

# Henrietta, New York from 1818 to 2018

## A Bicentennial Commemoration



East hamlet, looking southwest

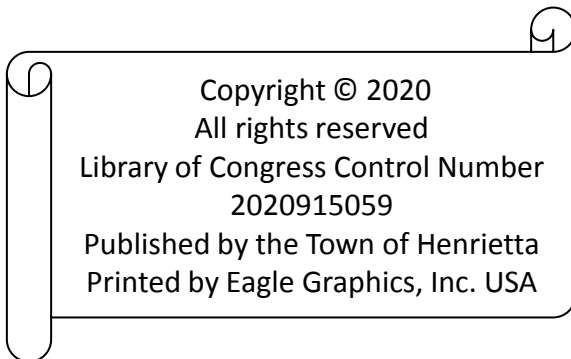


## Welcome ...

I gained a love for history from my father who rescued many historic books from the garbage heap when he worked at Conrail, including a three part plat book of the original surveying and design of the Genesee Valley Canal which is where the Genesee Valley Greenway runs, just to the west of Henrietta. So naturally, as the Town's Bicentennial was wrapping up, I gravitated towards an effort to further capture some of this Town's history. In working with our Town Historian, Tina Thompson, we decided not to recreate what had already been written, such as Eleanor C. Kalsbeck's "Henrietta Heritage." And being someone who started an aerial imagery company, I very much wanted us to capture as many photographs, maps, and other historic documents as possible. Tina and her team exceeded expectation. I hope you will find this collection of Henrietta's history as interesting as I do.



*Stephen L. Schultz*  
*Henrietta Town Supervisor*



A question I am frequently asked is, why was the town named Henrietta? The answer has been that settlers knew that Sir William Johnstone Pulteney had purchased approximately three quarters of a million acres of land in western New York State, from Phelps and Gorham in 1792, as an investment. This acreage included our town. The town founders also knew Sir William's daughter was Henrietta Laura Pulteney, Countess of Bath, England. In 1818, they named the town Henrietta in her honor.

Last week, one of my colleagues, Tim Pratt, discovered in *Barns of the Genesee Country, 1790-1915* by Daniel Fink, an advertisement, *Notice to New Settlers* from James Wadsworth dated 1809, that describes the "town of Henrietta, being Township No. 12 in the seventh range, on the [\*west] side of the Genesee River." Nine years before the town was officially founded, it was being referred to as Henrietta. We never know when or where a piece of history will be found.

The founding families would not recognize the community in which we live today, nor would we recognize the Henrietta of 1818. We have strived to show, primarily through photographs, the dramatic changes that have occurred over the past 200 years. Many of you who will read this book have a long history with this town, but others are newcomers. Regardless, you all contribute to the story of this community. I hope this inspires you to begin saving your family history so it can be shared in the next book about Henrietta.

*Tina Thompson, Town Historian*

[\* Henrietta is on the east side of the Genesee River.]



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**2018**



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## West Woods and the First Town Board Meeting

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, a part of the land in the Pittsford township was known as the West Woods. Permanent settlement began in 1806 when settlers contracted to purchase land from Dr. William Six (d. 1811) and his brother Dr. Cornelius Charles Six of Holland through their agent James Wadsworth. The early pioneers faced several challenges. First, the land they were settling was for the most part flat, wet and very heavily forested. Trees needed to be cut down, log cabins built and tree roots removed so the soil could be plowed and planted. Second, the deeds of conveyance for the sale of land between Dr. Cornelius Charles Six and the early settlers had not been filed as required in the office of the Secretary of State (New York). Third, when the deeds were finally available in 1817, the proprietors in the Netherlands required an increase in contract price for the land based on the improvements that had occurred since 1807. Many early pioneers were forced to sell their property “at a sacrifice” and move west.

Because many of the settlers in West Woods, or West Town as it was also called, did not have necessary records regarding their property, they were not permitted to vote at town meetings in Pittsford. Until 1821, the New York State Constitution stated that only those who owned their land could vote. Resentment grew between leaders of Pittsford and the residents of West Woods. In 1816, Simeon Stone of Pittsford challenged every voter at the polls as a ‘non-freeholder.’ (A freeholder is someone who owns the title to a property.) The residents of the West Woods were prepared and had purchased for one day a deed to a small piece of land.

In 1817, a town meeting was held in the schoolhouse near the southwest corner of what is now East Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads. The schoolhouse is no longer standing but was probably located behind Jeffrey’s Tavern. At this meeting Henrietta was selected as the name for Township XII, Range VII. Henrietta Laura Pulteney, Countess of Bath, England, was the only child of Sir William Johnstone Pulteney, who at one time owned the land that included the township.

The New York State legislature was petitioned and on Friday, March 27, 1818, an act to divide the town of Pittsford was passed:



Henrietta Laura,  
Countess of Bath

***That from and after the day preceding the first Tuesday in April next, all that part of the town of Pittsford, county of Ontario, known as township #12, in the 7<sup>th</sup> range, shall be and the same is hereby erected into a separate town by the name of Henrietta, and that the first town meeting shall be held at the place at which the last town meeting of the town of Pittsford was adjourned.***

The day preceding the first Tuesday was Monday, April 6. The first official town meeting was held on Monday, April 20, 1818. A copy of the original minutes and its transcription follow on the next two pages.



# Transcription

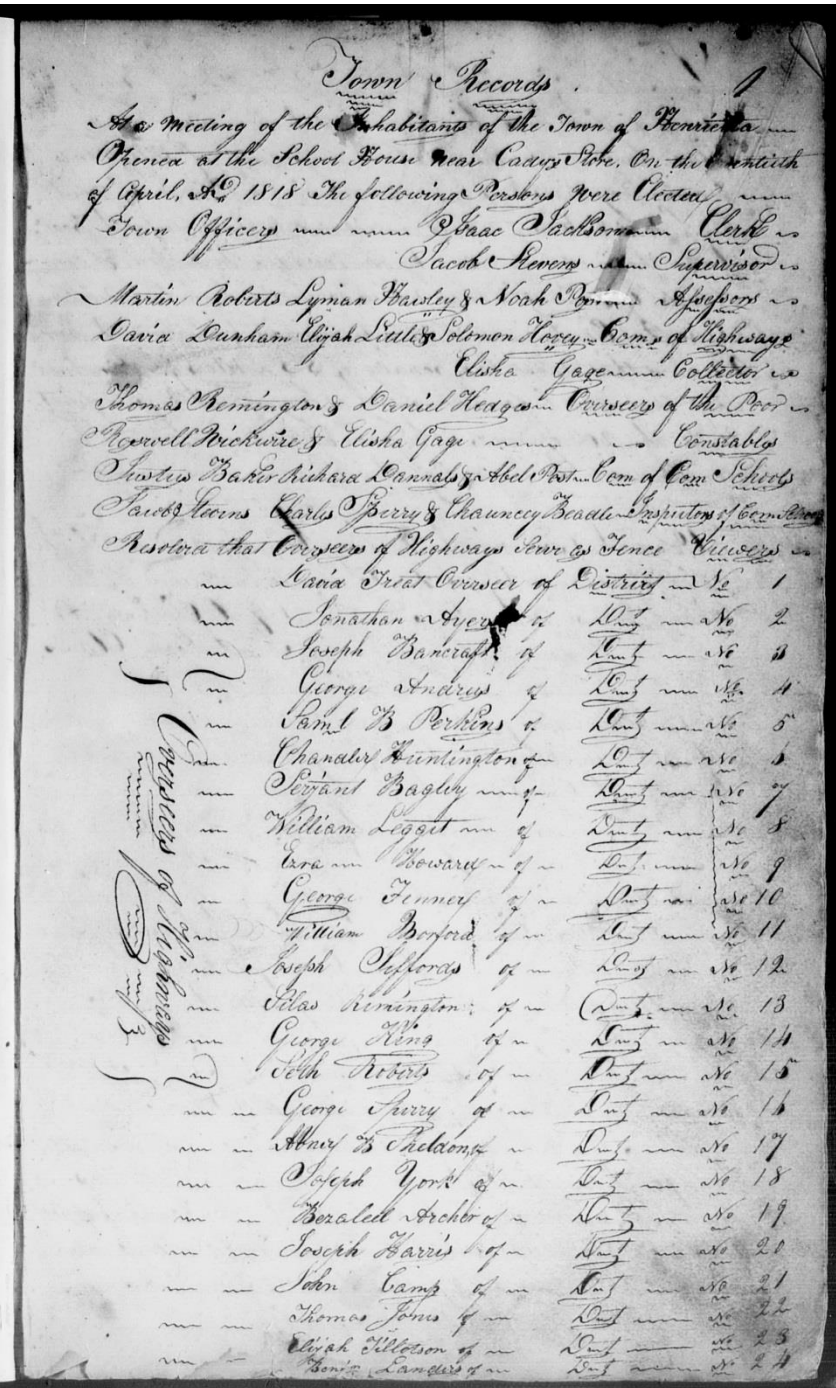
## Town Records

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Henrietta  
 Opened at the School House near Cady's Store. On the twentieth  
 of April, AD 1818 The following Persons were Elected

- |                                  |                                       |               |                              |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Town Officers                    | Isaac Jackson                         | Clerk         |                              |
|                                  | Jacob Stevens                         | Supervisor    |                              |
| Martin Roberts                   | Lyman Hawley & Noah Post              | Assessors     |                              |
| David Dunham                     | Elijah Little                         | Solomon Hovey | Com <sup>s</sup> of Highways |
| Elisha Gage                      |                                       |               | Collector                    |
| Thomas Remington & Daniel Hedges |                                       |               | Overseers of the Poor        |
| Roswell Wickwire & Elisha Gage   |                                       |               | Constables                   |
| Justus Baker                     | Richard Dannals (Daniels) & Abel Post |               | Com of Com Schools           |
| Jacob Sterns                     | Charles Sperry & Chauncey Beadle      |               | Inspectors of Com Schools    |
- Resolved that Overseers of Highways Serve as Fence Viewers

Written in side margin: } Overseers of Highways }

David Treat	Overseer	of	District	No 1
Jonathan Ayers		of	Dist	No 2
Joseph Bancroft		of	Dist	No 3
George Andrews		of	Dist	No 4
Saml B Perkins		of	Dist	No 5
Chandler Huntington		of	Dist	No 6
Serjant (Sargeant) Bagley		of	Dist	No 7
William Legget		of	Dist	No 8
Ezra Howard		of	Dist	No 9
George Fenner		of	Dist	No 10
William Morford		of	Dist	No 11
Joseph Jeffords		of	Dist	No 12
Silas Remington		of	Dist	No 13
George King		of	Dist	No 14
Seth Roberts		of	Dist	No 15
George Sperry		of	Dist	No 16
Abner B Sheldon		of	Dist	No 17
Joseph York		of	Dist	No 18
Bezalel Archer		of	Dist	No 19
Joseph Harris		of	Dist	No 20
John Camp		of	Dist	No 21
Thomas Jones		of	Dist	No 22
Elijah Tillotson		of	Dist	No 23
Benj <sup>m</sup> Landers		of	Dist	No 24

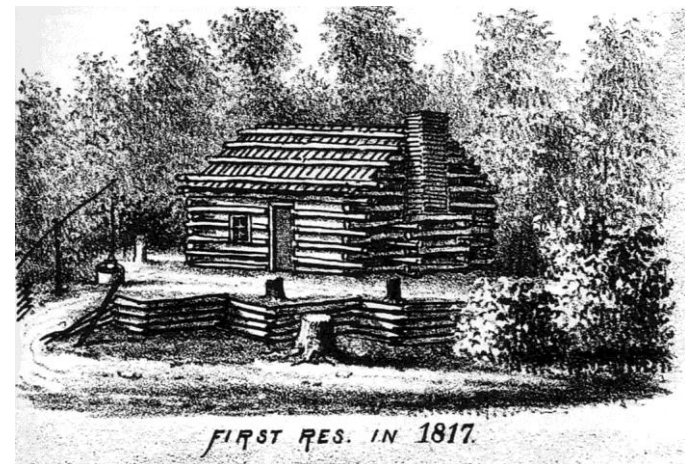


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Longfellow log cabin, c. 1817

## Founding Families and the McIntosh Plates

Illustrated Plates from *History of Monroe County New York, 1788 to 1877*

by Prof W. H. McIntosh

*'Illustrations from Original Sketches by Artists of the Highest Ability'*



**James Sperry**  
1789 - 1867



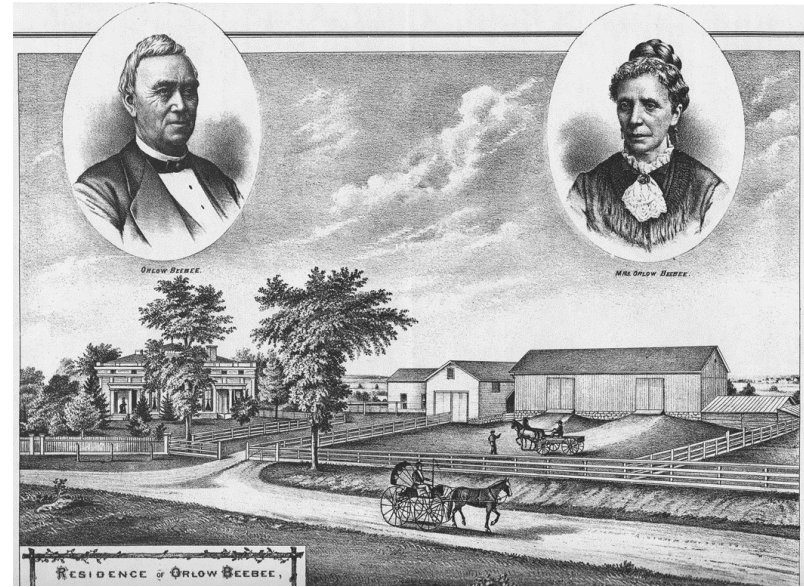
**Fannie Pixley Sperry**  
1788 - 1866

**Residence and farm located on the southwest corner of West Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads**

Born in 1789, James followed family members to Henrietta in 1812 after his marriage to Fannie Pixley. He worked as a surveyor for James Wadsworth of Geneseo, in addition to farming about 105 acres of land.

He helped establish a debating society that was active for over twenty years. James was also instrumental in the formation of a community library in 1816 that was supported by membership subscriptions. In 1825 he served on the committee to establish the Monroe Academy, the first secondary educational institution west of Canandaigua. He was town supervisor that year as well.

The Sperry house was moved in 1987 and is now located on Brooks Road just west of the railroad tracks. A Wendy's restaurant is now located on the original site.

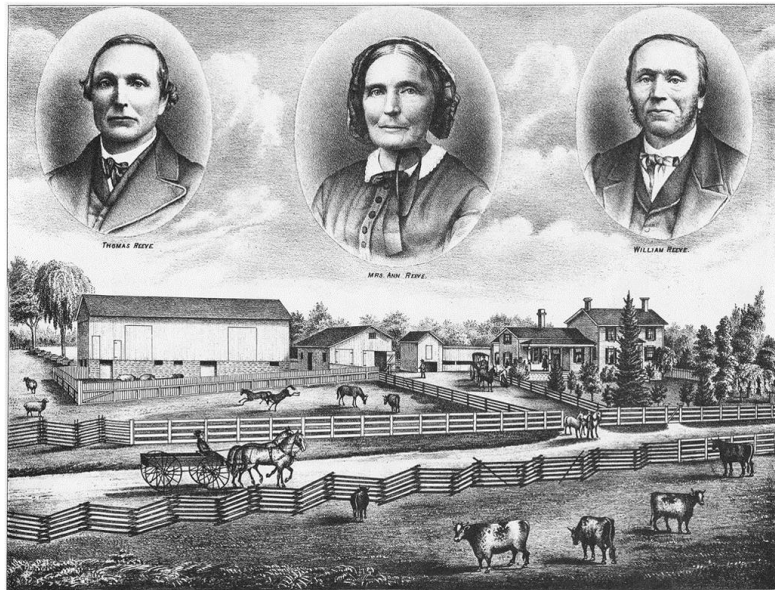


**Residence of Orlow Beebee and family on the east side of West Henrietta Road at the top of Methodist Hill**

Orlow Beebee and his first wife, Laura Swan, came to Henrietta when he was 31 years old. They had 12 children, nine of whom survived. Laura died at the age of 44 and Orlo remarried twice, having three children with his second wife, Emma Boulton. He was an active member of the Congregational Church and sang in the choir. He also participated in the debating society along with James Sperry.

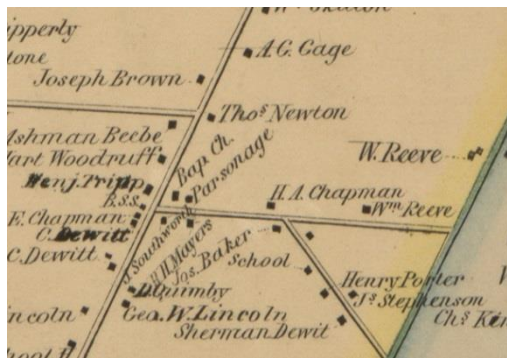
Marshall Todd, a town supervisor at the end of the 1800s, also owned the property. Today it is owned by the Bean family.



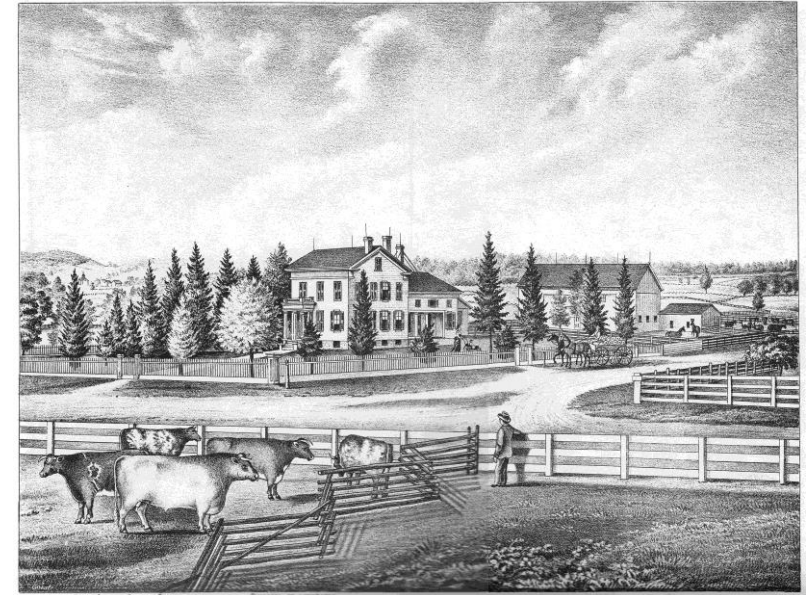


**Residence of Ann (Taylor) Reeve and sons Thomas and William Reeve Jr. on Reeve Road near Tobin Road**

Sixteen-year-old Anne Taylor (b. 1803 d. 1893) arrived in the United States from England in 1819. She and her brother George are said to have walked from New York City, beginning on December 4, and arriving in Pittsford on December 25. Ann married William Reeve. See the farm location below.



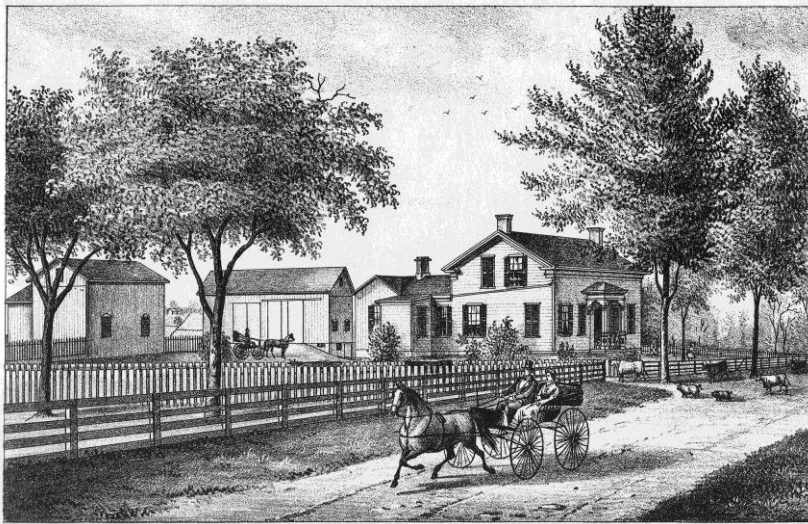
**Reeve property shown on 1852 map**  
The north-south road is Pinnacle Road



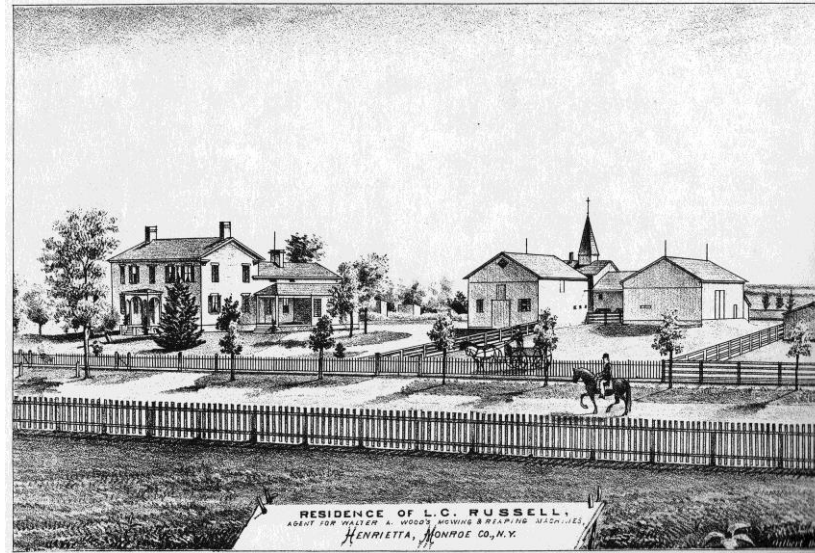
**Residence of Horace Little located at the northeast corner of East Henrietta and Castle Roads**

Horace W. Little (b. 1815 d. 1891) was the son of Elijah and Mercy (Webster) Little. When he first settled in the West Woods, Elijah was a school teacher from 1812 to 1814. He served in the War of 1812, was town supervisor from 1821 to 1822 and was on the building committee for the Monroe Academy.

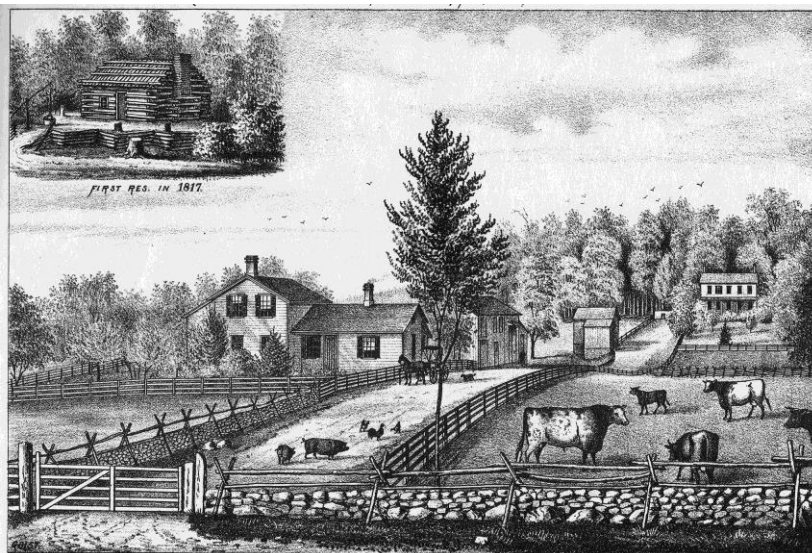
Horace's son Elijah H. (b. 1844; d. 1898) took over the farm following the death of Horace, who had farmed the land for 30 years. In 1896, Elijah leased part of his farmland to George Ellwanger of Ellwanger and Barry Nurseries. Some time in 1900, the Little farm became the property of the nursery. Ellwanger and Barry were leading horticulturists known for introducing dwarf fruit trees in the United States. In 1918, the nursery business closed. The property was sold to members of the Thomann family; Paul Thomann was a landscape contractor. In 1940, John D. Andrews leased 130 acres and one year later purchased the land and the house. This became the property of his son James Andrews, a realtor. The house was purchased by a local architect and moved to Mendon in 2003.



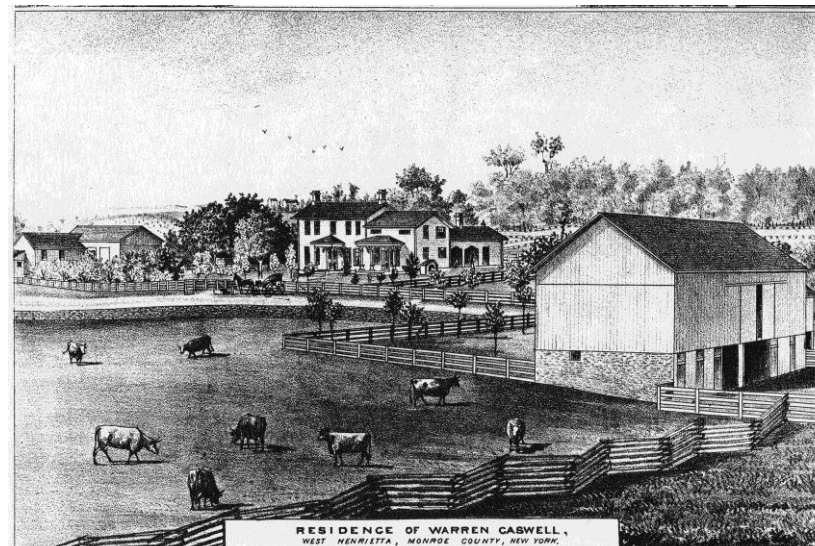
**Residence of James Stevenson located on the west side of Tobin Road**



**Residence of L. C. Russell located on the south side of Lehigh Station Road, east of District School No. 2**

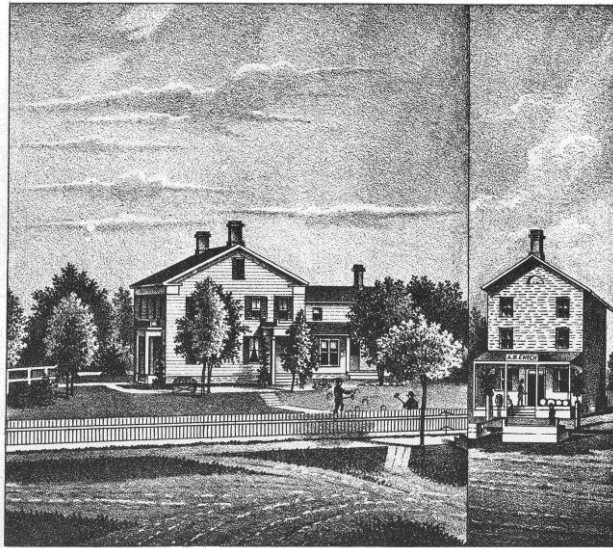


**Residence of J. G. Longfellow located on West Henrietta and Martin Roads**  
The larger house in the background was located on West Henrietta Road near the Rush-Henrietta TL Road

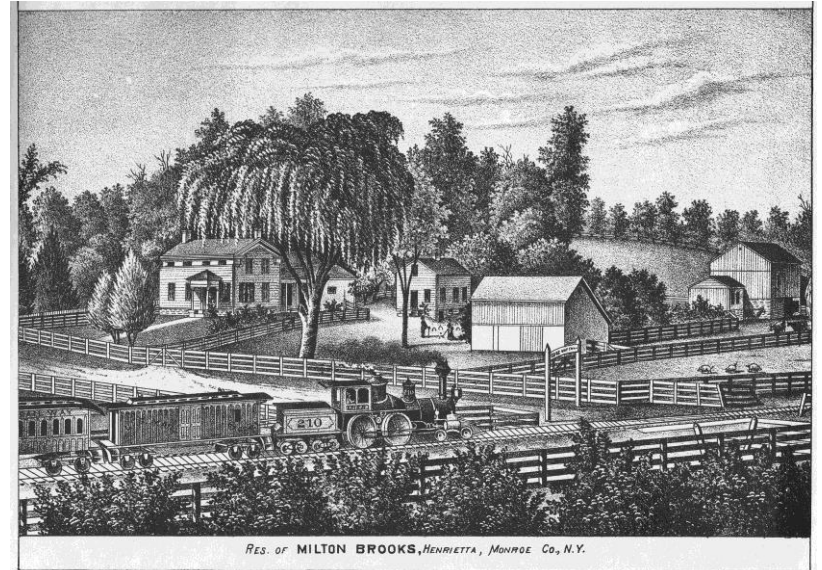


**Residence of Warren Caswell, located on the north side of Lehigh Station Road, the second house east of River Road**

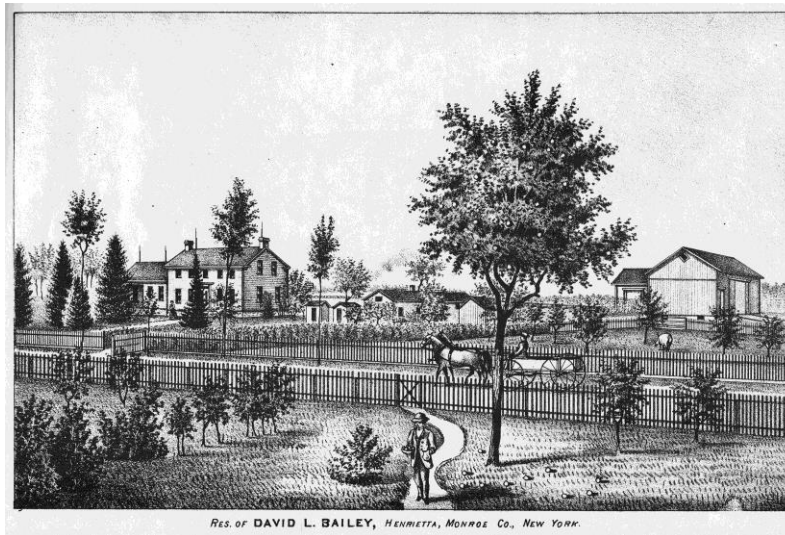




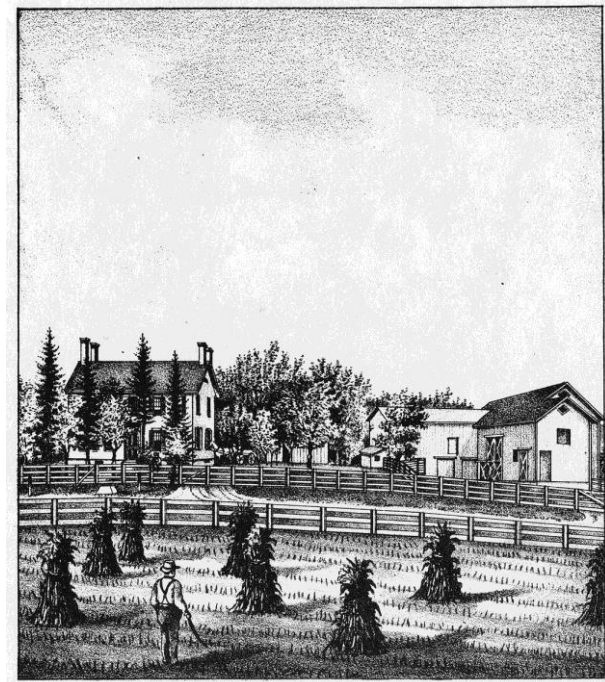
**Residence and store of Alexander Enoch,  
store located on the southeast corner  
of East Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads**



**Residence of Milton Brooks located on the north side  
of Brooks Road, west of the railroad tracks**

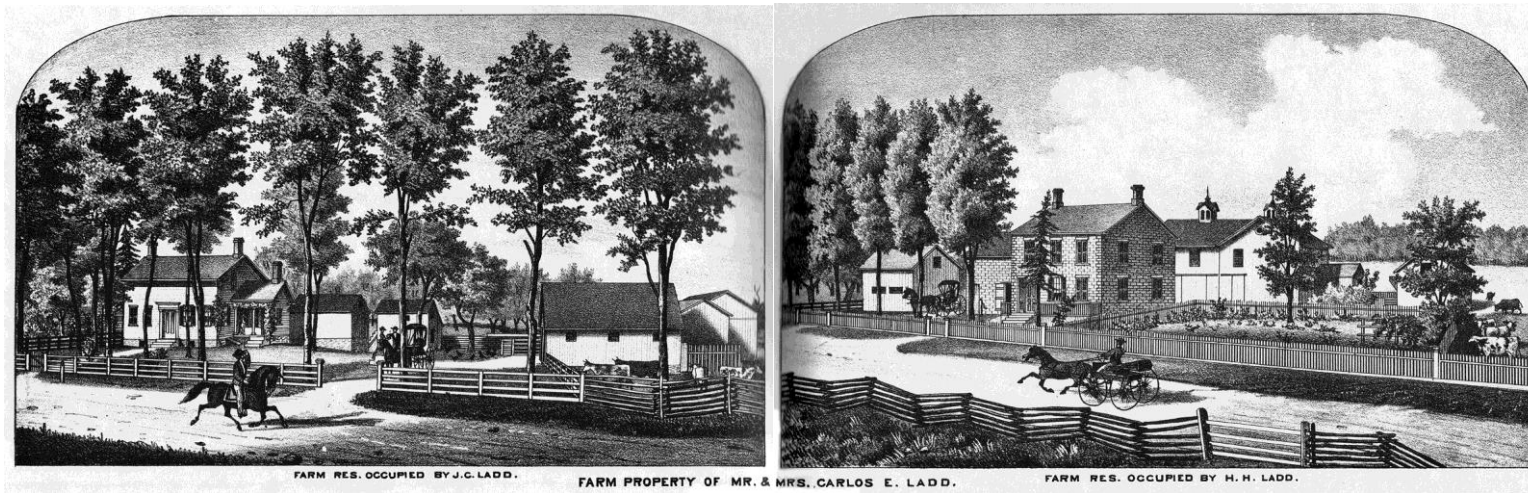
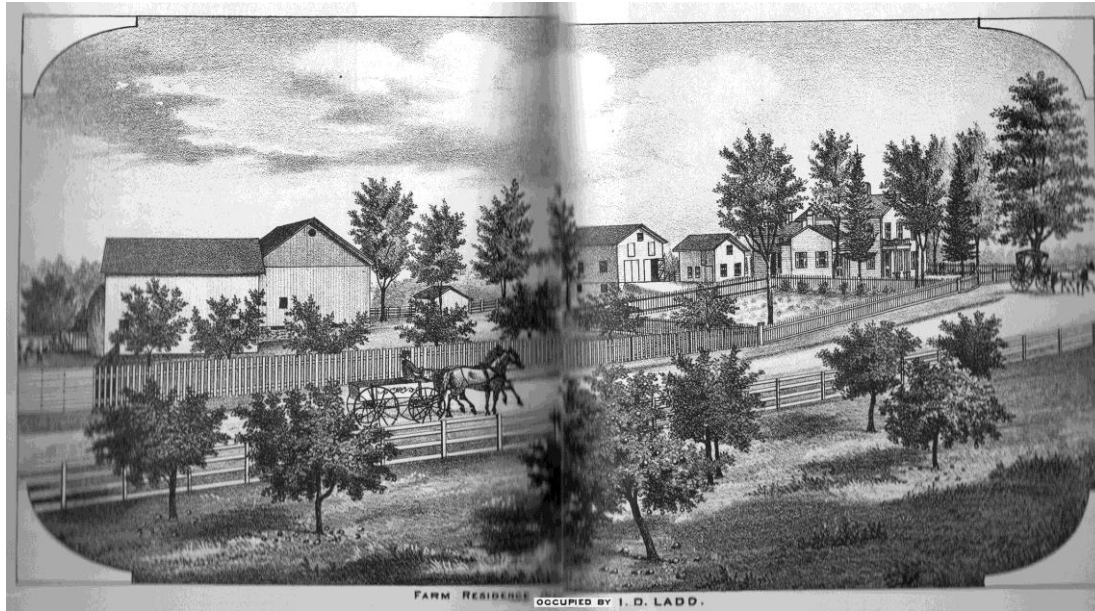
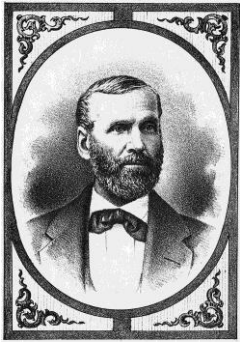


**Residence of David L. Bailey located on the west side  
of West Henrietta Road, just north of Bailey Road**



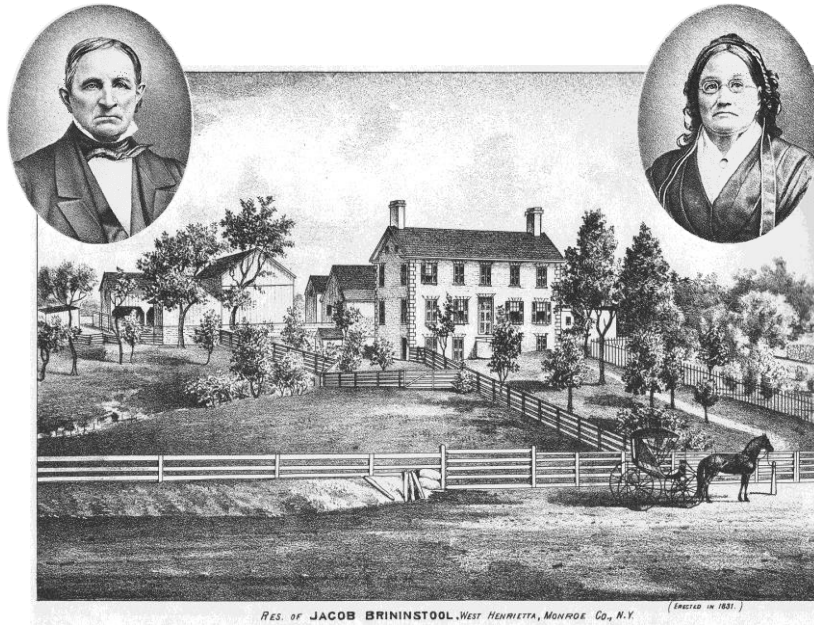
**Residence of William Williamson, located on the  
northwest corner of Jefferson and Winton Roads**





**Property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ladd and family located on the west side of Tobin Road, southwest of Stevenson property**

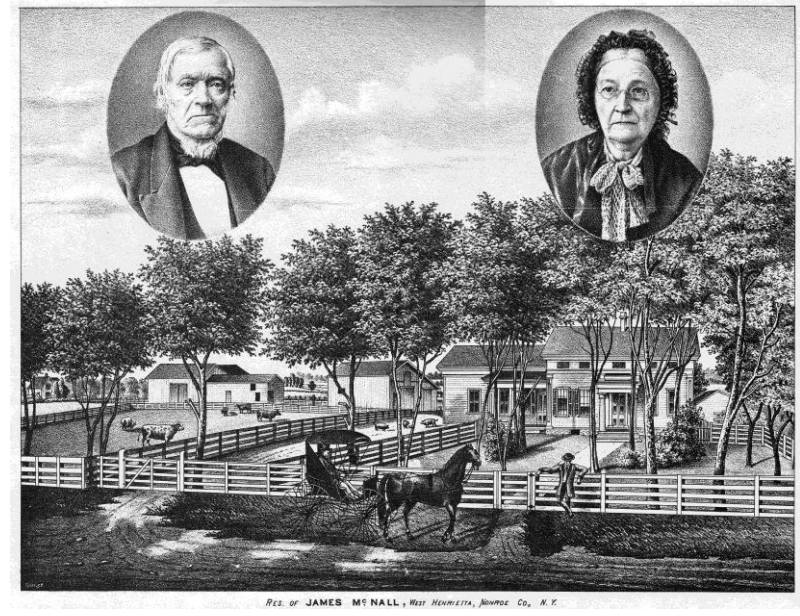
Born in Franklin, Connecticut, John Ladd came to Henrietta in 1819. His residence in the lower left photograph remained in the family until the 1950s. John and his two wives, Lydia Abell and Julina, are buried in the East Baptist Cemetery. His son Carlos was born circa (c.) 1821.



**Residence of Jacob Brininstool located on the west side of East River Road north of Erie Station Road**

John Brininstool (b. 1789 d. 1828) and his wife Susanna(h) (Ruliffson) settled on the River Road in 1810. In 1811, his parents Michael Brininstool (b.1770 d.1851) and Catherine Simonsen (b.1764 d.1861) also moved to River Road. John served as overseer of roads. The Brininstools were active members of the West Henrietta Baptist Church. Michael Brininstool, one of the founding members, served as the only deacon of the church from 1815, when the church was formed, to 1827.

John and Jacob's sister Polly married James McNall, who became one of the guardians of John Brininstool's four minor children following John's death in 1828. This cobblestone house was built in 1831 by Jacob Brininstool (b. 1793 d.1881), who married Harriet Hitchcock (b. 1797 d.1889). Jacob served in the War of 1812. When Harriet's father Bethuel died in 1819, there were four teenaged children in his household. Michael Brininstool became their guardian. Jacob and Harriet's daughter, Electa Angeline, married Lewis Search.



**Residence of James McNall located on the east side of River Road at the corner of Lehigh Station Road**

James McNall II (b. 1766) arrived in the west hamlet in 1811 and began farming. In 1813, he was enlisted into the NYS Militia and served under Col. Caleb Hopkins. His son, James McNall III (b.1796, d. 1885), also served in the War of 1812, transporting goods from Avon to Buffalo. He married Polly Brininstool, a neighbor, in 1817, and they had five children. Polly died at the age of 36 in 1833. James then married Susan Reynolds of Rush (b. 1805 d. 1877) in 1834, and they had four children.

James III was present at an Erie Canal celebration in 1824, saw the Marquis de Lafayette visit Rochester in 1825, and in 1829 witnessed the last leap of Sam Patch at the Upper Genesee Falls.

On April 15, 1851, he filed a Bounty Land Claim seeking land available to surviving officers or soldiers, adding these acres to his farm.

## Other Prominent Early Residents



**Honorable Martin Roberts**  
1807 - 1872

A breeder of fine livestock, elected to the NYS Assembly in 1869, receiving the most votes ever recorded for that position. Declined to run again because he did not care for politics.



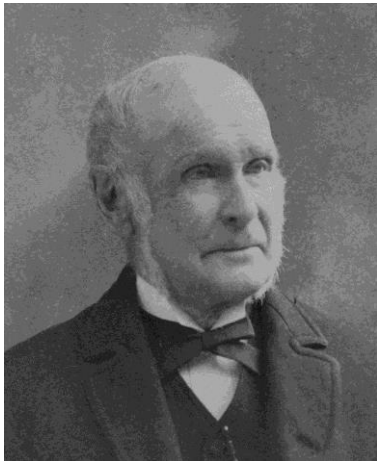
**Samuel Utley Calkins**  
1833 - 1904

Born in 1833, he married Mary Elizabeth Kirby in 1865. They had three children: Elihu, John and Bertha. Samuel served as town supervisor in 1875, then as Justice of the Peace. He was postmaster for East Henrietta from 1885 to 1890.



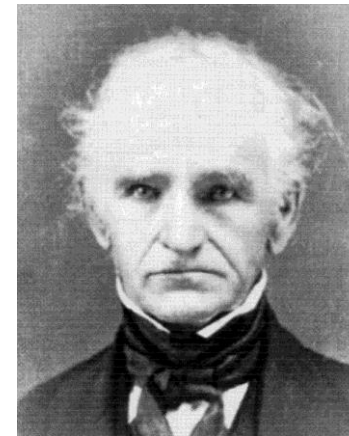
**Honorable Henry Hamilton Sperry**  
1819 - 1897

Elected School Commissioner for Eastern New York, he served as Superintendent of Documents for the National House of Representatives and as a New York Customs House Official.



**Deacon Harvey Stone and Mary Ann Bundy Stone, both 1814 - 1901**

He settled on the land at 3490 East Henrietta Road and was Superintendent of the East Baptist Church Sunday School for over 50 years. He also served as Overseer of the Poor for the town. His daughter Lucretia Belle married Francis Marion Winslow. Mary Ann Bundy (shown) was his second wife.



**Preacher Calvin Brainard**  
1778 - 1863

A pioneer Methodist preacher who purchased 210 acres on the West Henrietta Road hill between Calkins and Lehigh Station Roads. He held services in his barn, and in the 1800s the name Methodist Hill was given to the property.

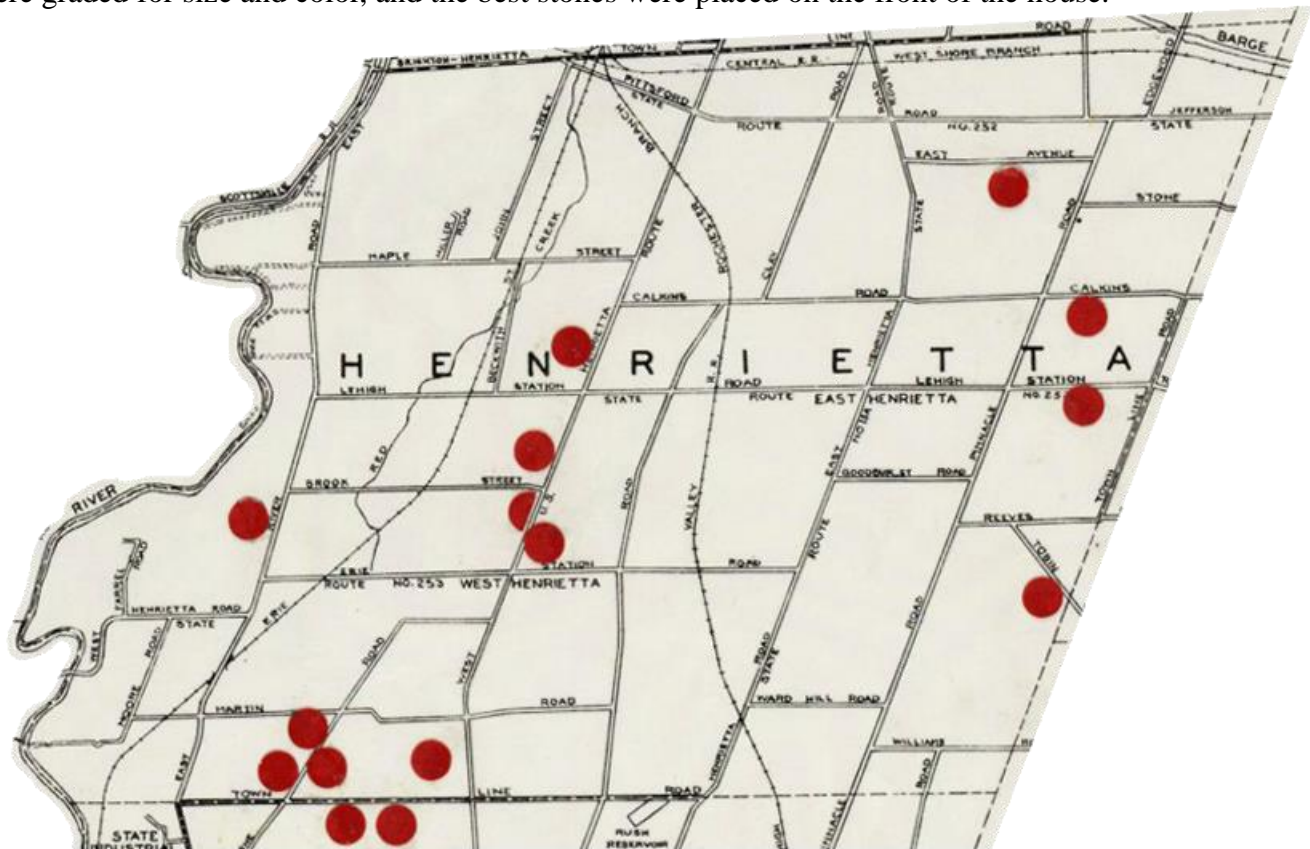


## Cobblestone Structures

The cobblestone façade sets this style of construction apart from the colonial homes seen in most of New England. The use of cobblestones is unique to an area approximately 50 miles in radius to the city of Rochester. At the end of the last ice age (approximately 12,000 years ago) cobblestones were deposited as the glaciers receded and were found in great abundance in the 1800s by farmers plowing the land.

There is still a question about who the stone masons were who built the cobblestone houses. It was once thought that they were masons looking for work after the completion of the Erie Canal. Recent research indicates that work still continued on the canal after it opened in 1825. It is possible that local masons were hired or that in some cases the landowner did the work himself.

To start the process, a 6-foot deep pit was dug for a solution of lime that was covered with manure. The lime was left to cure over the winter. Sand from the farm was added to the mixture just prior to use. On average, a mason was able to lay about three courses of stone. Then the stones and mortar were allowed to set or harden. There were two layers. First, there was a rough rubble wall built with large stones, also from the farm fields, which were then covered by a layer of cobblestones. The cobblestones were graded for size and color, and the best stones were placed on the front of the house.



Cobblestone Structures in Henrietta, from 1940 map by Dorothy W. Pease



Photo by Tim Pratt

### **Otis - Hempelmann Cobblestone c. 1836 283 Castle Road**

David G. Otis, an officer in the state militia and a school commissioner, built this cobblestone in 1836 but passed away the following year. He left behind his widow Marie (Morris) and children Lyman M. born in 1831, Harrison G. born in 1833, an infant daughter born in 1835 and David G. Jr. born in 1837. In 1840, Marie married Alfred Williams.

The oldest Otis son, Lyman, served as Henrietta town clerk in 1857 and Justice of the Peace for nine years. In 1867, he moved to the city of Rochester where he continued to serve in political offices. In 1904, he was elected city treasurer and served in that office until his death in 1913 at the age of 82.

The field cobblestones have been laid five courses per quoin in the front elevation and four courses per quoin on the sides. Corner quoins, window sills and lintels are roughly squared gray limestone.

Former owners of this house include Louis H. Hempelmann, a medical doctor who worked on the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, and his wife Elinor (Pulitzer) Hempelmann. Her grandfather founded the Pulitzer Prize. This was one of their summer homes.



### **Brininstool Cobblestone c. 1831 5015 East River Road**

This cobblestone house was built by Jacob Brininstool. Field cobblestones were used in the construction of this house. According to Carl Schmidt's book *Cobblestone Masonry*, unusually large fieldstones were used at the bottom of the walls. The stones decrease in size as they reach the second story windows. Split gray limestone blocks were used for the corner quoins. The window sills are three inch thick red sandstones.

**Map Facts:** *Castle Road was first named Chase Road, then East Avenue, until it became Castle Road in July 1955.*

**Map Facts:** *Stone Road and Lehigh Station Road were both established in 1809.*

## **Tinker Cobblestone 1585 Calkins Road**

This cobblestone house was constructed between 1828 and 1830 by stone mason Michael McCanty. The house is an Adams or Federal style colonial with the chimney and fireplaces in the center of the house. The fanlight window over the entrance is repeated in smaller fanlight windows in the attic that are visible on the gable ends of the house.

James and Rebecca Tinker came to the West Woods of Pittsford, town of Boyle, county of Ontario, in 1812 with six children. The oldest was 12 and the youngest was two. They used an ox and ox cart (lumber wagon) to transport their possessions. During the War of 1812, James would use his ox cart to transport goods to Fort Niagara.

Grace Ann and Malachi were the two children born in Henrietta. Malachi moved to Michigan where he married and raised his family. Grace Ann and her sister Sally were spinsters who remained on the farm and did the housekeeping. In 1895, Grace, as the surviving child and a spinster, inherited the property from her brother James.

Unfortunately, Grace Ann died in a carriage accident in 1897. In her will, she named her nephew Adelbert as her heir. Instead of selling the farm, Adelbert brought his family to Henrietta and the property remained in the family for six generations.

In 1992, arrangements were made between the town of Henrietta and John and Carol Tinker Aldridge for the town to purchase the cobblestone house, two barns and three acres of land to create a museum. The Aldridges donated an additional sixty acres to be used as a park for passive recreation.



Photo from the 1920s; in 1995 the house was listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places



Lorana, Glen, Malachi  
and Adelbert Tinker





**Ansel Hanks Cobblestone - RIT Liberty Hill  
2201 Lehigh Station Road**

The side or gable end of the house faces the road. A stone in this side of the house has the word 'Liberty' carved above an eagle. In the middle are carved figures of a plowman, a flag bearer and a teamster. The bottom says 'A. Hanks, 1839'.



Ansel and Isabella Hanks were early settlers arriving in 1817. Ansel had the original cobblestone portion of the homestead built in 1839. Grandchildren sold the property in 1919 to a former President of the Eastman Kodak Company, Dr. Frank Lovejoy Sr. and his wife Florence. They had additions built on the original structure. Their son Dr. Frank Lovejoy Jr. and his wife Lynne established a game farm with quail and pheasant on the farmland across the street from the house. The farmland to the north of the property was donated to Hillside Children's Center in 1973. The south side of the property, which included the cobblestone homestead, was given to the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1979 and continues to be the current president's residence.



**Bushman Cobblestone  
633 Telephone Road**

Built in the 1830s by either Jacob, John or Andrew Bushman, this house remained in the Bushman family until 2002. The house was owned by Morris J. Martin and his wife Roxa (Bushman) Martin in 1887. Roxa was the daughter of John Bushman (b.1791 d.1866). Roxa's daughter Carrie and husband Charles Diver added a wood-framed addition to the south side of the house. The roofline was raised and the gable added in the mid- to late-1800s to give the house a more modern appearance.

Leland Bushman purchased the house from Carrie Diver in 1924. His wife Ina (Smith) Bushman lived here until 2002.



**Ely Cobblestone  
830 Telephone Road**

David Ely served in two campaigns in the War of 1812. In 1814, he came to Henrietta, and by 1818 he had completed purchasing 44 acres from Dr. Cornelius Charles Six of the Netherlands. He expanded his property by purchasing an additional 50 acres in 1825.

His cobblestone home, c. 1830, was built with field cobblestones laid three courses or rows to a quoin height. The quoins, the elliptical arch over the entrance door and the window openings and sills are made from cut gray limestone.

David married Lucinda Caswell, and they had ten children. He served as a town assessor and overseer for the poor. Their youngest child, Darwin S., inherited the property in 1870. Darwin married Erin, the daughter of John and Cynthia (Diver) Bushman. Erin's father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all named John Bushman.

In 1916, the property was sold to the Gruschow family who lived there until 1984. The Lundberg family has lived here since 1985.



**Bushman - Wittmaack  
877 Telephone Road**

This is a small one-and-one-half story home, c. 1830, with both field and water washed cobblestones used in its construction. The original structure had only the center entrance front porch.

According to Helen M. (Mrs. H. Fred) Wittmaack, the original owner of the building was Jacob Bushman, her great-grandfather. Her great-great-grandparents were John and Nancy Bushman, who settled in Henrietta in 1810-1811. She sold the property to William and Joan Gross in 1964.

*Map Facts: Bailey Road was established as Maple Street in 1814. It became Bailey Road in 1964.*

*Map Facts: Miller Road was the last dirt road in Henrietta.*





### **Nelson Bumpus Cobblestone 255 Tobin Road**

Unique to this cobblestone house is the use of bricks for the quoins and to surround the windows and doors. Original owner Nelson Bumpus knew that brick was cheaper than cut stone and lasted just as long. The original floor plan had two bedrooms upstairs and two large rooms downstairs.

Subsequent owners of the property include Joseph Tobin, Frank Corby, Henry Schreiber, who operated a dairy farm, Clarence Matthews and Don Webber.



### **Blacksmith Shop 593 Pinnacle Road**

Some of the earliest settlers along Wadsworth Road (now Pinnacle Road) were members of the Baldwin family. According to Eleanor Kalsbeck in *Henrietta Heritage*, John Wise built a blacksmith shop in the Baldwin settlement in 1814.

After serving in the War of 1812, Charles Baldwin became a blacksmith in 1816 and may have had the cobblestone shop built. The map of 1858 shows the blacksmith shop owned by W. and M. Ash.

*Map Facts: Pinnacle Road was established as Wadsworth Road in 1818.*

*Map Facts: Ward Hill Road was first named Warwick Road, then Quinn Road, before it became Ward Hill Road.*





**William H. Gorton - Miller Cobblestone  
5121 West Henrietta Road**

William Henry Gorton was a farmer and the son of a Baptist preacher. He bought this property on June 26, 1822 for \$336.60 and built the house c. 1828. According to tour notes from 1982, this has always been an operating farm. Jared and Amanda Gorton sold the property to Daniel Fenner in 1868 for \$5,500. Ludwig Miller purchased the property around 1900, and the house and farm have remained in the family since then. In 1982, it was one of the four remaining dairy farms in Henrietta.

This is a two-story center entrance colonial design with gray limestone used for the quoins and also as short jamb stones around the windows, according to Carl Schmidt's *Cobblestone Masonry*.



*Photo credit: Kitty Englert*

**Baker - Lebel Insurance Agency  
4495 West Henrietta Road**



In 1823, pioneer farmer and Methodist preacher Calvin Brainard moved to Henrietta and purchased approximately 211 acres of land from Dr. Cornelius Charles Six. He conducted worship services in his barn and to this day we refer to this property as “Methodist Hill.” In 1831, Preacher Brainard sold 174 acres to Leander Baker. Leander Baker was the son of Asa Baker, an early Henrietta pioneer and soldier in the Revolutionary War. Leander Baker had the cobblestone house built in 1832.

Apparently Leander Baker was unable to maintain his mortgage payments, and he lost the property to the Farmers and Mechanic Bank in July of 1857. In March of the following year, the property was sold to the highest bidder, George Perry, who also served in the Revolutionary War.

John Peter Halpin Sr. and his wife Ester (Shafer) Halpin purchased the house and 124 acres of land for \$7,000 in 1924 to start their dairy farm. The property remained in the Halpin family until its sale to Michelle Lebel in December of 2014.

This house is a center entrance colonial built with field cobblestones with an elliptical arch and keystone above the entrance.



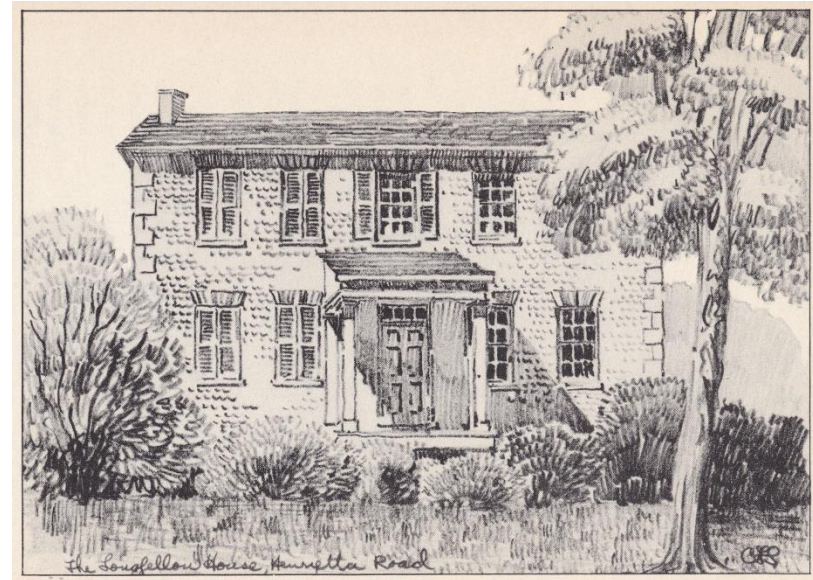


**Post - Horizon Group Cobblestone  
5582 West Henrietta Road**

The cobblestone house at 5582 West Henrietta Road was built in 1832 by Abel Post, whose initials and the year are etched into the stone above the front door.

Abel Post, his wife Eunice and three children came to West Henrietta in 1815. According to Abel's great-grandson John Post, they had six more children. Their second son Caleb and his wife Harriett Diver lived in the cobblestone house and farmed the land. Local lore tells us that the house was used as a stop on the Underground Railroad. Penalties for assisting fugitive slaves were severe and no written records to substantiate this have been found. However, as remodeling was done on the interior of the house, a secret room big enough to hold two people was discovered in the cellar. A 1968 article about the house states that John Post recalled his father and grandfather saying that Abel was a strong abolitionist and he had been told stories about a 'secret room.'

Mr. Mark Congdon of the Horizon Group purchased the house in 2004, and he renovated and redecorated the house to reflect this history.



Sketch by Carl F. Schmidt

**Longfellow - Vollmer Cobblestone  
6637 West Henrietta Road**

Built by Jonathan Longfellow in the mid-1830s, this cobblestone house is no longer standing. *Cobblestone Masonry* by Carl Schmidt says the house had been vacant for over 20 years as of 1966 and was beyond repair.

New York Land Records show that Jonathan Longfellow paid off his mortgage to Dr. Cornelius Charles Six on January 1, 1818 (Lot 34, Range 5). The 1872 map of Henrietta shows that D. Ely and J.G. Longfellow were neighbors on Rush-Henrietta Town Line Road.

Subsequent owners included Frank Todd and Albert Vollmer.







**Carriage Stop  
5393 West Henrietta Road**



Cobblestone construction was used only on the first floor of this building, which was originally a blacksmith and wagon shop owned by Joseph and Alexander Williams. Probably built in the mid-1830s, the shop was expanded in the 1850s to house a steam sawmill, and fine carriages were produced for a time. Between 45 and 70 men were employed and their homes were located along Brooks and Erie Station Roads.

From 1930 to 1962, the building was called the Cobblestone Garage service and gas station.

In 1968, the building was renovated and used as a fine dining restaurant with banquet rooms called the Carriage Stop. In 1981, the building suffered damage from a fire. Repairs were made and the restaurant opened as the Carriage Shop. In 1994, the Genesee Valley Henrietta Moose Lodge purchased the building.



**Carriage Stop Restaurant**



## Other Notable Early Structures



**Elihu Kirby built this home in 1840 on the southeast corner of Lehigh Station and East Henrietta Roads**

Elihu and Mary V. Kirby came to Henrietta from Saratoga on their wedding trip and settled here in 1831. They successfully ran the general store in the East Village. This beautiful Greek Revival house was the Kirby family residence from 1841 until 1862. They had three daughters: Josephine, Mary and Carrie. A son did not live past childhood. After a stroke which caused some paralysis, Elihu retired and built another house on the corner opposite the first one and devoted his time to the study of bees.

The Greek Revival home was purchased by Thomas Owen Jones, another successful storekeeper in Henrietta who also had a large insurance business. He and his wife Samantha, who was a Henrietta native, had six children. T. O. Jones served as postmaster for 12 years, also as town clerk, assessor and commissioner of highways. The structure was a Henrietta landmark for over one hundred years.

An article by former town historian Eleanor Kalsbeck describes the move of the Kirby house in 1956 from Henrietta to Pittsford in two halves. They were rejoined in the Stoney Clover Subdivision where the house stands today. A 7-Eleven food store is located on the Henrietta property where the Kirby House once was.

*From an article by Tina Thompson published in the Democrat and Chronicle*

*From diary entry on Jan 8, 1859*

“Monday morning we awoke by crys of fire and spring out of bed half awake we found the Hotel afire Allie had some idea of going over to awake her father and Willie before she dressed herself for fear they would burn up but finally dressed ourselves and went over to Josie's and began to carry out things as they said the whole of that street would go the wind blew so strong that way after carring out all of the things the wind changed so they were able to save the house but in less than an hour all that belonged to Mr White were burned up after consoling poor Mrs White and looking at the fire we came home climbing over furniture to get there and then climbing over a medley of things poured on the floor to find a seat to wait for light enough to come to see to carry things back again”

*Diary contributed by Laura Leckie, great-great-great granddaughter of Mary E. Kirby*



1839 - 1918

Mary E. Kirby kept a diary from 1856, when she was 16, to 1862. She married Samuel Utley Calkins in 1865.



1834 - 1914

Carrie L. Kirby received a Friendship Quilt for her wedding to Andrew Wadsworth in 1854



“We dedicate this Album quilt  
To love and friends and chilly nights  
And all the people kind and true  
Who for this Album quilt did write.”

Henrietta 1852



**Joseph Brown family home c. 1831  
1099 Pinnacle Road\***

At the age of 17, Abigail Morse married Joseph Brown, who was eight years older than she was. She moved to Connecticut and helped work the Brown farm and care for Joseph's invalid father. When Joseph fought in the War of 1812, Abigail managed the farm. After his father's death, Joseph convinced his mother, his wife Abigail and his unmarried younger sister that they should move west. His brother had already moved to this area. In 1819, Joseph purchased 100 acres of land with a two room log cabin near the village of Henrietta. At the time, Joseph and Abigail had four children, two boys and two girls. In 1825, Joseph Brown was a Justice of the Peace, an elected town position, and appointed to the subscription committee for the building of the Monroe Academy.

When Antoinette Louisa Brown was born in 1825, there were six older siblings: three boys and three girls ranging in age from 2 to 13. Antoinette attended Oberlin College where she completed the theology course in 1850. However the college would not give her a degree because she was a woman. In 1853 she was ordained as a minister at a small Congregational Church in South Butler, New York.

*\* Currently the private residence of  
Dr. Elmar and Catherine Frangenberg*

Antoinette is recognized as the first ordained woman minister in the United States. In 1856, she married Samuel Blackwell and they had five daughters. Oberlin awarded her an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1908. A prolific writer and speaker, she outlived her fellow suffragists to vote in the 1920 federal election.



**Reverend Blackwell  
1825 - 1921**

**Excerpts from *Country Childhood*, written for her grandson Horace:**

"[my father] purchased about one hundred acres of land, with a double log house ... I was born in the log house on May 20, 1825, a seventh child in a family of ten children. One of my earliest recollections is the large kitchen with its loom in one corner, at which the older women wove nearly all the home garments, the reel and the spinning wheel in another corner, and the large old fireplace where all of the cooking was done.... In my sixth year, we moved into a new (field)stone house a short distance from the log house on the same side of the road.... My father was a justice of the peace and there were so many small controversies that he had a regular court room at the house and nearly every week held many sessions.... I recall the making of tallow candles in the kitchen. The candle-wicks had previously been hung upon round sticks, a dozen or more on a stick and these were hung between the two poles. A kettle of boiling mutton tallow was brought and one stick at a time was lifted off, the wicks dipped into the tallow and that stick hung back in its place.... One of the current industries of the neighborhood was the dyeing of yarn, which was afterward made into clothing. We had a dark brown dye made of butternut shells or bark, and several other dyes of a brighter color - one was a purplish hue, made of poke berries... I learned to spin, and liked very much to measure off the right length of the roll and see it draw out to the desired thickness. The girls were all taught to knit their own stockings and mittens."





**Martin Roberts family home  
260 Stone Road, built in 1828**

Martin Roberts II inherited the family farm at age 22 and became known for breeding fine livestock. He served once in the New York State Assembly. Even though he received the most votes ever recorded, he declined to run for a second term.



His son George married Helen Chase. George worked as town clerk for many years. Their granddaughter, Lillian Roberts Jones (pictured left) was widowed in 1921 when she was 33 years old. She was the first woman to hold a Monroe County elective office; elected as County Purchasing Agent in 1926.



**Andrew Short house  
1294 Lehigh Station Road**

Andrew Short immigrated from Ireland and constructed this house with vertical planks (no longer visible). The house is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Andrew's granddaughter, Ester Marie, married John Peter Halpin. In 1924, they purchased a cobblestone house and 150 acres on Methodist Hill (West Henrietta Road) to start a dairy farm (see the Baker-Lebel Insurance Agency Cobblestone house, page 17).



**The Stone - Winslow Home  
3490 East Henrietta Road**

This white clapboard house with a cobblestone foundation was built c.1842 by the Harrington Brothers, who were hired by Harvey Stone. The property was inherited by Lucretia Belle Stone Winslow, wife of Francis Marion Winslow. The house is now owned by Harvey Stone's great-great-granddaughter.



# Agriculture





## Farming in Henrietta

Farming in Henrietta followed a pattern of development that was common throughout western New York. With its settlement beginning in 1806-1807, early settlers were subsistence farmers. Potash and lumber products from clearing fields provided a source of income, but farming was relegated to supplying the family with their necessities for survival.

With the opening of the Erie Canal from Rochester to Albany in 1823, the market was opened to ship products eastward, and farming entered its commercial phase. The primary cash crop was wheat. From 1850-1860 the Genesee Region was the bread basket of the nation. While the canal was the catalyst for this boom, it also led to the eventual decline in wheat farming. The canal encouraged settlers to move to the Midwest, and with the larger farms and improvements in mechanization, farmers in the Genesee Valley could not compete. Also contributing to the decline of wheat farming were soil depletion, and pests such as the wheat midge, Hessian fly and rust. Wheat was not the only farm product lost to larger western farms. Pork, beef and eventually wool production all fell to western competition.

The period from 1860-1895 marked a shift to more diversification and to perishable goods. Farms began to produce cheese, butter, poultry products, fruits, vegetables, corn and root crops. The canal continued to provide the means to move these goods to markets in the east. With the invention of refrigeration in 1895, many farms switched to dairy production, specifically milk. In 1902, the Elm Hill Dairy Farm between Lehigh Station and Calkins Roads owned by A.I. Buyck consisted of 100 acres. With improved modes of transportation, pasteurization and refrigeration, dairy farming became a fixture of the Henrietta landscape. The Meisenzahl dairy was a fixture in Henrietta into the 1970s.

Farming in Henrietta would continue along this path until the post-WWII housing expansion into the suburbs. Henrietta's location was ideal for such expansion, and from 1950 through 1970, many farms were sold off to both commercial and housing developments. This trend continues today; however there are still active farms in parts of Henrietta. Principal crops are corn, soybeans, clover, forage (straw and hay), vegetables and winter wheat.

*Written by Tim Pratt*



**Hirschman Farm**



**Ridge Meadow Turkey Farm**



Planting potatoes



**Bean farm house**



**The Grange**

Located at 759 Erie Station Road, the Grange Hall was built in 1904 for approximately \$10,000. A kitchen and dining room were located in the basement. The first floor had an assembly hall with a stage, an office and a cloak room. The second floor was the lodge room.

The Henrietta Grange No. 817 was organized in 1896 with 27 charter members. In 1911, when they had a mortgage-burning party, membership was 313. The Patrons of Animal Husbandry had three objectives: farm education, social activities and guaranteed insurance for the members.

As Henrietta became a suburban community, membership declined, reflecting the smaller number of farm families. The Masons purchased the building in 1961.

This farmhouse was originally the home of Orlow Beebee, his wife Laura, and their nine children. The next owner of the farm was Marshall Todd, who served as Town Supervisor from 1896-1897 and 1899-1901. His son Orrin inherited the property but lost the farm during the depression.

Beginning in 1937, William John Bean and his two sons, Vincent and Charles, began renting the property. By 1947, they were able to begin purchasing the property. The farm was home to William and his wife Mary (Ernst) and four of their children, Katherine, Charles, Vincent and Mary-Reta. Charles married Ruth Van Camp, and they and their five children lived in a smaller house on the farm.

Vincent and Charles were responsible for the dairy operation. One hundred and twenty five cows provided milk to the Dairylea Dairy in Rochester. Crops such as corn, hay for the cows, beans, wheat and oats were also grown. At one time Mary-Reta took care of 100 sheep and 50 goats.

This property is still a working farm with about 35 head of black angus beef cattle and 35 acres of hay. Chicken and duck eggs are also sold.





**Gannett Farm, 1085 Middle Road**

This farm was a testing ground of innovative and experimental farming methods. Managed by L.B. Skeffington, the Agricultural Editor of Gannett Newspapers, the farm was also the location of an annual demonstration of these new methods. In August 1946, 400 individuals saw strip cropping, soil conservation methods, moisture retaining experiments and crop rotation programs. They also saw farm machinery that had been designed to till the soil in conjunction with these new methods.

In 1952, 1,800 people attended the demonstrations at the “Farm of the Future.” This event also served as part of the agricultural course for high school students in nearby towns.



**Stonecrop Farm, 1396 Rush Henrietta Town Line Road**

Established in 2015, this is a working farm that raises turkeys, chickens and pigs organically, in addition to growing ginger and turmeric.

The farm property was previously owned by Samuel Titus from 1852 to 1872. Avery Fishell owned the property in 1924 and Allan Fishell sold the property in 1946.

The barn pictured here was moved from the Halpin-Lebel property and was probably constructed before 1830. The frame is constructed of American Beech wood which came from the area. The barn is laid out and cut in the Square Rule method, which was developed in 1803.



Original barn on the Halpin farm    Restored barn at Stonecrop Farm

*Photo by Eli Rubin*



**McNall Farm, 5000 West Henrietta Road**

This farm was purchased by the McNall family c. 1860, possibly from blacksmith Joseph Williams. The last owners of the property were Stephen and Trudy McNall. In addition to farming, Mr. McNall served as treasurer for the R-H Central School District from approximately 1960 until 1986. His wife Trudy is best known for her cooking show called “Home Cooking” on WROC-TV, which ran from September 7, 1958, until 1965. Ward’s Natural Science Establishment is now located here.



**Krenzer Farm on Brooks Road**

The farm house and 200 acres of land, located at the corner of Brooks and East River Roads, were purchased in 1928 by Theodore Baum and Theresa (Schmitt) Krenzer. Farm crops included cabbage, wheat, corn and pea beans. Later dairy cattle, turkeys and chinchillas were added to the farm. The Krenzers eventually owned more than 2,000 acres in Monroe County.



Theodore and Theresa Krenzer, c. 1930

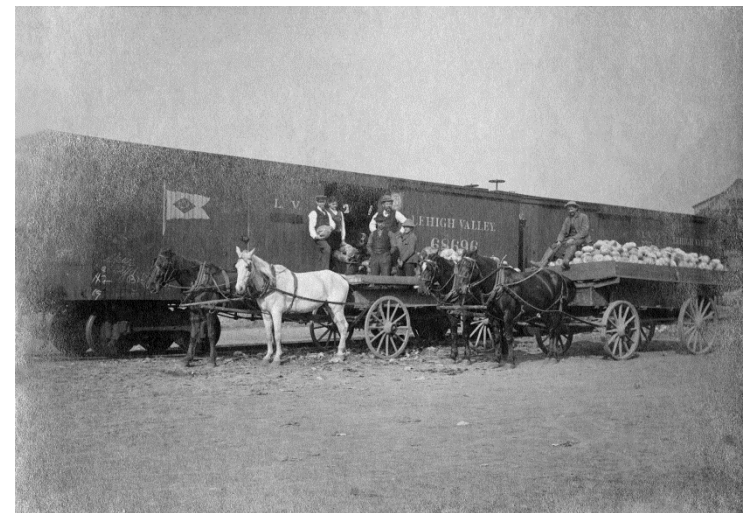


**Mack Farm, corner of Pinnacle and Goodburlet Roads**

Onalee Mack lived on this farm from the time she was married in 1942 until she passed away in 2014 at the age of 96. She was known by many as the ‘corn lady,’ with a corn stand by the road every summer for decades.

This farm was the family farm of her husband Joseph. His parents (Balthazar and Margaret) purchased the farm in 1907 and had a family of 13 children.

John Calkins loading cabbage  
at the Lehigh Valley  
siding in East Henrietta





## Tinker Farm

In 1812, James Tinker purchased 40 acres of land on what was then called Jackson Road. The largest increase in the size of the farm occurred between 1850 and 1860, when the sheep farm across the road was purchased. Eventually, the Tinker farm reached halfway to Stone Road and encompassed almost 350 acres.

According to the 1875 Agricultural Census, the Tinker Brothers Farm (James R., age 72 and John C., age 69), had eight horses, five milch cows, two other heifers, two bulls, and 100 sheep that produced 600 pounds of wool. In 1874, nine swine were slaughtered to produce 2,000 pounds of pork. The poultry were valued at \$80. That same year, they harvested 38 tons of hay, 70 bushels of winter wheat, 1200 bushels of Indian corn, 200 bushels of oats, 1,000 bushels of Irish potatoes, 150 bushels of barley, 20 bushels of buckwheat, 100 bushels of apples and 10 barrels of hard cider and 800 pounds of butter. Also living on the farm were Sally L.(age 65) and her sister Grace Ann (age 59), who kept house and made the butter, and a farmhand Charles Siever (age 30). The cash value of the farm was \$16,060. When Grace Ann Tinker inherited the property in 1895, it was valued at \$50,000.

In 1918, the sheep and the swine were gone. Glen Tinker wanted to be a dairy farmer. The milk from the cows was transported into the City of Rochester to be bottled at the Dairylea Dairy. The cows were sold in the 1960s by Glen's son-in-law John Aldridge, who returned to crop farming. John felt dairy farmers were 'married' to their cows.

Sixty-three acres from the farm are now used for the Tinker Nature Park ,which includes the Tinker Homestead and Farm Museum, Hansen Nature Center, passive walking trails and community garden plots.



The last load of potatoes; Adelbert Tinker holding the reins



### Meisenzahl Farm and Dairy

The Meisenzahl Dairy was established in 1928 by Oscar Meisenzahl and his sons. The farm house, a former hotel, and the farm buildings were a familiar sight on West Henrietta Road. Processing their own milk, Oscar and his sons bottled about eighty quarts each day and began local delivery service. The dairy grew and adapted to meet the needs of a growing community.

In the early 1950s, the cream-colored Meisenzahl Dairy truck was a familiar sight on the roads. Home deliveries were scheduled for every other day. However, stores, restaurants, half of the Rochester City Schools, and all of the schools in Fairport, Pittsford, Brighton and Rush-Henrietta were served daily. How much milk was this? Approximately 30,000 quarts per day. At its peak, Meisenzahl's became the largest independent dairy in the area, employing more than 50 people.

The dairy also had an important responsibility during the 'Cold War' following WWII. According to family records, in November of 1956, business partners Casper O. and Walter A. were members of the Civil Defense system, and the dairy was enrolled as a "cooperating dairy for Civil Defense." This meant that in addition to processing and delivering the regular amount of milk, the dairy would also bottle and distribute water to all affected areas in the event of a regional catastrophe.

In 1955, Oscar's sons - Casper, Oscar, Walter, and Martin - began selling milk and milk products from a small store located within the processing plant. The best known and most popular product was the ice cream. Ice cream cones cost ten cents and milkshakes were twenty-five cents. The ice cream was so popular that by 1957, a larger dairy store, designed by Richard, one of Casper's sons, was built. Sundaes and ice cream sodas were added to the menu. By the late 1960s and early 1970s, the dairy was serving about 635 gallons of ice cream every weekend.

Many alumnae of the Rush - Henrietta School district remember being hired by Casper Meisenzahl to scoop and sell ice cream. He would always tell them they could eat all the ice cream they wanted. After serving countless cones, milkshakes and sundaes, most teens didn't feel like over indulging.

Today the Meisenzahl farm property is now occupied by Marketplace Mall, Best Buy, Target and a variety of other businesses along West Henrietta Road south nearly to O'Connor Chevrolet. Glass milk bottles and insulated milk boxes for the front porch have become collector's items. *Information and photos courtesy of the Meisenzahl family, and from an article by Tina Thompson published in the Democrat and Chronicle*



**Tirabassi Farm and Market**  
formerly located at 5575 West Henrietta Road

Emidio Tirabassi brought his family to Henrietta in 1917. Beginning with 10 acres of land, he sold vegetables from his truck at Rochester's Public Market on Union Street. The farm grew to encompass 1200 acres of land in Rush and Henrietta. At one time, the Tirabassis had 125 dairy cows. The family decided that a farm market would be less work than caring for the cows and they opened the market in 1965.

In 1996, 51 acres were sold to Konar Development, which built Erie Station Village. Additional acreage was sold to the town of Henrietta for the development of Martin Road Park.







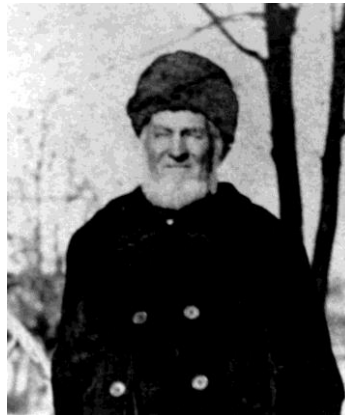
**Yost Farm**

This horse farm located at 208 Brooks Road was purchased by William Smith and his wife Martha in 1905. Their daughter Laura married Irving Yost and daughter Ina married into the Bushman family.

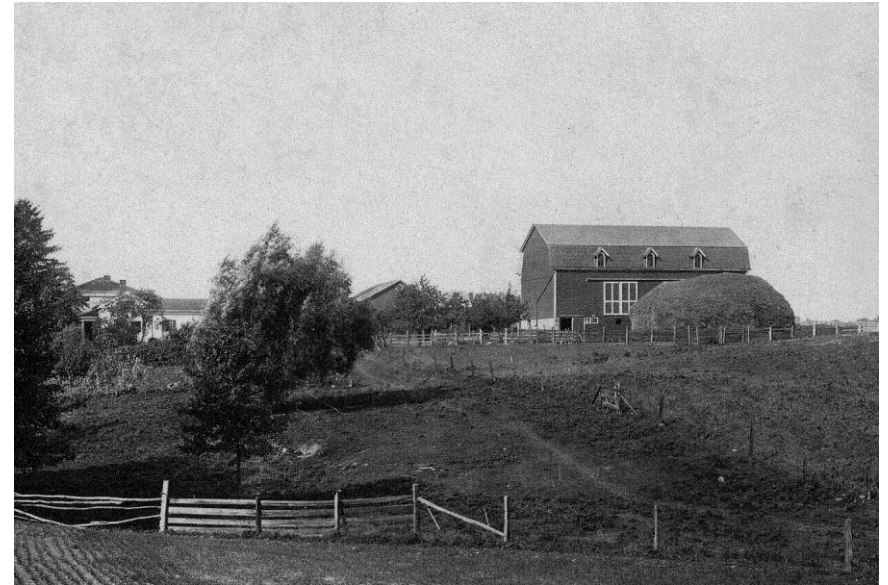
The property is directly connected to some of the early settlers of the town. According to a study done by the Landmark Society, W. Search is listed as the owner of the farm on the 1858 and 1872 plate maps. The owner is identified as Wesley Search on the 1902 county map.

Wesley's father Lot Search, Jr. served in the War of 1812. Lot Search, Sr. fought in the Revolutionary War at Monmouth and Brandywine.

Don Yost, who was recognized as the longest living resident of the town of Henrietta in April 2018, purchased the farm from his parents in 1952. He and his son Donnie farmed together until 1992, when Donnie Yost started a horse boarding business known as Green Valley Stables. In 2005, the property was recognized as a Centennial Farm by the Historic Site Committee. Today the farm is known as the Irish Rose Stables and is owned by Don Yost Senior's granddaughter.



**Wesley Search**







### **Gro-Moore Farm Market 2811 East Henrietta Road**

George Moore came to this country in 1949 and worked for several local farmers, including Walter Goodburlet. He married Walter's daughter Janet in 1955. With the purchase of the Goodburlet home farm in 1969, the Moore children began raising and selling vegetables at farm stands in Rush and in Henrietta in 1970. They were earning money for tuition for high school and college.

The family opened the market at 2811 East Henrietta Road in the summer of 1985. Fall was an extra special season with 'pick your own pumpkin', a fun house and petting zoo. Expanded activities included a haunted barn, super slide, tractor-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin painting, a goat walk and more. In 1995, a 10,000 square foot greenhouse was built and the conversion to a garden center began.

In 1996, the Moore family sponsored a craft sale to raise funds for the food cupboard. The first "Pumpkins on Parade" held in 2006 supported Camp Good Days and Special Times, and subsequent events raised money for School of the Holy Childhood. Kathy Moore's artistic ability with a can of spray paint converted countless hay bales into jack-o'-lantern faces.

### **Threshing Time**

*Excerpt and photo from Apples and Corn Stubble  
by Virginia Gruppé*

'It was time to thresh the wheat. All the farmers joined each other at our place, and the big steam engine came down the road, pulling the threshing machine.

Threshing day was such an exciting time! All the big men in their straw hats, with red bandanas across their noses to keep out the wheat dust, perched high up in the barn, forking the wheat into the machine.

At noon, the engineer blew the shrill whistle on the engine, and the men quit their work to come down into our yard. There our hired man, John, had placed little benches with basins on them, soap and towels beside each basin. The men scrubbed clean up to their elbows, and doused their faces again and again in the cold water. ..they were very careful to part their hair as if they were going to a party, slicking it down around their brown, ruddy foreheads. They knew Grandma was the finest cook in the county.

Big platters of ham, roast beef, pork chops were passed around. Then bowls of steaming boiled potatoes, buttered carrots, string beans, and big plates of sliced tomatoes, cabbage salad. Delicate cut glass dishes with conserves and jelly, others with Grandma's famous pickles which were the envy of every farmer's wife in town. How those men ate! Then came every kind of pie you could mention – cocoanut cream, pumpkin, apple, Schmierkase, and big squares of cheese.

Finally, all got up, patted and rubbed their bellies, and told Grandma how good it was. All flopped on the lawn in the shade for a short rest, and then back to work."





**Remelt Barn on East River Road**

The barn seen here was built c. 1930 by Fred C. and Mary (Doran) Remelt. Fred's father John owned 122 acres on Pinnacle Road where Ascension Garden is now located (see 1902 plate map). The barn is now owned by Terry Bastian and Dale Humphrey.



Property now owned by Kevin and Kimberly Mryglod.



Earl Chase took over this farm at the age of 16 when his father Frank passed away. Earl and his brother Howard purchased the Corner Store (see p. 36) in 1919. In addition to farming, Earl Chase served as Highway Superintendent for sixteen years. In 1944, he resigned that position and was appointed town supervisor to fill the unexpired term of Thomas O. Owen.\* After serving as supervisor for four terms, Earl Chase served on the Planning and Zoning Board from 1952 through 1960, for a combined total of thirty-three years of public service.

Four generations of the Chase family have farmed in Henrietta.

*\*Owen resigned to become Superintendent of the Monroe County Penitentiary.*



**Nancy's Barn, 74 Middle Road**

Constructed by John McQuoid and sons Walter T. and William T. in the late 1800s, the barn was purchased by Nancy Hurlbert in 1977 for her antique business.



*Photo by Tina Thompson*



**Chase Farm, 1200 Middle Road**





**Barker Farm 1499 Pinnacle Road**

In 1902, Samuel W. Lincoln owned 99.89 acres of land in Range 2, Lot #26 on the west side of Pinnacle Road. John S. Barker was adopted by the Lincoln family when he was four years old. He inherited the farm and the property has remained in the Lincoln-Barker family for seven generations.



*Photo courtesy of Benedict family*

**Benedict Farm 1130 Middle Road**

Homer Benedict is seated in the chair in the center of the above photo. He purchased the farm, barn and white clapboard house from the Sherman family in 1869. Corn, hay and potatoes were grown on the 150 acre farm in addition to an orchard and large garden. Ownership of the farm remains with the family and the seventh generation lives in the homestead.



Dr. Floyd Stone Winslow, Burton Brainard Stone and Howard Gilbert Stone on cabbage setter, July 1931



## Enterprise and Entertainment

Early settlers took advantage of the heavily forested areas of the town by establishing asheries and, where there was water power, a few saw mills. Blacksmith shops, taverns and distilleries were other important early businesses. The hamlets of Henrietta and West Henrietta were settled and developed almost simultaneously.



**Blacksmith Shop:** Alexander and Joseph Williams learned the blacksmith trade from their father. Alexander established his own shop (above) in 1835. Joseph continued carriage-making and blacksmithing at 5393 West Henrietta Road, now the Genesee Valley Henrietta Moose Lodge.



**Philip Kazmayer,**  
West Henrietta blacksmith



**William Utley,**  
Henrietta wood chopper



**Blacksmith shop** in Baldwin settlement,  
corner Calkins and Pinnacle Roads.



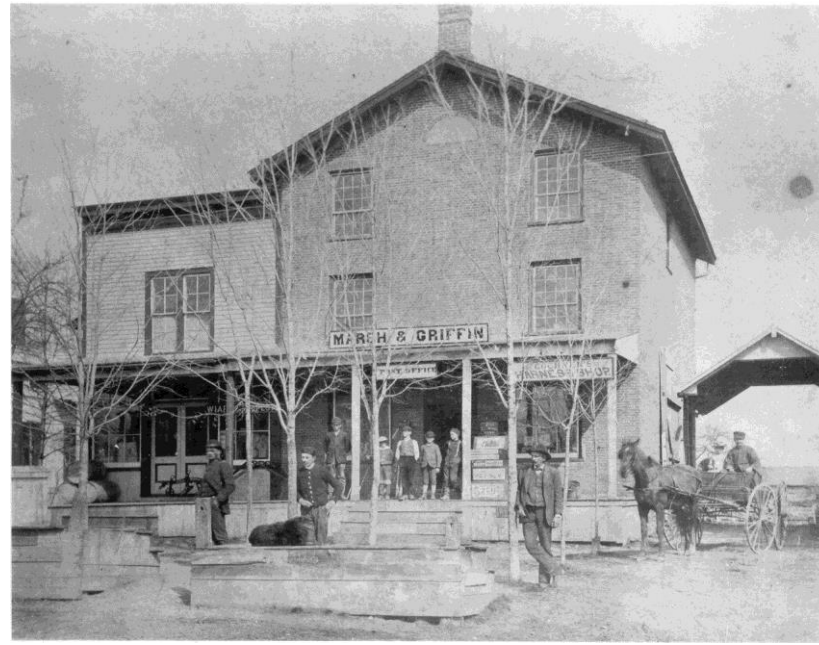


**The Corner Store 5665 West Henrietta Road**

James C. Jones and Fred Buckley lost the original store built by the Kirby Brothers to a fire in 1906. Jones and Buckley rebuilt the store with Edison Block, made of concrete and advertised as being fireproof and extremely durable. The Masons subsidized the cost of constructing the second floor where they had been meeting.

The property was sold to brothers Howard and Earl Chase in 1919. Two years later Howard, who was 19 years old, bought his brother's interest in the store. In addition to the general store, the post office, the telephone company, a beauty salon, an ice cream parlor and a pool room were at one time located in the building. The property continues to belong to the Chase family and is now the location of Ken's Pizza Corner.

**General Stores**



**Marsh & Griffin General Store 3118 East Henrietta Road**

This brick store was built by Benjamin Baldwin c. 1825 and purchased by Elihu Kirby in 1828. The Masonic Lodge No. 526 met on the second floor from 1862 to 1867.

The building was sold to T.O. Jones in 1874 after Mr. Kirby suffered a stroke and some paralysis. In 1889, Charles or Harvey Marsh and Morris Griffin took over the store.

Settlers went to the general store to purchase goods and materials they could not grow or make themselves. According to *Henrietta Heritage* by Eleanor C. Kalsbeck, some items from the 1844 account book of Elihu Kirby (courtesy of Mrs. John (Ethel) Calkins) included:

Buckskin gloves	\$ .56	1 pocket knife	\$ .94
3 yards Jean	.27	1 package tobacco	.02
1 doz. axe helves (handles)	3.00	½ lb. cotton yarn	.14
1 bottle Sweet's Linament	.50	1 Whip	.75
1 lb. pepper	.16	1/8 gallon lamp oil	.13
½ lb. Y.H. Tea	.38	1 dozen shirt buttons	.10

He purchased 12 dozen eggs for eighty-four cents and sold half a dozen eggs for six cents and 23 pounds of cheese from E. Dikeman for \$1.44.

## Early Hotels



### Dean's Hotel - Jeffrey's Tavern

When Alfred Williams owned the hotel, it was destroyed by fire in 1859 (see description from Mary Elizabeth Kirby's diary on page 20). He rebuilt, and ownership transferred to Barney Rummel by 1890. Another fire burned that building to the ground. The building you see here was built c.1895.



### Cartwright Inn

At 5691 West Henrietta Road, this building was the second hotel in the West Henrietta hamlet. Purchased in 1949 by Gordon Cartwright, it became famous for its clam chowder and lobster tank. Cartwright's Inn was sold to Ralph Sacheli in 1988.

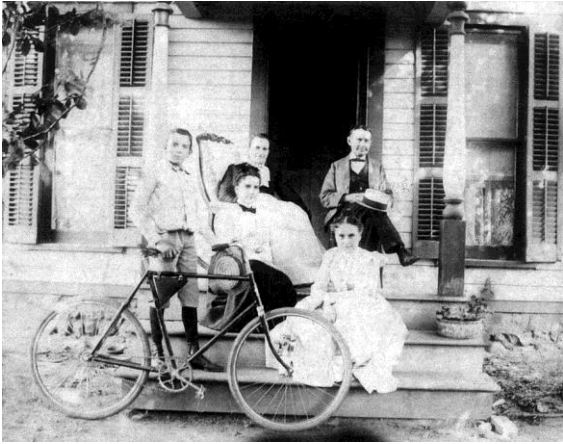


### Holidome/DoubleTree Inn at 1111 Jefferson Road

Built in 1983, the Holidome was converted to the DoubleTree Inn in 2005.



## Transportation before the engine



John Peter Halpin Sr. and cousin Milton

## West Henrietta Photo Album



Tally-Ho departing from Dean's Hotel





Tower at Mortimer Station



## Trains

### The History of Mortimer

Mortimer was the area on Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road that ran from Jefferson Road to West Henrietta Road, taking in Henrietta on one side of the road and West Brighton on the other side. Three railroads ran through the area where Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road met Jefferson Road: the West Shore, the Erie, and the Lehigh Valley. Besides residents (population 35), the area included a railroad station built in 1884, a freight-house, a bunkhouse for the men, a tool house and stockyard. The post office for the area was housed in the station. A tower was built in 1913. Down the road on the Henrietta side was the Spaker Cider Mill. Trucks would line up bringing apples to the mill. Across the road was a pioneer, George Vollmer. The Vollmer School in Henrietta is named after Mary Vollmer, wife of George's son Clement. At the corner of Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road and West Henrietta Road was the Allen and Ramsey General Store.

The station was originally named Red Creek. There was another station along Lake Ontario also named Red Creek. Someone attempted to send a casket with a body in it to the Lake Ontario station, but it ended up at the station on Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road. After that unfortunate mix-up, they decided to change the name to Mortimer Station. It was named after a well-known Rochester landowner, Mortimer F. Reynolds. He would take the train from Rochester and get off at the station, where a hired hand would pick him up with a horse and buggy. He would then tour his beautiful farms. He had 97 acres across from Genesee Valley Park and 239 acres where Rochester Institute of Technology is today. Mortimer was a very busy station with passengers and baggage coming and going. Many Mortimer residents would take a train to Rochester where they would get off at Court Street and walk to church or shop in the area stores.

The first station agent was Ed Halpin. He worked in that capacity from 1892 to 1945 when he retired at 79 years of age. He witnessed the first passenger train through and the last gas double car in 1949 on the Lehigh Valley. The postmaster was William C. Kruger. Archibald Barnhart was also a station agent on a different trick schedule. Ed Halpin and Pete Spaker were also telegraphers, and Harmon Zarnowski was gate keeper for the three railroads. The gates were used for stopping and the movement of trains. Howard Dunphy operated the tower. Mortimer is gone, but not forgotten.

*Written by John and Phyllis Virgilio, photos from John Virgilio*



## Cars



**Carriage Stop:** Formerly Joseph Smith's smithy, the building was used as a mechanic shop, as in this 1917 photo. Dorothy Smith Zornow inherited the business at 5393 West Henrietta Road in 1921.



**Thruway Exit 46:** Henrietta is the only town in Monroe County to have a ramp to the New York State Thruway. Exit 46 opened in 1954 on West Henrietta Road. The ramp was moved to Lehigh Station Road in 1981.



**Dorschel Buick:** The first car dealership in Henrietta opened at 3399 West Henrietta Road in 1967.



**Van Bortel Subaru:** Located at 4211 West Henrietta Road, the most recent dealership to locate in Henrietta opened in December 2018.

## Airplanes



**Genesee Airport**

The Genesee Airport was located on the corner of East Henrietta and Jefferson Roads. The entrance to the airport was almost opposite Castle Road. Runways ran from east to west and were grass so the planes used skis in the winter. In 1949, the airport sponsored Sunday breakfast flights to Syracuse, Niagara Falls and Dansville.

Tom Tuety worked at the airport as a 'line boy,' someone who cranked the propellers and made sure the planes had gas and oil, during the summer of 1942. He received \$5 an hour and three hours of flying time per week. Thirty hours of flying time was required for a private pilot's license, which Tom got in March of 1944, one day after his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. In April of that year, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp and was stationed in Florida. Mr. Tuety later served on the R-H School Board.



**Hylan Airport**

Located on the southeast corner of Jefferson and West Henrietta Roads, Ray Hylan opened this airport in 1939. At its busiest, the airport housed 40 planes and handled 500 landings per week. The Hylan School of Aeronautics was located here, and Ray Hylan had a reputation as an excellent teacher and an even better pilot.

He became good friends with the Wilmot family. A shopping mall project was promoted in the early 1970s, and the airport closed in 1971. Marketplace Mall opened in 1982, with Hylan Drive leading shoppers to mall entrances.



## Early Physicians

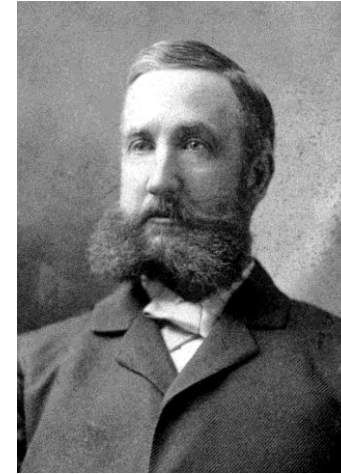


**Dr. Floyd Stone Winslow**

A general practitioner, he also served as coroner's physician for Monroe County from 1926 until his death in 1958. He was noted for using scientific research in criminal detection.



**Dr. James Haseltine**  
of 1605 Lehigh Station Road  
practiced 1830 to 1871.



**Dr. Daniel G. Mason** bought the practice of Dr. George Martin at 3059 E. Henrietta Road in 1879. A measles outbreak helped establish his practice. He became known as a doctor who could cure pneumonia by exposing the patient to continuous fresh air, regardless of the weather. His wife Ida helped with nursing and making medicines. His practice extended beyond the Genesee River, and he owned several horses, carriages and a sleigh.

*Remembrances of his daughter Bessie, in Henrietta Heritage*



**Dr. Charles Walker's residence**

Dr. Walker came to Henrietta in 1882 and built the house at 5628 W. Henrietta Rd. He died in 1905. Subsequently, Stephen Warren bought the home. He served as the Monroe County District Attorney for nine years, beginning in 1898. *Information from Henrietta Heritage*



**Dr. Sarah Perry** After graduating from the Buffalo Medical School in 1882, she attended the Rochester City Hospital Training School of Nurses for clinical experience, graduating in 1884.

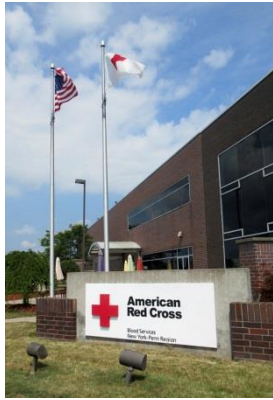
*Courtesy of Rochester Medical Museum & Archives*



**Dr. James Leary** cared for patients in both Henrietta and Rush.

*Courtesy of Rush Historian Susan Mee*

## Health Care Today



**American Red Cross, 825 John Street**



**Pluta Cancer Center, 125 Red Creek Drive**



**UR Urgent Care Clinic,  
1300 Jefferson Road**



**Rochester Regional Health, 50 Middle Road  
opened February 2018**



**VA Center, 260 Calkins Road  
opening fall 2019**



## Shopping



### **Sweeney-Leary Store at 3170 East Henrietta Road**

James Sweeney ran an electrical and plumbing supply store from 1933 to 1970.



**Tops:** Tops Friendly Markets' first grocery store in Henrietta opened in the mid-1970s across from Wegmans on the southwest corner of East Henrietta and Calkins Roads. The grocery store relocated to a larger location in the Henrietta Plaza at 1100 Jefferson Road. In 2014, the store moved to Frontier Commons at 1215 Jefferson Road.



**Feasel Brothers Store:** Morris Griffin was joined by Fred Feasel in running the store. After Mr. Griffin retired, Floyd joined his brother and purchased the store in 1941. Robert and Mary Norget became owners in 1945 and modernized the business to self-serve, cash and carry. From 1948 to 1961, Edward and Mary Nowack ran the store. Then they remodeled and opened their ice cream parlor. In 1971, the U.S. Post Office moved in. 3118 East Henrietta Road is now the Sunny Thai/Chinese Restaurant.



**Wegmans:** The first Wegmans opened in 1964 with 20,000 square feet on the corner of East Henrietta and Calkins Roads. The second Wegmans opened in 1983 on Hylan Drive across from Marketplace Mall. The Wegmans seen here opened at 745 Calkins Road in 2008 with 100,000 square feet that includes groceries, prepared meals and a dining area.



## A Time to Remember

Back in the mid-1940s through the 1960s, Henrietta was still a rural community. West Henrietta Road was two lanes, not five, and Marketplace Mall was an unpaved air strip known as Ray Hylan Airport.

South of Jefferson Road there were many family-owned businesses. Did you frequent Meisenzahl's Dairy Bar on a hot summer day or after a school ball game? As a kid did you make frequent visits to Lollipop Farm to feed the many farm animals?

Do you remember the sights, smells and atmosphere of small diners - the Brookview before it burned down, or perhaps you grabbed a bite to eat at Leone's Restaurant at the corner of Bailey and West Henrietta Roads? John F. Long and Evelyn Fuehrer Long owned and operated Malling's Twin Pine Dairy Farm Restaurant across the street from Meisenzahl's for over 20 years. The dairy farm located behind the restaurant was begun by John Long's grandfather Frederick Malling. The restaurant served 'down home' cooking, fresh homemade ice cream and sundaes and a Friday night fish fry that was second to none. The Longs warmly welcomed local business owners and Henrietta residents in a real family atmosphere.

*Text and photos courtesy of Sydney Slocum Long*



## Malling's Restaurant

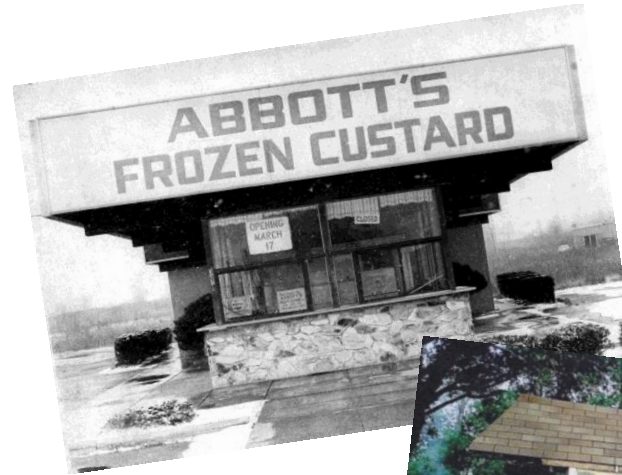




**Summer Pleasures**



**Starlite Drive In:** February 1975



1960s



**Three Sisters  
Ice Cream**  
2011



**Regal Henrietta 18** in 2019



2019



**Locust Hill  
Country Club,  
2000 Jefferson Road**



Thirty members of the Rochester Gyro Club purchased the 89 acre Locust Hill Farm of Albert and Frank Zornow in 1925. Using the barn as a locker house with showers and a lounge for the men and the farmhouse as a club house for the lady players, they opened a nine hole course. In 1927, with 225 members, the club purchased another 52 acres on the south side of Jefferson Road and opened an 18 hole course the following year.

In 1977, the LPGA began holding an annual tournament in support of local charities. The first sponsor was Banker's Trust. Wegmans was the most recent.



**Riverton Golf Club,  
514 Scottsville-West Henrietta Road**



Owned by the Town of Henrietta,  
this nine hole golf course opened in 1972.



**ROC Dome Arena, 2695 East Henrietta Road**

The Dome Arena was dedicated in 1973 and included the Barton Baker Youth Education Center, which was intended to expand educational and recreational opportunities for youth in Monroe County. The building was used for the Monroe County Fair, graduations, concerts, Gardenscape, antique expositions, indoor soccer and much more. An eight million dollar renovation occurred in 2017 rejuvenating the building, making it attractive to musical performers and local events.

**Executive South, 3850 East Henrietta Road**  
Reopened in 2017 as Lookup Park, with Disc Golf  
and a Dog Park.







## Genesee Valley Regional Market

The Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority was established to create a nine-county regional market that would replace the Rochester Public Market. The location on Jefferson Road in Henrietta provided convenient routes for distribution, available utilities and rail and air service. At first no tenants came, and the regional market almost closed. In 1963, new legislation allowed the market to change from a farmers' market to a food distribution center.

Businesses lease the land and the buildings they use. Over 190 different companies lease space from the Authority. The mission of the market is to provide one of the most modern storage and food distribution centers in the country. Working in conjunction with the New York State Department of Agriculture, approximately one million dollars is used each year to provide financial support to different agribusinesses in the nine-county area.

*Written by William Mulligan, Jr., former Administrator of the Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority*



### Lori's Natural Foods

Lori's Natural Foods is a family-owned business established at the regional market in 1981 by Jim Starks and his daughter Lori. They have moved within the market three times to accommodate increased consumer interest in purchasing organically grown food.



### Palmer's Fish Market, 900 Jefferson Road

Palmer's opened in Rochester in 1850 as a retail store and has been a family-owned company for five generations. In 1948, when 'Kip' Palmer's father took over the business, sales were 90% retail and 10% wholesale. By 1975, when Kip Palmer joined the company, the business was 10% retail and 90% wholesale. Today, less than 1% of their sales is in the retail market. Palmer's moved to the Regional Market in 1978.

The term *Miracle Mile* is attributed by some to Emil Muller, a pioneer in suburban construction and development during the late 1950s and 1960s. It refers to the land on each side of Jefferson Road between East and West Henrietta Roads, which is the most desirable and therefore the most expensive. Companies were looking for enough land to build facilities that could house manufacturing, marketing, and research and development in one location, as well as have easy access to transportation.

### Schlegel Manufacturing Co.

Looking for engineering, manufacturing and warehouse space, the company opened at 1555 Jefferson Road in 1956. Richard Turner, who purchased the Kirby House (see p. 20), helped build Schlegel Corporation and was selected by the company's founder as his successor in 1962. The company made heavy-duty webbing for belts and parachute harness straps during WWII. Currently, Schlegel is the leading supplier of copier cleaning products, brushes and static control devices.



### L3 Harris Technologies, 1350 Jefferson Road

Harris Technologies purchased the former Xerox Campus of 84 acres and opened at 1350 Jefferson Road in 2011. Today known as L3 Harris Technologies, the company provides global aerospace and defense technologies across air, land, sea and cyber domains.

### Strasenberg-Unither Building

In 1964, the Strasenberg Research Center moved from Exchange Street and opened on 10 acres of land at 775 Jefferson Road. They were developing miracle medicines. The company was purchased by Penwalt, then Fisons Pharmaceuticals. Today the building is owned by Unither. Robert J. Strasenberg, the firm's founder, came to Henrietta as an infant after the Civil War. When he was in his teens, he wrote a semi-monthly newspaper, *The Henrietta Informer*. He later became a pharmacist.



### ITEK

In 1955, Photostat opened a modern industrial plant all on one floor. The plant was purchased by Itek in 1959, expanded in 1966, and later owned by AB Dick. It was located at 811 Jefferson Road, but the building has since been torn down.



### Getinge USA, Inc., 1777 East Henrietta Road

A medtech company based in Sweden providing infection control, sterilization equipment and therapies for surgical procedures. They opened in 1954 with sales, service, marketing and manufacturing operations. Manufacturing was moved to Poland in 2015.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Century Plazas



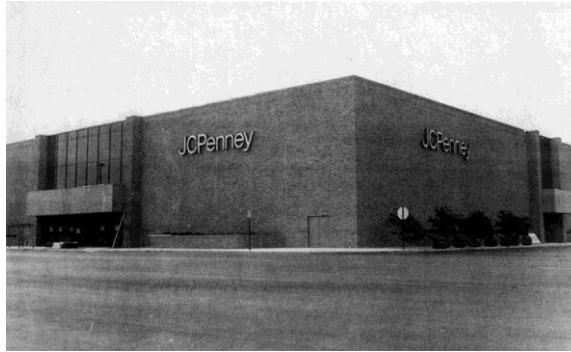
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**South Town Plaza:** “Less than a five minute drive from Rochester,” South Town Plaza opened on November 14, 1956 with a Christmas Carnival including a 50-foot Christmas Tree, Santa and eight Alaskan reindeer. The plaza included the Pink Puff Beauty Salon, Roselawn Hardware, W.T. Grant, Star Supermarket, F.W. Woolworth, Dox Drugs, Scrantom’s Stationary and many more. Parking for 3,500 cars was available. The plaza expanded to include J.C. Penney’s, Sears and Sibley’s and was referred to as ‘Henrietta’s Downtown.’

Town Centre - The new name of Suburban Plaza

**Suburban Plaza:** Suburban Plaza opened in January 1958 and doubled in size in May 1961, when the right side of the plaza was built. Star Supermarket, Key Drug Store and F.W. Woolworth Co. were part of the expansion. On July 26, 1961, Monroe County’s first Drive-In Concert by the Rochester Park Band (led by John Cummings) was held at the Plaza.

## Marketplace Mall



### Marketplace Mall:

Almost 150 stores and shops that covered 1,116, 294 square feet officially opened on Thursday, October 7, 1982. Tony Bennett was the featured performer at the Gala Opening on October 13. The Mall hosted Wellness Fairs, Santa, the Easter Bunny, a replica of the White House and a variety of fundraising activities.

By 2015, large shopping malls were no longer the preferred way to shop and proposals were made to change to an outlet center or to repurpose the mall for non-retail tenants.





**Henrietta Hardware:** Facing Lehigh Station Road, near the northeast corner of East Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads, the hardware store was run by John L. Johnson between 1960 and 1976. Mr. Johnson also served as a Town Justice from 1964 to 1975.



**Wal-Mart:** In 1991, the first Wal-Mart to open in New York State was located at 1600 Marketplace Drive. That same year, the first Sam's Club in the state opened across the street. Both stores expanded in 2003, but in January 2018, Sam's Club was closed.



### **Delphi Corporation**

The engineering center, now Delphi Technical Center Rochester, opened at 5500 West Henrietta Road in July 1987. The company develops, designs and manufactures vehicle propulsion systems and this site concentrates on fuel cells.



### **Riverwood Tech Campus**

The Eastman Kodak Company's Marketing Education Center located at 4545 East River Road was completely renovated by the Rainaldi family into a high-tech campus to attract growing businesses from around the region and beyond. eLogic, Innovative Solutions, Token and Pharos have moved to the campus. In addition to preserving the historic architecture, the site includes lush greenery and river fronts as well as a gym, nature trails and even kayaks and paddle boards that employees can use from the dock into the Genesee river.



### **Paychex, Inc.**

Paychex acquired over 300,000 square feet from the former Verizon Call Center on Calkins Road. Opened in the fall of 2018, the Paychex campus provides approximately 625 new jobs in support of payroll, human resources, benefits and insurance for small to medium size businesses.





### **Humane Society**

This apartment house was purchased in 1953 and renovated into offices by the Humane Society of Rochester. The Humane Society outgrew this location and moved to Perinton in 1963.



### **Lollypop Farm**

The seven acre site became home to Lollypop Farm at 3553 West Henrietta Road where, Henrietta Hots is now located.



### **Green Valley Canine Hotel**

The newest facility for canine care, opening in 2019.



### **Rochester Grooming Studio 3160 East Henrietta Road**

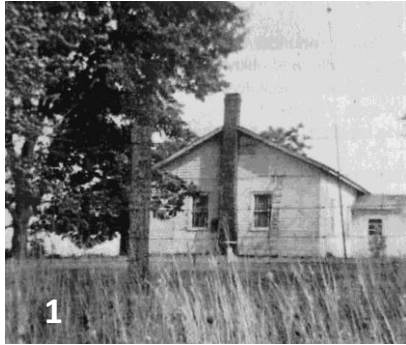
Formerly the Rochester Institute of Dog Grooming, owner Carolyn Miller moved her business from Brighton in 1989. She subsequently purchased and refurbished the former church building and opened at 3160 East Henrietta Road in 2003.



### **CountryMax 4575 West Henrietta Road**

Country Max opened in the spring of 2016 and is located on part of the former Halpin Farm.

## Education



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This community has a 200-year history of supporting schools. One-room log schools were built by the early pioneers, who recognized how important education was for their children. The Monroe Academy was built to extend and expand educational opportunities. In 1951, the one-room school districts were centralized at the Roth Building. Today, 5,300 students are enrolled in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. In 2017, the district reconfigured the schools to meet the future needs of the community. Grades K-3 attend Crane, Fyle, Leary and Winslow schools, while grades 4-6 attend Sherman and Vollmer schools. Roth and Burger are junior high schools, grades 7-9, and the Sperry building continues as the high school. The Webster building is now a learning center with an alternative high school.



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Early one-room schools were typically log cabins with open fireplaces which made them susceptible to fire. They were replaced with frame or brick structures. About half are in use today as private residences.

Each one-room school and the families it served was considered a district. Each district had a board, usually of three people, who were responsible for hiring the teacher, collecting taxes and maintaining the building.

No. 4: The Ridgeland School was built sometime after 1820. William Gillette served as a trustee. It no longer exists.

No. 11: In 1829, the trustees voted to construct a new school house. In 1852, it was merged with No. 7 school.

No. 1: Called the Gage School after a former teacher, the frame school was built in 1859 at 72 Pinnacle Road.

No. 9: The original school house was built in 1810, and replaced in 1855 with a frame structure of Greek Revival design. It closed in 1945. In 1958, it was proposed to move it for use as the Scottsville Thruway Rest Stop. It was damaged by a fire in 1960 and instead served as inspiration for a new structure.

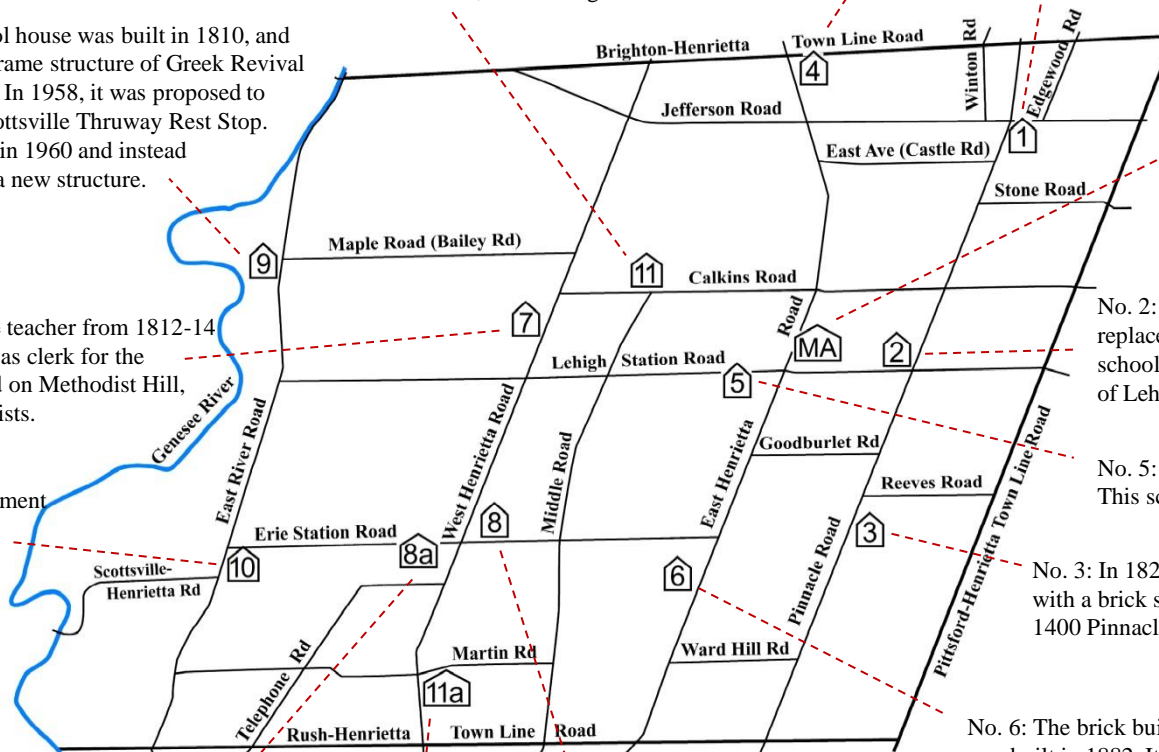
MA: The Monroe Academy opened in the fall of 1826. David B. Crane was the first principal.

No. 7: Isaac Ellis was the teacher from 1812-14 and James Sperry served as clerk for the trustee meetings. Located on Methodist Hill, the building no longer exists.

No. 2: The original 1809 log structure was replaced in 1816 after a fire. The frame school built in 1875 still stands at the corner of Lehigh Station and Pinnacle Roads.

No. 10: In 1888, a replacement school was built after the original one burned. It closed in 1955 and is now a private residence at 5344 East River Road.

No. 5: Elijah Little was the first teacher. This school no longer exists.



No. 3: In 1825, the log school house was replaced with a brick structure. The existing building at 1400 Pinnacle Road was constructed after 1858.

No. 6: The brick building at 4329 East Henrietta Road was built in 1882. It closed as a school in 1944.

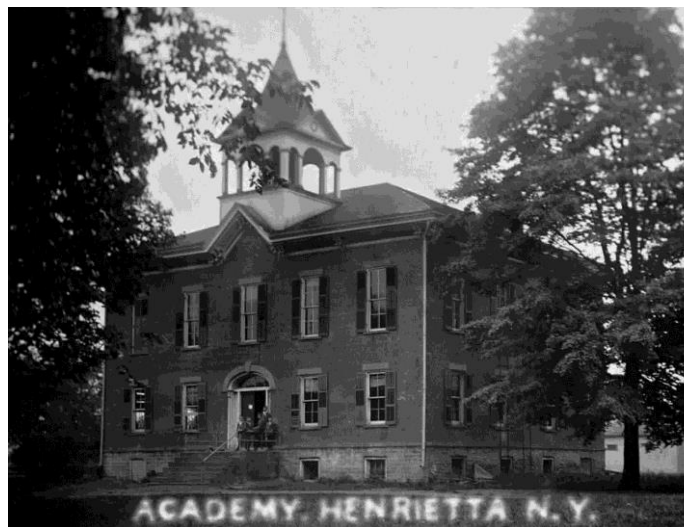
No. 8a: A two-story brick school opened in 1926 for grades 1-8 at 649 Erie Station Road. Ethel Fyle taught here from 1944-47.

No. 8: Built in 1866 as a two-room school, it was replaced with a brick school in 1926. It was later given to the West Henrietta Fire Department.

No. 11a: Emma Sherman taught at the school located on West Henrietta Road across from the Vollmer farm. It no longer exists.

Information from 1858, 1872 maps, *Henrietta Heritage* by Eleanor C. Kalsbeck, *The History of a Village 1790-1967 West Henrietta* by Nancy Lu Gay and historian's files.

## The Monroe Academy



The Monroe Academy bell was displayed in 1996 during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the R-H Central School District. Photo courtesy RHCS D

Construction of the Monroe Academy was begun in 1825 when the sum of \$6,000 was raised by subscription. The Academy welcomed students in the fall of 1826 with David B. Crane as the first principal. In July 1827, the school received its charter from the Board of Regents and became the first incorporated academy west of Canandaigua. Our information about how the Monroe Academy was organized comes from *Looking Backward, or, Memories of the Past* by Mary B. Allen King (Lady Principal at Monroe Academy, 1828-1830). The Lancastrian System or monitorial system was used. This system was extremely popular and successful. More advanced pupils taught the less advanced pupils. The Academy opened with almost 300 students, 60 of them female.

Located on the northeast corner of East Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads, the original structure had three stories with a bell tower. According to an article printed in *The Informer* on Thursday, April 22, 1880, the building was falling into disrepair and might no longer be a "suitable place in which scholars and teachers should be obliged to convene." In 1883, repairs were begun. For the sum of \$75, Stephen Norton was hired to remove the third story and roof. A new roof and cornice were built and the building looked as it does in the picture here. In 1926, the building became known as the Henrietta High School and continued in operation until 1952 when the Rush-Henrietta Central School was opened. The building was next used as the Henrietta Civic Center, which offered recreational activities to the community. On March 26, 1958, the Henrietta Public Library first opened its doors in the annex to this building. In 1960, the Y.M.C.A. began using the building and the library moved to larger quarters in the Town Hall in 1964.

Around midnight on March 14, 1974 a fire broke out and the building was destroyed. Today a car wash and gas station are located on that corner.

*From an article by Tina Thompson published in the Democrat and Chronicle*

### *From the diary of Justin A. Durfee*

Born May 5, 1811, he writes: "Not till I was in my 9<sup>th</sup> year did I learn the alphabet. My father was not forward in educating his children. I was sent to school when not wanted at home for a laborer in driving teams or carrying the jug to hands in fields."

(He attended the Monroe Academy and became a teacher.)



## The Rush-Henrietta Central School District



David B. Crane Elementary

### David B. Crane

Some accounts say that the bell from the Monroe Academy (now used during Homecoming) was a gift from David B. Crane, the first principal of the Monroe Academy. Some accounts say he donated money toward the purchase. He served as principal of the Monroe Academy from 1826 to 1830.

The following information is from the Rochester Daily Advertiser of 1831, copied by Eleanor C. Kalsbeck: "D.B. Crane opened school for boys on the west side of the River in the village of Rochester in old Episcopal Church in Buffalo Street. 'In Monroe Academy I had charge of during the past four years: In that school I pursued the monitorial\* system and tested it with about 1500 different students. I am constrained to say that in many respects I consider it second to none ever devised. Sensible...of the principal evil (drawback)...(that of learning some things incorrectly, not getting the why and wherefore, not receiving lucid demonstrations:... ) I am so arranging my school rooms that I can avail myself of all the advantages of that system as well as the system I am adopting...lecturing. Students of any age will be received provided they can read'."

*\*monitorial system- more advanced pupils taught the less advanced or 'weaker' pupils*



Ethel Fyle Elementary



### Ethel K. Fyle, b. 1896, d. 1961

Ethel Fyle was a native of Rush, NY who taught elementary school for 30 years in Henrietta. For 23 years she taught in West Henrietta. She continued teaching once centralization occurred for seven more years and then retired in 1954 due to ill health. According to former town historian Eleanor Kalsbeck, she was a natural born teacher and a friend to all.

From the Henrietta Post, 1965: "She was highly regarded by administrators, faculty, students and the community as an outstanding teacher with deep concerns for all children in school and the community."

A spelling award for grade 6 students was named in her honor.

She was also a trustee for the Rush Free Library.



Monica B. Leary Elementary

**Monica Byrne Leary, b. 1883, d. 1953**

Monica Leary graduated from St. Mary’s School of Nursing and served on the staff there until she married Dr. James Leary in 1912. His practice was in both Rush and Henrietta, and she assisted him.

She served on the board of trustees for the District No. 10 school and the Rush High School, and she was also on the PTA. At the time of the dedication of the school in 1958, school board member Raymond Bock wrote this about Monica Leary:

*“Many men and women will always remember Mrs. Leary. Those who needed comfort at a time when their problems attracted law enforcement agencies found in her a true champion. She intervened many times when young people needed moral and financial support to straighten themselves out. One of her favorite observations was: “There are no real bad boys. All children, no matter how bad they appear to their elders, have some good in them. All they need is a helping hand.”*

*“This generation had the unique privilege of knowing her, but the generation that follows will benefit from her efforts in making our communities much better places in which to live and educate our youngsters.”*



Floyd S. Winslow Elementary

**Floyd Stone Winslow, b. 1881, d. 1958**

Floyd Winslow was in the third generation of Winslows to live in the town of Henrietta. The home and family farm were located on East Henrietta Road.

He graduated from the Geneseo Normal School and was principal of the Henrietta Union Free School, his alma mater. He went on to become a doctor and had a general practice in his city home on Plymouth Ave. South, Rochester, NY.

From 1926 until his death, he served as the coroner’s physician and aided in the investigation of violent crimes and testified in court about them. In 1957, he served as president of the Civic Center in Henrietta.





Mary K. Vollmer Elementary

Emma Sherman Elementary

**Mary K. Vollmer, b. 1903, d. 1966**

Mary Vollmer’s teaching career began in Pennsylvania in 1922. (She married into the Vollmer family and moved to the area.) She came to Rush-Henrietta in 1952, when the Roth building opened. She taught music there for six years before moving to the Gillette Elementary School. She retired in 1963 due to poor health.

This is from the *Henrietta Post*, 1970: “Throughout her lifetime she assisted children’s groups in the schools and the community in their musical activities. She often directed plays and other kinds of entertainment.”

She was considered a ‘very special teacher,’ beloved by all. She was a local and state officer in Delta Kappa Gamma, the National Women Educator’s Honor Society and her local chapter had a Mary Vollmer Revolving Loan fund that furnished deserving student teachers with emergency funds to continue their training.

**Emma E. Sherman** (some documents list her as Emma B. Sherman) **b. 1863, d. 1935**

Emma Sherman was born and lived on West Henrietta Road, just south of the four corners of West Henrietta and Erie Station Road. She taught at several of the early district or one-room schools, probably No. 7 on Methodist Hill, No. 8 in the West Henrietta village, No. 9 on East River Road near Bailey Road and No. 4 on East River Road. She walked, rode a bicycle or used a horse and buggy to get to school. In the winter, she drove a horse and sleigh. When there was flooding on East River Road, she was rowed to school in a boat.

Emma Sherman was known to be strict but often had ‘a twinkle in her eye.’ She apparently had picnics for her classroom children and their families. From the *Evening News*, June 1914: “Henrietta, June 6 – A very enjoyable picnic was held at the home of George Hirschman on Tuesday afternoon, given by Miss Emma Sherman for her pupils at School 9 on the River Road. She provided a dinner, another woman made a cake large enough for everyone to have a piece. There was a musical program, a reading, and a ball game.” Emma Sherman never married.



Henry Burger Junior High School

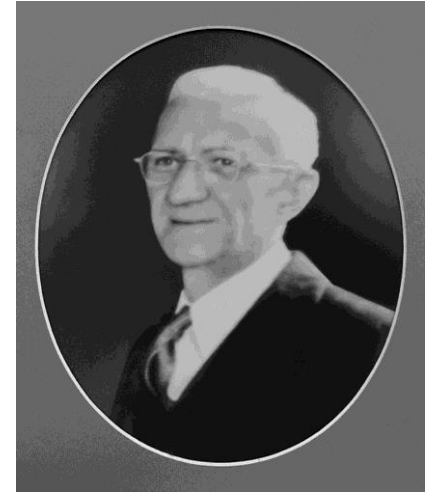
**Henry Veau Burger, b. 1874, d. 1957**

Henry Burger was a member of the Board of Trustees of Henrietta High School for 25 years, from 1921 to 1946. He was clerk of the board for all those years, except in 1926 when he served as President of the Board.

The following is a paragraph from the dedication program and was written by 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Margaret Hoh, a great-granddaughter: “Mr. Burger was interested in education. Two of his children went to college and one is a teacher. He worked to get a high school for the community, and in 1923 his oldest daughter graduated with two other pupils in the first class.”

In 1926, the Henrietta High School was admitted by the Board of Regents as a full four year high school.

*Henrietta Heritage* by Eleanor C. Kalsbeck



Charles H. Roth Junior High School

**Charles H. Roth Sr., b. 1888, d. 1964**

Mr. Roth moved to Rush from Rochester in 1933. He became the tax collector for the one-room schoolhouse on Pinnacle Road in 1938. Mr. Roth campaigned for the centralization of the school district, and when the Rush and Henrietta schools became centralized in 1946, he became a member of the board of education. He served on the board for 14 years, ten years as president.

When the Rush-Henrietta Central School opened in 1951, it was the first school in New York State to house students from kindergarten through twelfth grade all on one floor. The building contained an auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria, library and 51 classrooms within 101,000 square feet. The architectural design by Ade and Todd, Architects, was so unique that school officials from Japan visited the building. Communities in the area arranged for school buses to take their community members to see the one-story school building on East Henrietta Road that became the prototype for schools built in neighboring districts.

In 1965, the building was dedicated in the memory of Charles H. Roth.

This school has served as a junior high school, high school and middle school.





James Sperry Senior High School

**James E. Sperry, b. 1787, d. 1867**

James Sperry attended the Fairfield Academy, taught school in Bloomfield, NY, and came to Henrietta in 1812, where he became a surveyor and farmer. He was the clerk for District No. 7 school. In 1816, he served on a committee to organize and fund a public library. He committed to contributing financially to the library each year.

In 1825, he was a member of the committee that raised the money to build the Monroe Academy. He became secretary of the Board of Trustees for the Monroe Academy in 1830.

He was president of the first recorded meeting of the Monroe Agricultural Society in 1823.

Anecdotal information says that he was an abolitionist and helped escaped slaves reach safe houses in the city of Rochester.



Carlton O. Webster Learning Center

**Carlton O. Webster, b. unknown, d. 1961**

Carlton Webster was an English and Social Studies teacher in the Rush-Henrietta School District for 14 years. In 1954, he chaired a faculty committee to study the needs of junior high students as they transition from elementary school to high school. Mr. Webster passed away unexpectedly in May 1961. The Webster Junior High School opened in November of that year. The dedication program described him as having a “warm and sympathetic understanding of his pupils.”

In 2000, the building opened as the Ninth Grade Academy. Today the building houses the Webster Learning Center, offering alternative academic services to Rush-Henrietta students, including the Alternative High School. A portion of the building is leased to Monroe No.1 BOCES.

## Private Educational Schools in Henrietta



Photo from website

### The School of the Holy Childhood

The School of the Holy Childhood purchased the former William Gillette Elementary School in 1984. This is a non-denominational, non-profit agency that offers individualized educational services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The school accepts children ages 5 to 21 and currently has approximately 115 students.

“We are dedicated to serving our people in an atmosphere of dignity and compassion.”



### Bryant and Stratton

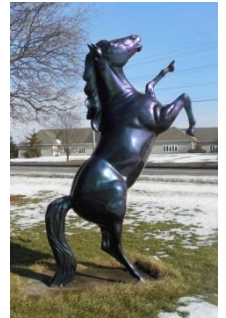
Founded in Buffalo in 1854 as Bryant and Stratton Business Institute, the school offered ‘practical education for the workplace.’ Women were admitted in 1855. The college opened on the cross street between East Henrietta Road and Gloucester Circle in the early 1980s and is currently located in Frontier Commons.

### The Norman Howard School

The Learning Institute of the Norman Howard School opened in the former Pinnacle Lutheran Church building in 1995. This is the only private day school in Western New York that works with students grades 5 through 12 who have learning differences and different learning styles. Special learning needs may include health impairment, speech and language impairment and autism.

The school has approximately 100 students.

“Children entering The Norman Howard School have often been misunderstood and, as a result, worry they cannot excel, cannot overcome challenges, cannot belong. We KNOW the case to be something different entirely... ‘a horse of a different color.’ Provided expert support, understanding, and the right school, our resilient students learn, belong, and succeed in school and life. They rise up, confident and prepared for the challenge.”



### Continental School of Beauty

Continental School of Beauty Culture moved from Stone Street in Rochester to 633 Jefferson Road, the former McKesson-Robbins building, in August 1991. Originally the school occupied 10,500 sq. ft., but due to the popularity of its programs and the development of new training, Continental now occupies over 47,000 sq. ft.



## Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) traces its roots to the Rochester Athenaeum, founded in 1829 “for the purpose of cultivating and promoting literature, science and the arts.” In 1885 Rochester businessmen and influential citizens established the Mechanics Institute to provide the needed technical training for a new class of highly skilled workers. The first course was Mechanical Drawing, and the curriculum quickly expanded. These two organizations merged in 1891 to form the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute (RAMI). The 20<sup>th</sup> century saw sustained economic growth in Rochester, and technical and art education firmly established at RAMI. In 1912, the first president, Carleton B. Gibson, instituted the co-op program, now a signature component of an RIT education.

Dr. Mark Ellingson was appointed President in 1936 and served the next 33 years. Under his strong leadership RAMI embarked on a trajectory of growth, building a solid reputation in engineering, food administration, retailing and applied arts. Ellingson further diversified the scope of programs, bringing in photographic technology, printing, and crafts. In 1944 the name officially changed to the more modern-sounding Rochester Institute of Technology.

In 1959 New York State announced that a planned highway would bisect the campus. At the same time, the old downtown campus had become severely crowded as enrollments increased. In 1961, the Board made public the decision to move the school to the Rochester suburb of Henrietta. A parcel of 1,500 acres had been acquired, providing plenty of space to grow. The ensuing planning and construction lasted seven years, with the official opening occurring in fall 1968. In 1966 RIT was chosen as the home campus of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Cited in the decision were RIT’s long history of technical education, co-operative education, and emphasis on career preparation.

RIT continues to progress with cultural change and technological innovation. New programs, including microelectronics, bioinformatics, biomedical engineering, computer security, sustainability, new media design, interactive games and media, museum studies, and digital humanities have been introduced. RIT’s first PhD in Imaging Science was offered in 1988, and in 2019, now categorized as an official doctoral university, PhDs are offered in eight departments. Major research centers and facilities on campus regularly interact with government and industry. The substantial Henrietta campus has served the university well, with over 20 new buildings and major additions constructed since 2000. In 2019 enrollment stands at 19,000, and RIT, with an emphasis on career and experiential education, is well positioned as a valued higher education institution.

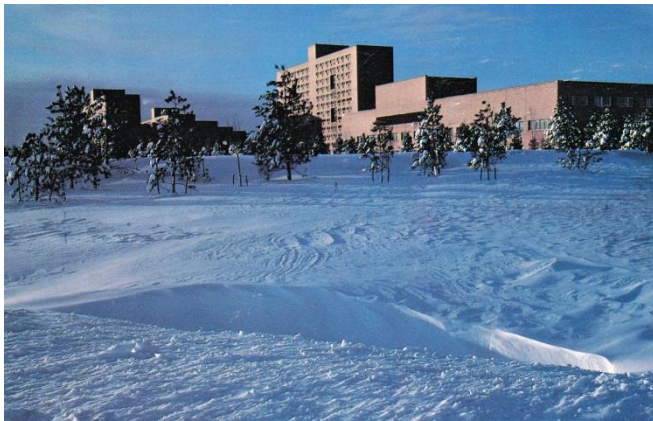
*Written by Becky Simmons, RIT Archivist (now retired).*

## RIT: Fifty Years of History



RIT property initial grading, July 1964

*Photo courtesy of Martin R. Wahl, Wahl's Photographic Service*



The new campus of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf



RIT President Ellingson walks Henrietta property.

*Photo courtesy of RIT Archives, Rochester Institute of Technology*



# Churches

## The Society of Friends - The Quakers

The Quaker Meeting House in Henrietta was built about three-quarters of a mile north of the Henrietta Village on the northwest corner of the intersection of Calkins and East Henrietta Roads. The land was donated by John Russell. A cemetery was established adjacent to the meeting house. In July 1828, Jesse Eddy and Aaron Webster were selected to raise money by subscription to pay for fencing around the burial ground. As Henrietta membership declined, families moved to Mendon and Scottsville, and the property was sold in 1849 to Hiram Calkins.

The 1902 Plate Map of Henrietta shows the Quaker Cemetery on the 110 acre farm of Ira B. Calkins, *et al.* In 1912, a heavy wind storm blew down a barn and the meeting house was used to replace that building. According to former historian Eleanor Kalsbeck, by 1963, all that remained of the cemetery were three barely visible headstones.

*From an article by Tina Thompson published in the Democrat and Chronicle*



### Quaker Meeting House

Marker commemorating the Quaker Cemetery once located near the northwest corner of Calkins and East Henrietta Roads.

*Photo by Tina Thompson*



### Methodist Episcopal Church

Following the independence of the United States, John Wesley believed that American Methodists should establish their own church. Circuit ministers helped organize local congregations. The first Methodist Episcopal Society was formed at Solomon Hovey's (Middle Road) in 1822 and soon after began meeting on the property of Preacher Calvin Brainard, who purchased 400 acres at the top of the hill on West Henrietta Road (known by many as Methodist Hill). A second Methodist Society was organized c. 1826 and met in the Monroe Academy until 1841. A third society met on the River Road around 1830 and built a small house of worship across from the end of Brooks Road, now a private residence.

The second group of Methodists purchased a brick church from the Baptists. The brick church was condemned and replaced in 1868 by the building you see here. The cost of the new church, including furnishings, was \$6,000, raised by contributions. Today the building is home to the Rochester Grooming Studio, 3160 East Henrietta Road.

*Information from Henrietta Heritage by Eleanor C. Kalsbeck*

## Henrietta United Church of Christ

As early as 1812, Deacon Moses Sperry read sermons sent to him by his former pastor to a small congregation that met in the schoolhouse near his home on West Henrietta Road. Official organization occurred on May 20, 1816 under the name 'Manville Religious Society.' Property was purchased from the Monroe Academy trustees for \$250, and in 1832, a brick church building opened on Lehigh Station Road near East Henrietta Road. This was the church attended by the family of Antoinette Louisa Brown, who is recognized as the first ordained woman minister in the United States.

The building was destroyed by fire in January 1867 but was replaced by August of that same year in the same location. The name was formally changed to the First Congregational Church of Henrietta. In 1916, the Congregational Church merged with the Methodist Episcopal Church to form the Union Congregational Church. The name was changed once more in 1959 to the Henrietta United Church of Christ that reflected joining the national organization.

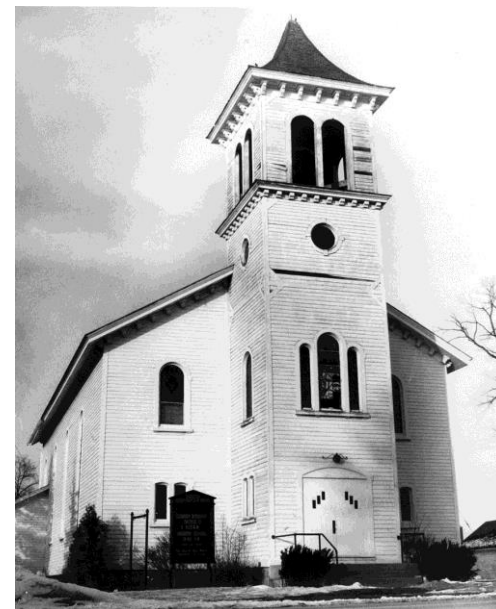
With the rapid growth of the town in the early 1960s, the church outgrew its facilities. A new location on Lehigh Station Road was found and the building was dedicated in May 1966. The congregation expanded its outreach in the community and established a child care program that operated from 1978-1999 and a ministry to the developmentally disabled.

After a twelve month study, in 2012 the church members voted to officially become 'an open and affirming congregation' welcoming sexual minorities. As a result of continued growth, expansion and renovations were begun in 2013 to provide more classrooms, increased space for the vibrant music program and greater accessibility to those with mobility difficulties. Renovations improved the building's energy efficiency and it received a perfect score of 100/100 (Energy Star Rating) for actual energy use.

The congregation continues to provide leadership and support for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT), Friends In Service Here (FISH), the local CROP Walk and Cameron Community Ministries as well as supporting many global ministries and missions. They also provide clergy and lay leadership in the Greater Rochester Community of Churches, Rush-Henrietta Interfaith League and the Interracial Council of Henrietta and Rush.

"Our history has seen changes in our name, our building, our people, our community and our ministries. But one thing has not changed – our church's commitment to love and to serve God and God's people with dedication, unity and joy. This commitment is leading us into a future that is full of hope and promise."

*Information from Linda Traynor, Church Historian*



**Congregational Church**



**1400 Lehigh Station Road**



### **The Church of the Good Shepherd**

Church of the Good Shepherd celebrated its first Mass on July 16, 1911 at the home of Mrs. Friedell at 1605 Lehigh Station Road. Leo Krenzer and James Kavanaugh were elected as trustees. They bought part of the Dikeman farm at the southern edge of the East hamlet for a permanent church building. Bishop Hickey laid the cornerstone on October 1, 1911 for the new parish and he returned on February 12, 1912, to dedicate the completed Church building. In 1916, Fr. Cornelius Slike became the first resident pastor.

Good Shepherd School was completed in 1958 and staffed by the Sisters of Mercy, who served as teachers and administrators. In 1960, Good Shepherd and its mission, St. Joseph's (which would become an independent parish in 1967), served all of Henrietta and Rush. In that same year, the section of Henrietta north of Calkins Road and east of Clay Road split off to form Guardian Angels parish. Although Guardian Angels built their own school, attendance at Good Shepherd continued to grow, requiring a seven room addition by 1964. This addition included a larger chapel in the basement of the school to accommodate the growing population. Good Shepherd School closed in 2008.

The priest shortage necessitated creating a plan to share resources with the parishes of Guardian Angels and St. Joseph's. In 2010, the three parishes were clustered into the Rush-Henrietta Catholic Community. Two years later, all three parishes were incorporated into St. Marianne Cope Roman Catholic Parish. Mrs. Barbara Swiecki was appointed the Pastoral Administrator until her death in June 2018. Bishop Matano appointed Sr. Sheila Stevenson, SSM as interim Pastoral Administrator, with Fr. Eloo Nwosu as Parochial Vicar, following Mrs. Swiecki's death.

The Parish of St. Marianne Cope continues to uphold the values and characteristics of its three entity churches, most notably its welcoming tradition that has nourished the spiritual lives of countless parishioners and their children through baptism, first communion, reconciliation, marriage and death.

*Information from Kathy Steiner, Administrative Assistant*



**Church of the Good Shepherd  
3318 East Henrietta Road**



**St. Marianne Cope (Guardian Angels)  
2061 East Henrietta Road**



**East Baptist Church 64 Reeves Road**

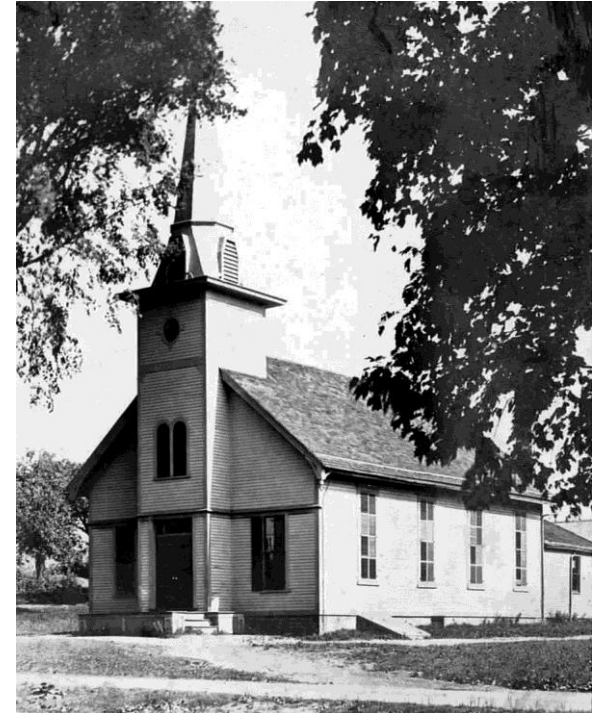
The First Baptist Church, organized June 10, 1812, was the first church society in town. By 1826, when the population of Henrietta was 2,181, the church had 152 members. In 1831, the congregation built a brick church that was sold in 1841 to the Methodist Episcopal Society, 'because there was but one Baptist in the village.'

Church members met in the schoolhouse on the farm of Mr. Lincoln until a new church and parsonage on Reeves Road near Pinnacle Road were completed. That church building burned in 1871. A room was added to the church sheds. Covenant meetings and Sunday-schools were held there until financial conditions improved. The new structure, seen here, was dedicated on July 4, 1877.

*Information from Rules of Order and Clerk's record-book of East Henrietta Church July 21/1894 Centennial history*

**From the diary of Justin A. Durfee**

*"In Nov 1830 I joined the Baptist Church. On April 17, 1852 [after farming in Michigan, the loss of his first wife to consumption and returning to Henrietta] I married Amanda Miner, sister of Rev. H. Miner, pastor of the Baptist Church over seven years." She became a Beloved wife and mother to his three orphaned daughters until her death in 1869, also of consumption.*



**St. Mark's Lutheran Church 779 Erie Station Road**

Between 1834 and 1863, Lutheran services were held in the home of Samuel Mook, a lay preacher, at 5040 East Henrietta Road.

German-speaking Lutherans established the Concordia German Lutheran Church in 1881 and met in the Methodist Chapel on East River Road. Later, they rented space for five dollars a Sunday in the brick school on Erie Station Road, now the fire hall and post office.

The congregation built the Concordia German Church with sheds and a parsonage on Erie Station Rd. in the West hamlet around 1890. The church building is now a residence at 803 Erie Station Road. Services were conducted in German for almost ten years, until some families requested services in English.

These families withdrew from the German Church and purchased the former church of the First Universalist Society of West Henrietta, built in 1882. In 1902, the church was dedicated as St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Eventually the German congregation disbanded and many joined the English speaking church.

*Information from 100<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Booklet*





### **West Henrietta Baptist Church 5660 West Henrietta Road**

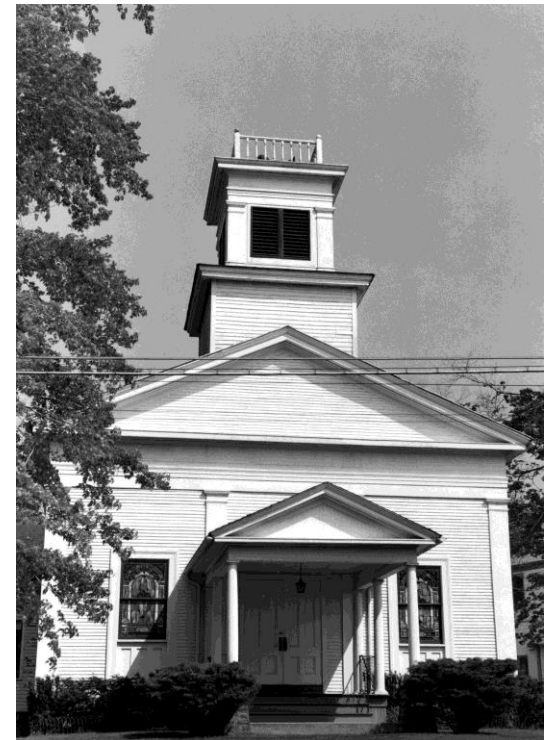
West Henrietta Baptist Church in the village of West Henrietta is the town's oldest church building. Alexander Williams, a local blacksmith and builder, constructed the Greek Revival church in 1838, just 20 years after the town's founding. However, the congregation is older than the white clapboard church with its leaning bell tower. It is even older than Henrietta. The church was founded in 1815 with the calling of an ordained pastor, the Rev. Thomas Gorton. The first house of worship, a log cabin by the river, was built three years later in 1818, the same year Henrietta became a town.

The riverside congregation left its log cabin in 1827 to merge with the town's oldest congregation, a group of Baptists on the east side. Together they built a brick church in the East Henrietta village. It no longer stands. That union dissolved 11 years later when west side Baptists returned to build the church at Erie Station and West Henrietta Roads.

Early church members include many who played important roles in town development. Brininstool, Hitchcock, McNall, Fenner, Sherman, Todd, Martin, Bushman, Caswell, Chase, Remington, Dunn, Gay, Howlett, Jackson, Jones, Keyes, Markham, Nichols, Post, Search, Roberts, Walker and Warren are names of note in both town and church history. Some of them are honored in the church's memorial stained-glass windows.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion is the current pastor. The church shares its space with the Ray of Hope Church, a Bhutanese congregation.

*Written by Bonita Healy, Church Historian*





**Southside Church of Christ 1484 Calkins Road**



*Southside meeting in 1967-1968 at the YMCA  
(the former Monroe Academy)*

## **Southside Church of Christ**

In 2017, the Southside Church of Christ celebrated its Jubilee of “Life in God’s Favor.” Fifty years earlier, an exodus of over 100 Christians from other states relocated to Rochester to plant a congregation of the Churches of Christ on the south side of the city. Led by evangelists John Belasco and David Young, a mission initiative called Exodus Rochester resulted in the official incorporation of the Church of Christ—Southside on May 25, 1967. At the Jubilee, Bryan Buttram, Southside’s evangelist since 1987, honored five founding members who still belong to Southside with their families: Dan and Nancy Phillips, Jimmie and Juanice Morgan and their son Tom.

Southside is an autonomous congregation within a worldwide fellowship of congregations inspired by America’s Second Great Awakening, and the call to restore a Bible-based, nondenominational Christianity. A distinctive belief of Churches of Christ is that the New Testament guides us in the foundational faith and practices of Christ’s message, mission and call to unity. Southside participates in the mission of proclaiming Christ’s gospel and wisdom, and of helping the needy, orphans and those suffering from hardships and injustices.

Southside cooperates with local sister congregations in the city of Rochester, helping with benevolence for the needy and nurturing racial harmony. For most of its history, Southside has had a racially balanced membership. Besides this characteristic, visitors notice that Southside’s music is a cappella and our members are friendly.

We’ve permitted Henrietta to use our building for local elections and our parking lot for overflow from events at the Tinker Nature Park. Southside serves our planet best by teaching people how to live life in God’s favor; caring and serving with love, blessing the places where we live.

*Information and photos from  
Rev. Bryan Buttram*

*Southside minister Bryan Buttram  
honoring founding members  
Dan and Nancy Phillips  
at Southside’s 50<sup>th</sup> in 2017*







**Bibleway Healing Assembly  
4831 West Henrietta Road**

Bibleway Healing Assembly, Inc. of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, began as the Bibleway Healing Temple in 1966. Members met in the home of the church founder Bishop Eulah M. Nelson. As the congregation grew, they relocated twice in Rochester before coming to Henrietta in June 2003. In addition to her ministry to heal through prayer, Bishop Nelson has established the Bibleway School of Ministry to prepare people to change the world. She is one of three women to receive the office of full Bishop from the International Board of Bishops of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World.

*Information and photos from Jamie House*



**Calvary Community Church of the Nazarene  
and Life Stone Wesleyan Church  
4045 East Henrietta Road**

Calvary Community Church was founded in 1925 and moved from a site further north on East Henrietta Road to their present location in 1966. Community service is a vital part of their Nazarene heritage. The congregation currently sponsors a food pantry, Lydia's Closet, which provides clothing distribution for children, BRIDGE preschool playgroup, a divorce recovery ministry, a quilting ministry, providing quilts for infants in the NICU at Highland Hospital, and monthly events at Stonewood Village. They also support the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN), a joint effort among churches to provide housing and assistance to the homeless.

*Information from Patty McGough, Church Secretary*

Life Stone Wesleyan Church began as a neighborhood mission of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1957. Their church building on Thompson Road was constructed in 1959 by the congregation and sold in 2015 to the Rochester Chinese Christian Church. Presently the congregation meets at Calvary Community Church of the Nazarene on Sunday afternoons.



**Christian Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
165 Beckwith Road**

Fifteen families - all African American, all from different religious denominations, all residents of Henrietta - began meeting in their homes as a Christian Friendship Organization in the early 1980s. Realizing that they had the spiritual and financial resources to establish a church, they began meeting in the Henrietta Town Hall under the guidance of Rev. Vernie Bolden. In 1984, the first African American church was founded in Henrietta, and Rev. Herman Alston Jr. became their first pastor in 1985.

To provide a permanent home to a growing congregation, the Board of Trustees arranged to purchase the Kingdom Hall on Beckwith Road from the Jehovah's Witnesses in the spring of 1991. Reverend Dr. John S. Walker has served as the pastor since 1989.

Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Sunday has been celebrated by the church for 28 years. In 2005, the congregation began to present the distinguished MLK Award to recognize the contributions of an individual who has given his or her time or talent to help create a just and fair society. Recipients include former town historian Helen Elam. Posthumous awards were given in 2018 to Dr. Juanita Pitts, the first black female physician in Rochester, NY, and in 2019 to Congresswoman Louise Slaughter who represented the town of Henrietta.

*Information from Martha Hope, Trustee Board President*



**Covenant Life Church 70 Bailey Road**

Covenant Life Church was founded in December 1989 by Pastors Gary Pfeiffer and Jerry Tallo. At the beginning, there were approximately 40 adults and children attending. In 1993, Pastor Pfeiffer moved on to serve in other areas of Rochester while Dr. Jerry Tallo continued growing and developing the church and its team leaders until 2016 when he retired. Pastor Timothy Case became the lead pastor.

Covenant Life met in three different locations before settling into its present location in 2005 at 70 Bailey Road, a building previously owned by the Genesee Valley United Methodist Church. Covenant Life Church looks for opportunities to reach out to Rochester and the town of Henrietta where we reside. In the Greater Rochester area, we actively support the Open Door Mission and CompassCare. Within our town, we are one of the pickup points for the Good Food Collective, and we partner with a young growing church that is targeting the Nepal/Bhutanese community in our area. Our church building is used for their Sunday afternoon service. We reach out to college students attending schools in our area, specifically RIT located right behind us. Under Pastor Case's leadership, the people of Covenant Life continue the purpose and mission of the church to 'Treasure God in all we do and love people as Jesus does.'

*Information from Rev. David Meyer*





### **Crossroads Bible Fellowship 1025 Commons Way**

Crossroads Bible Fellowship is a non-denominational church with a desire to tell others in the Henrietta community about the grace, acceptance and peace that can be found through having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Crossroads started with a small core group of 20 individuals on Easter Sunday 1997, and the congregation has met continuously in Henrietta since then.

Located at the Pieters Family Life Center on Commons Way, CBF offers two Sunday Services, youth Sunday School classes, a high school youth group, and weekly small group studies. Over the years, CBF has participated in the Henrietta Memorial Day parade and offered Vacation Bible School for neighborhood children at Winslow school. The church has also been active in the greater Rochester community – supporting Open Door Mission and participating in other urban outreach efforts. For the past twenty years, Crossroads has been proud to serve the Henrietta community. For more information about its ministry, visit [www.cbchurch.org](http://www.cbchurch.org).

*Information from Kelly Wendlandt*



### **FAITH United Methodist Church 174 Pinnacle Road**

The congregation of Christ View United Methodist Church held its first service in a farmhouse located at 174 Pinnacle Road in 1958. This farmhouse became the parsonage when the church building was dedicated in 1961. The Gannett Youth Barn located on East Henrietta Road in front of the Dome was used as an interim church before the church on Pinnacle Road was completed.

The congregation of Genesee Valley Community Church held its first service in the Genesee Valley Fire Hall in 1951. In 1957, the congregation affiliated with the United Methodist Church and in 1960, moved into a new church building located at 70 Bailey Road in West Henrietta. A new sanctuary being built in 1970 was ravaged by fire. Rebuilding was completed in 1971.

On August 5, 2005, Genesee Valley and Christ View unified under the name of FAITH United Methodist Church and located at 174 Pinnacle Road. A new sanctuary for the unified church was completed in early 2010, and provides the main site for worship and programs today.

Currently FAITH UMC shares the church building and many of its ministries with the Korean Missionary United Methodist Church, which has a special outreach to Korean students in the Rochester area. The Reverend Jinkook Lee serves as pastor for both congregations which hold separate services except on special occasions when they worship together. FAITH UMC's well-known chicken BBQs and bake sales provide the congregation a chance to bring people to the church and serve the community while raising funds for its ministries.

In addition, for many years Storybook Day Care has provided services for preschool children of families who live or work in the area.

*Information from David McNitt, Chair of the Administrative Council*



**Harvest Bible Fellowship 1125 Calkins Road**



**International Gospel Mission  
990 Calkins Road**



**Henrietta Assembly of God 1390 Pinnacle Road**

Founded in 1968, the International Gospel Missions (IGM), a not-for-profit mission agency 501(c)3, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 2018. The agency works with indigenous national partners in 28 different countries. IGM is a conduit for more than 269 individuals affiliated with the Mission and provides a limited opportunity for partners to visit the American church to impart information concerning their specific ministry activities and culture. The partners hope to raise a ‘little’ financial support to help them personally and to expose the American church to the opportunity to participate in encouraging and helping the local churches overseas build buildings and water projects, care for orphans and other humanitarian needs coupled with a message of hope. The Mission provides accountability and integrity of all funds that leave the United States. This is all done through the giving and love of churches and individuals who are willing to make a difference in the lives of third-world countries at the grassroots level. The International Gospel Missions is grateful for the international headquarters that was purchased in 2006 and the community in which it resides. This historical building at 990 Calkins Road is the site of the former farm of Martin Roberts II whose family came to Henrietta in 1814.

*Information from Dr. Gary E. Newhart, IGM Executive Director and Nancy C. Newhart, IGM Office Manager*





**Henrietta Christian Fellowship  
1085 Middle Road**



*photo from Avik Ganguly*

In the fall of 2002, Rev. David Domina, one of the staff pastors at Bethel Christian Fellowship, felt called to start a new church in Henrietta. He met with a core group of people for some months before purchasing the property at 1085 Middle Road, the site of the old Gannett Farm. They held their first meeting in June 2003, and thus began the new church planting. Much work was done on the property, including the renovation of a Quonset building on the property to serve as the sanctuary for the church.

In October of 2008, Pastor Donald Boldt was called as the new pastor of the church. Under his leadership, the church continued to grow and mature. Restoration of the old Wells Barn on the property began in the Spring of 2009 to host some church events and provide additional space. A couple from the church organized a major grounds upgrade at that time. Henrietta Christian Fellowship has become known as a place of healing and restoration for the people who come. We have also sponsored many outreaches including work with the Boy Scouts, a Widow's Outreach that meets monthly and an annual team ministry in the Ukraine to help run a children's camp.

An interesting historical note: this is the third time in the property's history that it has served as a place for people to gather. In the 1820-1830s, when it was owned by Quakers, documents suggest that it was occasionally a gathering place for small meetings. Then in the 1940s, it was the Gannett / Cornell experimental farm where they held "Farm Days" for people to come visit a modern working farm. Now it has become the gathering place for Henrietta Christian Fellowship that is a spiritual home to many.

*Information from Rev. Donald Boldt*



**Henrietta Church of the First Born  
769 Erie Station Road**

Henrietta Church of the First Born is a non-denominational church located in West Henrietta, pastored by Ronald Poles. Pastor Poles attended The Church of the First Born in Rochester, NY from childhood to early adulthood. He was ordained as a minister on July 26, 1998 by his pastor, Robert J. Glover.

In 2001, Pastor Poles was led by the Lord to start a church, and The Henrietta Church of the First Born was started on September 23 that same year. We held our first services at The American Legion on Middle Road in Henrietta for our first three years. The church started with Pastor Poles, his wife and two children. Through faith and prayer, our church began to grow. In April 2004, we were blessed to move into our current home at 769 Erie Station Road. Our Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. with our morning service starting at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our men look forward to attending their men's retreat every year in June for three days at Lake George, where they enjoy hiking, fishing, playing basketball and many other activities.

In August, we hold our annual Friends and Family Day. We have our morning service followed by a day filled with food, fun, games and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend. In the first week of September we have our annual revival.

*Information from Pastor Ronald Poles*



**Hindu Temple of Rochester  
120 Pinnacle Road**

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, a few founding families congregated for worship at each other's homes. In 1975, Hindu Temple of Rochester was registered with NY State. Initially the monthly gatherings were held at the India Community Center (ICC) in Penfield and Hindu festivals were celebrated at the Interfaith Chapel at the University of Rochester. In 1989, nine acres of land were purchased in Henrietta to build the temple. It was built in four phases, beginning with the first phase in 1994 and the fourth phase is in progress. The temple's architecture consists of five Shikars, a Devasthanam for the deities. The initial murthi sthapanas took place in 1999-2000. In 1996, our priest L.V. Govind joined the temple. Hinduism is the oldest religion in the world and is based on dharma, a way of life. The Temple's mission is to provide a place of worship to preserve, educate and promote the Religious, Humanitarian and Cultural norms of Hinduism. It achieves this by performing religious ceremonies and festivals, and via holding classes in Balvihar, Hindi and Tamil languages, Dance, Music, Yoga and Religious Discourses that allow the temple to touch many lives in a variety of ways. In the last few years, today's temple has expanded its outreach activities like interfaith, school and college visits, healthwalks, yoga and participation in World Yoga Day and humanitarian support activities. Great strides have been made in launching joint community projects by the temple and ICC. The temple has grown to serve the religious and cultural needs of the broader Rochester community, and is recognized as a center of learning.

*Information from Cultural Secretary Priyanka Pariti*



**In Christ New Hope Ministry 155 Pinnacle Road**

In Christ New Hope Ministry was established on April 13, 1998, in Rochester, NY by Pastors Roger L. and Madell H. Breedlove. The non-denominational, multi-cultural congregation moved to 155 Pinnacle Road in Henrietta on January 14, 2001. The church sponsors a variety of outreach opportunities in Rochester that include providing supplies for students to help increase achievement levels, providing needed items for the Christmas and winter season and hosting a monthly school prayer initiative. On May 6, 2012, the congregation dedicated a new 10,000 square foot facility at its location on Pinnacle Road. *Information from Madell H. Breedlove, Pastor*



**Elim Gospel at Henrietta  
376 Jefferson Road**

*'To experience the love of Jesus and give it away'  
Information from the website*





### **Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall 1227 Calkins Road**

The history of Jehovah's Witnesses in Henrietta has been extensive. On February 9, 1965, the newly founded Henrietta Congregation held their first meeting in the basement of a residence at 301 Valiant Drive, with 23 members being present. Due to the expansion of the congregation, a new meeting location was found at 5665 West Henrietta Road, then known as Gerken's Grocery Store, where they met in the upper auditorium beginning in April 1966 for the next four years.

Again, increased membership created the need for more space. The Congregation moved its meetings to The Northeast Congregation on Merchants Road in Rochester in anticipation of building their own meeting place in Henrietta.

In 1970 a suitable lot was located at 165 Beckwith Road, West Henrietta and work started on a beautiful English Tudor, two-story building with ample parking areas. The construction was completed in late 1971. This location was used by the Congregation for the next 20 years or so, and once again, experiencing growth and expansion, a new location needed to be found. This was accomplished in November 1990 and on December 15, 1991, a new Kingdom Hall opened at 1227 Calkins Road Henrietta, where three Congregations now meet for worship. We very much appreciate being part of Henrietta's history.

*Information from John Davidson and Charlie Sacks*



### **John Calvin Presbyterian Church 50 Ward Hill Road**

In 1956, Harold Reitz, Sr. donated five-acres at Ward Hill and Church Hill Roads to the Rochester Presbytery for a church building. A meeting was held December 1, 1958 to discuss the building of a Presbyterian church in Henrietta. An organizational meeting was held on June 25, 1959. William Holmquist became the organizing minister. They rented a temporary place of worship, and the first worship service was held September 13, 1959 at the American Legion on Middle Road. On May 15, 1960, the church was organized by the Presbytery of Rochester as the John Calvin Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., with 84 charter members. On October 2, 1960, the Rev. William Holmquist was installed as the first pastor. On May 20, 1962, a groundbreaking service was held. The first service was held in the new church on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1962. On February 10, 1963 the Service of Dedication for John Calvin Presbyterian Church took place. The church has also been home to the Rush Nursery School for over 50 years.

In 2010, John Calvin celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year with a luncheon at the church and a large quilt made by present and former members, each designing a square for the quilt. Our present minister is Reverend Marie Hanselman. John Calvin has always been involved in the larger community. At the present time we support Mary's Place Refugee Outreach Center and the Friendship Children's Center both in the city of Rochester. We are involved in FISH and RHAFT in Henrietta and are involved in many other endeavors to make our world a better place.

*Information and photo courtesy of Janet Marventano, Elder*



**New Life Assembly, Inc. 64 Calkins Road**

In March 1976, Pastor Stephen Spite was elected to the pastorate of First United Pentecostal Church, located at 32 Ballantyne Rd. in Rochester. The congregation had dwindled to four members. He reorganized the church with those remaining to start what is now New Life Assembly. From its inception, NLA has served its members, the greater Rochester area, and the Henrietta community since 1989, when the church moved to its current campus at 64 Calkins Rd. In seven months the members of NLA built a new sanctuary and offices and soon after, launched CC+, an after-school daycare serving Henrietta residents and those employed in the Henrietta area. By 2006, the growth of the congregation necessitated the addition of full-time staff as well as the construction of a brand new 17,000 sq. ft. addition to the existing facility, including a new auditorium, lobby and offices to enhance its ministry to the community.

Our purpose is to promote Christianity in the Rochester area, starting with Henrietta, and to serve the spiritual needs of all who choose to become members by providing worship services, spiritual inspiration and practical biblical instruction. All are welcomed to come and worship with us and to introduce your family to ours.

Located in the heart of Henrietta with a heart for Henrietta!

*Information from Rev. Kirk Spite*



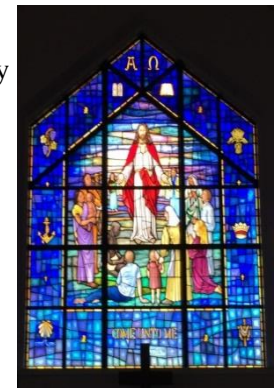
**Pinnacle Lutheran Church and School 250 Pinnacle Road**

As a recent seminary graduate, Rev. D. C. Tiemann held the first worship service in “The Barn” (at Calkins and E. Henrietta Road) on September 9, 1956, and within a year the congregation officially organized as Pinnacle Lutheran Church. Growth was rapid, and they soon outgrew The Barn. On August 11, 1957, ground was broken for a new chapel at 275 Pinnacle Road, and the space was dedicated on January 26, 1958. After 30 years, they purchased ten acres across the street, and in April 1992 dedicated the building they currently call home. (275 Pinnacle Road was subsequently sold to the Norman Howard School.) Pinnacle’s school wing was added in 1995 and is home to Pinnacle Lutheran School, with toddler through kindergarten classes plus before and after child care and a full-day summer program.

*Information from Patti Mazikas,  
Church Secretary*

*This stained glass window  
on the front of the sanctuary  
is illuminated in the evenings.*

*Photo from Patti Mazakis*







**Ridgeland Community Church 260 Beckwith Road**

A frame church was built in 1901 on land donated by Mrs. Frank (Daisy) Pike on the west side of East Henrietta Road (see J. M. Lathrop and Roger H. Pidgeon's 1902 map of Henrietta). At first called the Ridgeland Baptist Church, it was non-denominational and for a time was known as the Evangelical Church of Ridgeland. In 1937, the building was rededicated and became the Ridgeland Community Church.

Due to a fire, the church was relocated and rebuilt on the east side of East Henrietta Road just north of Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road in West Brighton. This frame church also burned. The brick replacement was completed in 1968. In 1973, New York State took title to the property for the construction of Route 390.

Today the church is located on the former Beckwith farm, next to the Beckwith family farmhouse. The church is home to a non-denominational, evangelical, family-oriented congregation.

*Information from 'Henrietta Heritage' by Eleanor C. Kalsbeck*

**Northridge Church of Rochester**  
The Henrietta congregation holds services  
at Regal Henrietta 18



**Rochester Chinese Christian Church  
70 Thompson Road**



**Rochester All Nations Church  
990 Pinnacle Road**



**St. Dimitria Macedonian Orthodox Church  
235 Telephone Road**

Approximately fifty founding families contributed to the establishment of the St. Dimitria Macedonian Orthodox Church, which was incorporated in 1969. Two years later, four acres of land were purchased on Telephone Road and building began. The reception hall was completed in 1976, with the church building consecrated in 1978, making 2018 its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In 1987, a three-domed building, seen here, was added to the front of the church. The largest (middle) dome houses the church bell. The domes, also called Byzantine towers, are covered with copper, and there is a fresco mosaic of the Patron Saint Dimitria on the bell tower. 1987 was also the year the church soccer field, located on an additional four acres of land, became the home field for the soccer club 'Macedonia.' This field is currently the site of the Annual Macedonian Ethnic Festival, when the community is invited to learn about Macedonian cultural heritage through the enjoyment of ethnic dancing, costumes and cuisine.

Today, St. Dimitria is the spiritual and cultural home to approximately 320 families. They are pleased to share in the Bicentennial Celebration of the Town of Henrietta.

*Information from Church Secretary Pepi Jadrovski*



**St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church  
525 Lehigh Station Road**

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Coptic Egyptian families immigrated to Rochester. Between eight and twelve families at first traveled to Toronto for worship services, but by 1969, priests from Canada were providing services in Rochester every other week. Approximately two acres of land were purchased in Henrietta in 1986. In the fall of 1987, the land was consecrated by his Grace Bishop Reweis. A cornerstone ceremony was held in September 1987.

The first worship service was held in St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church on January 6, 1989. (On the Orthodox calendar, this was Christmas Eve.) In 1998, Father Shenouda Maher Ishak became the new priest at St. Mark's, and under his leadership, the church building was expanded. In 2013, Father David Naguib was ordained as the priest for a congregation that now includes about 160 families. That same year, St. Mark's became part of the New York and New England Diocese under the auspices of His Grace Bishop David.

The St. Shenouda Retreat Center located across the street is dedicated to the study of Coptic theology and serves all Coptic Orthodox churches regardless of location. Father Shenouda Maher Ishak leads St. Shenouda under the guidance of Pope Tawadros II, enthroned as the 118<sup>th</sup> Pope of Alexandria and Pope of the See of St. Mark the Evangelist.

*Information from Rev. F. David Naguib*





**St. Peter's Episcopal Church 3825 East Henrietta Road**

In 1961, 31.8 acres of land on East Henrietta Road just south of the Thruway was purchased, and in 1962, the Right Reverend Dudley S. Stark approved the decision to form a mission church in Henrietta. The first church service was held in February 1963 at the American Legion Hall on Middle Road. The new church building was dedicated in October 1966.

In 2018, the congregation contributed financial donations to 18 non-profit organizations as well as providing 'hands and feet' support to a dozen other organizations. Presently the offices of the Episcopal Dioceses of Rochester are located at St. Peter's.

*Information from the website*



**Vineyard Church of Henrietta  
900 Jefferson Road, Building 3  
In the Genesee Valley Regional Market**



**Ukrainian Christian House of Prayer  
3249 East Henrietta Road**



**Word of Life Christian Fellowship  
3374 Winton Road South**



**Victory Church 32 Wildbriar Road**

Originally founded as the Victory Baptist Church, a handful of people led by Pastor Joe Burrell Sr. rented a small club house in the Surrey Hill Apartment Complex and held their first service in July 1976. Property was purchased in 1986, and the auditorium building was constructed. By 1997, a new building with the main entrance and fellowship hall were added. In 2003, the Elke Maney Community Center opened to meet the growing needs of the congregation.

Today the church continues to emphasize love for God and his people. Victory Church sponsors Vacation Bible School, the AWANA program for children, activities for outdoorsmen and martial arts classes as outreach programs for the benefit of neighbors and friends in Henrietta. For 42 years, it has been the privilege for Victory Church to be a part of Henrietta. Blessings and congratulations to the Town of Henrietta on celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this wonderful community.

*Information from Rev. Alex M. True, Senior Pastor*



**Wat Pa Lao Buddhaddham 135 Martin Road**

Wat Pa Lao Buddhaddham has been offering spiritual services and programs to our community for over 20 years. We, at Wat (Temple) Pa (Forest) Lao Buddhaddham are Volunteers from the Heart. We are very proud of our many community outreach programs. We have had the privilege of watching our congregation grow, and that growth has been tremendous. As such, we are now in need of expanding. A building program is now underway.

The emphasis is on teaching the young people about their parents' and grandparents' spiritual and cultural heritage. Individuals from the town community are always welcome, especially during the Summer Festival.

Theravada (pronounced 'terra-VAH-dah'), the "Doctrine of the Elders," is the school of Buddhism that draws its scriptural inspiration from the Tipitaka, or Pali canon, which scholars generally agree contains the earliest surviving record of the Buddha's teachings.

*Information from the website*



**Cemeteries**

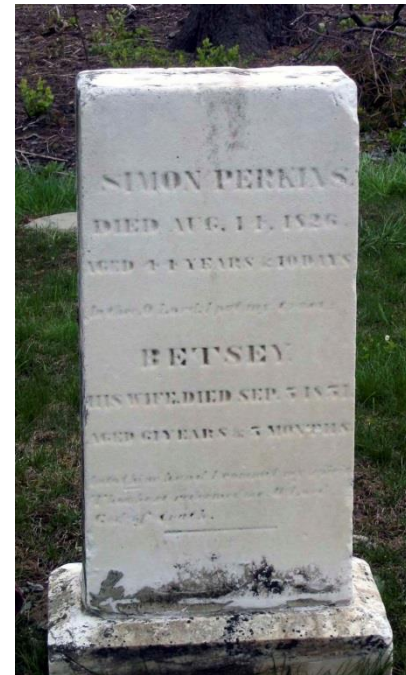
**Maplewood Cemetery  
first burial c. 1811; incorporated in 1896  
Middle Road**



Jennie DeYoung Buyck 1862-1937







**Martin/Brininstool Cemetery**  
**first burial in 1820, established by deed in 1853**  
**Erie Station Road**

**Brown Cemetery**  
**first burial in 1812, established by deed in 1824**  
**Goodburlet Road**





**Bushman Cemetery**  
**first burial in 1813, established by deed in 1844**  
**Telephone Road**

**East Baptist Church Cemetery**  
**established by deed in 1842**  
**corner Reeves and Pinnacle Roads**





**River View Cemetery**  
 first burial c. 1820, established by deed in 1877  
 East River Road

**Tinker Cemetery**  
 first burial c. 1820, established by deed in 1832  
 Castle Road





**Whitaker Cemetery**  
established by deed in 1826  
Calkins Road

**Ascension Garden**  
established 2010  
Pinnacle Road



# Military Memorials



*Photos from the American Legion*

**American Legion Ely-Fagan Post 1151  
260 Middle Road**

**Veterans Memorial Park  
595 Calkins Road**





**United States Post Office  
1335 Jefferson Road**



**Benevolent and Protective  
Order of Elks Lodge #24  
3525 East Henrietta Road**



**Veterans Memorial Highway  
East Henrietta Road  
Sponsored by Senator Patrick M. Gallivan,  
59<sup>th</sup> Senate District**





**Maplewood Cemetery**  
**Placed by American Legion Post 1151**  
**150 Middle Road**



**Ascension Garden**  
**1900 Pinnacle Road**

**Military Service**



**Tinker Nature Park Memorial**  
**1525 Calkins Road**



To honor all who have served and continue to serve in the United States Military.  
*Created by Josh Duncan, Henrietta Parks and Facilities Department*



**First Responders**





## Henrietta Fire District



### **Henrietta Fire District, Board of Fire Commissioners (L to R):**

William Heist, Commissioner; Terry Ovenshire, Commissioner; Louise Beile, Counsel; Joseph Martin, Chairman; Barbara Schaeffer, Treasurer; Samantha Robinson, Secretary; William Gilchrist, Commissioner; Philip Mancini, Commissioner

Fire protection in Henrietta started in 1907 when Henrietta Fire Company #1 was formed on East Henrietta Road. West Henrietta Fire Department was organized to protect the west side of town in 1926 stationed on Erie Station Road, followed by Genesee Valley in 1940 on Riverview Drive to protect the northwest corner of the town.

The Henrietta Fire District was formed in July 1969, when the town's three volunteer fire companies merged into a town-wide fire district. The district was formed because our forefathers believed the town was going to grow quickly and would need to focus on fire protection. The individual companies still exist to provide volunteer firefighters to the District. The Henrietta Fire District became its own government subdivision, governed by a board of five publicly-elected officials, and no longer under the jurisdiction of the Town. The original Chairman of the Board of Commissioners was Roger Drewry, who served in that capacity for over 15 years.

Currently the Henrietta Fire District has 66 volunteer firefighters, 45 career firefighters/EMTs, four career public safety dispatchers and three additional full-time support staff responding out of six fire stations (three District owned and three Volunteer Fire Company owned). We respond to over 4,600 emergency calls a year, compared to just under 400 in 1969. In its heyday (1950-1970), Henrietta had over 200 volunteer firefighters.

The largest incidents in the Henrietta Fire District were: Hurricane Agnes, June 1972; Monroe Academy Fire at 3044 East Henrietta Road, March 14, 1974; Winter/ Ice Storm, March 2-16<sup>th</sup>, 1991; former Country Inn and Suites Fire at 4635 West Henrietta Road, February 18, 2018.

The mission of the Henrietta Fire District is to provide a range of services and programs designed to protect the lives and property of the residents and visitors to the Town of Henrietta from the adverse effects of fires, sudden medical emergencies or exposure to dangerous conditions created by either man or nature.

The Board of Commissioners meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m. at 850 Bailey Road. All are welcome to attend.

Visit our Facebook page for more information. *Written by Mark Strzyzynski, Fire Chief; Group photo provided by HFD*

## Community Organizations



774 Erie Station Road

Former District No. 8 School was built in 1866 and donated to the West Henrietta Fire Department for use as a fire house by the Henrietta School District after 1926.



3129 East Henrietta Road.

Original building for Henrietta Fire Company No. 1, organized in 1907.



**CHS Board of Directors (L to R):**

Brett Benedict, Summer O'Brien, Kim Stankey, Chris Tanski, Stephen M. Winner, Tracey Wenzel, Jason Aymerich, Bob Auerhahn, Mark Schroeder, John McParlin, Michael Smith, Cheryl Arillota



In 1962, this 1951 Buick ambulance was purchased for \$595 from a fire department in Syracuse, NY.

Van model ambulances were used from the mid to late 1970s.



**CHS Mobile Integrated Healthcare**

Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. was founded in 1962 to ensure that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would be based right here in town. In the early 1960s, it was apparent that something had to be done to provide ambulance service to the town of Henrietta. At the time, it was taking 30-60 minutes for a commercial ambulance to arrive from the City of Rochester. A group of citizens began holding meetings to discuss the dire need for EMS service. On March 15, 1962, a citizen, Mr. Al Dorren, publicly called for the formation of a “volunteer ambulance service” for the Town of Henrietta through an interview with the *Henrietta Post*. A public meeting was held on April 14, 1962 at the Gannett Youth Barn at the corner of Calkins and East Henrietta Roads. Mr. Dorren became the first President of the soon to be incorporated Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. A Certificate of Incorporation was signed on May 25, 1962, and thus, the agency was born. The department found a temporary home at 3019 E. Henrietta Rd. until it moved to its new home (and current headquarters) in 1964 at 280 Calkins Road. In 2017, Henrietta Ambulance merged with other local agencies and is now CHS Mobile Integrated Health Care, Inc. The agency continues to provide locally-based EMS to residents of the town as a not-for-profit.

The agency has seen immense change over the last 56 years including:

- 1965: Going "24/7" with operations.
- 1967: First training class in CPR (then called closed chest massage).
- 1969: Purchase of a second ambulance.
- 1976: Addition of a training center and additional garages.
- 1980: Volunteer membership at an all-time high (145 members).
- 1983-1993 - Volunteerism begins to decline.
- 1992 - Major station renovation completed.
- 1993 - First full-time employee hired.
- 2004 - New headquarters opens behind prior "home" at 280 Calkins.
- 2017 - Agency merges with Chili Ambulance and Scottsville Rescue Squad to form CHS Healthcare.

*Written by Chris Murtaugh, Public Information Officer  
Group photo provided by CHS*





### **Henrietta Chamber of Commerce**

Organized in 1971 as the Henrietta Area Council of the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce, the membership's objective was to "advance the commercial, industrial, civic and general interests of the Henrietta area; to provide a non-partisan community forum; to provide for individual growth; and to further the best interests of the Town of Henrietta in area, state and national affairs." The Council grew from 41 members to more than 300 by the time of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Now known as the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce, the organization continues to recognize outstanding contributions from businesses, community organizations and individuals at their Annual Community of Excellence Awards presentations each spring.

For 32 years, the HCC has awarded scholarships to graduating Rush-Henrietta Seniors through the William J. Welch Memorial Scholarship Fund. A golf tournament is held each fall in support of the scholarship fund.

The Henrietta Chamber of Commerce supports participation from Henrietta businesses, not-for-profit organizations and town government that support the town's development as a "Community of Excellence."

*Logo file provided by HCC*



### **RHAA Board of Directors (L to R):**

Seated: Charlie Freeman, Treasurer; Gary Junge, President;  
Rob Reed, Secretary

Standing: Dave Calogero, Commissioner; Tim Potter, Vice President

### **Rush-Henrietta Athletic Association**

For over 60 years, the Rush-Henrietta Athletic Association has provided opportunities for the children of this community to 'play ball.' Thanks to the cooperative efforts of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, the Henrietta Town Board, and the volunteers who support RHAA, a baseball and softball field complex opened in June 1992 on West Henrietta Road. In 2004, this complex was dedicated to Thomas E. 'Bill' Farrell, a former R-H teacher, coach and administrator, who organized RHAA and promoted the philosophy that everyone should have the opportunity to play regardless of ability.

The organization also helps our children learn to play basketball, football and soccer. Boys and girls learn the importance of good sportsmanship - a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity - as they hone their skills playing ball. Since 2011, the association has presented the Wray of Light Sportsmanship Awards to deserving players. This award is given in honor of baseball coach Jeff Wray, who was known for the good sportsmanship conduct he displayed.

RHAA teams continue to be sponsored by local businesses from both Rush and Henrietta. Parent volunteers fill positions such as referees and coaches. This year, more than 500 children of all ages participated in RHAA-sponsored programs.



**Volunteers with ≥16 years of service from our September 2003 Anniversary Dinner, L to R:** Helen Bischooping\*, Telephone Volunteer; Ida Fulkerson\*, Telephone Volunteer; Barbara Witmer\*, FISH & RHAFT Coordinator and Financial Secretary; Patty Lookup, Schedule Copier/Mailer; Beverly “Bev” Sesnie, Telephone Volunteer, Cupboard Tender & Scheduler; Audrey Peterson, Telephone Volunteer & Cupboard Tender; Helen Ely, FISH Driver & RHAFT Packer/Driver; Mary Taft, Telephone Volunteer \* *designates Charter Member*



**R-H FISH/RHAFT, Inc. 2018 Executive Committee, L to R:** Charley Lookup, Vice President; Marcia Wiesenberg, Treasurer; Barbara Witmer, Financial Secretary; Audrey Buck, FISH and Business Operations Coordinator; Diane Hereth, Secretary; Mark Heintz, Sr., President. **Not pictured:** Joanne "Jody" Day - RHAFT Coordinator

## **FISH / RHAFT, Inc.**

*Volunteers Supporting Healthier, More Independent Rush-Henrietta Residents*

One mission of the 1965 Rush-Henrietta League of Churches (now R-H Interfaith League) was to become aware of and minister to community needs. Rev. Douglas Sprenkle chaired an informational meeting in 1968 that led to the formation of FISH (Friends in Service Here) in 1969. Guidelines for FISH to provide transportation to medical appointments were adopted from the Anglican Church in England. Barbara Witmer recalled, “We did a lot of crazy things then, like child care, cleaning houses and emergency meal prep.” Founding members included Helen Bischooping, Ida Fulkerson, Helen Johnstone, Catherine ‘Cap’ McEwan and Beatrice ‘Mike’ Sundman.

In 2001, FISH became a charter member of Lifespan’s ‘Give-a-Lift’ consortium of transportation providers. The current focus is to provide free transportation for ambulatory R-H School District senior citizens and others unable to drive themselves to medically-related appointments.

A separate program evolved with the assistance of Joyce and Don Mole, Charley Lookup, Mary and Roger Silver and Dave Traynor, who recognized and evaluated the emergency food needs of families with children. The Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal was established in 1979 and partnered with Foodlink. At first located in a closet at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, the Food Cupboard moved to the Gillette Elementary School, Good Shepherd Church, and then the Webster Junior High School before moving to its independent site in Henrietta. The current focus is the delivery of emergency ‘client choice’ food for a specified number of days to qualified R-H School District families.

Mel Witmer led a steering committee that created a business plan, constitution and bylaws for the consolidation of both organizations.

In 2017, R-H FISH provided rides to 161 clients on 1,618 occasions, traveling 40,015 miles.

RHAFT provided food to 193 families on 343 occasions, traveling 3,815 miles.

Holiday Basket projects with R-H Rotary and other organizations supported 91 children, 69 adults and 362 senior adults.

Today over 120 dedicated volunteers provide this valuable network of support.

585.453.2370 / P.O. Box 302, Henrietta, NY 14467 / [www.fishrhaftinc.org](http://www.fishrhaftinc.org)

*Information and photos provided by Audrey Buck*



## American Legion Ely-Fagan Post 1151

In 1919, the American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America, and ordinary citizens. Many of the benefits veterans receive, such as the GI Bill, medical support through the VA, survivor benefits for families and much more, are due to the lobbying efforts of The American Legion.

The Ely-Fagan Post of the American Legion was organized April 19, 1935. Officers were officially installed on May 18, 1935, at the Grange Hall, West Henrietta. A parade formed at the cobblestone garage (now known as The Moose Lodge), which marched to Grange Hall. The Cooper Marine Post drill team acted as official escort to the new Post's charter members. The world champion ceremonial team of the local chapter of The Forty and Eight instructed the Post officers in the duties of their office. The Forty and Eight is a Fraternal and Charitable Honor Society of American Veterans.

The American Legion Post was named for two local veterans. Frank M. Ely born in West Henrietta, entered World War I on May 27, 1917, at the age of 19, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged February 13, 1919. He died on August 7, 1932 in West Henrietta.

Arthur V. Fagan was born in Rush and entered World War I on February 24, 1918, aged 23. He received an honorable discharge as 2nd Lieutenant on November 29, 1918. He died on September 23, 1919, in Rochester.

Originating with World War I veterans, the Post grew to include veterans of World War II, the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars and the continuing Global War on Terror. Many Henrietta residents continue to serve in all five branches of the military either on Active Duty or in the Reserves and National Guard.



### American Legion Post Officers (L to R):

Seated: Les Bowens, 1st Vice Commander; Ray Torres, 2nd Vice Commander; Ray McCormick, Adjutant; Del Young, Sgt-at-Arms  
Standing: Kevin Hermey, Finance Officer; John Compitello, Commander; Tim Tysall, Chaplain; Al Purdy, 3rd Vice Commander

The veterans of the Ely-Fagan Post met in the previously mentioned cobblestone garage and then the Brooks Gun Club on East Henrietta Road. In 1939, they purchased the former Methodist-Episcopal Church building at 3160 East Henrietta Road, which was being used as a parish hall by the Union Congregational Church. In 1955, Ely-Fagan Post bought one-and-one-half acres on the east side of Middle Road, north of Lehigh Station Road, where an attractive new Post headquarters was erected.

On November 14, 2018, the Stevens-Connor Post of Rush and the Ely-Fagan Post of Henrietta voted to merge into one Post serving both communities.

*Information from Commander John Compitello  
Group photo provided by American Legion*

## Ely-Fagan Post Auxiliary

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Their mission is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad.

The Ely-Fagan Post Auxiliary was chartered in 1938. Early meetings were held in the homes of members. Later meetings were held in the old Methodist-Episcopal Church at 3160 East Henrietta Road, now known as Rochester Grooming Studio.

The Auxiliary sponsors a rising senior to attend Girls State every year. The purpose of Girls State is to provide high school Juniors across the state the opportunity to create and govern a 51st mythical state. Girls are chosen by the Units after interviewing candidates. Consideration is given to scholastic achievements, leadership, character, honesty and physical fitness. They learn the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship in this week-long, hands-on workshop in government.

Auxiliary members formed a color guard that marches in many area parades and has won first place numerous times. On several occasions, they have escorted the national colors onto the field at Buffalo Bills home games.



**Ely-Fagan Auxiliary Officers (L to R):** Julie Slade, Sgt-at-Arms; Kacy Friedler, Secretary; Rachel Sultar, 2nd Vice President; Carolyn Davis, Chaplain; Sandy Seacat, President; Betty Jane Lond, Treasurer; Kathy Callagee, 1st Vice President

## American Legion Sons

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion (S.A.L.) exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. The Ely-Fagan Squadron was chartered in April 1967.

S.A.L. members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million.

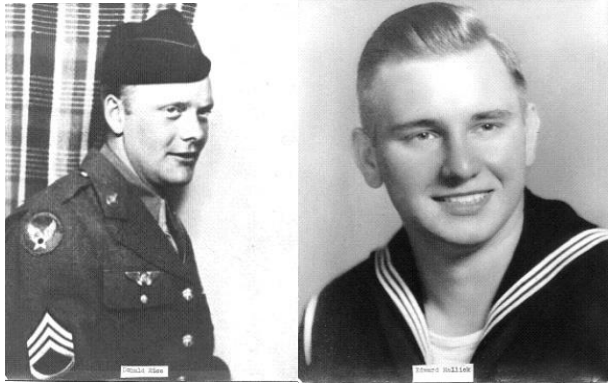
Although Sons has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, S.A.L. is a program of The American Legion. Many Legionnaires hold dual membership in S.A.L.

The Sons organization is divided into detachments at the state level and squadrons at the local level. A squadron pairs with a local American Legion post; a squadron's charter is contingent upon its parent post's charter. However, squadrons can determine the extent of their services to the community, state and nation. They are permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet their needs, but must remember S.A.L.'s mission: to strengthen the four pillars of the American Legion. Therefore, squadrons' campaigns place an emphasis on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families and teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship. Since 1988, S.A.L. has raised more than \$6 million for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. S.A.L. members have volunteered over 500,000 hours at veterans' hospitals and raised over \$1,000,000 for VA hospitals and VA homes. The Sons also support the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition dedicated to protecting the U.S. flag from desecration through a constitutional amendment.

*Information and photo provided by the American Legion*



## Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 5465 Rice-Hallick



S/Sgt. Donald Rice and S2/c Edward Hallick

The first meeting of the VFW post of Rush-Henrietta was on August 28, 1956, in the Henrietta Hayloft. At the September meeting, the post adopted the name Rice-Hallick to honor S/Sgt. Donald Rice and S2/c Edward Hallick, who lost their lives in the line of duty in WWII. The post was officially dedicated on December 2, 1956, in the Rush-Henrietta Central School, now Roth Junior High School.

The Post has resided in several locations in Henrietta, and is currently co-located with Henrietta American Legion Post at 260 Middle Road.

### VFW History

Veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their military service. Many soldiers arrived home wounded or sick with no medical care or pensions available. The local organizations banded together and eventually became known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Today, membership stands at nearly 1.7 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

The organization was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration and the development of the national cemetery system. They lobbied Congress for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. They were also instrumental in the passage of a GI Bill for the 21st Century (2008), giving expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members and members of the guard and reserves fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, they were the driving force behind the Veterans Access and Accountability Act of 2014 and continually fight for improved VA medical centers services for female veterans.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, in 2005 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. And in 2015, they were the first supporter of the National Desert Storm War Memorial, which is planned for construction at our nation's capital.

*Information and photos provided by the VFW*



### Officers, (Left to Right):

Kevin Woodbury, Adjutant; Joseph Jakus, Commander;  
Dan Lindsay, Quartermaster



**Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society Officers of the Board of Directors L to R:** Shirley Wallace, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Sylvia Korn, Secretary; Anita Hawkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Martha Hope, President; Catherine Frangenberg, Treasurer

### **Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society**

In 1983, the Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society was co-founded by Helen V. Elam and Vivian Heffernan, both former town historians. Antoinette Brown was born and raised in Henrietta and her childhood home is now a private residence on Pinnacle Road. Antoinette was a prolific writer and highly regarded speaker on the issues of her day: temperance, the abolition of slavery and woman's suffrage. She is recognized as the first ordained woman minister in the United States.

The society annually recognizes a Henrietta Woman of the Year. To date, 36 women from the community have been recognized for their volunteer efforts and significant contributions to various segments of the Town of Henrietta. At the town hall, their photos can be viewed in a display case and their brief biographies are available in a notebook nearby.

The society also awards \$1,500 scholarships each year to two residents of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. This includes high school seniors, college students and students returning to an institution of higher learning on a full or part-time basis. This organization has awarded 43 scholarships to deserving men and women. Each spring, the society hosts a luncheon and annual meeting to recognize Antoinette Brown Blackwell's May 20, 1825, birthday.



**Henrietta Historical Society Executive Committee L to R:** Marilyn Galley, Vice President; Joe Galley, Treasurer; Jack Hayden, President; Pat Webster, Secretary

### **Henrietta Historical Society**

The Henrietta Historical Society was first founded by former town historian Eleanor Crane Kalsbeck in January 1961. The organization was revived by another former historian Helen Vollmer Elam in 1996 and continues to meet to this day.

Through monthly meetings and special projects, the historical society presents information about the history of the community and the surrounding area.

This 501(c)3 organization maintains a website at [henriettahistoricalsociety.org](http://henriettahistoricalsociety.org).







**Elks Club**

**Elks Club Officers**, Seated L to R: Aaron Kurtzhalts, Lecturing Knight; Lynn Carlton, Loyal Knight; Ada Baxter, Exalted Ruler; Elizabeth Maul, Leading Knight; Michael Poweski, Trustee  
 Standing L to R: Kenneth Maul, Trustee; Robert Fitzpatrick, Inner Guard; Duane Amundson, Tiler; Thomas Strzepek, Secretary; Robert Broadman, Chaplain; Edward Baxter, Trustee

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.), founded in 1868, is committed to the ideals of charity and patriotism. Nationally, over \$200 million in cash, goods and services are donated annually to charitable organizations.

Established on January 6, 1884, Rochester Lodge #24 supports the programs of the Elks national organization. Our work in the local community includes youth programs for drug awareness, Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot competitions, Boy & Girl Scout troop sponsorships, local college scholarships; patriotic programs for Flag Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day; veterans programs at the Canandaigua VA Hospital and Rochester Veterans Outreach Center; community support programs including Adopt-a-Family, Elks Against Cancer, CP Rochester and Fresh Air Kids.

Membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks offers many benefits and rewards. You can participate in the many charitable and social events at Lodge #24, and your lodge membership card gains you admission to any of the more than 2000 Elks lodges in the country. The Elks is a non-political, non-sectarian fraternity. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character and be at least 21 years old. Rochester Lodge #24 is always happy to welcome new members. We promise you'll find it a fun and rewarding experience.

*Information from Ada Baxter; photo provided by Elks Club*



**Genesee Valley Henrietta Moose Lodge**

In the 1980s, about 100 members of the Rochester Moose Lodge decided to form their own organization located closer to home in Henrietta. They received their charter in February 1986 and met at the American Legion Post on Middle Road and then at Henrietta Fire Company #1. Three years later, they leased 4164 West Henrietta Road (now Tony Pepperoni).

Lodge members purchased the cobblestone blacksmith shop and former Carriage Stop Restaurant in 1994 and received Family Center Status in 1998 from the Moose International of the United States, Canada and Great Britain. The members support Cub Pack 332, Boy Scout Troop 332 and a Girl Scout Troop. Known for their support of local community organizations, they also sponsor soccer and baseball teams through RHAA as well as provide financial support for the R-H CSD Hockey Booster Club and many other local charities.

The Moose Lodge is maintained and run by volunteers who organize and staff the kitchen and arrange for the rental of meeting room space for wedding showers, retirement parties and training programs. Approximately 800 men and women are members in Chapter #1998 and Lodge #2290, which is the tenth largest lodge in New York State.

*Information from Bob Laux, Administrator*



### **Masonic Lodge**

One of our oldest community service organizations, the Free and Accepted Masons, was chartered on June 5, 1824, with 20 brothers from the town. They met in a room on the second floor of the tavern and rooming house owned by lodge member L.C. Chamberlain. Mrs. Chamberlain drilled a hole in the floor of the third floor attic and had a young boy spy on one of their meetings. After discovering the boy, the Masons moved their meetings, at first to private homes, and then to a three-story brick store built by Benjamin Baldwin today known as New China-Chinese Restaurant and Sunny Thai.

Anti-Masonic sentiment caused a decline in membership and the charter was surrendered in 1829.

The social climate changed and in 1862, Lodge No. 526 was formed with A.S. Wadsworth as Master. (Andrew Snider Wadsworth b. 1830, d. 1892; husband of Carrie L. Kirby.) They met in that same three-story brick store previously mentioned. In 1867, the Lodge relocated to West Henrietta and met on the second floor of a general store on the northwest corner of West Henrietta and Erie Station Roads. A fire on June 14, 1906 destroyed the store and also the majority of the records of the Lodge.

Store owners Francis Jones and Fred Buckley rebuilt the foundation and first floor and the Masons rebuilt the second floor and the roof. The Grange building was used for the store and meeting hall until construction was completed. In 1959, the Lodge sold their second floor to Howard F. Chase who owned the first floor in the building today known as Pizza Corner. The Masons purchased the Grange building on Erie Station Road and dedicated a new meeting hall in 1961.

The lodge joined with Honeoye Falls in 1997. The members continue to provide scholarships to graduating Rush-Henrietta Central School District Seniors.

*Information from p. 58-60, The History of a Village 1790-1967, West Henrietta, New York. Used with permission of author Nancy Gay Reed.*

### **Gazebo at Tinker Park**



### **Rush Henrietta Rotary Club**

Sam Gray initiated the formation of the Rotary Club in 1953. He recruited 22 local businessmen and organized the first meeting at the Rush Town Hall on February 4, 1954. Sponsored by the Honeoye Falls Rotary Club, the club was chartered in April 1954 at the Rush-Henrietta Central School, now the Roth Junior High School.

The fourth Club President, Sy Dell, is credited for starting the Monroe County Rotary Camp for disabled children in Penfield – Camp Haccamo. Camp attendance grew from a few dozen children to over 900. It is now located at the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush and is well-known for the work it does with disabled youths and young adults.

The tenth R-H Rotary Club President was Jim Starkweather, a prominent businessman, educator, school board member and the first Club Historian.

Since 1994, the Pasta Dinner, held at the R-H High School on the first Sunday of March has been the biggest fund raiser. Each year, the club visits all the third-grade classes in the school district to provide each student with their own dictionary. In 1985, R-H Rotary built the fitness trail and in 2000, the Gazebo at Tinker Park. In 2008, they built the Gazebo behind the Town Hall in Rush. Every year, the Club raises money for and donates time to Project Christmas, which provides children's toys for families in need, poinsettias and Wegmans gift cards for seniors. In 2016, we partnered with the R-H Central School District and the Henrietta Food Cupboard to start the Kicking Hunger Program which provides food to needy families with children in the school system over the summer break. The Club currently has 34 members and looks forward to doing much more for the communities of Rush and Henrietta in the future.

*Information from Jeff Masters*





Suffragette  
Corn Maze  
at Stokoe  
Farms in 2017



Camporee 2017

### Girl Scouts

Today there are approximately 30 active Girl Scout Troops in the Rush Henrietta Service Unit, with roughly 300 girls ages 5 through 18 participating. The R-H Girl Scouts have close to 100 adult volunteer leaders who are dedicated to helping girls build courage, confidence and character.

Girl Scouts is so much more than selling cookies – although when the girls sell cookies they are participating in the largest girl-run business in the world. In 2019, local scout troops sold almost 43,000 boxes of cookies, while learning money management, decision making and goal setting. The RH Girl Scouts would like to thank the Rush-Henrietta community for their wonderful support.

Individual troops plan and host annual Service Unit-wide events that have included a Camporee, the annual sock hop, mother-daughter tea, cupcake wars and a lock-in at Wonder Works.

Community service activities have included placing flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day, clothing and personal hygiene item drives for The Open Door Mission, collecting supplies for Ronald McDonald House and volunteering at the Colony Lane Circle of Lights to accept food donations for RHAFT.

In addition to earning specific badges, Scouts may earn the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award for completing community service projects. During the last five years, 82 girls have earned these awards. Their projects include Little Free Libraries, a published book in the Henrietta Public Library, the creation of the agility section of the Henrietta Dog Park, and the painting of a softball dugout.

Girl Scouting provides girls and young women with a safe place to be creative, contribute to their communities and explore the world around them. The Rush-Henrietta Girl Scouts look forward to the next 100 years of being part of the Rush-Henrietta Community.

*Information from Cathy Browning; photos from Nancy Flynn*

### Boy Scouts

Scouting is an important component of the lives of many young people in Henrietta. According to former town historian, Eleanor Kalsbeck the first Boy Scout Troop was sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church and organized in 1913. In 1930, Troop 159 was sponsored by the West Henrietta Baptist Church. By 1968, there were nine Cub Packs and 11 Boy Scout Troops with approximately 1,000 boys and young men participating in the scouting programs.

Today, each of the elementary schools and the Genesee Valley Henrietta Moose Lodge sponsor a Cub Scout Pack. The town's Boy Scout Troops are sponsored by Henrietta Fire Co. #1, Genesee Valley Fire Department, American Legion Ely-Fagan Post, Pinnacle Lutheran Church, Faith United Methodist Church and the Moose Family Center. There are also three Venture Crews that are co-ed for young people ages 13 through 20. Homeschooled families support a Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Venture Crew. In all, 516 youth participate in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

The scouts decorate the Haunted Barn at the Tinker Nature Park each Halloween as well as selling and serving hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream at other park events. They planted the wild flower field, repaired fences and trails, built nesting boxes for blue birds, wood ducks, owls and bats, planted trees and built brick walkways. Several Eagle Scout projects have helped preserve the history of our local cemeteries.



*Photo provided by Boy Scouts*

## Henrietta Public Library



The Henrietta Public Library opened its doors for the first time in 1958 at the Monroe Academy building. In 1964, the library moved to the west wing of the new Henrietta Town Hall where it remained until a separate building (shown above) was constructed in 1979.



*Photo provided by HPL Volunteers*

**HPL Book Shoppe Volunteers, L to R:** Betty Harter, Eva Slynko, VerKuilan Ager, Ken Bickford, Oressa Brown, JoAnn Vierthaler, Connie Voss. Donna French is in front.

In the early 1990s, the Friends of the Henrietta Public Library, led by Bob Mawn, converted a small 200-square foot kitchen area into the Book Shoppe. For almost 30 years, the volunteers in the Friends group have donated countless hours to raise funds to help support the library. A few activities include the purchase of special equipment, the refurbishing of the Community Room and the sponsorship of children's programming.

The book sales originally held annually at Marketplace Mall are now a semiannual event at the library and generate more than \$5,000 a year to supplement the income from the Book Shoppe.



*Photo provided by FFHPL*

### **Friends and Foundation of HPL Board, L to R:**

Front Row: Linda Szczesniak, Brigid Ryan

Back Row: Richard Swanson, Jim Scarnati, Peter Szczesniak, Dave McDonough

An early Friends group organized in 1962, sponsored book sales and fundraisers but disbanded in 1966. The group was resurrected in 1980 and has never stopped raising money to help the library.

For the past several years, combined Book Shoppe and book sale revenues have provided between \$10,000 and \$12,000 annually to support adult and children's programming and purchase equipment for special projects, such as the Pop-Up Library. In addition to supporting library programming, the Friends provide the prize money and plaques that are displayed in the schools for the Minerva Campbell Literary Contest held each spring.

The anticipated completion of a new library building led the Friends to expand their role as a fundraising organization. In 2017, the NYS Board of Regents approved an amendment to the charter and the name was changed to the Friends and Foundation of the Henrietta Public Library.





### Henrietta Garden Club

Earliest records show the West Town Garden Club was organized in 1958 to instruct members in all related fields of horticulture and in the art of flower arranging. It was decided that the group was a ‘doing’ rather than a social club. The members did foyer plantings in the town hall as well as establishing the Japanese Garden. They decorated floats for the Harvest Queen in the town Memorial Day Parade, sponsored an outdoor Christmas decoration contest, planted a wild flower meditation garden behind town hall, gave an annual scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing the study of horticulture or conservation, and regularly provided flower arrangements for the library. In 1984, this group disbanded due to declining enrollment.

Later in the 1980s, the present Henrietta Garden Club was formed. The current members design and maintain the gardens at each ‘Welcome to Henrietta’ sign, the flowers in the Town Hall Atrium and the flower beds at the Veteran’s Memorial, the recreation center, library, senior center and town hall. Monthly meetings and activities offer horticultural information to approximately 45 members and their guests. A plant sale each May offers quality plants provided by club members to the community.

*Information and photo from Wendy Mancuso, Co-President and Kathleen Rick, Publicity Chair*



### Henrietta Quilt Club

Quilting is woven into the history of the United States, threading into various issues such as politics (women often expressed themselves through quilt patterns and use of particular colors), industry (including fabrics and sewing machines), economy (sewing clothing and quilts often enabled women to contribute to the family's income), as well as providing a means of expressing creativity while still being practical. Quilting also enabled women to contribute to society by raising money for good causes and to provide for people in need. This has been a very important principle of the Henrietta Quilt Club.

The club was organized in 1974, and a year later members adopted the name Thread and Thimble and met at the Henrietta Town Hall. During the 1980s, the group provided story time quilts for the library and organized a quilting bee at the Monroe County Fair. In 1989, the members reorganized into the current Henrietta Quilt Club with this mission statement: "strives for growth in quilting, promotes learning in quilting, and participates in community service."

A biennial quilt show shares this lovely art with the community. In addition, members have created bags to be used on walkers, stimulus quilts for dementia patients and quilts for non-profit organizations to use for fundraising auctions. Almost 200 comfort quilts are donated annually to agencies for children and families in need.

The club meets on Tuesdays from September to June at the Henrietta Library, alternating with meetings at the Henrietta Fire Hall. Our website is: [henriettaquiltclub.com](http://henriettaquiltclub.com). We always welcome guests and new members! *Information and photo from Beth Davis, Henrietta Quilt Club Historian*

## Town Government



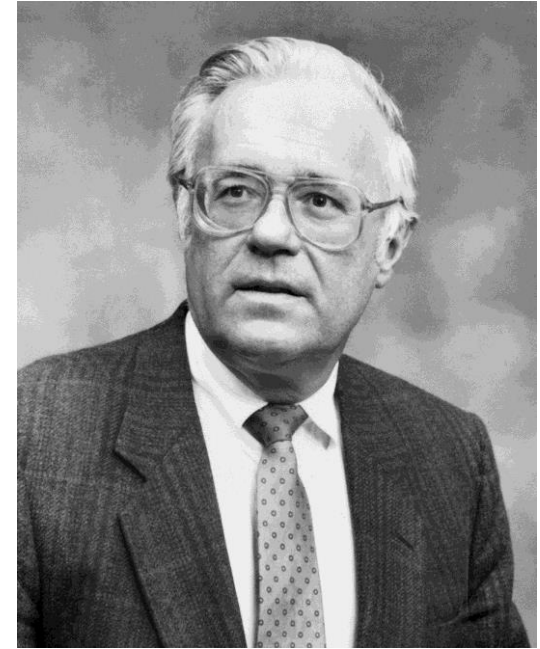
Through a cooperative project with Rochester Institute of Technology's National Institute for the Deaf (NTID), the town logo was created by Communication Design student Joe Viscardi, Jr. for his Senior Thesis. Community members who were interviewed told Mr. Viscardi that Henrietta was a futuristic community with fresh ideas and new construction. People also expressed pride in the name Henrietta.

On page two of his thesis, Mr. Viscardi wrote, "a simple configuration of a home was used to develop a letter form representing the letter 'h.' I felt by integrating the letter and symbol representing the home, and giving the illusion of an upward thrust, I could achieve a symbol that represented all three of the major criteria in my research."

The logo was adopted by the Town Board Resolution #11-130/1978 on May 17, 1978.



The second longest serving supervisor was Homer E. Benedict, who served for a total of 14 years from 1922-1933 and 1936 -1937.



The longest serving supervisor of the town was James R. Breese, who served for 22 consecutive years from 1985 to 2007.



This building was dedicated on June 14, 1964 as the first building designed to serve as the community's town hall. Located in the geographic center of the town, 5,000 square feet were designated for town offices and 4,000 square feet were designated for the public library.





**Assessor's Office, L to R:** Tracey Wenzel, Secretary; Amy Jorstad, Town Assessor; Stephanie Willard, Part-time Field Review Specialist; Charlene Stephany, Assistant Assessor



**Finance Department, L to R:** Ruth Levey, Personnel; Linda Salpini, Director of Finance; Jennifer Black, A/P Clerk; Jenn Alessi, Junior Accountant



**Supervisor's Office, L to R:** Peter Minotti, Deputy Town Supervisor; Steve Schultz, Town Supervisor; Meribeth Palmer, Administrative Assistant



Frank Mocniak,  
Acting Director of  
IT for part of 2018



*Photo provided by Andrew Stewart*

**Information Services Department**

Andrew Stewart  
became Director of  
IT on October 28, 2018



**Town Attorney:** Donald Young, Esq.



**Town Clerk, L to R:** Rebecca Wiesner, Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes; Janet Howland, Part-Time Clerk and Marriage Officer; Heather Voss, Deputy Town Clerk and Records Access Officer; Jennifer Miranda, Deputy Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes



**Town Court, L to R:** Justice James F. Beikirch, Justice John G. Pericak, Justice Steven M. Donsky; Tracy Nolet, Clerk to Justice; Kristen Kreiser, Clerk to Justice; Kathie Schneider, Clerk to Justice; Carol Torchia, Clerk; Michael Pratt, Deputy Court Clerk



The new town seal was adopted in November 2018. It incorporates the window design of town hall, the sun representing the future, two waterways representing the Erie Canal and the Genesee River, and the pine trees representing the town's green spaces and parks and Tinker Homestead Museum.





**Highway Department, L to R:**

**Front Row:** Lee Biscardi, Motor Equipment Operator (MEO); Craig Barber, MEO; Chuck Marshall, Commissioner of Public Works; Larry DeNoto, Mechanic; Tim Lessing, Road Foreman; Colton Tinsmon, MEO; Jay Shoots, Mechanic; Greg Wood, Labor Foreman; Jeff Wood, Laborer; Tim Leckinger, MEO.

**Second Row:** Josh Marshall, Mechanic; Tim Cushman, Laborer; Kevin Fogarty, MEO; Rob White Sr., MEO; Matt Blakely, Laborer.

**Third row:** Dan McLean, MEO; Wasyl Gudselak, Senior MEO; Larry Harper, Labor Foreman; Stew Alexander, MEO.

**Cab Door window:** Bill Cook, MEO; **Seated in the cab:** Nate Pogal, MEO.

*Not Pictured: John Kelly, Senior MEO; Patrick Herman, Senior MEO; Ron LaRocca, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor*



**Animal Control officers, L to R:**

Michele Reitschky; Ruby; Suzette Saint-Ours, senior officer; Sue Morgan



**Dispatch, L to R: Joey LaRocca, Joe Losavio**





**Engineering, L to R:** Christopher E. Martin, P.E., Director of Engineering & Planning; Craig Eckert, Deputy Director of Engineering & Planning; Catherine DuBreck, G.I.S. Technician; Amy Englert, Engineering Secretary; Jeremy DiFilippo, G.I.S. Operator; Roland Osterwinter, Engineer



**Building and Fire Prevention, L to R:** Jessica Quarterman, Staff Assistant; Janine Fried, Administrative Assistant; Bill Cashion, Code Enforcement Officer; Terry Ekwel, Director of Building & Fire Prevention; Mark Hugick, Staff Assistant; Kevin Wilson, Assistant Building Inspector  
*Not pictured: Jim Radell, part-time Code Enforcement Officer*



**Sewer, Drainage and Sidewalk Department, L to R:** Nick Ryan, Flush Truck Operator; Garth Carney, Equipment Hauler; Darren Sossong, Foreman; Dan Sossong, Equipment Operator; Steve Drumm, Camera Truck Operator; Mike Catalano, Foreman; Brad Conner, Skilled Laborer



When centralization occurred in 1952, this District School No.8 building was sold to the town for use as a town hall. It was sold back to the R-H CSD in 1964, after the new town hall opened.





**Parks and Facilities, L to R:**

Row 1: Cory Jones, Laborer; Josh Duncan, Maintenance Mechanic II; Barbara Bresnan, Maintenance Mechanic III

Row 2: Emmett Ladd, Laborer; Marcus Haefner, Motor Equipment Operator; Tim Ochs, Foreman; Rob Bruno, Maintenance Mechanic II

Row 3: Teagan Seay, Laborer; Robert Fisher, Laborer; Sam Correard, Maintenance Mechanic II; Scott Layfield, Maintenance Mechanic II; Heather Stewart, Foreman  
*Not Pictured: Jamie Dey, Maintenance Mechanic III*



**Recreation Department, L to R:**

Front: Rebecca Gordon, Administrative Assistant; Pam Grundman, Assistant Recreation Director; Anita Tichacek, Senior Recreation Supervisor

Back: Andrea Guarino, Administrative Assistant; Jackie Kitto, Recreation Leader; Jason Kulik, Director of Parks and Recreation; Craig Ross, Recreation Supervisor



**Senior Center, L to R:**

Front: Dawn Kitto, Norine Lalonde, Robin Glossy, Brian Champion

Middle: Lori Howell, Nicole Bubel

Back: Shelly Gorino, Senior Center Coordinator; Sue Sharfstein, Frank Scialdone





1979  
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Coming in 2019

**Henrietta Public Library, L to R:**

Sitting on floor: Laura Lintz, Librarian; Adrienne Pettinelli, Director; Kristen Shepherd, Senior Library Clerk  
 Sitting on couches: Amy Lafleur, Library Clerk; Krishna Chakraborty, Library Clerk; Debra Work, Library Clerk; Terry Hill, Circulation Supervisor; Rosanne Rosella, Library Clerk; Lynn Neill, Senior Library Clerk; Archana Prasad, Library Clerk; Alicia Reinhardt, Assistant Director  
 Standing: Erin Denham, Library Clerk; Linda Dingman, Library Assistant; Laura Dingman, Librarian Trainee; Nancy Maxwell, Librarian; Zara Fallis, Library Page; T. R. Henri; Matthew Hoople, Library Clerk  
*Not Pictured: Jennifer Barth, Assistant Library Director; Librarians: Annalise Ammer, Virginia Cooper, Ellen Glena, Catherine Lathrop, Sarah Mathias, June Milliman, Christine Simons, Patricia Vanable, Jean Verno*  
*Library Clerks: Amy Beikirch, Christine Dobner, Emily Kleykamp, Hannah Morrison, April Newman, Vicki Rusinko, Sawsan Singer, Jane Seelman, Ellen Siegel*  
*Library Pages: Alex Keller, Ben Lafleur, Maria Morcos, Micaela Outlaw, Jaylen Searight, Anjali Shiyamsaran, Andrew Spencer*





**Hansen Nature Center Tinker Nature Park, L to R:**  
 Emily Malley, Environmental Educator; Pudge, a Ringneck Dove; Tim Pratt, Program Director



**Youth Development Advisory Committee, L to R:**  
 Standing: Takise McKnight, Youth Asset Team (YAT) Leader; Mary Beth Recore, YAT Leader; Cierra McFadden, Youth Member; Bethany Bekele, Youth Member; Alyssa DeFreze, Youth Member; Ciara DeFreze  
 Sitting: John McFadden; Anita Tichacek; Peter Burke; Barb Christensen, Chair; Eric Black, Esq.; Sean McCormick  
*Not Pictured Adult Members: Ellen Glena; Will Hall; Ann Marie Strzyzynski, School Board liaison*  
*Youth Members: Giovan McKnight, Ereny Morcos and Brady Griffin*



**Town Historian**  
 Tina Thompson



**Communications Consultant**  
 Todd A. Baker



**Former Town Board Members and Supervisors, L to R:**  
 Front row: John Howland; Jack Moore, Sup. 2014 - 2017;  
 Cathy McCabe; Michael Murphy  
 Back row: William Mulligan, Jr.; Philip Litter, Sup. 1982 - Aug.  
 1985; Robert Steidle; Michael Yudelson, Sup. 2008 - 2013;  
 Jack Kelly, Sup. 1976 - 1981; Carl Swetman; Lucien Morin; Janet  
 Zinck; Supervisor Stephen Schultz; Jack Driscoll  
*Not pictured: Kenneth Breese*



Janet Zinck, former town board member, was recognized in 2018 as one of the New York State Senate's Women of Distinction from Senator Gallivan's District, the 59<sup>th</sup>.



**Town Board, L to R:** Rob Barley, Jr., M. Rick Page,  
 Mike Stafford, Scott M. Adair  
**Seated:** Stephen L. Schultz, Supervisor, elected in 2017





**Board of Assessment Review, L to R:**

Gary Junge; Joseph D. Bellanca Sr., Chair; Robert Alouisa



**Board of Ethics, L to R:**

Seated: Naomi Pless, Dr. Mary Bisbee-Burrows, Linda Salpini  
 Standing: Bill Mueller; Kenneth Breese, Chair; Robert Cook



**Conservation Board, L to R:**

Noreen Riordan, J. Steve Coffey, R. Bud Snyder, Fabian Grabski,  
 Sarah Hogan, Robbin Ciavaglia; William Santos, Chair



**Historic Site Committee, L to R:**

Front center: Laura King, Rebecca Wiesner  
 Back row: Molly Nikodem, Kitty Englert, Dave Oliver, Michelle Lebel,  
 Gary Goodridge, Chair; Tina Thompson





**Henrietta Public Library Board of Trustees, L to R:**

Standing: Library Director Adrienne Pettinelli, Secretary Linda Szczesniak, Brigid Ryan, Tina Thompson, Sharon McCullough, President Laura Osterhout  
 Seated: Town Board Liaison Scott Adair, Vice-President David McNitt, Treasurer Doug Roesch



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, L to R:**

Front row: Jason Kulik, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sean McCormick; Michael Condello; Barbara Christensen; Joseph D. Bellanca, Sr.; Gary Junge, Advisory Board Chair  
 Back row: Dave Toole; Peter Burke; Michael Stafford, Town Board Liaison; Susan Burke; Eric Black  
*Not Pictured: Jody McShea, Seanelle Tracy, and William Hall*



**Planning Board, L to R:**

Seated: Matthew Borkowski; Peter C. Minotti, Deputy Town Supervisor & Planning Board Chair; Patricia Brill  
 Standing: Douglas Rivers; James Grunert, Vice-Chair; Stephen R. MacIntyre; Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq.; Lawrence Neill; Christopher Martin, P.E., Director of Engineering & Planning



**Zoning Board, L to R:**

Robert Peckham; Lisa Bolzner; Beth White, Vice-Chair; Douglas Levey, AIA, Chair; Christian Chamberlain; Eric Black, Esq.  
*Not Pictured: John Migliorini and Jill Stark*





**Friends of Tinker Nature Park Board, Garden Volunteers, Tinker Homestead Docents and Historian's Office Volunteers**

First row seated L to R: Dee Sharples, Vicky Iafrati, Laurie Hunt

Second row sitting/kneeling: Judy Green, Jenny Smith, Joe Ballister, Irene Johnston, Kathleen Rick, Rick Reed

Third row standing: John Colagrasso, Janet Marventano, Eileen Springer, Trish Robison, Sue Reed, Nancy Ballister

Fourth row standing: Barbara Coleman, Carol Jones, Kitty Englert, Martha Zonneville, Betty Meteyer, Walt Springer, Judy Bigelow, Martha Jodoin, Shirley Bower

Back row standing: Dave Jones, Laurence Sugarman, Jon Stanley, Sandy Bentley, Katherine Kells, Stacy Kells, Nick Bigelow, John Nelson, Lydia Gustin, Chris Bower

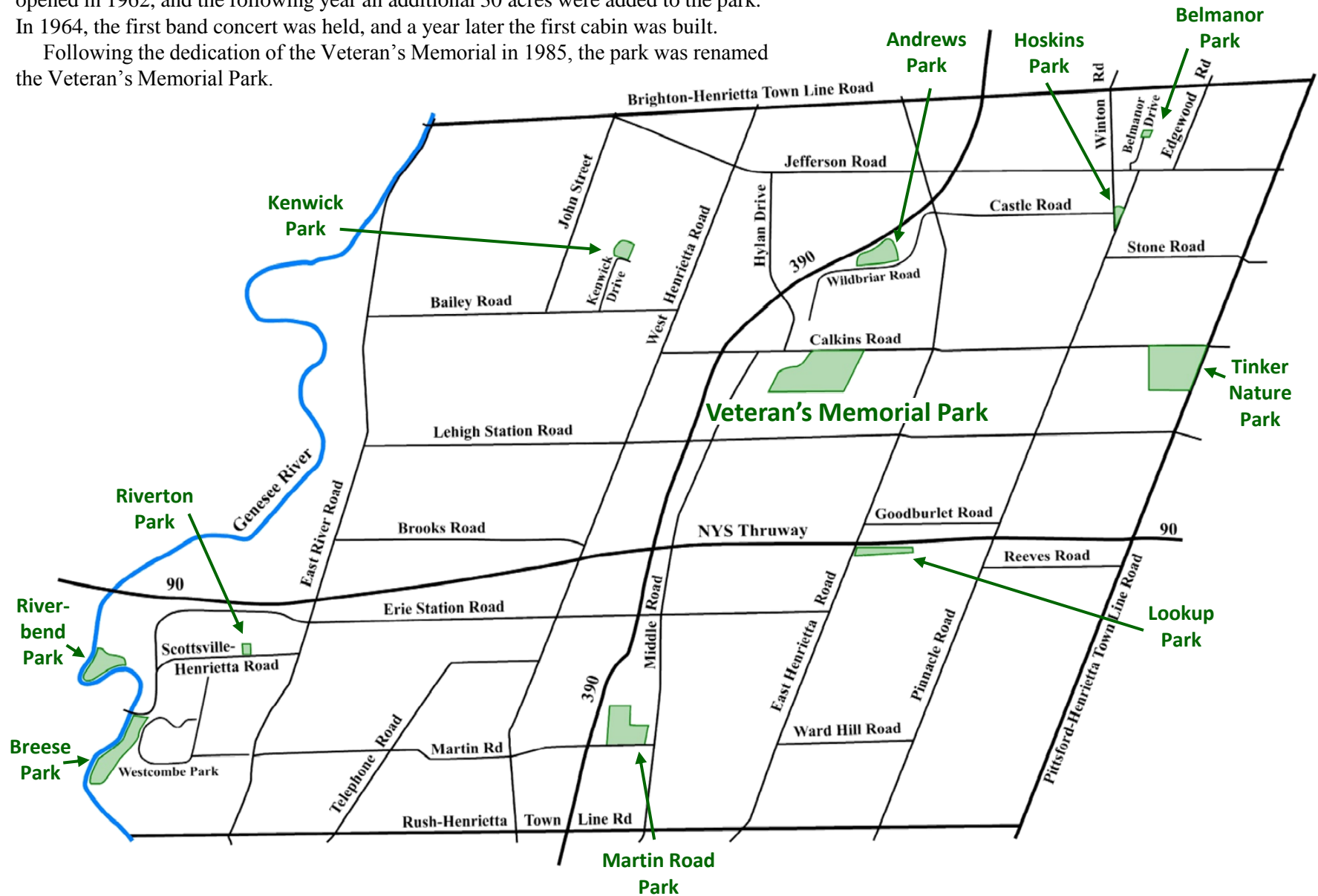
*Not pictured: Kathleen Pratt, Joe Galley, Sandy Halfman, Diane Selleck, Candace Malley, Pat Bernhard, Jan Towsley, Ray Olszewski, Ron Jodoin, Dan and Lora Abbott, Katie Flynn, Paula Billman, Linda Teague, Barb Kupiec, Chris Murray and Betsy Kubick*

# Henrietta Park System

## Veteran's Memorial Park

The home of Henrietta's Fourth of July Celebrations was acquired in 1961 when the town purchased 60 acres for the Henrietta Memorial Park. A public ice skating area opened in 1962, and the following year an additional 30 acres were added to the park. In 1964, the first band concert was held, and a year later the first cabin was built.

Following the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial in 1985, the park was renamed the Veteran's Memorial Park.





## Bicentennial Events



### **Bicentennial Committee**

Front row L to R: Steve Schultz, Supervisor; Catherine Frangenberg, Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society Board Liaison; Cathy McCabe, Co-chairperson; Brigid Ryan, Managing Director of Friends and Foundation of the Henrietta Public Library; Adrienne Pettinelli, Henrietta Public Library Director; Betty Miller, Resident

Back row L to R: Rick Page, Town Councilman & Rush-Henrietta CSD Liaison; Ray McCormick, Ely-Fagan American Legion Post 1151 Liaison; Lisa Bolzner, Henrietta Zoning Board; Deborah Stendardi, Vice President for Government and Community Affairs RIT; Shelly Gorino, Senior Center Coordinator; Janet Zinck, Resident; Meribeth Palmer, Administrative Assistant to Supervisor; Bill Mulligan, Co-chairperson; Tina Thompson, Town Historian

*Not pictured: Travis Anderson, R-H CSD Senior Information Specialist and Dolores Talarico, R-H CSD Communications Assistant*



*1818 to 2018*

## Calendar of Events

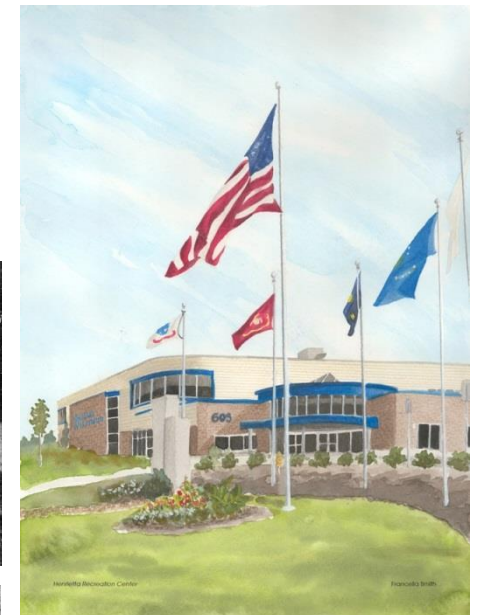
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Kick-off Celebration: music, skit, student art, opening of 1993 time capsule</b>
<b>April 28, May 6</b>	<b>Bus Tours of historic homes and one room schools</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Memorial Day parade and picnic</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Lawn games of the 1800s</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>
<b>September 22</b>	<b>Honey Harvest Festival</b>
<b>September 29</b>	<b>Gala Dinner at Locust Hill Country Club</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Time Capsule burial and picnic at Town Hall</b>
<b>November 21</b>	<b>Rush-Henrietta Interfaith League Thanksgiving Service</b>

### Art Work by Advanced Placement Students of Francella Smith 2017-2018 School Year

Sperry High School art teacher Francella Smith photographed important places in the Town of Henrietta and asked her students to interpret the photographs in the art medium of their choice. The students and their parents agreed to donate prints of the art work to be sold to benefit the children's area of the new Henrietta Public Library. The students selected the price of \$10 for each print.

Francella Smith donated her original art work to the Town of Henrietta and it is currently displayed in the entrance lobby of the Recreation Center.

*Photos of student artwork by Francella Smith, this page and 4 following*



Francella Smith  
Henrietta Recreation Center  
opened in 2017

Recreational activities used farmers' fields and backyards in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries





Hayley Achim  
Veterans Memorial Park  
Established in 1961



The Wedgewood Bowl,  
1966-2012. Site of  
concerts, plays, even  
a ballet!



Store established in 1831, the  
current building dates from  
1905, contains Pizza Corner



Jacklyn Capozzi  
Genesee Valley Regional Market  
Opened in 1956 to provide wholesale and retail  
trade of farm and allied industry products



Ashley Cocca  
Genesee Valley Trailhead



West Henrietta Train Depot, a  
stop on the 1854 Erie Railroad  
from Rochester to Avon. The  
railroad beds are now part of  
the walking trails



1850s vertical plank construction



Dat (Henry) Dien  
Andrew Short House





Avionna Fitzhugh  
Erie Canal Lock 33



Aerial photo of Lock 33.  
The Erie Canal made shipping farm products far less expensive



Before the mid-twentieth century, the post office was usually located in a general store.



Arin Fogarty  
Jefferson Road Post Office



Alexandria Frantz-Bush  
Antoinette Brown Blackwell House  
The Brown family moved into this fieldstone home in 1830



Reverend Blackwell  
1825 to 1921



In 1825 James Sperry helped build Monroe Academy, the first secondary school in the county



Typical one room school house



Raechelle Hajduk  
Sperry Senior High School





Amy Huang  
Henrietta Town Hall  
opened June 1964



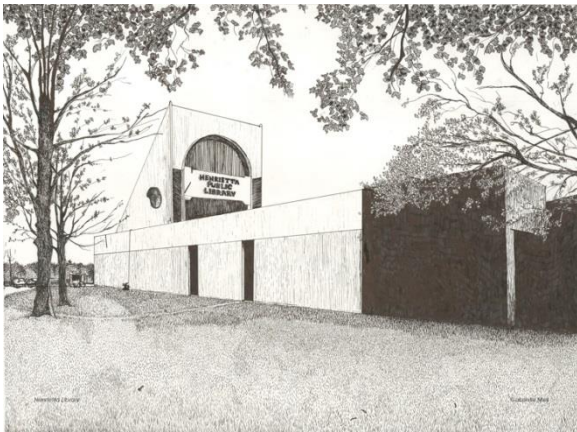
Former location of Town  
offices in the old school  
No. 8 on Erie Station Rd.



Feasel Brothers dry  
goods and general store  
in East Henrietta hamlet



Olivia Kostiw  
Marketplace Mall  
built on land that was once  
the Meisenzahl Dairy Farm



Gabrielle Meli  
Henrietta Public Library



A Monroe Academy annex  
served as the library in the  
1950s. It moved to the town  
Hall until the library was  
built in 1974.



Andrew Meyers  
Locust Hill Country Club  
built on 69 acres of the Zornow family's  
Locust Hill farm in 1925



Simge Su Ozmen  
Fire Station #5



All volunteer Henrietta Fire Company No. 1 was formed in 1907. Horses pulled the water wagons.



Tinker Homestead c. 1917



Lauren Louise Smith  
Tinker Homestead,  
built in 1830 for the Tinker family  
by Michael McCanty



Bahar Undar  
Dome Arena



Concerts and plays were performed on the stage of the Grange Hall



RIT campus



Kara Wu  
Rochester Institute of Technology



Kara Wu  
RIT Main Entrance

RIT opened its Henrietta campus in 1968; it is celebrating 50 years in 2018



## Kick-off Reception, April 20



Celtic Music Ensemble provided background music throughout the evening



Birthday cake courtesy of Wegmans



Audience enjoys the program in the Recreation Center



Spectrum Singers directed by Christine Sargent performed *The Erie Canal Song: Low Bridge, Everybody Down and America the Beautiful*



Betty Miller directing actors who performed a playlet of the first Town Board Meeting



L to R: James Sperry, Mary and Elihu Kirby, portrayed by Joe Bellanca and Gloria and Charles Dennehy



Supervisor Stephen Schultz with Donald Yost, our longest living Henrietta resident.



# Memorial Day Parade, May 20





# Memorial Day Parade, May 20





# Harvest Festival, September 22





## Harvest Festival, September 22



Judy Green spinning wool into yarn



Candace Malley hand sewing a quilt



Textile designer Jan Hewitt Towsley demonstrates weaving



Beekeepers Elizabeth Cameron (back to camera) and Lydia Gastin assist Emily Malley (center) with honey extraction



Jon Stanley describes early woodworking techniques



**Gala Dinner, September 29**



Molly Nikodem, Helen Elam (Town Historian 1990 - 2010), Betty Miller



R-H Chamber Orchestra directed by David Kluge



Former Town Councilwoman Janet Zinck, T. R. Henri,  
NYS Assemblymember Harry Bronson



Town councilmen Rob Barley and Mike Stafford; 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional  
District candidate Joseph D. Morelle; Supervisor Stephen Schultz



**The Gala Dinner raised \$35,000 for the library**



Emcee, Channel 13 Weatherman Scott Hetsko, and Henrietta Public Library Director, Adrienne Pettinelli



Former Town Councilman Kenneth Breese, Former Town Supervisor Jack Moore, Supervisor Stephen Schultz, Former Town Supervisor Michael Yudelson



L to R, Standing: Judge Pericak, Karen Martin, Judge Donsky, Town Councilman Scott Adair  
Seated: Rick Martin, Patrick Michael, Rick Page, Jody Day



L to R, Standing: Michael Yudelson, Karen McArthur, Lori and Frank Mocniak, Corey and Joe Oddi  
Seated: Scott and Sue Biggar, Vicki and Stephen Schultz



## Time Capsule, October 13



Supervisor Stephen Schultz addressing the gathering



The Time Capsule



Time Capsule lowered into the ground by Supervisor Stephen Schultz and Town Councilman Scott Adair



Town Board members and Town Historian throw the first shovels of dirt. L to R: Rick Page, Rob Barley, Tina Thompson, Scott Adair, Stephen Schultz, Mike Stafford





Betty Miller contributes a shovel-full of dirt.  
Betty was present at the 150<sup>th</sup>, 175<sup>th</sup> and  
200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.  
She is a member of the ABB Society.



'Students' help Supervisor Schultz bury the time capsule.



Community members dining on hot dogs and hamburgers cooked by American Legion volunteers.

# Time Lines

## 1780 to 1800

### Events

- 1780 War veterans given option to claim land "in the West"
- 1781
- 1782
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- 1785
- 1786 Investors including Phelps and Gorham bought 6 million acres in the Genesee Valley
- 1787
- 1788 Indian title to the land was cleared
- 1789
- 1790 One million acres in western New York, including Township XII, Range VII, purchased by British investor Sir William Johnstone Pulteney and partners
- 1791 The first settlers, Major Ezekiel Scott and wife Catherine bought 900 acres and built a log house
- 1792
- 1793
- 1794
- 1795
- 1796 Land, including Township XII, Range VII, sold to Dr. Willem Six and his brother Dr. Cornelius Six of the Netherlands
- 1797
- 1798 New York law changed to allow non-Americans to own land
- 1799 Drs. Willem Six and Cornelius Six transferred title to their own names
- 1800

### People

- 1780 War veterans given option to claim land in 'the West'
- 1781 • 1775-83, Revolutionary War
- 1782
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- 1785
- 1786 Investors including Phelps and Gorham bought 6 million acres in the Genesee Valley
- 1787 • United States Constitution was ratified
- 1788 Indian title to the land was cleared
- 1789 Land office opened to survey and sell land; Robert Morris bought most of it, sent agent to England
- 1790 One million acres in western New York purchased by British investor Sir William Johnstone Pulteney and partners, including Township XII, Range VII
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Sir William Johnstone Pulteney



Henrietta Laura Pulteney



Dr. Willem Six



Dr. Cornelius Six



# 1800 to 1820

## Events

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  - 1820
- Area was called West-Town or Westwoods of Pittsford
- Earliest surveys and sales, first permanent settlers: in the east near Pinnacle and Calkins Roads; in the west at the junction of W Henrietta and Erie Station Roads, and along Telephone Road
- District No. 2 school opened near Calkins and Pinnacle Roads in a log cabin
- Homes, frame tavern with one room used as a general store were built; District No. 9 school opened on River Road near Bailey Road in a log cabin
- Martin Roberts built a log home; farms settled on the west side; first sawmill on the east side
- Tinker family settled on Calkins Road; Baptist Society estab. on east side; District No. 5 school opened on the east side
- Sperrys built home on Methodist Hill; a sawmill & tannery started on east side; Blacksmith shop built on Pinnacle Road near Calkins Road; W Henrietta Baptist Society organized
- Blacksmith shop opened on west side; first library and a debating society estab.; District No. 3 school opened on Pinnacle Road near Reeves Road in a log cabin
- West-Town residents petitioned the state to form a new town called Henrietta
- Henrietta was incorporated as a town; officials elected at first town meeting April 20, 1818**
- District No. 7 school built on Methodist Hill
- By 1820 there were 786 students in 12 one room school districts; Quaker settlement established north of east hamlet



School #2 frame structure



School #9 frame structure



typical first home, a log cabin

## People

- 1800
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  - 1820
- Area was called West-Town or Westwoods of Pittsford
- Earliest surveys and sales, first permanent settlers: East village - Joseph Crane, Moses Wilder near Pinnacle and Calkins Roads; West village - Lyman and Warren Hawley on Telephone Road; Jesse Pangburn, Orlando Brown at W Henrietta and Erie Station Roads
- Jonathan Russell, a Quaker, Hezekiah Sherwood and Phineas Baldwin settled in the east village
- Isaac Noble Dayton an early teacher; Sperry family arrived
- John and Susannah Brininstool built home on River Road; Sidney Weaver built a log shop; John Acer opened a tavern
- Andrew and John Bushman, John Gould and James McNall started farms on the west side; Jonathan Smith, a Quaker, built first sawmill on the east side; Martin Roberts senior arrived; Dr. Jonah Simonds is the first physician to settle here
- James and Rebecca Tinker settled 40 acres on Calkins Road; Joseph Jeffords arrived
- James and Fannie Sperry built home on Methodist Hill; Abel Post settled on the west side; Eager and Corwin Wells built a sawmill & Richard Daniels built a tannery on the east side
- Charles Baldwin bought the blacksmith shop on Pinnacle Road near Calkins Road, he may have built the cobblestone structure standing today; Elijah Little taught school in a log house in the east village
- Martin and Anna Roberts built home on Stone Road
- Joel Clark, drummer boy in the Revolution, settled here; also the Utley family
- Jacob Stevens and Jarvis Sherman built hotels in the east village; Isaac Jackson arrived
- 1818 Henrietta was incorporated as a town;** Jacob Stevens elected first Town Supervisor 1818-20
- Joseph and Abigail Brown came from Connecticut; Ann Taylor with her brother George, walked for three weeks from New York City to Henrietta; later married William Reeve, farmed and had 7 children
- David Deming settled 100 acre farm on west side, established the first brickyard on east side



Jacob and Harriet Brininstool



James and Mrs McNall



James and Fannie Sperry



Joel Clark



Ann Reeve and sons Thomas and William Jr.

# 1820 to 1840

## Events

- 1820 Brickyards and asheries established
- 1821 Henry Chapman built a hotel on W Henrietta Road;  
District No. 4 school built in Ridgeland
- 1822 First Methodist Episcopal Society established, met in Calvin Brainard's barn on Methodist Hill
- 1823
- 1824 Benjamin Baldwin built a store at E Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads;  
Masonic Lodge chartered, met in east village
- 1825 Town agreed to raise money for a secondary school
- 1826 Monroe Academy opened, the first institute for secondary education west of Canandaigua
- 1827 Quaker Meeting House built on Calkins near E Henrietta Road
- 1828 Elihu Kirby purchased the general store from Baldwin;  
Martin Roberts built a field stone home on Stone Road
- 1829 District No. 11 school built on Middle Road near Calkins Road
- 1830 Tinker homestead completed on Calkins Road
- 1831 Joseph Brown built a field stone home on Pinnacle Road;  
the Kirby brothers opened a store and Williams brothers opened a blacksmith shop in the west village  
Congregational Church built near Monroe Academy;
- 1832 Abel Post built a cobblestone home on W Henrietta Road (Horizon Group);  
Leander Baker built a cobblestone home on Methodist Hill (Lebel Agency)
- 1833 Early Post Offices located in local businesses
- 1834
- 1835
- 1836
- 1837
- 1838 West Henrietta Baptist Church erected the building that is still in use today
- 1839 Ansel Hanks built a cobblestone home (Liberty Hill House owned by RIT)
- 1840 Elihu Kirby built a Greek Revival home in the east village



Monroe Academy



Headmaster's house



Roberts field stone home



Tinker homestead, National Register of Historic Places



Brown fieldstone home, National Register of Historic Places



Restored Abel Post home



Restored L. Baker home



W Hen Baptist church



Kirby Greek Revival home



Liberty Hill House

## People

- 1820 David Jeffords opened first store on Methodist Hill  
• Monroe County was established
- 1821 Elijah Little elected Town Supervisor 1821-2, 1824, 1826-7, 1832-3;  
Henry Chapman built a hotel on W Henrietta Road
- 1822 Preacher Calvin Brainard held Methodist services in his barn
- 1823 Lyman Hawley elected Town Supervisor 1823-4
- 1824 Benjamin Baldwin built a store at E Henrietta and Lehigh Station Roads
- 1825 Antoinette Brown (Blackwell) was born in the family's log home;  
Lot and Sarah Search settled at 4711 E River Road;  
James Sperry elected Town Supervisor 1825  
• Erie Canal completed
- 1826 David B Crane was the first Principal of the Monroe Academy, 1826-1830
- 1827
- 1828 Elihu Kirby purchased the general store from Benjamin Baldwin;  
the Tinker family began building a cobblestone home;  
Isaac Jackson elected Town Supervisor 1828-9, 1834-9, 1843, 1852-3
- 1829 Martin Roberts II inherits farm at 260 Stone Road;  
Billings and Bush opened a store on the west side  
William Dunn arrived, married Matilda Search; Joshua Tripp elected Town Supervisor 1830-1; David Ely - Commissioner of Highways;
- 1830 Dr. James Haseltine arrived and practiced for 40 years  
Kirby brothers opened store in west village; Alexander and Joseph Williams built a cobblestone blacksmith shop on W Henrietta Road;
- 1831 Edward Bush opened a hotel on W Henrietta Road, was the first Postmaster
- 1832 John Ladd family established a farm
- 1833
- 1834 • Rochester was incorporated as a city
- 1835 Reverend Jonathan Whitaker and family arrived; taught at Monroe Academy
- 1836
- 1837
- 1838 Antoinette Brown attended Monroe Academy
- 1839
- 1840 Elisha Gage elected Town Supervisor 1840



Calvin Brainard



James Sperry



Mrs and Dr James Haseltine








Antoinette Brown






# 1840 to 1860

## Events





- 1840
- 1841
- 1842 Methodist Episcopal congregation bought a brick church from the Baptist Society
- 1843
- 1844
- 1845
- 1846
- 1847
- 1848
- 1849  Quaker Meeting House sold to Hiram Calkins, taken down in the 1850s
- 1850
- 1851 By 1850s, Williams shop had a foundry and sawmill 
- 1852  Andrew Short frame home built in the 1850s
- 1853
- 1854 First railroad from Henrietta to Avon was opened 
- 1855
- 1856
- 1857
- 1858 District No. 10 school built at E River Road & W Henrietta/Scottsville Road; a cooper shop built on Martin Road near W Henrietta Road
- 1859  District No. 1 frame school built at Pinnacle Road near Jefferson Road
- 1860 First Ballantine bridge completed (wooden)

## People





- 1840
- 1841 Matthias L Angle elected Town Supervisor 1841-2;1845
- 1842
- 1843
- 1844 Micajah W Kirby elected Town Supervisor 1844
- 1845  John and Mary Howlett Short
- 1846 Wells Springer elected Town Supervisor 1846-7, 1849, 1856, 1861
- 1847
- 1848 Alexander Williams elected Town Supervisor 1848,1850,1857
- 1849 Hiram Calkins bought the Quaker Meeting House and cemetery property and farmed there
- 1850
- 1851 Ezra Howard elected Town Supervisor 1851
- 1852
- 1853  Antoinette Brown was the first woman ordained a minister in the United States; Micajah W Kirby elected State Senator
- 1854  Samuel Hayt elected Town Supervisor 1854
- 1855 Ashman Beebee elected Town Supervisor 1855; Antoinette Brown married Samuel Blackwell in Henrietta
- 1856
- 1857  Henry Hamilton Sperry elected School Commissioner for eastern New York State
- 1858 Warren Diver elected Town Supervisor 1858-9
- 1859
- 1860  Jerome Keyes elected Town Supervisor 1860,1862-3,1865-8; Martin Roberts elected to State Assembly

# 1860 to 1880

## Events

- 1860
- 1861
- 1862 District No. 8 brick school built on Erie Station Road near W Henrietta Road
- 1863
- 1864
- 1865
- 1866  Congregational Church
- 1867 New Congregational Church built on Lehigh Station Road
- 1868  Methodist/Episcopal Church
- 1869
- 1870 Monroe Academy became a Union Free School (District No. 5)
- 1871 Alexander Enoch leased the Hazelton & Calkins general store from 1868-74
- 1872
- 1873  Union Congregational Church
- 1874 T O Jones bought the general store in the east village; Congregational Church merged with the Methodist Episcopal Church
- 1875
- 1876  East Baptist Church
- 1877
- 1878
- 1879
- 1880 Ellwanger and Barry established a nursery on E Henrietta Road







## People

- 1860  Sgt Andrew Beebe  Pvt Otho Gash  Pvt Florendin Feasel  Sgt Frank Keyes  Pvt Jacob Winslow
- 1861 Many Henrietta sons volunteered for the Civil War; Frank Tibbits was one of many who died of typhoid fever
- 1862  Frank Tibbits Hazelton & Calkins ran a general store during the Civil War, previously owned by Elihu Kirby
- 1863 • 1861-65, The Civil War divided the nation; Lincoln assassinated
- 1864 A A Stevens elected Town Supervisor, 1864; Henry H Sperry served as Assistant Superintendent then Superintendent of the Documents Room for the House of Representatives in Washington DC, 1864-8
- 1865 Rev Joseph Brown preached at the Congregational Church; Samuel U Calkins married Mary E Kirby
- 1866  Samuel and Mary Calkins
- 1866  Elijah and Clara Little
- 1866 Elijah H Little served in the Civil War 1861-64; married Clara and lived until 1898
- 1868  Lt John M Davy
- 1868 John M Davy elected District Attorney of Rochester 1868, elected to Congress 1874, served 17 years as NY State Supreme Court Justice; Alexander Enoch leased the Hazelton & Calkins general store
- 1869  Alexander B Enoch
- 1869 William C DeWitt elected Town Supervisor, 1869-70
- 1870 Henry H Sperry served as a New York Customs House Official, 1868-74
- 1871 Robert Martin elected Town Supervisor 1871-4
- 1872  Florendin and Mary Feasel
- 1872 Florendin and Mary Feasel moved to Henrietta and farmed
- 1874  Caroline and Oscar Chase
- 1874 T O Jones bought the former Kirby store
- 1875 Samuel U Calkins elected Town Supervisor 1875
- 1876  Harvey Stone
- 1876 Samuel Beckwith elected Town Supervisor 1876; Harvey Stone deacon of East Baptist church
- 1877 Marvin Williams elected Town Supervisor 1877-9; Bertha Calkins born
- 1878
- 1879  Chauncey G Starkweather
- 1880 Chauncey G Starkweather elected Town Supervisor, 1880-2, 1892-5, 1904








# 1880 to 1900

## Events

- 1880
- 1881 Jones & Buckley purchased store at W Henrietta and Erie Station Roads, Masons met on the second floor  

- 1882 District No. 6 brick school built on E Henrietta Road south of Erie Station Road
- 1883
- 1884 The railroad was completed from New York City to Buffalo, tracks ran along Henrietta and Brighton town line  

- 1885
- 1886 Monroe Academy renovated to two stories  

- 1887
- 1888
- 1889 Marsh & Griffin bought T O Jones' brick store in the east village  
  
The Chapin block in the east village had shoe and harness repair, millinery, variety stores, and a meat market with ice house; Samuel Calkins and son began a coal business
- 1890
- 1891
- 1892
- 1893
- 1894
- 1895
- 1896 Near East River Road, boats on the Genesee would stop and picnic at Westminster Park. Later a tavern with a dance floor was built  

- 1897
- 1898 One of the first telephone lines ran from Dr. Walker's house to the Jones & Buckley corner store in West Henrietta; Abe Dean became proprietor of the Dean's Hotel on E Henrietta Road  

- 1899
- 1900

## People

- 1880
- 1881 Dr. Daniel Mason opened a medical practice on E Henrietta Road; Jones & Buckley purchased store at W Henrietta and Erie Station Roads
- 1882
- 1883 George J Green elected Town Supervisor, 1883-4
- 1884
- 1885 Almon F Nichols elected Town Supervisor, 1885-9; George M C Roberts was town clerk for many years  

- 1886
- 1887
- 1888
- 1889 Marsh & Griffin bought T O Jones store; D J Dolan was Principal of the Union School  
  

- 1890 Charles E Green elected Town Supervisor, 1890-1  

- 1891 Dr. Sarah Perry was the first woman physician from Henrietta
- 1892
- 1893 Ed Fretts had a meat market in the east village; Samuel Calkins and son start a coal business
- 1894
- 1895
- 1896 Marshall Todd elected Town Supervisor 1896-7, 1899-1901
- 1897
- 1898 Pryor F Martin elected Town Supervisor 1898, 1902-3, 1905-7; Abe Dean ran the hotel in the east village  

- 1899
- 1900

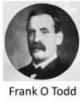
# 1900 to 1920

## Events

- 1900
- 1901 The American Hotel at 3650 W Henrietta Road established
- 1902 St Mark's Lutheran Church dedicated on Erie Station Road
- 1903
- 1904 The Grange was built on Erie Station Road
- 1905 Jones & Buckley store burned to the ground; used the Grange until they rebuilt
- 1906 Jones & Buckley store rebuilt
- 1907 Fire house built on E Henrietta Road; paving of major roads in Henrietta began as automobiles replaced carriages
- 1908 Henrietta Fire Company No. 1
- 1909 Feasel brothers in the Marsh & Griffin store
- 1910 Marsh & Griffin store later run by Morris Griffin and Fred Feasel; Henrietta Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star formed
- 1911 Cornerstone laid for Good Shepherd Church, Catholic Parish of Henrietta
- 1912 Good Shepherd Church
- 1913 Silver Fox Boy Scout Troop No.1 was formed
- 1914
- 1915 W Henrietta Baptist Church celebrated centennial with a new pipe organ
- 1916
- 1917 Monroe Academy became Henrietta High School
- 1918
- 1919 Howard Chase bought Jones & Buckley store
- 1920

## People

- 1900
- 1901
- 1902 Mrs. Bertha Calkins Dunn served as unofficial Town Historian
- 1903
- 1904
- 1905 Jones & Buckley store burned to the ground, used the Grange until rebuilt
- 1906
- 1907
- 1908 Frank O Todd elected Town Supervisor 1908-11
- 1909
- 1910 Fred and Floyd Feasel work at the Marsh and Griffin store in the early 1900s
- 1911
- 1912 Daniel Harrington elected Town Supervisor 1912-21
- 1913
- 1914
- 1915 Philip Kazmayer was a blacksmith on west side
- 1916
- 1917
- 1918
- 1919 Howard Chase bought Jones & Buckley store
- 1920 Antoinette Brown Blackwell lived to vote in the national presidential election














• 1914-18, World War One












# 1920 to 1940

## Events







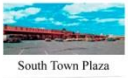


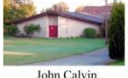

- 1920
- 1921 Oscar Meisenzahl purchased American Hotel property on W Henrietta Road and established a dairy farm
- 1922
- 1923
- 1924  Halpin family purchased cobblestone house on Methodist Hill, established a dairy farm
- 1925  West Henrietta Volunteer Fire Department organized  
Locust Hill Country Club opened as a nine hole golf course
- 1926  First Girl Scout Troop was formed
- 1927  Pease Ladder Company in Ridgeland became a food processing machinery company
- 1928  Oscar Meisenzahl built a dairy, pasteurized, and delivered milk
- 1929  Meisenzahl dairy
- 1930
- 1931
- 1932  Variety store and beauty shop established in east village
- 1933  James Sweeney opened a plumbing and electrical store on E Henrietta Road; Jefferson Road opened
- 1934  General store on Jefferson Rd at E River Road built
- 1935  Ely-Fagan Post organized
- 1936  Rochester Telephone Co. branch in W Hen
- 1937
- 1938
- 1939
- 1940

## People














- 1920
- 1921  Oscar Meisenzahl purchased property on West Henrietta Road
- 1922  Homer E Benedict elected Town Supervisor 1922-33, 1936-7
- 1923
- 1924
- 1925  Howard Chase added a soda fountain to his store
- 1926
- 1927  Oscar Meisenzahl built a dairy, pasteurized, and delivered milk
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- 1929  Truman H Robbins died, veteran of Civil War, wrote Memories of The Civil War, 1861-62-63
- 1930 • The Great Depression began
- 1931
- 1932  Rhetta Feasel and Evelyn Burger ran shops in the east village
- 1933
- 1934  William C Robert elected Town Supervisor 1934-5
- 1935
- 1936
- 1937
- 1938  Thomas O Owen elected Town Supervisor 1938-43
- 1939
- 1940

# 1940 to 1960

## Events

- 1940
- 1941 Marsh & Griffin store purchased by Fred Feasel
- 1942
- 1943 Genesee Airport and Hylan School of Aeronautics opened for small planes  
 Genesee Airport
- 1944  Gannett experimental farm opened
- 1945 Zoning board organized; Residents voted to centralize Rush and Henrietta schools
- 1946 Monroe County Fairgrounds opened
- 1948
- 1949  Gordon Cartwright bought the old hotel at 5691 W Henrietta Road and opened the Cartwright Inn; Starlite Drive-In Theater opened  
 Starlite sign
- 1950 The town's population grew from 3,400 in 1950 to 11,600 in 1960
- 1951 Rush-Henrietta Central School opened to 500 elementary students in September  
The town government was housed in former District No. 8 School on Erie Station Road; R-H Central School added 350 high school students in February; later named for Charles H Roth
- 1952 Henrietta Rotary Club organized; Lollipop Farm moved to W Henrietta Road; housing boom began in the 1950s  
 Lollipop Farm
- 1953 Suburban Heights housing subdivision opened across from Suburban Plaza  
 Suburban Plaza
- 1954 Commercial development of "Miracle Mile" began along Jefferson Road  
 South Town Plaza
- 1955 Regional Market opened; South Town Plaza built  
 South Town Plaza
- 1956 Henrietta Lions Club established; Henrietta residents voted to open a town library; Pinnacle Lutheran Church broke ground for a sanctuary; Gillette Elementary opened, now School of the Holy Childhood
- 1957 Leary and Crittenden Elementary Schools opened  
 Pinnacle Lutheran Church
- 1958 John Calvin Presbyterian Church established; Knights of Columbus formed  
 John Calvin Presbyterian Church
- 1959 Monroe Academy became a YMCA; Winslow Elementary opened; Guardian Angels added to the Catholic Parish  
 Henrietta Abbott's opened in the 1960s
- 1960

## People


- 1940
- 1941 Fred Feasel bought the general store  
 Callie Broxson Stone  John Aldridge  Don Cook, Marine
- 1942 Henrietta sent many service men and women into WWII  
● 1941-45, World War Two
- 1943
- 1944 Earl Chase elected Town Supervisor 1944-51  
 Earl Chase
- 1945 Miss Alice C Williams appointed Town Historian  
 Bessie Mason, a Monroe Academy teacher
- 1946
- 1947 George C Yackel and John W Parker, appointed first Principal and Vice-Principal of Rush-Henrietta Central School District
- 1948 In the decade after WWII, the population rose from 3,000 to 14,000  
First graduating class of Rush-Henrietta
- 1949 Gordon Cartwright bought the old hotel at 5691 W Henrietta Road and opened the Cartwright Inn
- 1950 Margaret Ely appointed Postmistress for West Henrietta  
 Margaret Ely
- 1951 Mrs. Ada Posson appointed Town Historian  
● 1950-53 The Korean War
- 1952 Almon C Kramer elected Town Supervisor 1952-55  
 Almon C Kramer
- 1953 Early RHCS educators: Emma Sherman, Veda Burger, Dr. Floyd Winslow, Margaret Reeve  
 Emma Sherman  Veda Burger  Dr. Floyd Winslow  Margaret Reeve
- 1954 ● New York State Thruway opened Henrietta exit 46
- 1955
- 1956 Donald W Cook elected Town Supervisor 1956-66; Mrs. Eleanor C Kalsbeck appointed Town Historian  
 Donald W Cook
- 1957 Ruth VanOstrand elected, the first woman to serve on the RH Central School Board, 1957-67
- 1958 Minerva Campbell began serving as president of the Board of Trustees for the Library  
 Minerva Campbell
- 1959 Lucien Morin elected to Town Board
- 1960




# 1960 to 1980


## Events


**1960** - Housing boom continued into the 1960s


**1961** - Carlton Webster Junior High School opened; Carriage Stop opened  
 Carriage Stop Restaurant


**1962** - Henrietta became a First Class Town; Henrietta Memorial Park opened on Calkins Road  
 volunteer ambulance


**1963** - Crane Elementary opened; Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance service began

**1964** - New building for Town Hall and Library dedicated; Burger Junior High opened  
 Henrietta Town Hall


**1965** - Temple Beth Am opened; Fyle Elementary opened  
 Temple Beth Am


**1966** - Sperry Senior High School opened; Sherman Elementary opened; Wedgewood Bowl bandstand dedicated  
 Wedgewood Bowl


**1967** - Dorschel Buick, the first car dealership opened  
 Dorschel Buick


**1968** - Rochester Institute of Technology moved to Henrietta from Rochester and opened NTID  
 Rochester Institute of Technology

**1969** -

**1970** - Vollmer Elementary opened  
 Channel 13

**1971** - Channel 13 went on the air  
 Fison's Pharmaceutical


**1972** - Jefferson Road widened  
 Dome at the Fairgrounds

**1973** - Riverton - a planned community - opened; the Dome added to the Fairgrounds  
 Schlegel Manufacturing


**1974** - Monroe Academy building burned down; Meisenzahl dairy closed



**1975** - Charles H Roth Junior High converted to a senior high school for several years

**1976** -

**1977** - US Postal Service general mail facility opened on Jefferson Road  
 US Post Office


**1978** -

**1979** - Henrietta Public Library's new building opened  
 Henrietta Public Library

**1980** - Interstate 390 is completed in Henrietta  
 Highway sign  
 Jeffrey's Tavern

## People

**1960** -


**1961** - Trudy McNall had a popular cooking show on TV in the 1960s  
 Trudy McNall


**1962** -


**1963** -


**1964** -

**1965** -

**1966** - Lucien Morin elected to County Legislature representing Henrietta; John Parker appointed first District Superintendent of Schools  
 Lucien A Morin


**1967** - Vincent Haggett elected Town Supervisor 1967-69  
 Vincent Haggett

**1968** - Dr. Richard Ten Haken appointed School Superintendent 1968-70  
 John C Wenrich

**1969** - John Nichols elected Town Supervisor 1970-71; Mr. Julian Ruiz appointed Town Historian. John C Wenrich, architectural illustrator, graduate of Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute (later RIT), lived on E Henrietta Road; Landmark Society of WNY has his papers in their Memorial Library  
 John Nichols

**1970** -


**1971** - Raymond Delaney appointed School Superintendent 1971-91


**1972** - Robert Oakes elected Town Supervisor 1972-75; Mrs. Eleanor C Kalsbeck appointed Town Historian  
 Robert Oakes


**1973** -

**1974** -

**1975** -

**1976** - John Kelly elected Town Supervisor 1976-81  
 John Kelly

**1977** - Town historian Eleanor C Kalsbeck published Henrietta Heritage  
 Eleanor Kalsbeck

**1978** - 1976 to present, Catherine and Dr. Elmar Frangenberg restore the ABB house, 1099 Pinnacle Road  
 The Frangenbergs


**1979** - Mrs. Marlene Etlinger appointed Town Historian; Channel 13 Co-Anchor Doug Emblidge, graduated from Sperry Senior High School



**1980** -

# 1980 to 2000


## Events


1980

1981  Tirabassi Farm Market


1982  Marketplace Mall opened  Marketplace mall


1983

1984  CFM Baptist Church Christian Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, first black church opened

1985  Wal-Mart


1986 Genesee Valley-Henrietta Moose Lodge 2290 organized

1987  GroMoore Farm Market


1988  Memorial Veterans Memorial erected in the town park; Rochester Elks Lodge #24 opened on E Henrietta Road across from Goodburlet Road

1989


1990

1991  Don Cook Senior Center Don Cook Senior Center opened on Calkins Road


1992

1993  Tinker Homestead Museum Tinker Homestead and Farm Museum opened; Genesee Valley-Henrietta Moose Lodge #24 moved to 5375 W Henrietta Road, formerly the Carriage Stop restaurant

1994

1995  Hansen Nature Center Hansen Nature Center opened; Norman Howard School opened on Pinnacle Road

1996


1997  Bryant & Stratton College

1998



1999

2000 Martin Road Park opened


## People

1980  Bill Mulligan Bill Mulligan began 36 years of public service to the town of Henrietta as County Legislator, Town Clerk, and Town Board member


1981


1982  Philip Litteer Philip Litteer elected Town Supervisor 1982-85; Mrs. Vivian Heffernan appointed Town Historian  Vivian Heffernan

1983

1984  Michael Iaculli Michael Iaculli served as interim Town Supervisor 3 months of 1985; James R Breese elected Town Supervisor 1985-2007


1985

1986  James R Breese Marilyn McGill, first woman elected to serve on Town Board; Bill Mulligan began his tenure as Director of the Regional Market

1987  Marilyn McGill

1988


1989

1990  Helen V Elam Mrs. Helen Elam appointed Town Historian • The Gulf War began

1991 Robert McKanna appointed School Superintendent 1991-99

1992

1993


1994  The Hansens The Hansen Nature Center was opened

1995

1996

1997

1998

1999  Dr. Kenneth Graham Dr. Kenneth Graham appointed School Superintendent 1999 to 2018

2000

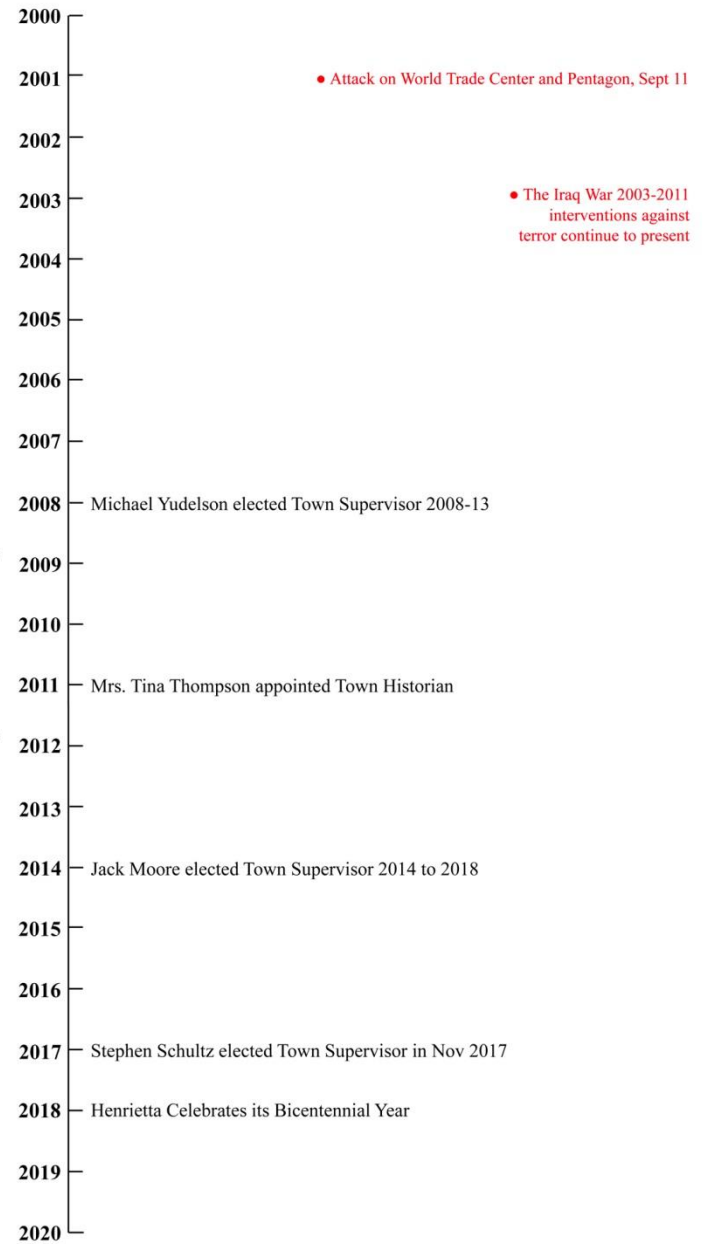


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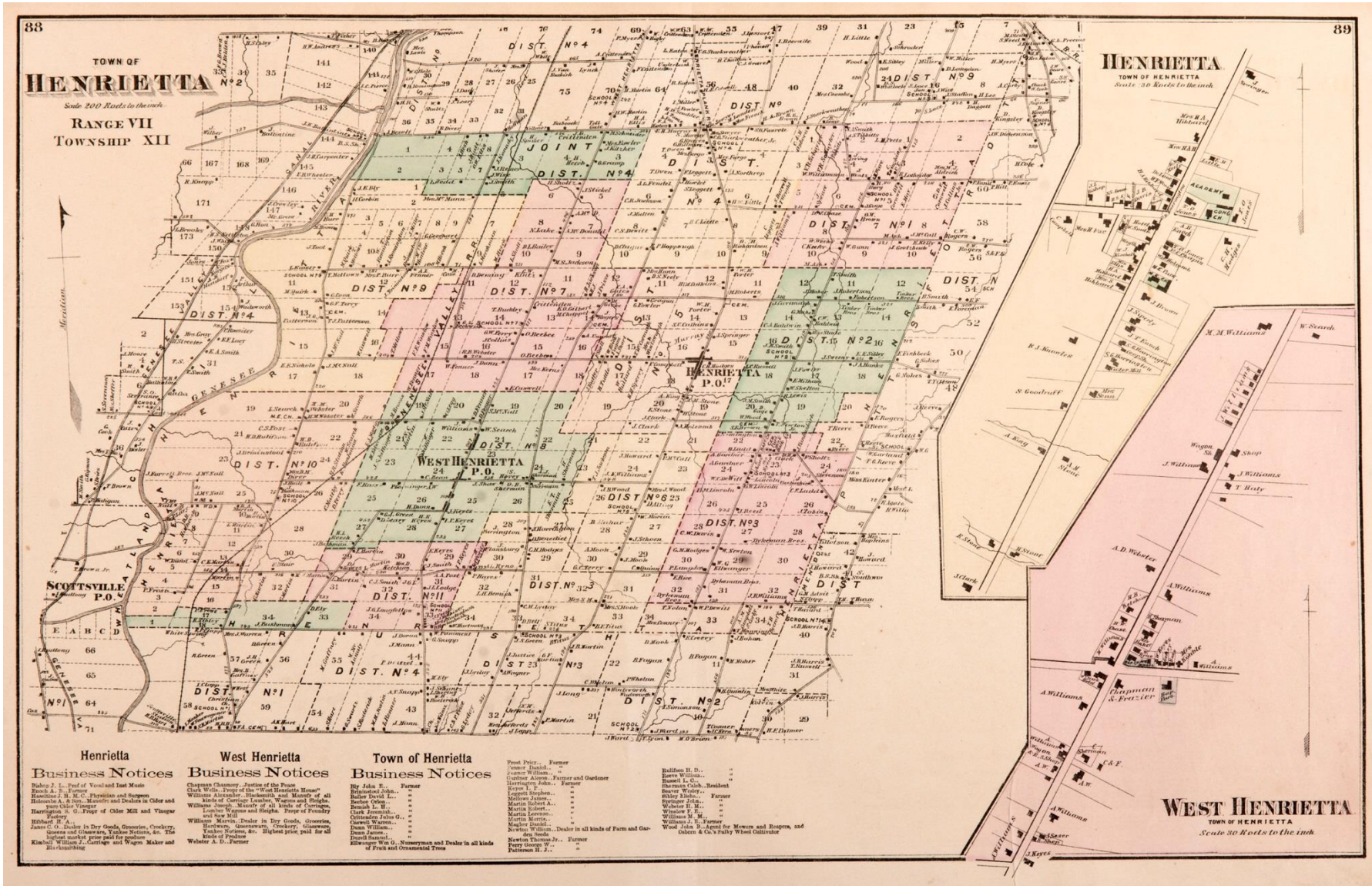
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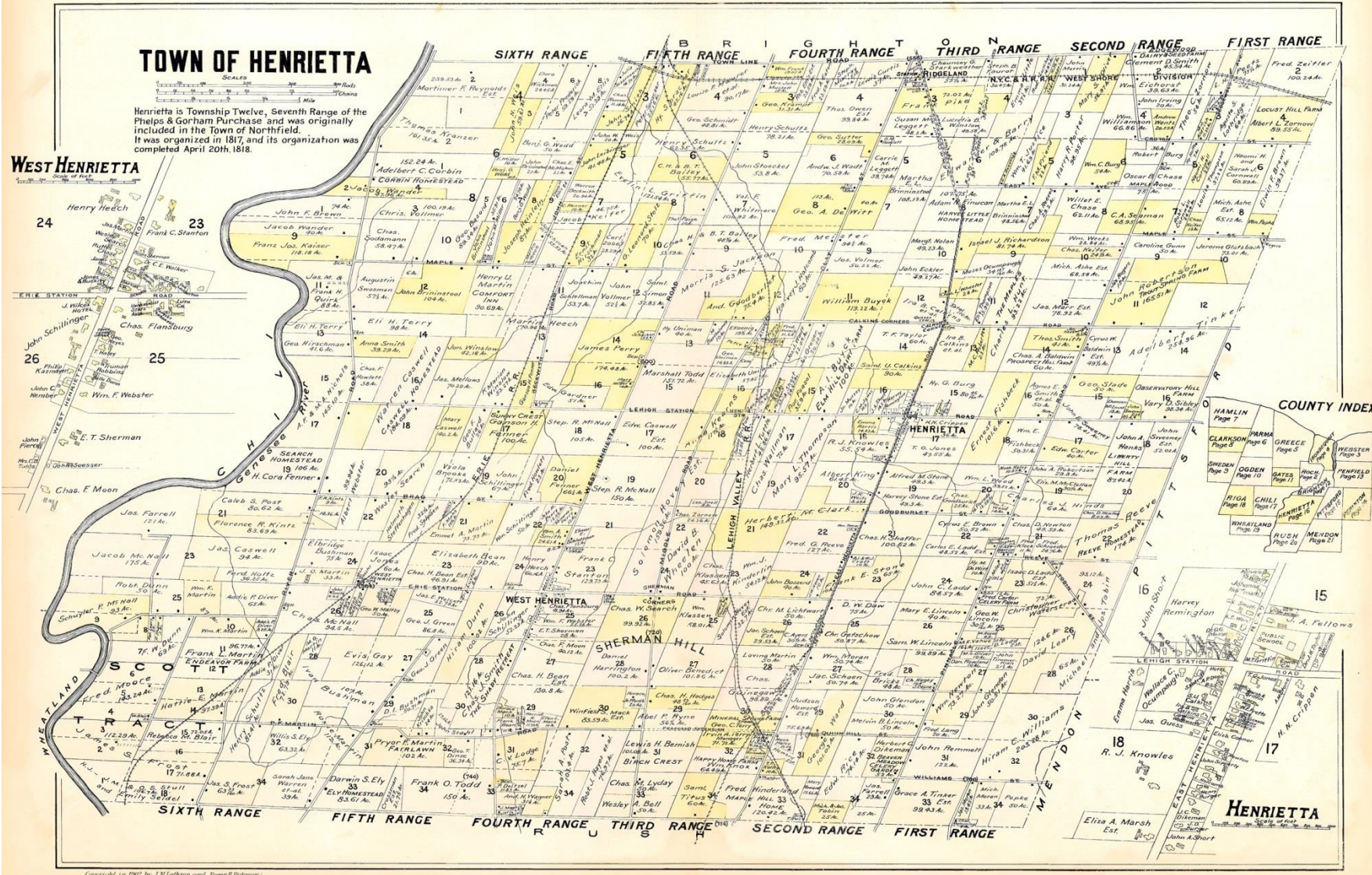
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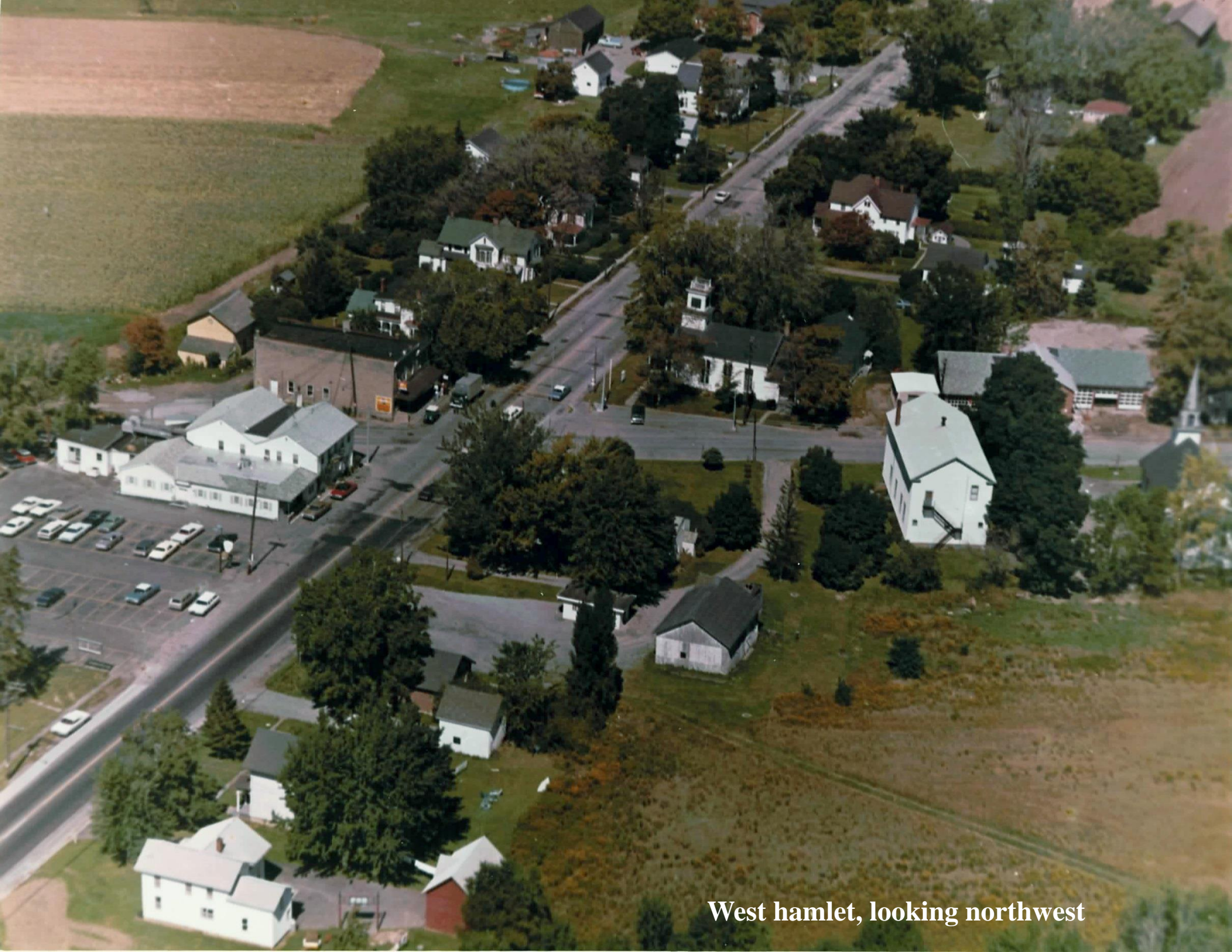
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