

History Markers — 1960, D&C, "Markers Tell History..."

Markers Tell
History of
County SitesErection of 30 Tablets
2/3/60 Nearly Completed

The selection of 30 historical sites for markers in Rochester and Monroe County was announced today by the Monroe County historian, Mrs. Florence Lee.

Erection of most of the markers was to be completed today.

Funds were appropriated by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors to the office of the county historian last August for the purchase of the markers as an observance of the New York State Year of History 1960.

Requests for the markers were received through the town historians and the city historians. Each town was offered at least one marker and the City of Rochester received four.

The specifications and design were drawn without charge by Carl F. Schmidt, architect and artist of Scottsville, as an expression of his interest in the program.

The County Department of Public Works received the shipment of markers at its shop, 145 Waring Rd. Painting was done there under the direction of John Friedrich, who today and yesterday has been supervising the placing of the finished markers on iron posts erected last fall.

Dedication observances will be arranged by the town historians and the city historians, Dr. Blake McKelvey.

Working of the inscriptions was a joint effort by the county historians and staff and each town historian. Dr. McKelvey gave help in reviewing certain inscriptions and in preparing those for sites in the city.

MRS. LEE has worked closely with Robert H. Oberlin, director of Monroe County Department of Public Works, following rules prescribed for safety in the erection of highway markers.

Plans for a few additional markers are under way. Here are the sites and inscriptions of the 30 markers:

ROCHESTER
Property of Ellwanger & Barry Realty Co., 688 Mt. Hope Ave.

"Nursery office — Designed by A. J. Davis in the Gothic style, 1855 for Ellwanger and Barry the nurserymen, who made Rochester the 'Flower City'."

City Park at Charlotte, overlooking river and lake.

"War of 1812 — Genesee Militiamen under Capt. Francis Brown blocked landing by British Fleet under Commodore Yeo at this site, May 14, 1814."

Elly House — (D.A.R. House) — Limestone park corner. *Tramp street.*

"221 House — 1827; designed by Hugh Hastings for Harvey Ely in Greek Temple style with wings. Occupied by Howard Osborn, 1871-1900 and D.A.R. 1902—"

Campbell-Whitelsey House, corner Tramp and Fifth and streets.

"1855 House — Home of Benjamin Campbell, merchant miller, later of Frederick Whitelsey, jurist, Headquarters, Landmark Society."

BRIGHTON
Property of Joseph C. Wilson, 1559 Clover St.

"Seminary — 1845. Built for Colella Bloss Author, teacher, principal of Clover Street Seminary. It reported in 1874 as St. Mark's School for Boys."

CHILI
Roberts College, Buffalo Rd., opposite Roberts Homestead.

"T. T. Roberts — Founded Chili Seminary in 1868. His life of service is honored in the name of Roberts Wesleyan College chartered in 1949."

Morgan Road Cemetery, Scottsville Rd., south of Morgan Rd. and south of Thruway.

"Joseph Morgan — Revolutionary War Captain. First settler in Chili in 1792. Supplied seed grain to whole region and set out one of first orchards."

CLARKSON
Property of Laurence Wright, 5283 Ridge Rd. W.

"Lewis Swift — Widely known astronomer, discoverer of 12 comets and over 1,200 nebulae, was born here in 1820."

GATES
Joseph Harris Seed Co., 3679 Buffalo Rd.

"Harris Seed Farm — 1879. Founded by Joseph Harris, editor and owner of the 'Genesee Farmer' 1855-1907."

Gates Town Hall, 1548 Buffalo Rd.

"Town of Gates — Named in 1813. Last remnant of old Town of Northampton."

GREECE
Greece Town Hall, 2563 Ridge Rd. W.

"Old Ridge Road — Molded by the great glacier and long an Indian trail. Traveled by pioneers' oxcarriage covered wagons, stagecoaches. Town of Greece founded 1822."

HAMLIN
Property of Perry T. Mercer, Lake road, south of Route 18;

Town of Hamlin 1833—First named Tridon, renamed Hamlin in 1881 for Vice President Hannibal Hamlin.

HILTON
Property of Robert Trumbeth, 516 South Ave.

Pioneer site—Jonathan Unthank, of Vermont, settled here in 1805. The First Baptist Church was erected nearby in 1830.

BRONQUOIT
Culver road overlooking lake at Sea Breeze.

Fort Des Sables—A French trading post built by Joncaire near this site in 1717 as a Seneca link to New France, aroused British ire.

Property of Polly M. R. Hunt, 2689 St. Paul Blvd.

Rosea Rogers—Pioneer and lake captain, born at Carthage in 1812, settled here 1832, built this home 1832, died here in 1894.

MENDON
At the Five Mile Hall in the Village of Mendon.

Mendon Academy — Incorporated 1808, acquired by Mendon School District No. 2, Jan. 3, 1830, closed as school and sold to fire district, 1950.

OGDEN
Northeast corner of Canal road and Adams Basin road.

Site of home Alexander Millner, drummer boy in body-guard of George Washington. Later soldier in Revolutionary War.

PARMA
East side of Hill road, at the bend south of Burritt road.

First settlement in the Town of Parma, Branded Alchinson and family came in 1796. He erected a log house and schoolhouse here.

PARMA
North side of Curtis road near Mantion road.

Survived 1795 by Joseph Colt and named Braddock's Bay township. Five families led by Ben. Weeks survived extreme hardships that first year.

PENFIELD
Property of Frank Hill south side of Penfield road, west of Five Mile Line road.

Penfield 1810. Named for Daniel Penfield original proprietor. First town meeting was held April 2, 1811 in schoolhouse here.

Penfield
East side of Washington road, south of bridge.

The Falls — Irondequoit Creek dropped 90 feet in a mile, erected "Spook-as-a-sha" by the Indians, later gave power to many mills.

PERINTON
South side of Apraxat road, near No. 723.

Glover Perrin built Perinton's first log cabin here in 1790. His brother Jesse in 1791 cleared land to the west, used for century.

Perinton
North side of Church street, east of canal, Fairport.

Fairport's history of early settlement named for Eliza Fulton. From this settlement Erie Canal passengers often took stage to Rochester.

PITTSFORD
East street near Jefferson road.

Cartersville, an active shipping port on the Erie Canal. Horses were changed here in era of the towpath.

RIGA
Riga Center road at Churchville road.

Early church—First Congregational Church of Riga. Church society started in 1806. Building erected in 1823, copy of Himsdale, Mass. church.

On Ludlow Farm, Riga Center road, east of Riga Center.

Hotel Creek—28 settlers spent winter 1806, in surveyor's cabin called "The Hotel." First Riga home, 1808, by Eliza Fulton, owner of this land.

RUSH
South side of Rush-West Rush road, near No. 541.

Baptist Colony, 1804—Sixteen families from Connecticut settled here. First town meeting of Rush was held near here, 1818.

SWEDEN
On grounds of State University College of Education, Brockport.

Site of Baptist College 1834 Collegiate Inst. 1842—State Normal School est. 1868. Teachers Coll. 1882, State Univ. Coll. of Education 1929.

WESTER
On north side of Lake road at intersection of Four-Mile Creek.

Mill site—Caleb Lyon, pioneer, built the first sawmill near here in 1808. He formed a settlement and projected a harbor at Nine Mile Point.

WHEATLAND
South side of North road, west of Wheatland Center road.

Ramsey Harmon II—Founded Agricultural School here in 1866. Won first prize at first World's Fair in London 1881, for wheat grown here.

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