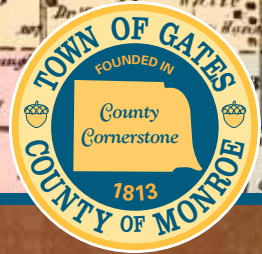
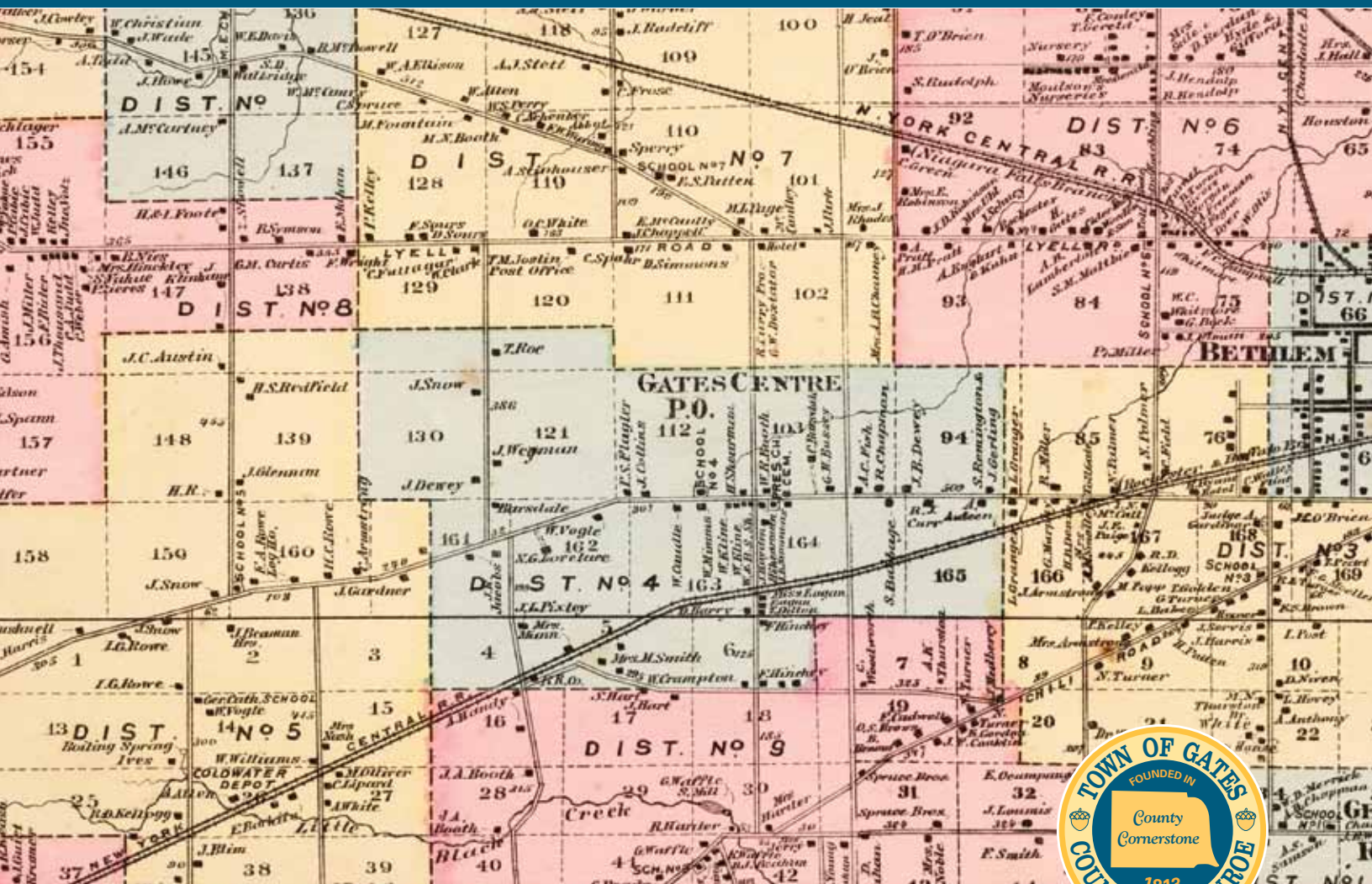


TOWN OF GATES: COUNTY CORNERSTONE

BICENTENNIAL 1813-2013



GATES BICENTENNIAL EVENT CALENDAR 2013

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013

Gates Town Board Bicentennial Inaugural Events

1813 Meeting Reenactment, Bearded Brothers of the Bush Competition, Historic Document Displays, and Reception

**Gates Town Hall, 1605 Buffalo Road
7:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

Earth Day Commemoration

Tree dedication in honor of all Gates citizens, past and present

Lions Park • 10:00 a.m.

BEGINS MAY 17, 2013; ENDS JUNE 3, 2013 AT 12:00 NOON

Scavenger Hunt

Track down the community's historical landmarks and history

**Rules and registration information
available at the Gates Town Hall,
1605 Buffalo Road**

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013

Memorial Day Service

Honoring the five branches of the military and acknowledgement of heroes of the past

**Gates Community Center,
1605 Buffalo Road • 9:00 a.m.**

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013

Tea Time Talk: The History of Tea

By Patricia Drumright, Founder,
The Bedford Circle Tea Society
Gates Historical Society Program

**Gates Town Hall Annex, 1605 Buffalo
Road • 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**

JUNE 29, 2013

GRAND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

PLATINUM SPONSOR:
Wegmans Food Markets

GOLD SPONSORS:

Senator Joseph Robach, First Niagara Bank, Rochester Tech Park, Gallina Development

SILVER SPONSORS:

Shapiro & DiCaro, Jeremiah's II, Metallico, Quaker Steak & Lube,

LeChase Construction, Dolomite,
DiPonzio Funeral Home

4:00 p.m. Parade

Route begins at Gates Town Hall, west on Buffalo Road, north on Wegman Road, ending at the Gates Chili High School via Spartan Way

*Each of the following June 29th
events will be held on the
Gates Chili High School grounds:*

5:00 p.m.

Food vendors (games for the kids until 8:30 p.m.), and more

6:00 p.m.

Ceremonial annexation of Old Rochesterville and the Town of Greece
Participation by the Rochester Mayor's Office and the Town of Greece

6:30 p.m.

Music by "Keys to the Caddy" with hometown boy Tony Infantino of WARM 101.3

8:00 p.m.

Recognition of the Most Outstanding Citizens of Gates

8:30 p.m.

Rock legend Lou Gramm of "Foreigner," a hometown hero raised in Gates and a graduate of Gates Chili High School, will rock out the crowd for the 200th

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013

Silver Thingamajigs: All About Silver

By Dorothy M. Rossi
Gates Historical Society Program

**Gates Town Hall Annex, 1605 Buffalo
Road • 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013

Gates Bicentennial Drive-In Movie

Join the Gates Public Library for a family-friendly drive-in double feature in celebration of the Town of Gates 200th birthday. *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* and *Bye Bye Birdie* will be shown on a 24-foot x 14-foot movie screen in the library parking lot.

**Gates Public Library,
902 Elmgrove Road • At dusk**

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013

America's Great Northwest Video Presentation: History, Beauty, and Adventure

Gates Historical Society Program

**Gates Town Hall Annex, 1605 Buffalo
Road • 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2013

Old-fashioned Picnic at the Hinchey House:

Potato sack races, pie eating contest, pie bake off, whiffle ball match (OK, not from the 1800s but we don't want to break any windows!)

**Hinchey Homestead,
634 Hinchey Road • 12:00 Noon**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

Discover Gates: 200 Years of Historic Architecture

By Cynthia Howk, Landmark Society
Joint program sponsored by the Gates Public Library and Gates Historical Society

**Gates Public Library, 902 Elmgrove
Road • 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

125th Tournament of Roses Parade: Float Design and Fabrication

By Dick Lasher, Crew Chief,
Phoenix Decorating
Gates Historical Society Program

**Gates Town Hall Annex, 1605 Buffalo
Road • 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7 AND 8, DECEMBER 14 AND 15, DECEMBER 21 AND 22, 2013

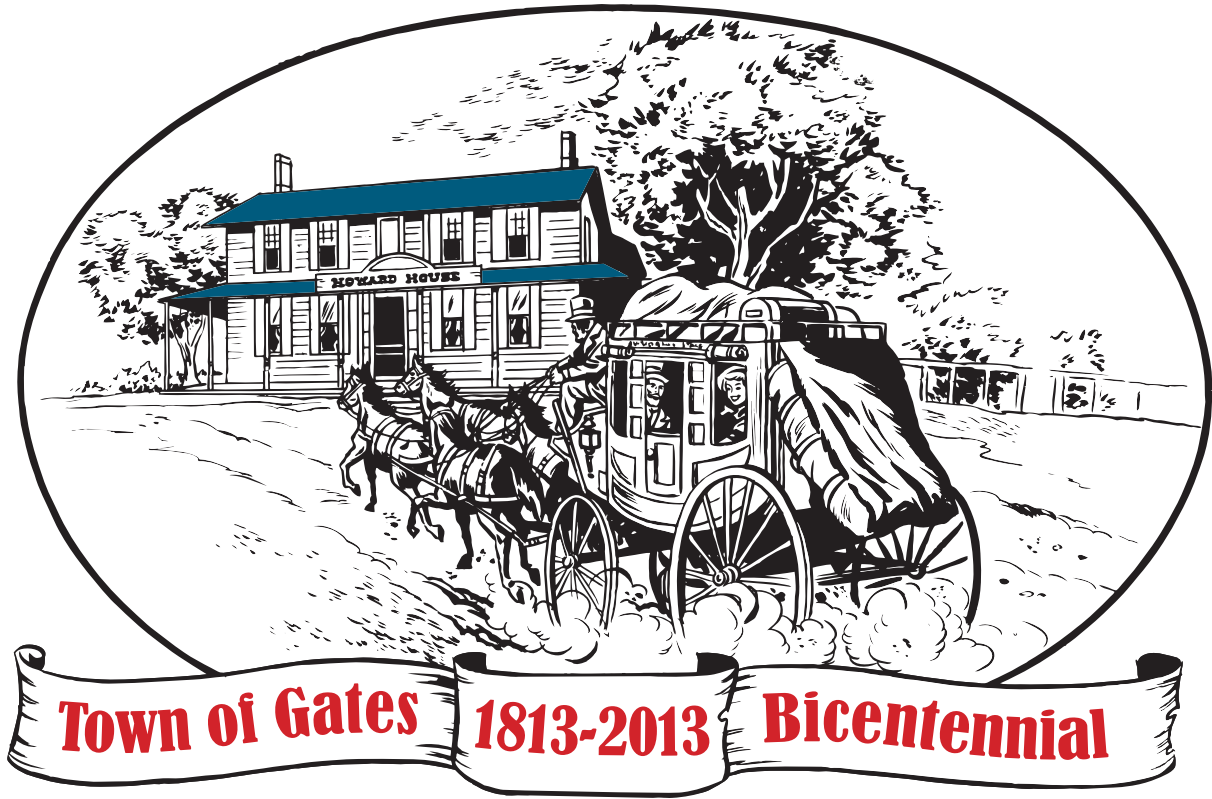
Holly Days at the Hinchey House

Hinchey Homestead,
634 Hinchey Road
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. each day
(donations appreciated)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

Christmas Party at Hinchey House

Gates Historical Society Event
Hinchey Homestead, 634 Hinchey
Road • 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.





GATES BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

1605 Buffalo Road



The Gates Bicentennial Committee seated left to right: Beverly Magliocco, Supervisor's Secretary; Noel Schey, Gates Ambulance; Paula Blackburn, Gates Public Library; Laura Nolan, Gates Historical Society; Judy DeRooy, Gates Town Historian and Bicentennial Co-chairman; Elsie Glendenning, Gates Ambulance.

Standing: Susan Swanton, Gates Public Library; Linda Fowler, Gates Recreation Department; Mike Leone, Gates Highway Department; Mark Assini, Town Supervisor; Cheryl Holland, Gates Chili School District; William A. Gillette, Bicentennial Co-chairman; Rhoda Ride, Gates Recreation and David DiCaro, Gates Police Department.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

In the spring of 2012, the Town's Bicentennial Committee began meeting to prepare for what will prove to be the biggest celebration in the Town's history. The Town Board appointed Judy DeRooy, Gates Town Historian and William A. Gillette, past President, Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce, as Co-Chair people for this celebration at their February 6, 2012 meeting.

Meetings began in May 2012 with plans for the celebration to start at the Gates Town Board meeting on April 1, 2013, exactly 200 years after the Town of Gates was created from the last portion of the original Town of Northampton. Events for Memorial Day and Labor Day with the major celebration planned for the

Town's annual Summer Celebration, June 29, 2013.

Plans to restore a town parade are well underway with Parade Marshals of Betty DiPonzio, former Gates Town Board member, Sr. Diane Dolce of Hope Hall, William Elser, Gates Sesquicentennial Committee, Ralph Esposito, former Town Board Supervisor and Duane Neu, Gates Sesquicentennial Committee. Many Gates notables will participate in the June 29th festivities along with name entertainment and the traditional fireworks.

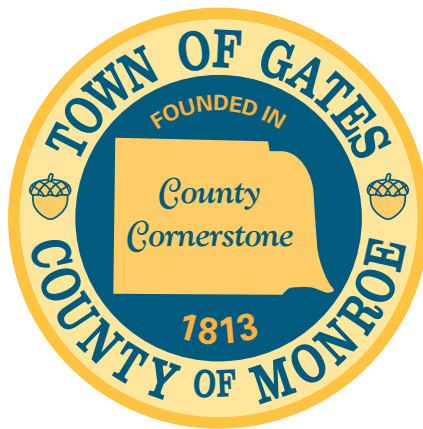
May our 200th Bicentennial Celebration inspire the leaders of the Town of Gates in 2063 to plan our 250th celebration!

TOWN OF GATES: COUNTY CORNERSTONE



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Compiled by the
Town of Gates Bicentennial Book Committee
Susan Swanton, Coordinator



Town of Gates, New York
June 2013



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Bicentennial 1813–2013

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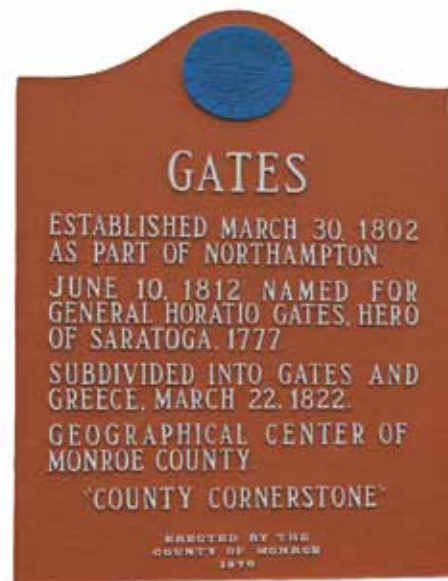
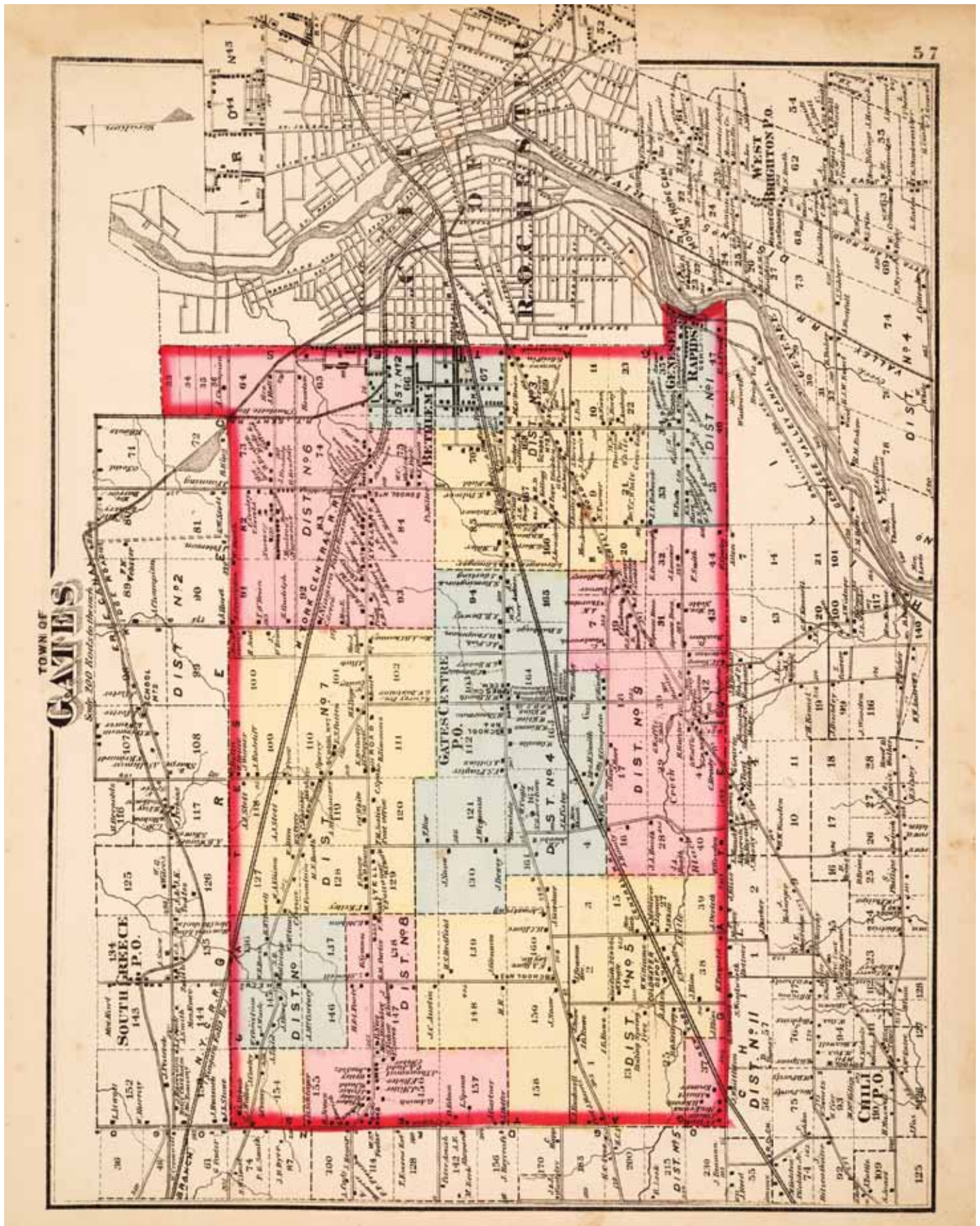




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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 29, 2013

I am pleased to join all those celebrating the 200th anniversary of Gates, New York. Such a momentous occasion is an opportunity to reflect on the history of your community and the people who made it what it is today.

Since our Nation's founding over two centuries ago, our country has evolved through times of trial and triumph. We struggled through a Civil War and thrived during industrialization. We endured the Great Depression and two World Wars, drew inspiration from Dr. King's dream, and watched Neil Armstrong land on the moon. Your community has borne witness to these events and written its own chapter in the story of our people.

Today, as we work to fulfill America's promise, we look to our past for lessons on courage and determination. As we continue on our journey, I hope you are inspired by the principles upon which our Nation was founded, and by the hard work and sacrifice of our forebears.

Congratulations on this milestone. May you celebrate many more years together as family, friends, and neighbors.



Citation

Whereas, recognizing the value and importance of preserving the rich history and heritage of our great state and nation, the citizens of New York welcome the opportunity to respectfully acknowledge the bicentennial Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Gates; and

Whereas, situated in the middle of beautiful Monroe County in the Finger Lakes Region of New York state, bordered by the Town of Greece to the north, the City of Rochester to the east, the Town of Chili to the south, and the Town of Ogden to the west, Gates was first settled in 1797 and known as Northampton in Ontario County; it was re-named as the Town of Gates in honor of the Revolutionary General Horatio Gates and incorporated on April 1, 1813 as part of Monroe County; and

Whereas, in its early history, Gates was known for an agricultural heritage, but that has given way to light industry and commerce, and the town is now famous as the corporate headquarters of Wegmans Food markets; over the centuries, this quaint community grew and prospered as a vibrant hometown and as part of the City of Rochester metropolitan area; and

Whereas, the true greatness of a community comes from the heart and soul of the people who live here; the residents of Gates can be remarkably proud of the region's impressive cultural, educational, recreational, social and historic offerings and attractions – and those with the good fortune to visit this gracious locale know they, too, have discovered a very special and charming place; and

Whereas, Gates is home to distinguished and accomplished individuals; it is these extraordinary people who have defined this town over the last two centuries and truly deserve to be commended for their steadfast commitment towards sustaining and honoring their past, while contributing in meaningful ways that impact the present and shape the future;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby cite

THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GATES

and congratulate everyone who joins in celebration of this significant milestone.



Governor
April 1, 2013



Proclamation

Settled around 1790 as a result of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase, the Town of Northampton was established as a home for people relocated from Northampton and Springfield, Massachusetts. On April 1, 1813, the New York State Legislature enacted legislation officially creating the Township of Northampton, which would later come to be known as Gates in honor of General Horatio Gates.

Rapid growth came to the Town as a result of new settlements, with its population increasing to a total of 2,643 residents by 1820. In 1817 and 1822, portions of the Town were subdivided into the Town of Greece and the City of Rochester, shrinking its physical footprint but solidifying its place in history as the cornerstone on which Monroe County was built.

Today, as we celebrate the Town's milestone bicentennial anniversary, we pause to recognize the many contributions made by Gates residents and leaders over the past two hundred years. While many towns and villages sometimes forget their historic pasts, Gates has made a tremendous effort to preserve and maintain its legacy and character. Today, Gates is home to over 28,000 residents and a remarkable quality of life.

From the bustling and successful corporate headquarters of Wegmans, to our community's "Gateway to the World" – the Greater Rochester International Airport – the Town of Gates is certainly a vital part of our larger Monroe County community.

THEREFORE, I, Maggie Brooks, Monroe County Executive, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 1, 2013, to be:

GATES BICENTENNIAL DAY

in Monroe County, and celebrate the tremendous contributions that the Town of Gates has made to our entire community.

I HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand this first day of April in the year two thousand and thirteen.


Maggie Brooks
County Executive





APRIL 1ST 2013 OFFICIAL 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GATES

On the actual 200th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Gates a reenactment of the first Gates Town Board meeting was conducted. Attendees were encouraged to attend in period costumes.



Left to right: Gary Newman, Virginia Paddock, Laura Nolan and Anne Paddock, all from the Gates Historical Society, grace the front row of this kickoff event with their period costumes.

Left to right: Noel Schey, New York State Senator Joseph Robach and Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks attended the event.



Left to right: Joe Amico, Gates Director of Public Works, attired as Commissioner of Highways Chauncey Dean and John DiCaro, Gates Town Attorney, as Justice John Williams



Reenactment of the 1813 Town Board Meeting— Seated, left to right: Councilman Richard A. Warner, portraying Assessor Abel Rowe; Councilman Frank X. Allkofer, portraying Supervisor John Mastick; Town Clerk Donna LaPorta, reading the part of Town Clerk Francis Brown; Secretary Beverly Magliocco, reading the part of Controller Marcellus Covert; Supervisor Mark W. Assini, narrating the reenactment; Town Attorney John DiCaro, portraying Justice John Williams; and Councilwoman Elaine P. Tette, reading the part of Zaccheus Colby, former Supervisor and Board Member.



Bill Gillette, Gates Bicentennial Co-chairman, came as Constable Harry Olmstead



Prizes were awarded for the “Bearded Brothers of the Bush” contest judged by Joseph Dispenza. Left to right: Gates Town Attorney John DiCaro; Marty Dietz, winner in the Adirondacker category for a wild and untrimmed beard; Town Councilman Frank X. Allkofer, winner in the Globe Top Special category for those who grow hair better on the bottom of their head than the top; and Town Supervisor Mark Assini, winner in the Dapper Dan category for having the best trimmed beard. Not pictured: Don Ioannone, winner in the Cat Lick Special category for having a patchy beard.



An overflow crowd attended this kickoff event for the Gates Bicentennial which then adjourned to the Gates Recreation Department’s new quarters in the former Gates Public Library for the reception and displays.



EARTH WEEK DEDICATION CEREMONY: April 27, 2013 at 10 am, Lions Park.

A tree donated by The Garden Factory and DiPonzio's Funeral Home was dedicated to the citizens of the Town of Gates 1813-2013

Speaking at the event: Mark Assini, Gates Town Supervisor, Frank X. Allkofer, Gates Town Councilman, Deacon Angelo Coccia, St. Theodore Church, and Susan Swanton, Coordinator, Gates Bicentennial Book.

Past Earth Day Observance Recipients by the Gates Recreation and Parks Department are: Rita Schein [1996], Rev. Gerald Dunn [1997], Kenneth Kemp [1998], Grace Baker [1999], Joseph Campbell [2000], Jack Hart [2001], Jim O'Neil [2002], Jim Amico [2003], Frank X. Allkofer [2004], John Maggio [2005], Betty DiPonzio [2006], Mike Roche [2007], Judy DeRooy [2008], Quintino DiCesare [2009], Joe Esposito [2010], Frank Lisuzzo [2011], Cecil Karley [2012] There is now a long row of deciduous trees at Lions Park with granite markers for each of these noted Gates residents.



DEDICATION



The 1963 Gates Bicentennial Committee (from left): William Elser, Regis Mooney, William Forbes, Mary Murray, Supervisor Frank Kipers, Nelson Dennis, Rita Morticelli, Costanzo Caruso, Anthony Quattrone, and Harrison Kelly. In the photo of the 1963 sesquicentennial committee, they're holding a banner of E. M. K. Glen, a 1850s era abolitionist, which we believe is owned by the Town of Gates.



Agnes Cole, in 1963



June Thomas, in 1963

Town of Gates: County Cornerstone, Bicentennial 1813–2013 is dedicated to the 1963 Gates Sesquicentennial Committee for its leadership 50 years ago in creating the town's observance and pictorial history that inspired the 2013 Bicentennial Committee to follow in its footsteps.

For decades, the sesquicentennial publication, entitled *From the Wilderness: Town of Gates Sesquicentennial 1813–1963*, was the only history of the town in print in the modern era until the Gates Historical Society began its historical publications in 2005.

The Town of Gates owes a special debt of gratitude to Agnes Cole and June Thomas, the authors of *From the Wilderness*. Their decision to include the histories of community groups, churches, and schools in their book inspired the 2013 Bicentennial Committee to ask those same organizations, plus additional not-for-profit groups now serving in Gates, to submit their own updated histories and photographs.

By comparing this 2013 pictorial and historical snapshot of Gates with the 1963 publication, readers can clearly see how dramatically the town has changed over the past 50 years.

In turn, the 2013 Bicentennial Committee asks the community leaders of the Town of Gates who will be serving in 2063 to continue the cycle by updating this work for the 250th anniversary.

—Susan Swanton
On behalf of the 2013 Town of Gates Bicentennial Committee



INTRODUCTION

*By Mark W. Assini
Supervisor, Town of Gates, N.Y.*



GATES, NEW YORK, is a dynamic town located in Monroe County with a rich historical past and a bright future.

In 1797, what is now the Town of Gates was part of Northampton in the immense Ontario County that had been split off from Montgomery County eight years earlier. In 1802, the State Legislature subdivided Ontario County into Northampton, Southampton, Leicester, and Batavia. In 1808, three new towns were created: Murray, Parma, and Riga. Residents in the last remnant of Northampton then came together and petitioned the Legislature to establish their own community. On April 1, 1813, the Town of Gates was officially founded.

It is clear that our community has been at the center of history for this area. The roots of the City of Rochester can be directly traced to Gates. Nearly 300 acres were annexed from the Town of Gates in 1817, which then extended to the Genesee River, to form the Village of Rochesterville. Matthew Brown, for whom Brown's Race is named, was president of Rochesterville, as the city was originally known, and concurrently served as supervisor of the Town of Gates. He also served as the first chairperson of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors.

Gates is located at the geographic center of Monroe County. We now have a population of more than 28,000

residents with easy access to expressways in all parts of town. We are fortunate to have two outstanding school districts: the Gates Chili Central School District that serves most of the town, and the Spencerport School District in portions of western Gates.

Since our sesquicentennial in 1963, farming has all but ended, but our mix of industrial, commercial, and residential properties is the proper balance to stabilize taxes and maintain a hometown atmosphere.

Our housing is among the most affordable in the country. Residents enjoy high-quality services from our Police, Recreation, and Highway Departments, our Senior Center, state-of-the-art Library, and from all of our professionally run departments at Gates Town Hall.

From Walmart and the Tinseltown cinema complex to Rochester Tech Park and Lions Park, Gates is a great place in which to live, work, and raise a family. And you don't have to take my word for it. Just ask rock legend Lou Gramm of Foreigner who grew up and attended school in Gates, or Joe Altobelli, manager of the World Series-champion Baltimore Orioles, who raised his family here.

I am a lifelong resident of Gates, not by necessity, but by choice. With all of our blessings, I am proud to call Gates my hometown. Happy 200th birthday, Gates!



TOWN OF GATES SUPERVISORS

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Listings from 1809 to 1812 denote supervisors of the Town of Northampton prior to the formation of the Town of Gates by the New York State Legislature on April 1, 1813. Listings from 1813 to the present denote supervisors of the Town of Gates.

1809
ZACCHEUS COLBY

1810
SAMUEL LATTA

1811
ZACCHEUS COLBY

1812–1816
JOHN MASTICK
First supervisor of the Town of Gates

1817
ROSWELL HART

1818
IRA WEST

1819–1821
MATTHEW BROWN
(Matthew Brown Jr.—
From the Wilderness)

1822
JESSE HAWLEY

1823
MATTHEW BROWN
(Matthew Brown Jr.—
From the Wilderness)

1824
SAMUEL WORKS

1825
JACOB GOULD

1826
SETH SAXTON

1827
FLETCHER M. HAIGHT

1828
MATTHEW BROWN

1829
EZRA M. PARSONS

1830–1832
NATHANIEL T.
ROCHESTER*

1833
JAMES H. GREGORY

1834
WILLIAM J. BISHOP
(William S. Bishop—
From the Wilderness)

1835
EZRA M. PARSONS

1836
CALVIN SPERRY

1837–1839
HENRY K. HIGGINS

1840–1842
SILAS A. YERKES
(Silas A. Yenkes**—
From the Wilderness)

1843
E. DARWIN SMITH

1844–1847
MELANCTHON C.
WETMORE***

1844–1846
(MELANCTON C.
WETMORE—
From the Wilderness)

1847
HENRY K. HIGGINS—
From the Wilderness

1848
JOSHUA FISH****

1848–1849
JAMES WARNER—
From the Wilderness

1849
JAMES WARNER

1850–1851
JOSEPH DEWEY

1852
HIRAM SHEARMAN

1853
M. C. (Melancton C.)
WETMORE

1854–1855
JOSEPH DEWEY

1856–1857
JAMES WARNER

1858–1860
EZRA M. PARSONS

1861
NATHAN PALMER

1862
JAMES WARNER

1863
WILLIAM OTIS

1864
JAMES CHAPPELL

1865–1866
JAMES WARNER



1867–1871
CHESTER FIELD



1872–1874
JOHN L. PIXLEY

1872–1873
JOHN L. PIXLEY—
From the Wilderness

1874–1875
EDWARD C. CAMPBELL



1876, 1878, 1879, 1880
REUBEN L. FIELD*****

1877
EDWARD C. CAMPBELL

1881–1882
AVERY L. REED

1883
CHESTER FIELD

1884–1886
EDWARD C. CAMPBELL

1887
ALFRED G. WRIGHT

1888
REUBEN L. FIELD

1889–1891
JACOB S. HAIGHT

1892–1897
ALBERT HONDORF

1898–1905
ALPHONSE COLLINS

1906–1907
ARDEAN R. MILLER SR.

1908–1911
FRANK W. WRIGHT

1912–1915
GEORGE J. SAILE

1916–1917
SAMUEL MCAULIFFE



1918–1933
BENJAMIN F. METCALF

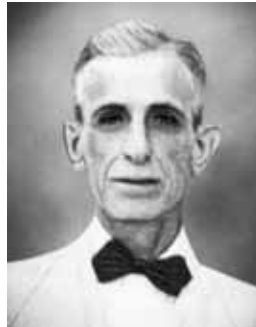


1934–1935
ANDREW HARRINGTON

1936–July 2, 1947
FRED C. SOURS
Died in office



**July 2, 1947–
August 25, 1947**
EDWARD RENOUF
Died in office



**August 25, 1947–
December 31, 1947**
FRED BELMONT



1948–1959
ELBERT FINCH



1960–1965
FRANK F. KIPERS



**January 1, 1966–
October 23, 1966**
EVERETT B. RUSSELL
Died in office



**November 17, 1966–
October 1, 1974**
JOSEPH W. CAMPBELL



**October 1 1974–
May 1, 1989**
JACK C. HART



**May 1, 1989–
December 31, 2009**
RALPH J. ESPOSITO



2010–present
MARK W. ASSINI

*Supervisor Nathaniel Thrift Rochester (1802–1883) was the son of Nathaniel Rochester (1752–1831), one of the original proprietors of the land that became the City of Rochester, N.Y.

**A misspelling of Supervisor Yerkes's last name in *From the Wilderness*. The Rochester *Telegraph* newspaper issue of January 30, 1827, reports the marriage of Silas A. Yerkes of Gates to Susan S. Hill.

***A misspelling of Supervisor Wetmore's first name in the McIntosh history. The *Charter and Directory of the City of Rochester*, 1834 edition, lists his first name as "Melancton" and his occupation as a canal agent.

****There is no listing for Supervisor Fish in *From the Wilderness*.

*****Supervisor Reuben L. Field is the final listing in the McIntosh history. The references for the remaining listings are *From the Wilderness* and the Town of Gates Supervisor's Office.

PROLOGUE AND FOUNDING OF THE TOWN OF GATES

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The earliest documentation of the government of the town of Gates in the possession of the town historian is a handwritten book of minutes, finance reports, and school district and road surveys dating from 1809 to 1837. The text begins on Page 35 of this historic book and concludes on Page 142 with a listing of owners' marks and brands for farm animals in the town.

Among these records are the original surveys for Pixley Road, Spencerport Road, and Wegman Road in Gates.

The founding of the Town of Gates evolved from an early transaction in the Phelps and Gorham Purchase with the sale of Town No. 1 in the Short Range of the purchase on November 8, 1790, to a group of investors from Northampton and Springfield, Mass. The town that they purchased became known as Northampton and included present-day Gates, N.Y.

The first official Northampton town meeting was held on April 4, 1797, at the home of Peter Sheffer, near Scottsville, N.Y.

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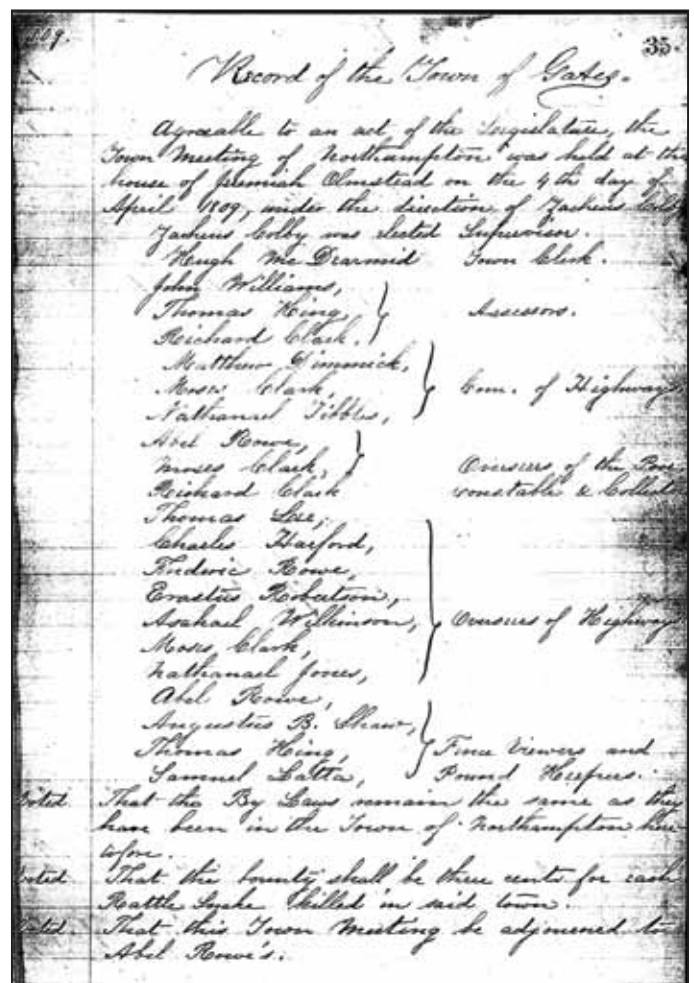
Hugh McDermid (spelled McDermaid in *Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.*, 1895) was elected town clerk at the Northampton reorganization meeting on April 4, 1809, and probably began keeping the minutes on loose-leafed pages. John Williams served as town clerk in 1810 and 1811. Frederic Harford and Francis Brown succeeded him in 1812 and 1813, respectively, and the minutes and written records of the town were passed on to each clerk in succession.

Town officers soon realized that a formal minutes and records book was needed. At the 1811 town meeting, they voted to transfer five dollars from the poor fund to enable Town Clerk John Williams to make the purchase: "Voted that the Poor Master send to John Williams five dol. to buy a Town Book."

It is believed that the book now in the town historian's archive is the minutes book purchased by Mr. Williams in 1811. The pages are 8 inches wide by 12¾ inches deep, and are lined and pre-numbered by the manufacturer.

The text begins on Page 35. It is assumed that Mr. Williams or a succeeding clerk started to record the minutes on Page 1, possibly recopying the records of the first three meetings at the beginning of the book.

At some point, one of the succeeding clerks ripped out the first 34 pages of the book and recopied everything, perhaps to have all the early town records available in one book. There is little doubt that the entire minutes book has been written by the same person. The writing is clear, the pages are well preserved, and the records are remarkably easy to read.



Detail from the first page of the handwritten book of minutes, finance reports, and school district and road surveys of the Town of Gates dating from 1809 to 1837. The book is the earliest documentation of Gates government held in the vault of the town historian.

The book concludes on page 142 and the last dated entry is from 1837 (although that entry appears on page 140 of the book).

The book ultimately passed to Franklin Hinchey, the son of pioneer William S. Hinchey who settled in Gates around 1810. The family owned several hundred acres in the town and became active in public service issues. For example, on June 9, 1829, William Hinchey hosted a town meeting in his home, which is documented on page 135 of the minutes book. In the 1870s, William's son, Franklin, built the homestead that still stands today and is the only site in the town on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Hinchey family were leading citizens of Gates and were active in community and church activities. It is not surprising that one of the later town officials entrusted the minutes book to Franklin for safekeeping, especially since the annual town meetings and town clerk records were held and kept in private homes until the 1940s when the first Gates Town Hall was opened in the former Lee's Tavern on Buffalo Road.

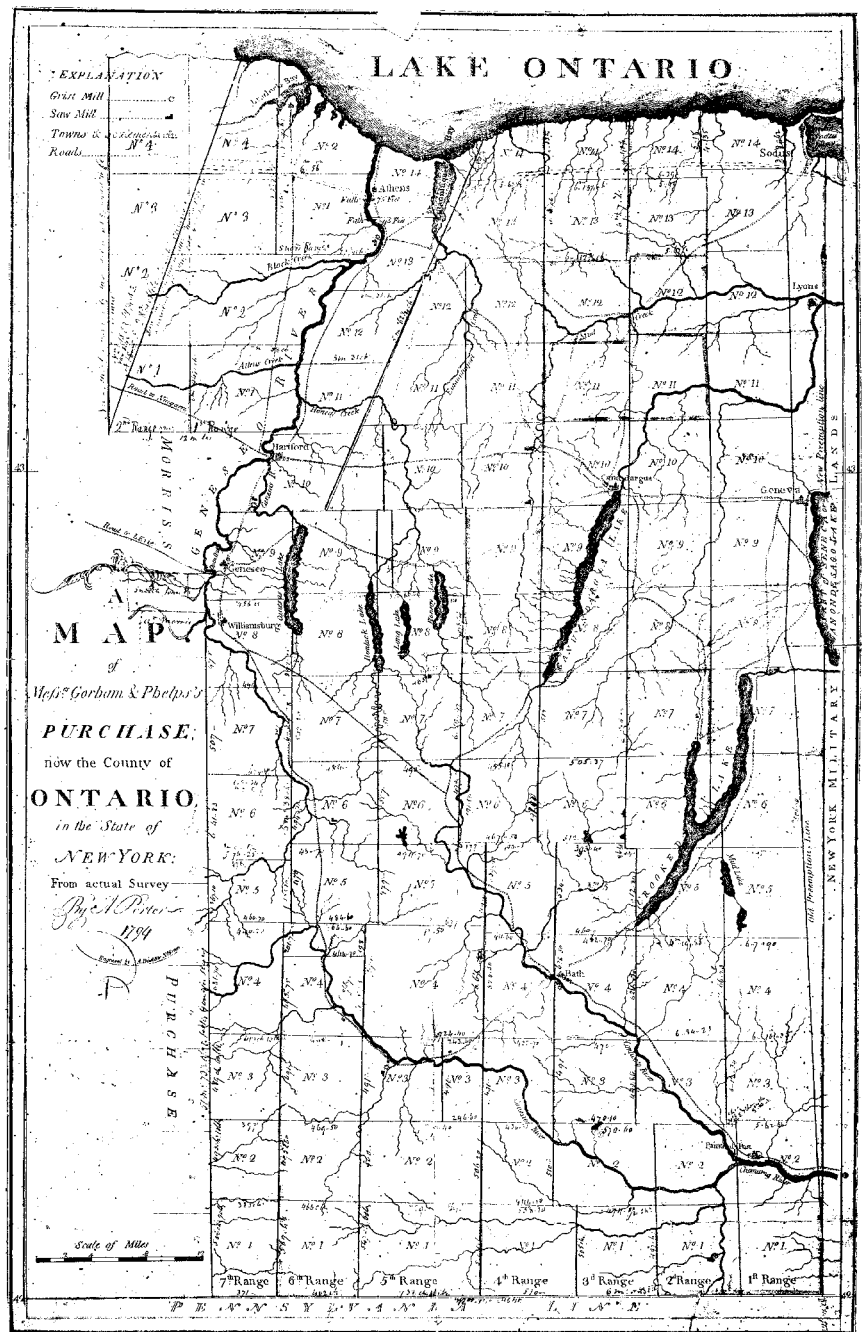
For at least 100 years, then, the book remained within the Hinchey Homestead. It resurfaced in 1999 when Wolcott Hinchey was preparing to sell the property to the Gates Historical Society. He presented the book to Town Historian Jack C. Hart on December 11, 1999. In a letter to Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Hart wrote, "please be assured that I will protect and preserve this book as one of the treasures of the town historian's files."

The book remains in the historian's vault. A transcription of the handwritten text was made and published by the Gates Historical Society in a work entitled *The Settlement of Western New York State With a Review of Early Records of the Town of Gates, N.Y. 1809-1837* (Gates Historical Society, September 2010, Library of Congress Control Number 2010902533).

Prologue to the Founding of Gates, N.Y.

The founding of the Town of Gates is inherently linked to the settlement of western New York State (the frontier of the new nation in its day) and the Phelps and Gorham land purchase.

In 1789, Ontario County was split off from Montgomery County. Ontario County, too, was immense in area and



This is a map of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase drawn by Augustus Porter and engraved by Amos Doolittle of New Haven, Connecticut. The Town of Gates is located in Town No. 1 in what was called the Short Range of Towns on the west side of the Genesee River. The map was made in 1794 following a resurvey of the Pre-emption Line, the eastern boundary of the purchase.

included present-day Allegany, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Steuben, Wyoming, and Yates counties, and parts of Schuyler and Wayne counties.

On July 20 and 21, 1789, Col. Hugh Maxwell and his survey team were establishing the lines of the Short Range of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase. These were the only 10 towns west of the Genesee River in the purchase. His field notes, in which he describes the land, streams and

vegetation, are believed to be the first written description of land in the vicinity of present-day Gates, N.Y. The following entry from July 20, 1789, describes the north line of Town No. 2,

First Range, in the Short Range of towns. This line runs north of Black Creek. In the description of the third mile, Col. Maxwell refers to “a small muddy brook running S,” which is believed to be the reference to Little Black Creek.

July 20 1789

Began at a beech tree, the corner of 2nd in the first Range and N 3rd in ditto, running E.

1 mile between N2 and N3 in the first range
W Genesee

Over good land covered with heavy growth of beech, maple, bass, ash, elm &c., mixt with some oak & hickory &c.

2 mile between N2 and 3 in the first range
W Genesee

The same sort of timber and as heavy. The land something more low and moist.

3rd mile between 2 and 3 in the first range
W Genesee

122 rods to a small muddy brook running S.
The mile is such land and timber as the last.

4th mile between 2 and 3 in the first range
W Genesee

The timber heavy as the last mile, and land good, something higher and dryer than the last mile.

5th mile between 2 and 3 in the first range
W Genesee

Over the same sort of land and timber [?] oak, hickory, ash, elm, beech, maple &c.

6 mile between 2 and 3 in the first range
W Genesee

Brought me over the same kind of land and timber, and 80 rods for swag of chain, and continue 26 rods into a swamp to a red ash tree marked N 2 on the S side and N 3 on the N side, with tree marked for witness.

With Col. Maxwell's survey in progress, the Phelps and Gorham land office in Canandaigua continued to sell towns. Town No. 1 in the Short Range was sold on November 8, 1790, to a group of men from Northampton and Springfield, Mass., for £600. The group included

Ebenezer Hunt, Robert Breck, Quartus Pomeroy, Samuel Henshaw, Samuel Hinckley, Moses Kingsley, and Justin Ely, and the town became known as Northampton and included present-day Gates, N.Y.

Ebenezer (Indian) Allen is regarded as the first white man to live west of the Genesee River, but the first to settle down and make a home west of the Genesee and in the Town of Northampton was Peter Sheffer, a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, who arrived in western New York at the age of 85 with his sons Peter and Jacob. In July 1789, the Sheffers reached Geneva, N.Y., then moved west to Bloomfield, N.Y., where they purchased 1,200 acres. The elder Mr. Sheffer divided the land among his three daughters and with his sons, traveled south down the Genesee River and located Ebenezer Allen at his log house near the village of present-day Scottsville, N.Y.

The Sheffers purchased land from Mr. Allen for \$2.50 per acre (considered a high price at the time), but since 60 acres were already improved, the purchase was considered a valuable acquisition. Mr. Allen then moved to his sawmill at the falls of the Genesee River in present-day Rochester, N.Y.

The Sheffers brought apple seeds with them from Pennsylvania and are credited with establishing the first orchard in Northampton. In 1790, Peter Sheffer Jr. married Elizabeth Schoonhover, the daughter of a family that arrived in the spring of that year. They settled just south of Scottsville. Their first child, Nancy, was born in 1793. Peter Sheffer Jr. constructed his first frame dwelling in 1797 with lumber from Mr. Allan's sawmill. Nails and iron were brought in from Geneva.

Following the Sheffer family, the next settler on the west side of the Genesee River was William Hencher from Massachusetts, who had participated in Shay's Rebellion. He built a hut in the area of Long Pond in August 1791.

In 1796, the Phelps and Gorham Company sold 6,000 acres on the west side of the Genesee River about four miles south of Lake Ontario to Gideon King and Zaddock Granger from Suffield, Connecticut. In winter, they and their families built several cabins on the high bank of the river with lumber for the roofs and floors from Mr. Allen's mill.

It is interesting to note that some of the purchasers of land from Phelps and Gorham never came to the Genesee Country nor had they any intent to live here. Many of them bought strictly for investment—the opportunity to build wealth by buying and selling land.

The first meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on April 4, 1797, at the home of Peter Sheffer. Josiah Fish was elected supervisor; Eli Granger was elected town clerk. In 1798, a school committee was formed consisting of Peter Sheffer, Josiah Fish, Chapman Hawley and Joseph Morgan.

On March 30, 1802, the State Legislature subdivided Ontario County and created Genesee County. Genesee



Pictured as it was in 1955, this is the original family home of Gates pioneer William S. Hinchey, who arrived in the town circa 1810. It was the first clapboard house ever built in the Town of Gates. William hosted a meeting of the Gates highway commissioners in the house on June 9, 1829.

In the 1870s, William's son, Franklin, built the Hinchey Homestead that remains standing today, the rear portion of which is visible in this photo just to the back and right of the original home. It was William's request to his family that the original house remain standing "until it disintegrates," as a reminder of the Hinchey family heritage in Gates.

This photo was taken by the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle for an article about the history of the town that appeared in the October 2, 1955, edition. The original home remained standing until the mid-1960s.

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County was divided into four towns: Northampton, Southampton, Leicester, and Batavia.

In 1808, three new towns were created and separated themselves from Northampton: Murray, Parma and Riga. Residents in the last remaining remnant of Northampton now began to talk about identifying their town by a name of its own.

Between 1800 and 1810, settlements began in what is now the Town of Gates. Although there were a few primitive homesteads along the Genesee River as early as 1792, pioneers at first did not stray too far from the waterway. An excursion of only five miles west of the river

was a trip into the frontier of the dense, unoccupied forest land of Northampton.

John Harford, who at one time owned one-twelfth of Northampton, came in the early 1800s, although it cannot be confirmed that he was, indeed, the very first settler in Gates. Nonetheless, he settled just east of the corner of present-day Lyell Road and Spencerport Road, and is credited with a number of firsts. He built the first house, was the first to clear the land and he sowed the first grain to be harvested in Gates.

Isaac Ray, Mr. Harford's son-in-law, also arrived about 1800 and cleared land for a large farm east of Gates Center

on his father-in-law's property. (Gates Center is traditionally recognized as the intersection of present-day Buffalo Road and Howard Road.)

By about 1804, Samuel and Daniel Gilman, Charles and Abraham Harford, and John Courtright settled in the eastern portion of Gates. Each of these settlers was leaving the general security of the Genesee River area and pushing west into the new lands.

The first tavern was built of logs on Buffalo Road in 1806; two of its early proprietors were William Jameson and Joshua Beaman.

Isaac Dean settled about a mile south of Gates Center and established a sawmill in 1810, near the area of present-day Chili Avenue and Howard Road and the town's border with Chili, N.Y. A year later, Chauncey Dean purchased it and continued operations.

William Hinchey arrived about 1810, settled about a mile south of the center, and lived in the first clapboard house in the town. (The Gates Historical Society has in its archives a 1950s newspaper clipping that includes a photograph of the house. His descendants became prominent town citizens and the homestead built by his son, Franklin, is now owned by the town and is the only site in Gates listed on the National Register of Historic Places.)

Although the first recorded birth in Gates is that of a daughter born to Ezra Mason in 1818, historians believe that there must have been earlier births because of the number of families then living in the town.

Among other early settlers were Thomas Jameson, who arrived prior to 1812 and who lived west of Gates Center; Everett H. Peck; David Frink; Philip Lyell (for whom Lyell Avenue and Lyell Road are named) and Richard Paul.

In *From the Wilderness*, published during the Gates sesquicentennial in 1963, co-editors June Thomas and Mrs. Gordon E. Cole wrote about what it might have been like for the early settlers thinking about their town:

It was getting on toward 4 o'clock and, although it had been an unusually warm day for March, the air had grown chilly as the sun disappeared behind the trees. Abel Rowe straightened up from the pile of logs he had been splitting and rubbed his cold hands together.

"That would do for today," he decided. "Besides, it was almost supper time and there was to be a meeting tonight." He would have just time enough to wash up, eat his dinner and get to the meeting.

He could see the smoke rising from the chimney of his cabin as he walked toward the

clearing, now covered by a blanket of snow. As he walked, he thought about how the feeling had been growing among the people of the town that the time had come to adopt a new name for this last portion of the Town of Northampton. Three other towns had recently divided themselves from Northampton and were now distinguished as Murray, Parma and Riga, and it now seemed high time that what was left of old Northampton be dignified by a name of its own.

He, for one, was in favor of it. He would vote 'yes' at the meeting tonight and he hoped all the others would, too.

He was still mulling over what a suitable name might be when he reached his cabin and found supper waiting.

The Founding of Gates

A town meeting was certainly held and in 1808 the residents of Northampton petitioned the New York State legislature to create the Town of Gates. The townspeople had selected the name in honor of General Horatio Gates, the American Revolutionary War officer who received the surrender of General Burgoyne at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777 and who died in New York State in 1806.

Although the petition to create the Town of Gates was sent to Albany in 1808, it would be four years before it was approved and another year for it to take effect.

Since Murray, Parma and Riga had separated from Northampton in 1808, residents of what remained of Northampton had to reorganize their town as it now existed. On April 4, 1809, they met at the home of Jeremiah Olmstead to reorganize Northampton.

In addition to electing officers at that first meeting, they voted that a bounty of three cents be paid for each rattlesnake killed in town. Then, they adjourned the meeting until the following year.

In 1809, only a handful of men who owned property in Northampton could vote. The freeholders, as male voters were called then, were Charles Harford, John Van Sickles, Samuel Latta, William Hencher, Jacob Teeples, Augustus B. Shaw, Abel Rowe, Moses Everett, Samuel Currier, Isaac Vandeventer, Benjamin Cowles, Frederick Bushnell, Silas O. Smith and Daniel Budd.

That year, the election results from Northampton for New York State assemblyman was 9 votes for Levi Ward Jr. and 8 votes for Chauncey Loomis. In 1810, Peter B. Porter defeated Ebenezer F. Norton for Congress by a vote of 20 to 16.

On June 10, 1812, the New York State Legislature enacted the residents' petition to create the Town of Gates, effective April 1, 1813:

*Chapter 122
Laws of 1812
An Act for Altering the Name of the Town
Therein Mentioned
II Be it further enacted, that from and after the
1st day of April next, the Town of Northampton
(heretofore so called) in the County of Genesee,
shall be known and called by the name of Gates.*

On the day it was created, the area of the new Town of Gates was considerably larger than it is today, extending north to Lake Ontario, east and south to the Genesee River, and west to Parma, and including the Village of Rochesterville (now the City of Rochester). But beginning in 1817 and continuing until 1919, the founding of new towns and various annexations by Rochester took more and more land from Gates. Today, it is geographically the smallest town in Monroe County.

For example, in 1817, a committee led by Col. Nathaniel Rochester (for whom Rochester is named) petitioned the state legislature for a charter to incorporate the Village of Rochesterville. The petition was adopted on March 21, 1817, and the village was called Rochesterville until 1822 when it became Rochester.

Rochesterville was comprised of 665 acres west of the Genesee River, then part of Genesee County. Nearly 300 acres were taken from the Town of Gates, which had extended to the river.

In 1823, Rochester annexed about 257 acres east of the river from the Town of Brighton, placing the village in two counties: Ontario- County east of the river and Genesee County west of the river. The need for a new county was apparent and the State Legislature created Monroe County on February 23, 1821, named for James Monroe, fifth president of the United States.

In 1822, the Town of Greece was established and further reduced the area of Gates by more than half of its original limits.

In 1834, Gates lost 3.23 square miles in the third annexation, this one by Rochester. Other annexations occurred in 1843, 1850 and 1874. In 1874, Gates extended east to Child Street and included the west bank of

the Genesee River, which now faces the University of Rochester. But Rochester annexed this, as well, then the most populated area nearest the city.

The seventh annexation occurred in 1891, and the eighth, ninth and tenth were in 1901, 1914, and 1919, respectively. By the early 1900s, the Lincoln Park area (off present-day Chili Avenue near Genesee Park Boulevard) had developed industrially and made an ideal source of tax revenue for the City of Rochester, and a subsequent loss of revenue for Gates.

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Historian Orsamus Turner writes that Gates “has little of history disconnected with village and city.” He is describing that the Town of Gates, in its early days, encompassed much of what is now the City of Rochester and that its eastern boundary extended to the Genesee River. It is probably for this reason that a traditional Main Street or downtown business district never formed in Gates. These were not necessary for the few early settlers because their town extended into the metropolis of Rochester, where they could obtain most of their necessities. Nonetheless, some residents today are disappointed that Gates lacks a formal center, such as the downtown business districts in neighboring Spencerport, Churchville and Brockport, for example.

Also because of its expanse into Rochester, Gates was somewhat slow to attract settlers. Turner writes, “As late as 1817, there were but a few settlers living in small openings of the forest, on the Buffalo road in Gates. The town embracing all of Rochester, on the east [west, *ed.*] side of the river, has little of history disconnected with village and city. It contained but a scattered population—there were but few openings in the forest—when Rochester was started.”

By 1877, Gates remained a rural, agricultural community. A map of the day shows only a handful of homesteads and large open tracts of land. By 1902, little had changed. Lot sizes were still measured in acres with the Hinchey, Jacobs, Harris, Munn, Trabold, Field and Vogt families, and others, farming into the hundreds of acres.

Gates would not see the transition from a rural agricultural area to the suburbs begin until the 1940s and 1950s, with residential development beginning in earnest in the 1960s. ■



GATES: AS IT WAS IN 1877

Editor's Note:

The following is the chapter entitled "Gates," extracted from *History of Monroe County, New York 1788–1877*, pp. 201–202, by Professor W. H. McIntosh, published in 1877 by Everts, Ensign, and Everts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The text appears here exactly as printed in the original publication with no editorial corrections or refinements.

GATES

The Town of Gates with its present limits, is the last remnant of the old town of Northampton. After the first division of the original town, the territory now embodied in the towns of Gates and Greece came under one town organization, and retained for several years the name of Northampton. In the winter of 1821 and 1822 the town of Greece was set off, though long before the old name had been dropped and Gates substituted. It is a small town, lying directly west of and adjoining the city of Rochester, with Ogden on the west, Greece on the north, and Chili on the south. It extends east and west six miles, north and south about three and three-fourths miles, with an area of twenty-two and one-half square miles and divided into two sections. The north section is sub-divided into six tiers of two-hundred acre farm lots, and the south section into four tiers of one-hundred acre farm lots. The first election of town officers occurred soon after the first division of Northampton, on the 4th day of April, 1809, at the house of Jeremiah Olmstead, and under the direction of Zaccheus Colby, Esq., when the organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: Supervisor, Zaccheus Colby; Town Clerk, Hugh McDiarmid; Assessors, John Williams, Thomas King, Richard Clark; Road Commissioners, Matthew Dimmick, Moses Clark, Nathaniel Tibbles; Overseer of the Poor, Abel Rowe, Moses Clark; Collector, Richard Clark; Overseers of Highways, Thos. Lee, Chas. Harford, Fred Rowe, Erastus Robertson, Ashael Wilkerson, Moses Clark, Nathaniel Jones; Fence-viewers and Pound-keepers, Abel Rowe, Augustus B. Shaw, Thomas King, Samuel Latta.

The surface of the town is generally level, though slightly rolling in localities, and, like the surrounding

towns, was originally very heavily timbered. It was cleared and brought under cultivation at a much later date than the towns surrounding it, as all the first settled portions of the original town were set off as other towns, and a considerable portion of its territory, adjoining the river, annexed to the city of Rochester. The soil is strong, rich, and very productive. A sandy loam predominates, though clay exists in considerable quantities in many places. It has no streams of any prominence, though a few small water-courses flow south into Chili and the Black Creek, or southeast and east into the river. In all this part of the State, before the axe had cleared the forests, it was no uncommon thing to find swamps and marshes where now dry and beautiful farms exist, and Gates was no exception to the rule. Where clay exists to any extent in the soil, the surface of which presents slight depressions, and the undergrowth and decaying wood fill up and obstruct what water-courses and natural means of drainage there are, water will remain and form shallow swamps, until redeemed by improvement and cultivation. Both the Niagara Falls branch and main line of the New York Central Railroad pass through the town, the former in the northern part, with the station South Greece within its limits, and the latter in the southern, with the station Coldwater in Gates. The Rochester and State Line Railroad also passes through the southeast corner of the town. The Erie canal traverses portions of northern Gates and southern Greece. Besides these lines two important highways pass through the whole length of the town, the old stage route between Rochester and Batavia, and the Lyell road, from which diverges, near the centre of the town, the Spencerport road. There are no villages within the limits

of the town, but owing to its proximity to Rochester, and its location with reference to important thoroughfares, real estate commands a high price, and its improvement and cultivation have been rapid and extensive. It has two post-offices, one at Coldwater station, and one on the Lyell road, two miles east of its junction with the Spencerport road, and known as Gates post-office. At the time of the organization of the town in 1809, which then included Greece also, but very few settlements has been made upon the territory now embraced within the limits of the town.

In all works giving the history of the Town of Gates, we find that 1809 is given as the date of the first settlement made upon the territory now embraced within its borders. Yet April 4, 1809, is the date of the organization of that town which, though it also included Greece at the time, elected men for its first town officers who were conceded to have settled in what is now Gates, but whose date of settlement is stated to have been that year. If true, they must have settled during the first three months of the year, and became very quickly known. But it is not plausible, and that it is erroneous now admits no doubt. Careful investigation shows, beyond all question, that a few settlements had been made as early as 1800, and it is not improbable that some were made earlier. Along the river, in both Greece and Chili, settlements were made as early as 1792, and very soon after crept into Gates, at least the portion set off to the city of Rochester. And it was a very frequent occurrence for strangers emigrating from the east to penetrate into the wilderness and settle in localities wholly unknown to their neighbors for miles distant, until perhaps in prospecting, or hunting for stock strayed away, they were suddenly startled by the sound of the axe and hammer, and came unexpectedly upon a small clearing and a log cabin occupied by a family, where they had supposed it was all a dense, unoccupied forest. Especially would that be the case with a class of people who never concern themselves with town or public matters, of which class many of the first settlers were composed. Such is the testimony of many early settlers still living, who claim, in positive terms, a much earlier date for the settlement of this town than that heretofore given, and upon whose authority we have relied. John Harford, who at one time owned one-twelfth of the town, came in at a very early day, though it is not known that he was the first settler. He settled east of the brick hotel at the junction of the Lyell and Spencerport roads. Isaac Ray settled about 1800, on a farm east of Gates Centre. In 1804, or about that time, Samuel Gilman and Daniel Gilman settled in the east part of the town; also John Courtright, in the same vicinity.

Charles Harford and Abraham Harford came in town very early, and were among the first officers.

Isaac Dean, who has been adjudged the first settler in 1809, settled about one mile south of the Centre, where he built a sawmill in 1810,—a fact that affords a strong presumption that he came at a much earlier date. About the same time Augustus B. Shaw, one of the first town officers made a settlement; also John VanSickle, and near the Rapids one Caswell and Dr. Wellman, as early as 1810. Ansel Griffin, elected constable in 1810, settled some time previous, and William Hinchey about the same time purchased south of the Centre. Thomas Jameson settled soon after and previous to 1812 west of Gates Centre; also Everett H. Peck and Daniel Frink. Phillip Lyell had settled before on the Lyell Road, by whom it was named; also Ezra Mason and Richard Paul. Among others who had settled in the town previous to 1817 were Lowell Thomas, Ira Wait, and on the Rapids road Orange Bartlett, with Elliott, Cyrus and Ira Bartlett, Calvin G. Hill, surveyor, and Luther Hill, both a short distance west of the Rapids; Daniel Muringer, Jeremiah Knapp, and Asael Bently. About 1812 Simon Hunt, a town officer in 1814, settled on a farm one and one-half miles west of the Centre, built him a house, and improved a portion of it; but after living on it for a few years, he gave it up, and removed to Michigan, then just opening to settlement. Soon after, and previous to 1815, Amasa Kellogg settled south of the Centre, and still earlier Asael Ainsworth and Chauncey Dean; the latter about one mile south of the Centre, near the Waffles farm. Among other early settlers were Spencer Woodworth, about one mile southeast; a family by the name of Smith, and Humphrey Hart, on the middle road; William VanSlyke, one and one-half miles west, who afterwards moved to the city; Gideon Baker, with several sons, and Samuel Hart. In 1816, Luther Field from Brattleborough, Vermont, came into this town, and two years later, in 1818, moved his family, consisting of his wife and four children, and made a settlement. His wife is still living with her son, Chester Field, at the advanced age of eighty-nine, a few rods east of the corner at Gates Centre, on the Buffalo Road. Chester Field first settled on lot #76, at the junction of the State Line and New York Central Railroads, in 1826. Lindsley Sturgis had settled before this, one and one-half miles west of the Centre, on the Buffalo Road, though at what date is unknown, and a family by the name of Graves, four miles west on the same road; and about one and one-half miles south, near the Chili line, the families of Joel Wheeler and Samuel Weibert. About the same time Eleazer Howard settled at the Centre. About

1811 a family by the name of Wells came in and made a settlement near the Gilmans; also Daniel Loomis soon after bought a farm a short distance east of Isaac Deans. William R. Booth settled in town about the time, or soon after Chester Field. About 1825, Calvin Sperry settled in town, on the Spencerport Road, one-half mile west of its junction with the Lyell Road. Mr. Sperry and Chester Field have for many years been identified with the growth and improvements of the town, the formation of its society and its church and school interests. Both are still living, monuments of a past generation. Many other settlers came in at this time and before. It is impossible to obtain the exact date of the first settlers, or of those who came in subsequently for several years, as there are none of them living. Two mechanics and their families, by the name of Stravey and Stillson, settled in town very early, probably before 1811.

The first house built, the first land improved, and the first grain sowed, within the limits of what is now Gates, was east of the brick tavern, along the Lyell road, on land belonging to John Harford. Such is the positive opinion of Chester Field, Esq., whose father came in 1816. Isaac Ray, son-in-law of Mr. Harford, cleared some of the first land, built one of the first houses in town, also on land of Mr. Harford's. The first tavern in town was erected a short distance east of the junction of the State Line and New York Central Railroads. It was built of logs, and was long known as the old log tavern, located on the old Buffalo road; and according to Mr. Field, was opened in 1806. The first proprietor is not certainly known, unless it was William Jameson, who kept it at a very early date. Subsequently it was kept by Joshua Beaman. Both men were among the very early settlers. In 1810 a tavern was kept at Genesee rapids, by one Caswell, and another, a few rods south and soon after, by Dr. Wellman. Several years later a tavern was erected and opened some distance west of the Rapids, by Asa Munson, another early settler, which is now kept by William Huff. About the year 1823, Eleazer Howard erected a tavern at Gates Centre, on the Old Buffalo road, which he kept several years. Another was opened one and one-half miles west, on the same road, by Lindsley Sturges, and still another, four miles west, by one Graves. In 1832, Chester Fields opened a hotel on the same road, two miles east of the Centre, on Lot #76, which is still standing at the junction of the two railroads. All these public-houses did a very thriving business during the days of stage-coaches, previous to the construction of the New York Central Railroad, in 1836; also those at the

Rapids, on the Scottsville stage road, where a regular line was running. All travel was by stage, and immigration to this part of the State was rapid, which kept the hotels constantly full. In 1844, E. Macauley constructed and opened a tavern in the north part of the town, directly north of the Centre, at the junction of the Lyell and Spencerport roads, which is now used as a private house. It was kept for many years, and was located on the west corner. In 1864, Robert Currier erected and opened the brick tavern near the same place, on the south side of the street, which is still in operation. The first saw-mill was erected in 1810, by Isaac Dean, near the Chili line, about one and one-half miles south of the Centre, and is still standing. In 1811, Chauncey Dean purchased it and conducted it several years. Ira Wait kept the first store, through the date it was opened is unknown. The first child born in the town, as recorded, was a daughter of Ezra Mason, who was born in 1818. This, however, scarcely appears probable, as quite a large number of families were than living in the town, and had been for several years. Other births must have occurred among them before that date. The first school, as near as can be ascertained by persons now living, was taught in a log building in the vicinity of Deans mill, and about the time, or soon after, that was established. Long before the division of the town flourishing schools and good buildings were established throughout the whole territory. The town now has seven districts, with the same number of good school-houses. The present inhabitants of the town are nearly all American born and descendants of New England emigrants. They are of sterling character, hospitable, and second to no part of the State in general intelligence and prosperity.

The supervisors from the organization of the town to the present were as follows: Zaccheus Colby, 1809; Samuel Latta, 1810; Z. Colby, 1811; John Mastick, 1812 to 1816, both inclusive; Roswell Hart, 1817; Ira West, 1818; Matthew Brown, 1819 to 1821; Jesse Hawley, 1822; first supervisor after Greece was set off; Matthew Brown, 1823; Samuel Works, 1824; Jacob Gould, 1825; Seth Saxton, 1826; Fletcher M. Haight, 1827; Matthew Brown, 1828; Ezra M. Parsons, 1829; Nathaniel T. Rochester, 1830 to 1832; James H. Gregory, 1833; Wm. J. Bishop, 1834; Ezra M. Parsons, 1835; Calvin Sperry, 1836; Henry K. Higgins, 1837 to 1839; Silas A. Yerkes, 1840 to 1842; E. Darwin Smith, 1843; Melanchthon C. Wetmore, 1844 to 1847; Joshua Fish, 1848; James Warner, 1849; Joseph Dewey, 1850 to 1851; Hiram Shearman, 1852; M. C. Wetmore, 1853; Joseph Dewey, 1854 to 1855; James Warner, 1856

to 1857; Ezra M. Parsons, 1858 to 1860; Nathan Palmer, 1861; James Warner, 1862; Wm. Otis, 1863; James Chappell, 1864; James Warner, 1865 to 1866; Chester Field, 1867 to 1871; John L. Pixley, 1872 to 1874; and Edward C. Campbell, 1874 to 1875. The officers of the town for the year 1876 are as follows: Reuben L. Field, supervisor; Town Clerk, Wm. S. Perry; Collector, Edward Bushnell; Justices of the Peace, Franklin Hinchey, James Chappell, R. L. Pixley, Russel Hardy; Road Commissioners, Jacob Blinn, Allen D. Todd, Alonzo Hardy; Assessors, Thomas Roe, Richard Waffle, Lewis Courser; Auditors, Emmons J. Edson, Wm. Davis, Edward Bushnell; Inspectors of Elections, Franklin Hinchey, Alonzo Hardy; Excise Commissioners, Chester Field, Clark Woodsworth; Overseer of the Poor, A. K. Thurston; Game Constable, Wm. Collins; Constables, Peter Calwe, Richard Waffle, Walter Ward, Carlisle Barsdale; Sealer of Weights, and Measures, John Gardner.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GATES

was organized on October 15, 1828, at the house of Eleazer Howard, at Gates Centre, by a few members of that denomination living in the vicinity, who had called a meeting for that purpose. Spencer Woodworth and Henry H. Corbin presided over the meeting. The board of trustees elected were Mathew Garest, Amasa Kellogg, and William Jameson. No other officers were chosen at that time, but subsequently, as the church increased in numbers and interest, Calvin Sperry was appointed secretary and Spencer Woodworth treasurer. Mr. Sperry continued as secretary many years during its growth and prosperity. The names of the first members are lost. But few, if any, are now living. The services of the church were held in the ball-room of Howard's tavern, at the Centre, for about four years, or until the erection of the first church building, about the year 1832. It was a small wooden structure, located at the Centre. In 1844, it was removed, to give place to a more substantial and commodious structure, better suited to the increased demands of the church. It was built at a cost of about twelve hundred dollars, fifty by thirty feet in size, and is still standing on the south side of the old Buffalo road, east of the corner. The first preacher, as near as can be ascertained, was Rev. Geo. G. Sill. There was no pastor regularly employed until about 1840, and only about three since its organization, though numerous ministers have occupied the pulpit. A few among them are Rev. McFarland, a missionary

from Massachusetts, who preached while services were conducted in the tavern, Rev. James Ballentine, about 1840, Rev. Alva Ingersol, Charles Furman, Lewis Morey, W. C. Gaylord, and Rev. Henry Wicks, the last pastor beginning June 20, 1875. Rev. Mr. Baker also preached here several years ago. The board of trustees at present consists of Reuben Field, Robert Wade, and Charles Rowe. A Mr. Lee was appointed one of the first deacons. The Sabbath School was organized in 1828, in the ball-room of Howard's tavern, under the supervision of Deacon Lee. Calvin Sperry was made the first superintendent, which position he held many years. It began with ten teachers and over eighty pupils, while now it employs seven teachers and gives instructions to forty pupils. Thomas Roe is superintendent and Robert Wade secretary. It has no library, but distributes forty copies of the Well Spring, a Sunday-school paper.

THE FIRST SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GATES

was organized in 1828, the same year as the Presbyterian church, in a log school-house which stood three-fourths of a mile north of its present church building, and about eighty rods south of the canal, by the Rev. John Copeland. This church was organized the same year that the churches at Webster's Basin, and in the Whittier settlement, in Ogden, were swallowed up by the Protestant Methodist movement. The first members were Zuba Hayden, Olive Hayden, Mary Hayden, and Polly Finley, with a few others. The first officers are not known. Services were held in the log school-house until the erection of the church edifice now in use, which was built and paid for by Allen Todd in 1840. The present trustees are Allen Todd, Jr., Wm. Koller, and Geo M. Curtis; the Stewards, A. Shepard, Wm. Keller, and John Peacock; class-leader, John Peacock; and the clerk, Geo. M. Curtis. It belongs to the Ogden circuit, and has had the same pastors as the Methodist Episcopal church in Spencerport. G. Stratton is the present pastor. A Sabbath-school was organized with the church in the school-house, containing at present, four teachers and twenty-six pupils. Mrs. M. E. Curtis is superintendent, William Keller, assistant, and Eliza Neal secretary. Connected with it is a library, organized soon after building the church, which now contains about two hundred volumes, in charge of Eliza Neal, librarian. ■



GATES COMMUNITY GROUPS 1963-2013

As our Bicentennial book committee worked to gather updated histories from all not-for-profit community groups featured in the Sesquicentennial book of 1963, several changes are noted. Some groups are no longer active, others continue and still many others are new since 1963. [Note: those with an asterisk were invited to participate in this Bicentennial history but did not supply a history for inclusion.]

Disbanded groups are:

- Civil Defense [the Auxiliary Police are now a part of the Gates Police Department]
- Daughters of Freedom
- Gates Grange No. 421

Continuing groups are:

- Boy Scouts, Otetiana Council
- Church of St. Helen
- Church of the Epiphany
- Elmgrove United Methodist Church
- Gates Alliance Church
- Gates Chili Central School District
- Gates Chili Lions Club [now Gates Lions Club]
- Gates Fire District
- Gates Little League*
- Gates Police Department
- Gates Presbyterian Church
- Gates Public Library
- Gates Recreation Department
- Gates Town Hall
- Gates Wesleyan Methodist Church
- Girl Scouts of Western NY
- Holy Ghost Church
- Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester
- Spencerport Central School *
- St. Theodore's Church
- William W. Doud Post 98

New groups since 1963 are:

- Church of St. Jude the Apostle
- Cornerstone Bible Chapel
- DePaul
- Dunn Towers I and II
- Faith Outreach Ministry
- Federation of German American Societies of Rochester NY
- Gates Amita Club
- Gates Assembly of God
- Gates Chili Central School — Armstrong

- Gates Chili Central School — Disney
- Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce
- Gates Chili Jr. Spartans
- Gates Garden Club
- Gates Historical Society
- Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums
- Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service
- Gates Youth Soccer League
- Gates Youth Lacrosse
- Gospel Light Bible Baptist Church*
- Hope Hall
- Italian American Community Center
- Italian American Sport Club
- Northstar Christian Academy
- Patriots
- Rochester Christian Church Ministries
- Rochester Curling Club
- Rotary Club of Gates Chili
- Seabury Woods
- Southwest Rochester Kiwanis
- St. Jude's Apartments
- St. Nicholas Melkite Greek Catholic Church
- St Padre Pio Chapel
- Trinity Alliance Church
- Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- Westside YMCA of Greater Rochester

Old buildings with a new life are:

- Christian Missionary Alliance Church is now Faith Outreach Ministry
- Doud Post No. 98 is now Rick's Prime Rib House
- Gates Presbyterian Church on Buffalo Road is now owned by Becker's Furniture
- Gates Public Library, 1408 Buffalo Road, is now Uniform Express
- Thomas Edison School is now Hope Hall
- Warren Harding School is now Northstar Christian Academy
- Washington Irving School is now Generations child and elder care

What do all these changes indicate about the Town's development and what will the next fifty years bring?

Submitted by Susan Swanton, Bicentennial Book Coordinator



DEPAUL

1931 Buffalo Road

DePaul is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides services in the following areas:

- Assisted living residential services for seniors
- Mental health residential services
- Mental health treatment and rehabilitation services
- Addiction prevention and support programs
- Services for those with a history of homelessness
- Services for persons who are deaf/hard of hearing
- Affordable housing

DePaul was originally founded in 1958 as a subsidiary program of the Catholic Family Center to meet the mental health needs of children in the Diocesan School District. In 1973, DePaul expanded services to include all age groups. In 1979, DePaul opened its first adult community residence on West Avenue in the City of Rochester, which served as the cornerstone for residential programming.

Following significant expansion, DePaul relocated its main administrative site to 1931 Buffalo Road in Gates in 1994. The site offered a central location convenient to many of DePaul's programs which, at the time, were predominantly located on Rochester's west side. In addition to administrative offices, the building is home to DePaul's Recreation Center, and various programs. Gates is also home to a 10-bed DePaul Community Residence located on Lyell Road.

Today, the agency offers services in six counties in Western New York and 13 counties in North Carolina and serves over 5,000 people each year in over 60 residential program sites. DePaul operates over 3,000 beds and employs nearly 2,000 people across all programs.

Submitted by Marcia Dlutek, DePaul



Entrance to DePaul

Photograph courtesy of DePaul



DUNN TOWER I AND II

100-200 Dunn Tower Drive

On December 1, 1973 at 12 noon, the groundbreaking for Dunn Tower Apartments was held. Senior Citizens of the Town of Gates would now have an apartment project thirteen stories high (*the tallest building in the Town of Gates and most of Monroe County*) with 192 apartments in which to live and enjoy the years yet ahead of them.

This senior citizens' project, built on 6.2 acres of land donated by St. Theodore's Parish from the land originally purchased in 1955 through Father Epping's foresight, was the result of one man's determination to see a loving need filled for a growing segment of the town's population. That man was Reverend Gerald E. Dunn, Pastor of St. Theodore's Parish and the time was 1969.

In August of 1969, during a meeting of the different church leaders held at Parkminster United Presbyterian Church, Mr. Charles Russell spoke about trying to help the senior citizens of Gates with much needed housing. He explained that hundreds of senior citizens who made six thousand dollars or less income a year had asked for property tax relief, and would one day be in need of a residence that would demand almost maintenance-free care. Without it, they would eventually have to sell their homes and leave the town they had lived in for so many years.

Father Dunn convinced the diocesan authorities, the federal government, the State of New York and the Town of Gates officials to cooperate in filling this need.



Groundbreaking for Dunn Tower I, December 1, 1973. Among those identified in the photo are (left to right): Monsignor Reverend Dennis Hickey; Congressman Barber B. Conable Jr.; Gates Councilman James O'Neil; the Reverend Gerald E. Dunn, holding the shovel; Frank Bott; Albert Hinkle, assistant commissioner of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; and Gates Councilman John Maggio.

Photograph courtesy of Dunn Tower

As Mr. Albert Hinkle, Assistant Commissioner of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal said at the groundbreaking, "This is the first State aided housing to be built for the elderly in the

Town of Gates; also the first proposed senior citizen housing project in the area surrounding Rochester."

There was still such a great demand for Senior Housing that in April of 1980 Dunn Tower II Apartments was opened. It was built with eight stories and 100 apartment units subsidized by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8.

Submitted by Julie Phillipone-Fabio, Dunn Tower I and II



View of the two towers

Photograph by Steve Shanker



FEDERATION OF GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF ROCHESTER, NY KARL FUCHS PARK

Among the many German immigrants who came here after WWII was Karl Fuchs. He left western Germany to come to the Rochester area. He quickly found work as a machinist. He was a hard working and frugal young man who preferred to walk to work. When the soles of his shoes wore through, he would put cardboard inside them and replacing the cardboard as needed until the rest of the shoe wore out.

Karl quickly started his own business. He had a reputation for being willing to hire anyone who would live up to his work ethic. There were several employees from his native Germany that he personally sponsored as immigrants with their families. The name of his firm was Alliance Tool and Die Co. located at 1390 Mt. Read Blvd., near Lexington Ave.

At some point, perhaps thinking of expansion or relocation, Alliance purchased a large parcel of industrial land south of the railroad tracks that ran parallel to Trolley Blvd. in Gates. The parcel had a 60 feet wide access easement to Spencerport Road adjacent to St. Theodore's Church property.

In 1979, Karl Fuchs decided to donate the bulk of that parcel to the Town of Gates for park purposes. Karl, who had been active in several German social organizations also decided to do something to benefit the clubs and recognize his German heritage. Thus he reserved the northern 10 acres of the parcel for use of the Federation of German-American Societies so long as they remained in



Karl Fuchs street sign to Memorial Park, off Spencerport Road
Photograph by Steve Shanker

existence. Recognizing the mortality of humans and their organizations, he provided that if the Federation ceased to exist, the land would revert to the Town. Karl also contributed to a fund that resulted in the construction of a building for meeting purposes on the parcel.

As the Federation was incorporated under the New York State's not-for-profit laws and since Karl had donated the land to the Town, it was his belief that the Federation would be tax exempt. Unfortunately the Gates Assessor decided the property was taxable thereby thwarting Karl's intention of a lasting legacy to his fellow German Americans. Karl's hope for a German Cultural Center for civic, recreational, educational and charitable purposes never developed as intended since most of the Federation's efforts have to be devoted to raising funds

to pay taxes. This and the fact that the town has control over access to the property present significant limitations. Other than the access drive being named Karl Fuchs Drive, there is no other recognition of the benefactor that gave Gates the park property.

Nevertheless we should be grateful that Karl made the effort and the Town certainly has the benefit of a very nice park.

*Submitted by Joseph Reinschmidt,
Federation of German American Society*



Federation building at Memorial Park, site of many past Oktoberfest celebrations
Photograph by Steve Shanker



GATES AMITA SOCIAL CIVIC CLUB



Left to right: Pat Bartholomew, Anna Bradshaw, Quintino DiCesare, John Palumbo, Pat Terabassie, Toni Knowlson, Nellie DiCesare and Margaret Palumbo
Photograph courtesy of the Gates Amita Social Civic Club

In 1962 Gates was a growing town with many new businesses, new homes, apartments and churches. At that time, Gates residents John Camardo, Ludwig Fiorito, Enrico Buttazzi, Joe Amico and Vincent (Jim) Amico began to socialize, meeting at restaurants and their homes. The idea of a Gates Italian American Club was born.

The founders soon changed the name to Amita, a name where the American came first and the Italian second. The purpose of the club was to promote a better feeling of fellowship among its members through active participation in social and civic programs. The club just celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The club started growing quickly. Early members included Dominic and Betty DiPonzio, Vincent and Frances Assini, Vito Locurcio, Ida Spaziano, John Tanza, John and Vera DiCaro just to name a few. Today the Gates Amita Club has more than 220 members.

The Club meets every third Saturday of the month in the Gates Town Hall Annex meeting room, to discuss how to best carry out the Club's objectives, social and civic.

Quintino DiCesare, has served as President of the Gates Amita Club for the last 12 years. All together there have been 21 presidents of the club.

At the March meeting, Gates Amita hosts a St. Joseph's Table. As part of the May Dinner Dance, the Club gives an award of \$1,000 to organizations who have made a positive difference in the Gates Community. Past recipients include: Gates Public Library, Gates Fire Department, Gates Ambulance, Gates Recreation and Parks, Gates Keystone Club, Gates Historical Society and Hope Hall. In July and August, the Club has its annual picnic with music and other entertainment. They also have an annual Christmas Party.

Like any other organization, the Club invites any new members from all ages to join. Any Gates resident of Italian descent or of Italian descent by marriage can join.

Submitted by the Gates Amita Social Civic Club



GATES-CHILI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Loretta Simmons had been an active member of the Greece Council before she moved her business, Blair Supply, to Chili in the mid 1960s. In 1966, she partnered with noted local builder, Joseph Entress. On June 27, 1967, their collaboration resulted in the establishment of the Gates Chili Council, a suburban member of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. Loretta Simmons was the first President and Joe Entress, the second. Loretta Simmons was the first woman to head a suburban council of the Rochester Chamber. As of May 18, 1967, the Gates Chili Council already had 116 members.

As the group grew, motorcades to visit new local businesses, regular meetings with outside speakers, and participation in Rochester Chamber activities shaped the first years of Gates Chili Council. By 1982, the Council had established its Outstanding Citizen of the Year award and by 1985, added two Civic Beautification Awards, one for each town, thanks to the tireless promotion of civic beautification by Chamber Board member, Nick DiCesare. In 1986, the Joseph Entress Memorial Award was added to honor those businesses which had made a sustained effort to improve the area. 1997 started the Innovative Business Award and 1988 started the Culture and Arts Award. The annual May Awards Dinner has become one of the major events in the community, rivaled only by the popularity of the Council's annual Golf Tournament in August at Brook-Lea Country Club.

2005 brought a rebirth of the Council as an independent Chamber of Commerce, ending its 38-year suburban council status with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. From 2005 on, the Chamber has functioned very successfully as an all volunteer Chamber. The Gates Chili Chamber now features a Business in the Spotlight quarterly award and holds monthly meetings with a noted outside speaker or event to attract local business participation. Membership is open to any individual or business interested in the two towns.

Past Presidents of the Gates Chili Council: Loretta Simmons, 1968-69; Joseph Entress, 1970; Cleon Salvage, 1971; Frederick

Holderle, 1971-72; Donald Cultrara, 1973; Donald Russell, 1974; Thomas Foley, 1975; Arthur Hauck, 1976; Lester Weighill, 1977; Robert Brinkman, 1978; Thomas Tydings, 1979; Doris Betts, 1980; Elmer Wight, 1981; Susan Swanton, 1982; Cindy Gould, 1983; Saul Cayne, 1984; John Nowicki, 1985; Marie DeRitis, 1986; Mary C. Corlett, 1987; William Thompson, 1988; Cheri Bevona, 1989;

Lorraine Anderson, 1990; Donald Faso, 1991; Joe Gionta, 1992-93; Bonnie Swanson, 1994; Thomas Giannone, 1995; Janice Keatley, 1996; David Richardson, 1997; Ann Marie Haywood, 1998; Roger Brandt, 1999-00; Jill Corey, 2001; Ron Steinmiller, 2002-3; William A. Gillette, 2004-5

Past Presidents of the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce: William A. Gillette, 2006-7; Art Pires, 2008-10, Jordan Brown, 2011-12 and Frank Muscato, 2013

Submitted by Susan Swanton, Chamber Historian



Past President Bill Gillette and President Art Pires present R. Carlos Carballada, Commissioner, Neighborhood and Business Development Department, City of Rochester with a Chamber golf shirt for his presentation on the city's economic development to the Chamber membership in 2008.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce



2012 Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce Board left to right: Bill Howard, Bill Gillette, Mary Sperr, Jordon Brown, Frank Nardone, Frank Muscato, Barbara Bamford, Vinny Dallo, Art Pires, Barb Giancursio, Serafino Iantorno, Mark DeCory, Don Faso, Tom Tette, Donna St. John, Elisa Martin, Gary Domenico, John Nowicki, Mel Olver, Mark Davey. Absent: Mark Assini, Audrey Barnard, Kelly Smith and Susan Swanton

Photograph courtesy of the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce



GATES CHILI JR. SPARTANS

The Gates Chili Jr Spartans Football and Cheerleading organization was formed in 1981 under the original name of the Gates Steelers.

The organization was developed to give Gates youth (ages 7-14), an opportunity to learn and participate in a full contact version of football and cheerleading.

There are three levels of contact football: C Squad (7-9), B Squad (9-11) and A Squad (11-13), along with weight restrictions for safety.

Although going through several name changes, Steelers (1981-1983), Cardinals (1984-1992), Stallions (1993-2005), Gates Jr. Spartans (2006-2011) and just recently altering the name to match the high school, to the Gates Chili Jr. Spartans, the approach and goal has been the same all these years. Our mission is to guide the kids through a safe approach to football and cheerleading.

In recent years, we have added Flag Football and Cheerleading Teams to the roster for boys and girls of the ages of 6-7. This has been a great addition and has grown over the past few years.

There are individuals involved in our organization from the start who still sit on the board, and/or coach today. We also have people come and go as their kids go through the

levels until moving on to high school football. Again, the goal has been the same with very few changes.

We are proud members of the American Youth Football and Cheerleading League (AYFCL). Currently, there are eighteen teams within our league, all within Monroe County. Practices generally start the beginning of August; games start the beginning of September and continue through October. This includes a play-off weekend and championship games, all held in Monroe County without extensive travelling.

The Gates Chili Jr. Spartans have been fortunate to attend a number of the championship games; but, are always proud of the accomplishments whether it is a winning season or not. We feel very strongly about teaching the kids how to handle a loss with the same integrity as when the team wins.

Our home field is, and has been, Memorial Park, 150 Spencerport Road. We work hard and put on a great presentation for our day-long Sunday games during the months of September and October.

Submitted by the Gates Chili Jr. Spartans



Gates Steelers in 1976 Gates parade

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian

GATES GARDEN CLUB



The Gates Garden Club has maintained this pocket garden in back of the Gates Community Center for decades.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Garden Club

The Gates Garden Club was founded in 1968 and is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. The club provides a venue for its members to share their love of gardening with each other and the community. Our meetings are educational and informative. We frequently have outside speakers in to educate us on various topics and individual members also share their knowledge and talents by conducting a meeting.

When visiting the Gates Community Center, one can see the garden that the club has planted and maintained for over 40 years. The club always includes the marigold which is the town flower. The club also provides seasonal wall decorations for the information foyer of the center plus maintains a display window in the hallway of the annex.

The club sustains an ongoing learn-n-grow project with a local elementary school in an effort to instill the love of gardening in our youth. Our active involvement with the town has been longstanding. Over the years we have planted gardens on 490 expressway, worked with nursing homes, assisted living facilities, multiple sclerosis patients and helped with the holiday decorations at the Hinchey House. Every year we also decorate and donate a wreath to the Eastman House for their auction.

The garden club always welcomes new members. The club holds its meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month in the town hall community center. Please come join us and share your talents.

List of past presidents:

1968-69 — Mickey Quattrone
1969-70 — Tina Chuhay
1970-71 — Sylvia Morey
1971-72 — Monica Mau
1984-86 — Pat Slyck
1972-73 — Beverly Finnerty
1973-75 — Pat Slyck
1975-77 — Betty Balonek
1977-79 — Pat Slyck
1979-80 — Mary Schiano
1980-81 — Mary Schiano and Rose Good
1981-83 — Rose Goode and Grace Wilson
1983-84 — Rose Goode
1984-86 — Pat Slyck
1986-88 — Ruth Dalton
1988-90 — Sophie Rafalowski
1990-92 — Grace Wilson
1992-94 — Helen Wulf
1994-96 — Ann Imburgia
1996-98 — Beverly Leichter
1999-2000 — Christine Kimmerly
2000-02 — Beverly Leichter
2002-03 — Christine Kimmerly
2003-04 — Christine Kimmerly and Jay LoMaglio
2004-07 — Jay LoMaglio
2007-11 — Pat Bartholomew
2011-12 — Pat Groszewski

Submitted by the Gates Garden Club



The Gates Garden Club c2012

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Garden Club



GATES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

634 Hinchey Road

On November 30, 1998, a meeting was called by Susan Swanton, Gates Public Library director, and Christine Kimmerly, President of the Gates Garden Club to determine if there was interest in forming a Gates Historical Society for the purpose of acquiring the Hinchey Homestead then up for sale.

Over 30 people attended and a motion to form the Gates Historical Society was proposed by Jack Hart, Town Historian. The original board members were Joan Bawden, Ken Beaman, Carl Camille, Tom Cerasuolo, Russ Eddy, Bill Harrington, Ken Jurs, Christine Kimmerly, Mary Klock, Jim and Sue Landers, Ellen Lercher, George Maier, Regis Mooney, Evelyn Munger, Rhoda Ride, Mickey Schlosser, Susan Swanton, June Thomas, Michael Volpe and Vera Young.

In December 1999, fund-raising efforts began with the goal of purchasing the Hinchey Homestead. The Hinchey family was prominent in Gates history. The homestead, which was built in the 1870s, had never been updated. On January 4, 2002 the Gates Historical Society became the owner of the Hinchey Homestead, thanks to the generosity of a local doctor who held the mortgage. Approximately two years later, the Town of Gates obtained matching funds from New York State and the Federal Save America's Treasures and became the owners of the Hinchey Homestead with the Society as the contractual managers of the property.



The Hinchey Homestead provides a distinctive park setting behind its long white picket fence. Often wild turkey and deer can be viewed here in the heart of Gates.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society

Other Society achievements include the drafting of a Historical Preservation Ordinance adopted by the Gates Town Board on April 3, 2000 with the Hinchey Homestead approved as the first property protected by the new ordinance. The Society published its first book in 2005, a pictorial history of Gates through Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series. Since then, the Society has published four other books about the town or town notables. All titles are available in the Society's gift shop along with other Society memorabilia.

Since 2004, there have been two major restoration projects paid for with State EPA grants. The entire exterior has been stabilized with a new roof; portions of clapboard exteriors were rebuilt along with windows and all four porches.

In addition to its monthly public educational programs held in the Town Hall Annex, the Society hosts school and group tours at the Homestead and provides an archive of local historical and genealogical information available upon request. Donations of local historical items are much appreciated by the Society. The Society hosts many popular events at the Homestead throughout the year which are open to the public.

Presidents of the Society are: Susan Swanton 1999-2002, Jean Kohloff 2002-2003, and Laura Nolan, 2003-present. The Society will play a pivotal role in the Town's Bicentennial and for decades to come through the management of the Hinchey Homestead



President Laura Nolan provides a tour for visiting students through the Hinchey Homestead. Many visiting students later entice their parents to also tour the Homestead during one of the Society's many events when the house is open to the public.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society

Submitted by the Gates Historical Society

GATES LIONS CLUB

The Gates Lions Club is a community organization of volunteers who come together for fun, fellowship and to serve the community through active involvement in community projects, fund raising and providing service to those in need. Started in 1950, the Gates-Chili Club joined Lions club international as a group of local businessmen sponsored by the Fairport and the Rochester Lions Clubs. The first meeting was held on June 28, 1950 at the Melody Lane Restaurant off West Avenue in Rochester. There were at that time, 24 new members and 9 active members that transferred from the Downtown Rochester Lions Club. The new club received its charter on September 26, 1950. The club quickly grew from 32 to 70 members. One of the more noted accomplishments of The Gates–Chili Lions Club was the development and construction of Gates Lions Park in the spring of 1961. The park is used extensively by community groups, sports teams and families for fun, recreation and gatherings.

In 1965, the Gates-Chili Lions Club had grown large enough to split into two separate clubs serving the towns of Gates and Chili independently.

The Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world with 1.25 million members and 45,000 individual clubs, located in over 200 countries

around the world. In 1925, at a national convention, Helen Keller spoke and challenged the Lions become “Knights of the Blind against darkness” and like other clubs, the Gates Lions Club continues to meet that challenge.

With our focus on vision, we collect used eye glasses for developing countries and also give them to those less fortunate in the Gates community. The Lions Club supports the Gates community in many other ways. We give holiday food baskets to those less fortunate, supports the Greenbriar and Lettington houses for developmentally delayed adults at Christmas time, ramps are built for residents with physical challenges. We annually recognize a deserving Town of Gates Citizen of the year. We complete an adopt the highway clean up on Elmgrove Rd. We also conduct Red Cross blood drives. These services are only a few of the ways the Gates Lions serve the community.

Today we currently have 33 active members. We meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Valicia’s Restaurant on Long Pond Rd. in the town of Gates.

Submitted by Lion Mel Love and Lion Diane Rutherford, Current President of the Gates Lions Club



Bottom Row—Left to Right Harold Schnabel, Al Schnabel, Melville Love, Rose Dreher, Diane Rutherford, John Lathrop

Middle Row—Don Rutherford, Bill Gillette, Bob Schmidhammer, Patty Schmidhammer, Myrtice Clanton, Carol Frank, Henry Frank, Judy DeRooy, Bessie Johnson, Judy MacKnight, Jim Morrison, Tom Shea

Top Row—Dave Hartman, Steve Tuccirello, Lou Buono, Glenn Kearns, Mark Assini, Gary Gilbert, Anthony Ariola, Mike Stone

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Lions Club



GATES YOUTH LACROSSE ORGANIZATION

The Gates Youth Lacrosse Organization started 8 years ago in 2004. The first year the organization started, there were a total of 20 kids from grades 1-6. We did not have enough kids to fill a team at any level so we played scrimmages our first year. That team never won a scrimmage, let alone complete a pass. Our second year, we fielded 2 teams, K-2 and 5-6 grades. We fared better than our first year, winning some games but losing most.

Our organization has grown with each increasing year. We have fielded teams at the K-2, 3-4, 5-6 grade levels, sometimes 2 at multiple levels. With each passing year,

we gain more experience in skill as well as bringing in new players. We run free clinics every fall and winter to introduce the game to new kids. Our organization is run entirely by volunteers. The Town has been great to our group, purchasing all of the equipment for our players to use. This has kept our costs for players low. The town has also maintained the upkeep of our fields. With the continued help from the town and our volunteers, our organization will continue to succeed.

Submitted by the Gates Youth Lacrosse Organization



Photograph courtesy of the Gates Youth Lacrosse Organization



GATES YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

The Gates Youth Soccer League was founded in 1971 by Donald Makely, Amendeo Zona, Anthony LoBiondo, Anthony Sero and Clement Sero. As there were not enough fields to accommodate the number of players interested, Gates-Chili School District allowed the use of the campus fields. Later, Alliance Park, donated by Alliance Tool and Die, and Gates Town Park were established for soccer.

Due to tight economic conditions, Gates town Park did not receive the necessary funding for general maintenance or improvements, so Gates Soccer took on the responsibility and continues to do so.

Gates Youth Soccer offers two levels: the House recreational league, which runs from May 1st to mid-July, and the Gates Travel Program (Gates Metros) for youth ages 8 to 19. While all coaches are volunteers, many have been certified to coach.

Travel players compete in leagues/divisions in Greater Monroe County, and some in leagues from around New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania, as well as Virginia, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The Gates Metros have held a tournament for 27 years, which attracts local teams and those from nearby states.



2012 Gates Metros

Photograph courtesy of Gates Youth Soccer League

Success stories involving Gates Soccer include Gates-Carter Girls Soccer Team, which won many national titles and represented Gates Soccer, the Town of Gates and the USA in their summer European tour in 1979. In 1982, the under-19 boys' team played a match at the State Prison in Attica and won 6 to 1. In 2008, Gates Girls U16 team represented Upstate New York in the first annual President's Cup national travel tournament.

I would be remiss in not mentioning that none of this would be possible without the great teamwork and cooperation that has developed between Gates Soccer, the Town of Gates and the Gates-Chili School District. Working together, we have provided the children of Gates a safe and enjoyable athletic alternative that all can enjoy.

*Submitted by Lanny Stock, Secretary,
Gates Youth Soccer League*



1st row: Jim Williams, Chris Ferraro, Robert Larrini, Nick Metachara, Bob Fallone, Danny LaForce, Tony Bronco. 2nd row: Charlie Bernitt, Coach, Steve DuLouis, Mark Donohue, Jim Bernitt, Jeff MacImoyle, Charlie Bernitt, Ron Wysocarski, Joe Russo, Frank Coriddi, Richard Battisti, Tito Laurini, Coach

Photograph circa 1973, courtesy of Gates Youth Soccer League



ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

150 Frank DiMino Way

The concept to build an Italian American center in the greater Rochester area goes back many decades. Perhaps the name “Italian American Community Center” (IACC) was not used in previous attempts, but certainly the idea of unifying the many Italian American clubs existed over the years with unsuccessful results.

The final impetus to unify the various clubs came in 1992 when the Italian American Sport Club (IASC), following years of deliberations, decided that its original location on Emerson Street was no longer adequate or safe.

The IASC initiated the idea and was instrumental in the concept, the formation, fund-raising, and selection of land that eventually led to the successful construction of the IACC.

After laboring through a large volume of historical information, it is the author’s opinion that the “true founders” of the IACC are its original members. In the period 1992-1993, these members took a risk and donated \$500 of their hard earned money toward the fulfillment of a dream to build an Italian American Community Center. Today their names appear on a commemorative plaque at the entrance of the IACC.

Instrumental during this two-year initial phase was the tireless efforts of Mauro Ciardi the president of the IASC and later president of the IACC, with the decisive contribution of Fiore Buttarazzi, Mario Daniele, Frank D’Aurizio, Rudy LePore, Peter Rubino, and Sam Shortino.

Although not within the scope of observation of this initial two year period, one needs to recognize the unique



View of the Italian American Community Center

Photograph by Steve Shanker



2012 Festa Italiana helpers left to right, seated Josephine Barberi, Filona Daniele, standing Diane Stanisci, Ann Saraceni, Phil Sinopoli, Colomba Scarlatta and Anna Gasbarre

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Silvano Fallone, President of the IACC with Gates Supervisor, Ralph Esposito circa 2000

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian

importance and contribution of a great American of Italian descent, Ralph DeStephano, in converting the IACC “dream” into reality.

The IACC was inaugurated in October 1997 and has achieved a solid record of accomplishments within the Italian American community of greater Rochester.

As for the “unification” of the many Italian American clubs in Rochester, sadly the original “aspiration” has not yet been fulfilled. Several clubs continue in operation at various locations.

Submitted by the Italian American Community Center



ITALIAN AMERICAN SPORT CLUB

1250 Buffalo Road

The Italian American Sport Club (IASC) was founded in the late 40s by a group of Italian immigrants in love with the game of soccer. The IASC became nationally known, at least in the world of soccer, when in 1963 won the USA Amateur Soccer Cup.

The IASC for most of its years was located at the corner of Emerson and Sherman streets in the city of Rochester. In 2003 the IASC built a 6,000 square foot building at 1250 Buffalo Road on almost 3 acres land

in the town of Gates and moved to that location at the end of the same year.

Since moving to the new residence the IASC has witnessed a tremendous growth. Today the club has over 600 members! During the past 50 years the club has been very involved in adult and youth soccer.

Submitted by the Italian American Sport Club

BOARD 2013

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View of Italian American Sport Club on Buffalo Road

Photograph by Steve Shanker



THE PATRIOTS

The Patriots were founded in 1976 and moved to Gates several years later. Their first home was the old Grange Hall on Buffalo Road, where they ran bingo games for about 10 years before outgrowing the building and moving to larger quarters in Westmar Plaza, where they still operate a bingo hall today.

Until 2003, the Patriots were a drum and bugle corps and winter color guard, achieving national prominence in both fields. Financial problems caused them to fold both activities and declare bankruptcy. It was at this point that the present management took over; and, finding that the drum and bugle corps activity had become too expensive to maintain, decided to continue with the color guard only.



The Patriots winter guard has been quite successful in recent years, both in competition and audience entertainment. The bingo operation also supports the Gates Chili color guard and the GCP Junior guard, which trains children as young as fourth grade in the activity.

The Patriots and Gates Chili color guards would like to thank the Gates Chili School District, Hope Hall School, and last, but certainly not least, all of the residents of the town who support us by playing bingo at our hall.

Information on our games can be found at Gatescenterbingo.com.

Submitted by Dick Hoppe, for the Patriots



Photographs courtesy of the Patriots



PROVIDENCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

1150 Buffalo Road

The genesis of Providence Housing Development Corporation was the recognition by Catholic Charities of the need for affordable housing throughout the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. Providence Housing develops, finances and manages affordable housing for individuals and families throughout the twelve counties of the Diocese. Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 1994, Providence has secured funding for more than 922 units of new affordable housing and now manages 756 housing units in 22 properties, sheltering more than 1,584 men, women and children. Providence is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are selected for their knowledge and commitment.

Providence Housing has two affordable housing communities in Gates. Opened in 2003, St. Andrews Apartments is located on the Roman Catholic Diocese

of Rochester campus. St. Andrews offers 11 one- and 2 two-bedroom apartments for persons with a disability. All apartments are wheelchair accessible. Each apartment has a living room, bedroom and a fully equipped kitchen, laundry hook-ups and individually controlled heat and electric. Heat and hot water costs are included in the rent. There is a community room and laundry facilities. Off-street parking is available in close proximity to the building.

Atwood Park is located on Atwood Drive, off Hickory Manor Drive, off Lyell Road. The 33 quality apartments are for seniors age 62 and older. Residents pay 30% of their adjusted gross income. Heat and hot water costs are included in the rent. Each one-bedroom apartment has a fully equipped Energy Star kitchen, spacious living-dining area, and patio or balcony. There is a community room, library, laundry facilities, patio, and garden areas. Off-

street parking is available in close proximity to the building. Small domestic pets are welcome with approval and pet deposit. Atwood Park was constructed in 2010.

Submitted by Providence Housing Development Corporation



On December 15, 2009, Providence Housing Development Corporation and its funders broke ground for their newest affordable senior living community, Atwood Park Apartments. Pictured left to right: Wayne Willard, Director, Project Management, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Christopher Phillips, LECESSE Construction; Sandra Mindel, Senior Community Development Specialist, Monroe County; Ralph J. Esposito, Supervisor, Town of Gates; Steve Tucciarello, Monroe County Legislator, 4th District; and Monica McCullough, Executive Director, Providence Housing Development Corporation.

Photograph courtesy of Providence Housing Development Corporation



ROCHESTER CURLING CLUB

21 Deep Rock Road

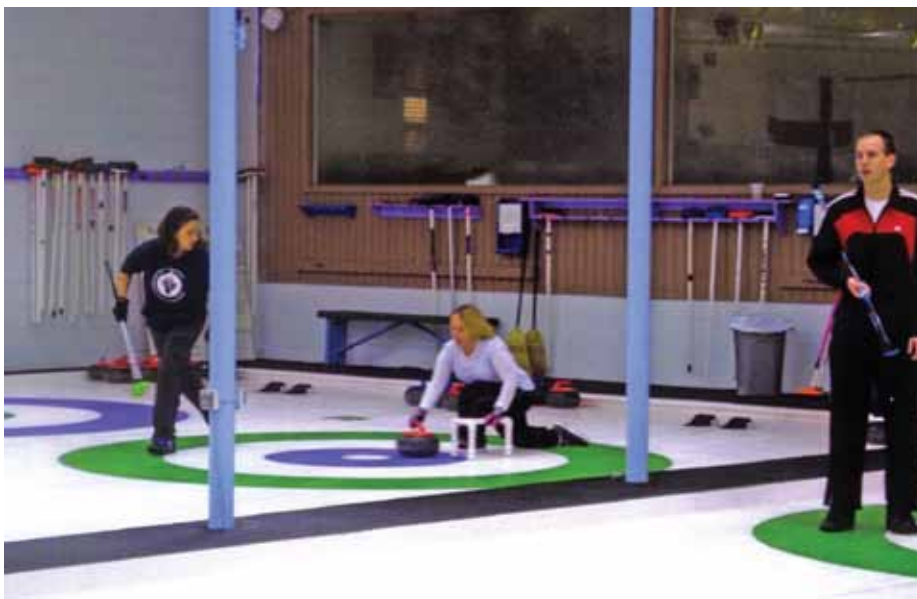
Curling came to Rochester in 1961. Initially, the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) offered ice time at their Ritter-Clark rink every Sunday morning on a pay-as-you-play basis. RIT provided the stones, brooms, and scoreboards. Interest in curling continued to grow to a point where the members felt the need for their own facility. In 1966, the membership elected to build its own two sheet complex in Gates at its present location—71 Deep Rock Road. In 1972, the Club expended its facility to house a total of four sheets of ice and to enlarge the Warm Room. In 2011, it celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Rochester Curling is the western most curling club in New York State. The Club is open from October through April. The RCC is an all-volunteer organization. Currently, there are over 200 members and growing. It is the home to USA national champions: Women—Caitlin Maroldo and Junior Men—Derek Corbett.

The public is welcome. Learn to curl sessions are offered on Sunday afternoons in the fall and again during the winter. The five-week program includes individual instruction as well as the opportunity to play actual games. Businesses, organizations and private social groups can enjoy a “Team Building in Two Hours” curling session.

For more information go to www.rochestercurling.org or call 585-235-8246.

Submitted by Rochester Curling Club



Curling game at Rochester Curling Club

Photographs courtesy of Rochester Curling Club



Curling game at Rochester Curling Club

Photographs courtesy of Rochester Curling Club



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GATES-CHILI

Rotary was founded on the principle of service—the motto “Service Above Service” is what each Rotary member practices. The Rotary Club of Gates-Chili is celebrating 42 years of service to the communities of Gates and Chili. The Club was established in August 1970, through the sponsorship of the Rochester Rotary club, with 23 members in leadership roles in business and public service in the towns of Gates and Chili.

The family of Rotary extends beyond individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs to include other service-minded people who help with the organization’s work. Groups such as Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Community Corps serve side-by-side with sponsor clubs, using their diverse skills to improve the quality of life in their communities.

Educational scholarships, support for the handicapped, food drives to support needy families and food banks, youth leadership programs, youth exchange programs and volunteering activities, are the emphasis of the Gates-Chili Rotary Club. The club has established and supported youth programs in our public schools. An Interact Club is



The Rotary Club Board of Gates-Chili

Photograph courtesy of the Rotary Club of Gates-Chili

active at the Churchville-Chili High School and a Rotaract Club at Roberts Wesleyan College.

Two major accomplishments of the Club are the establishment of a Rotary Club in Scottsville and the chartering of a handicapped Boy Scout troop. The late Peter (Reg) Brant, a Rotarian, and Scout Masters Ken Moore and George Strict, chartered Troop 327 in October 1971 with 14 boys with special needs. This troop continues to be active in scouting activities and has received numerous honors including having 3 members achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Under the direction of Scout Master’s Jim and Dale Gannon, the troop attended Camp Bacock this summer, achieving 40 merit badges.

Rotary is an International organization with more than 34,000 clubs worldwide. You’ll find members volunteering in communities at home and abroad supporting education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio. Rotary, through their International Service committee, started ‘Polio Plus,’ a project to eradicate polio worldwide in 1985. Partnering with the World Health Organization in later years, there are only 5 countries in Asia and Africa remaining where polio is still prevalent.

The Rotary Club of Gates-Chili meets every Wednesday, 7:15 a.m. at Garlock Hall, Roberts Wesleyan College. Those interested in community service are encouraged to attend a meeting. Additional information about the club and its activities will be found on the following web site. gateschilirotary.org



Bingo activities are a fund raiser for the Rotary Club of Gates-Chili.

Photograph courtesy of the Rotary Club of Gates-Chili



Scouting group sponsored by Rotary Club of Gates-Chili

Photograph courtesy of the Rotary Club of Gates-Chili

Submitted by the Rotary Club of Gates-Chili



SCOUTING IN GATES

BOY SCOUT TROOP 243 AND CUB SCOUT PACK 243

Troop and Pack 243 were originally formed in 1953 at Theodore Roosevelt #43 School in Rochester, New York.

Butch Davis and Dave Veltre were members of 243 in the 1970s. In the early 1980s, Dave Veltre became Scoutmaster of the Troop. The two friends left scouting to pursue their careers. However 12 years ago, Butch Davis and Dave Veltre, each fathers of two sons, resurrected Troop and Pack 243. Today the organization is very successful with 30 members.

With the huge contributions of Scouters Dave Wiesmore and Hans Witt, Troop and Pack 243 continue to instill morals, reverence and leadership.

We are forever grateful to the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour for its unselfish and continuing support.

Submitted by Boy Scout Troop 243 and Cub Scout Pack 243



Logo courtesy of www.scouting.org

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts of Western New York became incorporated in July 2008. It encompasses Monroe, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans, Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. The Headquarters is located at 3332 Walden Ave—Suite 106, Depew, NY 14043

The girls in Gates are members of the Gates-Chili Service Unit located in the Gates Chili School District. Currently the 40 plus troops range from Daisies to Ambassadors. Presently there are about 350 girls in scouting and this population continues to grow. Troops are led by volunteers who keep the girls very active in community service.

Mission statement: “Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.”

Girls can join and adults can volunteer by visiting the website www.gswny.org

Submitted by Robin Ettinger of the Girl Scouts of Western New York



Logo courtesy of www.girlscoutsnorcal.org



SEABURY WOODS

110 Dalaker Drive

Founded in 1868 through the generosity of the local Episcopal community, the original Episcopal Church Home has grown to provide a full range of highly regarded, not-for-profit, residential service for seniors known as Episcopal Senior Life Communities (ESLC). Seabury Woods (SBW) in Gates is one of these communities and is located at 110 Dalaker Drive off of Buffalo Road behind the Church of the Epiphany. Seabury Woods features patio homes, assisted-living apartments and memory-care studios.

Seabury Woods was a vision of The Rev. John VanBrederode, the former Rector at The Church of the Epiphany, whose desire was to use the vacant land behind the church to develop a senior living community and one that was affiliated with The Episcopal Church. Episcopal SeniorLife Communities was an ideal match, with Seabury Woods opening in September of 2002. The community was named after The Rev. Samuel Seabury, D.D., the first consecrated Episcopal Bishop in the United States. Dalaker Drive, the street that was created to access SBW, was named after resident Erling Dalaker who lived at River Edge Manor, ESLC's independent living community, and then moved to the patio homes at SBW.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spencer were the first residents in the patio homes; Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Tosti were among the first residents in the assisted-living apartments;



Patio homes at Seabury Woods

Photograph by Steve Shanker

and Ms. Madelyn Weaver was the first Memory Care resident. She had moved from River Edge Manor to Seabury Woods.

Seabury Woods is pleased to have been a viable living option for seniors in the Gates community and they look forward to many more successful years providing excellent care to seniors.

Submitted by Episcopal Senior Life Communities



Central building at Seabury Woods

Photograph by Steve Shanker



SOUTHWEST ROCHESTER KIWANIS CLUB

Kiwani International is a global organization consisting of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The Southwest Rochester Kiwanis Club was formed on February 2, 1947.

In 1964, the club received the International Award for the book, *You and the Law*, a publication to help youth understand the role of law enforcement and their rights.

The club's leadership of the club is recognized throughout the state. In 1972, Charles Price was elected lieutenant governor of the Genesee Division, a position also held by Peter Giullari in 1982 and Robert Weeks in 1985. In 1987, the club was honored when Mr. Price was elected governor of the New York District of Kiwanis International, the highest office in the district.

Charles Price was the first recipient of the George F. Hixson Award in the Genesee Region. The award, named after the first Kiwanis International president from Rochester, N.Y., was presented to Mr. Price in 1988 for his exceptional service to the club and the community. Since then, five other Southwest Rochester Kiwanians have received this award: William Gillette, Peter Giullari, Raymond Jobes, Jean Weeks, and Robert Weeks.

The club has touched the lives of children and adults throughout the region, many from the town of Gates. Among its activities:

- The first club in Monroe County to sponsor "Prime Time", an all-night event for Gates Chili High School students to provide them with safe and fun activities after their Senior prom.
- "Baby Think It Over" provided mannequins to help teens experience what it would be like to have and care for an infant.
- A 911 simulator was donated to the Gates Fire District to help firefighters teach children how to call 911 for help. Other local communities also used the simulator for their residents.



SW Kiwanis members left to right front row: Sue Przybyla, Anne Kelly, Grace Pritchett, Frank Romeo. Back row: Anthony Cowart, William A. Gillette, Chrissy Kelly, Laura Larson, Charlie Price, David Huddleston, Moses Gilbert c. 2012.

Photograph courtesy of Southwest Rochester Kiwanis Club

- The club donated funds to support Gates town parks and to sponsor YMCA Youth Programs.
- Law Enforcement Day is supported annually to honor those who protect our citizens.
- The club sponsored cars for special needs youngsters for the Kids 500 Soapbox Derby.
- Fire safety smoke alarms were donated to those who needed them.
- Support to Gates Fire Explorer Post 272 continues today as the teens assist club members at the annual picnic for residents of St. Jude Apartments.

Today the club is actively involved with recognizing Rochester City School District School students who are role models and hard workers at two city schools through the Terrific Kids awards. The club supports the Anthony Neighborhood Halloween Party, Square Fair, and the Corn Hill Festival. Members provide an annual Christmas breakfast for the Montgomery Center senior citizens. The club conducts meetings twice a month in Gates.

Sixty-five years since its birth, the Southwest Rochester Kiwanis Club is proud of the history of the club and the leaders who built it into the organization it is today.

Submitted by the Southwest Rochester Kiwanis Club



ST. JUDE'S APARTMENTS

4075 Lyell Road

St. Jude's Apartments is a housing development specifically for senior citizens on fixed and limited incomes. St. Jude's I Apartments, a 55-unit housing development at 4075 Lyell Road, opened in 1995. The 40-unit St. Jude's II Apartments at 4099 Lyell Road opened about 10 years later.

The late Reverend John J. Steger, who served as pastor of St. Jude the Apostle parish, founded the facility and served as President of the Board of Directors of Steger Housing Development Fund Company Inc., the not-for-profit corporation formed to build and operate the complex.

Designed for senior citizens, rental fees are subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Both developments are of frame construction with clapboard siding and residential in appearance with a maintenance-free exterior that maintains harmony with neighboring homes and businesses. The complex contains full-sized one-bedroom apartments, laundry facilities,

a community room with kitchen and rest rooms, fire detection and emergency call systems, an elevator, and a phone-controlled entry to assure safety and security.

Additional safety features include a sprinkler system and fire and smoke alarms that comply with the most up-to-date fire code requirements.

St. Jude's Apartments was sponsored by Catholic Charities of Syracuse, N.Y., designed by Ashley McGraw Architects of Syracuse, and built by LeCesse Construction Company of Rochester.

Current members of the Board of Directors are William Gillette, Donald Kuhman, Gary Rigoni, Steve Spoto, Edward Traugott, Kimberly Vogler, and Allan Wallace.

Submitted by St. Jude's Apartments



View of St. Jude's Apartments

Photograph by Steve Shanker



WESTSIDE FAMILY YMCA

920 Elmgrove Road

In the early 1980s, the suburban southwest area was served by a “store front” YMCA on Chili Avenue offering a variety of youth sports programs out of local elementary schools. For the next decade, the Gates Chili Program Center (YMCA) took up residence in the vacant Washington Irving School, offering full-day child care and expanded youth sports offerings.

In 1991, the school district needed to reopen Washington Irving as an elementary school and the YMCA moved to Berman Park. This 10,000 square foot facility off Buffalo Road allowed the Y to continue offering programs in this southwest suburban community.

A decade later, the YMCA of Greater Rochester began preparations to build, in phases, a new full-service branch on Elmgrove Road named the Westside Family YMCA.

In December 2002, the Westside Family YMCA opened; in its first phase, an 11,000 square foot childcare center with the ability to provide youth sports and summer

camp programs. With the first of the three planned phases complete, the YMCA continued with its development and on October 18, 2004, the doors opened for the first time as a state of the art 60,000 square foot full facility YMCA branch. In December 2008, the YMCA completed phase three of the project by adding an additional 10,000 square feet to the current structure.

Today, the Westside Family YMCA branch enjoys a membership base of 12,500 members drawing from the communities of Gates, Chili, Spencerport, Ogden and Riga. Members both young and old enjoy many activities such as aquatics, youth sports, child care, group exercise, senior programming, and health and fitness. Westside Family YMCA is also one of the largest providers of child care in the surrounding area.

Submitted by Chris Mangone, Westside Family YMCA



View of Westside Family YMCA

Photograph by Steve Shanker



WILLIAM W. DOUD POST 98

898 Buffalo Road

William W. Doud Post 98 was named after a local soldier who died in Grand Pré, France on November 1, 1918. It received its American Legion charter on July 8, 1919.

The meetings were held at temporary locations until the permanent post home was built at 898 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY, and opened formally on May 22, 1940. Doud Post 98 continued ownership of the building well into the 1990s, at which time it was sold and became the new home of Rick's Prime Rib, formerly of Howard Road. Rick's continues to be the home of Doud Post 98 and all meeting and events are still held there.

The American Legion is built on what is known as The Four Pillars of Service: Defense, Veterans, Youth and Patriotism. Doud Post 98 serves the community at many levels. It participates in events such as the Town services for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, supplying speakers and a color guard. It also participates in funerals for veterans at requested levels. Doud Post 98 supports baseball, youth programs and other activities in keeping with American Legion policies and practices.

The American Legion membership is open to any veteran who has served during a time of war and was



Sign for Doud Post

Photograph by Steve Shanker

honorably discharged. Doud Post meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please join us.

*Submitted by Charles W. Zeiner, Commander
William W. Doud Post 98*



Doud Post No. 98

Photograph by Steve Shanker



CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHAPEL

3231 Buffalo Road

Our roots were laid down in the city of Rochester nearly a century ago. A group of Christians met in a home on Frost Avenue and then in a small church building on Carter Street. In 1950 a building was erected on the corner of Congress Avenue and Pioneer Street in the 19th ward and this location was used to reach out to the neighborhood and community for nearly 50 years. At that time we were called Congress Avenue Bible Chapel. We then chose to relocate to the town of Gates in the summer of 1999. We thought we could better minister to the community in the new location at 3231 Buffalo Road. The new name, Cornerstone Bible Chapel, was chosen based on Jesus Christ being the cornerstone of the Christian church. We are a non-denominational, independent church that bases the teaching on the Bible, the Word of God.

Since moving to the town of Gates, we have enjoyed meeting some of our neighbors at our Family Fun Days in our large backyard. Many of our members live in Gates, Chili and other nearby suburbs and are involved in the schools in the area. We have regular church services on Sundays with Bible teaching, music and Sunday School classes. During the week we offer various Bible studies and a children's program called Awana. We also plan special programs, conferences, concerts and seminars throughout the year. At the end of the summer we enjoy meeting many of the local children at our Vacation Bible School.



Photograph courtesy of Steve Shanker

We are connected with a great Christian summer camp in the southern tier called Camp Li-Lo-Li, and we help to send children there each year. (www.liloli.org)

We have enjoyed being part of the town of Gates and wish our best for the bicentennial celebration.

Please visit our website: www.cornerstonebiblechapel.org

Submitted by Cornerstone Bible Chapel



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ELMGROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1500 Spencerport Road

Elmgrove United Methodist Church was founded in 1828 in a log school house on the corner of what is now the Elmgrove Road/Elmore Drive intersection. Here, circuit riders stopped to deliver mail and the news of the day. The early church was a pivotal place for the farming community at that time, a place to celebrate Christian beliefs, to socialize and share a meal. In 1848, the church moved to the corner of Elmgrove and Spencerport Road. In 1904, the church was destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt the same year with the support of the members and local community. In 1967, the current church was built at 1500 Spencerport Road, with the fellowship hall added in 1973, and education wing in 1999.

The church cemetery remains where the original church once stood. The gravestones reflect the names of many well-known Gates families. The bell that rings weekly to start our worship service is from the original church.

The Elmgrove United Methodist Church has a long, rich history of community involvement, mission work, outreach and support of ministries. It was known for hosting community teas, luncheons and seasonal dinners, with the profits sent to support community charities and global missions. From hosting blood drives, community concerts and craft shows, supporting the local food cupboard and also a hospice home, vacation Bible school and many other educational programs, our church continues to reach out into our home community.



Photograph courtesy of Steve Shanker

We are proud to be celebrating 185 years as an integral part of the rich history of the Town of Gates.

The mission of Elmgrove United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, expressing our love through prayer and service; we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that others may be led to salvation.

Submitted by the Members of the Elmgrove United Methodist Church



Photograph courtesy of Steve Shanker



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

3285 Buffalo Road

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany was born just after the Civil War in 1866 when St. Luke's Church (now the Church of St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene in Rochester) founded a mission on Jefferson Avenue. We came of age in 1876 when the mission became a parish. We had 170 families, a church building and a rectory.

We served families in the Eighth Ward in various ways. For example, we were active participants in the drive to pave Jefferson Avenue. During the Great Depression, the Rector had a special fund to help individuals in need and helped many find jobs. Food and clothing were given to many.

After World War II the neighborhood changed considerably. Attempts to attract new residents were not successful. To survive, the parish decided to move to Gates because it was the center of a large area of western Monroe County where the Episcopal Church was not present. Consequently, in 1960, we sold the church building on Jefferson Avenue and built a new church at 3285 Buffalo Road. In 1999 the chancel was renovated to make it more accessible to elderly and physically handicapped worshipers and to bring the altar closer to the congregation.



Photograph courtesy of Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

We serve the Gates community in diverse ways—one example is the popular annual rummage sale where people buy clothing, children's toys, household and other items at greatly reduced prices. During the rummage sale, and other times, we host a recycling collection point for the community. Other examples are our support of the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network and the Southwest Ecumenical Ministries food cupboard.

In 1999 we sold land behind the church to Episcopal SeniorLife Communities for the construction of Seabury Woods, an assisted living community for senior citizens. Service to the residents of Seabury Woods is one of the parish's many programs. Recently, we started a ministry to the hard of hearing and the deaf with a state of the art hearing loop, a Missioner to the Deaf and a signer at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

A comprehensive history of the church, *Worshipping, Serving: The Church of the Epiphany from 1866 to 2006*, was published in 2011. Copies are available at the Gates Historical Society, the Gates Library, and may be purchased from the church.

Submitted by Robert E. Sudlow, Epiphany historian



Photograph courtesy of Episcopal Church of the Epiphany



FAITH OUTREACH MINISTRY

83 Lee Road

In November 2003, Reverend Anthony and his wife, Pastor Mrs. Gladys Iwunor, founded a multicultural Pentecostal Church called Faith Outreach Ministry. This fellowship (kononia) of believers met every Saturday evening at the Pastor's house for two hours of uplifting praise and worship, testimonies and exhortation. The group also met every Saturday morning for two hours of intercession and once a month for All Night Prayer.

This growing fellowship soon outgrew the Reverend's residence. In obedience to divine direction, Reverend Iwunor shared the revelation to plant Faith Outreach Ministry in the Rochester area. The church moved its meetings to several conference halls until 2008, when Faith Outreach Ministry relocated to its present location, 83 Lee Road. At the time of purchase, the building lay in ruins, but we all prayed for God to make it a place of Holiness.

Now it is 2012 and 83 Lee Road, formerly an uninhabitable piece of property, has been converted into a Miracle Center with a renovated sanctuary where people can come from near and far to worship. We sing hymns as part of our Praise and Worship, a stirring mix of Classical and Contemporary gospel, African funk and Calypso, Christian Reggae and other tunes and rhythms as we are led by the Holy Spirit. The church also runs a TV Ministry that features as 'Hour of Deliverance' on Channel 15.

Faith Outreach Ministry believes in the one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God started this church, anointed these grounds, and said He will never forsake us. We believe God loves everyone and we can enter into a life changing relationship with Him through faith in Jesus Christ. Since its origin, Faith Outreach Ministry has blossomed into an international ministry with an apostolic nerve center for the fresh wave of God's anointing that is sweeping the nations of the world.

*Submitted by Uchenna G. Nwokocha,
Faith Outreach Ministry*



View of church

Photograph by Steve Shanker



GATES ASSEMBLY OF GOD

4195 Lyell Road

In 1941, a young Italian pastor, Mauro Nesta, began to hold bilingual services in a Rochester home. The church's name was then Chiesa Christian Pentecostal. Soon the church outgrew the home and moved to a Nazarene church in Rochester in 1945 where both congregations shared the church while the Nazarenes were building a new church. In 1947, the church at 44 Columbia Avenue caught fire but was renovated. Pastor Nesta died in 1952 at age 44. His son, Angelo, became acting Pastor. In 1953 Brother Anthony DiQuattro was elected Pastor and in 1959 Brother Mignano was elected Pastor.



Pastor Franklin and Jim Vanbredereode, Gates Police Department
Photograph courtesy of Gates Assembly of God

As events transpired, the congregation moved to Gates in 1969 to its present location at 4195 Lyell Road. Then the church was known as Christian Pentecostal Church but changed its name to Gates Assembly of God in 1977. The church was paid in full in seventeen years. In 1990 the church became officially affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

In 1999, Pastor Richard Franklin succeeded Pastor Mignano. The church is active with mission work in Africa, Argentina, Chile, Jamaica and Mexico, giving about 17% of its revenue to missions. Church activities include visits to nursing homes, sponsoring Teen Challenge for men, Candle House for women, and involvement in neighborhood activities.



Side view of church
Photograph courtesy of Gates Assembly of God.



Ebenezer Stone
Photograph courtesy of Gates Assembly of God

Submitted by Susan Swanton, Bicentennial Book Coordinator, condensed from articles written by Sister Rose Mignano and Sister Peg Franklin



GATES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: HOLY GHOST, ST. HELEN, AND ST. JUDE

Central Office—4100 Lyell Road, Rochester NY 14606

In June 2010, Holy Ghost, St. Helen and St. Jude the Apostle became a cluster Church, formed to expand the use of resources (personnel and finances); each parish has retained its own identity. Gates Catholic Community is served by Father Michael Schramel as pastor, Father James Hewes as Parochial Vicar, and Deacons Richard Schuler, Patrick Shanley and Michael Zuber. Father Leo Huyen is the Vietnamese Pastor.

The main offices moved to one location in the summer of 2011, allowing more interaction among our staff. The community continues to embrace shared worship, ministries and social activity. It is our continued prayer to be warm and welcoming to all who enter our doors.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH

262 Coldwater Road

Holy Ghost Church started out as a mission station in 1865. In 1875 the cornerstone for the first church was blessed by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first bishop of Rochester. In June 1876 Holy Ghost Parish incorporated with Father August Kraus as resident pastor. In May 1906 Bishop McQuaid blessed the cornerstone of the present church.

Holy Ghost parishioners experienced many changes over the years. The school building, formerly the old church, burned to the ground in October 1938 and a new school cornerstone was laid in January, 1939. In 1945 the church was renovated and redecorated by one of the nation's leading ecclesiastical artists. In August 1958, the Lourdes Grotto was donated by the Entress family and blessed by Bishop James E. Kearney. In 1973 a renovation and enlargement of the church was completed. Holy Ghost celebrated its 100th Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop John E. McCafferty. Sadly, in June 1993 Holy Ghost School closed after providing 128 years of Catholic education.

We, the members of Holy Ghost Church, aware of our Baptismal call to live by Gospel values, and nourished for that life by the Eucharist, strive to be a faith community that is collaborative with other churches in making Christ's Kingdom a reality in this time and place. We commit ourselves to prayer, encouragement of one another, open inquiry, service, and social justice.



South view of Holy Ghost Church, 262 Coldwater Road

Photograph by Steve Shanker



View of Holy Ghost Cemetery opposite the church

Photograph by Steve Shanker



ST. HELEN CHURCH

310 Hinchey Road

Bishop John Francis O'Hern dedicated the Mission Chapel of St. Helen, in 1930, in honor of his mother. For the first ten years, a priest from St. Augustine's Church offered one Mass each week until St. Helen became a formal parish in 1940, with Father J. Beecher Sullivan, pastor.

Construction of a new rectory and church began in 1959, with the church dedicated in 1962. Sadly, two years later Father Sullivan died after nearly 25 years of service. Monsignor Patrick J. Flynn became pastor in 1965. Our Parish Council was formed, the parish and school grew, and the familiar Country Fair was established.

Father L. John Hedges became pastor in 1978 and, with Staff and Council, furthered parish life, until his

retirement in 1988. His successor, Father Michael J. Bausch, instituted church renovations reflecting the vision of Vatican II. In 1994, Nancy DeRycke became St. Helen's first Pastoral Administrator. On July 1, 1996, Father John A. Firpo became pastor and Deacon Richard Schuler, Pastoral Associate. In June 2007, the Vietnamese Community made St. Helen Church their home with Father Malachy Nwosu (Eloo), pastor.

Today, St. Helen Church, a Community of approximately 800 families, sees its identity and strength realized and fulfilled in the living presence of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. St. Helen remains strong and vital because of the faithful work and dedication of our people and the spiritual leadership of our Pastoral Staff.



View of St. Helen Church, 310 Hinchey Road

Photograph courtesy of Gates Town Historian



CHURCH OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

4100 Lyell Road

On June 27, 1968, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen appointed Father John J. Steger pastor of a new parish in Gates. The site, the Unger farm on Lyell Road, a 40 acre dairy farm with a cow barn, a tractor shed, and small farmhouse, came with the financial obligation to pay for this property over 5 years. With the help of St. Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases, we established our parish, built our church, and our future. The parish continued to grow over the next 20+ years, so plans for a new facility were developed.

The construction of our new church was completed in June 1993, with a gym added in 1994 and Faith Formation Center in 1997.

Many items designed into our church are part of local history. Three stained glass windows over the front

entrance to the new church came from St. Patrick's Cathedral, which once stood on the current site of Frontier Field. These beautiful German crafted windows from the 1880s are now prominently displayed in our new church for everyone to enjoy.

In July 2006, Father Michael Schramel was assigned to our parish. Sister Barbara Baker, MSHS joined us as Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation in September 2006. Deacon Patrick Shanley joined our ministry team in early 2007. Father Jim Hewes has been our Parochial Vicar for the past three years.

Submitted by Gates Catholic Community



View of St. Jude Church

Photograph by Steve Shanker



GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1049 Wegman Road

The First Presbyterian Society of Gates, now Gates Presbyterian Church, was organized on October 28, 1828 at the home of Eleazar Howard. Mr. Howard's home, at the southeast corner of Buffalo and Howard Roads, also served as a local tavern. The first worship services took place in the ballroom and Sunday School meetings in the

brick school-house known as District No. 7.

The first church building was constructed in 1833 on land donated by Eleazar Howard. By 1845, a larger facility was needed and constructed. The Rev. Mr. James Ballantine was the leading man in building this church, ably assisted by Spencer Woodworth and Matthias Garrett. Frank Hinchey donated a melodeon to the church.



The first Gates Presbyterian Church



The second Gates Presbyterian Church

After some sixty years of worship, the old frame church was destroyed by fire in 1906. For a period of about two years, services were held in the Union Hall. A new building was constructed and dedicated in 1912 and still stands near the corner of Buffalo and Howard Roads. In the 1950s, additions to the building failed to meet expanding needs.



The third Gates Presbyterian Church

In November 1969, the congregation moved into its present facility on Wegman Road. The church sanctuary was built with "clinker" bricks reflecting the identity and theology of the congregation. Clinker bricks are bricks discarded because of their imperfections. In the design of the church building, they symbolize human imperfection; thus strength and support are needed from each other and God. The sanctuary is "in the round" signifying a caring family's loving embrace. Three focal points form a triangle—the pulpit where the word and love of God are spoken; the baptismal font where the sacrament of baptism is celebrated; and the communion table where the Lord's Supper is shared. Today Gates Presbyterian Church remains an active community of nearly 600 members.

Submitted by Gates Presbyterian Church



The present Gates Presbyterian Church



GATES WESLEYAN CHURCH

2060-2070 Long Pond Road

In the spring of 1929, two of the first meetings of the *First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Rochester* were held in a tent on Cole Ave near the railroad tracks. Mr. J.S. Youngs, Sr. donated property where the church building was dedicated in 1932. Rev. Earl E. Barrett followed Rev. Wright from 1936 to 1937. Rev. Alton Shea came to pastor the church in the summer of 1937 and was succeeded by Rev. Ralph Haines in November, 1943. Due to illness Rev. Haines left in June of 1945. In August 1945, Rev. Adam J. Shea, Rev. Alton Shea's father, came to pastor the church but, due to illness, Rev. Adam Shea resigned in 1946. The neon "I am the Way" sign on the church building was dedicated February 6, 1947 as a memorial to him.

Rev. James E. Bence was called as pastor in July 1946. Under his leadership the church grew significantly, requiring an addition that was dedicated on May 25, 1952. The new addition consisted of six classrooms, a study and counseling room. A second addition was completed May, 1963, further increasing the number of rooms. This also required moving the parsonage to its current place on Kentucky Avenue. Rev. James Bence also organized two church plants from his congregation, Spencerport and Penfield Wesleyan.

Rev. G. Wright, Jr. came to Gates in July 1964. In 1968 the Wesleyan Methodist and the Pilgrim Holiness denominations merged to form The Wesleyan Church, known as Gates Wesleyan Church. Rev D. Boyd came in the late summer of 1972 until July of 1977, and was followed in August of the same year by Rev. F. H. Beck came. Under his shepherding the church grew and required a new worship center across Kentucky Avenue, dedicated in 1996. The old building is used to this day as an education center. Rev. F. Beck assisted in planting Hilton Wesleyan church in 1988. Upon Rev. Beck's retirement Rev. J. Liddick began as pastor in July of 2006. He helped the congregation retire the mortgage for the worship center. In July 2012 Rev. Bradley Strange was elected to lead Gates Wesleyan Church into a future of sharing the Love of Christ so that all might come to know Him.

Submitted by: Gates Wesleyan Church



Original church under construction

Photograph courtesy of Gates Wesleyan Church



Original church today side view

Photograph courtesy of Gates Wesleyan Church



New church today

Photograph courtesy of Gates Wesleyan Church



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

2415 Chili Avenue

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour at 2415 Chili Ave. had a humble start. In 1941, a small group, fewer than 20 people, began holding Sunday School in the nearby Gates Firehouse and worship services at the Washington Irving School. A simple wooden church was erected on the current site, with the first service held in November 1945.

In 1946, the charter members hired Reverend Lyle W. Halvorson as pastor. He served the congregation for nearly 20 years.

In 1960 ground was broken for the current building with its unique and inspiring stained glass window, and the first service was held there in June 1961.

In 1965 a new pastor, Reverend A. Sidney Kitts, joined the Church, and served the congregation for 25 years. During his tenure, Bettie Curry started a nursery school (1965). In 1966, the original church building was demolished, and two years later, church members broke ground on a new wing for more classrooms, a library, fellowship area, all with access to parking.

In 1973 Our Saviour Child Development Center Daycare was established with Sharon Yackel as director.

Dell Hall was erected in 1974 for fellowship activities, service projects such as Crop Walk and summer vacation Bible school. In 1977 the Church left the Missouri Synod and in 1987 joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, ELCA. In 1988 the handbell choir started.

From 1991 to 2003, Pastor Paul E. Shoop led the parish. During his tenure, the Church undertook another major building program to provide handicapped accessibility, an elevator, more daycare rooms, and a larger gathering area. Boy Scout Troop and Pack 243 started meeting at the church September 2003.

Reverend Joachim Wilck became pastor in 2004. The Summer Thursday night outside service, and Contemporary Sunday service became standard. In 2004 and 2005 Jerry Stich installed both an FM Broadcast and an audio loop for the hearing impaired. Ministries' outreach were added to the congregation, and Alpha courses were added in 2010, inviting all participants to learn about Christianity. A prayer shawl ministry, for service men and women, shut-ins and the hospitalized, was initiated in 2009.



View of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Photograph courtesy of the church



Stained glass window in the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Photograph courtesy of the church

For more information about our church community, visit www.oursaviourrochester.org.

Submitted by Lutheran Church of Our Saviour



ROCHESTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH MINISTRIES

3177 Lyell Road

Rochester Christian Church Ministries is a ministry led by God to touch lives and impact our world in an extraordinary way.

It began with one man who has a heart for people, and a vision from God. Stephen Galvano, founder and Senior Pastor of RCCM, was called into ministry at a young age, reaffirmed in 1970, and culminated in fulfilling the vision to begin Rochester Christian Church Ministries.

With just five founding members, this small church worked tirelessly to bring people into the Kingdom of God. The congregation quickly outgrew two facilities, and by



View of Rochester Christian Church Ministries

Photograph by Steve Shanker

1974, property was bought and the church was built at its present day 16 acre campus at 3177 Lyell Road, in Gates.

Part of RCCM's vision has been to reach out to those in need. In 1972, Rochester Christian Daycare/Preschool was established and continues to provide quality childcare for working families. In addition, RCCM opened Rochester Christian Academy in 1975, a school for Kindergarten through 12th grade.

The desire to serve the community expanded beyond its church walls. In 1985, a second church was planted at 208 N. Goodman Street, the original housing for Rochester School of Theology Bible College. Currently, this site serves as a venue for some of the ministry's many artistic endeavors.

RCCM has a vision to celebrate the message of hope in Jesus through the beauty and power of the Arts. In 2001, RCCM purchased the historic St. Bridget's Church to become the "Lighthouse Center for the Performing Arts," a venue for hosting RCCM's theatrical and film productions.

Along with the many ways RCCM reaches out to people locally, a major outreach has been overseas. In the 40 years since its inception, RCCM has blossomed into an international headquarters. Out of his love for people and his desire to reach the lost, Pastor Galvano has planted churches all over the world, including Pakistan, Italy, and Zambia.

Since its humble beginnings, RCCM has witnessed the unfolding of the original promise God made to Pastor Galvano all those years ago. RCCM believes that God's promises are not a thing of the past, but for tomorrow. RCCM's future is bright and will continue to make a difference for the Kingdom of God.



Pastor Galvano embraces a church member

Photograph courtesy of Rochester Christian Church Ministries



RCCM church members on bus outing in 1973

Photograph courtesy of Rochester Christian Church Ministries

Submitted by Rochester Christian Church Ministries



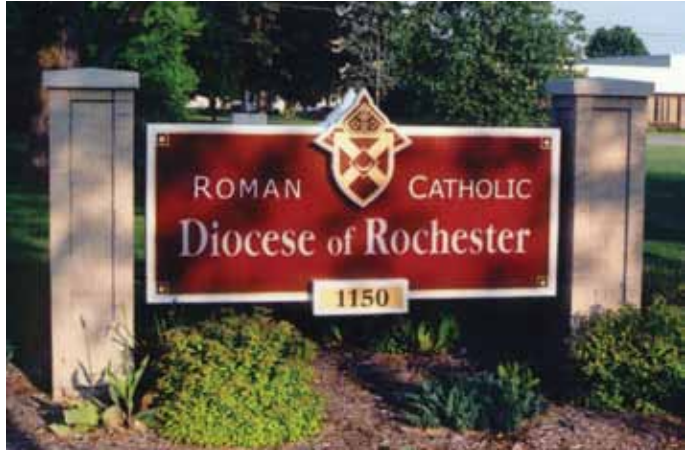
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PASTORAL CENTER 1150 Buffalo Road

The property on which the Pastoral Center for the Catholic Diocese of Rochester stands was originally owned by the Doud family. Upon the death of Margaret J. Doud in 1930, the land was deeded to the Diocese. In 1937, St. William House was constructed to serve as a dormitory for out-of-town students who were attending St. Andrew's Seminary, which prepared young men for the priesthood. At that time the Seminary was located in the city of Rochester.

In 1945, Bishop James E. Kearney presented a plan to erect a new building to house the seminary. The large e-shaped structure of white stone, with a modern-classical style of architecture, was completed in 1950.

By 1966, with enrollment in the seminary declining, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen decided to close St. Andrew's and create a new entity. King's Preparatory was begun as a high school for young men and women who wanted to dedicate themselves to the service of God and the church. Due to financial difficulties, King's Prep was closed in 1970.

In 1972, Bishop Joseph Hogan invited the School of the Holy Childhood, founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph



Pastoral Center sign

Photograph courtesy of Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

to educate disabled children and adults, to occupy the first and ground floors of the main building. By 1984 the school, looking for a facility with greater accessibility for the students, moved to its present location in Henrietta.



Front entrance to Pastoral Center

Photograph courtesy of Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester



Aerial view of Pastoral Center 1979

Photograph courtesy of Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

In 1972 Bishop Hogan also began relocating all diocesan services to the Pastoral Center building. Since that time it has served as the administrative center of the Diocese. The St. William House building is leased to not-for-profit agencies.

In 2003, construction of St. Andrew's Apartments was completed. This project of Providence Housing

Corporation, an affiliate of Catholic Charities, provides housing and support for low-income individuals who have physical or developmental disabilities.

Submitted by Sister Connie Derby, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester



East view of St. William House

Photograph courtesy of Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester



View of Pastoral Center

Photograph courtesy of Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester



ST. NICHOLAS MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

1492 Spencerport Road

Our community is an Eastern Catholic Church (Melkite Greek-Catholic), one of only three Melkite parishes in Upstate New York. We follow the religious traditions and liturgies of the Byzantine Church, which is found throughout Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We are governed independently by a synod of bishops and the Patriarch of Antioch, but we are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. The interior of our church is decorated with religious icons, images of Christ, The Mother of God, and images of early Church leaders and biblical events.

In 1925, a group of families whose members came from the Middle East won the approval of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, second Roman Catholic Bishop of Rochester, to establish a new parish on Remington Street in Rochester. They wanted a community that worshiped and received the seven sacraments in the manner to which they were accustomed. Through direct labor and dedicated fundraising they established a church and rectory on the site that served the needs of our community for seventy years. The need for a new facility became clear as membership increased and relocated to all parts of the Rochester area. In 1995, we purchased eight acres at 1492 Spencerport Road from Mr. and Mrs. Lee MacDonald, and built the existing parish house in the rear of the campus. In the year 2000 AD, we completed a contemporary Byzantine church structure in an Arts and Crafts style (architect, Barkstrom and LaCroix). A feature of the building is a central interior



View of church iconostasis

Photograph courtesy of St. Nicholas Church

dome and a sanctuary and altar set off from the nave by an icon screen.

Our community numbers about ninety families who have worked hard to establish a caring and giving community focused on our commitment to God. We strive to hand down the revealed truth of the Creator, Jesus Christ and His teachings, and the active role of the Holy Spirit. While rooted in ancient tradition, we strive to be relevant to modern life. We honor God through prayer, fasting and works of charity.

Our administrator is Father Christopher Manuele. Please join us any Sunday for Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10:00 A.M., or learn more about us at saintnicholas.cc

Submitted by St. Nicholas Church



Front view of St. Nicholas Church

Photograph courtesy of St. Nicholas Church



SAINT PADRE PIO CHAPEL

141 Frank DiMino Way

The Saint Padre Pio Institute of Rochester, Inc. is a 501 c3 not-for-profit organization, established in Rochester, New York. The institute was founded by Olindo and Filomena DiFrancesco to build a chapel to benefit the entire community.

Olindo and Filomena had the desire and ambition to build the chapel to give the public a place of prayer and reflection on the life of St. Padre Pio with a hope that this would also help unite the entire community. The Saint Padre Pio Chapel is unique in that it is the only chapel dedicated to St. Padre Pio in New York State and is completely open to the public.

From the beginning the DiFrancesco Family wanted the chapel, when complete, to be part of the community, available for everyone to visit for personal prayer and meditation.

The chapel construction headed by Olindo DiFrancesco and his wife Filomena, is a beautiful addition to the Town of Gates and New York State. Throughout the building process Olindo and Filomena complemented each other as a team, Olindo with his determination and enthusiasm, and Filomena with attention to the finest details. Together, they were able to complete this beautiful chapel ahead of schedule in May, 2008.

The chapel consists of 5000 square feet, with a seating capacity of one hundred and eighty people, cost just under three million dollars. The DiFrancesco's contributed both time and money and also personally guaranteed the completion of the project.

With community support in fundraising and contributions, it is our hope and Olindo's goal that the chapel be completely paid for in less than five years. The institute has a devoted fundraising committee, busy over the past few year with fundraising activities that will continue until the debt is paid. Future plans for stained glass windows will enhance the beauty of the chapel.

The Chapel located at 141 Frank DiMino Way off Manitou Rd. is open daily from 10 AM until 4:00 PM



View of west side of chapel

Photograph by Steve Shanker



View of east side of chapel

Photograph by Steve Shanker

for all who wish to attend; tours are given by request by calling the chapel.

Please visit our web site at www.stpadrepiochapel.com for more information.

Submitted by Saint Padre Pio Chapel



ST. THEODORE'S CHURCH

168 Spencerport Road

From its beginning in 1924, St. Theodore's Parish has been a vital part of the Gates Community. When the founding pastor, Father John Baier, was assigned to another parish in 1937, Father Raymond Epping became pastor, serving until his retirement in 1960. Father Elmer Heindl was assigned for one year, then Monsignor Dennis W. Hickey became pastor in 1961, serving until 1968, when he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop.

The next pastor, Father Gerald Dunn, was forward-looking in his vision of church and quickly involved lay people in parish work. St. Theodore's Parish Council was organized in 1971, among the first in the Diocese of Rochester. Father Dunn was the vision and force behind getting much needed senior citizen housing. In 1973 a groundbreaking was held for Dunn Tower Apartments,

a thirteen-story senior citizen facility built on land donated by St. Theodore's Parish. Dunn Tower II, an eight-story senior citizen apartment building, was erected in 1979 and is located just behind Dunn Tower I.

Father Dunn retired in June of 1992, and Father Dan Holland was named pastor in July, 1992. The parish thrived under Father Dan's pastoral guidance. In June 1994, the Diocese closed St. Theodore's School to make room for a central junior high, All Saints Catholic Academy, which occupied the former junior high section of the school. The original eight school classrooms were modified for use as the Parish Life Center, home for the pastoral staff offices, a library, receptionist office and meeting room. The library was named in honor of Father Dunn, who died in 1995. The rectory on the parish property was

redesigned into living quarters for additional priest residents.

As the 75th anniversary of the parish was approaching, a Church Renovation Committee was established in 1996 to come up with a proposal for rejuvenation of the church's interior. After much study it was determined that we would go ahead with a renovation, and in January of 1999, the parish celebrated the dedication of the church with Bishop Dennis Hickey (former pastor), presiding.

In 2002 Father Holland was assigned to St. Pius X parish, and Father George Okoth came to St. Theodore's. He served until 2005, when he became a chaplain in the Army. Father Steve Kraus, assisting priest, was named pastor in 2006 and is still leading the parish today.

Submitted by St. Theodore's Church



Views of St. Theodore's Church

Photographs by Steve Shanker



TRINITY ALLIANCE CHURCH

1275 Spencerport Road

In 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Beardsley of Gates started what would become Trinity Alliance Church. Moved by the need they saw, they opened their home to neighborhood children for Sunday School. Soon, their home was filled each Sunday with children and parents hungry to grow deeper in their relationship with God. Two years later, The Christian and Missionary Alliance Branch of Gates, NY was incorporated, with Rev. Clarence Humiston as first pastor.

In 1957, Gates Alliance Church purchased two acres of land on Lyell Avenue, east of Howard Road, next to property owned by the Wegmans. Mr. Wegman donated an old house on his property, in exchange for moving it to the rear of the church's new property. In 1982, the congregation exchanged their Lyell Avenue property for a parcel on Spencerport Road owned by the Wegmans Corporation. There, Wegmans built a church building and a parsonage, to the congregation's specifications. In its heyday, Gates Alliance would boast attendance of almost 250 people, and would later change its name to "Gates Church."

Meanwhile, in 1933, Rev. Massimiliano Tosetto, a pastor in Niagara Falls, received a call from a group of Italian-speaking believers in Rochester. In partnership with Rev. Thomas Barrancotta of Lockport, he shepherded this growing congregation. Two years later, Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica was incorporated, an independent Italian congregation, meeting in a rented hall above a store on Smith Street in Rochester. This church would eventually own properties on Plymouth Avenue and North Street, at one time holding services in both locations! From 1959-1996, CCE owned a building on Broad Street in Rochester, and was attended by almost 500 Italian-speaking congregants. The name of the church eventually Americanized to Evangelical Christian Church.

By 2006, both congregations experienced decreases in attendance, and feared they would have to close. Thanks to the initiative of Pastor Leonard Cacciatore (of ECC) and Pastor Dénes House (of GC), the two churches began to build a relationship, and in April 2007, Gates Church and Evangelical Christian Church voted unanimously to merge, creating Trinity Alliance Church.



Views of Trinity Alliance Church

Renovating the building at 1275 Spencerport Rd, and rededicating themselves to a joint tradition of warm welcomes, rich Biblical teaching, and Spirit-filled singing, Trinity Alliance Church, a congregation of around 100 people, is now home to many college students, young families, and senior saints.

Submitted by Rev. Dénes House, Lead Pastor of Trinity Alliance Church



TRINITY EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

761 Elmgrove Road

Two inner city Lutheran congregations struggling to sustain their ministries, yet sensing God's call that He was not yet finished with them. What should they do? With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the cooperation and dedication of the people to this Higher Call, the two churches decide to become one, and Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church is born.

Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church began as Trinity Lutheran Church, founded in 1891 at the corner of Campbell and Walnut Streets in the "Bulls Head" area of Rochester, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, founded in 1922 on Thurston Road in the 19th Ward.

These two Lutheran Churches merged in 1975 to become Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church, purchased land on Elmgrove Road, and began their ministry there on September 20, 1981 when they dedicated their new sanctuary.

Since 1981, the church has built two additions to support ministry to its members and community who come from all parts of the Rochester area. As the mission statement claims, Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church is here so that "each one, reach one, so that all may know the love of Christ."

Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a body of disciples whose mission is to serve God faithfully by serving those in need. The church has a ministry locally to the homeless, supports numerous food cupboards and shelters, works to repair the homes of those in need, and is active in going beyond the Rochester community to serve those affected by national disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Tropical Storm Lee in Binghamton, NY in 2011. As with most churches,



View of Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Photograph courtesy of the church

Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church has a wide range of worship experiences, Bible studies, children and youth ministries and small groups to support and encourage growth in faith.

In addition, through the years Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church has also been a welcoming presence to the community, offering concerts, plays, and social events that bring the community together. We are stronger together as we know each other as friends and neighbors. Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church desires to be the hands and feet of Christ through which His love is shared with others. You are always welcome here! Learn more about us at www.TELCRochester.com

Submitted by David Gerhardt, Pastor



GATES-CHILI FIRE DEPARTMENT

2355 Chili Avenue

A more detailed history of the Gates-Chili Fire Department can be found in book format at the Gates Public Library. Since the 75th Anniversary of the department in 2002, the Gates-Chili Fire Department has continued to provide fire protection to the towns of Gates and Chili.

In 2003 we completed a capital improvement project at Station #3 on Coldwater Road. A truck bay was added and facilities improved to accommodate career operation and continued growth in the area. Since volunteer ranks have declined, it has become necessary to hire full time career firefighters.

In 2005 the Gates Fire District appointed James Harrington as the first full time Fire Chief. In 2007, under his leadership, the department went to on-duty 24/7 career firefighters. Approximately 60 volunteers support the operations and the career staff. A Fire Prevention Officer and full time Assistant Fire Chief were appointed in the 2008-2010 time frame. Assistant Chief Alan Bubel has led the department's training efforts to meet all National Fire Protection Association and Government OSHA requirements. Fire prevention training for businesses as well as residents and the Gates-Chili schools has been a priority of the Fire District and Department.

In 2009 the department improved rescue operations with the addition of a heavy rescue truck combining two rescue trucks into a single operation. The increase in career firefighters also allowed for a formal fire hydrant inspection program approved by the Monroe County Water Authority. In 2011 over 1300 fire hydrants were inspected and tested by our on-duty firefighters.

Working with the town of Gates, a building inspection program was implemented and 6 firefighters have been trained in Building Codes Compliance. They work with the Fire Marshall's office to increase Life Safety compliance concerns.



View of the Gates Fire District Administration Building

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Gates Chili Firehouse #1 Chili Avenue

Photograph by Steve Shanker

In October of 2012, voters approved a 1.2 million dollar bond issue for a program to replace all the front line pumpers in the fleet. The replacement of the 20 to 25 year old apparatus should be complete by year end.

Submitted by Jim Werth, Historian, Gates-Chili Fire Department



THE GATES KEYSTONE CLUB POLICE PIPES AND DRUMS

1605 Buffalo Road

Members of the Gates Police Department founded the Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums in 1998. Founding members of the Band realized that there was no ceremonial police pipe band in the area to honor public safety and military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice.

In the early years of the Band, members had little or no musical experience and learned the pipes and drums with lessons provided by professionals or on their own. The early uniform was that of the police department; kilts came later.

Today the Band has come together as a professional unit and performs at about 50 events each year. Our services are offered to all first responders and military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Keystone Club is the name of the union that represents members of the Gates Police Department and it sponsors the Band. The Band has 45 members from the local police, fire, emergency medical services personnel and military communities. In addition, there are several dedicated members of the civilian community.

The command staff of the band included: Drum Major Brian O'Connor/ Rochester City School District, Pipe Major Daria Bour/Monroe County Probation (ret), Drum Sgt. Lance Duffy/Gates Police Department and Business manager Dave Staub/Monroe County Sheriff's Office (ret).

An article written by former Pipe Major, Lt. Jim Vanbrederode/Gates Police Department entitled "The Anatomy of a Police Pipe Band" was featured in the January 2010, Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Law Enforcement Bulletin".

Compact disc featuring the Band: "Blessed are the Peace Keepers" contains Celtic, military and traditional pipe and drum tunes. Featured are everyone's favorites "Amazing Grace" and "New York, New York".

The Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums are honored to be part of the Town of Gates Bicentennial and Celebration. We would like to thank all residents of the Town of Gates for your continued support!!

Please visit our web page for additional information: www.gateskeystone.com



Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums in Rochester parade circa 2010

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Keystone Police Pipe and Drums



Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums regalia

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Keystone Police Pipe and Drums

Submitted by Jim Vanbrederode, Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums



GATES POLICE DEPARTMENT

1605 Buffalo Road

On January 1, 1960, the Town of Gates established a “first class” full-time police department to protect and serve the community. Prior to this date, Gates had a series of part-time police officers and non-civil service chiefs.

In the early years of the department, local Gates residents including Chief Henry C. Schroth, Frank Carroll and others led the Gates Police Department. In June of 1960, Chief William J. Stauber was appointed as the first full-time, civil service Police Chief. In the following three years, Chief Stauber would grow the Police Department to five full-time officers, complimented by four additional part-time police officers. This was the beginning of what would become the current day Gates Police Department; a 32 officer accredited police agency.

In 1975, Thomas J. Roche was appointed Chief of Police; during his tenure the Gates Police Department would accomplish many firsts. Under Chief Roche, the Gates Police hired the Town’s very first female police officer, Rene DeCroce. Since then, the Gates Police Department has employed six women in positions

ranging from the uniform Road Patrol to the Criminal Investigation Unit. He also introduced “Max”, our one and only police K-9 officer. Officer James Ayotte became the department dog handler and Max led the police to successfully capture many burglars and other criminals. Chief Roche also brought state accreditation to the Gates Police Department—to demonstrate and ensure the professional nature of the department. In 1999, he was elected President of the New York State Chiefs



Chief Frank Carroll

Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette



Members of the Gates Police Department in 1963 are, left to right: Julius Cavalier, Roy Bettin, Thomas Kwapick, Lewis Bryant, Chief William Stauber, Gerald Thurley, Kent Lechner, Robert Hart and Norbert Gerow.

Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette



Left to right: Max, the Gates Police dog; Officer James Ayotte, his handler; and Officer Bernard Ayotte, the father of James.

Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette



In the 1970s, Officer John Arend speaks with neighborhood teens.

Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette



Chief David DiCaro

of Police. He remains active in Law Enforcement today serving as Vice-Chair of the Communication and Technology Committee of the International Chiefs of Police.

The Gates Police Department has undergone many changes and today is recognized throughout the county as a professional and leading Police Agency. In 2006, another long time Gates resident,

David DiCaro became Chief of Police. He has worked to maintain many of the strides made by his predecessors; but, has also reintroduced some community-based concepts to keep the department connected with its citizens—Neighborhood Watch being one of his favorites. When the project was reinstated in 2006, there were approximately 10 groups participating in the program. In 2012, the town had over 25 watch groups in every corner of the community. Additionally, the first Gates Police Bike patrol was introduced as a way to stay closer to the residents. Sergeant David Sapienza was the officer who recommended and then coordinated the implementation of the bike patrol. This bike unit consists of four bikes with various officers participating in the patrols, including officers from the Gates Special Police.

The Gates Police Department as it exists today reflects the many ways in which the community has grown and changed over time. What started as a part-time organization of dedicated men from Gates, is now a more diverse and professional group of men and women that more closely resembles today's community.



McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, portrayed by Officer Lance Duffy, is pictured with several unidentified children circa the 1970s.

Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette



Officer William A. Gillette is pictured on the police motorcycle in front of the Gates Chili Senior High School on May 30, 1971.

Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette

***Submitted by David DiCaro, Police Chief,
Gates Police Department***



1968—Gates Police quarters in the original Gates Community Center. Previously the Gates police had offices in the basement of the former Town Hall across the street. Note the sign on the wall which says 'When they yell pig, you say Pride, Integrity and Guts.' Also note the office equipment as typical for 1960s.

Photographs courtesy of William A. Gillette





Gates Police Department in early 1980s
 Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette



Left to right seated Betty Arend (widow) of Officer John Arend, Mary Marasco, (widow) of Officer James Marasco, Officer Jack Stewart, Officer Florian Komorowski, Sgt. Salvatore Gerbino, Lt. Gordy Whitehair, Chief David DiCaro, Lt. James Vanbrederode, Ret. Chief Tom Roche, Sgt. Jerry Thurley, officer Dennis Harnishfeger, Officer William A. Gillette with members of the Gates Police Department standing.
 Photograph courtesy of William A. Gillette



GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY

902 Elmgrove Road

Gates Public Library began as a germ of an idea planted by Dorothy Sebaste, then President of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library System. She spoke to the Gates-Chili PTA in June of 1959 and urged the forming of a library in each town. Three women—Edna Kemp, Eleanor Freislich, and Charlotte York—were instrumental in leading the charge for a town library. On June 9, 1959, a group of Gates residents met with Harold Hacker, Director of the Rochester Public library and the Monroe County Library System, who outlined the steps necessary to establish a library.

On November 11, 1959, the Gates Town Board approved the establishment of a library for the Town of Gates. At that meeting, 15,000 dollars were budgeted for the library, and the first Library Board was appointed.

The year of 1960 saw the first Library Board working diligently to make the dream of a town library a reality.



Retired Assistant Library Director C. Pauline Breit talks to Nancy Blanda, Adult Services Librarian during the library's 50th anniversary celebration January 3, 2011.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



View of the new Gates Public Library exterior

Photograph by Steve Shanker

They were able to lease the Grange Hall at 1408 Buffalo Road, and on January 3, 1961, the Gates Public Library opened its doors. Lois Klonick was the first Library Director. She was succeeded by Susan Swanton, who remained Library Director from 1965 until her retirement in 2003.

The Friends of the Gates Public Library was formed in 1962 to promote the library's interests. They have existed in their present configuration since 1986, and they continue to provide support for the Library through book sales and now a bookstore.



Retired Library Director, Sue Swanton, promotes the 50th anniversary history of Gates Public Library at the 50th anniversary celebration January 3, 2011.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

The Junior Friends were formed in 1988 by Young Adult librarian Joan Rubin to assist the Friends and help with programming. They continue to be an active and vital group of young (ages 9-18) volunteers.

In January 1969, the Library moved from the Grange to the Community Center at 1605 Buffalo Road, where it remained until June 2011. On June 15, 2011, after a year of intensive plan-

ning and design by the Building Planning Committee, the Gates Public Library opened a brand new, two-story, 24,000 square foot library building at 902 Elmgrove Road. From its humble beginnings with 6,500 books in the Grange Hall to the modern facility housing extensive collections of books, magazines, recordings, DVDs, blu rays, and Playaways, and providing Internet access and ebooks, the library continues to provide for the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the Gates community.

The Friends of Gates Public Library published a pictorial history of the library in 2010 for the library's 50th Anniversary. Copies are available at the Library, and may be purchased from the Friends' bookstore in the library.

Submitted by Mary Jo Smith, Acting Director



Town Supervisor Mark Assini reads a story to the audience at the library's first Christmas celebration in their new building, December 2011.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Audience for Mark Assini's story at the new library December 2011.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Mary Jo Smith, assisted by Donna Andolina draws door prizes for the 50th anniversary celebration of Gates Public Library.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Some of the Gates Public Library staff in the new library. 1st row left to right: Mary Jo Smith, Cathy Carstens, Donna Andolina, Jen Jacob, Melissa McHenry, Jane Garling, Sue Saylor, Paula Blackburn, Carm Lamy. 2nd row: Heidi Jung, Andy Bietry, Hannah Squires, Nan Porter, Chad Cunningham, Aubrey Huber, Dawn Poplawski, Sarah Halstead

Photograph by Steve Shanker



A group of library staff and library retirees at the December 2011 Christmas celebration. Left to right: Jude Hanscom, Linda Ianni, Donna Andolina, Pushp Bansal, Angie Meyer, Gail Renehan with Debbie Shanker in front, Sandy Kilbury. Note they are standing in front of the picture of the first Gates Public Library Board and volunteers in the first library at 1408 Buffalo Road.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



The 2013 Board of the Gates Public Library with the new Library Director, Greg Benoit. Left to right: Trustees Paul Marlin, Amy Gardner, Paula LaManna, Director Greg Benoit, Trustees Robert Renehan, Kirk Kettinger, Peter Derry. Missing is Trustee Linda Tribotte.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Public Library



GATES RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

1605 Buffalo Road

The Gates Town Board, recognizing the need for town sponsored recreational activities for residents, established the Recreation Commission on June 12, 1957 in compliance with New York State municipal law. Original members were: Robert Abbott, Richard Fitts, Albert Gilbert, Kenneth Kemp, Jack O'Neill, Frank Schrader, Eben Strong.

The Town Board stated that the mission of the Commission would be to provide well-balanced recreation programs and services for people of all ages. It would provide residents with adequate and abundant opportunities to engage in productive and worthwhile leisure pursuits.



Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Hank Mandara with Vice Chair Rhoda Ride, 1987

Photograph courtesy of Gates Recreation and Parks Department

In 1958, the Commission employed its first part-time Recreation Director. The director was responsible for organizing and supervising recreational activities for the Town of Gates. The first budget was \$15,000 and was used for three main activities: softball, basketball and ice skating. In 1961, programming was expanded including a summer playground program with two sites.

By 1971 the department was responsible for over 40 programs including the formation of a senior citizens club. The department continued to grow and expand its social, athletic, and cultural activities. Due to the increase in programming, an Assistant Director's position was created.

A Senior Services Coordinator was hired in 1985 to work directly with the growing senior population. By 1995, growing demand for leisure activities for youth expanded the staff of the department with the hiring of a full-time Recreation Supervisor.

The Town of Gates owns five parks comprised of approximately 130 acres of parkland. Various community organizations have donated financial resources and services over the years to develop these recreation areas. In 1997 a full-time Park Supervisor was added to the department to oversee park maintenance.

The Gates Recreation and Parks Department has made tremendous strides in the delivery of leisure services to the Gates community since its inception in 1958. In 1997 the Recreation and Parks Department was nationally



Gates Recreation and Parks Director Linda Fowler cuts the ribbon on April 18, 2012 for the remodeled former Gates Public Library, now the new home for Gates Recreation and Parks office.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Recreation and Parks Department

accredited, becoming the first municipal department in New York State to achieve this honor.

Over the years, the Gates Recreation and Parks Department has offered programs at many sites including the Gates Town Hall, Gates Chili School District facilities, park shelters, churches, fire houses, and private businesses. In 2012 the Recreation and Parks Department Offices were moved into the space vacated by the Gates Public Library. This new space has given the department much needed space for meetings and programs.



Gates Recreation and Parks Commission—Seated, left to right: Rhoda Ride, Commission Chair; Eileen Andrews. Standing: Steven Murphy; Gregory Westbrook, Vice Chair; Robert Keister; John Unson; Abramo Bianchi
Photograph courtesy of Gates Recreation and Parks Department, January 8, 2013



Evening program in progress in the new quarters for the Gates Recreation and Parks Department

Photograph courtesy of Gates Recreation and Parks Department 2012



2002 view of the new Westgate Park in south Gates

Photograph courtesy of Gates Recreation and Parks Department



Memorial Park off Karl Fuchs Drive in north Gates

Photograph by Steve Shanker 2012

Today the department offers a variety of over 270 programs, services and special events and trips for residents, preschool age through senior adults. The department also does rental permits for enclosed park shelters, open pavilions and athletic fields.

Recreation Directors (*=part-time)

F. Schrader*	1958
Ed Wimer*	1959
Arthur Mastrolino*	1962
James Newcomb	1965
Dave O'Dell	1966
Robert Hibbard	1968
Frank X. Allkofer	1970
Linda T. Fowler	2000

Past Members of the Gates Recreation and Parks Commission:

Robert Abbott	Lou Lombardo
Jim Amico	Henry Mandara
Lou Comenale	Mike Morelli
John DiCaro	Jack O'Neill
Christopher DiPonzio	Michael Roche
Richard Fitts	Don Russell
Americo Giralico	Andy Spennacchio
Vincent Giummo	Eben Strong
Greg Hart	Gigi Wicks
Harrison Kelly	Regina Witherspoon
Kenneth Kemp	

Present Members of the Gates Recreation and Parks Commission:

Eileen Andrews	Rhoda Ride
Abramo Bianchi	John Unson
Rob Keister	Gregory Westbrook
Steven Murphy	



GATES TOWN HALL 1605 Buffalo Road



2013 Gates Town Board—Seated left to right: Councilman Richard A. Warner, Councilwoman Elaine P. Tette. Standing: Councilman Frank X. Allkofer, Supervisor Mark W. Assini and Councilman Christopher B. DiPonzio

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Hall

In the early years, Gates Town Board meetings were held in town board members' homes with town records kept in the home of the Town Clerk. Subsequent Town Board meetings were held at the Grange Hall at 1408 Buffalo Road. From there they eventually moved to the white pillared building across from the present Town Hall (1548 Buffalo Road known as Lee's Tavern) until the present building at 1605 Buffalo Road was built in 1968.

When Everett Russell was Supervisor in 1966, he announced plans to build a Gates Community Center for the Gates Town Hall and the Gates Public Library on land purchased on Buffalo Road across from Thomas Edison Elementary School near Gates Center. Due to the initial opposition, the first bond issue held on December 7, 1966 was defeated 1069 to 866. After Supervisor Russell's untimely death in October of 1966, the plans were modified when Joseph W. Campbell became Supervisor. The Community Center was approved on February 14, 1967 by a vote of 977 to 941.

The present Community Center was finally started in 1968, with the assistance of Congressman Barber Conable and a grant of 30% Federal Library Services and Construction Aid for the new library. The present building was finally a reality opening in late 1968 with the library opening in January 1969. The former town hall and two acres of land was sold for \$95,000.

Also in the 1960s the Gates Highway Department moved from its six bay facilities to its present location at 475 Trabold Road. In the 1970s before recycling became standard practice with blue boxes for all homes, the Highway Department maintained a drop off point for residents to recycle their newspapers and glass waste.

Due to increasing growth of the community, the original floor plan was altered to meet those needs. In 1985, the Annex was added to the south side of the building to accommodate the Police Department and provides a meeting place for Senior Citizens.

A third addition to the Gates Town Hall, the Court building, was completed in 2000 and accommodates two courtrooms, offices and holding facilities for defendants. Court is held three times a week, two evenings and one during the day.

The Library was a very active and busy place. In 2011 it was decided that the library needed a building of its own. It was moved to 902 Elmgrove Road where it now enjoys and utilizes a two story building with plenty of parking. The Recreation and Parks Department now occupies the old library area, giving them a much larger area to have various activities for the adults and children in the town.

A complete map of the original architect's drawing and original floor plan hang in the Historian's office and is available to anyone to view.

Submitted by Judy DeRooy, Gates Town Historian and Beverly Magliocco, Secretary to the Gates Town Supervisor, with additional information from Susan Swanton, former Gates Library Director



Town Hall Staff—Left to right kneeling: Officer Shawn O'Mara; Mark Assini – Supervisor; Officer Carl Bonferraro
 1st standing row: Lt. James VanBrederode; Sgt. Anthony Perry; Gloria Conti; Sophie Serio; Beverly Magliocco; Stacy Paris; Linda Saraceni;
 Officer Erika Luedke; Officer James Coughlin; Linda Fowler
 2nd standing row: Officer Michael Ludolph; Officer Patrick Ellison; Lucy Malvaso; Cindy Briggs; Dawn Steffanilla; Police Chief David DiCaro;
 Officer Christopher Grimm
 3rd standing row: Dan Piehler; Investigator Susan O'Mara; Sgt. Jonathan Ballard; Diane Zavaglia; Lesley Love; Martha Rutherford; Kim Vogler;
 Officer Stacey Hull; Officer Robert Long
 4th standing row: Lt. Gordon Whitehair; Jim Donovan; Steve Winter; Art Plewa; Dean DeMalle; David Tytler; Cindy Soppe ; Michael Mandara; Judy DeRooy;
 Michael Folts; Cosmo Giunta; Sgt. David Sapienza; Matteo Martusciello
 Missing: Donna LaPorta; Shelley Conradt; Rene Decroce; Tracy Cubiotti; Teresa LaPorta; Maryann Mazurek; Donna Smith; Jennie Miller; Jim Ruvio,
 Joe Amico; Chuck Uttaro; Don Scheg; Investigator Josh Bowman; Ellen Guerdat; Greg Goodman; John DiCaro; Shirley Quinlan; Leonard Pulio; Carol Beehler;
 Christine Lazor; Michelle Camp; Mario Madau

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Hall



Gates Highway staff at their Trabold Road facility.
 Left to right kneeling:
 John DeManchick, Don Roucherford; Scott Allocco
 Standing: Steven Goodwin; Frank Bovenzi; Robert Kuhn; Nick Mundt; Jim Ventrella; John DiBetetto; Paul Barkley; Mike Distefano; Mike Egan; Sam Zinone; Fabian Provenza, Mike Gruttadauria; Mark LaRose; Phil Schott; Nick Bianchi; Dave Ciranni; Chris Magliocco; Sam Cubiotti
 Missing: Joe Amico; Gary Huck

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Hall



Gates Conservation Board—Seated, left to right: Joan Tannous, Chair; Beverly Kelly, Secretary; Gloria Conti. Standing, middle: Theresa Elena May; John Zeppetella, Monroe County Management Council—Gates Representative; Joan Newell; Richard Warner, Gates Town Councilman. Standing, back: Harry Azer; Katherine Bailey; Frank Battaglia

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Hall



Zoning Board 2013—Seated, left to right: Christine Maurice; James Gray, Chair; Jason DiPonzio; Amy Richardson. Standing: Christopher DiPonzio, Councilman; Stephen Zimmer; Paul Murphy; Michael Davis; Don Ioannone

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Hall



Gates Planning Board—From Left to Right: Joe Amico, Highway Superintendent/Public Works Director; Elaine P. Tette, Gates Town Councilwoman; Lee Cordero; Andrew Loughlin; Beverly Magliocco, Secretary; Joseph Argenta; John DiCaro, Town Attorney; David Chamberlain; Frank Ioannone
Missing from photo: Michael Wall, Chairman; Lee Sinsebox, Town Engineer

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Hall



Town of Gates Justice Court

Photograph by Steve Shanker



GATES CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

3 Spartan Way

Earliest mention of schools in the old Town of Northampton is found in McIntosh's History of Gates where it is reported that one Peter Sheffer was elected school commissioner in the year 1798. The first school committee, according to this author, was formed in 1799 and consisted of Chapman Hawley, Joseph Morgan and Josiah Fish. This would indicate that there must have been a school of some sort at that very early date, even though there were probably not more than a dozen families living west of the Genesee River.

The earliest record of an established school in the town of Gates belongs to that of District Number 11 School, which stood in the vicinity of Buffalo and Elmgrove Roads, just preceding School District Number 5 which stood for 132 years at the same location.

In 1826 District Number 9 was built on Chili Avenue and served students in the area for over 100 years until the current Washington Irving Building was erected near the site in 1931. By 1827 area residents felt the need for yet another school and District Number 11 was built on what is now Spencerport Road. In 1925 voters approved a proposal to build a new, bigger school on the site. The Warren Harding School went on to serve district students until 1981-82, after which it was sold. Northstar Christian Academy is currently operated on the site.

Just prior to 1837 District Number 4 School was built on Buffalo Road near Howard Road. Eventually the Thomas Edison School would be built on the site, continuing to serve area pupils through the 1979-80 school year. That building now houses Hope Hall.



Exterior of Gates Chili Senior High School

Photograph courtesy of Gates Chili School District

The Gates Chili Central School District until 1956 consisted of four independent Union Free School Districts. Those districts operated in the Thomas Edison, Warren Harding, Washington Irving and Florence Brasser (built in 1937) schools. Each had its own Board of Education, levied its own taxes and provided kindergarten through eighth grade instruction for its resident pupils. With the lack of a high school, students in grades 9-12 were educated on a contract basis by either the Spencerport School District or Rochester City School District. Rapid growth in Gates and Chili and in all surrounding school districts contributed to a vote to centralize in 1956. That May, district voters approved the purchase of an 86 acre site on



Exterior of Washington Irving School on Chili Avenue, now rented to Generations, a for profit day care and elder care facility

Photograph courtesy of Steve Shanker

the east side of Wegman Road for a construction of a Junior-Senior High. Work began the following year and the school opened for grades 7-10 in September, 1958. Consecutive classes were added to produce the first graduating class in 1961.

In 1961 district enrollment reached 3,358. With enrollment increasing by over 500 pupils per year, a second new building began in 1963 as a middle school, housing grades 6-8. This measure temporarily relieved overcrowding in the elementary schools and the Senior High. Lowell Benjamin, at the time an Assistant Principal at the High School, was named Principal of the Middle School.

Enrollment continued to skyrocket, however, doubling in size in the decade since the inception of the centralized district. The district proposed another bond issue in 1965 to build the Paul Road and Walt Disney elementary schools. By the time those schools opened their doors to students in 1967, enrollment was nearly 6,000.

Further relief from increasing numbers came with both the completion of a seventh elementary school, Neil Armstrong, and a sizeable addition to the Junior High in 1969. Elementary enrollment reached a peak of over 4000 in 1970 while the district reached an overall peak of 7,677 students in 1974.



Exterior of the Gates Chili Middle School just south of the High School

Photograph courtesy of Gates Chili School District

By the mid-1970s, however, enrollment began a gradual decline. By 1980 elementary enrollment had decreased to 2195 students in grades K leading to the closing of Thomas Edison School. District enrollment projections showed a trend for further decline and Warren Harding School was closed as well prior to the 1982-83 school year, when enrollment in K-5 reached 1786. Following the 1985-86 academic year a third school, Washington Irving, closed its door to students. While the Harding and Edison Schools were sold, Irving was retained and housed some district offices, continuing education programs, the YMCA and other community groups. Washington Irving reopened as an elementary school in 1992; however, with another decline in enrollment, Irving was closed after the 2007-08 school year.

Today the Gates Chili Central School District closely resembles what it was shortly after centralization, composed of four elementary schools (Armstrong, Brasser, Disney and Paul Road), a Middle School and the High School serving Gates Chili's student population of approximately 4500.

*Source: Gates Historical Society
www.gateshistory.org/wildernessup/page20.htm—8/17/2006*

*Modified and submitted by Gates Chili CSD—
 September, 2012*



Interior of the remodeled Gates Chili Senior High School illustrating the aquarium in the center hall

Photograph courtesy of Gates Chili School District



GATES CHILI SCHOOL DISTRICT: NEIL ARMSTRONG SCHOOL

3273 Lyell Road

Neil Armstrong School opened as the Lyell Road School in September 1969, serving grades kindergarten through grade six. On March 25, 1970, eight months after Neil Armstrong's historic walk on the moon, the Gates Chili Board of Education renamed the school the Neil Armstrong School. The first principal, Mr. Dominick Abballe, laid the groundwork for the 'Armstrong Astros' embrace of new technology. Neil Armstrong's first computer lab was planned and installed during his tenure. Mr. Abballe is also fondly remembered for his support of the arts and the annual Neil Armstrong 'Festival of the Arts' program.

Upon Mr. Abballe's retirement in 1994, Mrs. Linda Krieger served as principal and ushered Neil Armstrong into the twenty first century. Under Mrs. Krieger's leadership, Neil Armstrong's library underwent remodeling to improve access to technology and to create inviting reading spaces for students and staff. Mrs. Krieger also promoted the Armstrong tradition of service to the community. During her tenure, the popular 'Hoops and Jump Rope for Heart' fundraiser was started. Currently, Neil Armstrong students and families raise, on average, over \$5000 in this annual fundraiser.

Upon Mrs. Krieger's retirement, Mr. LeRoy Greer served the Neil Armstrong community from September 2008 through June 2010. Mr. Greer marshaled the resources of the strong school community—staff and families—to create the Neil Armstrong Nature Trail and school aquaria.

Current principal, Mrs. Lisa McGary, has continued the work of her predecessors in nurturing strong community ties and traditions while promoting students' knowledge, skill and citizenship for twenty first century demands. It is not uncommon for Armstrong parents or Armstrong teachers and staff to declare themselves as proud Neil Armstrong alumni! Neil Armstrong students currently learn beyond even the walls of its open classroom structure

as they engage in the virtual classrooms of the World Wide Web. Neil Armstrong students have embraced learning and caring about their environment through an active student and

staff led recycling effort and care taking of the school Nature Trail. Service to the community continues with Neil Armstrong's active support of a new Gates Chili tradition: the Relay for Life Fundraiser.

Neil Armstrong's enrollment in the 2012-2013 school year is a robust 545 students in grades kindergarten through five. Like its sister district schools, Neil Armstrong is celebrating its first year in offering a full day kindergarten program. In 2018, Neil Armstrong looks forward to opening a time capsule tucked in a building cornerstone. This school year students and staff are especially engaged in activities celebrating Neil Armstrong as they embrace a new name: the 'Armstrong Stars', a dedication to the district values of the Spartan Way: Respect, Responsibility, Hard Work and Compassion; and new school colors: red, white and blue—inspired by the colors of the American flag that show so vividly in the iconic photograph of Armstrong on the moon.

Submitted by Lisa McGary with contributions by Rosalie Candileri



Ribbon cutting for the remodeled Armstrong school library

Photograph courtesy of Gates Chili School District



Exterior of Neil Armstrong School 2013

Photograph courtesy of Steve Shanker



GATES CHILI SCHOOL DISTRICT: WALT DISNEY SCHOOL

175 Coldwater Road

In the mid-60s, following extensive enrollment studies that were completed to evaluate the needs of the District, Superintendent William C. Hagenlocher made the recommendation to the School Board that two new elementary school buildings be constructed.

The design of the Coldwater Road School was very unique for its time. This innovative design featured no load-supporting walls. Due to this unique construction, workmen could actively work both inside and outside during the construction period. This allowed for the most efficient use of time and talent for all the contractors on site.

Work on the Coldwater Road site started on April 3, 1967. Construction of the school continued at a very rapid rate, and by early fall, most of the outside work had been completed. By the beginning of December, it was apparent that the school would soon be ready for opening.

On the day before Christmas vacation of that year, students were bused from the schools where they had been temporarily housed to the new Coldwater Road School.

The first official classes were held on that day. Following the holiday vacation, as each area of the building was finished, more and more students moved to the school. By early spring, the school was housing 630 students.

The Coldwater Road School became the Walt Disney School in April, 1970, after a vote by the school students and staff.

In the spring of 1994, the School Board appointed a taskforce to investigate the need for adding additional classroom space to several of the elementary schools due to increased student enrollment.

That fall, construction started on the fourth wing at the Disney School. This wing added an additional eight classrooms, a new computer lab and enlarged the existing cafeteria. In September, 1995 the new wing was opened.

In February of 2012, the school unveiled its Spartan Way hallway mural, created by art teacher, Lori Aman. Gates Chili School District and community leaders were invited to a special ceremony where the purpose of the



This is the memorable mural outside the school library at Walt Disney School 2012.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Exterior of Walt Disney School 2013

Photograph by Steve Shanker



First day of school at Walt Disney December 1967

Photographs courtesy of Walt Disney School

mural was explained. The mural shows children and the Disney Dragon parading on a road which leads to a promising future by following the Spartan Way traits of respect, responsibility, compassion and hard work.

The history of the school is difficult to summarize in a few short paragraphs, and certainly there is more to a school than the walls and books. It is the special feeling that one gets when they come into the Walt Disney School building. It's the warmth, the friendliness, the professionalism, the caring, and most importantly, the children that make Disney a special school.

Submitted by Walt Disney School





HOPE HALL

1612 Buffalo Road

Founded in 1994 by Sister Diana Dolce, S.S.J., Hope Hall is a private, not-for-profit, non-sectarian school that changes lives by helping students who learn differently reach their goals and achieve academic success. Hope Hall students struggled in traditional classroom settings in other districts (total of 19 represented).

Hope Hall is classified by the New York State Board of Regents as a regular education (not special education) school for grades 3-12. It is the only school that teaches the regular New York State curriculum using the *Mastery in Learning Program*, written and copyrighted by Diana Dolce, S.S.J. This method uses non-traditional approaches and a maximum class size of 12 for elementary students and a maximum class size of 15 for high school students to provide a multi-sensory, holistic environment and specialized strategies to help students considered to be at-risk achieve academic success.

Hope Hall begins working with students in the third grade and now continues to support their learning through high school graduation*. Their mission is to teach students in ways that enable them to learn and succeed. Hope Hall is committed to the belief that when students are given respect and enough time in a supportive, multi-sensory learning environment, they can become successful learners.

Hope Hall is located at 1612 Buffalo Road in Rochester, New York. The central wing of the original building was

built in the 1930s and the west wing was built in the 1950s. The original building is 55,000 square feet, two stories with a full basement and already including a multi-service library and a computer lab. The Gates Chili school building was closed in 1975 and unoccupied until 1980 until purchased by the Rochester Christian Ministries. They operated a school until 1990. After that, the building was unoccupied until 1994, when Hope Hall opened and later purchased the building in 1998. A new 10,000 square foot high school addition was completed in the fall of 2010, with two stories. The incorporation of an elevator and ramp helped make the building handicapped accessible. The building rests on 2.2 acres of land that includes a parking lot, school playground, and gardens. The high school expansion was made possible by a \$4.2 million capital campaign which successfully concluded June, 2012.

*The first senior class graduated June 2012, 100% with Regents credits and 40 or more hours of community service hours; 100% prepared for college and/or careers; and 6 out of the senior class of 8 are now attending post-secondary education institutions.

Visit the Hope Hall website at www.hopehall.org or telephone (585) 426-5824.

Submitted by: Hope Hall



View of the 2012 new wing added to the original school, built as Thomas Edison School for the Gates Chili School District in the 1930s

Photograph courtesy of Hope Hall



NORTHSTAR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

332 Spencerport Road



View of Northstar Christian Academy, formerly the Warren Harding elementary school for Gates Chili School District

Photograph by Steve Shanker

Northstar Christian Academy is a ministry of First Bible Baptist Church. Founded in 1972, to teach the way of the Lord in everyday life, NCA began as God and Country Schools. NCA was located in the FBBC building in Greece on North Greece Road. Over time the school grew. Needing more space and a place to call their own, the leaders of FBBC and NCA purchased the Warren G. Harding building in 1982; NCA has continued to grow in the Town of Gates ever since. Gates has been a wonderful home for NCA over the past 30 years. We have graduated close to 1,000 students over this time. Gates is a terrific town. The proximity to the city, Spencerport and Greece makes it an ideal location for the many who call NCA home. Happy 200 years to the Town of Gates!

Submitted by Northstar Christian Academy



Sign for Northstar Christian Academy

Photograph by Steve Shanker



GATES LANDMARKS AND EVENTS, PAST AND PRESENT

In this bicentennial year of the Town of Gates, many landmarks are with us only through photographs, such as the Harris and the original 1830 Hinchey homesteads, the Howard House, the old schoolhouses, and even such structures as the water towers that used to stand on Howard Road and Elvira Street.

But some of the town's earliest buildings remain in use today—homes, for example, that have been carefully restored and cared for by their present owners.

Photographs of some of the Gates landmarks long since removed, and century-old residences still in use today, are pictured on the pages of this chapter, along with photos of a number of events that have occurred in the town.

And as we tour the town through these photos, we are reminded of the evolution of Gates from having been one of the largest towns in geographic size in Monroe County to its present size as the smallest through a number of annexations of land by Rochester.

Rochesterville was incorporated on March 21, 1817, and was comprised of 665 acres west of the Genesee River including the original 100 Acre Tract and 200 acres at Frankfort, a settlement at the main falls of the river, all taken from the Town of Gates.

Gates then lost more than half its area in 1822 when the Town of Greece was formed.

In a third annexation in 1834 by Rochester, Gates lost another 3.23 square miles. A fourth annexation in 1843 took .12 square mile.

Following a fifth annexation by Rochester in 1850, the area of Gates was about 17,000 acres.

However, in 1874, even after a sixth reduction, the eastern border of Gates still extended to the Genesee River

and included the west bank of the river opposite the University of Rochester, most of what is now known as Dutchtown (the area in the vicinity of present-day Mt. Read Boulevard), and Lincoln Park (the vicinity of present-day Chili Avenue and Genesee Park Boulevard).

Seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth annexations of Gates land by the City of Rochester occurred in 1891, 1901, 1914, and 1919.

All of these brought Gates to its present size of 15.06 square miles, the smallest town in geographic area in the county.

Although Gates may have given up land to Rochester, it gained residents and infrastructure that have fueled its growth. The population has grown from 2,643 in 1820 to 15,133 in 1963 (the sesquicentennial year) to 29,275 today. In addition, Gates now has 23.3 miles of expressways passing through its borders (more than any other town in Monroe County), the Greater Rochester International Airport, the Erie Canal, 13 linear miles of railroad tracks, and residential homes, schools, locally- and nationally-owned businesses, and industrial and manufacturing sites.

Coordinator's note: *We know there are many more pre-1900 homes in Gates than the list which we received from the Gates Town Assessor as we compiled this book. If you are the owner of a pre-1900 home still standing in Gates, we would love to hear from you. Your home could well be older than some of those pictured here. Contact the Bicentennial Book Committee care of the Secretary for the Gates Town Supervisor. ■*



Howard House—The Howard House was a stagecoach stop, hotel, and restaurant built by Eleazer Howard circa 1825. It stood until 1956 on the southeast corner of Buffalo Road and Howard Road. The Gates Presbyterian Church was organized here. An illustrative graphic depiction of the Howard House appears in the 2013 Town of Gates bicentennial logo.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society



Oldest Gates Home, 1420 Spencerport Road—Records in the Town of Gates assessor's office indicate that this residence at 1420 Spencerport Road was built in 1824 and is the oldest house in Gates. It remains as a residence today and is now owned by the McDowell family.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



3rd Oldest Gates home—This home at 769 Coldwater Road, built in 1827, is the third oldest home in Gates listed in the town's assessment records. It is located on Lot 37 of the original 4,000 Tract of the Phelps and Gorham land purchase in western New York. Following the transfer of the property by Phelps and Gorham to Robert Morris, and finally to the Pulteney Estate, the lot, consisting of 179 acres, was purchased by George and Linda Stokoe for \$1,049. Records indicate that Mr. Stokoe was paying taxes on the land as early as 1827 but the deed was not officially transferred until 1834. The original one-story portion of the home (not visible in this view), constructed of brick with a stone basement, was about 20 feet by 24 feet and included a main room and two small side rooms. The bricks for the original section were made from hard clay and materials available at the site because Coldwater Road in the 1820s still had tree stumps in the right-of-way that made it impassable to horse-drawn wagons. The two-story section of the home, seen in the next photograph, was added several decades later and was constructed with recycled bricks that were brought by horse-drawn conveyance once Coldwater Road had been cleared to accommodate the "traffic" of the day.

Photograph by Mike Kulikowski

3rd Oldest Home—The original one-story home at 769 Coldwater Road is seen at left in this view of the house. The hamlet of Coldwater became a center of activity in the Town of Gates with the construction in 1836 of the New York Central Railroad mainline tracks crossing through Lot 37 and the establishment of the Coldwater, N.Y., post office at the railroad depot on present-day Coldwater Road. In June 1836, Robert Sedgwick of Rochester and four others purchased 50 acres from the eastern side of Lot 37 as an investment for \$1,800. A few years later, following national banking reverses and local Genesee River flooding that damaged area crops and property, Mr. Sedgwick and his partners could not meet their mortgage payments and the property was reacquired by Mr. Stokoe.

Photograph by Mike Kulikowski



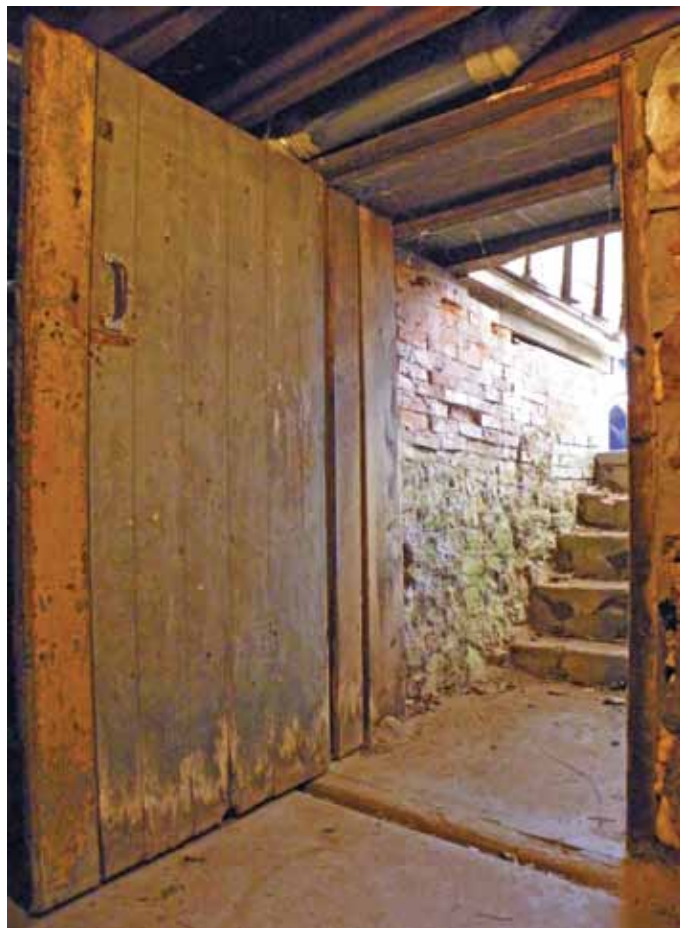
Cellar of 3rd Oldest Home—An original beam is pictured in the basement of the 1827 residence at 769 Coldwater Road. Trees on the site were used for the construction and the bark is still visible. The homestead had a number of owners through the 1800s and consisted of 37 acres in 1910 when Frank and Ida Beaman purchased it. In 1921, Barton and Carrie Stiles bought the home. Mr. Stiles was the head draftsman at Taylor Instrument Company at the time and at the age of 23 neighbors thought he wouldn't be successful as a farmer. He was, however, and farmed the land into the 1950s.

Photograph by Mike Kulikowski



Farm Implements at 3rd Oldest Home—After the Stiles family sold the homestead, one of the wheeled farm implements remained in the fields near a tree. Through the years, the tree has encroached upon it and, if left undisturbed as it has been for several decades now, will eventually claim the implement.

Photograph by Mike Kulikowski



Entrance, 3rd Oldest Home—The entrance to the basement of the 1827 home at 769 Coldwater Road is from a stairway leading down along the original foundation stones. In the early days, the homestead included the main barn, a horse barn, tool shed, and chicken coop. All but the home was destroyed in a fire in 1928. Writing in the Gates Historical Society newsletter, Jean Kohlhoff noted that some said that the fire was started to collect insurance money, but, she wrote, “in truth, it was started by a firecracker in inexperienced hands.” Michael and Joan Kulikowski purchased the homestead in 1999 and have been working on its restoration. Ms. Kulikowski noted that markings seen on a door have been interpreted as symbols for identification of the home as a friendly stop on the Underground Railroad for slaves coming north.

Photograph by Mike Kulikowski



Science Hill School—The Science Hill Schoolhouse was located just inside the Gates town line at Lyell Road and Manitou Road. Although no records as to the date that the school was established could be found when research was conducted in 1963, Clayton Cady, the last trustee, told the Gates Sesquicentennial Committee that he believed that the school was established about 1835. The following passage is taken from *From the Wilderness*, the Gates 1963 sesquicentennial publication: “Grades one through eight were taught there. Mrs. Edward Prevost, who is a member of the teaching staff of Warren Harding School and who attended all eight elementary grades in the little school, described the interior as follows: ‘The recitation platform was in the front of the room and the pupils sat on either side. In the middle was the stove, and how we all wished we would have a seat near the stove in the winter. As far as I know, there was never any inside plumbing.’ Two of the former teachers of the Science Hill School are Mrs. Herbert Spencer or Spencerport, and Mrs. Ward Maurer of Gates.”

Photograph courtesy of Bob Kuhn

Coldwater Station—The railroad depot on Coldwater Road, now a restaurant, once housed the Coldwater, N.Y., post office, which served as the mailing address for many Gates residents. Joseph Harris (1828–1892), who established the Joseph Harris Seed Company on Buffalo Road in 1879, mailed thousands of seed catalogs from the post office. The main line of the New York Central Railroad was constructed through Gates in 1836. The hamlet is named for the cold water that was available here for the locomotives.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Original Hinchey Homestead—The family home of pioneer William S. Hinchey, who arrived in Gates circa 1810, is pictured here as it was in 1955. It was the first clapboard house built in the Town of Gates. Although the current Gates assessment records indicate that the house was built in 1830, it is documented in early records that William hosted a meeting of the Gates highway commissioners here on June 9, 1829. In the 1870s, William's son, Franklin, built the Hinchey Homestead that remains standing today, the rear portion of which is visible in this photo just to the back and right of the original home. It was William's request to his family that the original home remain standing "until it disintegrates" as a reminder of the Hinchey family heritage in Gates. This photo was taken by the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle for an article about the history of the town that appeared in the October 2, 1955, edition. The original home was finally razed in the mid-1960s.

Photograph courtesy of the Democrat and Chronicle Media Group



Joseph Harris Home—Two views are shown of the Joseph Harris homestead built in the 1830s on the north side of Buffalo Road just east of the corner of Buffalo Road and Manitou Road. The homestead served as the first headquarters of the Joseph Harris Seed Company, established in 1879. Joseph was also the owner and editor of the *Genesee Farmer*, associate editor of the *Country Gentleman*, and president of the Genesee Valley Horticultural Society and Monroe County Agricultural Society. He called his land Moreton Farm, named after his boyhood home in Moreton, England. With no Harris family members to continue operations, Joe Harris, the last member of the family to own the seed company, sold it to a large corporation in 1979. Shortly after the sale, the Harris homestead was razed. In 1987, the company found its way back into private ownership and continues under the guidance of longtime Harris employees, with headquarters on Paul Road in Chili, N.Y.

Photographs courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



5th Oldest Home—Built in 1831, this residence located at 1970 Long Pond Road and owned by John D'Alesio is listed as the fifth oldest in the Town of Gates in the current assessment records. Note the bark on the original beams that were used in construction that are still visible in the basement.

Photographs by Steve Shanker



6th Oldest Home—The sixth oldest residential home in the Town of Gates listed in the current assessment records is this home built in 1832 at 3513 Lyell Road. Carmen I. Howe is the owner. Left to right, Susan Swanton and Carmen Howe, the owner.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

8th Oldest Home—*The home of Gates Councilman Frank X. Allkofer at 2758 Lyell Road dates from 1840 and is the eighth oldest home in Gates listed in the current town assessment records. The stone basement remains in place to this day. The original owner of the home was a physician. Mr. Allkofer is the third generation of his family to reside here.*

Photograph by Steve Shanker



11th Oldest Home—*The residence at 1372 Spencerport Road was built in 1850 and is now owned by Lynn T. Newcomb. It is listed as the eleventh oldest home in Gates in the current assessment records.*

Photograph by Steve Shanker

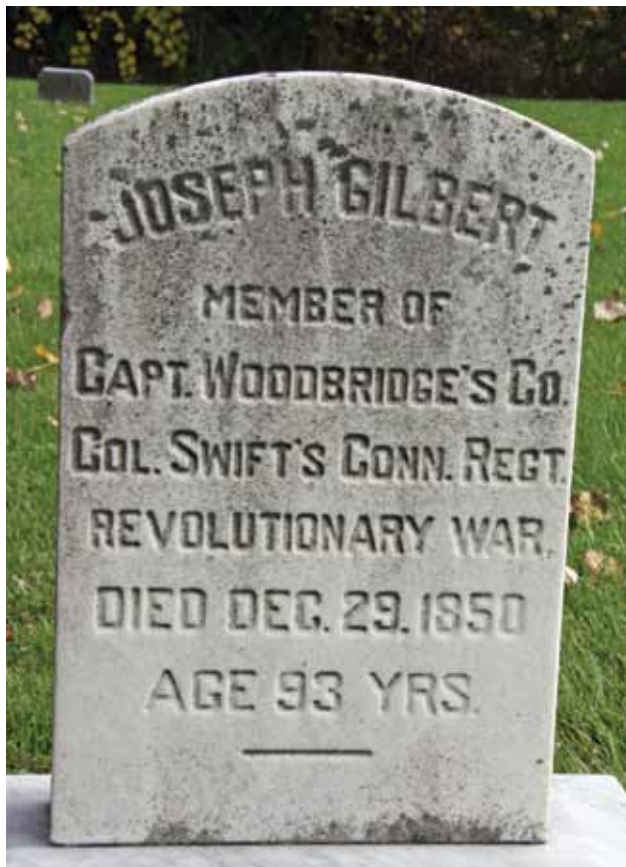


Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Preservation Commission



Photograph by Steve Shanker

12th Oldest Home—*The original owner of this home built in 1850 at 1549 Spencerport Road was Howard Amish. Some residents may remember a quarry that was located behind the residence. Today, the home is owned by Gregg W. Buckwell and is located next to Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop. It is the twelfth oldest home in Gates in the current town assessment records. Two images of the house are illustrated here showing the house when originally built and how it appears today*



Joseph Gilbert's Gravestone—Revolutionary War veteran Joseph Gilbert is buried in the Gates Cemetery. Originally from Litchfield County, Connecticut, he enlisted in April 1776 and served one year as fifer in Captain Woodbridge's company in Colonel Samuel Elmore's Connecticut regiment. In May 1777, he joined Captain Theodore Woodbridge's company in Colonel Swift's Connecticut regiment. On April 14, 1818, at the age of 61 and living in Bloomfield, Ontario County, N.Y., he applied for his military pension. By 1820, he had moved to the Town of Henrietta in Monroe County, N.Y., with his wife, who was 60 years of age at the time, and four children. In 1847, he was living in Gates. He died on December 29, 1850.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



David Gage's Gravestone—David Gage, a veteran of the American Revolution who died on August 24, 1844, is also buried in the Gates Cemetery. The cemetery holds the remains of seven known veterans: Joseph Gilbert and David Gage from the Revolutionary War; Joshua Beaman from the War of 1812; William Caudle, David Carter, and George Sperry from the Civil War; and William Brightman, whose military branch of service is not known. Among others buried here is Calvin Sperry, who served as Gates supervisor in 1836 and is noted for his contributions to the town, the Presbyterian Church, and the schools.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Gates Cemetery—When the Gates Presbyterian Church was organized in October 1828 in the Howard House at the corner of Buffalo Road and Howard Road, the proprietor, Eleazer Howard, donated the land for the first church and the adjoining cemetery. The earliest recorded burial was of Joseph D. Howard in 1828. Of the 121 graves with headstones, 37 of them—more than 30 percent of the graves—are children, the victims of epidemics or childhood diseases. The cemetery was rededicated on November 11, 1998, following its restoration by Gates resident David J. Landers as his Eagle Scout project. Today, this historic cemetery—which is the final resting place for two Revolutionary War veterans, one War of 1812 soldier, three Civil War veterans, and one veteran whose military branch of service is not known—is owned and maintained by the Town of Gates.

Photographs by Steve Shanker



Elmgrove Methodist Cemetery—The Elmgrove Methodist Church Cemetery is located on Spencerport Road near Elmgrove Road. The church was established circa 1828. Two Civil War soldiers are buried here.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Holy Ghost Cemetery—The Holy Ghost Cemetery is located on Coldwater Road. The church began as a small mission to serve a group of German-speaking families of the Roman Catholic faith who lived in the hamlet of Coldwater. In 1875, the first brick church was constructed.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

Statt Homestead—Adam and Julia Statt settled on present-day Long Pond Road in 1838. The Statt homestead pictured here was the home of their son John Statt (circa 1852–1916) and his wife, Catherine Meng Statt. They operated a dairy farm when the highway was known as Statt Road. John and Catherine had 13 children.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



20th Oldest Home—This is the home built in 1860 at 4484 Lyell Road and known as Hidden Acre Stables. The current owner is Jeffrey Reed Kerr. The home is listed as the twentieth oldest in the town in the Gates assessment records.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

Redick Home—The home at 2863 Buffalo Road, now owned by David E. Redick, was built in 1865. His grandparents, Cliff and Alma Redick, purchased the property in March 1931. A family memory is of a tornado that struck the area in the early 1930s that destroyed the garage and blew windows out of the house.

Photograph by Steve Shanker





Field Home—In 1875, Reuben L. Field purchased the Booth homestead on the north side of Buffalo Road just east of the intersection with Howard Road, pictured here in 1981 prior to its renovation. Reuben's daughter Mary married Frank Chase and lived here, as well. The house, still standing today as a commercial enterprise, is alternately known as the Field House or the Chase House. Two members of the Field family served as supervisors of the town: Chester Field from 1867 to 1871, Reuben in 1876, Chester again in 1883, and Reuben again in 1888.

Photograph courtesy of the Town Historian (Bob Valerio, Gates-Chili News)

Keith Hicks' Home—This home, owned by Keith Hicks at 96 Cornelia Drive, dates from between the 1880s and 1910s and was originally built and located on the north side of Lyell Avenue exactly where Arby's restaurant (2336 Lyell Avenue) stands today. Lyell Avenue (Route 31) is the historic early 1800s state road that extended west through Wayne and Monroe counties to the settlement of Rochesterville, then to Orleans County and the Niagara Frontier. The home is in the vernacular (or common) form of the Queen Anne style. In the 1960s, as commercial development was coming to a number of major highways running through Gates, this home and at least five others were moved off Lyell Avenue to new locations in the town, possibly to make way for widening of the highway. The relocation of these Lyell Avenue homes, rather than their demolition, is an unfamiliar aspect of the post-World War II history of the Town of Gates.

Photograph by Keith Hicks



Keady Home—This home at 2734 Manitou Road was built in 1880 and is now owned by Dennis C. Keady. Wood timbers, instead of modern-day 2 x 6 lumber, were used to construct portions of the living room floor and a cistern is located in the basement. The home is listed as the thirty-third oldest residence in the town in the current assessment records.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Unson Home—This residence at 251 Cherry Road, built in 1890, was formerly a two-story home. In the past, an adjacent structure, now a garage, had been used as a beauty shop and a butcher shop. The current owners, John R. Unson and Andrea Hinchey, remember when Black Creek flooded and the house was literally an island amid the water.

Photo by Steve Shanker



Reber Home—The home of Frank and Theresa Reber was built in 1890 at 2336 Lyell Road. It was formerly the residence of Gates Town Clerk Felicitas Schoeps.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Erie Canal—The Charles Schott home, pictured in the late 1890s, was located on Buffalo Road just east of present day Rick's Prime Rib House in the Doud Post building. After the house was demolished to make way for the Barge Canal, the family moved about a mile west to a farm off Buffalo Road near present day Crestwood Boulevard. Blasting for the Erie Canal (then called the Barge Canal) was under way in Gates in 1907. The view in this photograph looks north from Buffalo Road. A six-mile section of the canal passes through Gates. The photographer was less than 50 feet away when he captured this explosion, which required 450 pounds of dynamite.

Blasting photograph courtesy of the Albert R. Stone Negative Collection, Rochester Museum and Science Center.)

Schott home photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society

Coordinator's note: Although the Town of Gates has five miles of the Erie Canal forming its east and north boundaries with the City of Rochester and the Town of Greece, the canal is in such a deep cut that Gates never developed a port presence on the Canal as Spencerport to the west of Gates did. Only now is some recreational use of the Canal developing, through a popular bike trail on the Gates side. There is also a new condominium planned on the Greece side which will be partly in Gates.



Ferrante Home—This home at 2800 Manitou Road, now owned by Mark Ferrante, dates from 1893 and is listed as the forty-fifth oldest home in Gates in the town's assessment records.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

Cervini Home—The Frank Cervini home at 126 Matilda Street is pictured in 1903. Note the outhouse to the left of the main structure.

Photograph courtesy of Karen Cervini



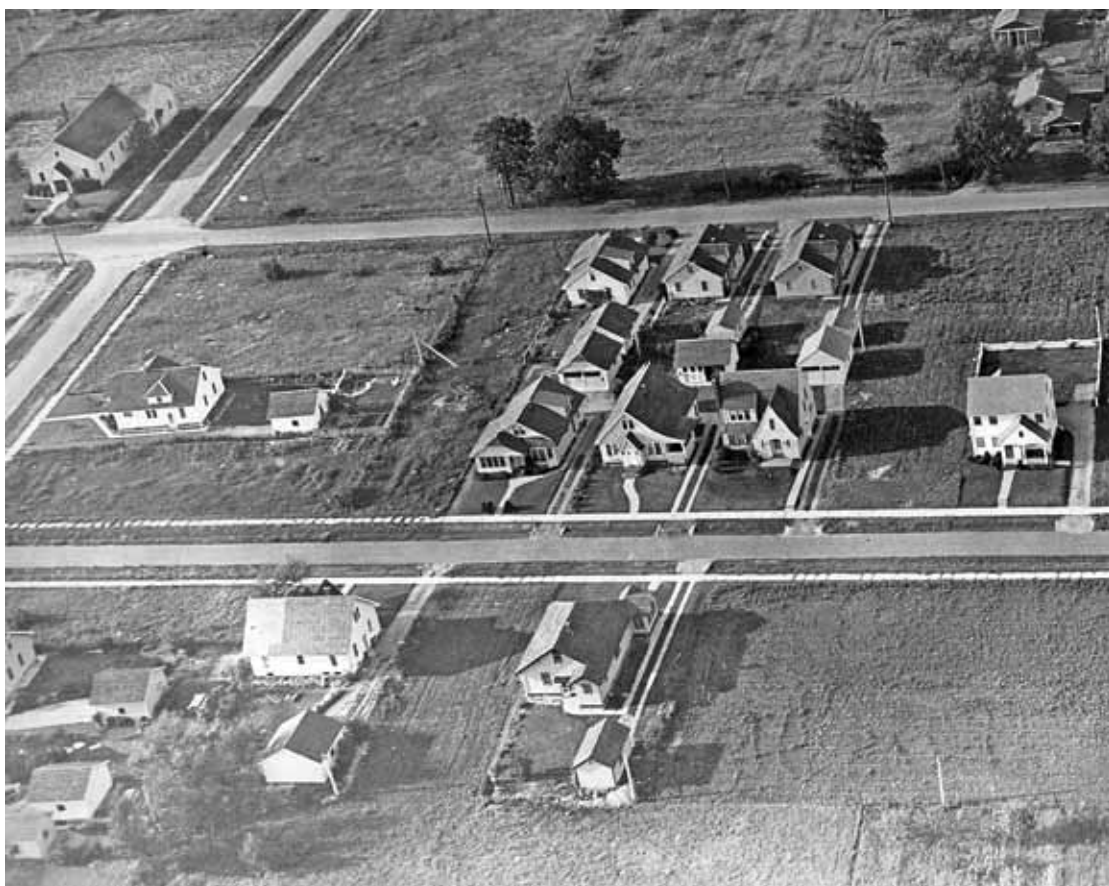
Gates Presbyterian Church—The Gates Presbyterian Church was organized on October 28, 1828. Pictured here is the congregation's third structure, dedicated in 1908. The cornerstone was drawn from the Munn Farm on Pixley Road. Although the building is still standing on Buffalo Road, it is no longer used as place of worship. A new church was built near the corner of Buffalo Road and Wegman Road in 1963.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



West Home—The homestead pictured here was built in 1910 by James and Helen West on the south side of Lyell Road near present day Baier Drive and Drexel Drive. This view, circa the late 1920s or early 1930s, depicts the unpaved Lyell Road looking west toward Spencerport. Some residents may remember the Evergreen dog kennel that was located nearby. The homestead was later owned by Anna Prince and is currently owned by Carol Wolf.

Photograph courtesy of Carol Wolf



1934 Lyndale Drive construction—This is an aerial view of the progress of home construction in 1934 on Lyndale Drive in Gates, a residential subdivision off Renouf Drive that runs parallel to Hinchey Road, which is pictured near the top of the photograph. Note the original St. Helen's Church in the upper left corner of the photograph, on the northwest corner of Hinchey Road and Renouf Drive.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Rochester Airport—The Greater Rochester International Airport was established in 1921 when the Rochester Common Council purchased 110 acres of land off Scottsville Road from W. N. Britton. In the late 1920s, Hanger No. 1 was completed at a cost of \$20,548. The building was 80 feet by 100 feet and deemed "... adequate for airport needs for a long time." The first passenger flight from Rochester to New York City left Britton Field, as the airport was first known, in 1927. The field became known as the Rochester Municipal Airport in 1928. Monroe County took over operations on January 1, 1948. Coordinator's note: maps from 1948 Gates show streets where the airport is today. We wish we had examples of the homes which were demolished for the airport. The land at the airport is still considered part of Gates.

Photographs courtesy of the Gates-Chili News Archive





Doud Post No. 98—Doud Post No. 98, American Legion, c 1942, was named for William W. Doud, who was killed in action during World War I near Grand-Pre, France, on November 1, 1918. The post received its charter on July 8, 1919, and members met for several decades at Hickatoo Hall on State Street in Rochester. In 1930, they purchased a farm known as the Steve West Estate on Buffalo Road in Gates, near the Rochester city line, and met in the farmhouse until it was destroyed by fire in February 1937. They broke ground for a new structure on October 27, 1939, with ceremonies attended by William Doud's father. The cornerstone for the new building was set by Mr. Doud on November 11, 1939, 21 years after the Armistice of World War I. Known for its art deco design, the new post home was formally opened on May 22, 1940.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Elser's Grove—During the 1930s and '40s, Elser's Grove at 1246 Buffalo Road was known as the largest private picnic grounds in western New York and was the scene of national, political, church, fraternal, and corporate gatherings. An annual event was the gymnastic performance of U.S. Olympic star Doris Fuchs before the 10,000 gathered for the German "Deutschesfest." Among the politicians to attend events at the Grove during its heydays were Senator Kenneth Keating, Monroe County Sheriff Albert W. Skinner, and County Manager Gordon Howe. In 1935, the largest gathering in Gates to that time turned out to greet Father Charles Coughlin. More than 20,000 packed the Grove and neighboring farms, brought traffic for miles to a standstill, and heard Father Coughlin, a controversial Roman Catholic priest, and his "social justice" followers who were at the peak of their popularity. Events ended at the Grove in 1961 when much of the acreage was taken for the western expressway, now known as Interstate 390.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Howard Road Water Tower—The water tower on Howard Road near the E-Z Excavating Company Inc. was a familiar site for decades. There was also a similar water tower on Elvira Street.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Early Gates Town Hall—Meetings of the Gates Town Board and the records of the town clerk were kept in private homes until 1940 when Lee's Tavern at 1548 Buffalo Road, just west of the intersection of Howard Road, was purchased to establish a formal town hall. The first town board meeting was held here on February 14, 1940. In the first photograph, the town hall is pictured with the honor roll of veterans flanking both sides of the main entrance. A traditional entrance and a more formal veterans' monument were added in the 1950s, as seen in the second photo, taken in 1963 on the occasion of the town's sesquicentennial.

Photographs from the Gates Town Historian



Anthony Kuhn Home—The home of Anthony and Bertha Kuhn, pictured here on June 9, 1960, was located on Lyell Avenue. It was razed for construction of the Outer Loop expressway, now known as Interstate 390.

Photograph courtesy of Bob Kuhn



John Kuhn Home—This was the Lyell Avenue residence of John Kuhn, pictured on June 7, 1960. It, too, was razed for construction of Interstate 390. Many other Gates homes and streets were also removed for this expressway. Note the lack of homes on the east side of Beechwood Drive and the west side of Evelyn Drive. These homes too were removed to make way for the Outer Loop.

Photograph courtesy of Bob Kuhn



Present Gates Town Hall—The present Gates Community Center at 1605 Buffalo Road was opened in 1969 on what was the Kern and Caudle family homesteads. In this photograph, crews are working on the front landscape. Town offices and a meeting room are located in the west wing of the building. Originally, the Gates Public Library was located in the east wing. The Community Center was expanded in 1985 and 2000. In 2011, the Gates Public Library moved to a new location on Elmgrove Road and the Gates Recreation Department relocated to the east wing of the Community Center.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian

Town Hall Cornerstone—The cornerstone for the Gates Community Center was set in 1968.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



1969 Town Board Meeting—The Gates Town Board is pictured at a meeting in 1969 in the Community Center, shortly after the building opened. Among those seated at the town board table are Supervisor Joseph W. Campbell; town board members Richard P. VanAuker, James A. O'Neil, Harold E. Wilcox, and Dr. J. Walter Knapp; Jackie Simpson, Secretary to the Supervisor; Harold W. Bye, Town Clerk; and Michael A. Telesca, Town Attorney, who went on to become a United States Federal District Court Judge for Western New York State.

Photograph by Grace Baker, Gates Town Historian, 1969



Town Hall Annex Dedication—

Gates Supervisor Jack C. Hart speaks at the dedication of the Town Hall Annex circa 1984. Among those pictured are town board members James O'Neil, Robert Dandrea, Betty DiPonzio, John Maggio, and Police Chief Thomas J. Roche. The annex provided more space for the Gates Police Department and a larger meeting area for community events and senior citizen activities. The annex was completed in 1985.

Photographs courtesy of the Gates Town Historian





Airplane Accident in Gates—Richard F. Ambeau, who served from as chief of the Gates-Chili Fire Department from 1967 to 1974, and Gates Police Chief William Stauber view the wreckage of the crash of a small plane which went down shortly after takeoff onto the railroad tracks off Brooks Avenue near the underpass and opposite the Rochester Monroe County Airport in the early 1970s. Although infrequent, Gates' proximity to the airport did lead to some general aviation accidents.

Photography courtesy of the Gates Fire Department

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station—

The former Baltimore and Ohio dispatching center was located near the Brooks Avenue underpass, opposite the Greater Rochester International Airport. It is now the railroad operations center for the Rochester and Southern Railroad at 1372 Brooks Avenue.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Firefighters from the Gates-Chili Fire Department responded to this accident on Route 490 east behind the Gates Chili High School circa the 1970s. The emergency services in the Town of Gates cover three major expressways, two major interchanges, and a total of 23.3 miles of expressways. They also respond to the Greater Rochester International Airport and have 13 linear miles of railroad tracks within the district area served.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Fire Department



Town Officials, circa 1975—From left, Gates Police Chief Thomas J. Roche, Gates Supervisor Jack C. Hart, and past Gates Supervisor Joseph W. Campbell met outside The Party House on Beahan Road. Thomas Roche joined the Gates Police Department on December 4, 1967. He was appointed chief of police on February 19, 1974, and served until his retirement on May 30, 2006. Joseph Campbell served as Gates supervisor from 1966 to 1974. Jack Hart succeeded him and held that office from 1974 to 1989.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society

Railroad Accident, 1989—Gates-Chili firefighters and investigators examine the wreckage of truck that been struck by a train on the New York Central Railroad main line tracks in Gates on October 12, 1989. Due to the number of town roads that cross the central rail tracks a number of accidents have occurred over the years, especially at the Pixley Road crossing. There is now a rail overpass on Howard Road.

Photograph courtesy of William Gillette



City Sesquicentennial and Gates—Rochester Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, Seneca Nation Chief Harry Logan, and Gates Supervisor Jack C. Hart are pictured on July 7, 1984, at the dedication of the Tree of Peace, a white pine donated by the people of the Town of Gates to the City of Rochester on the occasion of the city's sesquicentennial. During the commemoration, dignitaries from Gates and Rochester visited a number of sites and heard the details of a series of annexations of land in Gates by Rochester that enabled the city to grow to its current size. The tour was entitled "A Tour of Rochesterville: The Best Village the Town of Gates Ever Had."

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Chili News July 18, 1984



Gates 1970s parade—In the 1970s, annual Independence Day parades were much-anticipated events. The route often followed Long Pond Road to Lyell Road to Wegman Road to the Gates Chili High School campus, where the community gathered for music, entertainment, food, a skydiving exhibition, and fireworks. Pictured here, Gates Supervisor Jack C. Hart and Councilman John Maggio are passing in review. For many years, Regis Mooney, who was well known as a local Realtor® and very active in a number of Gates community organizations, served as parade announcer.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian

1976 U. S. Bicentennial Parade—The parade in 1976 took on special significance during the nation's bicentennial celebration. Among those in the parade were Monroe County Junior Miss Jennie Sparka and Maureen Engelbrecht, first runner-up, from the Gates Chili High School.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Veterans Day Commemoration 1989—Supervisor Ralph J. Esposito and Doud Post Commander Frank Lisuzzo are among those at the 1989 Veterans Day commemoration at the Gates Community Center. Like the town's annual Memorial Day commemoration, Veterans Day is faithfully observed by the Town annually.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Ice Storm 1991—A massive ice storm, which became the worst natural weather event ever to strike the Town of Gates, occurred in March 1991. Electricity, telephone, and cable service was cut for most residents for up to one and two weeks. It took 27 weeks to remove the debris and clear the roads by crews working 10 hours a day, six days a week. The decision by Gates Highway Superintendent Alfred A. Leone to retain private contractors to begin the clean up before the event was declared a disaster prevented the Town of Gates from having to close the roads.

Photograph courtesy of Michael Leone

Ice Storm 1991—Crews from the Gates Highway Department worked with a private contractor to clear debris from the streets following the 1991 ice storm. For Gates residents, the frightening memory of hearing trees snap under the weight of the ice along with the loss of power for a number of days is indelibly etched in our memories.

Photograph courtesy of Michael Leone



Ice Storm 1991—Gates Highway Department crews work to clear another of the town's residential roadways following the 1991 ice storm. Many Gates residents spent long hours trying to clear their own back yards of debris which added to the Highway Department's workload.

Photograph courtesy of Michael Leone

Ice Storm 1991—Following the ice storm in 1991, debris taken by the Gates Highway Department to the Dolomite rock quarry was burned.

Photograph by Michael Leone



Ice Storm 1991—Gates Highway Department crews used heavy equipment on the town's residential streets to clear tree limbs and debris from the March 1991 ice storm.

Photograph by Michael Leone

Graphical Internet Comes to Gates 1998—Susan Swanton, director of the Gates Public Library, gives a demonstration of the library's first graphical Internet connection to members of the Gates Town Board on October 5, 1998. Pictured with her are, from left: Councilman James O'Neill, Town Attorney John DiCaro, Supervisor Ralph J. Esposito, Councilman John Maggio, Councilwoman Elaine Tette, and Councilman Greg Hart. Before graphical Internet, access to Internet was text based only. With the great advance of graphical Internet, public interest in using computer terminals at the library rapidly escalated.

Photo by Chris Fien, *Gates-Chili Post*/courtesy of Susan Swanton





Earth Day Commemoration 1999—Supervisor Ralph J. Esposito honors Town Historian Grace Baker for her decades of service to the community at an annual Earth Day commemoration at Lions Park off Long Pond Road. The Earth Day event is coordinated by the Gates Recreation and Parks Department. The Earth Day commemoration began in 1996 with Rita Schein as the first honoree and has continued annually with the 2013 honorees being Gates Residents 1813-2013. A tree is planted at Lions Park for each honoree.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Gates Town Court Addition—The Gates Town Court addition to the Community Center is pictured during construction circa 1999. The previous court facility in the Town Hall regularly had overflow crowds as the case load for the Gates town courts grew beyond the capacity of the 1969 court room.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



Dedication of Gates Town Court Addition—Gates Supervisor Ralph J. Esposito (third from left) cuts the ribbon to open the Gates Town Court addition to the Gates Community Center in 2000. Pictured are (from left): Judge John Pisaturo, Councilman John Maggio, Supervisor Esposito, Councilwoman Elaine Tette, Judge John Rivoli, Judge David Egan, Councilman Greg Hart, and Councilman Michael Roche.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian

New Gates Public Library—The interior of the Gates Public Library is pictured in January 2011 on its 50th anniversary. During the technological transition in the late 1990s, electronic catalogs and computer terminals replaced card catalogs. This photograph illustrates how crowded the Gates Community Center location had become for the Gates Public Library. In an effort to overcome the site's crowding as more parking was sacrificed for town hall additions, the library added a drive up window in 1993, the first of its kind in New York State where a library customer could call ahead to pick up books at the window or could drive up to renew or return materials.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Interior of New Gates Public Library—The new Gates Public Library opened in June 2011 at 902 Elmgrove Road. The new facility is in leased quarters across from Rochester Technology Park and increased the library's square footage from 16,405 sq. ft. on one floor to 24,000 sq. ft. on two floors. This move provided more space for computers, study space and casual reading areas. The former Gates library facility at the Gates Community Center was remodeled for use by the Gates Recreation and Parks Department.

Photographs by Steve Shanker



Coordinator's note: We're sorry we couldn't photograph all of the pre-1900 homes in Gates and we've surely missed some major Gates events from the past fifty years. We hope we've given you a sampling of the rich and lively history the Town of Gates has experienced over the past 200 years.



OUR RURAL PAST

As a pictorial history, this Gates bicentennial publication strives to enhance the viewer's visual literacy about the structures that surround us. The careful observer will find evidence of Gates' rural past throughout the town. This chapter notes a sampling of the remaining barns and other farm structures standing today, plus some noted barns of the past.

Introduction

According to the 1885 *Rochester Business Directory and Monroe County Directory*, most residents in Gates at the time were farmers or worked in associated occupations. The population was 1,988 people and the town's area was 12,060 acres. Two hundred-nineteen farmers were listed in the 1885 directory, with 20 more living in the area known as "Cold Water." Seventy-seven men were listed as laborers or had other occupations affiliated with farming: three blacksmiths plus another three blacksmiths at Cold Water, and six gardeners. Other farm related occupations included seedsman (Joseph Harris of the Harris Seed Company on Buffalo Road), fruit evaporator, cider manufacturer, cooper, threshers, wagon and carriage makers, teamsters, and cartmen.



The Hinchey Homestead With the Original Barns—This picture, circa the late 1800s, depicts the scope of the Hinchey Homestead's barns and the familiar white picket fence, a remnant of which remains in place to this day. William S. Hinchey, a town pioneer for whom Hinchey Road is named, settled south of Gates Center circa 1810 on the farm near the present-day intersection of Hinchey Road and Howard Road. His son Franklin built the family homestead in the 1870s that stands today. It is the only structure in the town on the National Register of Historic Places. At the time this photograph was taken, Hinchey Road was a dirt path leading from Chili Road into central Gates and the farm comprised more than 300 acres. The homestead remained in the Hinchey family until the Gates Historical Society acquired the site in 2002. The society transferred ownership to the Town of Gates in 2004.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society



The Hinchey Homestead Barn—This is the last remaining barn at the Hinchey Homestead. This three-story structure has a stone foundation and much of the lumber used in construction came from old railroad cars, with some of the original railroad wording still visible on the beams.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society.



The East Side of the Hinchey Homestead Barn—The first floor of the barn was used for horses. The second floor housed poultry with nesting nooks attached to the wall for brooding hens. The third floor was originally used for the storage of forage for the animals. In later years, a basketball court was installed for use by the Hinchey family.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society.



Holstein Bull with Hinchey Homestead Farm Hand—The Hinchey family introduced the Holstein breed of dairy cattle to the Town of Gates. Note the small windmill in the background.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Historical Society

In the 1917 *Farm Directory and Reference Book for Monroe and Livingston Counties*, there were 5,971 farms listed in Monroe County with a county population of 283,212. Most of the farms in 1917 were between 20 and 174 acres with 5,631 farms reporting a total of 4,663,352 domestic animals, of which there were 27,858 cattle, 20,639 horses with 116 mules, 166,149 poultry, 13,231 swine, 59,794 sheep, and 3,700 colonies of bees.



Nichols Carriage Barn on Buffalo Road, circa the Late 1800s—This is the last carriage barn still standing in Gates which is instantly recognizable for its original use with its large center door on the end. Typically, a structure of this type would provide stalls for horses and storage for the family carriage and harness. This barn is located on Buffalo Road in Nichols trailer park, across from Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop. The small shed on the left is not part of the original structure. The owner is to be commended for keeping this barn in excellent condition.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

Principal crops in Monroe County in 1917 were potatoes, oats, wheat, corn, and hay, listed in order of the number of bushels produced. Although statistics for Gates were not reported separately, this snapshot of the county provides an overview of how important farming was to the area at the time.

Also in 1917, Gates town officers were Supervisor Samuel McAuliffe, Assessors Ernest Krieger and Ernst Genrich (who had a Lincoln Park address, which reminds us that Gates extended quite far into what is now the City of Rochester at that time), and Town Clerk Frederick Rupel of Campbell Park (now also part of the City of Rochester). The highway superintendent of Gates in 1917 was Albert Unger of RFD Gates. Post offices in the town were at Cold Water, Lincoln Park, and Rochester, with the additional RFD (Rural Free Delivery) of Gates.

In 1917, there were four justices of the peace in Gates: Sebastian Person and Samuel Jackling, both of Lyell Avenue; Frank McMichael of Lincoln Park; and Frank Beaman of Coldwater. Judge Person operated a grocery store at the corner of Lyell Avenue and Field Road (present-day Mt. Read Boulevard), which was then a part of Gates. Judge Person is the grandfather of two former Gates town justices, Patrick S. Egan and David D. Egan. In addition, David Egan also served as a Monroe County Court judge and a New York State Supreme Court judge.

The sources for many of the historical details in this chapter are from Daniel Fink's *Farms of the Genesee Country, 1790–1915*, and the Gates Historical Society's valued scrapbooks.



Becker's Adapted Barn on Buffalo Road—Some barns have been modified into other uses and are no longer recognizable as barns. Pictured here is the original carriage barn of the former Gates Presbyterian Church. The barn has been adapted for modern use as a part of Becker's Furniture on Buffalo Road just east of Howard Road. During church services in its day, the carriages that transported churchgoers were stored in this stone building. Visitors can clearly see the original stone walls when visiting the adjacent Gates Cemetery.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



1870s Barn on Long Pond Road at the Corner of Cole Avenue—

The cupola on top is a decorative feature typically seen only on the barns of wealthy farmers. Barns were usually red because red paint was the least expensive color available in those days. This structure is a typical English style barn.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Darling's Barn Apartments on Buffalo Road—*Adaptive reuse of old barns is common. This green former barn next to the Doud Post (now Rick's Prime Rib House) is used for apartments. The gambrel style roof, so typically thought of as a barn roof, came into vogue in the late 1880s.*

Photograph by Steve Shanker



First Church of St. Jude the Apostle—*No longer standing, this structure on the former Unger farm is an often-cited example of the adaptive reuse of a former barn. In June 1968, the Reverend John J. Steger, former assistant pastor at St. Theodore's Church, was appointed pastor of a new Roman Catholic parish to be established in west Gates. The congregation purchased the Unger farm and remodeled the old dairy barn into the parish's first church building. The first service at the Church of St. Jude the Apostle was held on November 1, 1968.*



Sky Acres Barn, Formerly on Buffalo Road—*In 2004, to provide a second entrance to the high school campus, the Gates Chili School District bought the Sky Acres land on which was located this well-known barn. Visible from a great distance along Buffalo Road, it was a familiar sight to all who traveled from Howard Road to Pixley Road. Probably constructed in the early 1900s, the Sky Acres property also included indoor riding areas.*

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Town Historian



The Vogel Farm—

The Vogel farm, across from Sky Acres about a half-mile west of Gates Center, was another Buffalo Road landmark. Elizabeth and Priscilla Vogel were noted for their roadside farm produce stand where fresh corn on the cob was a big seller. Joseph Vogel (1849–1929) and his wife Mary Louise Trabold Vogel had six children. In 1901, Joseph was appointed a pathmaster by the Gates highway commissioner. On August 15, 1993, the homestead was razed during a training exercise by the Gates-Chili Fire Department to make way for DePaul, a non-profit human services organization.



Photographs courtesy of the Gates Historical Society.



The Munn Farm and Homestead—(above) The Munn Farm, also known through the years as Paradise Hill, was located on the east side of Pixley Road between Buffalo Road and Hinchey Road and was home to both the Munn and Pixley families. In later years, the Munn family raised and boarded horses under the name Old Elm Stock Farms.

Munn Farm Burned by the Gates Fire Department, circa the 1960s—(right) The Munn Farm on Pixley Road was burned by the Gates-Chili Fire Department to make way for Westmar Plaza.

Photograph courtesy of Bill Gillette and the Gates-Chili Fire Department



“Barn Again” on Coldwater Road—This barn was “adopted” from its original location on Howard Road behind present-day Textures Hair Salon and moved to Coldwater Road by Jim Vogler, a nephew of its original owner. Moving old barns is more common than might be expected. Often, owners of historic homes seek barns of a similar era if their original barns have been lost. When this barn was up for “adoption,” it made the front page of the Gates-Chili Post in the early 2000s with the headline “Free to a Good Home.” It is preferable to move a barn for preservation than to tear it down.

Photograph by Steve Shanker



The Reber Barn on Buffalo Road—This classic hill barn, which allowed access to both the upper and lower floors, is another local landmark no longer standing. Note the old stone foundation.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Preservation Commission.



Children Needed on Farms—Family farms depended on well water for home and farm use. Often, children had the task of pumping water for their home. To see an example of a kitchen pump complete with basement cistern and attic holding tank, visit the Hinchey Homestead at 634 Hinchey Road.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Historical Society



Summer Brought Haying Season—One marvels at how this hay wagon was loaded with so much hay, and even more, how those two horses managed to haul this large load.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Historical Society



Pond Ice for Refrigeration—Cutting and storing ice was important for Gates farms in the age before the electric refrigerator. Many farms had a small icehouse where ice packed in sawdust was stored until needed for the kitchen icebox.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Historical Society



Horses Were Important to Gates' Rural Past—Note the small child holding two horses.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Historical Society

Here is a sampling of barns that remain standing in Gates today. Look carefully and you will find more evidence of Gates' rural past still around us. ■



Lyell Road Barn

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Another Lyell Road Barn with Additional Farm Outbuildings

Photograph courtesy of Steve Shanker



Gates Barn Near Lee Road and Trolley Boulevard with Unusual Hip Roof Style

Photograph by Steve Shanker



Spencerport Road Barn

Photograph by Steve Shanker



4451 Lyell Barn

Photograph courtesy of Steve Shanker



Coldwater Road Shed

Photograph by Steve Shanker



1923 GATES TRAGEDY LEADS TO FOUNDING OF GATES-CHILI FIRE DEPT.

By John Robortella

Former Editor, *Gates-Chili News*

Nearly 90 years after a house fire claimed the lives of two Gates children, the Gates-Chili Fire Department has details of the 1923 tragedy that led to its founding.

The story of the house fire was first related by the late Charles Russell in a 1977 interview. In the 1920s, he was a boy living in the Beechwood tract of homes off Lee Road. He remembered the fire and the loss of the children's lives, and explained that this prompted citizens to establish a town fire department. The interview was printed in the *Gates-Chili News* as part of the coverage of the fire department's 50th anniversary. At the time of the interview, Mr. Russell was the only person then living with first-hand knowledge of the fire, but unfortunately, he could not recall every detail.

The tragedy marked a turning point in the settlement and growth of the town. It brought the rural Gates community together to form an association that would provide protection for everyone in the town, and in a portion of Chili, as well, especially since Gates was beginning its transition from farmland to housing tracts.

There were no emergency services in Gates in the 1920s. The only fire apparatus nearby was a horse-drawn chemical hose cart, No. 21, stored at St. Mary's Hospital farm on Fisher Road. Charles J. Diringer, the farm superintendent, had acquired it from the Rochester Fire Department on Genesee Street and stored it in the barn.

"Houses were going up in the Beechwood Gardens tract in Gates for a dollar down, a dollar a week," said Mr. Russell in his 1977 interview.

On the afternoon of Monday, November 19, 1923, Ruth Balmer was at her home on Evelyn Street with her children: three-year-old Maurice Jr., two-year-old Howard,



Two children died in this house fire on Evelyn Street on November 19, 1923. The photograph was taken by Albert R. Stone, Rochester's first photo-journalist, and appeared in *The Rochester Herald* newspaper the next day. Firefighters from the city of Rochester, neighbors, and onlookers appear as ghostly images through the smoldering ashes. A few hot spots can also be seen.

From the Albert R. Stone Collection, Rochester Museum and Science Center

and nine-month-old Lee. Maurice Sr. was at work at the American Woodworking Machinery Company. The homes in the settlement were described as three- and four-room structures with no basements and beaverboard interiors.

Shortly before 3 p.m., Mrs. Balmer lit a fire in the presumably wood-burning kitchen stove and left the children alone in the house while she went to visit her sister, Mrs. Bruce White, who lived nearby.

Not long after 3 p.m., a neighbor, Edward Doud, saw smoke coming from the Balmer home and came to investigate. As he neared the house, flames shot through the roof. He tried to get in but was turned back by the fire.

"He rushed to the home of Mrs. White and informed Mrs. Balmer of the blaze," the *Rochester Herald* newspaper reported the next day.



Howard Balmer, pictured here as a young man in the early 1940s, was a two-year-old when he was rescued by a neighbor from a fire at his family's home on Evelyn Street in Gates on November 19, 1923. His two brothers, three-year-old Maurice Jr. and nine-month-old Lee, died in the fire.

"My God," she shrieked, "and my children are in it."

Another neighbor, Dorothy Viesenbach, heard the cries of "fire" and came from her home, about an eighth of a mile away, with an extinguisher.

A group of neighbors assembled in front of the burning house. Several of the men used the extinguisher to fight back the flames from a window. That enabled one of them, J. F. Sharkey, with a wet towel covering his head, to climb into the house and reach two-year-old Howard. He managed to pull the boy out the window to safety.

"He was driven back by the flames, while trying to reach the other children," the *Herald* reported.

Little could be done to put out the fire, which destroyed the home. At 4:30 that afternoon, the remains of Maurice Jr. and Lee were discovered and removed from the debris.

Neighbors called Monroe County Sheriff Franklin W. Judson, a Gates resident who lived on Howard Road, to the scene, along with the county coroner and Ezra Kauffman, a special investigator. The sheriff named Deputy Edward P. Fosmire, who was primarily assigned to patrol in Spencerport, and Deputy Edward Rice to the case. They determined that an overheated stove was the cause of the fire.

Albert R. Stone, Rochester's well-known newspaper photographer of the day, arrived with his camera to take pictures of the house, which by the time he arrived had been completely destroyed. One of his photos was printed in the *Herald's* article.

When Mr. Balmer arrived home from work, the newspaper reported that, "both he and his wife were prostrated by the tragedy."

"Fire apparatus from the city went to the scene but was helpless," the news report continues. "The house was a charred and burning ruin when they arrived. With the neighbors, who had formed a bucket brigade, they helped pump and carry water to cool the ruins and enable willing hands to drag the little bodies from the embers of their former home."

After the fire, Mr. Russell, Elbert Finch, and seven other men met in a shed on Long Pond Road near Trolley

Boulevard to make plans for a local fire department. (Mr. Russell became president of the Gates-Chili Fire Department in 1939; Mr. Finch was elected supervisor of the town of Gates in 1948.)

Four years went by before the group held an official meeting in M. A. White's garage on Beahan Road on February 15, 1927, where they formed the Gates Protective Association. Thereafter, progress was swift.

A week later, on February 22, 1927, the volunteers reconvened and met with two men from the Rosecroft Club, a civic organization. Mr. Diring joined them and proposed that a siren be installed on the St. Mary's farm barn to summon volunteers when an emergency was reported. The group agreed to begin spreading the word that a fire department was being formed. A committee was appointed to gather petition signatures of townspeople in support.

A third meeting was called on March 3, 1927, at which 26 men paid dues to join. The committee turned in a petition with 112 signatures in favor of the Gates Protective Association.

The first officers were elected at the fourth meeting, on April 6, 1927, held at the Common School District No. 1 schoolhouse, located at what is now 2355 Chili Avenue, the location of present-day Station No. 1 and Gates Fire District headquarters. They were: Max Voit, president; Harry Miller, vice president; L. A. Christopher, secretary; Fred Schwartz, treasurer; Charles J. Diring, chief; C. N. Turner, deputy chief; and Seth Ford, captain.

The horse-drawn cart was the only piece of equipment available. Members answered calls on horseback, bicycle, or on foot. A bell was installed at the top of the windmill at St. Mary's Farm. Emergency calls were directed into



Students and teachers are pictured during a patriotic pageant on the front lawn of Common School District No. 1 at 2355 Chili Avenue circa 1910. In 1931, residents voted to sell the schoolhouse to the Gates-Chili Fire Department for \$2,000. Classes were relocated to the north side of Chili Avenue to Washington Irving School.

the farmhouse, where the nuns answered the phone and rang the bell to summon Mr. Diring from the field with his team of horses. He changed the harness and hooked the team onto the chemical cart. The sisters stood by to answer calls from the volunteers and tell them the location of the alarm.

The fire department's first motorized truck was delivered in January 1928 at a cost of \$2,400. The body from the horse-drawn cart was transferred to the truck chassis. The truck was housed in a shed attached to the side of Seth Ford's grocery store at 2349 Chili Avenue, just east of the schoolhouse, near the corner of present-day Chili Avenue and Fisher Road.

On February 6, 1931, the residents of Common School District No. 1 voted 50 to 5 to sell the schoolhouse to the fire association for \$2,000. The school was relocated across Chili Avenue to the site of present-day Washington Irving Elementary School. Volunteers remodeled the old schoolhouse into a double truck room, meeting hall, and caretaker's quarters.



The Gates-Chili Fire Department's first apparatus was the horse-drawn Hose Truck No. 21, acquired from the Rochester Fire Department for use at St. Mary's Farm on Fisher Road. Volunteers used it from 1927 until January 1928 when a GMC truck body was purchased for \$2,400 and the chemical tanks were transferred to the motorized unit. The motorized truck was housed in a shed attached to the side of Seth Ford's grocery store at 2349 Chili Avenue, near the corner of Fisher Road.



Following the purchase of the District No. 1 schoolhouse in 1931, volunteer firefighters remodeled it into a two-bay fire station. The vehicles pictured are a 1933 Mack 500-gallon truck and a 1931 Cadillac coupe squad car. Today, the Gates-Chili Fire Station No. 1 and the Gates Fire District headquarters are located at the 2355 Chili Avenue campus.



Charles J. Diring, superintendent of the St. Mary's hospital farm on Fisher Road, contributed the first horse-drawn chemical hose truck and became the first chief of the Gates-Chili Fire Department, having served from 1927 to 1930.

In 1932, the Gates Protective Association was reorganized under the membership corporation laws of New York State as the Gates-Chili Fire Department Inc.

Today, the Gates-Chili Fire Department provides protection to all of the town of Gates and about 15 percent of the town of Chili, a 32-square-mile area of about 36,000 residents and 2,000 businesses. The fire district includes residential homes, shopping centers, large industrial complexes, five oil and gasoline refineries and storage facilities, 10 chemical manufacturing operations, the Buckeye Oil Pipeline, 53 miles of expressways, segments of the Genesee River and Erie Canal, schools, nursing homes, and three national rail lines.

Firefighters respond to over 3,000 alarms annually from three locations: Station No. 1 at 2355 Chili Avenue, Station No. 2 at the corner of Long Pond Road and Spencerport Road, and Station No. 3 at the corner of Buffalo Road and Coldwater Road. Annual calls also include about 30 mutual aid responses to the Greater Rochester International Airport and into the Chili, Ridge Road, and Spencerport fire districts.

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Following is a transcription of *The Rochester Herald* newspaper article:

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TWO GATES BABIES DIE IN FIRE-SWEPT HOME HERO RESCUES THIRD CHILD AS DWELLING BURNS LIKE TINDER

**J. F. Sharkey Rushes into Blazing Home To Save
Two-year-old Balmer Boy—**

**Mother Absent Visiting Sister at Time—Overheated
Stove Cause of Fire.**

Two small children were burned to death yesterday afternoon, when fire destroyed the home of Maurice



Pictured is the upper half of The Rochester Herald's front page of Tuesday, November 20, 1923, having been taken from a microfilm print, in which the story of the Gates fire that claimed that lives of two children is reported. Readers of the day may have questioned the editor's decision to print a political cartoon depicting a baby next to the story of the death of the two Gates children.

Balmer in Evelyn Street, Beechwood Gardens, just off Lee Road, Gates. Mrs. Balmer, mother of the children, was visiting a sister, Mrs. Bruce Mute (*sic*), living nearby, when the fire was discovered. The residence was burned to the ground.

The dead children are:

Maurice Balmer, jr., 3 years old.

Lee Balmer, nine months old.

Howard Balmer, 2 years old, was saved, although he was in the house at the time.

The fire was discovered shortly after 3 o'clock. It was not until 4:30 o'clock, that the charred remains of the children were dragged from the blazing debris.

Hero Saves Third.

From the testimony of neighbors, who helped fight the fire, the third child would have lost his life had not J. F. Sharkey, an employe (*sic*) of the Todd Protectograph Company, who lives nearby, risked his life in the rescue. Binding a wet towel around his head he climbed through a

window into the blazing house. He was driven back by the flames, while trying to reach the other children.

Most of the houses of the little settlement are small three and four roomed affairs. Edward Doud, whose tiny home sets a short distance in front of the Balmer house and a little to the right, was sitting in his kitchen window. He says he saw an unusual volume of smoke pouring from the chimney, but thought at first Mrs. Balmer might be burning something that made a smudge. As he watched it, the smoke increased in density and he went to investigate. When nearly to the Balmer home, flames burst through the roof. He rushed to the house and flung open the door, he says, but was met by a flaming interior. He rushed to the home of Mrs. White and informed Mrs. Balmer of the blaze.

"My God," she shrieked, "and my children are in it."

In the meantime, the cry of "fire" had been raised, and Mrs. Dorothy Viesenbach, who lives an eighth of a mile away, came as fast as she could run, with a fire extinguisher her husband bought recently. Men assembled at the fire, took the extinguisher from her and plied it through a window into the room and thus enabled Sharkey to effect an entrance.

Coroner Summoned.

As soon as it was learned that children were in the house, a call was sent to Coroner Atwater and Sheriff Judson. The Coroner and Ezra Kauffman, special investigator, went immediately to the scene and Sheriff Judson assigned Deputies Fosmire and Rice to lend what assistance they could. Deputy Fosmire questioned Mrs. Balmer, who said that she had made a fire in the stove to get supper. The only explanation the deputies could give was an overheated stove. The exterior of the house was wood and the interior beaverboard. Balmer, an employe (*sic*) of the American Woodworking Machinery Company, hurried home, but was too late. Both he and his wife were prostrated by the tragedy.

Fire apparatus from the city went to the scene but was helpless. The house was a charred and burning ruin when they arrived. With the neighbors, who had formed a bucket brigade, they helped pump and carry water to cool the ruins and enable willing hands to drag the little bodies from the embers of their former home. ■



FOUNDING OF THE GATES VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

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The headquarters at 144 Gatewood Avenue was opened on June 18, 1966. The original garage opened onto Gatewood Avenue. A single-bay garage opening onto Howard Road was added during the first remodeling project. A second bay facing Howard Road was added a few years later, as seen in this photograph.

The need for an ambulance service in Gates became a topic for public discussion during the late 1950s and early '60s. Prior to this, ambulance service was provided by hospitals (the St. Mary's Hospital ambulance, for example), or from commercial ambulance companies. These alternatives were not keeping pace with the needs of the town as it was making the transition from rural farmland to suburban residential homes and local businesses. The expense to a family and the long response times were two major concerns.

At the time, the Gates-Chili Fire Department maintained an emergency vehicle with oxygen and a resuscitator. But the fire department did not have the funds or personnel to operate an ambulance in addition to its fire and rescue equipment.

With these thoughts in mind, the idea flourished for the founding of a separate ambulance service. The first public word of the proposal came in the town election campaign on August 8, 1963. Dr. J. Walter Knapp, a candidate for the Gates town board, introduced the formation of an ambulance service as a plank in his political platform and the Gates Republican Party endorsed it.

On September 12, 1963, in an article in the *Gates-Chili News*, several town physicians announced their support of Dr. Knapp's proposal. Doctors Erwin J. Boerschlein, James W. Carlin, Jack L. Connelly, and John F. Montione agreed that Gates represented an area of sufficient population that was in need of emergency medical services for its residents. The physicians hailed the proposal "as a step in the right direction of better health and safety."

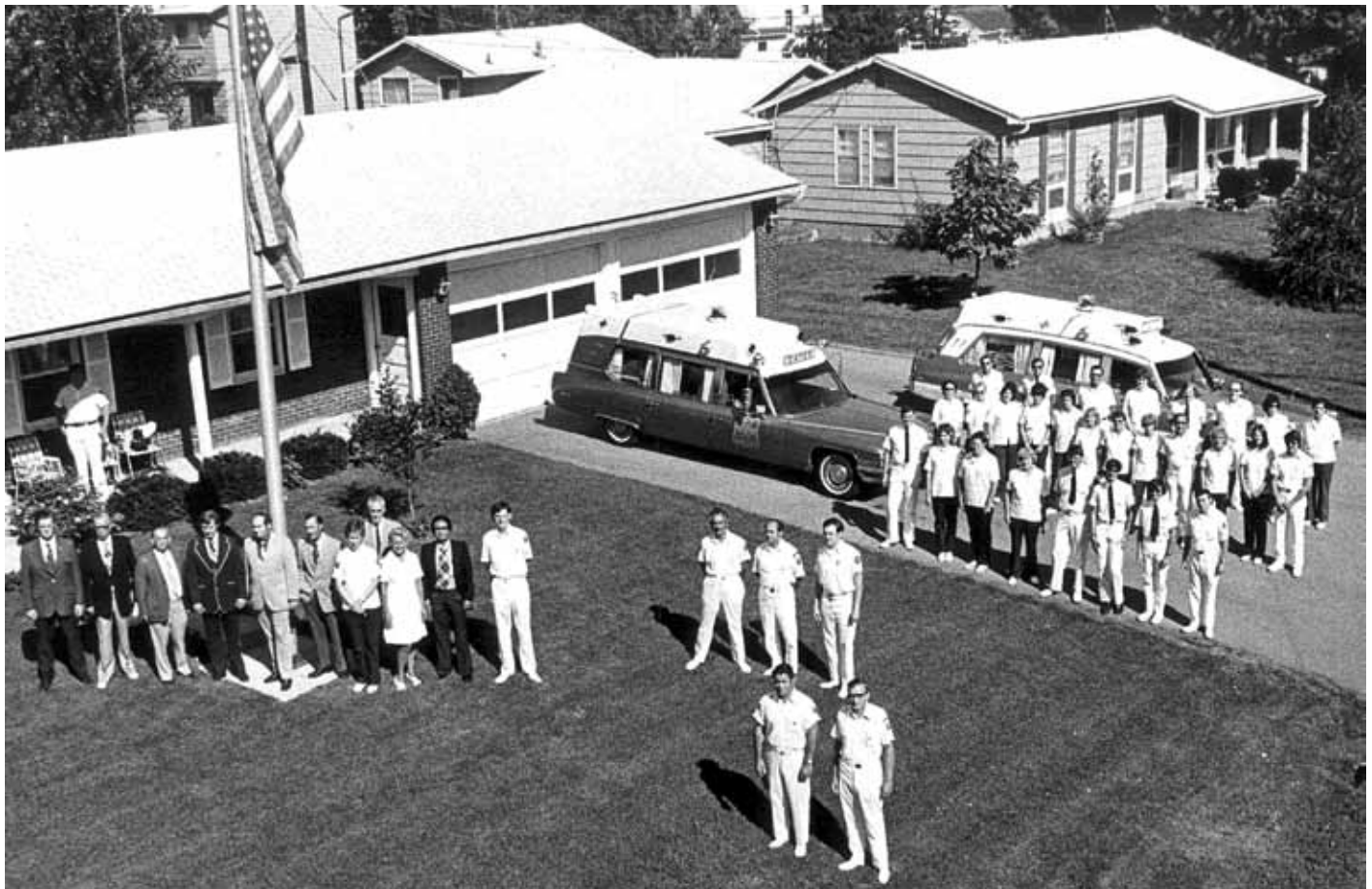
Dr. Knapp's plan calls for the purchase of the ambulance by the town, or by public subscription. The cost and maintenance of upkeep would have to be borne by the town.

The ambulance would be manned by trained personnel on a voluntary basis and centrally located so that it could be minutes away from any emergency in the town.

The physicians pointed out that the town has many young families with limited budgets, with a very definite need for such a measure. As an example, in maternity cases or in child accident cases, in many instances the family automobile is unavailable since it is at work with the husband. Also, in the situation of older residents who are bedridden by diseases and infirmities of old age, the need exists to transport these



The capital campaign for the headquarters at 1600 Buffalo Road was entitled "\$76,000 for '76" in recognition of the nation's bicentennial. This headquarters opened in March 1977.



The board of directors, operations staff, and active members gathered for a group photograph in 1975 at the Gatewood Avenue headquarters. Members of the board of directors, pictured at left, are Regis Mooney; Kenneth McMahon; John F. Montione, M.D.; Gerald Tobias; Thomas Roche; Raymond Farrell; Judy Stone; Neil F. Bubel, attorney; Eileen Vandermallie; Oscar DeCastro, M.D.; and Craig E. Densmore. Pictured at front are James J. Hess and Burton Newcomb, director of operations and deputy director of operations, respectively. Behind them are crew chiefs Paul Catalano, Cecil J. Karley, and James Powell.

people to hospitals for temporary treatment, or for limited hospital stay. All of these should be provided at no cost to the Gates resident, Dr. Knapp stated.

Dr. Knapp further stated that since the plan was initially announced by him, he has received tremendous response from a good number of Gates residents. Moreover, many volunteers have come forward wishing to donate their services to operate the ambulance. This is the

sort of thing that can work out on a voluntary basis provided the people who operate the ambulance are properly trained. The physicians indicated that they would be willing to donate their time and effort to train these individuals in proper first aid procedures.

—*Gates-Chili News*, September 12, 1963

Dr. Knapp's proposal was the cornerstone in theory of what was to come. Town residents and public officials quickly picked up the plan. Both the Republican and Democratic political parties endorsed it. Each sought to take the lead.

On October 7, 1963, less than a month after Dr. Knapp's proposal was publicly announced in the newspaper, Supervisor Frank F. Kipers, a Democrat, brought up the subject at a meeting and announced that William Stauber, the town's police chief, and a committee, had been planning for the ambulance service as much as 18 months earlier.

The Town of Gates is going to have a volunteer ambulance service, it was disclosed last night.



The first vehicle was a 1964 Cadillac ambulance purchased at a cost of \$10,195.



Ambulance volunteers gathered for a recognition ceremony in 1968. Front row, kneeling, from left: James J. Hess, Donald Butler, Anthony D. Federico, and Gordon R. Lindsay. Back row, standing, from left: Robert Jacker, Donald Ioannone, Ronald O'Connor, Philip Hochreiter, Cecil J. Karley, Duane Neu, Charles Vaccaro, Mary Detamble, Dottie Koch, Ruthe Neu, Allison Kelly, Howard Mayer, and Lorna Butler.

"If all goes well, we hope to have a rig on the road by the first of the year," Supervisor Frank F. Kipers remarked.

Plans call for the construction of a one-story headquarters building, for which materials and labor will be donated by contractors living or doing work in the town, Gates Police Chief William Stauber said.

Stauber said he and several town residents started laying the groundwork 18 months ago for formation of a volunteer ambulance service.

"Several sites have been offered free of charge for the headquarters structure and we are now in the process of determining which would be the best location," Stauber said.

The building will include an office, kitchen, radio room, sleeping quarters, and garage for the ambulance.

A 12-man bipartisan board of directors and a volunteer crew of at least 70 persons will be set up to operate the ambulance, which will be on call 24 hours a day, Stauber pointed out.

Funds to purchase the rig would depend on individual contributions but once operative, the ambulance service will become a regular town budgetary item, Kipers said.

"Several doctors and nurses ... all Gates residents ... have offered to man the ambulance when it goes into service," Kipers said.

—Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle*,
October 8, 1963
Reprinted in the *Gates-Chili News*,
October 10, 1963

At the Gates Town Board meeting on November 7, 1963, Dr. Knapp addressed the board and said that some residents did not want an ambulance service that was to be funded by contributions. Supervisor Kipers responded that the town had allocated \$3,000 for the ambulance in the 1964 budget if contributions from the first fund drive were not enough.

In November 1963, Republicans Dr. Knapp and Anthony P. Errico were elected to the town board.

But then, plans changed.

Town Attorney Neil F. Bubel explained that under municipal law, tax funds could not be used to operate the service. He said that a membership corporation would have to be formed, that funds must come from donations, and that the service would have to be operated by volunteers trained in first aid.

"An ambulance service as proposed must be operated by the membership corporation, not by the Town of Gates," he said.

After that information came out, the political controversy boiled over. It started with an editorial by Samuel J. Smith, editor and publisher of the *Gates-Chili News*, on December 5, 1963:

Gates needs an ambulance! Our leading citizens agree. Will Gates get it?

Chief William Stauber, Gates Police Chief, had plans drawn for a building to house an ambulance with the aid of a volunteer group. This was 18 months ago. The group had ideas for manning the ambulance and paying for it.

During the recent town election, Dr. J. Walter Knapp introduced the ambulance idea as a plank in his political platform. The Republican Party endorsed it. Dr. Knapp was elected as



Robert Jacker, deputy director of operations, and Gordon R. Lindsay, director of operations, prepared a poster for a fund-drive campaign circa 1972. The goal was \$25,000 that year.

councilman, along with Anthony Errico. Undoubtedly, one of Dr. Knapp's first resolutions will be the ambulance for Gates.

Can he get it?

Supervisor Kipers says no! It is against town law. Kipers pointed out that this fact was discovered after \$3,000 was set up in the budget to maintain this ambulance. Under town law, the Town of Gates can't aid in procuring or maintaining this ambulance!

Neil Bubel, town attorney, explained that a membership corporation must be formed. The funds must come from subscriptions from individual citizens. The ambulance, when obtained, must be manned by trained personnel in order to secure the necessary insurance. The training for the ambulance entails approximately 20 hours of first aid training.

Sounds insurmountable? It isn't! Greece did it! Henrietta did it! East Rochester did it!

Mr. Kipers said, "Sure, I'm for it. The town will benefit from it!"

Dr. Knapp is a strong advocate of it. Anthony Errico will push hard for it. Will the people of Gates push equally hard? Time will tell.

The benefits of having our own ambulance can be measured. Maybe the final measure will be five minutes—five minutes saved. This can mean a life saved.



Gates Chili Junior High School students presented donations to the Chili Fire Department Ambulance and the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service circa 1970. Among those in the photograph with the students are Joseph Schickler; Dottie Koch; Ted Kolb, captain of the Chili Fire Department Ambulance; Gordon R. Lindsay, director of operations of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service; and John (Jack) Gould.

In any effort of this type, not everyone will feel so sure. There will be those opposed to any constructive effort. Perhaps this is good. Anything come by too easily is not appreciated. Will the people of Gates push for their ambulance? Time will tell!

—Samuel J. Smith, Editor and Publisher
Gates-Chili News, December 5, 1963

The editorial was answered a week later by councilmen-elect Dr. Knapp and Errico:

During the recent election campaign, we announced that if elected we would provide free ambulance service for Gates residents.

This wasn't a wild promise since we had spent much time studying the matter before announcing it on our Republican Party Platform on August 8, 1963. The people of Gates hold us as they welcomed the idea and were enthusiastic about it. We felt and still feel very strongly, that the health and safety of Gates residents should be put ahead of any political considerations.

Subsequent to our announcement, Mr. Kipers unveiled a plan for ambulance service and promised to "have a rig on the road by the end of the year (1963)." Her further stated this plan had been under consideration for eighteen (18) months prior to our announcement.

The full political impact of these statements is now fully realized since



Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service headquarters at 1600 Buffalo road were held on a snowy Sunday in 1975. Front row, pictured from left: Peter Genga, engineer; Donald Walzer, architect; John F. Montione, M.D., president of the ambulance service; and David Miller, architect. Among others in the photograph are Donald Butler, John (Jack) Gould, Al Leone, William Stockmaster, John Maggio, James Hess, Gerald Tobias, Craig Densmore, Jack C. Hart, Regis Mooney, Raymond Farrell, and Grace Baker.



James J. Hess was recognized on the occasion of his retirement as director of operations of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service on April 22, 1979. Pictured, from left: Mabel Hess, James's mother; Bruce McMahon, who succeeded James as director of operations; and Craig E. Densmore, treasurer of the ambulance service. In 1981, James received the F. W. Conway Memorial Award, the highest honor given by the ambulance service. He died on August 29, 2003.

Mr. Kipers has now announced that the town cannot have an ambulance. If the plan had been under consideration for eighteen (18) months, it obviously wasn't thought out.

Regardless, we wish to advise the people of Gates that they will have free ambulance service after we take office in 1964. When we made the promise, we didn't do it for political reasons. We have a plan which we will put into effect once we take office on January 1st, 1964. The people of Gates did not let us down and therefore we will not let them down."

—Dr. J. Walter Knapp, Councilman-elect
Anthony P. Errico, Councilman-elect
Gates-Chili News, December 12, 1963

Viewed in today's political climate, the politics surrounding the founding of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service may seem to have been counterproductive. Instead, in 1963, it was highly constructive. It brought the need for a town ambulance service into the public discussion and kept it there for months. Those involved provided reasoned and stimulating opinions, a good give-and-take on the issue. And as Samuel J. Smith so very well put it in his editorial, "...anything come by too easily is not appreciated." Had the town officials kept silent, public interest might never have reached the point that was needed to motivate so many citizens to become involved in such an important endeavor.

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As the issue of forming an ambulance service was debated in the town hall and in the newspapers, Chief Stauber's group was, indeed, working to organize the ambulance service.

In a letter to the people of Gates, Stauber wrote, "... In recent months there have been many misleading rumors about the town pertaining to our ambulance service. I would like to give you the true facts concerning the ambulance service to date. ..."

In the letter, Stauber announced the names of the members of the board of directors who were organizing the not-for-profit corporation that would operate the service. In addition to Stauber, the board members included Fred Blum; Erwin J. Boerschlein, M.D.; Daniel Ehman, John (Jack) Gould; John F. Montione, M.D.; Gerald Schifino; and J. Raymond Tytler. John A. (Jack) DeGroot was named as director of operations and Joseph Hoffman was appointed treasurer.

On December 19, 1963, Supervisor Kipers wrote the final public statement that put an end to the political controversy over the founding of the ambulance service:

In response to the letter to the editor of Dr. Knapp and Mr. Errico in regard to free ambulance serviced for Gates, I agree with the writers of the letter [that] "the people of Gates will have free ambulance service in 1964," but it will not be due to the efforts of Dr. Knapp and Mr. Errico.

It will be through the efforts of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Committee [which] has been working diligently for many months to put this service into effect.

I am sure the residents of Gates realize what a tremendous amount of work has been done by this committee in obtaining land for a site, materials for a building, all of the plumbing,



Samuel J. Smith, editor and publisher of the Gates-Chili News, was named the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service's first honorary life member in recognition of his support of the founding of the organization. Pictured circa 1972 are, from left: Gordon R. Lindsay, director of operations; Samuel J. Smith; and John F. Montione, M.D.



Ambulance members honored the memory of Gates Police Chief William Stauber with the presentation of a commemorative plaque at a ceremony on the lawn of the Gates volunteer ambulance base at 144 Gatewood Avenue. Chief Stauber, who died in 1973, was the founding president of the ambulance service. Pictured, from left: Director of Operations James J. Hess; Bill, Chief Stauber's son; Evelyn, his daughter; Connie, his wife; Scotty, his youngest son; Robert J. Vandermallie, the Gates printer who contributed the plaque; and John F. Montione, M.D., who succeeded Chief Stauber as ambulance president.

electrical, heating, plus all of the labor to construct the building. All of the above totaling many thousands of dollars will be donated by various contractors and merchants.

I am sure that the residents of Gates realize that this takes time and I would never try to take credit from the group, but rather congratulate this committee for the fine work that they have done and are doing.

—Supervisor Frank F. Kipers
Gates-Chili News, December 19, 1963

Supreme Court Justice G. Robert Witmer signed the certificate of incorporation of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service on February 21, 1964. Two days later, on February 23, 1964, at 3:00 p.m., the first official meeting was held. Chief Stauber was elected president; John F. Montione, M.D., vice president; and Gerald Schifino, secretary.



Gates Police Chief William Stauber was the founding president of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service. He served from 1964 until his death in 1973.

Robert Lechner of Hinchey Road was named chairperson of the first fund drive. As of the first meeting, \$586.05 had been donated.

It was during this first meeting that Stauber proposed a corporate policy that remains in effect to the present day: that the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. remain strictly nonpolitical.

While the initial fund-raising program was under way, the board searched for land on which to build the headquarters.

Board member Fred Blum identified a parcel in the rear of 1140 Howard Road, at about 106 feet by 260 feet.

But at a public meeting on May 19, 1964, a group of Howard Road and nearby residents opposed that location for the ambulance base. They presented a petition against it, citing noise, disturbance, and traffic.

The land was to have been a donation to the ambulance service by the Odenbach family, owners of Dolomite Group Inc., the company that operates the rock quarry on Howard Road. However, due to the controversy over the site, in June 1964, the family withdrew its offer of the land, leaving the board to resume its search for a location for the base of operations.

As that search continued, a subcommittee received bids for the purchase of an ambulance. On August 12, 1964, the board adopted a measure to buy a new ambulance from the Superior Coach and Equipment Company, 1690 Manitou Road, for \$10,195.

The board took delivery of the ambulance during the first week of September 1964 and arranged for temporary quarters in the vacant Gulf service station, then located on the northeast corner of Buffalo Road and Howard Road. The lease with the Gulf Oil Corporation was drawn on a month-to-month basis.

As the board was working to arrange a location and buy the ambulance, volunteers were completing their first-aid training. The charter members and their addresses in 1964 were:

Bernard Ayotte, 543 Gates-Greece Townline Road
Dominic Castano, 65 Waldorf Avenue
Robert W. Colburn Jr., 85 Brooklea Drive
Robert W. Colburn Sr., 85 Brooklea Drive
Kenneth Davis, 519 Elmgrove Road
John A. DeGroot, 236 Colwick Road
June Diehl, 701 Pixley Road
Albert DiGennaro, 24 Koladyne Avenue
Anthony D. Federico, 1004 Elmgrove Road
David Georger, 84 Lyndale Drive
Harold Hillyard, 202 Auburn Avenue
James Homan, 70 Miramar Road
Cecil J. Karley, 1766 Buffalo Road
Robert Kinder, 78 Renouf Drive
Beverly Knapp, 136 Varian Lane
Joseph Lauricella, 3749 Lyell Road

Gordon R. Lindsay, 178 Rowley Drive
 Elba Manchester, 105 St. Rita Drive
 Samuel Marchetti, 97 Elvira Street
 Pauline Marion, 35 Gatewood Avenue
 John Mason, 22 Colwick Road
 Gordon Peck, 2274 Spencerport Road
 Guendolee Ritico, 25 Marilou Drive
 Robert Smith, 51 Koladyne Avenue
 John Tegelaar, 626 Wegman Road
 Howard Thomas, 817 Trabold Road
 Thomas Thurley, 495 Gates-Greece Townline Road
 Vicki V-Arnold, 32 Colwick Road
 Charles Vaccaro, 48 Appian Drive
 Peter Vandenberg, 42 Kentucky Avenue

Following completion of first-aid training, the volunteers received instruction in the use of ambulance equipment and procedures from Vic Isaac, a member of the Greece Volunteer Ambulance Service, who came to help Gates get started.

At the outset, 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week service was unavailable. There were not enough men to serve as drivers and medics to sustain around-the-clock operations. When service began, women could serve only as dispatchers. Coverage was available during the evening and overnight hours on weekdays; 24-hour service was available only on weekends.

The first emergency call came in at 5:15 p.m. on November 2, 1964. It was an auto accident on Chili Avenue; victims were taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

Two hundred residents turned out on Sunday, November 8, 1964, for an open house in the renovated Gulf service station.



The Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service training staff is pictured circa 1977, shortly after the new base was opened at 1600 Buffalo Road. Kneeling, from left: William Stockmaster, Anthony D. Federico, and Ralph Glidden. Front row, standing, from left: Hollie Charles, Thomas Zavaglia, Irene Eck, Judy Snell Valleri, Nancy West, Faith Stoll, James Charles, Gary Ritzel, and Robert Stoll. Top row, from left: Bev Holloway, Elsie Glendenning, Mark Morningstar, and Mary Hadley.

Volunteers David Georger and Robert Ruemelin responded to the organization's first maternity call at 5:20 a.m., Monday, March 22, 1965. Arriving at the home of the German family on Laurel Avenue, the crew delivered Ann German's second child, a daughter, Ellen, at the house.

In an interview with the local newspaper, Ann German said that "... at a time like that, it's comforting to know that we have people who have the training for something like this. ... Gates has reason to be proud of its ambulance service and those who operate it."

Crew member Robert Ruemelin told the newspaper that the delivery was one of the most fantastic experiences of his life.

"When it was all over, I suddenly felt nine feet tall," he said.

When the mother, the new baby, and the ambulance crew reached the hospital, they were met by Dr. Montione, Mrs. German's physician and the vice president of the founding board of directors who had trained the ambulance crew.

After less than a year in operation, the board of directors began planning for a permanent ambulance base. On August 10, 1965, a purchase offer for \$4,500 was submitted for Lot #14 of the Gatesfield Subdivision, located at 144 Gatewood Avenue at the corner of Howard Road. Much of the construction work for the headquarters was donated. The base was opened on Saturday, June 18, 1966.

When operations moved to the new headquarters, members realized that they could not provide 24-hour service with males-only ambulance crews. The rules were changed and women began training as drivers and medics. Quickly, on-duty time expanded as daytime shifts were added until 24-hour coverage was reached.

Among the first women to serve as drivers and medics were Mary Eleanor Corbett, Sylvia Fegan, Elsie Glendenning, Auressa Illardo, Allison Kelly, Dottie Koch, Lina Marchetti, Ruthe Neu, and Eileen Vandermallie.

As requests for service increased, the board of directors purchased a second ambulance on May 14, 1968. The base was remodeled several times. The original garage became a bedroom, the small sleeping area became an office, and the garage was enlarged to accommodate two vehicles. More volunteers also enabled the crew chiefs to add a second medic on every call.

During the early years, the board of directors selected its own officers and board members. At the request of the membership, rules were changed to enable active members to vote for officers and board members beginning on March 1, 1972.

Results of the first election were William Stauber, president; John F. Montione, M.D., vice president; Raymond Farrell, treasurer; Gerald Schifino, secretary; Gordon R. Lindsay, director of operations;



This is a clipping from the Gates-Chili News on October 10, 1963. It was a reprint of a Rochester Democrat and Chronicle article concerning the establishment of a volunteer ambulance service in the town of Gates and included an artist's rendering of a proposed base of operations.

Anthony D. Federico, director of training; and board members Steven Buckley, M.D.; Donald Butler; Gordon Cole; Neil Flood; Kenneth McMahon; Regis Mooney; and Eileen Vandermallie.

By 1974, more than half of the active members had completed the New York State medical emergency technician (MET) course given by the Department of Health. At the time, the course was conducted over one weekend. (Today, it has expanded to become the emergency medical technician [EMT] course and offers instruction to the paramedic levels.)

As service needs expanded, the organization purchased land from the town of Gates at the corner of Buffalo Road and Rellim Boulevard and constructed a new base of operations at 1600 Buffalo Road. The headquarters opened in March 1977. The capital campaign was entitled "\$76,000 in '76" to coincide with the nation's bicentennial that year.

On June 23, 1999, the board of directors presented a long-range report to the Gates Town Board projecting operations needs in the 21st century. The report noted that call volume had increased from 2,849 calls in 1997 to 3,169 calls in 1998, and that a career staff consisting of a full-time administrator and paramedic, and 15 part-time paramedics, was augmenting the volunteers.

Working with the town board, the annual fund drive was disbanded and replaced with a town-wide ambulance district to fund emergency medical service operations.

One of the goals of the long-range report was the evaluation of the headquarters at 1600 Buffalo Road. The board of directors determined that additional operational space

was needed. The ambulance service purchased the town's facility on Elmgrove Road that had been used by the Gates Police Department. It was renovated and became the new headquarters of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service at dedication ceremonies on July 8, 2011, with the organization retaining its Buffalo Road location, as well.

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Requests for emergency medical services in Gates have been increasing:

YEAR	CALLS RECEIVED	TRANSPORTS
2006	4,375	2,669
2007	4,691	2,903
2008	5,318	3,628
2009	5,198	3,591
2010	5,188	3,588
2011	5,572	3,768

As this book went to press, the trend indicates that the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service will have received the most calls and transports in its history in 2012.

In 2004, the organization had 47 volunteer members and 23 employees. As of October 2012, ranks have grown to 119 volunteers and 64 employees. The service is especially proud of the growth in the number of volunteers, which is in contrast to local, state, and federal trends, and is an indication of the volunteer spirit in Gates.

With the above-average growth in call volume, the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service has maintained over a 98 percent call coverage percentage and a less than six-minute response time for all priority calls in its coverage area.

In addition to emergency medical responses, the organization continues to focus on community needs and prevention of illness and injury through its weekly blood pressure clinic at its headquarters and at the Gates Town Hall, blood pressure screenings for community groups, monthly child protection automobile seat installation and education sessions (which include working with local pediatricians to bring this education to their patients), and the organization's campaign that began in 2011 to train as many residents as possible in "hands only" CPR at free instructional classes.

In addition, the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service operates one of the largest loan closets in Monroe County with canes, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs.

As local demand for health-care services increases, the organization's highly trained, experienced, and dedicated staff has positioned its current and long-range service models with a series of best-practice guidelines and protocols that can be balanced when appropriate to meet the objectives of the changing environment in which the service operates. ■



EARLY BUSINESSES

The businesses featured here are only a small portion of the companies that have flourished in Gates in the past. They are arranged somewhat in chronological order.

At the end of the chapter, a representative grouping of photographs that portray present-day Gates has been added, but this is by no means a comprehensive listing.

With the central location of Gates on the west side of Monroe County, many highways and railroads criss-cross the town. In the past century, the airport took a large portion of southeastern Gates. Even the Erie Canal forms two boundaries for the town, separating the City of Rochester from Gates on the east and the Town of Greece on the north.

While serving on the board of the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce, the author of this chapter became aware of the importance of the central location of Gates in the county and the desirability of the town from a business owner's perspective. Indeed, key new businesses have located here because of the convenient accessibility to all forms of transportation.

This was true from the early years of the town when Buffalo Road was the key route to the west and businesses such as the Howard House and Lee's Tavern catered to the 19th-century traveler.

According to the 1885 *Rochester Business Directory* and *Monroe County Directory*, most of the residents in Gates

were farmers or were involved with agriculture, but manufacturing began to thrive with lime and saw manufacturers, machinists, table and cabinet makers, molders, hotel workers, engineers, and stencil cutters opening businesses here. The population in 1885 was 1,988 people and the area of the town was 12,060 acres.

By the 1950s, Gates had evolved into suburban status with a number of new homes built after World War II. By the late 1960s, the Town Board made a conscious decision to develop the town into a 50 percent residential and 50 percent commercial split. The result was lower taxes for residents while the community gained ready access to a variety of commercial establishments. For example, the Kodak Apparatus Division (KAD) dominated the western third of the town in the Buffalo Road, Elmgrove Road, and Manitou Road area from 1967 through the start of the 21st century. Taxes on the sprawling KAD plant provided 20 percent of the tax base for the Town of Gates during these years. When Kodak sold this complex, residents were concerned about the financial impact on the town. By 2000, Gates was 95 percent developed with little land remaining for new development. Reinventing former large industrial areas such as the KAD plant became critical to Gates' business evolution. Rochester Technology Park took over KAD and many new businesses moved in, ensuring the continued commercial success of the town.



Ackerman's Restaurant circa 1960s—Ackerman's, well known for its hotel, restaurant, and hot-dog stand, was located at the three-way intersection of Lyell Avenue, Lyell Road, and Howard Road. The original traveler's inn from the 1800s is the center portion of the building. A Taco Bell fast-food establishment is now located on this corner with Wegman's Food Market behind it.

Photo from the Gates Town Historian



Aerial View of Ackerman's—This is an aerial view of Ackerman's looking south, circa 1950. The intersection of Lyell Avenue, Lyell Road, and Howard Road is at center right. Wegmans Food Market is now located in the open field just to the left (east) and back (south) of Ackerman's. The homestead and barn of Michael Kenney are visible in the foreground, north of Lyell Avenue. In 1924, the homestead was the site of the first Mass celebrated by the congregation of St. Theodore's Church.

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Becker's Furniture—Constructed in 1880s, Becker's Furniture was first Becker's Market and is located adjacent to the Gates Cemetery on Buffalo Road. Originally the Templar Union Hall, the Gates Grange also held meetings here before it moved to 1408 Buffalo Road.

Present day photograph by Steve Shanker

Archive photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society



Gates Grange No. 421—This building at 1408 Buffalo Road was first home to Gates Grange No. 421, which was organized on October 25, 1877. The Grange rented the building to the Gates Public Library from 1959 to 1968. Later, the Grange sold the building and it now houses Uniform Express, the vendor that produced the Gates bicentennial golf and t-shirts.

Photograph by Steve Shanker

Aerial view of McCoy Manor—The McCoy Manor, a restaurant, tavern, and hotel, was located on the corner of Buffalo Road and Wegman Road and is pictured here circa the 1940s. Note at this time that Wegman Road was still a dirt road.

Photograph courtesy Bob Kuhn



McCoy Manor Exterior—Another view of McCoy Manor from Buffalo Road. There is now a gas station/ convenience store at this location.

Photograph courtesy of Bob Kuhn



McCoy Manor Interior—The beer is Corby's on tap, and the menu features some more unusual offerings such as a pickled tongue sandwich for 25¢, a sardine sandwich for 20¢, a limburger sandwich for 20¢, and more traditional fare such as a ham sandwich for 25¢, or a hamburger for 25¢, with coffee, tea, and milk for 10¢. This photograph is dated to the 1930s or '40s. These men are clearly posing for the photographer.

Photograph courtesy of Bob Kuhn.

Nichols Motel—The Nichols family owned the property on the southwest corner of the intersection of Buffalo Road and Howard Road, where the Hess gasoline station is now located. In years passed, the family operated M. L. Nichols & Sons Garage, a Ford dealership, and Nichols Motel on the site. The family also operates the adjacent manufactured home community, which once featured a number of cabins. The front cabin served for a short time as the first location of the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service after its founding in 1964. Lowell Nichols, who attended Thomas Edison School when it was a one-room schoolhouse, built the home on the north side of Buffalo Road. The family lived there for about 11 years before selling it to Harold F. Wood, who established his funeral home there.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society





Steve's Tree Top Inn—Steve's Tree Top Inn on the corner of Long Pond Road and Spencerport Road was a favorite local restaurant and bar.

Photograph courtesy of Tony Munno, Valicia's Restaurant



Steve's Tree Top Inn's Dining Room—Steve Miniark was the owner of this popular restaurant on the corner of Long Pond Road and Spencerport Road.

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Steve's Tree Top Inn Bar—This small bar at on the corner of Long Pond Road and Spencerport Road reportedly made the best whiskey sours in town.

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Brook-Lea Country Club—

Opened in 1926, this noted golf course is a beautiful, private club featuring an 18-hole course designed by the acclaimed golf course designer Donald Ross. It is located on Pixley Road and is the favorite site for many events.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Town Historian





Dog 'n' Suds—Dog 'n' Suds was a popular drive in restaurant on the corner of Long Pond and Spencerport Roads. It advertised the “world’s creamiest root beer” and “char-co” burgers in 1963. Owned by the Bosdyk family, the drive-in was later converted to a full-service restaurant, which closed in 2004.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Historical Society



The Wishing Well—This well known facility on Chili Avenue has been the location for many local events and weddings. Formerly a restaurant, it is now a party house.

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Kodak Apparatus Division in Gates—When the Eastman Kodak Company's Apparatus Division (KAD) moved to Gates in the late 1960s, it became a major employer of local residents. Many housing tracts were built to accommodate the employees of the plant along with new schools for their children. Fully 20 percent of the Town of Gates annual budget was funded by KAD taxes at the peak of its impact. KAD occupied the area between Elmgrove Road on the east, Lyell Road on the north, Manitou Road on the west, and Buffalo Road on the south.

Photograph courtesy of Gates Town Historian



Fire at New KAD Plant—Before Kodak had opened, a fire occurred in the main building to which the Gates-Chili Fire Department was called.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Fire Department

Hinchey Road-Chili Avenue Fire—The Gates-Chili Fire Department handled many fires in local businesses, such as this fire in the Hinchey Road-Chili Avenue plaza. Note the names of businesses no longer in Gates such as Hauck Realty.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Fire Department





Columbia Banking—Columbia Banking, with its large temperature-clock, was a feature of Buffalo Road near Pixley Road. Area travelers loved the quick check of time and temperature as they drove past this bank sign. Many Columbia Banking managers also served as presidents of the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce.

Slide courtesy of the Gates Chili School District

Westgate Post Office—The former post office at Westgate Plaza was a mainstay for the first plaza in Gates, circa 1982. The new post office is now across the street.

Slide courtesy of the Gates Chili School District



A view of Westgate Plaza circa 1982—This view of Westgate Plaza depicts businesses no longer in Gates. Westgate Plaza was replaced by a Walmart super store built in 2000.

Slide courtesy of the Gates Chili School District



Gates Chili Federal Credit Union circa 1994—

The Gates Chili Federal Credit Union recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of service. The credit union was founded on April 16, 1964, by seven teachers from the Gates Chili School District. The credit union originally served only district employees and their families, but gradually expanded. In 1999, services were extended to the Gates Chili community. There are now other credit unions in the Town of Gates, as well. Pictured are credit union employees. Front row, left to right: Frances Shannon, Mary Ellen Wilkin, Dorothy Baird, and Barbara Paulick. Back row, left to right: Priscilla Thomas, Will Townsend, and Barbara Bamford.

Photograph courtesy of the Gates Chili Federal Credit Union

Dolomite Quarry—*The Dolomite Quarry off Buffalo Road and Howard Road near Gates Center is operated by the Dolomite Group, founded in 1920 by John H. Odenbach. Although the company no longer blasts at this location, the quarry remains in operation processing dolomite that is trucked in from other mining locations. Much speculation has been offered on the uses for the old quarry when the firm may cease operation in the future.*

1991 photograph by Mike Leone

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Now for a quick look at a few of the many notable businesses in Gates today.



Tinseltown—This popular Cinemark theatre with its IMAX auditorium was built in Gates on land that was previously part of the Jacobs farm.

Photographs by Steve Shanker



Wegmans—The corporate headquarters for the large and ever growing food store chain, Wegman's Food Markets, is located on the north side of Brooks Avenue near the airport and the City of Rochester.

Photographs by Steve Shanker



Rochester Technology Park—When the Eastman Kodak Company closed its Kodak Apparatus Division plant in Gates, the town was concerned about what would happen to this large site. It is gradually being redeveloped as Rochester Technology Park with many smaller businesses moving in.

Photographs by Steve Shanker

Coordinator's Note: For an example of a locally founded and successful Gates business, enjoy the next chapter on the Coldwater Lumber Company, and also peruse the many advertisements at the end of this book.

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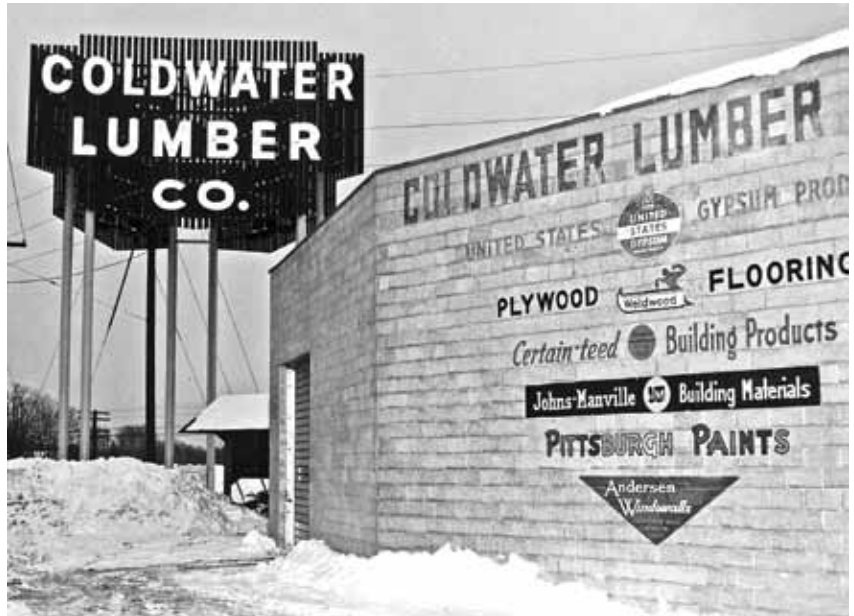


COLDWATER LUMBER COMPANY

Book Coordinator's Note:

In the original outline for this book, we had not intended to focus on any one individual Gates business. But during the editorial process, Kathleen Halloran, the daughter of community builder Joseph Entress, kindly shared her wonderful scrapbook about the Coldwater Lumber Company with me. It was immediately decided that the story of Mr. Entress and the Coldwater Lumber was so intertwined with the development of the Town of Gates that it merited its own section in this chapter on Early Business.

I had known Joe Entress for decades through the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce. Joe had been the second president of the Chamber, and as you will learn as you read the history of the Chamber, he was instrumental in its founding. He is so revered by the organization that one of the most coveted of the Chamber's awards is named in his honor. The Joseph Entress Memorial Award for Economic Development recognizes an individual or organization for on-going improvement encouraging continued economic development in the area. This award is presented annually at the spring dinner of the Chamber, continuing Joe's legacy to the Gates-Chili area.



Coldwater Sign—This large sign was a familiar landmark in the Town of Gates and could be seen from the nearby expressway.

My sincere thanks are extended for Kathleen for sharing her family's memories with us.

Susan Swanton
Coordinator, Gates Bicentennial Book

Photographs courtesy of Kathleen Halloran, except as noted



Lumber truck and Sawmill—In 1934, Joe bought equipment from two closed sawmills and built his own sawmill on Trabold Road in Gates, where for years he produced hardwoods from logs hauled from Springwater, N.Y., in Livingston County. Trees from Bristol, N.Y., and Naples, N.Y., supplied much of the lumber used in his homes and sold at his company.



Joseph Entress 1904-1985— Everyone knew him as Joe. He was dedicated to his home community of Gates in which he lived his entire life. He was featured in many local articles during his prime years of community activity. He served as president of the Rochester Home Builders from 1947 to 1948, regional director of the National Association of Home Builders in 1948 and director of the Northeastern Lumbermen's Association from 1951 to 1952. In 1952, he helped organize the New York State Home Builders and in 1959, he organized the Monroe County Industrial Arts Award Contest.

In 1967, Joe served as co-chairman to found the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce and served as its second president in 1968. From 1967 to 1969, Joe and Samuel J. Smith, editor and publisher of the Gates-Chili News, co-chaired chamber-sponsored tours of the towns of Gates and Chili to showcase the progress of these suburban communities to public officials and business owners from throughout Monroe County and the greater Rochester area. From 1969 to 1972, Joe served as a director of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

In 1973, the Gates Lions Club named Joe the Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

In 1974, Joe developed Westmar Business Estates, site of Westmar Plaza, and in 1982, he was honored with the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year award, having become one of the few in the Gates-Chili area to be recognized by both the Gates Lions Club and the Gates-Chili Chamber of Commerce with this honor.



406 Coldwater Road—This house was the birthplace of Joseph Entress in 1904. In 1919, Joe graduated from Holy Ghost School, also located on Coldwater Road, where his father was headmaster. In 1932, Joe built his first home at 348 Coldwater Road where he and his wife, Clara, raised their five daughters.



Coldwater Lumber and an Aerial View—Early pictures of the company and the area around the store on Cherry Road, circa the 1960s, are seen here. In 1935, the first building was a remodeled garage used as an office. That first 10-foot by 16-foot office grew to nearly an acre of floor space, which comprised the lumber company. In 1938, Joe built his first housing development of 37 homes on Fenton Road; in Chili, N.Y., having hired the first earth mover in the area for the process.



Sack Race at Coldwater Company Picnic at Webster Park circa the 1960s—The Coldwater Lumber Company held a picnic each year for employees and their families. Note Dan and Kathleen Halloran in the circle. Events like this were typical for mid-20th century companies to build staff morale and develop a sense of 'family' spirit among coworkers.



The Swiss Chalet on Westside Drive—Following a visit to Bavaria in 1954, Joe was so taken by the Swiss chalets that, he built his own on Westside Drive in 1965.



Joe with U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy—Joe, as a founder of the New York State Builders Association and a past president of the Rochester Home Builders Association, had contacts throughout New York State. Pictured in this photograph with him, circa the early 1960s, are Robert F. Kennedy, then a United States senator from New York State, and other members of the state and Rochester builders' associations.



Tressmar I, The First Subdivision in Gates—In 1940, Joe built his first subdivision in Gates, the Tressmar I tract off Fisher Road, which includes present-day Overbrook Road and Belvedere Drive. The Gates-Chili area was quite rural at that time. Note the cows observing the new suburban tract from their pasture on St. Mary's dairy farm just over the Chili town line. After building Tressmar II, which includes present-day Mareeta Road, just north of Tressmar I, he went on to build Ranchmar in Chili, N.Y., and the Marlands, Westmar, and Pearwood tracts in Gates. Every homebuyer received an American flag with their purchase.



1960 Home Show—The first home show in the Rochester area was at the Coldwater Lumber Company. In 1960, women typically wore hats and gloves at events.



Lourdes Shrine at Holy Ghost Church—Joe built this shrine himself in 1958 in memory of his daughter, Marita Bernadette, who died at the age of 15. As a lifelong member of Holy Ghost Church, he served as trustee for 16 years and worked on most of the parish campaigns.



November 1991 Company Closing—Clarence 'Sonny' Young, credit manager, and Kathleen Halloran, vice president of the company, are pictured in the store prior to its closing in November 1991. Joe had retired in 1981. With the closing of Coldwater Lumber, a key local business left Gates with many bittersweet memories. Some Coldwater employees had worked for the Company for over 50 years. Joe's legacy includes the more than 1,000 homes built in Monroe County, most on the west side of the county and a large number of Gates homes.

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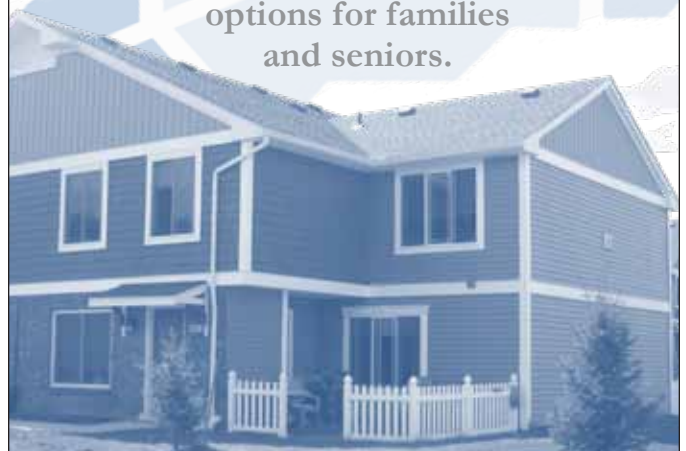
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