

Fair Haven Beach State Park, where waves roll in from Canada

Fair Haven



HE northern gateway to the Finger Lakes Region is Fair Haven, lying on Lake Ontario where it begins its curve to the north. It is the only place where an incorporated village is located at the point where a main highway touches the lake.

Fair Haven is indeed a haven for summer resort vacationists. From the southern end of Fair Haven Bay the village sprawls northward to Ontario's shore. Hundreds of cottagers yearly spend happy carefree days at Fair Haven. The bay, two miles long, is widely known for its sportive fish. The sand bathing beach is one of the most famous on

Lake Ontario. Fair Haven is in the town of Sterling, Cayuga County, and has an interesting history dating back to the early days when sailboats formed the only transportation on Lake Ontario. With a background of history colorful with memories of the craft of Frenchmen who pioneered in Montreal, the village today is one of the most progressive along the lake. The town of Sterling was named for William Alexander, Lord Sterling of Revolutionary memory. It was formed from the town of Cato June 19, 1812. The village extends the whole length of Fair Haven

Bay, so that in summer time, as an accommodation to campers, it boasts two postoffices, one of the few towns in the nation with such distinction. Creation of a state park at Fair Haven is one of the latest movements to give impetus to community progress. The



park is described in the state park section of this volume.

As the northern terminus of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Fair Haven is one of the great shipping points on Lake Ontario. As many as 170,000 tons of coal a season have been shipped to Canada out of the coal trestle on the bay, which is one of the finest harbors on the lake. Fair Haven lighthouse and pier, with a majestic setting resembling the seashore, give a romantic touch to a locality dear to the heart of the seaman.

The Roosevelt highway, passing through the village, feeds the Finger Lakes Region from the westward tide of motorists coming from the Adirondacks. The community is the hub of a rich agricultural section, with fruit raising and dairying predominant. In this connection, the growth of the Sodus Cooperative Creamery Company, which serves the entire north shore, is interesting.

The company originated in Sodus, in November 1894 as a butter factory. As the demand for Sodus Brand products increased it became necessary for the company to branch out and increase its milk supply. The Wolcott, N. Y. plant, which is now the home office, was purchased and equipped in the spring of 1902. Many additions and alterations have been made to make it an up-to-date plant.

As changes came in the milk business the Sodus Co-operative Creamery Company began the shipping of pasteurized milk and cream and was one of the first to process and ship ice cream mixes that are ready to freeze, with the exception of flavoring. Supplying this

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but due to the effect on the market of the importing of casein, it became necessary to find another outlet for the skim milk.

The Sodus Co-operative Creamery Company then took up the manufacture of Sodus Brand Creamed Cottage Cheese and was one of the first, if not the first, factories in the United States to make an everyday, year around business of manufacturing cottage cheese. The excellent qualities of Sodus Brand Creamed Cottage Cheese have

created such a demand for this product that this company now has distributors in more than thirty of the principal cities in the Eastern United States. These

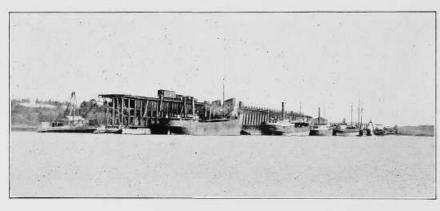
distributors supply the leading food stores in these cities and to the stores of the rural and suburban districts of the state and country.

As business increased it became necessary to further increase the milk supply and this com-



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Giant coal trestles of Lehigh Valley at Fair Haven

pany now owns and operates creameries at Wolcott, Red Creek, Sterling Valley, Hannibal and Fair Haven, New York, and has facilities for receiving milk at Martville, Springlake, Savannah, Port Byron, Clyde,

each of which there is superior fishing.

Cross Lake is about five miles long and a mile wide and is formed by Seneca River, the outlet of all the Finger Lakes. The river widens as it crosses a sweeping

valley, creating the lake. Otter Lake is two miles long and a half mile wide, while Forest Lake is three quarters of a mile wide and of the same length.

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Cato is in the heart of a rich, rolling farm district, where dairying, poultry raising and diversified farming yield profitable returns to the farmer.

Historically the district is interesting. The first settlement at the head of Cross



Sodus Cooperative Creamery Company Plant

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Lake was made as early as 1800. Nowhere in western New York are conditions more healthful than along the shore of Lake Ontario, from Fair Haven on past Sodus. Presence of this smallest of the great lakes is largely contributory to the climatic features of the district. One hundred and seventy miles long and sixty wide, the lake surface is 231 feet above tide level, thus showing an even greater altitude for the shore towns, some of which are on bluffs back from the lake. Presence of the water, which never freezes except along the shallows near shore, tempers the air even in winter and makes fruit growing profitable in the highlands even a considerable distance back from the shore.

The height of scenic beauty and delight along the entire beach is reached in the camping colony on a point adjoining the new Fair Haven Beach State Park. Soft sand extends

a half mile out into the lake, until the water gradually deepens over a bather's head. There are no pitch holes or rocks.

A few hundred yards east of the point is a tiny inlet into the so-called pond, a haven for canoes. The pond narrows, as it reaches inland, to a little stream which sweeps through the valley of the back country in a wide arc and comes back almost to the lake again further to the northeast. At one time it reached the shore again and hence 200 acres of wilderness encompassed in its wide embrace are known as the island.

On the island are two bluffs, the first being the higher. This giant promontory of stone and gravel rises up a sheer 300 feet from the breakers pounding futily at its base. It is the highest point along the shore line of Lake Ontario. Then comes the little bluff and



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Sportsmen stock the streams well in all parts of Cayuga County

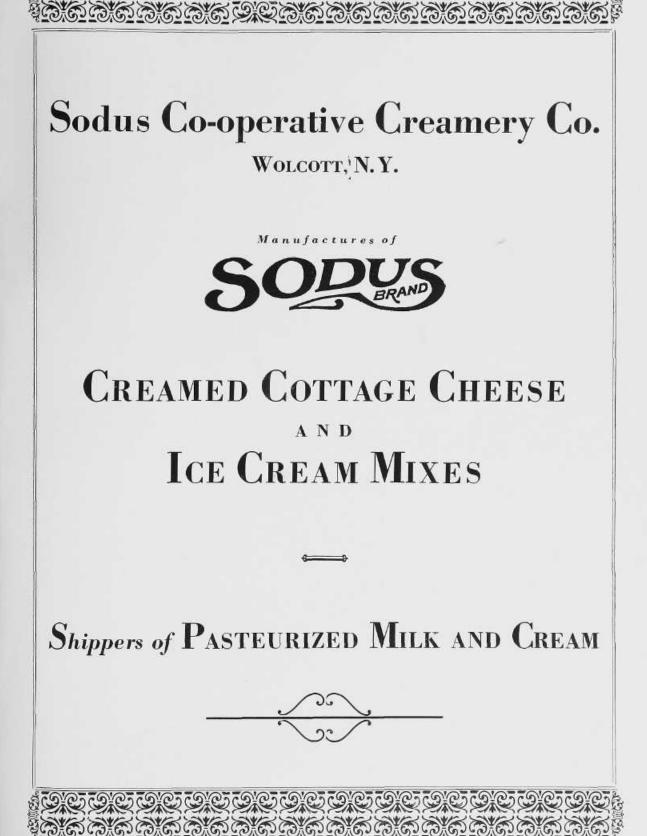
next another towering giant rivaling the first in height. Behind the little bluff the stream widens into a marshy lowland that is ideal for a game sanctuary.

From the second greater bluff the spectacle lying off to the westward is comparable only to that along the seaboard. Mile upon mile of blue, seemingly on three sides of the beholder perched like a speck upon the summit of the cliff, stretches away into a haze of distance. Off to the left, like a black line across some giant's blue print, the pier of North Fair Haven points off to where sky and water meet. Now and then a big lake freighter drifts outward from the pier, a mere floating speck, coughing upward a tiny ribbon of black smoke.

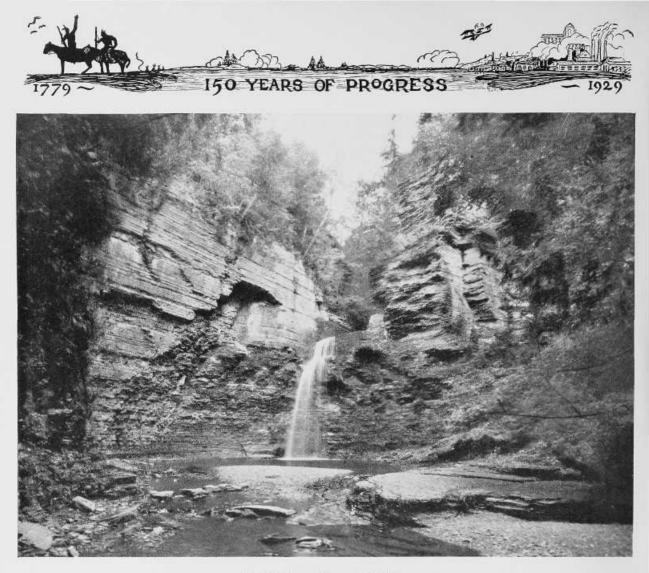
Through the trees on the lefthand shore Blind Sodus Bay appears as a little splotch of blue spattered over into the dark greenery six miles away. And on beyond, the point marking the eastern side of Sodus Bay is visible. Of a clear day, pigmy ships going into the harbor of Charlotte or Rochester are barely distinguishable, with a glass.

Off to the right other tiny dots, ships headed for the harbor at Oswego, can be picked up out of the blue of distance. On every side of you but back of you is blue, save for a few white chariots of clouds—or perhaps the eagles wheeling serenely out there on a level with your feet.

Then, if you have a steady head, you may perhaps look down to where the breakers pound the foot of the cliff, with a roar that comes up to you like the soft swish of laping wavelets. Then is when one can see the handiwork of nature best. The stone and gravel of the cliff has been scored and ground and lashed by wind and wave into weird formations. Strange pillars of earth rear their heads upward, their sides carved into spirals by the winds that come beating them with the fury gained by a sweep of 60 miles across uncrowded waters.



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Eagle Falls, near Montour Falls Village

Montour Falls

L ONG before the advent of white men, the ancient village of the Seneca Nation of Indians, Catherines Town, was situated a short distance south of the present village of Montour Falls, at the entrance of Montour Glen, and so named after the half-breed Indian, Queen Catherine Montour.

Nature presents many scenic masterpieces in Montour Glenn, a rocky gorge or canyon, having a length of one and one-quarter miles, a descent of about 400 feet, through which flows a stream in alternating rapids, cascades, water falls, and pools.

Numerous streams in their descent have cut deep ravines and finally plunge to the floor of the valley in a wonderful galaxy of waterfalls. From these surroundings, the village receives its name.

Chequaga Falls, located in the populous portion of the village, and the highest of the group, has a height in its lower falls of 156 feet, only 8 feet less than Niagara. The beauty of Chequaga Falls so impressed Louis Philippe, afterward Louis XVIII of France, during his visit to America in 1797, that he drew a picture of these falls which was hung in the Tuileries in Paris.

The seven glens or gorges, including the famous

Montour Glen, radiating from the valley, contain in their upper reaches additional waterfalls, bringing the total to more than twenty; all grouped within a radius of scarcely more than one mile; probably the greatest number to be found within an equal area anywhere in the United States.

Located three miles from the head of Seneca Lake, the largest of the Finger Lakes, Montour Falls, was settled in 1788 on the site of Catherine's Town, destroyed by General John Sullivan in 1779.

To this place the Indians with their British allies retreated after their defeat at the battle of Newtown, and here during the evening of September 1, 1779, was held a momentous council of war. Terrorized by their introduction to artillery fire three days before, although joined by reinforcements of warriors eager for battle, they decided to abandon their villages, orchards, and fields of corn and vegetables without further resistance. Hence at Catherine's Town, on September 1, 1779, was enacted an event of major importance in winning our War for Independence.

Silas Walcott and a Mr. Wilson began the settlement of Montour Falls about 1788. George Mills was

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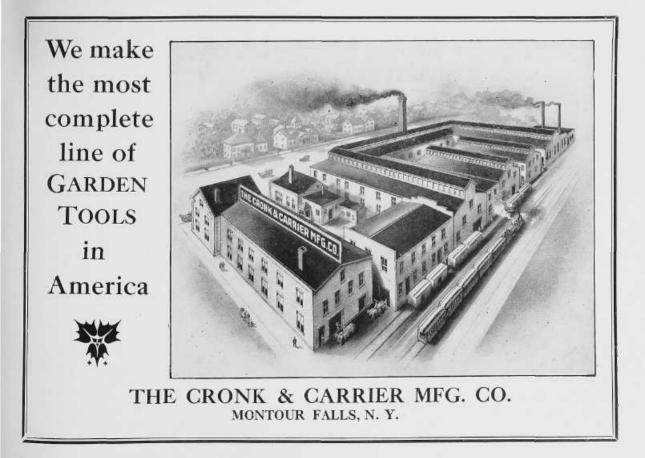
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the first merchant, opening a store in 1805. He also ran a tavern and was also one of the first navigators of Seneca Lake. Mills' Landing, one name by which the settlement was known, having been the head of navigation, Mills from this point in his bateaux transported products of the soil and received in turn goods brought by water from Albany and New York.

Governor Hornsby writing of Montour Falls, in 1792, said the place then contained thirty inhabitants. Thomas Nichols, Jr., who came in 1798, was an early school teacher and was the first music teacher in the settlement.

It was David Ayres who bought the George Mills farm and laid it out into village lots. He came in 1827. On May 13, 1836 the village was incorporated, then going under the name of Hayanna.

One of the milestones in the history of Montour Falls was the year 1829, when Charles Cook arrived as a new resident

to lend his energy, enterprise and philanthropy to develop the embryo community. He bought farms and improved them, acquired village lots and built upon them, opened mills, hotels, built St. Paul's Episcopal church, made a new county from parts of other counties and located its buildings at Montour Falls, retaining them there as long as he lived. He opened a bank and erected a fine building for the People's College and gave it and a hundred acre farm to a corporation for educational purposes.

Cook Academy, the educational institution bearing his name, was the original People's College. Its history is sketched in the "Educational" chapter in this volume.

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In Montour Glen

Montour Falls. From the time of the first log school to the present, the best possible teaching advantages have been sought and secured for the youth of the village.

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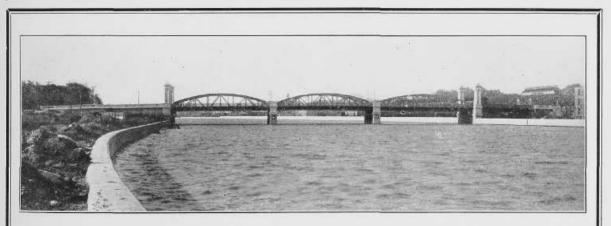
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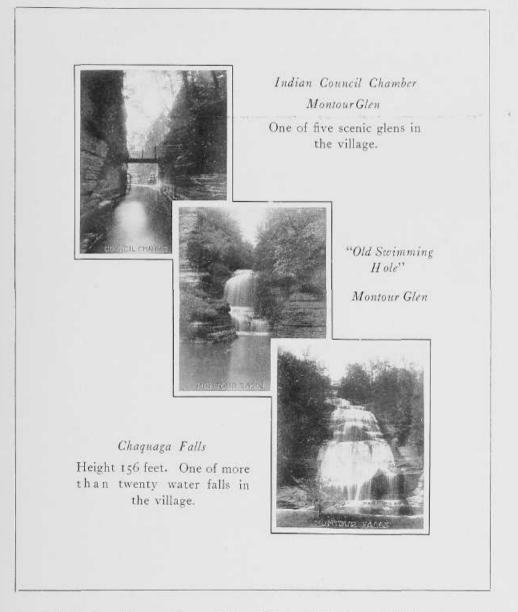
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born to explain the mysteries of nature. The points of interest visited by tourists today in the lake country are all enshrined in a mantle of these Indian myths, whose charm and vigor rival those of ancient Greece. It is this lure of legends which adds pleasure to plotting objectives through a fabled land where the light of romance brightens scenic shrines along the broad highway. In fancy the traveler lives again the days of the Indian story teller. The rugged glen rocks scattered about Montour Falls seem to possess the brooding wisdom of the ages. Still they stand by as in the days of the red man. Of an evening you can motor over tumbled hills to the mouth of some great ravine to sit with Indian ghosts in the bleeding light of a dying sun. Then you can see in fancy the dim procession of events recorded in the myths handed down by the Iroquois from one generation to the next.



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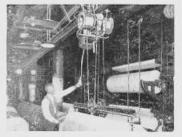




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Birdseye view of Clifton Springs Sanitarium and Clinic

Clifton Springs

THE village of Clifton Springs, formerly called Sulphur Springs on account of its noted mineral water, is a place of about sixteen hundred inhabitants. The first white man to penetrate these lands came offered their leader, Stewart, by Patrick Colquhoun, an Englishman, to bring the colony into the land in which the latter was interested, the Genesee country. On his arrival in America, Mr. Stewart decided to explore

about the year of 1700, according to Turner in his book "Pioneer Settlement of Phelps and Gorham Purchase." He tells of a Highlander, Donald Stewart, of "Achnaun by Appin, in Argyleshire," who had organized a colony to come over to They America. were to settle in Cumberland, N. C., but after the emigrants had set sail and it was too late to change their course, another proposition was



In the grounds at Clifton Spa-

the country for himself, and he and a Mr. Williamson, a Lowlander, who was prospecting for a suitable location for a German colony that he had organized, set out together on horseback.

Mr. Turner says: "A good anecdote came of it however, which it is said had something to do with his dislike of the country. Threading the forest on horseback, Mr. Williamson and hiscompanionwere



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attracted by the noise of falling water. Approaching it, the water gushing from a rock, and falling over a precipice, the bed of the stream, the rocks and banks covered with sulphur, riveted their attention. It was a feast for the eyes, but not exactly agreeable to their smell. After gazing for a few minutes, Mr. Williamson broke the silence by observing that they had found just the place for a Highland colony. The reader will When and why the name was changed from Sulphur Springs to Clifton Springs is a question; possibly the odor in the town was not a pleasant reminder; but the fact remains that these Sulphur Springs have made Clifton Springs a great resort for invalids seeking health and quiet, while the natural beauty of the village and its surrounding country draws hither as, well the tourist and the pleasure seeker. It is worthy of

observe, as the keenly sensitive Highlander did, that the harmless joke had reference to a certain cutaneous infirmity. It came, too, from a Lowlander, and touched a tender cord; called up reminiscences of ancient feuds in their native land; was resented; and is said to be one of the reasons why a large Highland colony was not introduced early into this region. The reader will have surmised that the party were Clifton viewing Clifton Springs." The history of Ontario County says:

It was ten years after the above incident occurred that the first settlement was made in Clifton Springs, in the year 1800, by John Shekels. He built his log house on "east hill," where now stands a comfortable frame dwelling, known as Miss Balcom's boarding house.

John Shekels brought three slaves with him



In the park at Clifton Springs

from Maryland. This was the first introduction of slavery into the township. To his credit be it said, after a short residence here, he liberated them.

Out of necessity, the most of these early homes, in primitive days, were converted into taverns to accommodate other imigrants, and the Shekels' double log house was no exception to the rule. It did duty as a Tavern for many years. At one time Clifton Springs could boast of two private schools. The Clifton Springs Seminary was chartered in 1868 and was in a flourishing condition for more than twenty-five years. The Foster School was started in 1875 and was carried on most successfully for a period of ten years.

Clifton Springs is situated on two railroads, the New York Central and the Lehigh Valley. There are

note, that in 1806 a hotel was erected here as a dispensary.

The Sanitarium, started by the late Dr. Henry Foster in 1849, has become world renowned. Its surroundings are verv pleasing, beautiful groves, which are most attractive and restful. A handsome and artistic pavilion, built as a gift of the late Mr. Andrew Pierce, a Boston man, greatly enhances and lends charm to the landscapeandcomfort to the many invalids who are here seeking relief and health. Mr. Pierce also founded the library that bears his name.

An Air Cure was established in May, 1867, by a stock company with cash capital of \$75,000. It was located in the large hotel, which stood at the brink of East hill, and was formerly owned by Lyman Crain. This cure had but a short existence, being destroyed by fire.

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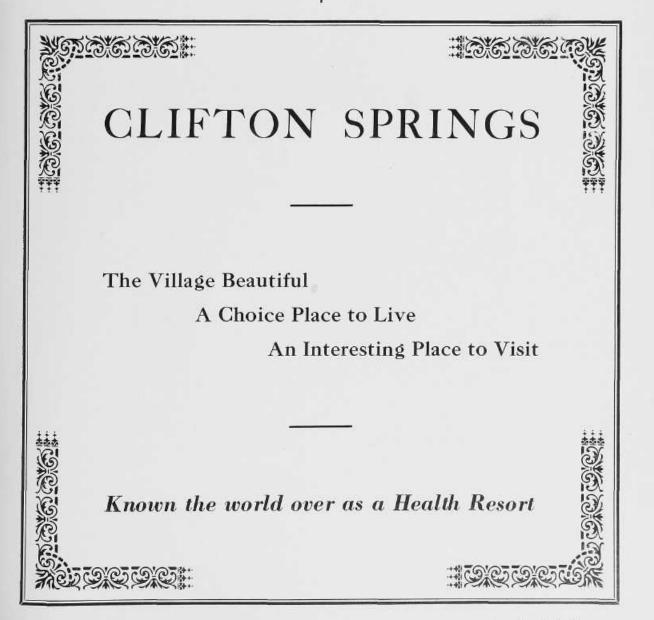
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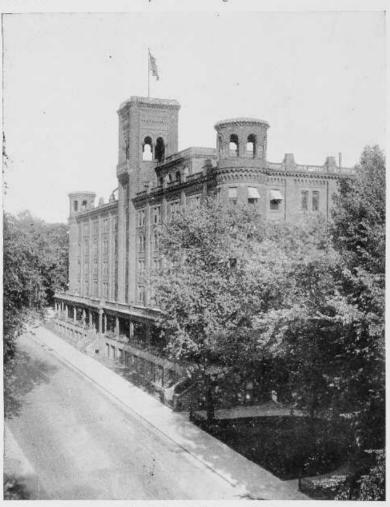
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Dr. Foster was born in the town of Norwich, Vermont, January 18, 1821. He was the son of Henry and Polly (Hubbard) Foster, who were the owners of a farm of six hundred acres of intervale land, and were apparently established for life in a beautiful home. As one of a family of seven children, Dr. Foster spent a happy and healthful childhood. When he was fourteen years of age financial reverses came to the family and Springs Water Cure" was opened in September, 1950. The story of those early days is one of hard work, faith and prayer, and by God's blessing, success. Dr. Foster rebuilt, of brick, and enlarged the sanitarium three different times, the work of the institution never ceasing. He finally rebuilt and enlarged the entire sanitarium, and in July 1896, the new fireproof building was dedicated to the work of God in healing and

they removed to western New York and from thence to Ohio, where the boys of the family made a home and cared for the others.

Dr. Foster was graduated from Milan Academy and the medical department of the Western Reserve College. After his graduation he went to a water cure with an invalid brother, and became so much interested in the system that, for three years, he was the physician in a similar establishment in New Graefenberg, New York. Dr. Foster was converted in childhood and his religious life deepened and became the center of his being and action. He asked: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" The outcome of his prayerful waiting was his coming, in



Clifton Springs Sanitarium and Clinic

1849, to Clifton Springs, where he had learned of a sulphur spring and a tract of land reserved by the purchasers of the "Holland Patent," and Dr. Foster bought this tract and received the first deed for this plot after the original purchase by Messrs. Phelps and Gorham. He had come to a cross roads settlement, where everything was to be done if the work he proposed was to succeed. Dr. Foster felt that God had called him to build a house where help could be given to ministers, missionaries and teachers, and where God should be honored and the health of soul and body be given equal prominence. God enabled him to build a modest wooden structure, crude enough, but the best of its kind in the country then—and "The Clifton tinct until revived in 1866. A new church was consecrated in 1871.

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized in 1808 and the First Universalist in 1852. St. Agnes Roman Catholic church was started in 1856. The Baptist society is the youngest order of this kind in the village and has added to the social and fraternal life among the younger folks of Clifton Springs.

It is significant of the enterprise of Clifton Springs that it is the smallest village in the United States with a Y. M. C. A. and full-time paid secretary and physical director. The village has a transcient population averaging 500 and is on the direct Route 14 from Waterloo.

ministering to the sick. Dr. Foster's life motto had been: "This one thing I do," and with the completion of this building, and fireproof reconstructions of other portions, he felt that his work was done on earth. After two months' illness, on Janu-ary 15, 1901, he passed to his heavenly home. "The workers fall, but the work goes on," and the Clifton Springs Sanitarium still performs its helpful mission and the name of Henry Foster is loved and honored.

Indicative of the age of Union Springs is the age of the churches of the village. St. John'schurchdates back to an organization effected as early as 1806-7. A church building was begun, but before completion was sold and the parish became ex-

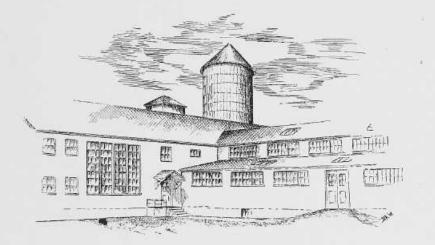


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Romulus

By E. W. BOGARDUS

R OMULUS near the geograpical Center of Seneca county and lake region, reaches from lake to lake -Seneca on the west and Cayuga on the east. A ridge extends throughout the center from north to south.

On September 4, 1779, Sullivan's advance guard went into camp near the present site of Willard State Hospital, while his main force went into camp in the town of Ovid.

To David Wisner is generally accorded the honor, of being the first settler of Romulus. This was in 1789 his place of residence being on Lot 95 where the Hoen Lewis Jones has, until quite recently, resided. Som,, however, contend that one Abram Brown, who lived on Lot 71 and entertained several friends and gave them peaches of his own raising as early as 1791, was really an earlier resident than Wisner in the township of Romulus and that Wisner was really a resident of Ovid. From our own personal research, the latter would seem to be correct. Several settlers at nearly the same time came to this locality which would make this distinction difficult.

Anthony Swarthout came with Wisner and located on Lot 94 where Willard State Hospital is now situated and about the same time settlements were begun by Isaac Johnson on No. 89, Haynes Bartlett on No. 65 and McMath and McKnight on No. 64. In 1806, the neighbors of McKnight rented a room in his house and opened a public school which was no doubt the first school in this part of the country. An Irishman, Robert Sulfrage, was the only teacher at that time. Haynes Bartlett, who came from Orange County, N. Y. in 1794, being a blacksmith by trade, opened a shop on his premises and for more than forty years conducted this business at his place.

Among the popular names here at that early day, we notice Bartlett, Everett, Sayre, Baldridge, Sample, Combs, Folwell, Wyckoff, Burton, Blaine, Ogden, King, Smith, Brown and Van Nostrand. Among these names, popular in the early days, many are well known at the present time. Elsie Fleming was probably the first white child born in the town of Romulus. This was in 1790.

During the period in which we are most interested the old stagecoach has given way to the automobile, the horseless carriage of an early prophecy. Railroads have crossed the well kept farms and even the invincible iron horse has been in a great measure sup-

planted by the subtle and magic power of explosive energy. The picturesque but slow going steamboat plying our inland seas gave way to the railroad, which in turn in response to a popular demand is fast losing its hold on the favor of the people. Education has transformed rural conditions and in some phases of the question the new and theoretical has set aside the old and practical in the over systematizing of a system which in many ways is superb.

Romulus has a splendid school. The standards, which in former times, required the pupils to go to other remote towns, are satisfied in the schools of our own village. Our business places have kept step with those of other places and the things essential to our individual needs can be obtained in our own home shops. A national bank, builded in response to a popular demand, has for several years contributed in generous measure to the convenience and prosperity of our people. Three churches, working in harmony, add to the upbuilding of a worthwhile public sentiment and a higher and better community spirit.

The changes in the small communities of our town have been revolutionary in the last few decades. This little hamlet, commonly called McDuffietown, at one time boasted of three cooper shops, where all kinds of barrels were made. East Varick, on the lake side, had a blacksmith shop and a very progressive and at that time up-to-date general store. Nearly all the grain raised in the eastern part of Varick and Romulus was shipped by canal boat from that point. These are all things of the past. The railroad has taken over this business and the larger towns, located along the railroads, are doing the work of the small places. Romulus which in the old times had three blacksmith shops, now has one. Horseshoeing, which kept these places busy, is little practiced at the present time. Farmers are using tractors for nearly all their work and as we look toward the future, the horseless farm seems to, be suggested. But as we contemplate these changes larger enterprises present themselves. Romulus has a manufacturing establishment which overshadows the smaller shops of the past. A grain thresher is made in our village and its future may lead to a business of much importance.

Fayette

JOSEPH Smith, Mormon prophet, while a resident of Fayette, Seneca County, translated the Book of Mormon at the home of a Dutch farmer, named Whitmer, living in the town. This was about 1829. The first Mormon immersion is said to have taken place in Fayette. The first settlement in the town was made by James Bennett, a Pennsylvanian, in 1789. The town was in the heart of the Seneca Indian country and there Red Jacket often met in council.

The orchards and fields of the Indians about Fayette were leveled by Colonel Dearborn's detachment during the famous Sullivan expedition, the havoc being wrought the latter part of September, 1779.

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KANEATELES, proudly overlooking the lake of the same name, is a village of wealth, beauty and rare charm. It has the unusual distinction of having more superior eating houses than any village of its size in the country. In a single day at the peak of the season, as many outsiders dine in Skaneateles as there are residents of the town. An average

of 300 long distance telephone calls a day come into the village, for dinner reservations.

Here the famous eating place, known on two continents as Krebs, has been catering to persons from every state for thirty years. Kan-Ya-To Inn, overlooking the lake, is another of the superior eating places whose cuisine is not excelled in all the Finger Lakes Region.

Skaneateles has been the center of the American teasel industry for 100 years. The burs of the cactuslike thistle called teasel provide the only perfect means of carding wool, removing burs and bringing up the nap.

Skaneateles is the eastern gateway to the Finger Lakes Region over Route 20 or the Cherry Valley trail, the most direct route between Buffalo and Albany. The village is also connected with Syracuse by the famous "Gorge Route," of surpassing scenic beauty and wild woodland charm.

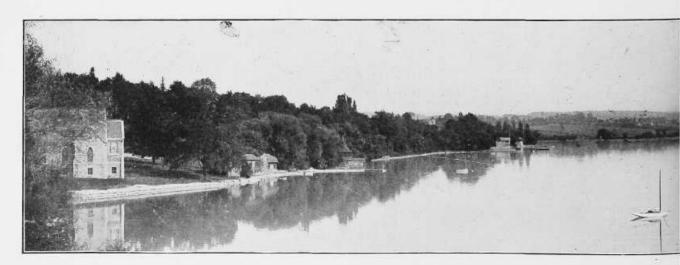
In olden days, the village was a headquarters for the stages which passed over the ancient turnpike westward. What is believed to have been the earliest recorded visit of the white man to the site of Skaneateles was in 1750, before Sullivan's campaign, when Moravian missionaries came from Bethlehem, Pa., by way of the Susquehanna, Ithaca and Cayuga Then in 1779 during Sullivan's campaign a detachment under Colonel Gansevoort passed over the site of Skaneateles on a march eastward.

In those days, there were no roads. Settlers, afoot and horseback, followed marked trees. The first settler in Skaneateles is believed to have been Abraham A. Cuddeback, who started from his home in Orange County, May 2, 1794 with a wagon, three yoke of oxen, a two year old colt and twelve cows. With him he brought his wife and eight children, coming by way of Albany and arriving in what is now Skaneateles after a forty-three day journey.

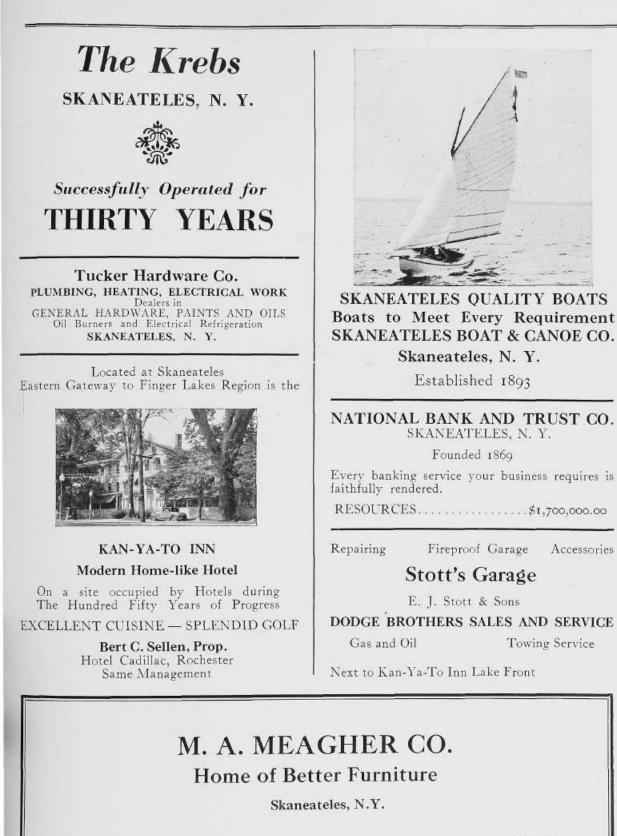
The first dam across the outlet was built for a saw mill and grist mill by Robert Earll, who also erected the first log school house on the west side of the creek. The first religious service in Skaneateles was held in the ball room of the Red House, built in 1798.

Skaneateles was the home of Isaac Sherwood, stage magnate, who came before 1804. His first efforts in transportation were confined to carrying the U. S. mail on foot from Onondaga Hill to settlements including Skaneateles. He owned the old tavern on the site of the present Kan-Ya-To Inn, where he had his offices. Indicative of the extent to which his stage business developed are old contracts showing that he received for transporting mail \$60,538 a year from the government. By 1815 no less than fifteen stage coaches passed through Skaneateles daily.

Skaneateles felt the war of 1812. She sent men to the colors and soldiers often passed through the town. Once a detachment of cavalry stopped in the village and blacksmiths from the entire countryside were mobilized to shoe the horses. In August, 1814 a group of 168 British prisoners came through, bivouacking overnight on the lake shore. The earliest industry in Skaneateles was the traffic in wood ashes for making potash.



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