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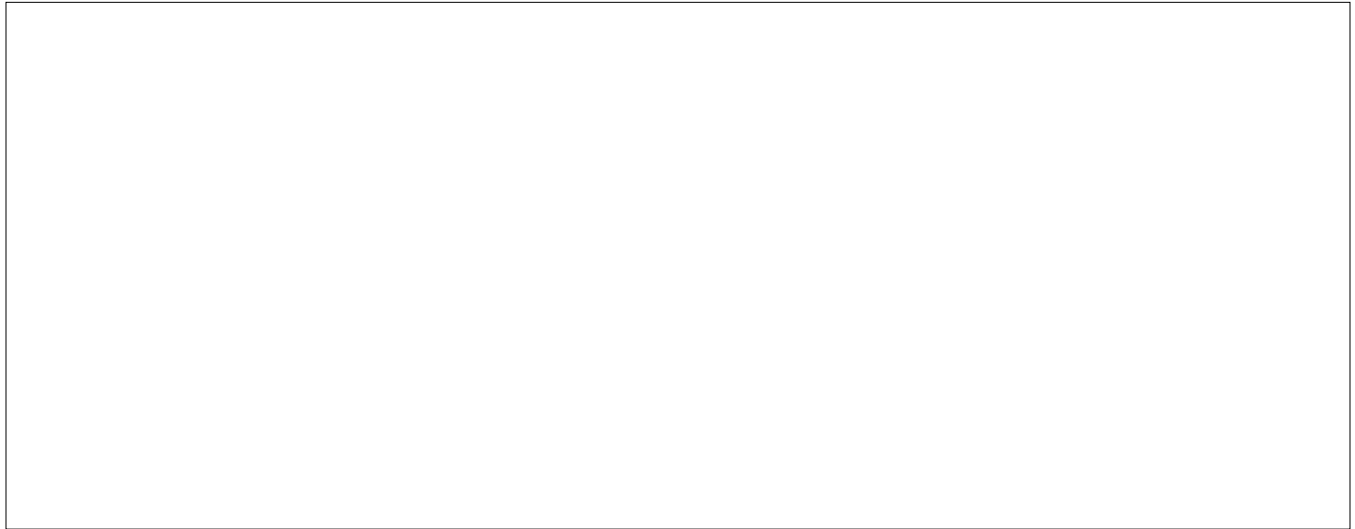


Fig. 1. This center of this [panoramic] view is toward _____.

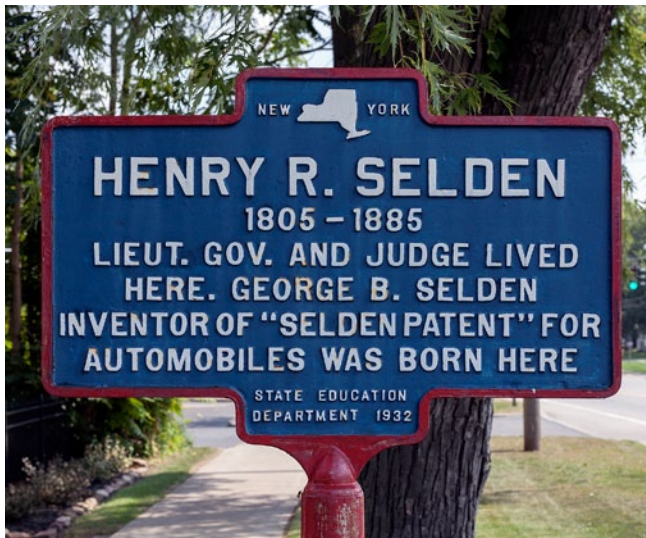


Fig. 2. This view is toward the east. Photo: © 2015 R.W. Black

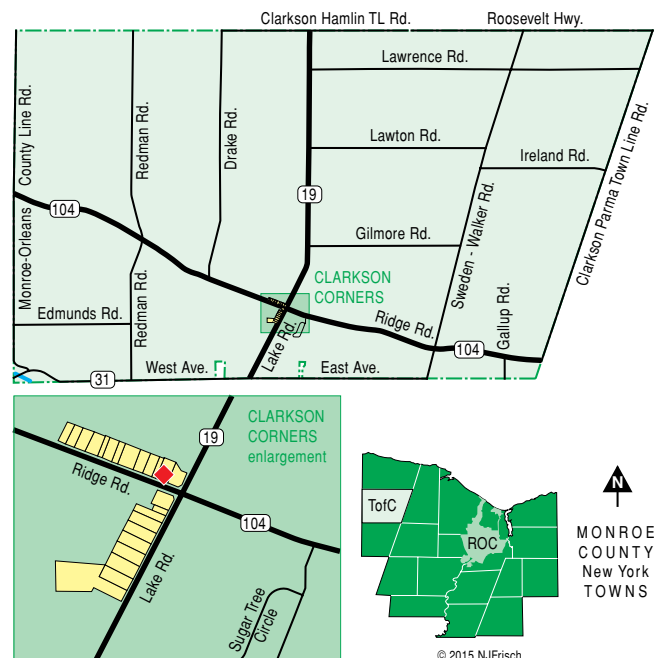


Fig. 3. The approximate location of the Selden marker is shown in red.

Quick look:

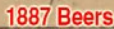
Henry R. Selden

8402 ¹ Ridge Road (Route 104), north side,
viewer facing east.

Originally placed: 1932

By: New York State Education Department

¹ Street number from 1967 Monroe County Historical Markers booklet.
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Some Old Houses Of Monroe County --- Town Of Clarkson

Village of Clarkson

Henry R. Selden House — Present owner, Mrs. Hermance

This venerable looking brick house standing on the north side of the Ridge Road next to the house on the northwest corner at Clarkson was built by Dr. Abel Baldwin. It was stated in the history of Monroe County that Dr. Baldwin, who was then a tavern keeper, built a brick house at the Corners in 1819. It has always been supposed that the present brick house on the corner was meant, and that he built this house under consideration at a later date, but careful examination of the facts seem to lead to a different conclusion.

It need not be doubted that Dr. Baldwin gave his only child, Laura, this house when she married Henry R. Selden in 1834, but perhaps he did not build it for his daughter. By 1834 the style of the house would have been distinctly old-fashioned. It was a much older type of house than the one on the corner that Dr. Baldwin built for himself, and that really means a great deal. It might have been the tavern that he turned over to Silas Walbridge in 1825 for five years, when he, Dr. Baldwin gave up tavern keeping and turned his attention to farming. For at some early period, he moved the frame tavern, built about 1816, away from his corner to a new location on the Lake Road.

Henry R. Selden was born in Lyme, Connecticut in 1805. He followed his brother to Rochester, then a village in 1825, and studied law in the office of his brother, Samuel L. Selden, and his partner, Addison Gardner. In 1830 Henry R. Selden was admitted to the bar and immediately began the practice of his profession in Clarkson. He became the partner of Simeon B. Jewett. It has been said that in the early days Clarkson was the seat of justice for all surrounding country.

Mr. Selden conducted a small law school on his premises, and Theodore Bacon, one of the ablest of Rochester lawyers, received his training in Clarkson under Henry R. Selden and afterwards became his son-in-law. The Seldens had 12 children, six of them died in early childhood.

A son, George Baldwin Selden, was an inventor and designed one of the earliest automobiles, obtaining what was known as the "Selden Patent" which enabled him to receive a royalty from all the manufacturers of motor cars for some years.

Henry R. Selden early became identified with politics and was elected lieutenant-governor in 1856. Later, when his brother, Samuel L. Selden, retired as judge of the court of Appeals, he was appointed to the vacancy. He left Clarkson for Rochester in about 1857. He was considered one of the leading jurists of the State and also became one of the early promoters of the telegraph. He died in 1885.

After Judge Selden moved to Rochester, successive owners of the house were Washington L. Rockwell, Henry Clark, and Dr. Hermance.

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Monroe Chapter D. A. R. 1937

Brockport, N. Y.

Name of Chapter: Monroe Chapter, Brockport, N. Y.

Location of Markers: Historic Ridge Road, Clarkson, N. Y. and Garland, N. Y.

Description: Three markers contributed by the State Department of Education, through the agency of Monroe Chapter.

Date Placed: Oct. 1934.

Commemorating: Old Houston Tavern, built in 1824.

Henry R. Seldon House, built in 1819. Henry R. Seldon was Lieutenant Governor and noted jurist, and his son, the inventor of the Seldon patent of earliest automobiles.

Old Philips Boss House: Built in 1817. Phillip Boss was a pioneer of Clarkson, N. Y. a cabinet maker by Profession and a noted portrait painter.

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Fig. 1 & 2. Camera: Canon 5D Mark II

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<http://www.clarksonny.org/pdf/zoning-map/clarkson-zoning-map.pdf>

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