Raleigh Family

Another name among the very earliest settlers on the future site of Brockport was that of Raleigh. This name may be traced back in records to **Alexander Rollo** (afterward changed to **Raleigh**). Rollo died in Middleton in 1809 and some of his descendants came to this part of the State. Arriving in a sleigh drawn by oxen, they purchased land for farming in the Town of Sweden. In 1811 **Edmund Raleigh** built a brick house on the site of the residence of the late **Doctor Gleason**. This house stood upon a rise of ground some eight feet above the street, its long line toward the front and very close to the fence. At its north and south ends were gables. In the grounds at the south of the house was a small building where the Raleighs, who were hatters by trade, for many years carried on their business. In this house **Edmund Raleigh** and his wife, **Polly Wood**, lived for about fifty years, and here were born to them seven children, some of the descendants of whom are still residents of this village. Mr. Raleigh's death occurred in 1863. The old house was demolished, the hill leveled to the present street level, and the little creek that ran at the foot of the hill, covered over some forty years ago by Doctor Gleason.

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