at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Watertown. Harold married Alice Jean Marcellus of Clayton.

Alice Bass married Donald B. Clark of Pulaski. They have lived in Orwell for the past eighteen years. Their children are; Flower, Muriel, Donald, and Herbert.

Viola Bass married Elmer Guy of Lacona. They both worked at Willard State Hospital for several years. Elmer served three years as a Sergeant before he was killed in France, Sept. 1944. After his death, Viola returned to school at Columbia University and was graduated as an Occupational Therapist. On Feb. 5, 1950 she married John McGrath of Kings Park, Long Island.

Muriel Bass married Ray Heredia of Manila, Philippine Islands. They were in Manila when the Japs attacked and lived under Japanese rule for four years. Their son, Jose, was eleven months old when the war started. At present they are living in Pittsburgh, Pa., but expect to make their home in Miami, Florida.

Rowland enlisted in the regular Army in June, 1939. After serving one year he transferred to the Air Corps. In June 1943 he started training for a commission as a flying officer. He received his rating as pilot March 1945 and became a first pilot in B-24 bomber type aircraft. Later he was assigned to heavy bombardment B-29 until the end of the war. Since Jan. 1946 he has been in Air Force administrative work.

1st Lieutenant Rowland Bass is now serving in the Air Corps as Adjutant of the 1854th A.A.C.S.Sq. (Installation and Maintenance) in Germany. He is responsible for all personnel activities, such as assignments, discharges, maintenance of personnel records, and general supervision of 110 men.

Rowland married Vivian Ballou of Redfield. They had two children, Nellie Suzanne and Samuel Dwight. Following their divorce, Rowland married Gertrude Leana Carr of Lincoln, Nebr. They have one child, Linda, age two.

BEECHER FAMILY

William Beecher - Lucy Miner of Salem, Washington Co. Patriot 1812.

William Beecher, Pioneer Lumberman
Celia Beadle Beecher, Champion of Early Methodists

Commodore Marcus Beecher C.S.A. Chief of Police, New Orleans

Madison W. Beecher 33rd degree Mason

Erwin S. Beecher, Merchant, Supervisor

Elvera Beecher

Francis Beecher

Comd. Erwin Beecher Jr. World War I

STORY OF THE BONNER CLAN

One of the pioneers of Orwell was Joseph Bonner who with his wife Dorcas Tripp Bonner settled on the Potter Road. They had several children only two of whom lived the full span of years. Allen D. and Albert E. Allen resided on the Homestead and Albert on the farm now owned by Winant Smith. Albert Bonner married Mary Vary. They had two sons, Joseph M. and Harry Vary. Joseph graduated from Pulaski High School and Potsdam Teachers College, served as Principal at Rensselaer Falls and Shortsville. He became Superintendent of Schools in Pulaski area when that office was created, which office he held until his death in 1939. He was Master of Pulaski Lodge F. & A.M., District Deputy of Oswego County and Mayor of Pulaski.

Harry graduated from Mexico High School, is an alumnus of Syracuse and Princeton Universities and Auburn Theological Seminary. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Syracuse in 1912, served churches at LaFayette, Irondequoit, McGraw and is now Pastor of Sayre Memorial Presbyterian Church of Utica. Was Moderator of Binghamton Presbytery and Commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly in San Francisco and Grand Rapids, Mich.

Harry married Bessie Laney, daughter of James W. and Emma Smith Laney of Altmar in 1906. They have six children. Albert L., the oldest, graduated from Hamilton College and Syracuse University graduate school of Education. He married Gertrude Mogridge of Unadilla. They have two sons, James Bruce and John Howard. They live on the Mogridge Homestead at Unadilla and Albert is head of the Mathematics department of Otego Central School.

Harry Vary Bonner, Jr. graduated from Syracuse University College of Architecture and has his own established business in Philadelphia, Pa. He married Lois Cashmore of Philadelphia, Pa. They reside at New Hope, Pa. He served with the Air Force Engineers in Africa, Italy and Sicily during World War II. Rachel Seymour is an alumnus of Wooster College, Ohio and Syracuse Secretarial school, is a law secretary in the office of Rudd, Penberthy and Nelson of Utica. Kathrine Jane is an alumnus of Westminster College, and Cortland Teachers. She left teaching to enlist in the Woman's Army Corps, serving at different posts in the East and on the West Coast. She married Vernon Belknap of McGraw, where with their daughter, Fay Louise, they now reside.

Captain James Robert Bonner graduated from Utica Free Academy, attended Hamilton College and Syracuse University. He left his studies to enlist in 1941. When Pearl Harbor came he entered the Officers Training School at Ft. Benning, Ga., where after graduation he remained as instructor until he was sent overseas in October 1944. He spent the winter of 1944 and 1945 in combat. In the spring of 1945 he led one of the first companies across the Regamgen Bridge into Germany. On April 1st he was commissioned Captain and on April 6th he was killed in action, and rests with his comrades in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Margraten Holland.

Charles Edward, the youngest, graduated from Utica Free Academy, attended Hamilton College, graduated from U.S. Military academy at West Point in 1946. Attaining a high scholastic rank at the academy he was assigned to the Engineers and after a year at Ft. Benning, he was sent to the Philippines, where he spent two years surveying and mapping several Islands. He is now Aide De Camp to the Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army with headquarters in Chicago.

ORIN H. CARPENTER FAMILY

Orin H. Carpenter was born March 13, 1877, in Constable, N.Y. In 1906 he married Mary M. daughter of Lambert and Georgia Witt of Chaumont, N.Y. He and his father-in-law purchased the Grant Potter farm of 196 acres and took possession March 1, 1907. To them were born two sons, Harold Jason and Kenneth Witt. In 1911 he bought Mr. Witt's interest in the farm. The original barn was destroyed by fire in Sept. 1917. A new barn was built that fall. Many Odd Fellows helped during one week. There were 26 on the roof shingling at one time. In 1923 he sold his dairy and in company with Flora, Frank, and Milferd Potter took his family to Florida to spend the winter. In 1930 the barn was struck by lightning and burned. Again the task of building a barn. When completed, friends and neighbors gathered to enjoy an evening of dancing. Then, by request, another party which led to four years of dancing on Saturday nights during the summer and fall. A club of Syracuse business men leased the trout stream and boarded at the farm for a number of seasons. In 1944 he sold the farm to Harold and bought a home from Kenneth in Orwell village. In 1946 he and his wife went to Florida for the winter. He died in Orwell July 2, 1947. He was Justice of the Peace and served on the Town Board for 21 years. He was a member of Welcome Lodge I.O.O.F., a Rebekah, and a Granger.

Mary Witt Carpenter was born in Elmira, N.Y., Aug. 5, 1886. At the age of nine moved with her parents and brother Walter to Ames, N.Y., then to Fultonville, next to the Witt homestead near Chaumont. When 14 years of age she went to Malone to live with an aunt, where she attended high school in Franklin Academy for 3 years, then graduated from Teachers' Training Class there. She returned to Chaumont and taught in her home district. After coming to Orwell she taught the fall term under Frank Potter, trustee, in the Potter District at \$7.50 a week.

While in Malone she became a member of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Carpenter is a member of the Pulaski Grange, a Past Noble Grand of Orwell Rebekah Lodge, P.D.D.P. of Oswego Dist. No. 2 and a member of the Gleaner Class since its organization. Orwell is her summer home, but Lakeland and St. Petersburg are her winter homes.



Trout Brook Farm 1950, home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carpenter

HAROLD JASON CARPENTER

Harold attended Orwell school and helped on the farm. At the age of 18, being of an adventurous nature, he spent a summer under Capt. Johnson of Pulaski on the S. S. Odonia sailing the Great Lakes. He established a motor express line operating out of Ogdensburg, Watertown, Rochester, and Buffalo. In 1931 he sold his line and worked as terminal manager, in Buffalo, for the Central New York Freightways. In 1940 he married Marjorie M. Coursen, R.N. formerly of Montclair, N.J. To them was born one son, Harold Jr. During the war he worked as carpenter and millwright on war projects, traveling with his family in New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1944 he bought the old homestead from his father, where he and his family now reside. Beside operating his dairy and poultry farm he has established a profitable and extensive poultry business. He is a member of Welcome Lodge I.O.O.F., Rebekah Lodge, and a 6th degree Granger. His wife is a member of Orwell Union Church, Gleaners, Rebekah Lodge, and a 6th degree Granger.

KENNETH WITT CARPENTER

Kenneth attended school at Orwell and Pulaski and helped on the farm. He started in carpenter work for S. P. Carpenter of Pulaski. While there he met and married S. P.'s daughter, Gladys. They worked and lived in this locality several years. To them were born three children, Mary Lou, Kenneth Jr., and Frederick. Kenneth Jr. was drowned in Orwell when six years of age. They lived at the homestead for a time then bought a restaurant and store in Elmira. Gladys managed the store while Kenneth worked in a war plant. This was sold and they bought Caulkin's Restaurant in Pulaski. They remodeled it and started a nice business. In the fall of 1947, they went to Lakeland, Florida, and built a new home. The following fall they returned to Florida and built efficiency cabins back of their home. Kenneth is foreman in a boat shop at Lakeland. Mary Lou married Talmadge Blakenship of Lakeland. To them was born a son, Gary Lee.

LEON R. CARPENTER

Leon Ralph Carpenter was born in Orwell on Feb. 11, 1901, the only child of Lydia and Ralph Carpenter, and the grandson of Dewitt Carpenter, who was one of the early settlers of this town.

Dewitt Carpenter was born June 4, 1848 in the town of German Flats, in the Mohawk Valley, but in 1849 came with his parents, Nancy and Artemas Carpenter, to live in Orwell. His early boyhood was spent in helping to clear the land and attending the District School.

At the age of fifteen years Dewitt Carpenter enlisted in Co. G. 24th Reg. N.Y. Vol. Cavalry of the Union Army and served until the close of the Civil War.

In 1867 Abby Stevens and Dewitt Carpenter were married and had a family of six children; Flora, Charles, Cora, Ralph, Lillian, and Edith. He was a highly respected man, and contributed much to the good of the community. He was elected and served either as Justice of the Peace, or Supervisor of the town from 1882 until his death at Orwell in 1908.

Leon Carpenter has been associated in various capacities with the Automobile Business since 1918. He worked as mechanic, salesman, Used Car or Truck Manager and then Manager of the Syracuse Dodge Agency. Since Jan. 1946, he has owned and operated his own business as Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer in Fayetteville, N.Y., an eastern suburb of Syracuse. He married the former Charlotte Edick from Mohawk, N.Y., who is a Syracuse Graduate Nurse.

The above is a recent picture of the Carpenters (Leon and Charlotte) as they were about to leave Texas by Eastern Air Lines after visiting Leon's father, Ralph Carpenter, who resides in Beaumont, Texas.



HIGHLIGHTS

Bishop Asbury passed through Orwell on his way from Canada to the Methodist Conference which was held at Paris, Oneida County.

Orwell is well known for its stone walls. Two expert masons were George and Victor Waggoner. Victor was in demand throughout this section for his work on fireplaces.

Handwritten: Home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Clark
HEARTHSTONE, . . . Home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Clark



Handwritten: DONALD H. CLARK FAMILY
DONALD H. CLARK FAMILY

Donald Hutchings Clark was born April 28, 1907, son of Edwin and Lulu Hutchings Clark, in the Hinman District, Pulaski. His wife, Alice Bass Clark, daughter of Samuel and Nellie McKinney Bass, was born in Orwell, May 23, 1908. They were married June 20, 1930 and purchased their present home March 1, 1932. They have four children; Flower Donna, born March 30, 1935 in Orwell, Muriel Bass, born January 13, 1943 in Richmond, Va., Donald Clayton, born July 16, 1947 and Herbert Edwin, born December 24, 1948, both in Orwell.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark were educated in Pulaski Schools. Mrs. Clark attended Syracuse University and was graduated from Syracuse City Normal School in 1930. She taught thirteen years in Syracuse schools. At present she is teaching in Richland School.

Mr. Clark is in the contracting business and also runs the Salmon River Marina Basin at Selkirk.

Flower is a sophomore at Pulaski Central School. She is a member of the School Orchestra, Band, Glee Club, String Quartet, 4-H Club, and has completed 5 years as a Girl Scout.



Herbert, Muriel, Flower and Donald



COGSWELL FAMILY

Front row: Charles Huston, Catherine Huston, Ivah, Henry, and Doris Cogswell. Back row: Charles, Ola, William and Samuel Cogswell.

Joseph Nelson Dewitt, son of Charles W. and Catherine A. Plant Cogswell, was born March 25, 1857. He married Rose Helen Loatwell in 1880. He was a veterinary surgeon in and around Orwell for many years. Dr. Cogswell was a surgeon in the Quartermaster Department in the United States Army in the Spanish American War with headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Tampa, Florida. In 1889 he was made State Veterinarian of Northern New York. Dr. Cogswell died May 13, 1917. Mrs. Cogswell died November 2, 1899. Their children were -

Ida Harriet, born October 4, 1881, married Floyd Prim at Boylston, N.Y. May 30, 1903. She died September 28, 1907. They had 1 child, Helen Rose, born 1905 died in 1908.

Henry Dewitt, born July 15, 1885. Employed at Oswego County Sanitarium, married Iva Parson at Mexico, N.Y., September 3, 1934.

Charles Jacob, born February 16, 1888. He served many years in the United States Navy, was on a Troop Transport ship during World War I. He retired from the Navy with a rating of First Class Cook. Died June 30, 1945 residing in the homestead at Orwell at the time of his death.

Catherine Roxie, born September 6, 1889, married Charles E. Huston at Carthage, New York on October 30, 1906. Their children are; Gladys Erma, born March 29, 1908, Edna Mae, born March 31, 1914, and Herbert Dewitt, born August 22, 1915.

OLD COGSWELL HOME

Front row: Alice C. Adsit, Joseph, Gladys May Cogswell. Back row: Sarah Lester, Henry Cogswell, Mildred Lester, Emerson Lester, Samuel and Catherine Huston.



Samuel Joseph, born March 21, 1893, New York State Pharmacist in Syracuse, N.Y., married Ola Mae Goff on June 1, 1915. Their children -
Rhea Helen, born April 27, 1916
Eileen Ola, born November 6, 1917
Thelma Gail, born December 22, 1918
Miriam Erma, born June 18, 1927

William Emerson, born November 16, 1894, a farmer near Chittenango, New York, married Doris Winegar June 5, 1928. Enlisted in the United States Cavalry in 1916 served during World War I discharged in 1918 with the rank of Top Sergeant.

LOUIS M. COLE

Louis M. Cole, son of Judson C. and Lillie Potter Cole, born Sept. 27, 1901 in Orwell on the old Cole farm two miles north of Orwell village.

Mr. Cole now resides in Orwell village on the Richland road next to the old school, about a thousand feet west of the four corners where he has lived since 1903.

June 14, 1921, he married Edna Purdy, who was born at Carbondale, Pa., on Oct. 18, 1900. Daughter of George H. and Lydia Purdy.

There were two children born to them, Louis Jr. 1931 and Jean M. 1929. Louis Jr. is now in the U. S. Navy stationed aboard the Air Craft Carrier U.S.S. Philippines Sea. Jean married Melvin Hilton, son of Whiting and Amelia Hilton of Orwell on Oct. 8, 1949. They now live on the Hilton homestead about one mile east of Orwell.

Judson C. Cole was born in Orwell on the Cole homestead two miles north of Orwell on Sept. 15, 1851. A son of William and Hanna Ward Cole. On Dec. 16, 1897 Judson C. married Lillie Ann Potter, daughter of John M. Potter. They had three children. Twins were born in 1899, but died at birth. Louis M. is the only living child.

Judson C. died Oct. 16, 1930. Lillie A. died Oct. 20, 1924.

William Cole was born at Saratoga, N.Y., Jan. 25, 1805 and died 1881. He married Hanna Ward Nov. 29, 1833 and she died 1895. They had eleven children.

GEORGE W. COOK FAMILY

George Warren Cook, born in Pulaski in 1850, son of Samuel Cook who was one of Pulaski's first 5 settlers and Martha Ingersoll Cook. Died Sept. 24th, 1912, in Orwell. He married Lottie E. McKie, Sept. 25th, 1874, who was born in Scriba in 1857. Died May 8, 1944. From this marriage 6 children were born. Mattie Viola, Aug. 8, 1876; Samuel Earnest, July 19, 1878; Elizabeth Jane, Oct. 20, 1881; Mable Grace, Sept. 6, 1885; George Henry, July 19, 1888; Floyd William, May 31, 1891. After their marriage they came to Orwell and settled in New Scriba, so named because most of the people living there came from Scriba. They purchased 61 acres of land and built a home. Most of the people living there at that time worked in a large lumber mill owned by Chas. Babcock. This mill was located on the Boylston-Orwell line, in fact, the Babcock house was built part in Boylston, part in Orwell.

Their first born, Mattie Viola married Arthur Law who was killed in a hunting accident. Two children were born to them, George and Nathan. Mattie later married Earl Caldwell of Scriba. Earl died. One son was born of this marriage named Earl. Mattie lives in Syracuse. Samuel Earnest was one of the first to enlist in the Spanish American war. He was also one of the first to die. He died Sept. 2, 1898 at Montauk Point, N.Y. He was not married. Elizabeth Jane married Earl Coon and settled in Syracuse. They had three children, Earl, Floyd and Lloyd. The two latter were twins. Mable Grace married Amos Curtis in Utica. They later moved to Detroit, Mich. Four children were born of this marriage. Henry, Robert, Bruce, John. (John died in his second year). George Henry married Mae Pinky of Utica where they at this writing still live. They had two children, Edna and Robert. Floyd William married Lucille Reiss of Philmont, N.Y., Nov. 15, 1916, they have made their home in Utica since that time. Several years ago they bought the old Clark Austin place just East of Castor Corners which they have for a summer home. They have no children.

At the time the Cook children went to school in New Scriba there were fifty pupils in the school. Now the foundations can barely be seen.

HIGHLIGHTS

The first Presbyterian Church book of 1819 which was believed lost or burned nearly a hundred years ago has recently been rediscovered. It can be seen at the church exhibit this year.

Salmon fishing was an exciting sport in the olden days. It was not unusual to catch several weighing from 20 to 30 pounds each.

THE DAVIS FAMILY

Colonel Ichabod Davis was born in Steuben, Oneida County, in the late 1700's. In 1808 he was appointed Ensign of Oneida County by Governor Daniel Tompkins. After having served during the War of 1812, he was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel by Governor DeWitt Clinton in 1818. He and his wife had a family of twelve children of which Seymour Currier Davis was the youngest. He was born in Steuben in 1822. In 1846 Seymour married Mary Sheldon, born in North Adams, Mass. In 1851, Mr. Davis bought a farm and settled in Orwell. Two children had been born of this marriage - Henry Seymour and Mary Errie. From time to time, Mr. Davis, Sr., had acquired additional land until the farm consisted of 250 acres on which father and son worked together and made many improvements. In June, 1874, Henry Davis married Cora Elizabeth Richardson of Mexico, N.Y. In 1876 a new home was built by Mr. Davis, Sr. across the road from the original homestead and this was now occupied by the son and his wife. The new home farm was one of the finest in the county. About 1912-14 the property was purchased by the County and is now the site of the Oswego County Tuberculosis Hospital. Mr. Seymour C. Davis was a prominent citizen of the town of Orwell, interested in all public enterprises as naturally follows in the building up of a new town. He was one of the founders of the Evergreen Cemetery Association, an active worker in the Congregational Church, and although a Republican in politics, was never an aspirant to public office.

To the marriage of Henry S. and Cora E. Davis was born five children. These were Leila May, who died in infancy, Harriet, Seymour, Blanche, and Mary Sheldon. On January 14, 1904, Harriet was married to Arthur E. Clark, of Pulaski. The Clarks reside in White Plains, N.Y. Two children were born to them - Rupert Davis Clark who died in infancy and Sheldon Davis Clark, born July 30, 1911, and who in June 1940 was married to Mercedes McCampbell of St. Joseph, Mo. This couple resides in Baltimore, Md., with their two children, Nancy Anne born June 13, 1942, and James Edward, born July 21, 1944. Seymour Davis was born February 12, 1882, and died in February, 1940, and was married to Mary Mead of Boylston, who died in October, 1930. They had two children, Elsie Mead, born July 2, 1916, and Henry Ward, born September 25, 1918. Elsie was married to Austin Paul Wood, of Buffalo, in March, 1940. They both died at an early age leaving no children. Henry lives in Independence, Kansas, with his wife the former Clarice Stolle and their two children Scott and Mark Stolle Davis. Blanche married George H. Chamberlain and they had two children, Mary Louise, and Horace Franklin. Mr. Chamberlain died in April 1944. Mary Louise is married to Edwin Lindstrom and lives in Armonk Village, N.Y., and Horace is married to the former Esther Johnson and they have two children John and Ann. Mrs. Chamberlain, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, Jr. live in Minneapolis, Minn. Mary Sheldon was married in December, 1918, to LeRoy French, of Cortland, N.Y. To them was born one child, Jane Davis, who married James Lawrence Johnson, Jr., of Buffalo, in July 1945. They are the parents of one child, James Lawrence 3rd, and live in Hamburg, N.Y. as do the Frenches. Henry Seymour Davis was a highly respected citizen of Orwell where he lived practically all of his life. His was a retiring nature and he took no active part in public affairs outside the Congregational Church of which he was a member and officer for many years. After retiring from farm life he and his wife divided their time between Orwell and the homes of their children. Mr. Davis died in Syracuse in January, 1931, and Mrs. Davis in White Plains in 1940.

Andy Creek

Blodgett Cheese Factory

Boylston

New Scriba

Babcock Mill

Voreo Voreo Church School No. 7

School No. 10

Loomis Factory 1877

Map of Orwell

cartography by Alice B. Clark 1880 population 1550

Caston Corners School No. 2

Balch First Burial
Evergreen Cemetery
A.E.O. Imstead
Orwell Union Church

John Stevens Cheese Factory

School No. 4

Clark Cheese Factory

Orwell Corners

Orwell Creamery
McKinney Factory

Potter School No. 1

Potter Factory

Beecher Beadle 1865 Factory

Molina Creamery

Springsteen Factory

School No. 6
Chateaugay

Hilton Factory

Beecherville School No. 11

School No. 8
Stillwater

Salmon River Falls 110 ft.

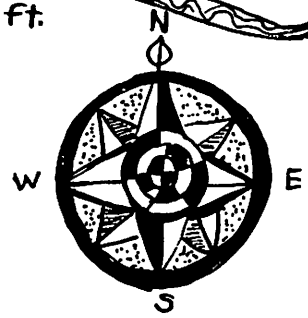
Cheese Factory

Pekin Church
Pekin School No. 3

Cheese Factory

Pine Meadow School No. 9

School No. 5



Williamstown

Albion



ERNEST A. FIELD

Ernest A. Field was born in the town of Orwell, May 10, 1893. He was the youngest of six boys, born to Eli and Alice Pierce Field. He attended Oswego High School, and in 1915 graduated from the Simmons School of Embalming in Syracuse.

On July 20, 1916, he was united in marriage to Bessie Elmira Potter, daughter of Frank and Flora Hilton Potter of Orwell.

On Jan. 1st 1917 he purchased the Furniture and Undertaking business of his Uncle, the late V. D. Pierce at Altmar, and continued successfully in this business until 1941 when he sold the funeral business to Norman Brown of Hoboken, N.J. and in 1943 sold the furniture and hardware business to Saltsman Bros. of Altmar.

Three children were born to Ernest and Myra (Bessie) Elmira Field. Horace Potter Field, born Feb. 22, 1918. Graduated from Pulaski High School in 1937 and from the Simmons School of Embalming in 1938. On Jan. 1, 1942 he joined the U. S. Navy, and during World War II was in the Atlantic theatre of operations. He served on the U.S.S. Salinae, an oil tanker carrying cargo to Iceland and Northern Russia. Later he was assigned to the U.S.S. Vulcan and obtained the rate of Pharmacist Mate 1/c while the Vulcan was in port at Oran, Africa.

He was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Crockett at Miami, Fla. Aug. 5, 1945. He is still in the service of his country and is stationed at Rodman (West Bank) Panama Canal Zone.

Eleanor Alice Field was born Jan. 31, 1919. Graduated from Pulaski High School in 1936 and from Mildred Elly Secretarial School in Albany in 1937. She was united in marriage Oct. 20, 1942 to James R. Main of Altmar who at the time of their marriage was with the U.S. Army as Lieutenant II. He later gained the rank of Captain when his company was in Europe during World War II. The Mains, at present are living at Gatun, Canal Zone where James has a position with the Electrical Division, The Panama Canal, and Eleanor has a Secretarial position with the U.S. Army at Fort William D. Davis.

Robert E. Field was born Jan. 22, 1927 and graduated from Pulaski High School in 1944 and from the New York State Maritime Academy in 1946, and from the New York State Maritime College in 1950 as Marine Engineer, B.S. In the meantime he has worked for the Merchant Marine Service as Assistant Engineer on trips to England, France, Germany and South America.

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FINSTER FAMILY



Henry H. Finster, son of John and Nancy Finster, was born in Deerfield, Oneida Co. Nov. 15, 1833, and was one of twelve children; Riley, George, Solomon, Elizabeth, John D., Abram, Henry H., Margarett, Jacob, Philip, Sherman and Sherwood. Henry H. began teaching school at the age of 15 and taught 21 terms. September 3, 1856 he married Francis Beadle of Orwell. He settled in Orwell in 1860. He had four children; Ward, Minnie B., born in August 1866 and died May 1, 1886, Lewis H. and Jessie B., born March 22, 1870, died November 29, 1876.

Ward Finster married Elizabeth Hilton, daughter of Richard and Betsy Hilton, on August 19, 1880. They had five children; Jasper, Florence, Minnie, Bessie and Ruth. Ward Finster died Mar. 27, 1938 and his wife, Elizabeth, Aug. 24, 1943.

Lewis Finster married Sarah Stevens on July 14, 1887. They had one child, Dey. He married Minnie Redick, July 9, 1911 and they have one child, Juanita. Juanita married Jack Whelan in 1936 and has one child, Sandra. Lewis died in 1948 and Sarah, his wife, died in 1943.

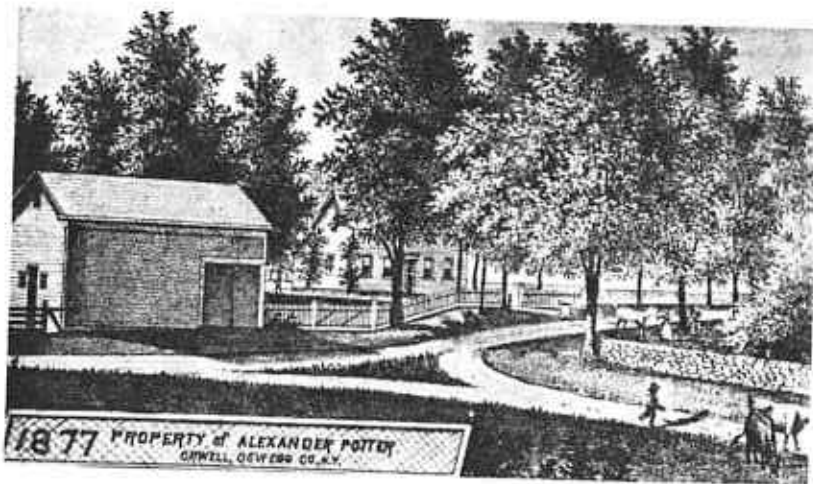
Jasper, son of Ward and Elizabeth Finster, married Lula Marsh, Dec. 23, 1902. They had four children; Alma, Robert, Clifton and Aneta who died at the age of one year. Alma married Edward Rutherford, July 18, 1925 and they have five children; Aneta, James, Paul, Edward and Ernest. Aneta married Richard Clark, both families now living in Syracuse. Robert married Dora Letiemore, March 25, 1936 and they have two children; Robert and Rose Marie. Clifton married Ruth Thompson January 15, 1939 and they have three children; Clifton Donald, John and Bruce. Clifton now owns the Finster homestead making his family the fifth generation to live on this farm.

Florence, daughter of Ward and Elizabeth Finster, married Peter Jay Clark, Feb. 4, 1908. They had four children; Jasper B., Leon, Manford and Richard. Jasper and Manford died when young. Leon married Madelene Blair, June 19, 1937 and they have one son, Bruce E.

Minnie, daughter of Ward and Elizabeth Finster, married Marshall D. Pennock, Dec. 28, 1904. They had five children; Carl, Ward, Arlene, Myrtle and Mildred. Arlene and Mildred died when young. Ward married A. Marie Lingenfelter July 11, 1941 and they have two children, Lee and Sue Ann. Myrtle married Yates B. Mahaffy, September 30, 1945.

Bessie, daughter of Ward and Elizabeth Finster, married Leon G. Dunbar, June 24, 1912. They had five children, Harwood, Marion, Ruth, John and Roy. Roy died at the age of 12. Harwood married Beverly Poole, June 27, 1934 and they have two sons, Harry and Henry. Marion married Ronald Spicer, March 21, 1934 and they have six children, Linda, Ronald Jr., Jane, Barbara, Frederick and Margaret. Ruth married Harlow Halsey Nov. 23, 1947 and died June 6, 1948. John married Kathryn Grey May 19, 1939 and they have two daughters, Donna and Dawn.

Ruth, daughter of Ward and Elizabeth Finster, married Robert E. Armstrong July 16, 1918 and they have two children, Arnold and Barbara. Arnold married Verna Barnard Oct. 10, 1941 and they have two children, David and Carol. Barbara married Leon Jesse Stowell Sept. 5, 1940 and they have one daughter, Kay.



The same property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greenfield

ROBERT GREENFIELD

Morris Gorton was born in Orwell, July 12, 1855. He was the son of Daniel and Lorean Mason Gorton. Daniel Gorton was one of Orwell's early settlers, coming from Gloversville, N.Y., he had four sons; Judson, Morris, Arthur and Edson. On January 31, 1883, Morris Gorton married Laura Wing of Lyndhurst, Ontario, and located on a farm one and a half miles north of Castor Corners. Two daughters were born to this marriage, Beulah in February, 1887, and Iva in November, 1895. In the spring of 1901 Morris Gorton bought the Alexander Potter farm on the west side of the Potter Road to which he moved his family. In 1908 and 1913 respectively, new barns and a new house were built on this property. On November 20, Beulah Gorton married Robert Greenfield and on September 7, 1918, Iva, the youngest daughter, married Lloyd D. Sprague of Sandy Creek, N.Y. Iva and Lloyd Sprague of Corning, N.Y. have three sons, David, Dean and Ted. Morris Gorton died on May 10, 1924, and his wife Laura died two years later on October 4, 1926.

On the death of Morris Gorton, the farm was taken over by Robert Greenfield and he and his wife Beulah Gorton Greenfield still operate and reside on this property. Robert Greenfield was the grandson of Richard Greenfield and the son of Neuman and Nina Hubbard. To this union were born two other children, Blanche and Florence Greenfield. This family spent several years on what is now the Chales Carpenter farm near the Chateaugay school house until the death of the father, Neuman Greenfield Aug. 1891, when the family moved to Pineville. Nina Greenfield later married Numan Inman of Cazenovia. She died in January 1908.

The first road which was built in the town of Orwell was built thru what is now the Robert Greenfield farm. This road connected the Rome Watertown stage coach road with the Orwell Pekin road. One of the first frame barns built on this road is standing and is used as a sugar house on the Greenfield farm. Added to this property in 1918 was the George Potter homestead and the house on this farm was one of the first built in the township and it still stands in good repair having its original floors, woodwork, doors and fittings.

FIELD (Continued from Page 50)

In 1941 when the business in Altmar was sold, the Field family moved to the Elvin Potter farm on Potter Street in Orwell, which was purchased by them in 1932. They lived there until 1945 when they sold that farm together with the Frank J. Potter farm and moved to Orwell village.

Since retiring from business and farm life the Fields spend the winters at their home in St. Petersburg, Fla. and the summers in their native north.

MR. AND MRS. W. J. HAZZARD

William J. Hazzard was born in the town of Richland, May 15, 1870. Son of B. W. and Frances Hazzard, he resided most of his life in Orwell. B. W. and Frances Hazzard had three sons, John J., Frank B., and William J.

William J. Hazzard has one daughter, Alta F. Bookmiller, born in Orwell in 1894.

Lydia C. Hazzard, wife of William J. Hazzard, has one son, Leon Carpenter, Fayetteville, N.Y. He is a dealer in Chrysler and Plymouth cars.

Lydia Hazzard is the daughter of Charles and Mary Paddock, who lived in Orwell. They were the parents of ten children.

Charles Paddock was a farmer and Road Commissioner in the town of Orwell, where they spent most of their lives.

*Eliza Ann Potter
dau. of Seth Potter*

~~DEFOREST J. AND JENNIE P. HOWLETT~~

DeForest J. Howlett, son of Augustus and Eliza Potter Howlett of Sandy Creek, New York, and Jennie V. Potter daughter of Albert J. and Mary Damon Potter of Orwell, New York, were married September 5, 1877.

Mr. Howlett was a carpenter by trade and built the home on West Main St., or the Richland Road in 1878.

To them were born three children; Nina M., Frank D., and Audrie V.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett lived their entire married life in Orwell in the home they built, where he died in December 1929, and she died in October 1938.



The present home of Glen Potter which was built by DeForest Howlett.



ALONZO E. HILTON FAMILY

The home of
the late
Alonzo Hilton

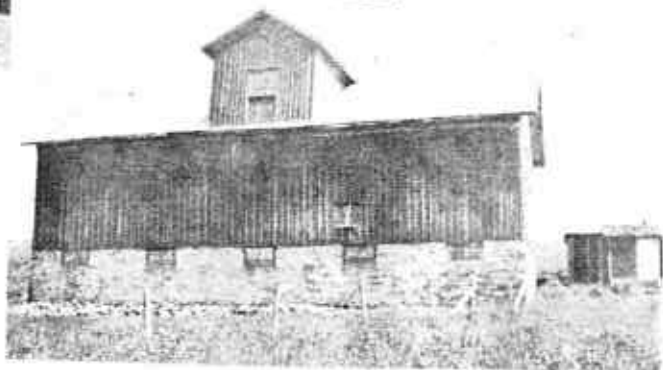


Alonzo E. Hilton and his wife, Julia, lived on the Orwell-Redfield road near the Chateaugay school house. They had three children, Ernest, Arthur and Archie, all of whom are now living. In 1888 the family moved to a farm on the Falls road, about three and one-half miles east of Orwell, where Alonzo continued as a farmer until his death Feb. 23, 1939. Julia died June 11, 1942.

Ernest was born Nov. 23, 1881, and married Ethel Montague June 27, 1907. They have three children, Gladys, Emile, and Iva. Gladys was married to Morris R. Baker Dec. 4, 1933. They live at Clayton and have four children. Emile was married to Emma Spencer Mar. 12, 1932. They live in Syracuse and have one child. Iva married Maxwell Kendall June 27, 1934. They live at Ithaca and have two children.

After his wife's death Feb. 7, 1919, Ernest married Anna Lyons, July 12, 1924. They, with their daughter Mary, live on the Falls road, about three and a quarter miles east of Orwell. He has worked as a laborer most of his life.

Arthur was born Oct. 22, 1884 and married Verna Joyner Dec. 16, 1910. They have five children, Lorenzo, Lillian, Hugh, Richard, and Emma. Lillian married Leon Rossman Mar. 28, 1932. They live at Pulaski and have four children. Richard married Ethel Syfert Oct. 4, 1938. They live at Pulaski and have two children. Emma married Rex Teachout Aug. 21, 1942. They live at Pulaski and have three children. Lorenzo and Hugh live at home.



With the help of his two sons, Arthur manages a farm as well as the operation of a sawmill, both located on the Falls Road about four miles east of Orwell.

Archie was born Apr. 22, 1894 and married Beatrice Neil, Nov. 12, 1919. They have two children, Edna of Rome, and Edward of Richland. Edward married Evelyn Martin and has two children. Archie operated his father's farm until he was admitted to Marcy State Hospital in Apr. 1938. The farm is now owned by Hugh Hilton.



Garage and Storehouse

JOSIAH HILTON AND PEARLINA LOVISA (STOWELL) HILTON

Josiah Hilton was the son of Peter and Sarah (Preston) Hilton, grandson of Lieutenant Richard (Rykert) Hilton and Anna Hilton, great-grandson of Capt. Peter and Machtell (Wingate) Hilton, great-great-grandson of Rykert (Richard) and Maria (Benoit (Beniewe)) Hilton, and great-great-great-grandson of William and Sarah (Ebb) Hilton who were among the first settlers of Albany County, (later Saratoga County) from Leeds, Yorkshire, England. Lieutenant Richard (Rykert) Hilton was born in Albany County (Saratoga) New York and was living in the neighborhood of Lake George at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. He volunteered in the fall of 1775 and served as an artificer under Captain Peter Hilton (his father) constructing bridges, boats, and hospitals, in the vicinity of Saratoga, Champlain, Fort George and Fort Edward until after the surrender of Burgoyne, which surrender he witnessed. In the summer of 1778 he was commissioned lieutenant and served three months under Captain Hezekiah Dunham and Colonel Cornelius VanVechten in the New York troops; he served during the following years until the close of the war, part of the time as private, as ensign, as sergeant and as lieutenant and was in active service against the Indians and Tories. He lived in Saratoga County, New York after his service until about 1805, then he moved to Lee, Oneida County, New York where he remained until about 1820 when he moved to Orwell, Oswego County, New York, where he lived until his death in August 1842. His son Peter Hilton was born in Albany County (Saratoga Co.) October 1779 and died in Orwell, N.Y. October 1871. Married first Betsie Ann (Watson or Storms); Second, Sarah Preston, born in Lee, Oneida County, N.Y. in 1794, died in Orwell, Oswego County, New York, in 1868. Arriving in Orwell, Peter Hilton lived the first six months on the side of Coey Hill, later he settled on what has long been known as the "David West" farm. His children by his first marriage were John, Hiram, Jerimah, Anna, Louisa, and the children by the second marriage were Alonzo, Caroline, Peter, Richard, James, Charles William, Josiah and Philo.

Pearlina Lovisa (Stowell) Hilton was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Draper) Stowell. Her father, William Stowell, was the son of Oren Crocker and Lovisa (Kilburn) Stowell. Oren Stowell was born in Willington, Conn. and came to Orwell prior to the war of 1812. He also served in the war of 1812. He settled near the site of Orwell Corners. Oren's brother Samuel Stowell came to Orwell in 1817. His father, Sgt. Samuel Stowell and his mother Eunice (Crocker) Stowell, purchased land in Orwell in 1817, and moved to Orwell from Willington, Conn. in 1830. Sergeant Samuel Stowell was the son of Corporal Samuel Stowell Sr. and Anna (Russ) Stowell. He served in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in 1776, when 16 years old, and served five years until the army disbanded. Was in 3d Conn. Line, Capt. Edward Bulkley's Co., Col. Samuel B. Webb's Regt., 1781 to 1783. Was in battles of White Plains, Stony Point,

Trenton Prinston, Brandywine, Monmouth and Yorktown, was twice promoted for bravery. Was the first man on the first redoubt taken at Yorktown. As a Patriot and Christian he fought a good fight. He was honorably discharged January 1784 by Gen. Knox, his Commander. Was placed on Pension Roll of Tolland County, Conn. in 1818 and was transferred to Oswego County in 1823. Corporal Samuel Stowell (Stoel) was born in Pomfret, Conn on Sept. 2, 1742. Died there in Jan. 30, 1824. Married in Willington, Conn. April 24 1760 to Anna Russ, daughter of John and Rebecca (Wood) Russ. He was in the Revolution. Paid from Jan. 1, 1781 to Dec. 31, 1781. 1st Co. Capt. Edward Bulkeley, 3d Regt. Col. Samuel B. Webb, on the rolls April 25, 1782, also Light Inf. Co. Capt. Wells, afterwards transferred. He was the son of David and Mary (Foster) Stowell. David Stowell was born in Newton, Mass. about 1693. Died in Willington, Conn. 1763. David Stowell was the son of David Stowell Sr., and his second wife Mary (Steadman) Stowell. David Stowell Sr. was born in Hingham, Mass. April 8, 1660 and died in Newton, Mass. Sept. 9, 1742. He married first, Mary Champney, second, Mary Steadman, daughter of Nathaniel and Temperance Steadman in Cambridge, Mass. April 7, 1692. David Stowell Sr. was the son of Samuel Stowell who was born in Somerset, England, and died in Hingham, Mass., November 9, 1683. He married October 25, 1649, Mary Farrow daughter of John and Frances Farrow, born in Hingham, County Norfolk, England, Sept. 22, 1633. Her parents sailed from England when Mary was two years old 1635. He was one of a large colony who came with Rev. Peter Hobart from Hingham, England, and settled Hingham, Mass.

Pearlina's mother Elizabeth (Draper) Stowell was the daughter of Nathan and Cynthia (Potter) Draper and granddaughter of Ephraim Potter and Elizabeth (Parker) Potter. Ephraim Potter was in the Revolutionary War. Many of his descendants live in Orwell, N.Y. where for many years past they have gathered in an annual reunion.

Josiah and Pearlina (Stowell) Hilton were born, lived and died in Orwell. After their marriage Oct. 23, 1859, they lived on the "Orsen Gale" farm. Later they built a house in Orwell village. This house was later occupied by Gilbert Olmstead. Pearlina knit fringe mittens with which to buy the nails with which to build this house. Josiah Hilton was employed in the Orwell Tannery during his stay in the village. After selling this house they purchased the Dave Runyon farm in Vorea, Orwell where they lived and reared 5 children. The farm is still in the family, being owned by Alta Hilton Barker. Their children were; Clowie John Josiah, Almeda, George Morris and Eddison.

John Josiah Hilton married Rosetta (Wart) daughter of Nancy Jane (Sheeley) and Walter Wart, great-great-granddaughter of the Revolutionary War Soldier Matthias Wart. Her uncle John Wart was one of the first settlers in Boylston. He came from Cherry Valley. Their children were: Ora Josiah, Clarence Walter, Alta Jane, Fay Stanley, Dessa May, Eugene Eddison and Lyle who died in infancy. They were married in Sandy Creek June 28, 1885. They owned a large farm in Vorea, where they lived for

many years and reared their family. His time was divided between working on the farm, as a railroad carpenter and building houses in Syracuse and Winter Haven, Fla.

Ora Josiah Hilton was a farmer, carpenter, mason, brick layer and builder. He married Maude Edna Chase in Syracuse Feb. 18, 1913. Their children were Harrison who died young, Dessa Mae who graduated from Hamilton High School and married Professor Arthur Hague who is at present Principal of Hunter High School. Their children; Elizabeth and Judy. Eugene Hilton served in the Navy during World War II.

Clarence Walter Hilton married Mary Jane Clyde Dec. 8, 1913. She is the daughter of Samuel and Mina Clyde in Pulaski, N.Y. He was for many years a contractor and builder. In 1912 he built the Oswego County Tuberculosis Hospital in Orwell, N.Y. and in 1921 built the nurses home. He lived for five years in Pulaski, building houses there and in Watertown. In 1918 they moved to Syracuse, where he built some 239 buildings, the largest of which were apt. houses and Onondaga General Hospital and Hotel Hilton. He was owner and manager of Hotel Hilton until he sold it in 1948. He also built and owns several houses in Miami Shores, Fla. They spend their winters in their Florida home and their summers in their Syracuse home. He owned the Pulaski Gas Co. for five years, selling it in 1930. He is a member of the Orwell Lodge I.O.O.F., is a 32d degree Mason and is a member of all Masonic Bodies. The Royal Court of jesters, and the Tigtis Temple Patrol. He was President of the Onondaga General Hospital Board of Directors for several years. He is a member of the Onondaga Historical Society, Syracuse Rotary Club, Syracuse Lieberkranz Club, Syracuse Yacht Club, Miami Shores Country Club, Sky Top Lodge, Sky Top, Pa. The Committee of 100, Miami Beach, Fla. Mrs. Hilton is a member of the Syracuse Corinthian Club, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Syracuse Yacht Club, Onondaga Guild, and Women of Rotary.

Alta Jane (Hilton) Barker married Rollo Dey Barker son of Nancy (Jones) and Albert Barker. Their children are: Herbert, Alta Mariel, Cora Ursula, Erma Ruth, Clarence Hilton, Roy Woodrow and Charles Ronald. The history of this family will be found on another page of this volume.

Fay Stanley Hilton, married in Rochester, N.Y. June 20, 1914, to Pearl Bennett daughter of Claude and Nellie (Armstrong) Bennett, natives of Orwell. He has been farmer, salesman, carpenter and builder. Was associated with the following concerns: Associated Equipment Co., Waterman Warebury Co., Morville Chair Co., Pomeroy Realty Co., also desk clerk in Hotel Hilton. Their children are Gareth, June Rose, Betsy Jean, Faye Mariel. Gareth Hilton graduated from Central High School, Syracuse, married Dorothy Andrews, daughter of Clayton and Helen Andrews. During World War II he was service manager for the Ithaca Airport and Robinson Air Lines until 1949. At present he is with the Cornell University Nuclear Studies Laboratory. They have one son, Robert Hilton. June Rose graduated from Central High School and Syracuse General Hospital School of Nursing. Married Walter Herzog, son of Gustav and Ella Herzog. He is with the G.E. Company. They have one daughter, Lynette

Ella Herzog. Reside in Syracuse, N.Y. Betty Jean Hilton graduated from Central High School, Syracuse. Married Robert Lowe, son of Leon and Bertha Lowe. Children; Gregory Stewart and Debra Jeanne Lowe. They reside in Baldwinsville, N.Y.

Faye Mariel Hilton is a graduate of Central High School and lives with her parents.

Dessa May Hilton born in Orwell, N.Y. Married 1925 Syracuse, to Albert Henry Coling, son of Albert and Iris Jane (Burden) Coling, who came from Tenterdon England. Albert Henry Coling was born in Syracuse. He graduated from Central High School. In the fall of 1910 he entered the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. and graduated from the College of Pharmacy June 1912. He was a junior partner in the Farrington Drug Company until World War I, 1918, when he enlisted in HQ Company 59th Artillery; was in the following battles, St. Michiel, Chateau-Thierry, Argonne Woods. When he returned from the war he managed his own drug and grocery store until 1948 at which time he retired from the drug business. He is at present Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, Syracuse, N.Y. For many years he has been affiliated with the following lodges and clubs; Syracuse Liederkrantz Club, 32nd degree Mason and a member of all masonic bodies and the Tigris Shrine Wrecking Crew. Also the American Legion Post No. 41, Syracuse, N.Y. Dessa May Hilton before her marriage attended Central City Business School, later entered the Onondaga General Hospital School of Nursing, and engaged in her profession until she married in 1925. She has for many years been affiliated with the following clubs and lodges, Gen. Asa Danforth Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution; Syracuse Colony National Society of New England Women; is Senior President of the Onondaga Society, Children of the American Revolution, Fralick Chapter Order of the Eastern Star No. 550; a charter member of Ildrim Temple No. 15 Daughters of the Nile; The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Bethlehem Shrine No. 2, Syracuse, N.Y., The Syracuse Corinthian Club; The American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 41; Syracuse Liederkrantz Ladies' Auxiliary; Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs, Syracuse Rose Society; John T. Roberts Mothers Club; Onondaga County Womens Republican Club; and is President of the Onondaga Guild to the County Home and Hospital; Syracuse General Hospital Auxiliary; also a member of the Centenary Methodist Church; Womens Society for Social Welfare; and a member of the Unity Church of Truth and The Museum of Fine Arts.

Their children; Albert Henry Coling Jr. died in infancy. Dessa Mariche Coling, born November 25, 1940, Syracuse. Is a member of The Unity Church of Truth; Pi Mu Progressive Music Club; Onondaga Society Children of the American Revolution; is a Junior Member of the Onondaga Guild to the County Home and Hospital; is a student in the John T. Roberts School.

Eugene Eddison Hilton, born in Orwell. At the age of 16 he purchased his father's farm and operated it until 1922 at which time he went to Kansas to work for the LaMar Oil Drilling Co. He found this work very

dangerous so after traveling through all of the Western States he returned to Syracuse where he began building a house. Having 250 acres of timber he returned to his farm in Vorea, Orwell to get out lumber to carry on his building project. While felling trees a large branch flew, hitting him on the back of the head. He died two days later at the age of 21.

HIGHLIGHTS

Hugh Hilton is famous in our town for the guitars he has made. He selects the spruce and curly maple from their own logs for his work. It takes about six or seven months work to complete one guitar, but they are valued at \$200.

The Krimlin was destroyed by a great fire which would have been much worse but for the timely and efficient aid of the women, as the men had all gone to Oswego to be "mustered in" for the Civil War.

Jay Barnes came to town in his buggy. As he started to get out he missed the little step causing him to fall flat on his face breaking his arm. Someone asked if it hurt him, but he replied, "That's the way I always get out"!

The first telephone in town was fixed from the Woodbury factory over to Mr. Woodbury's house. The first regular telephone was put in the Drug store in the building owned by Dr. Nelson about 1890.

It was the custom to hire a teacher for a term of about 8 to 10 weeks. In a period of 14 years, Castor Corners school had 21 teachers according to Clarence Sheeley's records.

Sometimes the people of Orwell took the law into their own hands. A man near Castor Corners was tarred and feathered for improper conduct.

In New Scriba during the winter of 1878 the snow was very deep. A man was on his way home from town when his cutter overturned. He was able to follow the horse home, but it was spring before they found the cutter with the groceries still in under it.

In 1810 occurred the first death in town. Allen Gilbert donated land for the first cemetery on what is now the Clifton Finster farm.

LAFAYETTE HILTON FAMILY



Former home of L. F. Hilton, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hilton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hilton

The Hilton family is of English descent, the earliest known ancestor in Orwell being Peter who probably came here about the time of the Revolution. By his first wife he had one son, John, who afterward settled in Michigan, and a daughter Ann, who married a man by the name of Worth. They at one time lived in Ohio but nothing further is known of these two. Peter afterward married Sarah Preston and their children were Alonzo, Peter Jr., James, Richard, Josiah, and Caroline. All of these were pioneer settlers in the vicinity of Orwell. This article is more particularly about the descendants of Alonzo Hilton and his son Lafayette.

Alonzo was the oldest son of Peter and Sarah and was married to Mary Jewell, daughter of Erastus and Tryphena (Miner) Jewell. She was a school teacher before her marriage and their earliest known home was a log house located on the road which at that time connected the Stillwater district to the Stone Quarry road north of Molino or Pekin as it was then called. After the road from Orwell Corners toward Redfield was laid out the Hiltons lived in a log house on this new road and afterward built a frame house, a cheese house, a large cow barn and a horse or carriage barn. These buildings were a landmark for many years until the State took over the property and reforested the greater part of it.

Alonzo and Mary had five sons and two daughters who grew to manhood and womanhood; Philo, Lafayette, Charles, Ann, Frank, Don and Alfretta. Philo was united in marriage with Sarah Canady, or, having lived with the Miller family for some time, she was known as Sarah Miller. They settled in Ohio but afterwards went to Nebraska where they staked a claim and settled. They endured the hardships of settlers of that time. There were six children; Benjamin, Lula, and Bertha Westney all now deceased, and Lillie Lawton, Charles and Eugene now living in Cambridge, Neb.

Charles Hilton, son of Alonzo, first married Mary Wyman, but after her death he married Anna Waggoner. Their only child, Elvira Lattimer, died in Dec. 1949. Three sons, Charles, Robert and DeWilton, and one daughter, Georgianna Monson, survive.

Ann married Homer West and they spent their entire lives in the vicinity of Orwell. Their two daughters, Ella Mae Miner of Orwell and Anna B. Johnson of Syracuse, are now living. Scott Miner, son of Ella Mae, now resides in Herkimer, N.Y., but has a summer home in Orwell.

Frank Hilton married Delilah Rowe. They had two daughters, Elvia and Mary Newcomb, both deceased. Mary Newcomb had one son Albert who died about two years ago in San Francisco, Cal. where he was on the police force.

Don Hilton married Isabel Weston. Three daughters grew to womanhood but Edna died early in life. Octavia married Frank Minor. They had six children, Daisy (deceased), Don, Lloyd, Hattie, Franklyn, and Alice. Octavia has five children now living. Lillian was united in marriage to Miles Blodgett. Their six children, who survive them, are; Edna, Barlow, Cecile Hutchins, Howard, Harold, Lester and Marshall.

Alfretta was united in marriage to Charles Hall and they had five sons; Merritt, Clarence, Raymond, Don and Reo. Clarence now lives in Redfield, Don in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Reo in Osceola, Etta afterward married James Durgie and they had two boys, Harold and Clyde. Harold now lives in Ilion, N.Y. and Clyde's whereabouts are unknown. Etta Durgie afterwards married George Vandewalker of Osceola.

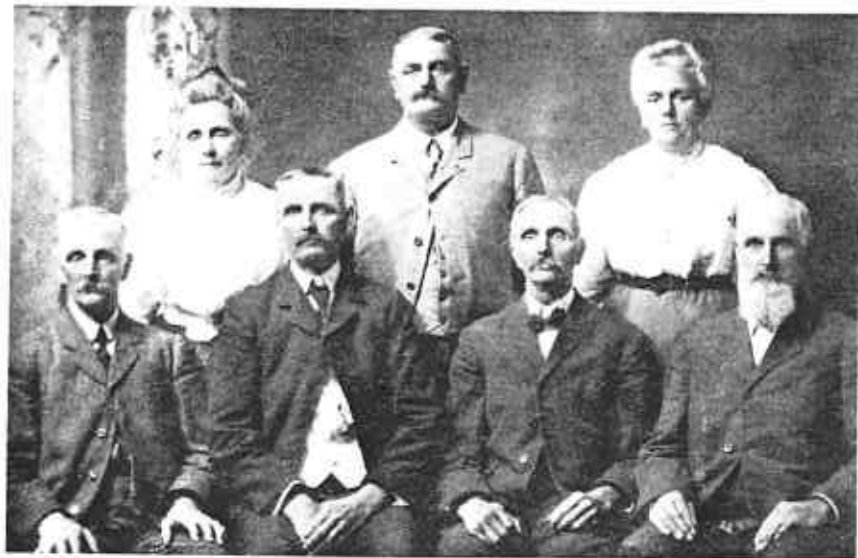


Back row: May Warren, Susie, William and Alice Petrie. Front row: John Warren and his daughter Susie, LaFayette Hilton, Ward, and Mrs. Ella Hilton.

Lafayette, the second oldest son of Alonzo and Mary, was married to Ella L. Fink of Redfield October 13, 1875. They had five children; Mary, William, Susan, Alice and Ward. May married John Warren of Redfield and their one daughter, Susie Clemons, survives them. One granddaughter, Regina Simonsen, now living in Milwaukee, Wis. also survives. William married Grace Swigleson of Osceola. Their three daughters and one son survive them. Iva Ackles, Marietta, N.Y., Margaret Ryan, Baldwin, L.I., Ella Hilton now teaching in Middletown, N.Y. and Glenn who lives in Moravia, N.Y. Susie married Dean Williams of Osceola. They had 3 sons; the oldest was Earl who died in 1945 leaving his wife Marion Tubbs, and children Carol and Gary; Leland who married Lena Archibee and who have two children, Jean and Albert. Dean and Susie's third son, Albert Lafayette died in his fifteenth year. Dean and Susie Williams now live in Redfield where they and their son Leland are engaged in quite an extensive lumbering business. Alice married G. Sexton Petrie who was killed in 1930 while working for the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co. They had two sons and one daughter. Harry Jewell and Lafay are now living in Pulaski and Afra Matraw now live in Schenectady, N. Y.

Ward married Mabel Nichols of Williamstown. They have one son Charles who married Katherine Gustaveson of Minoa and they have a little daughter "Cathy".

Lafayette Hilton was a cheese maker in early life and made cheese in factories at the old home, at Chateaugay, and near Port Ontario. Mrs. Hilton taught schools in Redfield, Chateaugay, and Osceola. She received her education in the schools at Redfield and attended Mexico Acad-



Front row: LaFayette, Frank, Charles and Philo Hilton. Back row: Ann West, Don Hilton, Etta Hall Durgee

emy. Mr. Hilton attended schools at Chateaugay and Orwell and spent some time at Falley Seminary, Fulton, N. Y. Their first home in Orwell was the Erastus Wyman place for about three years, then one year at Port Ontario, then about one year on the Fink farm in Redfield and in 1882 they bought the farm in Orwell of Robert Sawyer. Later, this farm was at one time operated by May and John Warren, later by Alice and Sexton Petrie, and is now owned and operated by Ward Hilton and his son Charles. While Lafayette was a cheese maker it is interesting to note that in 1875 cheese was sold for 10¼ cts. per pound and as high as 11-3/8¢ a pound. Butter was sold at 24¢ a pound. After the farm in Redfield was sold to the Power Co. to be flooded, Lafayette and Ella Hilton again made their home in Orwell and purchased the former M. E. parsonage which was their home until their deaths.

HIGHLIGHTS

When the big fire started in Woodbury's Chair Factory, Fred Olmstead rang the church bell until he was exhausted. His wife met him with a lantern as he left the church steeple. The smoke was so dense by that time that he ran into another man who was also carrying a lantern.

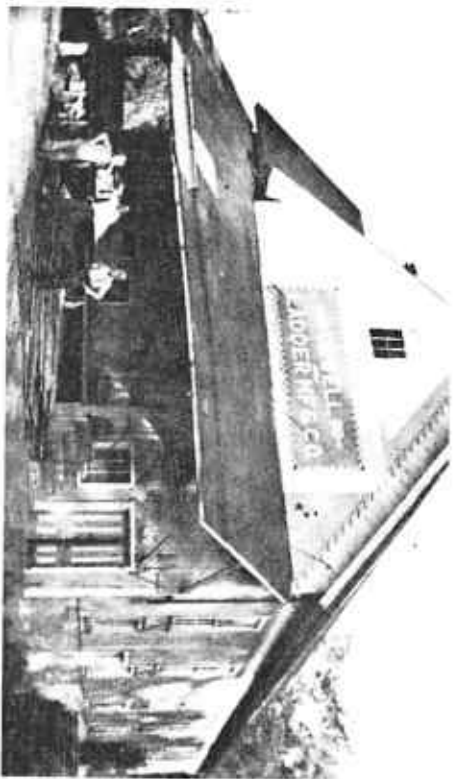
In 1878 Abby Carpenter started to the spring after dark with a lantern. Her children suddenly saw a panther come between their mother and the house. It let out bloodcurdling screams which frightened the children, but Mrs. Carpenter calmly swung her lantern to keep the panther away until her husband came to her rescue.

In 1868 a company was formed to buy a hearse for the use of the shareholders. After purchasing the hearse the balance was to be used to erect a building to house said hearse. I still hold a certificate entitling me to five shares in the Orwell Hearse Co., but the building has been moved to North Osceola.

Rosetta Shear Clarkson, a former resident of our town, was a well-known authority on herbs. She wrote several pamphlets and books on herbs and their uses.

The present church had a peculiar beginning. The meeting house then in use had become too small to seat comfortably all who attended the services. On one occasion, a woman tired of standing, dropped into John Beadle's lap, much to his annoyance. The next day Mr. Beadle started out to solicit contributions for a new church saying, "I'm not going to be 'set' on any more at meeting".

WHITING HILTON FAMILY



Hobart Hilton, born July 12, 1857, son of James and Mary West Hilton; in a log cabin located about at the present Jim Hilton site. Married Rose Sheppard of Altmar and they had four children. Ada who married Thomas Davies of Loyalton, South Dakota. Charles who married Mary Himes of Orwell. Blanche who married Lloyd Archibee of Orwell, and Whiting. All but Ada were born in Bowdle, South Dakota. Whiting married Bernice Amelia Barker daughter of Charles and Viola Washburn Barker on May 7, 1918 and they had three children, Jack Ellsworth, Joyce Darlene, and Melvin Mitchell. Joyce married Claude McKennon of Clarks-ville, Ark. and they have one son, Micheal Paul. Melvin married Jean M. Cole, daughter of Louis and Edna Purdy Cole of Orwell Oct. 8, 1949.

April 15, 1946 Whiting Hilton and sons purchased the Barker Ladder Factory, formerly known as The Good Templars Hall. At the present they are manufacturing extension and step ladders, dowels and rolling pins.

Whiting Hilton entered the Army on April 1, 1918. Served a year in France as Machine Gunner. Major engagements were in St. Mihiel and Argonne Forest. Was honorably discharged a W.G.R. on May 19, 1919.

Jack Hilton entered the Army Air Force July 22, 1945. He served a year as an M.P. in the E.T.O. in Germany, Belgium and France. Honorably discharged on Feb. 17, 1947 as a P.F.C.

Melvin Hilton entered the Army Air Force on March 21, 1943 and served a year in the C.B.I. in Burma and India. Had 67 combat missions on a B-25 as an Aerial Engineer Gunner and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf cluster, and the Conspicuous Service Cross. Honorably discharged on Oct. 21, 1945 as a Staff Sergeant.

HERBERT JEANES

Postmaster at Orwell

Herbert W. Jeanes was appointed postmaster of Orwell in March 1918 at the age of twenty-one. His father, Thomas Jeanes had been postmaster for eleven years previous.

The office was located in what is now the dining room of the I.O.O.F. Hall where Thomas Jeanes conducted a grocery store, meat market and postoffice.

In 1922 Thomas Jeanes and Herbert Jeanes bought the Elvin Potter place and moved the postoffice and store to the present location.

In August 1936 Herbert W. Jeanes bought his father's interest of the business and building and continues it at the present in the same location.



THOMAS JEANES

Thomas and Ellen Male Jeanes were born in Stembidge, Somersetshire, England in 1860.

Thomas Jeanes came to the United States in March 1880 and Ellen Male came with a sister Eliza Bambury in Sept. 1880.

They were married Dec. 5, 1880 in Orwell where they lived the rest of their lives with the exception of three years on a farm in Pulaski.

Both were members of the Congregational Church and Orwell Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Jeanes was a member of the Congregational Missionary Society and Mr. Jeanes was a member of Welcome Lodge, I.O.O.F.

In 1893 they moved to the village of Orwell from Potter Street. Mr. Jeanes conducted a meat market for 16 years. Later he was Postmaster and also had a grocery store.

Mrs. Jeanes passed away June 24, 1933, and Mr. Jeanes, Sept. 6, 1936.

Surviving children:
DeAnna, Frank and Herbert W.



JOHN LATTIMER

John Lattimer was born in Ireland June 9, 1828 and came to Canada, then to Orwell, where he settled. He was married on October 7, 1850 to Sabra Stowell, daughter of Samuel Stowell III and Jane Kilburn Stowell. The family was among the pioneer settlers in this section. They made their home on the Vorea road about four miles east of Orwell village. Mr. Lattimer served in the Civil War and was one of the first men to enlist from Oswego County. Following his return from the war, the family moved to the village where the present Lattimer manufacturing business is located. There were five children; Delilah, William, Ella, Milo and Frank.

William Lattimer was born January 24, 1854 in a log house on the Vorea road. On January 1, 1880 he was united in marriage to Georgia Anna Woodbury, daughter of George and Ann Brown Woodbury. To them were born six children; Clara Ella, who married Elvin Bambury. They had five children, all living except one. Clara Ella Bambury died in 1918 in Phoenix where they resided. John Woodbury Lattimer was born March 3, 1882 and was united in marriage on March 27, 1907 to Elvira Lucinda Hilton, daughter of Charles and Anna Waggoner Hilton. To them were born five children: Charles William, Robert Stanley, DeWilton Woodbury, Georgianna and John Edwin. Mr. Lattimer died May 3, 1945 and Mrs. Lattimer December 5, 1949. Harry Brown Lattimer married Audray Stowell, daughter of Orville and Arletta Finster Stowell in February 1917. They had no children. Mrs. Lattimer died July 5, 1935, and Mr. Lattimer, December 6, 1942. George Woodbury Lattimer married Ada Belle Fitzgerald, daughter of Frank and Drucilla Fisher Fitzgerald on August 16, 1911. They had one son, Stanley Fitzgerald Lattimer. Mr. Lattimer died Sept. 4, 1947. Mrs. Lattimer continues to reside in Seneca Falls, where they made their home. Stanley LaGrand Lattimer was married in 1910 to Alice Tousley and married for his second wife Alice DeJohn of Omaha, Nebraska in 1928. Mr. Lattimer died June 7, 1940 at his home in Oak Park, Ill. Mrs. Lattimer survives him. They had no children. Anna Sabra Lattimer married Clifford Webb in October 1912. To them were born four children. They reside in Waterloo.

William Lattimer became active in the lumber and wood-working business at an early age. As a youth he hauled bark for the tannery that was located at Orwell Corners on the Mill stream. He served an apprenticeship in wood-working on the Ridge Road and at the age of 20 began working with H. J. Stowell, manufacturing doors and other building materials. In 1886, following the disbanding of the partnership with Mr. Stowell, he began working on ladders, chairs and other small household articles in a small way. Later this business grew into a thriving one, continuing the manufacture of chairs, including a variety of upholstered ones. Mr. Lattimer retired from active work in the business in his late 70's and continued to reside at his late home near the "shop". He passed away November 25, 1943 at the age of 89. Mrs. Lattimer's death occurred Jan. 29, 1929.

John Lattimer and brother Harry carried on the manufacture of chairs on an increasingly larger scale and to the kitchen chair line added another one of the breakfast set type. The upholstery line was added and brought about employment for a good many, both locally and otherwise.

Charles William Lattimer, eldest son of John and Elvira Hilton Lattimer was born June 23, 1908 and resides in Orwell where he and his brother, DeWilton operate the business at this time. Robert Stanley Lattimer was born August 7, 1910 and was married December 21, 1938 to Lillian Tiller, daughter of Samuel and Annie Fry Tiller of Belleville. Mr. Lattimer is employed by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. in Pulaski where they reside. They have a daughter, Lucinda Ann, born October 7, 1946. DeWilton Woodbury Lattimer was born November 24, 1912 and on April 12, 1942 was united in marriage to Merle Minor, daughter of Don and Genevieve Durgee Minor. They have two children: Linda Diane, born April 17, 1945 and DeWilton Woodbury II, born July 9, 1947. Goergianna Lattimer was born August 4, 1916 and on March 13, 1949 was married to Robert George Monson, son of Matthew and Annie Kenny Monson of Mexico. He is engaged in farming on the former George Davis farm in Mexico. John Edwin Lattimer was born August 12, 1918 and died May 25, 1920.



W. H. LATTIMER & SONS, Orwell, N. Y.

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LYONS

Former Edward Lyons's home, now the home of Mrs. Lila Bambury.

Edward Lyons was born in Salem, Washington County, New York, in 1858. In 1861 he moved with his parents to Redfield. At the age of fourteen he began teaching

school. In the fall of 1873 he entered Whitestown Seminary and studied in the fall and spring, continuing teaching in the winter, until he graduated in 1877. In June of the same year, he entered the Classical and Law department of Hamilton College. He was graduated from there in 1880 as an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court receiving the degree of L.L.B.

He married Anna P. Weed, daughter of Hoyt and Prudence Weed of Orwell. They had one child, Ruby A.

Edward Lyons practiced law in the town of Orwell from 1880 until his death in 1943.

HIGHLIGHTS

The only hop yard in town never developed. A man by the name of Tifft from Lacona took over the Red House place with the intentions of setting up a big hop yard. The dispossessed owner was so mad he stayed up all night and heated water to pour over the hop plants which were healed in. One noon while the workmen were eating lunch he picked up their plow and carried it on his back for three quarters of a mile and dumped it in a deep hole in the river. Its disappearance was a big mystery.

On the Roy Platt farm can still be seen dark streaks when they plow where there used to be a coalpit. This was made by cutting 4 foot logs of hard maple. They were rolled into a depression and covered with earth leaving a vent. A fire was started and kept going until charcoal was formed.



IN MEMORY OF
FRANK B. MINER WHO DIED
MAY 21, 1944, AGE 68

Frank B. Minor married Octavia Hilton, daughter of Don and Isabelle Hilton, Sept. 26, 1896. Unto them were born six children; Daisy Belle, Don H., Lloyd M., Hattie L., Franklin E., and Alice V.

Daisy married Frank Hall. They had one daughter, Helen, who married Walter C. Robinson. They live at Potsdam, N.Y. and have three children, Penny, Patty, and Franklin Eugene. Daisy Bell Hall died Dec. 11, 1919.

Don married Genevieve Durgie. They have three children; Merle, who married DeWilton W. Lattimer and has two children, Linda and DeWilton. Thelma, who married Robert McDonald and has two children, Robert and Dawn. They reside in Pulaski. Don H. Minor also lives at Pulaski.

Lloyd married Mabel Gates. They reside in Brewerton, N.Y. Hattie married Robert Hutchins. Franklin married Mary Jolliff. They have three children, Ronald, Robert and Janet. Alice married George Traub, Jr. of Central Square. They have three children, Jimmy, Roxanne, and Marlene.

The Minors are lifelong residents of Orwell and were engaged in farming for many years. Mr. Minor drove the stage on the Star route between Orwell and Richland several years, also was substitute mail carrier on the Richland R.F.D. for a number of years.

Franklin E. Minor was in the Navy during World War II and spent about two years in the Pacific area.

Walter Robinson was in the service in World War II, being stationed in North Carolina.

OLD STONE BRIDGE





SOME TRIP!

On October 12, 1910, Anna and Mern Weed and Octavia and Frank Minor set out for New York City in Minor's high wheel International car. They were probably the first people to travel by car to

New York from this town. It took them three days to reach Newburgh. Garages were few and far between. In fact, they were such a novelty that no one in the party could pronounce the word "Garage"; they finally decided it rhymed with massage. When they came to Rome they noticed many flags out, but in the excitement of getting started on their great trip they had forgotten it was Columbus Day. They carried huge lunches of fried chicken, cakes, fried cakes, etc. for the first day's trip. The first night they stayed in New Berlin with relatives. The next morning the car wouldn't start, for it was cool and it used dry cells for starting, as it had an air-cooled motor.

Going into Sidney, Anna and Octavia got out and walked for they were afraid to ride down the steep gravel hill. There were no road maps. They had to inquire as they went along. People had never seen a car-like that and thought it was a foreign model. Finally they found a road book for sale and purchased one in the hopes that their troubles were over. The car was bulky so that a man with a team of horses passed them three times. To make matters worse, they discovered they had gone nine miles the wrong way. The kerosene lamps on the car gave out a feeble light. When they stopped to buy gas it was brought out in cans as there were no pumps. The car lamps had to be extinguished before gas was put in. Only 9 cents a gallon however.

At Newburgh they decided to leave the car and take the train into the city. It deposited them on the Jersey side. The ferry boat ride across the bay seemed like a dangerous undertaking, but they arrived safely. There they saw many horse cars and horse-drawn cabs. After a long search they found a rooming house and went out to see the town. When they were ready to go back to their room they couldn't find the right street. They walked for miles and miles until they came to a familiar park.

After three days they started up the Hudson on a boat to Newburgh. The car still didn't run right; finally stopped entirely. They pushed it up the road to a blacksmith shop. The smithy made them a new connecting rod. From then until they reached Kasog Pond nothing happened. Suddenly a tire ran off. Frank borrowed some wire from a fence and wired it on. In that fashion they arrived back in Orwell again.

(Frank Minor, Mern Weed, Octavia Minor and Anna Weed)



CHAUNCEY McKINNEY

Chauncey McKinney and his wife Sophia Delia Hunt traveled on horseback from Tolland, Conn. in 1828 to Redfield where they resided 37 years. With their children Dwight, Albert and Julia they moved to Orwell and purchased the first farm on Potter Street. Dwight married Mary Ann Nunn. Their children were; Mariette, married Arthur Potter, Albert married Nettie Stevens, and Francis married Rosetta Reynolds. In 1878 Dwight and Mary Ann bought the farm now owned by their great granddaughter, Alice Bass Clark and husband. After living there 17 years they bought the house now owned by H. H. Cooper. Albert continued to occupy the farm home until his death in 1923. Albert's children are: Mary, Nellie, Florence, Dwight and Ethel (deceased). Mary married Herbert Cooper. They have one daughter, Florence Ott of Brewerton. Nellie married Samuel Bass. Florence married Floyd Pratt. Their children are, Harold and Louise (deceased). Dwight is survived by his widow, Rose Barker McKinney. Ethel married William Waggoner; their children are Harlow and Dorothea. Harold Pratt married Minnie Colwell. Their children are; Robert, Marilyn, Shirley and Brenda.

Francis McKinney was a graduate of Oswego Normal. He was superintendent of schools in Patterson, N.J. for several years before returning to Orwell as principal of the Orwell School.

LILLIAN MILKINS NELSON

Lillian Nelson, only child of Thomas and Elsie Milkins was born in Bondino, New York September 18, 1863. At the age of 16 she came to Altmar with her parents, where, after a long illness her mother passed away December 6, 1884.

In Skaneateles June 9, 1890 she was married to George W. Nelson, M.D. of Orwell. To them were born two sons: Bruce W., born January 4, 1898 and Carroll E., born January 15, 1902. Both are now living in Rome.

Doctor Nelson, who practiced medicine in Orwell for 51 years, passed away December 15, 1913 at the age of 78. He was skilled in his profession and was a man of more than ordinary ability. His services were ever at the disposal of those who needed his help. He was active in medical circles and in his community.

Thomas Milkins, father of Mrs. Nelson, was born August 18, 1823 in Somersetshire, England, and came to America in 1848. In 1862 he was married to Elsie Peck at Bondino. He moved his family to Altmar in 1879. Later in life he spent many years with his daughter and her husband and died November 25, 1912 at the age of 89.

Her paternal grandfather, Thomas Milkins, Sr., joined the Army and fought under the banners of the Duke of Wellington during his famous campaign which ended in the downfall of Napoleon Bonaparte in the decisive

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OLMSTEAD

In 1838 Orimell B. Olmstead came to Orwell from Delhi, N.Y. and commenced the mercantile business in 1840. In the year 1874, Arthur E. succeeded his father in the store.

In 1876, Arthur married Ida J. Davis of Clinton, Michigan. In 1883 he built a brick

store 35 x 101 feet on the old site where his father commenced business.

In 1892 he purchased the Ontario Iron Works at Pulaski, N.Y. and promptly commenced the work of repairing the building and replacing the machinery with the most modern makes. Here, he manufactured engines and boilers. Besides conducting the store and Iron Works he was interested in farming, having about 1400 acres in the town of Orwell and Richland. At one time he also ran a cheese factory at Orwell village.

Arthur had two sons, Orimell B. and Fred L.

Orimell succeeded his father in the manufacture of boilers in the Ontario Iron Works in Pulaski, N.Y. He married Anna M. Coburn of Owego, New York in 1907. They had two children, Arthur E. and Francis I. Both are actively assisting their father in the management of the plant. Arthur E. married Mildred Dorohovich in 1947. They have two children, Arthur E. Jr. and John Charles. Frances I. Olmstead married Robert E. Wart in 1950.

Fred L. succeeded his father in the mercantile business in the same location, and also operated a large dairy farm in the town of Richland. In 1903 he married Lela M. Bambury. They had one child, Mildred B. Lela M. died in 1916. In 1918 he married Ruby A. Lyons. In 1931 Mildred B. Olmstead married Francis W. Drake of Arcade, N.Y. Both are graduates of Syracuse University. A son Philip F. was born in 1933, and a daughter Judith A. in 1937. The Drakes are engaged in dairy farming with purebred Jerseys.

NELSON

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Battle of Waterloo. Returning to England, he married Rebecca White, and of that union, Thomas, Jr. was the only son.

Mrs. Nelson is a member of the Congregational church, the W.S.C.S., Willing Workers class and W.C.T.U. She has lived in Orwell for the past 68 years and is now the oldest person in town. At the age of 86, she is able to live alone in her home, but spends the winter with her sons in Rome.



PENNOCK FAMILY

Ellen M. Potter, daughter of John E. and Jane Davis Potter, married Henry Pennock, son of George Pennock on September 1, 1875. Their home was located at the mouth of Pennock Brook and later sold to the Power Company, the site now being covered by the reservoir.

They had seven children, five sons still living: Lawrence J. of Richland, N.Y. and Lakeland, Fla., A. Leland of Syracuse, Marshall D. of Orwell, Rozell A. of Lyons, N.Y., and L. D. of Orwell.

Lawrence has two children, Harold of Syracuse and Emalee Prunier of Rye, N.Y.

Leland has three children, Adeline Hagerman of Pennellville, Helen Werner of North Syracuse, and Albert of Syracuse.

Marshall has five children, three living; Ward of Evans Mills, N.Y. and Carl and Myrtle of Orwell. Arlene and Mildred died when they were about a year old.

Rozell has two children, Latham of Pulaski and Myrtis Hopkins of Norwalk, California.

L. D. has two children, Gladys and Roy of Orwell.

The Pennock brothers have a reunion each year with 60 members on the roll call, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marshall D. Pennock married Minnie B. Finster, daughter of Ward and Elizabeth Hilton Finster, December 28, 1904. Ward Pennock married A. Marie Lingenfelter, July 11, 1941, and they have two children, Lee Edward and Sue Ann. Myrtle Pennock married Yates B. Mahaffy, September 30, 1945. Marshall moved to the William Hollis farm on the Lacona road in 1911 where the family still reside. This was one of the early farms in the town of Orwell, being settled in 1807.

L. D. Pennock married Mary Kosbab of Syracuse, April 28, 1915. They lived in the village of Orwell until they bought the former Pease farm on the Lacona Road in 1917. Roy married Ruth Stowell of Lacona, June 12, 1941. He served 18 months in World War II and saw action in the European Theatre. In November 1947 they moved to the former Charles DeLong farm on the Lacona Road. They have four children, Kathie, Ray and twin daughters, Bonnie and Beth.





THE ADIN POTTER FAMILY

This place on Potter Street has been the home of Adin M. Potter and his family since 1882 when he brought his bride of a year here to live.

Adin was the son of John M. Potter and Elmira Hicks and he married Amelia Philo, daughter of Richard and Betsy Hilton Dec. 24, 1881. The first year they lived with his parents before they bought their own farm. At that time it included the land now owned by Earl Tubbs.

This picture shows the house as it was remodeled in 1902. There was a granary and some small buildings, but the barn stood where the Tubbs house is now. Adin didn't build a barn on the north side of the road until after he sold the farm to Earl Tubbs.

Besides his farming Adin used to travel around to other farms and thresh. At first he used a horse tread for power, then a steam engine and later a gasoline engine. Oxen were used on the farm for some work. Adin liked to trade horses and for many years he kept good stock horses, but when cars came out he was one of the first in town to be driving one. It was an International with high wheels. He also owned and operated a saw mill and shingle mill. In one day he dug a well, having become tired of carting water. This well is in use today and has never gone dry.

Adin and Amelia raised their own sheep and from this wool she spun the yarn and knitted many garments for her family. Amelia has pieced many quilts and enjoyed working in her flowers and garden. She celebrated her 85th birthday Nov. 16, 1949 and is still quite active. Adin died April 21, 1926.

Adin and Amelia had three children, John, Viola, and Richard. John was born July 27, 1884. He married Pearl Colvin and they had six children, five are still living. John died Nov. 12, 1947.

Viola was born July 6, 1886. She married Earl Tubbs.

Richard was born Sept. 27, 1895 and has always lived at home. At one time he farmed quite extensively but now rheumatism forces him to take things easy.

FRANKLYN JOHN POTTER

Franklyn John Potter was born in the town of Orwell, son of Elmira Lane Hicks and John Milferd Potter, Feb. 28, 1867. On Sept. 28, 1890 he was united in marriage to Flora E. Hilton, youngest daughter of Betsy Bass and Richard Hilton. They settled on the John M. Potter farm on Floyd Ave., later called Potter Street, where he engaged in farming and the lumber and saw mill business.

Four children were born to them: Bessie Elmira, born Nov. 16, 1891, married Ernest A. Field, July 20, 1916. Harold Lane, born Nov. 28, 1897, married Ruth Miner, Nov. 10, 1919. Milferd Hicks, born March 18, 1902, married Lillian West, May 20, 1928. Alice Amelia, born Dec. 29, 1906, who died in infancy.

Frank J. Potter died on Oct. 20, 1934. His wife survives and celebrated her eightieth birthday May 23, 1950.

The building of the dam





L. A. POTTER

Albert J. Potter, son of John and Jane Potter was born in the Town of Orwell, Sept. 7, 1833. He married

Mary Damon. Mr. Potter served in the Civil War in Co. C 110th Inf. In 1859 he bought this farm and built the present house in 1873. His wife died March 5, 1893. Later he married Margaret Finster and she died in 1906. Mr. Potter lived until August 21, 1918. Albert and Mary had four children. Cora, dying in infancy. Jennie V. married D. J. Howlett. She died Oct. 29, 1938. Clarence married Carrie Hibbard of Pulaski. He graduated from Pulaski Academy and New York Homeopathic Medical College and Flower Hosp. He was Supt. of Gowanda State Hospital several years until he retired in 1924. At present Dr. Potter is affiliated with Interpines Sanitarium, Goshen. Llewellyn married Adelaide Washburn. They had three children. She died Aug. 26, 1946. Marjorie married Llewellyn Edgett of Canandaigua, and he died Jan. 24, 1948. Mary graduated from Geneseo Normal. She married Carl Spaulding, Etna. Glenn married Marjorie Dack, Belleville. He graduated from St. Lawrence Univ., was P.F.C. Co. K-311 Inf. 78th Div. in World War I. He received the Purple Heart Medal. They had three children. Betsey graduated from Auburn City Hosp. She was commissioned 2nd Lt. A.N.C. Feb. 18, 1944 in World War II. Served European Theater, 114th Gen. Hosp. European, African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Relieved from active duty Jan. 25, 1946. Holds Comm. as 1st Lt. Reg. U.S. Army A.N.C. Res. 1365th Stn. Hosp. Syracuse. She married Bernard Ukalowicz of Auburn. They have one child, Karl Francis. Mary Ann worked for American Locomotive in the Tracing Dept. during World War II. She married Kenneth Gardner of Union Springs. Albert enlisted U.S.N. Nov. 20, 1944 at 17 years. Served Asiatic, Pacific Theater as Coxswain. 134th and 103rd Spec. N.C.B. Asiatic Pacific Medal 1 Star. Honorably discharged June 22, 1946. Holds Honorable Discharge as Cpl. Co. C. 152nd Engr. C.B. National Guard.



THE SMITH FAMILY OF ORWELL ACRES - 1950

Ruby Lawrence, daughter of Fred and May Lawrence of Bangor, N.Y. and Winant Smith, son of Frank and Jennie Smith of Altmar, N.Y., were married December 1, 1917 at Bangor.

Winant and Ruby Smith came to live at Orwell, on the Albert Bonner farm July 3, 1918. In September Winant was again inducted into the armed services of World War I.

On March 1, 1919 they moved onto the Charles Potter farm in the southern part of the town.

A son, Lawrence Winant was born in 1919. They farmed it there for three years then bought the Albert Bonner farm of his son Joseph, March 1, 1922. In 1929 they purchased the adjoining farm of Albert Seamans, making 101 acres. The buildings are the original ones but improved and added to. The house was built by Charles Houghton well before the Civil War. Here they have developed a modern dairy and poultry project. Winant is now serving his 21st year as Supt. of the Orwell Church School.

Lawrence married Helen Anson of Camden, N.Y. and they have bought the adjoining farm known as the Roscoe Bonner place and are now living there. They have 4 children; David, Sandra, Ronald and Terry.



The home in 1920

THE STEVENS FAMILY



The old homestead of Esther Amy and John N. Stevens.

Ezra G. Stevens came to Orwell from the Mohawk Valley in the early 1800's. He married Louisa A. Sparks, March 1810.

They located on a farm on the north side of Orwell, Redfield Rd. about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Orwell Corners. They had six children; Myron, Dorcas, John, Mary, Ezra F. and Abigail.

Myron Stevens married Sarah Ann Rima Aug. 1833. Their child, John M. was born when they lived on the east side of the Orwell-Lacona Rd. near the town line.

John M. Stevens married Esther Amy Stowell Nov. 1859, and lived on the hill east of Orwell Corners about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, where Orville now lives. Their children were; Myron, Sarah Flora, Alburtus, Ralph, Edith, Guy J., Anna B., Ernest, Muriel, Leah Amy. Myron, Sarah Flora and Muriel all died in childhood and Alburtus at the age of 21 years. John M. died Jan. 8, 1914. They were living at that time where Ward and Leah Greenfield now live. It was in 1915 that Esther Amy at the age of 72 broke up her home and went to keep house for her son Ernest and his 5 small boys, taking with her another small grandson, Marvin Durgee. In 1923 she came back to Orwell and lived among the family until she died March 7, 1932. At that time there was a snow storm that blocked all the roads out of Orwell for several days.

Ralph L. Stevens married Frances Towles Sept. 1891. They built a home on the north side of the road at the foot of McKinna hill. Their children were Harold L, Dorothy and Phineas L. Dorothy died in her first year and Frances died July, 1900. Ralph L. married Lucy Wheeler, 1903; they had one child, Helen P. Lucy died in 1941. Harold L. Stevens married Lillian Bartlett April 1920. Their children are, John, Ruth, Fred and Cyrus. John H. married Jane Noether June 1948. Ruth F. married Gerald Garvin July 1946; their child Mary Jo. Phineas L. Stevens married Carrie DuLapp Dec. 1915. Their children, Ralph, Robert, Guy, William, Phineas, and Harriet, born April 1921 and died March 1924. Phineas L. died July 1941. Ralph married Mary Markin in 1937. Their children are, Patricia A., Barbara J., and Mary L. Robert married Sarah Moot Nov. 1946 and their children are Robert and William. Guy married Eldora Thomas March 1947 and their children are Linda C. and Guy E. William married Shirley Perkins April 1949. Phineas married Bernice Hammond and they have one child, Phineas L.

Edith A. Stevens married Myron Mattison in 1886. They lived on the falls road until Myron died in 1908. Their children; Morelle, Hazel, and Thelma. Morelle Mattison married Nora Ballou. Their children are; Myron, Robert, Freda, and Winnfred who died at the age of 10. Morelle died in 1938. Hazel Mattison married Leslie Saddler and their children are Vannell, Thelma, Foard and Robert. Thelma Mattison married Frank Jaques in 1946. Edith lives with them in California. Thelma Saddler married Bruce Askim in 1949. Hazel Saddler died Dec. 1941.

Guy J. Stevens married Tressie Hamlin Mar. 1899 and they lived south of Pekin school house until the fall of 1949 when they came to live with Orville and Mae in Orwell. Guy died that same fall in November.

Anna B. Stevens married Charles Durgee in 1900 and they lived where Charles now lives. Anna died Aug. 1914. Their children; Genevieve, Robert, Esther and Marvin. Genevieve married Don Minor Sept., 1918 and their children are Merle, Thelma and Don. Merle married DeWilton Lattimer April 1945 and they have two children, Linda and Dee. Thelma married Robert MacDonald in 1948 and their children are Robert and Dawn Elaine. Robert Durgee married Maxine Hotchkiss in the fall of 1928 and Robert was killed in May, 1930. Esther Durgee married Clarence Hager Jan. 1931 and they have one child, Marva. Marvin Durgee married Alta VanEpps Nov. 1936. Their children are Ronald, Richard and Rocklyn.

Ernest D. Stevens married Grace Anderson Nov. 1905. They lived near Waterville, N.Y. Their children; Donald, George, Orville, Albert and Floyd. Grace died Jan. 1915 and Ernest's mother came to live with him. In the fall of 1923 he came back to Orwell and bought the George Waggoner place. Ernest D. married Hazel Burrows in 1931 and they have three children, Edwin, Harriet and Esther Amy.

Donald Stevens married Brittie Coon June 1925. Their children; Donald, Ward, Raymond, Walter who died as a baby, Grace, Charles, Doris. Donald Stevens Jr. married Irene Bond and their children are, David, and Goldie Mae. Ward Stevens married Marion Britton and they have two children, Freda M. and Mary Lou. George Stevens married Edna Smith, Sept. 1933. Their children are Joanne, Mary Elizabeth, Carole, and William who was born Aug. 1946 and died Apr. 1947. Orville Stevens married Mae Rose Sept. 1933. Their children, Barbara, Ernest, Garrie and Norman.

Albert Stevens married Marion Johnson Aug. 1940. Floyd Stevens married Judy Hovey Oct. 1941. Their child, Martha. Judy died Apr. 1946. Floyd married Blanche Scroxtan, May 1947.

Leah Amy Stevens married Ward Greenfield Oct. 1912 and they live in the house where Leah's father and mother lived.

JAY S. STOWELL FAMILY

Joshua Hollis of Plymouth, Massachusetts, drove through Orwell with an ox team and with fire in a kettle in 1805 and settled in the edge of Sandy Creek. Two years later (1807) he moved to a farm in Orwell on the Sandy Creek road. In 1816 Samuel Stowell settled in Orwell less than a mile from the Hollis farm.

On March 16, 1875 Henry J. Stowell, son of Samuel Stowell and Sarah C. Hollis, granddaughter of Joshua Hollis, were married. Their three children were Grace R. who died in Orwell on July 7, 1948; Claude H. who has spent the major portion of his adult life in government service in Spokane, Washington; and Jay S. Stowell.

Jay S. Stowell worked in Orwell in his father's planing mill, in the village stores of Erwin S. Beecher and Charles Babcock, on the farms owned by James F. Davis and Albert Bonner and in the village meat market. He taught schools in Redfield and Boylston.

In 1903 he entered Oberlin College and was graduated there. He was later graduated from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and did post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

He worked for the American Sunday School Union in West Virginia and Pennsylvania and for the Congregational Home Missionary Society in Colorado, Montana and Oklahoma. He organized a number of churches in frontier towns where no religious services had previously been conducted.

On April 26, 1912 at an Ecclesiastical Council held in the Broadway Tabernacle of New York City Mr. Stowell was ordained as a Congregational minister. Shortly thereafter he became the Educational Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. In 1918 he was called to undertake the creation of the educational and publicity material for a campaign to raise ten million dollars for missions in Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools. Since that time he has been engaged almost continuously in the general work of the Methodist Church. He is now a Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

He directed an interdenominational survey of educational work among Mexicans and Spanish-speaking Americans in the United States. He is the author of a considerable number of books in the field of missions and religious education. He established and for twelve years was editor of "The Pastor's Journal". In 1934 he led a caravan on a four months trip from Boston to Salem, Oregon by way of New York City and Washington, D.C. to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the going of Jason Lee as a missionary to Oregon. He served as president of the National Religious Publicity Council. He is a member of the Quill Club of New York City and of the Listener's Club.

In 1913 he was married to Ann Wilder Stewart of Hutchinson, Kansas, also a graduate of Oberlin College. They have three children; Stewart J. of Hartford, Connecticut, an employee of the U. S. Government; Elizabeth Ann, wife of Dave Caton, lawyer in Pensacola, Florida; and John W. who owns and operates a farm near Wernersville, Pennsylvania. The Hollises, like the Stowells, came to Orwell from New England. One ancestor helped in 1638 to found Harvard University, the oldest institution of higher education in the United States. His name is still honored at Harvard by a Hollis professorship and in other ways.

HIGHLIGHTS

Did you know that the William Beecher home used to be a link in the underground railroad which helped negro slaves to escape to Canada before the Civil War?

After the Civil War William Beecher gave each of the 184 veterans a 20 dollar gold piece.

Ichabod Miner, our only Revolutionary hero buried in the Pekin Cemetery, enlisted at the age of 14 years. In his later years he decided he would like a pension. At first they questioned his right to one but after he explained that he probably did more than any other man aside from Washington to help win the war, he was granted 25 dollars a month.

When the rebellion broke out, one hundred and eighty four men went from this town. In October 1864 the town voted seven thousand eight hundred dollars as bounties to the soldiers.

There were many panthers about the town in the early days. L. A. Potter relates how one night when his father was riding home on his old white horse the horse gave a sudden leap nearly unseating him. When he look back there was a panther in the road which had leaped from a tree, barely missing the horse and rider.

The town records burned June 15, 1905 when Woodbury's Chair Factory burned.

JOHN N. STOWELL

From the Stowell Genealogy written by William Henry Harrison Stowell and on file in the Orwell Town Library the Stowell family history can be traced to England as far back as 1066. At which time Adam Stowell, founder of the family was rewarded for faithful service and valorous deeds by having a large estate, formerly known as Cothelstone Manor, given to him and called The Manor of de Stowelle. This was in Quantock Co., Somerset about six miles from Bristol Channel. This was one of the oldest estates in England and was handed down from oldest son to oldest son in an unbroken line until 1820. (Page 7 Stowell Genealogy). It was however, kept in the family from then on and at the time the Genealogy was written in 1922 and was still in their possession.

The first Stowell who came to America settled in Hingham, Mass. about 1660. While there they took a very active part in the religious life of the community as the family had very strong religious convictions.

From Hingham they went to Edinburg, Saratoga Co. and later (about 1835) they came to Oswego Co. in oxcarts. While enroute they had the misfortune to have one of their oxen die at Williamstown. As a result of this two of the women walked from Williamstown to Orwell each carrying a baby in her arms.

These families settled in Vorea. Samuel Stowell, a Revolutionary War Veteran, was buried in the Orwell cemetery. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the Conn. militia and later in the regular army. He was in several important military engagements and spent the last three years of his army life with Washington's army in N.Y., N.J., and Va. He was among the soldiers who crossed the Delaware with Washington and was at Yorktown for the surrender of Cornwallis. He was twice promoted for bravery. On Jan. 1, 1784 he was discharged.

At the time of his death on Jan. 27, 1850 he left about 150 in the town of Orwell.

John N. Stowell born Mar. 7, 1814 of the seventh generation, died Dec. 12, 1890. The fourth child of a family of ten children. He married Sarah Ann Greenfield May 29, 1841. Occupation, farmer and cheesemaker at Vorea. They had seven children. Fifth child, Julia Ann, born Nov. 12, 1853, died March 30, 1948. Married Henry VanAuken of Henderson Sept. 1, 1872. He was born April 18, 1849, died April 30, 1915. Married 2nd Nov. 15, 1919 to James Bambury, who was born in England, died Jan. 29, 1933. Settled at Vorea; occupation, farmer. In 1895 they built and moved into their new home which is now the residence of Victor Waggoner of Orwell. He was in partnership with Ed Lyons in a sawmill and cheesebox factory; later becoming salesman for Woodbury's chair factory. Children; Coral May, Bertha A., Amy Elizabeth, Alta A. Coral May was born Sept. 3, 1873, married Oct. 17, 1894 to Charlie DeLong, Boylston; born July 12, 1870. died May 3, 1943. Their first home was at Vorea in 1894; occupation farming and carpenter work. Feb. 2, 1911 they bought and moved

to the Ed Weed farm one mile north of Orwell where they lived until the time of his death. Their children, Arthur V. born Aug. 30, 1896, married Nellie West of Orwell, born Jan. 4, 1895 on June 30, 1921. They bought and settled on the Orwell-Lacona road on the Dave Hadley farm, occupation farmer. They own a beautiful chest of drawers which was brought to Orwell by oxcart in 1837 from Edinburg, Saratoga Co. by Richard Greenfield Sr., father of Sarah Ann Greenfield Stowell and great-great-grandfather of Arthur V. DeLong. Arthur DeLong enlisted Aug. 30, 1918 at Pulaski in Co. A. Student Army Training Corps. Child, Robert W. DeLong born Aug. 20, 1922 and married Helen Steffler Cincinnati, O. born Nov. 27, 1923, June 23, 1945. Settled at Verona. Child, Nancy Ann, born July 26, 1947. Robert W. DeLong enlisted in the U.S. Navy April 4, 1944. During his Navy Training he was sent to a Physical Training Instructor's School at Bainbridge, Md. Later received extensive training at Sampson, N.Y. for Rehabilitation work which he entered at the Marine Hospital in Quantico, Va. After being discharged from the Navy in Mar. 1946, he completed the work for his Master's Degree at Syracuse University which he received in Sept. 1947. The same month he began work as Physical Instructor and Athletic Coach in the Verona High School.

Bernice May born June 25, 1898 married June 2, 1920 to Harry Presley, Boylston, born July 21, 1897. They settled in Lacona, Oswego Co.: occupation Supt. of Blount Parker Corp. Child, Virginia Louise, born April 24, 1921, died June 16, 1921.

Bertha A., born July 5, 1879 married Dec. 12, 1900 to Clarence Wardwell, Orwell. Occupation railroad employee. They lived in Oswego. He died Oct. 29, 1901. Her second marriage Sept. 1, 1906 to Ernest Curtis, Rodman, Jefferson Co. He died Aug. 26, 1949. They settled at Lyons Falls, Lewis Co. occupation funeral director. Nov. 18, 1918 they moved to Lowville where he operated a meat market, later a gas station. He was mayor of Lowville eight years. No issue.

Amy Elizabeth, born June 29, 1881 married Fred Verdier born June 29, 1880 on June 1, 1904. He was a Master Band sawyer in Orwell and Phoenix chair factories, later settled in Constantia. He owned and operated a passenger boat on Oneida Lake. When automobiles became more plentiful, he sold the boat and worked in the State fish hatchery. Later buying and operating a combined gas station and ice cream parlor. No issue.

Alta A. born Jan. 8, 1889 married R. M. Earl Potter, born Oct. 1, 1886 of Lyons Falls, June 1, 1910. They live on a large farm which has always been in his family, his ancestors clearing the land and building their present home using blue limestone from their own quarries, about 1880. In 1848, another stone house was built which is now occupied by their son, H. Reese Potter. Children; Henry Reese Potter born Mar. 2, 1911 married Marion Minchell, born Dec. 13, 1911 of Albany, Sept. 30, 1934. Children; Emily Alta, born Sept. 11, 1934. Reese M. born April 10, 1939. Reese Potter is employed by the Gould Paper Co. Lyons Falls.

Ernest LeRoy, born May 9, 1915 died Mar. 11, 1944. He was the first man to enlist from Lyons Falls in World War II, but was rejected because of defective eye sight. Later accepted on Mar. 9, 1942. Embarked for North Africa June 1943 where he joined the 45th Division just before they invaded Sicily and Italy. He was wounded in Italy Nov. 5 and was hospitalized in North Africa. He returned to Italy Mar. 2, 1944 for active duty, was declared dead Mar. 11, 1944, at Anzio. His body was returned home in Lyons Falls and buried in Collinsville Cemetery near Lyons Falls, Aug. 17, 1948.

HIGHLIGHTS

An item taken from the Court Book of Orin Beadle in 1866: The plaintiff complains that on or about the 5th day of Dec. last, the horse and wagon of the plaintiff was standing in front of his shop as it lawfully might stand temporarily, when the horse and wagon of the defendant carelessly and negligently struck the plaintiff's wagon causing said horse and wagon to roll down the steep bank which resulted in the death of the horse and broke the wagon. The plaintiff demands judgment of \$99.00.

The elevation of the town of Orwell runs from three hundred to a thousand feet. It is surrounded by many rolling hills.

Hardwood land sold for \$1.50 an acre and pineland for \$1.00, while at every mile point land sold for 50¢ an acre to encourage people to settle when the town was first started.

As late as 1871 bears were seen within the village limits.

Mrs. Anna B. Weed had a letter that was carried by Lindbergh from St. Louis to Chicago.

It is believed that Dr. George Nelson brought over 400 babies into the world during his long service as a doctor for this community. There are at least 102 still living in the village today.

The new school is the first steel and brick structure to be built in the village of Orwell. It has attracted "sidewalk engineers" from considerable distances.

THE THOMAS FAMILY

Among the first settlers in Orwell was the family of Martin P. Thomas, who owned and operated a hotel for a number of years on the site now occupied by the Fire Department.

Of his eight children, only George Dallas, born January 17, 1845, remained in the township.

He enlisted in the Civil War, serving with Co. E. 189th Inf. Aug. 29, 1864 in the Battles of Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and was wounded at Chapin's farm, later discharged for disability April 2, 1865.

He married Alice C. Towsley, Sandy Creek, December 23, 1869. They purchased a farm about a mile east of the village of Orwell on the Redfield road, where their eldest son now lives. Later they operated a number of hotels, the last was in Orwell, which was run by their son, William, when it burned July 13, 1915. It was located on the site now occupied by the Tea Room, which is conducted by their daughter Miss Belle Thomas.

Mr. Thomas died in 1914 as a result of an auto accident and Mrs. Thomas expired March 2, 1946 at the age of 95 years.

To Mr. and Mrs. George D. Thomas were born five children: Ada Coral married the late George Everard Clemens and they had two children, Ruby, who married William Aloan and Earl married Ella Ballard and to them were born three children, Earl Junior, Robert and Patricia.

Belle Alice never married.

Foster Arvin: married Miss Anna D. Cobb, Richland, March 21, 1900. They celebrated their golden anniversary this spring. They have been members of the Grange for 46 years. To them were born six children: George William, married Myrtle Waggoner and to them were born two sons, Carl L. and William E. A. Ruth, Registered Nurse, married Asa Crossett. Arline M. married Granville A. Clifford and to them were born a daughter Frances M. and a son James A. Carl died as an infant. Lacy never married. Emma married Donald Bellinger and they have one daughter Donna Mae and two sons Donald H. and Stephenson.

Pearl Anna, who passed away April 13, 1950 was the widow of Francis Hohman.

William George married Miss Floy Conant and to them was born a daughter Marion who died in infancy. He served in World War I with the 78th Division 307th Field Artillery and died in August 1940.



THE TUBBS FAMILY

Viola, daughter of Adin and Amelia Hilton Potter and Earl O., son of Mary and Ambie Tubbs were married Dec. 12, 1906 at her home in Orwell.

Earl was born in Mexico, N.Y., and stayed on the farm with his father until he was eighteen years old. Then he worked in a cheese factory, at farming, and in the woods until he was married.

After Earl and Viola were married they moved to the place where they now live and which her father then owned. They stayed here two years and then went to Adams and worked on a farm for one year.

They returned to the farm in Orwell and bought it. Earl felt he wanted to do something extra, so with Viola and a hired man helping with the farm work he went out threshing every fall for several years.

To them were born two children, Marion Amelia on Jan. 27, 1908. Marion married Earl Williams June 29, 1929 and to them were born four children: Carol Susan Mar. 28, 1937, Gary Earl Apr. 27, 1939, Wayne Dean, Jan. 14, 1943 who died at the age of 9 months. Another son died at birth May 26, 1945. Earl died Mar. 2, 1945.

Donald Ambie, born Apr. 24, 1915. He married Dorothy Johnson in April 1940 and they have three children, Clifford Earl, born June 4, 1941, Jean Marie, born Mar. 5, 1943, and Linda Viola, born Nov. 25, 1949.

Donald bought the Albert Bonner farm, where they live, and he and his father work both farms. Besides extensive farming they raise chickens and make quite a bit of maple syrup.



CHEESEFACTORY



CONRAD VOGEL

Conrad Vogel and his wife Anna came to Orwell in 1931 from New York City with their two children, Siegfried and Clara. They bought the farm which was called the "Old Snow Place" in Vorea. In 1933 they bought the lot across the road from Jerry Look. This land had a barn, but the house had burned several years before.

In 1946 Mr. Vogel built their present home shown in the above sketch. Mr. Vogel is a well known Interior Decorator in this section. Last year he had charge of the remodeling of the interior of our Town Hall.



C. VOGEL

MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD WEBB

W. H. Lattimer, son of John and Sabra Lattimer, was born in Orwell Jan. 24, 1854; died Nov. 28, 1943. He was a manufacturer of chairs for many years. Georgianna Woodbury Lattimer was the daughter of Ann Brown and Col. George Farnum Woodbury. She was born Apr. 24, 1859 and died Jan. 27, 1929. Four boys and two girls were born; John, Harry, George, Stanley, Clara (Mrs. Elvin Bambury), Anna (Mrs. Clifford Webb) the latter the only survivor.

Mr. Lattimer was a charter member of Pulaski Masonic Lodge. Mrs. Lattimer was a member of the Congregational Church, Home Missionary Society, Rebekah Lodge, C.E.D. and D.A.R.

Anna Lattimer Webb and Clifford Webb moved from Orwell in 1915, and are now in Waterloo where Mr. Webb works as load dispatcher for N.Y. State Electric Co. They have two boys and one girl, and two grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Webb and son Clifford moved from Pierpont Manor to Orwell in 1900. The next day the cheese factory burned on the site of the present John Lattimer home. In 1916 they moved to Baldwinsville, where Mrs. Webb died in 1921. Mr. Webb still lives there.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY

Earl Hilton Williams and Marion Amelia Tubbs were married June 29, 1929 at her home in Orwell.

They went to live in Redfield and the next spring moved to the home now occupied by the family. Earl worked for his father, Dean Williams, in the lumber business until his death March 2, 1945 at the age of 37. He was a graduate of Pulaski High School and attended Syracuse College of Forestry.

Marion was graduated from Oswego Normal and taught school before they were married and is now teaching in Redfield.

They had four children, only two of which are living. Carol was born Mar. 28, 1937. Gary was born Apr. 27, 1939. Wayne was born Jan. 14, 1943 and died Oct. 14, 1943. Another son died at birth May 26, 1945.



GIDER-MILL

DAVID D. WEST

David D. West, one of eight children of Ira and Lucy Curtis West, was born at Lee, Oneida Co. on Oct. 24, 1814 and died Mar. 16, 1902.

In his early youth he came to the town of Orwell to engage in farming. He settled four miles east of Orwell village in what is known as Stillwater (School Dist. No. 8). Some of the land he purchased from Hiram Eddy, the remainder from the Pierrepont estate in 1844.

He became acquainted with and married Adad Burch (died Oct. 15, 1884) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerimah Burch of Orwell Feb. 14, 1842.

Four sons and a daughter were born in the home which he built; Alvera A., born May 7, 1844, died 1914, married Jerome Greenfield. Homer M., born April 14, 1847, died 1913, married Ann Hilton of Orwell. Albert E., born May 7, 1848, died 1919, married Frances Butts of Rome. David Ernest, born July 11, 1855, died 1916, married Nettie Barnes of Ricard. Hubert J., born Mar. 7, 1858, died July 25, 1921, married Ana Hutt of Ricard.

As soon as his sons were old enough he bought each one a drum and taught them to drum with either his brother Ira West of Sandy Creek or Isaac Spink of Williamstown playing the fife. They were known as the West Corps B. They furnished music for political rallies, pole raisings and Sunday School picnics.

The children all settled in Orwell with the exception of David Ernest who conducted a grocery store in Ricard.

The youngest son, Hubert J. married Ana S. Hutt (born July 23, 1862) on Sept. 27, 1883. They occupied the West home until 1917 when they moved to Sandy Creek, N.Y.

A daughter, Nellie Bernice, was born Jan. 4, 1895. She was graduated from Pulaski High School in 1913 and taught two years in her home district before going to Geneseo State Normal where she was graduated in 1917. Later she was granted a B.E. degree from Oswego State College.

On June 30, 1921 she married Arthur V. DeLong of Orwell. They purchased the David Hadley farm on the Orwell-Lacona road where they now reside. She is a member of the Sandy Creek Central School Faculty, where she is completing her 27th consecutive year.

One son, Robert West DeLong, was born Aug. 20, 1922. He was graduated from Sandy Creek High School in 1940, received his B.A. degree from Syracuse University in Dec. 1945. During the latter part of his senior year and until Apr. 1944 he was an instructor of Physical Education at the Army Air Base in Syracuse.

On Apr. 4, 1944 he entered the U.S. Navy. He was sent from Sampson Naval base to Bainbridge, Md. for further training as a Physical Education Instructor. Later he was sent to the Brooklyn Navy yard, then to Sampson again for intensive training in Rehabilitation Work. When that training was completed he went to the Marine Hospital at Quantico, Va. where he was engaged in the Rehabilitation work.

While at Quantico he met and married Helen Ann Steffler, who was also in the service, (born Nov. 27, 1923) of Cincinnati, Ohio on June 23, 1945.

A daughter, Nancy Ann, was born July 26, 1947.

He received his M.A. degree from Syracuse University in Sept. 1947 and went to Verona, N.Y. as Physical Education Instructor and coach of athletics in Verona High School

HOMER WEST

Homer West, son of David and Ada Burch West, was born in Orwell near Stillwater in 1847, married Ann Hilton (born in 1851) daughter of Alonzo and Mary Jewell Hilton, Jan. 1869. They lived on a farm on the Falls road. He was a farmer and at one time owner of the Pekin Cheese Factory, where butter and cheese were made. After disposing of his property on the Falls road he built a home on the Orwell Power House road, where he resided until the time of his death in 1913. Ann West died in 1917.

Three children were born to them; Mervin, who died at the age of four years, Ella Mae born in 1877 and Anna Belle born in 1885. Ella Mae, a teacher, married Claude Miner in 1897. They had two children, Scott Jewell, born in 1898 and Cyril Conde, born in 1902. They lived on the Orwell Power House road, and at one time owned three large dairy farms on the same road. After disposing of the farm they moved to the West homestead on the same road, where Mr. Miner died in 1943.

Anna Belle married Fred Johnson of Pulaski in 1914. Later they moved to Syracuse, where Mr. Johnson died in 1938, age 68 years. Mrs. Johnson has been employed at Chappell's Store nearly thirty years. They had no children.

Cyril Conde Miner died at the age of twenty years while attending Syracuse University.

Scott Miner married Helen Cook of Syracuse in 1923. They resided in Syracuse where he was an operator for the N.Y. State Railways until 1941, when they moved to Herkimer, N.Y. They have two children; Shirley born 1930 and Scott Jr. born in 1933.

HIGHLIGHTS

In 1898 it's a fact - we bought milk for three cents a quart, cheese seven cents a pound. Wages were \$1.25 for ten hours in Woodbury's Chair Factory. Our pay was store orders; very seldom that we got any money. It's true we had to go in paint shop at 7 a.m. for 30 minutes Prayer Meeting. Everybody had to go or lose 30 minutes pay.

Court was held in town. Once a man who was being tried for horse stealing tried to get away. The constable took after him, but the man was so big and strong the constable couldn't stop him. The constable would jump on the prisoner's back and ride along trying to tire him out. Finally when they got up to Ward Finsters, he came out and helped stop the run-away long enough for the constable to get the handcuffs on.

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