

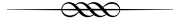
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Of the Town of Gates, N.Y.
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Record of the Town of Gates.

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Agreeable to an act of the Legislature, the Town Meeting of Northampton was held at the house of Jeremiah Almstead on the 4th day of April 1809, under the direction of Zachus Colby.

Zachus Colby was elected Supervisor.

Hugh McDearmid Town Clerk.

John Williams,
Thomas King, } Assessors.

Richard Clark,
Matthew Gimnick,
Moses Clark, } Com. of Highways.
Nathanael Tibbles,

Abel Rowe,
Moses Clark, } Overseers of the Poor.
Richard Clark Constable & Collector.

Thomas Lee,
Charles Harford,
Frederic Rowe,
Erastus Robertson,
Asahel Wilkinson, } Overseers of Highways.
Moses Clark,
Nathanael Jones,

Abel Rowe,
Augustus B. Shair, } Five Viewers and
Thomas King, Pound Keepers.
Samuel Latta,

That the By Laws remain the same as they have been in the Town of Northampton heretofore.

That the bounty shall be three cents for each Rattle Snake killed in said town.

That this Town Meeting be adjourned to Abel Rowe's.

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

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December 16, 1999

TOWN COL
GREGORY S.
JOHN J. MA
JAMES A. O
ELAINE P. T

Mr. Wolcott Hinchey

Dear Mr. Hinchey:

I want to thank you for the book of early town records which you presented to me for safe keeping on December 11, 1999, during the meeting of the Gates Historical Society at the Hinchey home in Gates.

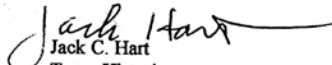
If you have never had an opportunity to completely review the document, this is a list of the contents:

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| Pages 35 to 59: | Minutes of Town Board meetings
1809 to 1813 (Town of Northampton)
1813 to 1818 (Town of Gates) |
| Pages 61 to 67: | Finance records of Gates 1820 to 1830 |
| Pages 69 to 137: | Survey records of roads both Town and State
owned in Gates 1809 to 1837 |
| Pages 138 to 140: | Owners marks and brands for cattle (such as ear clipping) |

There is a great deal of information in this book about the early settlers in Gates (some of whom I had not heard of previously). Sue Swanton is checking into the possibility of microfilming parts of the book so that it can be made available to the public to study in the library.

Mr. Hinchey, please be assured that I will protect and preserve this book as one of the treasures of the Town Historian's files.

Sincerely,


Jack C. Hart
Town Historian

JCH/bam

In 1999, Wolcott Hinchey presented a book of early records of the Town of Gates, N.Y., to Town Historian Jack C. Hart, who acknowledged the donation in this letter dated December 16 of that year. The book contains the handwritten records of the Town of Gates from 1809 to 1837 and is the earliest documentation of Gates government in the possession of the town historian. Among the records are the original surveys for Pixley Road, Spencerport Road and Wegman Road.

The photograph of the original Hinchey family home that appears on page x is used with permission from the Democrat and Chronicle Media Group. Visit the group's Web site at **www.democratandchronicle.com**.

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to the memory of
June Thomas
July 26, 1928–July 5, 2008*



*Historian of the Town of Gates 1960–1965;
co-author of From the Wilderness,
the first official written history of the town;
and enthusiastic supporter of the
Gates Historical Society*

Northampton 1810.

Agreeable to adjournment, the Town Meeting was held at the House of Abel Rowe, April 3rd 1810, under the direction of John Williams, and Thomas King, Esqrs.

Superior.
Town Clerk

Assessors

Com. of
Highways
Overseers
of Poor.
Collector
Constable

Overseers of Highways
Dist. No 1

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Samuel Latta.

John Williams.

Abel Rowe,

Yachius Polby,

Christopher Vandewenter,

Thomas King,

Frederic Rowe,

Richard Clark,

Moses Clark,

Abel Rowe,

Abel Rowe

Russell Griffin.

John Van Sickle

Thomas King, Esq.

Jeremiah Christad

Erastus Spaulding

Moses Clark

Erastus Robertson

Isaac Wilkenson

Stephen Jennings.

Erastus Whipple.

Nathanael Tibbles

Town Laws. Six cents bounty on each Rattlesnake killed in said Town, or within the banks of the River.

No cattle to run at large within half a mile of any Store, Inn, or Mill, under the penalty of one Dollar.

No Horses to run, from the 1st. of September, till the 1st. of November, under the penalty of five dollars.

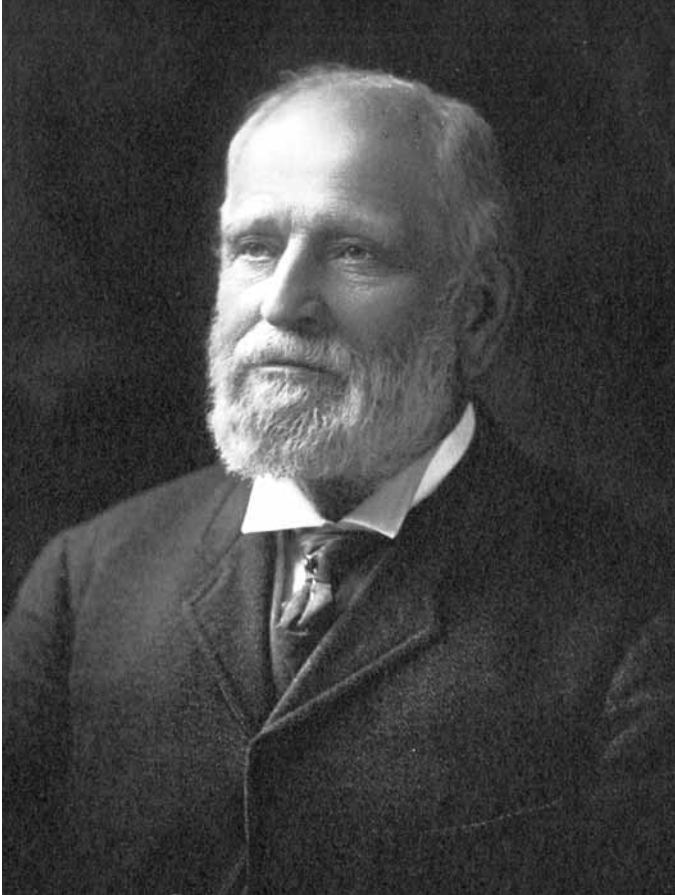
No Boar to run, that is of 25 lbs. weight, under the penalty of two dollars.

Resolved That the Town pay unto John Campbell, Physician seven dollars and fifty cents.



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The Gates minutes book, which includes town records dating from 1809 to 1837, was entrusted for safe keeping to Franklin Hinckley (1828–1912), pictured above. The book resurfaced in 1999 when Wolcott Hinckley, Franklin’s great grandson, discovered it as he was preparing to sell the Hinckley Homestead to the Gates Historical Society.



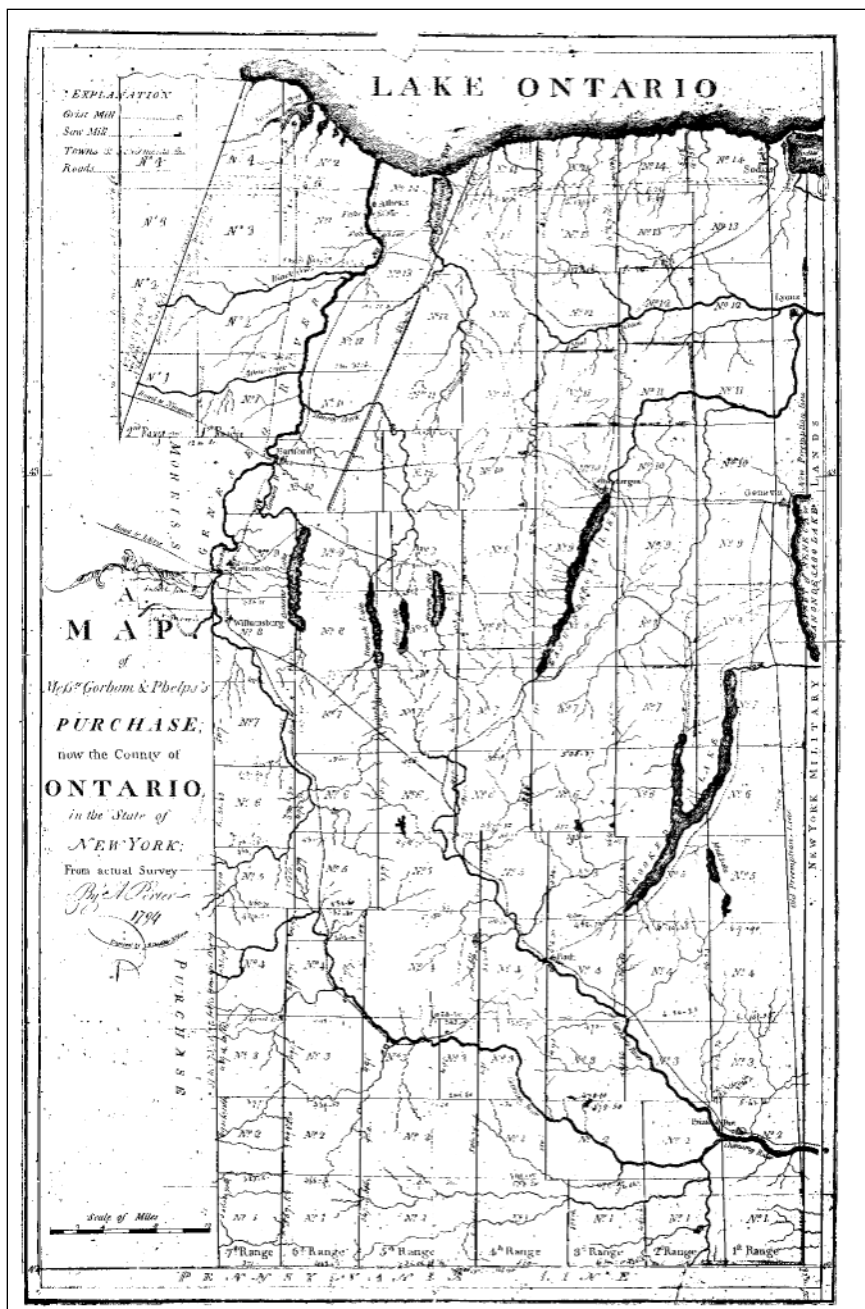
Greeting From Gates Town Historian Judy DeRooy

BORN IN GATES? NEW TO GATES? NO MATTER!

Reading these old minutes will bring back many memories, possibly even of a long-ago family member who helped build our town. These minutes will help us remember all the work that was accomplished by our forefathers and town pioneers so that we today can enjoy the fruits of their labors.

It is our good fortune that these Gates records have been preserved for more than a century. As my predecessor Jack C. Hart said when these minutes were presented to him in 1999 by Wolcott Hinchey, they are truly a treasure of the town historian's office.

As we prepare for the Town of Gates bicentennial in 2013, it is a fitting tribute to our first leaders and officials to review, through these minutes, what they did in the early 1800's, such as surveying roads and establishing school districts, and to reflect on how those efforts influence our lives in the 21st century.



This is a map of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase drawn by Augustus Porter and engraved by Amos Doolittle of New Haven, Conn. 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.



Introduction

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.

In 1802, the State Legislature subdivided Ontario County and created Genesee County, which included four towns: Northampton, Southampton, Leicester and Batavia.

By 1808, three new towns were founded and separated from Northampton: Murray, Parma and Riga. Settlers in the last remaining remnant of Northampton then had to reorganize their town and begin thinking of a new name.



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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, which is documented in the handwritten minutes book.

In the 1870's, 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-1960's.

Hugh McDearmid (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 12³/₄ 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.

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 1870's, 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's 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 safe-keeping, especially since the annual town meetings and town clerk records were held and kept in private homes until the 1940's 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 and what follows in this report is believed to be the first published transcription of the records.

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. An overview of these topics is presented first, followed by the transcription of the minutes book.



The Settlement of Western New York State

WESTERN NEW YORK STATE IS THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE Seneca, one of the six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. European interest and influence were felt here as early as the 1600's and sovereignty over the region was in immediate conflict. Because of "off-hand grants by two English kings," as author Arch Merrill describes, New York State and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts both claimed the Genesee Country, the land between Seneca Lake and Lake Erie. Mr. Merrill writes, "Massachusetts based her claim on a grant by Charles I in 1629 to the Massachusetts Bay Colony of a strip of land extending to the Pacific Ocean. New York claimed the territory by reason of a grant made by Charles II to his brother the Duke of York in 1664."¹

The overlapping grants were of little consequence in the seventeenth century. The Native Americans were in possession of the land. Most of it was unexplored by Europeans, and what few of them who were in the New World lived mainly in settlements near the seacoast.

The counties of New York State were established in 1683 and what is now Monroe County in western New York was part of the enormous Albany County, a massive area including northern New York State, the present State of Vermont, and in theory, extending

westward to the Pacific Ocean. Albany County was subdivided on July 3, 1766, with the creation of Cumberland County, and again on March 16, 1770, with the creation of Gloucester County, both containing territory now in Vermont.²

On March 12, 1772, Albany County was divided again, this time into three. One of the subdivisions became Tryon County, named for William Tryon, the colonial governor of New York. Its eastern boundary was near present-day Schenectady, N.Y. The county extended north into the Adirondack Mountains, south to the area of the Delaware River, and west indefinitely, theoretically still to the Pacific Ocean and certainly including western New York.

During the years of the American Revolution, most of the Loyalists in Tryon County fled to Canada. At the conclusion of the war, the county name was changed to Montgomery County, in honor of General Richard Montgomery who had captured several locations in Canada for the Americans, but who was killed at the siege of the City of Quebec.

Into the Genesee Country: The Phelps and Gorham Purchase

FOLLOWING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, THE PEACE TREATY OF 1783 between the United States and England established the Great Lakes as the northwestern boundary of the states, or the Thirteen Council Fires, as the Indians called them. In the period immediately following the war, the United States government tended to issues and concerns with its citizens who lived primarily along the Atlantic coast. Only a few adventuresome frontiersmen dared to explore the interior.³

The new government wanted a peaceful coexistence with the Indians, conducted several councils, and negotiated a number of regional treaties. One of these was the council at Fort Stanwix in the Mohawk Valley in 1784, attended by most of the Iroquois chiefs and resulting in a treaty that recognized the validity of the Indian title to all the territory within the boundaries of the Iroquois Confederacy.

In *Rochester History*, Blake McKelvey (Assistant Rochester His-

torian in 1939) writes that the small amount of land gained in the Mohawk Valley by the Americans through this treaty was hardly enough to satisfy the frontiersmen or the hungry-for-profits land speculators: “It proved to be impossible to prevent these men from pushing deep into Indian territories, where they bargained or tricked various chieftans into making independent and sometimes conflicting land grants. It is not surprising that some of the Indian leaders came to doubt the ability of the Thirteen Fires to sustain their agreements.”⁴

At times, the actions of the American government did not mirror the kind words spoken at many of these councils. For example, following the war, George Washington sent General Sullivan and his army into western New York to forcibly remove the Seneca. Indian villages, croplands and orchards were destroyed. The Native Americans fled farther west. This land was the frontier of the new nation, and its settlement became a priority for the young government.

Now, the conflicting land claims between New York and Massachusetts had to be settled. Massachusetts petitioned the Continental Congress in 1784 under Article IX of the Articles of Confederation to resolve the ownership dispute, but before the Federal court could act, the legislatures of New York and Massachusetts appointed representative commissioners with full authority to settle the land claim issue themselves.⁵ Their meeting, known as the Hartford Convention, opened on November 30, 1786, in Hartford, Connecticut. In a remarkably short period of time, on December 16 of that year, they reached an agreement. Massachusetts would receive the pre-emption right of the soil, that is, the right to offer the land for sale after the Indian title had been cleared. Massachusetts could then keep the money from the sale for its treasury. After the land was sold, New York State would receive sovereignty.⁶ News of the agreement was first published in *The Massachusetts Gazette* on Tuesday, March 13, 1787, and Friday, March 16, 1787.⁷ At the time, New Yorkers believed that Massachusetts received the better part of the deal because the Commonwealth would receive a great deal of money very quickly from the sale of the land, while the New Yorkers were left

with millions of acres of undeveloped and uninhabited wilderness land.

The commissioners established the eastern boundary of the settled land claim as a meridian line extending north from the 82nd milestone on the Pennsylvania-New York state line to Lake Ontario. It became known as the Pre-emption Line.

This was the opportunity for which Americans had been waiting and three groups of investors were instantly interested. They realized that whoever made the first purchase would buy at the land's lowest price. The property in western New York could then be surveyed into towns and lots, improved with roads, and sold in smaller parcels at a profit. The opportunity of American capitalism was at hand.

Two Massachusetts investors, Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham, each headed a group that wanted to buy western New York. A third organization of about 80 investors from eastern New York State also had its eye on the land. Headed by John Livingston from the Hudson River region, they had formed the New York Genesee Land Company. It now seemed that a bidding war would ensue.

Phelps and Gorham realized that if either of them approached the Massachusetts Legislature separately, they would be bidding against one other, and that would drive up the price of the land and reduce potential profits.

Mr. Phelps had a conference with Mr. Gorham, and to prevent coming in collision, they mutually agreed, that Mr. Gorham should merge himself with the association and consider his proposition as made for their common benefit. He had proposed the purchase of one million acres, at one and six-penny currency per acre, payable in the "public paper of the commonwealth."⁸

At the Massachusetts legislative session of 1787, the House of Representatives agreed to the Phelps and Gorham proposal, but the Senate did not. More investors, including some of the senators themselves, wanted to join the group. The opportunity for great profits affected their decisions.

By the next legislative session, the Phelps and Gorham association had grown. “Another compromise was made which admitted new partners, and embraced all who had any intention of purchase, in one association, of which Messrs. Phelps and Gorham were constituted the representatives,” writes historian Orsamus Turner.⁹

On March 31, 1788, Massachusetts enacted legislation to sell Phelps and Gorham the entire territory settled by the Hartford Convention—six million acres in western New York State. The price was one million dollars in the depreciated currency of Massachusetts. The investors bought on credit. Payment was to be made in three annual installments, plus interest, beginning in 1789.¹⁰ Shareholders held a meeting and appointed General Israel Chapin to explore the land.

The agreement also required Phelps and Gorham to clear the Indian title to the land, at their expense, before offering the property for sale. The legislature appointed the Reverend Mr. Samuel Kirkland to supervise the investors’ dealings with the Native Americans and to assure that the Indians were treated fairly. His assistant was attorney Elisha Lee of Boston.

The Phelps and Gorham Purchase, as it became known, was finalized when Massachusetts Governor John Hancock issued the proclamation of the agreement on April 23, 1788.

Although the majority of the investors remained in Massachusetts and waited for their profits, Mr. Phelps became a hands-on administrator. The first installment payment of a third of a million dollars was due in a year and he believed that there were two major issues still to be resolved before the land office could open: The Indian claim had to be settled and the property had to be surveyed into towns. (Actually, there were three major issues. Unknown to Mr. Phelps, John Livingston and his New York Genesee Land Company associates were already doing business with the Indians, trying to block Phelps and Gorham from gaining Indian title to western New York.)

Mr. Phelps hired Col. Hugh Maxwell (April 23, 1733–October 14, 1799), a Revolutionary War veteran from Heath, Mass., to estab-

lish the Pre-emption Line and survey the purchase into towns of six miles square using the line as the all-important point of reference. Col. Maxwell, a war hero, had survey education and experience, impeccable credentials, and an unblemished reputation. He was known as the “Christian patriot.”¹¹

On May 12, 1788, Col. Maxwell set off from Heath and caught up with Mr. Phelps, Mr. Lee, and the Reverend Kirkland on May 16 at Canajoharie, N.Y. From there, the four men rode to Fort Stanwix (near present-day Rome, N.Y.) where they left their horses and traveled the rest of the way by boat (via the Mohawk River, the Seneca River and the Seneca Outlet) to Kanadesaga, the site of the Indian settlement that General Sullivan’s army had destroyed near present-day Geneva, N.Y., at the north end of Seneca Lake.¹² By reckoning, Mr. Phelps thought that the Pre-emption Line would pass through the lake and that Kanadesaga would be just west of the line and within the purchase. It was here that Mr. Phelps and his agent, William Walker, planned to open the land office and headquarters. They had also expected to meet a contingent of Indians here, and reach an agreement with them for acquiring title to their land.

The men arrived at the settlement on June 2, 1788, and both Col. Maxwell and Mr. Phelps wrote letters two days later. Col. Maxwell wrote to his wife:

Kanadasaga, June 4, 1788

My Dear,

You may remember that on the twelfth day of May I parted with you. Our fears were then grate that I should be obliged to pass the large and lonesome way through the infrequented wilderness from Fort Stanwix to this place alone or with a guide. But when I arrived at Albany on the Wednesday after I parted from you, I found myself very agreeably disappointed in learning that Mr. Phelps had been there but about forty eight hours before me, and that it was very likely I should overtake him at Schenectady which is about seventeen miles further on, on the Mohawk river. I therefore lost no time but pushed on and arrive at Schenectady on Thursday morning when I found that Mr. Phelps, Mr. Kirkland and Mr. Lee had set out the afternoon before about the time I was in Albany. I therefore without stopping pursued them, but as they were well mounted they had pro-

ceded near forty miles before I over took them. We then proceeded by land up to Fort Schuyler and to Fort Stanwix where we left our horses and took to our boats, but by the heavy rains the streams were raised to such a height that we could not arrive at this place until the day before yesterday.

The Indian chiefs are not yet come, therefore the treaty has not yet commenced but we expect them in this week. What the tone of the treaty will be is by no means certain tho I cannot but hope and believe it will turn out favourably for the company.

The country through which I have passed exceeds my expectations in richness of soil and pleasantness of situation, and yet I am told by gentlemen that are acquainted with the land lying off from the water that the soil is much richer and better. This place is situated on the north west shore of the Seneca lake which is most delightful situation. The lake opening a prospect of twenty miles southward towards Pennsylvania and Mr. Kirkland tells me that it extends to within eighteen or twenty miles of Pennsylvania's line and that the lands between are the best kind.

There are many Indians here of different tribes or nations, some Oneidas, some Onondagoes, some Jenessee, some Tuscaroras, all getting drunk, both of men and women, and waiting for their sachems or chiefs to come and attend the treaty, which I hope will be over soon as there will not be much business done here in my way until their affairs are settled. . . .¹³

In a letter to Samuel Fowler written on June 4, 1788, Mr. Phelps writes, "I am well pleased with what I have seen of the country. This place is situated at the foot of Seneca Lake on a beautiful hill, which overlooks the country around it, and gives a fine prospect of the whole lake. Here we propose building a city as there is a water carriage to Schenectady with only two carrying places of 1 mile each."¹⁴ This indicates that Mr. Phelps believed upon arrival that Kanadesaga would be within the Purchase.

The Reverend Kirkland also writes about the journey:

Stockbridge. May 7th, 1788. Set out from Stockbridge for the Indian Country. Detained in Schenactedy by the high water & my company not coming on, whom I expected up Mohawk river, till the 14th Inst.

14. Wednesdy. At the last meeting [of] the Board in Boston in April, it was proposed that I should make an excursion into the Senekas Country & obtain a [greater] knowledge [of] their situ[ation], &c.

June 2. Mondy. About 11 Clock, reached Kanudasegea. At this place a consider[able] number [of] the six Nations are already convened in expect[ation] of a general treaty. . . .¹⁵

The Reverend Kirkland gives a further description of the party's arrival at Kanadesaga in his manuscript journal at the New York State Library in Albany:

The 2d of June arrived at Kanadasegea, where it was expected to find the Indians already convened, for the purpose of a treaty. The Hon. Mr. Phelps informed me that Col. John Livingston and others of the New York Company of Lessees had contracted with him for a certain number of shares, to extinguish by purchase of the native Indians, in the Massachusetts cession or pre-emptive right which was to be effected by the first of June. That the time was now passed and nothing like to be done on their part. He, the said Phelps, had determined to take measures to bring about a treaty with the Seneca Indians and dissolve the contract with said Lessees. But upon making known his intentions, Dr. Benton¹⁶ and [Ezekiel] Gilbert¹⁷, agents for the N. York company, requested him with such importunity to give them a further opportunity, that he had consented.¹⁸

In the passage above, the Reverend Kirkland refers to the Lessees, the nickname, if you will, of the associates of the New York Genesee Land Company. They, along with Mr. Phelps, Mr. Gorham, and the other Massachusetts investors, realized the bounty, beauty and potential for profits in western New York. Their problem was that Massachusetts and New York had come to an agreement, and that the New York State constitution prohibited individuals and businesses from purchasing land from the Indians. The state alone reserved the right to deal with the Seneca and the other nations of the Ho-dé-no-sau-nee, and Phelps and Gorham had already purchased that right.

To get around this, these investors formed the New York Genesee Land Company. Its principals were John Livingston, Major Peter Schuyler, Dr. Caleb Benton and Ezekial Gilbert. At the same time a branch company was being organized in Canada, the Niagara Genesee Land Company, formed by British subjects Col.

John Butler, Samuel Street, John Powell and others; and Benjamin Barton, an American. They sought to use Col. Butler's influence with the Six Nations for their financial benefit.¹⁹

On November 30, 1787, less than a year after Massachusetts and New York had worked out their legal agreement, Mr. Livingston convened a meeting near present-day Geneva, N.Y., with a delegation of Iroquois chiefs and negotiated a 999-year *lease* on all the lands of the Six Nations in New York State, except for some small reservations. They agreed to pay the Iroquois a down payment of \$20,000 and an annual rent of \$200 for their support and the support of their children and of their children's children for 999 years.²⁰ Inasmuch as they were *leasing* the land from the Indians, Mr. Livingston and his group were referred to as the Lessees.

The Lessees thought they had pulled a fast one by getting around New York's prohibition on private individuals buying land from the Indians. After all, they hadn't purchased the land; they were merely leasing it for nearly a millennium. They immediately started leasing to willing buyers, renting the land instead of selling it to these settlers who had little understanding of the difference and probably no knowledge that the transactions were unconstitutional in New York State.

"Recognizing that their title was somewhat tenuous, to say the least, the Lessees were ready to offer land in the Genesee country at bargain rates," writes historian Herbert A. Wisbey Jr.²¹ One of their first buyers was James Parker, acting on behalf of Jemima Wilkinson, the Publick Universal Friend, who with her followers planned to relocate from New England and Pennsylvania to western New York to establish her New Jerusalem in present-day Yates County, N.Y. Parker went to Lessee headquarters in Hudson, N.Y., and on April 14, 1788, wrote to colleague Abraham Dayton that he had purchased six townships "as good Title as to any land in the world and the best land I ever seen in this world."²²

The rejoicing was short lived. New York Governor George Clinton denounced the Lessee maneuver, warned the Iroquois that they were victims of fraud, and declared Lessee title to western New York

lands null and void. Settlers who had made purchases (leases) from the Lessees were out of luck; no money and no land. The Lessees, apparently, made no refunds. Although Parker initially bragged that he had saved the Universal Friend's society "near a hundred thousand dollars for Friends," they had lost thousands under the scheme.²³

The Lessees' unsuccessful maneuvers were examples of the lure of western New York on investors. The new nation provided unprecedented opportunity. Here was a chance to reap immediate profits, but the unconstitutional actions of the New York Genesee Land Company and the Niagara Genesee Land Company caused undue hardship to many newcomers. (Later, two of the Lessees, John Livingston and Caleb Benton, still incensed by the state's renunciation of their leases, circulated a petition urging the people of Otsego, Tioga, Herkimer and Ontario counties to break away from New York State and form a new state, presumably one that would allow private individuals to buy and sell land from the Indians. That proposal of theirs, too, failed.²⁴)

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EVEN THOUGH THE LESSEES HAD BEEN DISCREDITED, THEY STILL HELD tremendous influence with the Indians. When he and his party arrived at Kanadesaga, Mr. Phelps soon learned that from a practical standpoint he would have to negotiate with the Lessees, as well as with the Indians, whether he liked it or not.

"Such was the situation which awaited Oliver Phelps as he approached the Genesee in June, 150 years ago," wrote Dr. McKelvey in 1939. "His preemption claim was of little value as long as these older friends of the Indians could block a sale of the land titles. Speedy negotiations were desirable, lest the two other companies lead the Indians or the frontiersmen in a secessionist movement that would take the land out from under the shadowy claim purchased from Massachusetts. Phelps decided to offer a share in his grant, first to the New York speculators, and later to those on the Niagara. After

joining his side, these erstwhile friends of the Indians began to urge the chiefs to grant the desires of Phelps and his associates.”²⁵

Mr. Phelps had expected that representatives of the Six Nations would meet him at Kanadesaga. But the Lessees were detaining the Indian delegation at Niagara. In a letter to his wife written on June 8, 1788, from Kanadesaga, Col. Maxwell describes the situation:

My health has been very good ever since I came from home, but have been very much fateagued in getting our boats up the river, which was very high and rapid by reason of the great rain which had falen, but we arrived without any accident. Our horses also have come on and in very good order. I have been through the woods some to reconnoiter the land, which I find to be very good, but I have not yet began the survey, nor shall I do so, until the treaty with the Indians is over. When that will be I can not yet tell, for it has not yet commenced, nor will it come on this ten days yet, and then how it will prove is very uncertain so that you may inform Thompson²⁶ that he need not to come on to this place, for the business is not determined. Nor is it yet determined when I shall come home, or what I shall do here. We are all waiting for the Indian chiefs to arrive. We have traveled through the country of the Oniko, the Oneidas, the Onondago, the Cayuga and we are now in the country of the Seneca. The Jenesee and the Tuscaroras are farther to the west of us and I suppose that I am now a little to the southward of west from you or perhaps about west from Northampton and the situation seems not only agreeable but delightful.

With time wasting, Mr. Phelps, ever the businessman, decided to act. He went to Niagara himself to try and break the Lessees' hold on the Indians and convince them to come to Kanadesaga to negotiate. Reverend Kirkland writes:

Mr. Phelps soon learned that the Indians were being held back at Buffalo Creek, and that a strong influence was being used to prevent them from coming to Kanadesaga to treat with Livingston. After waiting some time, he finally proceeded to Niagara and succeeded in securing the co-operation of Col. John Butler, Samuel Street, and the Mohawk chief, Capt. Joseph Brant, and then returned to Kanadesaga, where he remained until a deputation of chiefs arrived and conducted him to the council-fire at Buffalo Creek . . .²⁷

Mr. Phelps then quickly returned to Kanadesaga and waited for the “deputation of chiefs” to escort him to the Buffalo Creek council. The chiefs arrived about June 18 or 19, for on Saturday, June 21, 1788, the entourage left the settlement for Buffalo Creek. Reverend Kirkland described the journey:

Saturday, June 20th [21]. 12, Clock, set out from Kanadasega for Buffaloe Creek to attend a treaty with the Six N[atations], in company with Dr Benton, Gilbert, Dean²⁸, & a Mr Barton²⁹ & Johnson³⁰ from said place, also a number of the Seneka Chiefs, and Mos Debarge. Reached the lake called Kanandaiaqwe about 16 miles [of] Kanadasega. The first four miles passed thro’ the old fields of the ancient Seneka Town called Kanghsadegea. Then entered a swamp, or low lands, thick tember’d about 5 miles thro’, in the middle of which is a good stream called in English *Flint Brook*. . . .

26 [27]. friday. set out early traveled most [of] the forenoon in the rain. The knats & musketoes very troublesome. About noon arrived at the Cayogo settlement on Buffaloe Creek, from thence accompanied by a number [of] Indians down to the Seneka Settlement. On our arrival here found [them] all assembled, & a house prepared for our accommod[ation]. Being first conducted there, rested a few minutes, when a message came [from] the Chiefs, requesting our attendance in Counsel at the Counsel house to receive a congratulatory address on our safe arrival. We were conducted from the Counsel house their their messenger, which was crowded [from] one End to the o[ther], beside near 100 of the young warriors who were [gathered] lying on the ground. Having taken our seats & lighted our pipes, the Cayogos Chief called the fish carrer [carrier] arose & in the same [of] the Six N[atations] addressed us in a very handsome manner, & welcomed our arrival. Observed in the close [of] [his] speech that their chiefs were not all arrived & [therefore[?]] they were not ready to proceed to busi[ness].³¹

To the Indians at Buffalo Creek, dealing with Mr. Phelps and the others was confusing. Dr. McKelvey writes that, “sometimes the States acted together as one body, as they had at Fort Stanwix; sometimes they acted independently, calling small council fires, as at Hartford; and now, at Buffalo Creek, still another kind of council fire was being lit. It was very hard to know who had the real authority!”

The Indians also had heard rumors of a great council fire at

Philadelphia, where the United States Constitution was being written. “Nobody seemed to know just how the Constitution might affect the Indians,” Dr. McKelvey writes. “Perhaps it would be wise to make as good a bargain as possible [with Phelps] before the States become powerful and decided to drive the Senecas from their homelands.”³²

The Indians at Buffalo Creek sought advice on whether or not to sell their land to Phelps and Gorham. They asked the Rev. Kirkland for his opinion, but apparently his answer was uncertain. They asked their British friends, Col. Butler and Samuel Street, bitter enemies of the Americans, and they seemed to favor the Indian sale. Even Ebenezer (Indian) Allen, who had taken an Indian wife, was not opposed.

“Little did the Indians suspect that these friends had already made their peace with Oliver Phelps, that they stood to win sure titles to large areas in return for the dubious claims they had previously acquired,” writes Dr. McKelvey.

So at last the Senecas agreed to sell a portion of their land, but they determined to make the Genesee River the western boundary of the ceded territory.

We need a special reserve of tolerance as we approach the part of the story that deals with the negotiation of the price to be paid for this vast estate. Those of us who have white ancestors, find that our forebears were neither very generous nor very straightforward at this point. For nearly 2,600,000 acres of rich land lying between Lake Seneca and the Genesee River, Oliver Phelps offered the niggardly sum of £2,100 in New York currency! The price paid to the Indians for Manhattan Island was extravagant compared to this!

Of course there were arguments in favor of the sale. One weighty argument was that the few thousand Senecas would still have more lands west of the Genesee River than they could possibly use. And some of the chiefs were beginning to realize that the best hopes for the future of their people lay in an early recognition of the inevitable triumph of the farmer over the hunter in Western New York and in a quick adjustment by the Senecas to the new way of life. In order to make this adjustment the Indians had not only to revive their old agricultural traditions, but they would also have to learn the arts of their white brothers. To accomplish this the Indians would require plows and other tools, schools, and many things which

a generous purchasers of their lands might have offered to supply in kind.

Unfortunately, the story of the negotiations over the price is not a pleasing one. Protracted sessions were held in order to reach an agreement. When the Indians spoke of a desire for payments sufficient to help them secure farm tools, Phelps offered to build a mill at the falls of the Genesee to grind their flour and requested the addition of a mill site west of the river for that purpose. The consent of the Senecas to this additional cession, in spite of the 200,000 acres Phelps considered necessary for a mill site, is further evidence that the Indians were sincerely desirous of making adjustments to the white man's civilization. The final meeting, on July 8th, lasted throughout the night, and the sun was rising over the treetops for the morning of the 9th before chiefs had reached an agreement. It had been decided that the payments already promised by the Genesee Company were just and fair, and that since a portion of the lease was now surrendered, Phelps should pay an equitable part of the total sums promised by the lessees. The task of figure out the share to be paid by Phelps, and the task of writing down the terms of the agreement, were turned over to three white interpreters while the chiefs retired to their beds.

The record becomes strangely indistinct at this point. It is hard to tell whether Clio, the Muse of History, became blear-eyed herself with drowsiness and failed to record all the details, or whether the Goddess of Justice took a short cat-nap. At all events, after a morning's rest, the chiefs arose and upon hearing an interpreter read the articles of agreement made their marks of assent at the bottom of the deed. Of the fifty-eight Iroquois chiefs and the seven chief women, who made their mark on the document, possibly none but Joseph Brant among the Indians was able to read its contents, and Brant was chiefly interested in the document as one of the Niagara speculators! However, the council closed in the genial fashion, so agreeable to most of those in attendance—with the opening of several kegs of rum.³³

Orsamus Turner also writes about Phelps's negotiations with the Lessees and the Indians, and does so more favorably about Phelps than Dr. McKelvey.

He (Phelps) had by this time discovered that there was a "screw loose" between the "New York Genesee Company" and the "Niagara Genesee Company" and that they were pulling in different directions. Inferring that the balance of power was in the hands of

the Niagara Company, Mr. Phelps taking the Indian trail, proceeded to Niagara, where he met Butler, Brant and Street. He secured their co-operation, and they agreed to procure a gathering of the Indians at Buffalo creek for the purpose of holding a treaty with him. Mr. Phelps, rejoined his friends at Kanadesaga where he remained until a deputation of chiefs waited upon him to conduct him to the council fire they had lighted at Buffalo creek, where he and his party arrived on the 4th of July.

Negotiations were commenced. The Rev. Mr. Kirkland was present, appointed by a law of Massachusetts to superintend the treaty and see that no injustice was done to the Indians, and his assistant, superintendent, Elisha Lee, Esq. of Boston. The interpreters were James Deane and Joseph Smith, William Johnstone, Mr. Kirkland and several others. Besides these, there were also present, John Butler, Joseph Brant, Samuel Street, the officers of Fort Niagara. The Lessees, following up Mr. Phelps, were represented by John Livingston, Caleb Benton and Ezekiel Gilbert. Chiefs of the Onondagas, Cayugas, and the Mohawks were also present.

On the opening of the council, Mr. Phelps produced the commission given him by the Governor of Massachusetts: had it interpreted; and made a speech, explaining the object of the treaty; the right he had purchased of Massachusetts, &c. Most of the Seneca chiefs, of which there was a pretty full delegation present, were for selling a portion of their lands. They, however, stood out as to the quantity. They had come to the treaty, determined upon making the Genesee river the eastern boundary of their cession, and they stoutly resisted innovation west of it for several days; but finally yielded, and fixed the western boundary as it was afterwards established. Mr. Phelps, in a statement he made of the transactions, says, "the council was conducted in a friendly and amicable manner." The negotiation then turned upon the price to be paid; and Mr. Phelps and the Indians failing to agree, they mutually appointed John Butler, Joseph Brant, Elisha Lee, as referees, who agreed that Mr. Phelps should pay for the tract purchased, five thousand dollars, and an annuity of five hundred dollars for ever. The Indians had consented to take for the quantity of land they were conveying, a sum which would amount to a fair proportion of what the Lessees had agreed to pay for their whole country, and this was the basis upon which the price was fixed.³⁴

And from the Reverend Kirkland: ". . . and on the 8th the treaty was concluded, by which Phelps and Gorham obtained a cession of land, estimated at 2,600,000 acres."³⁵

Before he had concluded his deal with the Seneca, Mr. Phelps had to show them that he had good faith toward their friends, the Lessees. In a word, Phelps bought their cooperation. He gave the Lessees four townships in the Phelps and Gorham Purchase to quiet their opposition to his negotiations with the Indians: Town No. 6, Town No. 7 and Town No. 8 in the First Range and Town No. 9 in the Second Range. Phelps also deeded Town No. 9 in the First Range directly to John Livingston and Caleb Benton. And he made sure that the Indians knew what he had done for their friends.

When he was finished, Mr. Phelps had been able to secure the title to only about 2,600,000 acres, less than half of the potential 6,000,000 acres settled by the Hartford Convention. The boundary on the east was the soon-to-be-established Pre-emption Line; on the south, the Pennsylvania-New York state line; to the north, Lake Ontario; and on the west, a line running north from the 124th milestone on the Pennsylvania-New York border to roughly the area of present-day Avon, N.Y., then west another 12 miles to a point (today plotted at 77° 59' 46.6 " longitude, 42° 56' 47" latitude³⁶), then north to Lake Ontario. Orsamus Turner describes the western boundary as follows:

Beginning in the northern line of Pennsylvania, due south of the corner or point of land made by the confluence of the Genesee river and the Canascraga Creek; thence northwardly along the waters of the Genesee river, to a point two miles north of Canawagus village; thence running west twelve miles; thence running northwardly, so as to be twelve miles distant from the western bounds of said river to the shores of Lake Ontario.³⁷

In an uncommon act of benevolence, one of the Lessees, Caleb Benton, granted James Parker and the Society of Universal Friends the title to 1,104 acres in a strip of land six miles long and 92 rods wide in the vicinity of Seneca Lake that came to be known as the Garter. This was all that the society received for its £800 that Parker had paid to the New York Genesee Company. According to Mr. Wisbey, "Parker's unhappy bargain-hunting wiped out most of the capital of the smaller investors in the society and shattered the plans

to help the poorer members of the society located in the new settlement. Jonathan Botsford, who advanced money to Parker, expecting to receive one thousand acres of land, complained that his share from the Lessee Company grant came to only thirteen or fourteen acres.”³⁸

For Phelps, Gorham, and their associates, this deal was turning sour. Phelps had expected to meet the Indians in May at Kanadesaga and reach an agreement to purchase their title to 6,000,000 acres. Instead, the Lessees had already met with them and tried to block the Phelps and Gorham transaction. Phelps persevered, but the price of determination was steep. He had to buy the Lessee influence by giving them vast tracts of land in the purchase, he was able to buy the title to less than half of the land covered upon in the New York-Massachusetts agreement (which would result in less than half the expected profits for the investors in Massachusetts), and all of this delayed the survey and the opening of the land office.

And there was another problem with which he would soon have to deal—the survey of the Pre-emption Line itself.

The Survey of the Pre-emption Line

WHILE MR. PHELPS WAS MAKING HIS TWO TRIPS AWAY FROM KANADESAGA (the first to Niagara and the second to Buffalo Creek), the head surveyor, Col. Maxwell, along with Capt. Benjamin Allen (a merchant from eastern New York State and a member of the Lessee company), and three assistants left the encampment on June 10, 1788, and rowed to the south end of Seneca Lake. From there they set off on foot to the Pennsylvania border, to make a trial survey of the Pre-emption Line. They landed at Catherine’s Town³⁹ on June 11, arrived at Newtown⁴⁰ on foot on June 12 (“the day rainy,” Col. Maxwell writes), and began the trial survey on June 13.

The field notes⁴¹ of the trial survey describe the soil conditions and timber along each mile, but make no indication of how Col. Maxwell determined the course of the line. In order to run the line along a true meridian, he would have had to compensate about 2 de-

grees 40 minutes for the variation of the magnetic compass reading, which would be pointing to the magnetic north pole. However, it is clear from the resurvey of the Pre-emption Line by Judge Augustus Porter in 1794, from George Conover's study of the field notes in 1883, and from modern-day calculations such as those of J. L. Hollowell of Delaware, that Col. Maxwell did not compensate for the magnetic variance and followed a magnetic compass heading. As a result, the trial line veered to the west by about 2 degrees 40 minutes from Col. Maxwell's very first steps west at the Pennsylvania border.

On June 16, 1788, he reached the area of present-day Routes 5 and 20 and wrote, "We proceeded on six miles this day, then turned our course to the east four miles wanting two chains and came to the lake." He had come out about four miles west of where Mr. Phelps had reckoned that the Pre-emption Line would be. Even the rudimentary maps of the day had given the investors the opinion that a line drawn north from the 82nd milestone on the Pennsylvania border would have passed through Seneca Lake and continued north through Sodus Bay to Lake Ontario. Now, Col. Maxwell and his assistants, making their trial survey, came out four miles west of Seneca Lake.

Even before he left for the Buffalo Creek negotiations on June 21, Mr. Phelps knew that the Pre-emption Line was not where he thought it would be. Mr. Conover writes in the *Ontario County Times* on March 28, 1883, that, "... he at that time must have been aware that the East line of the cession when run would pass west of Geneva, and that he would not have any share in the ownership of the place where he had first intended to build the city."

It seems that Phelps and company accepted the position of the trial line without question and incorrectly believed that Kanadesaga was outside of the purchase. Col. Maxwell and his crew waited for the outcome of Mr. Phelps's negotiations with the Indians until mid-July. In postscripts to a letter dated July 9, 1788, Col. Maxwell writes to his wife:

July 11—Thompson [Col. Maxwell's brother, *ed.*] is come. He is well, and will stay a few days until Mr. Phelps returns from Buffeloe

Creek, and we expect him every hour; we also hear that the treaty with the Indians is concluded, and that I shall have to proceed on the business of the survey as fast as possible. But I shall stay until Mr. Phelps arrives and get instructions from him, and know in what manner he will have it done.

July 13—Mr. Phelps is come, the treaty is finished, and finished at Buffeloe Creek, and I expect work enough to do in my way. But whether I shall begin to survey and locate towns here or go to Jen-esse and begin there is all uncertain, though I rather think I shall begin here. But be that as it may, may God give me strength both in body and mind to perform the work to his glory and the best good of the company, and return me home in his own best time, blest and prospered, and find you all in peace and safety and with hearts suitably disposed to love the Lord for all his mercies unto us through our whole lives. . . . we are surrounded by about six hundred and seventy Indian men, women, and children, that are all living upon the company, and every day when they get their rum some of them and a considerable number get very drunk and are very troublesome. However, I hope their time with us here is short. The land in this country is exceedingly good, but it wants good inhabitants. I have no doubt but that in the course of a very few years there will be many worshipping assemblies of Christians where now the wild beasts howl, and that the time is not far distant when this wilderness shall blossom as the rose. However, these things are in the womb of futurity and will be brought about in the proper way and time, as also by the proper means, and although in the course of common events, yet not the less by the hand of the Great Governor of all things, and you must allow me to give it as my opinion that there will be some pleasure in promoting so desirable, so glorious a work.

Mr. Phelps met with Col. Maxwell upon his return to Kanadesaga and instructed the colonel to begin the survey of the Pre-emption Line. In a footnote, Orsamus Turner writes, “Mr. Phelps’ intentions of founding a settlement at Geneva, which the reader will have noticed, was of course changed, when he found that according to the original survey of the pre-emption line, the locality was off from his purchase. Canandaigua was his next choice.”⁴² Mr. Phelps, the Reverend Kirkland, Elisha Lee and the others returned to Massachusetts. William Walker, Mr. Phelps’s agent for surveys and sales, moved west to Canandaigua to establish the land office, America’s

first real estate agency. Only Mr. Walker would remain in the Genesee Country until winter; then he, too, returned to Massachusetts.

Around July 20, Col. Maxwell and his assistants, this time joined by William Jenkins, a surveyor representing the Lessees, set off from Kanadasega down Seneca Lake to the Pennsylvania border to begin the survey of the Pre-emption Line. The survey formally began on July 25, 1788, and Col. Maxwell again describes the soil conditions and timber mile by mile. The purchase was divided into towns six miles square, in seven ranges running from east to west, and numbered from south to north. The survey began at the southeast corner of Town No. 1 in the First Range. Conspicuous by its absence, Col. Maxwell does not mention an allowance for the magnetic variance. He plots the line following a compass that was pointing to the magnetic north pole, and the line veers to the west.

Mr. Conover describes the beginning of the survey in the *Ontario County Times* on January 17, 1883:

From the very commencement of the work at the starting point on the Pennsylvania line there was a divergence from the true meridian, so that at the end of 45½ miles, at a point near the outlet of Crooked Lake [Keuka Lake, *ed.*], the line as run proved to be one mile, seventy-eight chains, and 25 links west of the true line, as afterwards run. If the line had continued to be run in the same direction, it would have passed far enough to the west of Geneva for all practical purposes. It was at this point where, it is said, Col. Maxwell left for Geneva, and where “an abrupt offset was made” or “an inclination for a few miles almost in a northwesterly course,” or, according to another account, a “slight jog occurred in the line.” The inference to be drawn from such language is quite wide from the actual facts. It is true, however, that a much greater inclination to the westward was made, and so great that in a distance of nearly three and one-half miles the distance from the true line had increased nearly three-quarters of a mile further to the west than it was at the previous point, being two miles, fifty-six chains, and forty links west of the true line at a point nearly forty-nine miles distant from the starting part. There was no “jog,” neither an abrupt offset, nor did it run anywhere near a northwesterly course.

From this last point there was an entirely new departure in the course of the line, so that it ran a little east of north, and at the end of sixty-five miles it was nearly one-quarter of a mile to the east of the pre-

vious point, and from there it run more due north until it reached Lake Ontario, being only about one-quarter of a mile farther west than it was at sixty-five miles.

The survey reached Town No. 9, First Range, the area of present-day Routes 5 and 20, on August 7, 1788. Col. Maxwell had planned to take a short break at Kanadesaga and then resume the survey on August 8. Plans changed and he expected to resume work on August 9. Plans changed again, and in a letter he wrote to his wife, he explains that he was delayed by a disappointment.

Kanadasagea, August 8, 1788

My Dear,

Col. Reed this moment asked me what I should find to write to you and Capt. Dickinson asks me if I am going to write to you the circumstances and situation of our affairs. I make them but little answers; but I have enough to write, I think. If I had time I could write a volume concerning our affairs, but I must be in haste. I came in yesterday from a tour of eighteen days in the woods, and did intend to have set out to day for a tour which I expect will hold me at least a fortnight, but for reasons it is put off till to morrow when I expect to set out as early in the morning as I can. My last tour was to Pennsylvania and the next will be to lake Ontario. My health hitherto has been prity good, though the fatiague is exceding great, but I feel a hope that I shall be enabled to stand it through until fall. . . .

August 9, 1788

My Dear,

By a disappointment which happened to me this morning, I have not gone to the woods to day. . . .

Why was Col. Maxwell disappointingly detained? Perhaps he became aware that he should have been allowing a variance to compensate for the compass pointing to magnetic north. In any event, he resumed the survey on Monday, August 11, 1788. As shown on the Porter map from 1794, Col. Maxwell's work from Town No. 10 north to Lake Ontario was different. The line followed a more northerly course, as if on a meridian. Clearly, something happened

during the colonel's few days at Kanadesaga that changed the course of the survey.

On August 21, 1788, Mr. Phelps, now back in Massachusetts, grew worried about the location of the Pre-emption Line. He wrote to Mr. Walker, his agent, "to make the most thorough and exact inquiry to find whether that place (Kanandesaga) falls within our purchase." On September 19, 1788, he writes to Mr. Walker again: "I am still dissatisfied about our east line. I am sure it cannot be right."⁴³

Mr. Phelps's letters indicate that he seems to have had the impression that the Lessees (he called them the Yorkers) may have had something to do with the running of the line. In an essay, the Honorable Frederick T. Henry writes, "In a letter of later date (October 3rd) Mr. Phelps advised Mr. Walker, in order to avoid conflict with the Yorkers, to make 'Ye Outlet of Kennedarqua Lake', his headquarters. Agent Walker on October 5, 1788, reported to the effect that as in his judgment nothing was to be gained by having the pre-emption line run again, he had selected west of Canandarqua Creek 'a beautiful situation and good ground for a town plot.' Thus the site of the village of Canandaigua was determined."⁴⁴

The Phelps and Gorham Company headquarters in Canandaigua became the first real estate office opened in the United States for the sale of land to settlers. The first sale was Town No. 11 in the Third Range, in the area of present-day Farmington, N.Y., to a group of settlers from Massachusetts, "mostly Quakers."⁴⁵

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THE INVESTMENT FOR THE PHELPS AND GORHAM ASSOCIATES, HOWEVER, did not succeed as planned. In about two years, the investors were unable to meet their payments and were forced to return large tracts of unsold land to Massachusetts, which resold the land to Robert Morris of Philadelphia, "the financier of the American Revolution," who at one time was the largest private landowner in America.

Mr. Morris wanted the question of the Pre-emption Line re-

solved. In November and December of 1792, Benjamin Ellicott, assisted by James Armstrong, Frederick Saxton and Augustus Porter, resurveyed Col. Maxwell's original line and plotted what has become known as the new Pre-emption Line. By an act of the New York State Legislature on March 24, 1795, Mr. Ellicott's survey map was procured by Simeon De Witt, the state's surveyor general. Mr. Ellicott attached an oath to the map, certifying that it was an "accurate representation of the eastern boundary of Massachusetts as run by himself and others."⁴⁶

By another act of the State Legislature on April 6, 1796, the new Pre-emption Line map was duly attested by Mr. De Witt, filed in the office of the secretary of state, and formally adopted as the final word on the location of the Pre-emption Line.

The wedge-shaped area between the old and new lines, 85,896 acres⁴⁷, became known as the Gore, and if the settlement of western New York was not complicated enough already, the Gore added further difficulties for buyers, sellers and surveyors for decades to come.

Prologue to the Founding of Gates, N.Y.

IN 1789, ONTARIO COUNTY WAS SPLIT OFF FROM MONTGOMERY County. Ontario County, too, was immense in area and included present-day Allegany, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Steuben, Wyoming, and Yates counties, and parts of Schuyler and Wayne counties.⁴⁸

On July 20 and 21, 1789, Col. 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. Max-

well 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.⁴⁹

With Col. Maxwell’s survey in progress (such as it was), 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.⁵⁰

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 Sheffer⁵¹, 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. Allen'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 1791.⁵²

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.⁵³

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 County was divided into four towns: Northampton, Southampton, Leicester, and Batavia.⁵⁴

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 forestland of Northampton.

John Harford, who at one time owned one-twelfth of Northampton, came in the early 1800's, 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.⁵⁵

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 1950's 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. See page x—*ed.*)

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.⁵⁶

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 Teeple, Augustus B. Shaw, Abel Rowe, Moses Everett, Samuel Currier, Isaac Vandeventer, Benjamin Cowles, Frederick Bushnell, Silas O. Smith and Daniel Budd.⁵⁷

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 16.⁵⁸

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 T. Rochester (for whom Rochester is named and who served as supervisor of Gates from 1830–1832) 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 Leg-

islature 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 1900's, 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.⁵⁹

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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.”⁶⁰

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 1940's and 1950's, with residential development beginning in earnest in the 1960's.

Notes

1. Arch Merrill, *Pioneer Profiles* (New York: American Book–Stratford Press, Inc., 1957), p. 19.
2. Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monroe_County,_New_York.
3. Dexter Perkins and Blake McKelvey, eds., *Rochester History*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Rochester, N.Y.: Rochester Public Library, January 1939), p. 2.
4. Perkins, McKelvey, eds., *Rochester History*, p. 3.

5. Lockwood R. Doty, ed., *History of the Genesee Country*, Vol. 1 (Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1925), Chapter XI, “The Genesee Country,” by Charles F. Milliken, pp. 346–347.

The commissioners to the Hartford Convention appointed by Massachusetts were John Lowell, James Sullivan, Theophilus Parsons and Rufus King. The commissioners appointed by New York State were James Duane, Robert R. Livingston, Robert Yates, John Haring, Melancton Smith and Robert Benson.

6. Doty, ed., Milliken, pp. 347–350.

The agreement provided: “First, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts doth hereby cede, grant, release, and confirm to the State of New York forever, all the claim, right and title which the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hath to the government, sovereignty and jurisdiction of the lands and territories so claimed by the State of New York as hereinbefore stated and particularly specified.

“Secondly, the State of New York doth hereby cede, grant, release and confirm to the said Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to the use of the Commonwealth, their grantees and the heirs and assigns of such grantees, forever, the right of preemption of the soil from the native Indians and all other the estate, right, title and property (the right and title of government, sovereignty and jurisdiction excepted) which the State of New York hath of, in or to two hundred and thirty thousand and four hundred acres to be located by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to be situate the northward of and adjoining to the lands granted respectively to Daniel Cox and Robert Lettice Hooper and their respective associates, and between the rivers Owega and Chanango.

“And also of, in or to all the lands and territories within the following limits and bounds, that is to say: Beginning in the north boundary line of the State of Pennsylvania in the parallel of forty-two degrees of north latitude at a point distant eighty-two miles west from the north-east corner of the State of Pennsylvania on Delaware River, as the said boundary line hath been run and marked by the commissioners appointed by the states of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively, and from the said point or place of beginning running on a due meridian north to the boundary line between the United States of America and the King of Great Britain; thence westerly and southerly along the said boundary line to a meridian which will pass one mile due east from the northern termination of the straight or waters between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie; thence south along the said meridian to the south shore of Lake Ontario; thence on the eastern side of the said straight by a line always one mile distant from and parallel to the said straight to Lake Erie; thence due west to the boundary line between the United States and the King of Great Britain; thence along the said boundary line until it meets with the line of cession from the State of New York to the United States; thence along the said line of cession to the northwest corner of the State of Pennsylvania and thence east along the northerly boundary line of the State of Pennsylvania to the said place of beginning; and which said lands and territories so ceded, granted, released and confirmed are parcel of the lands and territories described in the said Petition.

“Thirdly, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts doth hereby cede, grant, release and confirm to the State of New York and to the use of the State of New York, their grantees and the heirs and assigns of such forever, the right of preemption of the soil from the native Indians, and all other the estate, right, title and property which the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hath, of, in or to the residue of the lands and territories so claimed by the State of New York as hereinbefore stated and particularly specified.”

The agreement further provided (4) that the lands ceded to Massachusetts should, during the time the same should so be and remain the property of that state, be free and exempt from all taxes whatever and that upon transfer of said lands to others their occupants or proprietors should be subject only to town or county charges during a period of fifteen years following confirmation of the agreement.

(5) No rents or services should be reserved in any such grants by Massachusetts. It was also agreed (6) that occupants of said lands

should have and enjoy the same and equal rights respecting the navigation and fishery on and in Lake Ontario and Lake Erie and the water communication from one to the other of said lakes, and respecting the roads and portages between the said lakes as should be had and enjoyed by the citizens of the State of New York.

(7) No adverse possession of the said lands for any length of time should be adjudged a disseizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The State of New York agreed (8) not to relinquish government and jurisdiction of said lands, without consent of Massachusetts. Massachusetts was given the further right (9) to hold treaties and conferences with the native Indians relative to the property or right of soil with the employment of “such armed force as may be necessary for the more effectual holding of such treaty and conference.”

It was provided (10) that the last mentioned commonwealth should have the right to grant the right of pre-emption of the whole or any part of said lands to “any person or persons who by virtue of such a grant shall have good right to extinguish by purchase the claims of the native Indians,” provided that such purchase should be made in presence of and approved by a superintendent to be appointed by said state.

The final paragraph of this historic agreement (11) provided that grantees of the said lands under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should be entitled, within six months after confirmation of their respective grants, to have certified copies of the same filed and recorded without fees or charges, with the Secretary of the State of New York, without which formality every such grant should be adjudged void.

The commissioners, having been granted by their respective states, power, “legal and sufficient,” “to settle and extinguish interfering claims and controversies between the two states, as well as in respect of jurisdiction as to property,” to the end “that peace and harmony might be forever established between them on the most solid foundation,” assumed by this agreement to bind their states independently of the loosely bound federation of states and its rights in the matter, and their right and authority to do so, however irregularly exercised, has not been legally questioned.

7. *The Massachusetts Gazette*, Tuesday, March 13, 1787 (Vol. VI, No. 312). A photocopy of this newspaper is housed in the Prouty-Chew Museum of the Geneva Historical Society, Geneva, N.Y.

8. Orsamus Turner, *History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps' and Gorham's Purchase, and Morris' Reserve* (Rochester, N.Y.: William Alling, 1851), p. 136; reprinted in 1976 by James Brunner, Geneseo, N.Y.
9. Turner, p. 136.
10. Turner, p. 136.
11. Priscilla Maxwell (October 23, 1767–September 7, 1851, the fourth of Col. Maxwell's seven children), *The Christian Patriot: Some Recollections of the Late Col. Hugh Maxwell of Massachusetts* (New York: S. W. Benedict, 1833).
12. Merrill, p. 22.
13. The letters from Col. Maxwell to his wife are quoted from transcriptions of the original documents made by George S. Conover in his extensive, two-volume unpublished *Kanadesaga and Geneva*, housed in the Ontario County Historical Society in Canandaigua, N.Y. Mr. Conover served as chairman of the board of supervisors of Seneca County, N.Y., in 1856; and president of the Village of Geneva from 1873–1875 and 1877–1879. He is the author of an early history of Geneva, N.Y., and compiler and editor of *General Sullivan's Indian Expedition, 1779*, published by the Secretary of State of New York, 1887.
14. Oliver Phelps to Samuel Fowler, June 4, 1788, quoted in *The Pre-emption Line*, an undated essay compiled by A. Glenn Rogers from a manuscript by the Honorable Frederick T. Henry, Supreme Court Justice of Canandaigua, N.Y. (Rochester Public Library, 974.18 R724), page 7.
15. Walter Pilkington, ed., *The Journals of Samuel Kirkland, 18th-century Missionary to the Iroquois, Government Agent, Father of Hamilton College* (Clinton, N.Y.: Hamilton College, 1980), pp. 138–142.
16. Pilkington, ed., pp. 150–151:
 “Dr. Benton: Caleb Benton, born in Salesbury, Connecticut, a representative of the Lessees and a member of the New York Genesee Land Company, at the 1788 meeting with the Senecas. He was a member of the New York Assembly in 1797 and 1798. He later moved to Hillsdale, New York, where he was one of the first physicians. Thence he moved to Catskill, New York, where he died (O. Turner. *History of the Holland Purchase*, pp. 368–369; Columbia County Historical Society).”

17. Pilkington, ed., p. 151:

“Gilbert: Ezekiel Gilbert (1756–1841), born in Middletown, Connecticut; graduate of Yale; settled in Hudson, New York, as one of the town’s founders; lawyer and member of the New York State Assembly in 1789 to 1801 and in Congress 1793 to 1797; a principal assistant, with Caleb Benton, of Livingston in the New York Genesee Company (Dexter, *Yale Biographies and Annals*, 4th series, p. 33).”

18. This excerpt is from the Reverend Kirkland’s manuscript journal, transcribed and quoted by George S. Conover and published in the *Ontario County Times*, March 28, 1883. Mr. Conover writes that the journal itself is in the New York State Library in Albany, N.Y.

19. Doty, ed., Milliken, pp. 356–359:

Mr. Milliken writes that even before Mr. Phelps and Mr. Gorham, et al., had concluded their purchase from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, “covetous eyes had been cast upon the tract by men who conspired to obtain considerable shares of the property without due remuneration to the state, in which the title was soon to be vested.” Many of those who have written about the Phelps and Gorham have made the Lessees the scoundrels of the story. About five months before Governor John Hancock issued the proclamation of the agreement between the commonwealth and the Phelps and Gorham association, the Lessees were negotiating with the Indians at Kanadesaga. Mr. Milliken writes that they “secured the execution of a lease for a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years of ‘all that certain tract of parcel of land commonly called and known by the name of the lands of the Six Nations of Indians, situate, lying and being in the State of New York, and now in the actual possession of the said chiefs or sachems of the Six Nations.’ This instrument bore the date of November 30, 1787, and the yearly rental of 2,000 Spanish milled dollars was to be paid to the Indians on the 4th of July in each year.”

20. Perkins, McKelvey, eds., *Rochester History*, p. 4.

21. Herbert A. Wisbey Jr., *Pioneer Prophetess: Jemima Wilkinson, the Publick Universal Friend* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1964), pp. 103–104.

22. Wisbey, p. 104.

23. Wisbey, p. 104.

24. Doty, ed., Milliken, pp. 359–360:

“While the leases were thus repudiated by New York State, the project of secession was so far nurtured by its promoters as to prompt two of them, John Livingston and Cabel Benton, to circulate petitions urging the people of Otsego, Tioga, Herkimer, and Ontario counties to join a movement for the organization of a new state embracing the whole of central and western New York.

“How this disloyal movement was received by the people of Ontario County, which then comprised everything west of the pre-emption line, may be seen by the resolutions adopted at a meeting of ‘the Judges, Assistant Judges and a large majority of the Justices of the Peace, together with all the inhabitants convened from different parts of the county,’ held at Canandaigua on November 8, 1793. Hon. Timothy Hosmer, first judge of the county, was elected chairman, and Nathaniel Gorham, Jr., clerk. The resolutions were as follows:

“Resolved, That the inhabitants of the county of Ontario, sensible of many advantages that they have derived from their connection with one of the most respectable States of the Union, and desirous of the continuation of the same advantages, highly resent the ill-timed and improper attempt made by the characters above alluded to [referring to promoters of the new state scheme] to disturb their peace and harmony, that they conceive their measure as pregnant with danger, and such as, if carried into effect, would introduce into our infant county all the complicated evils which anarchy and confusion can create.

“Resolved, That this meeting highly resent the threats made use of by the said persons, and conceive that, under the protection of the State of New York, they have nothing to fear from any banditti they can collect for the purpose of forcing them into measures which they heartily disapprove of.

“Resolved, That this meeting, fully impressed with the impossibility of the proposed state’s defraying expenses of the most moderate government that can be devised, and aware of the impolicy as well as injustice of raising by enormous taxes on uncultivated lands such a revenue, or of devoting to those expenses property purchased under the faith of the State of New York and Massachusetts, and of drawing into our flourishing county people that such iniquitous measures would attract; recommend to the persons above alluded to, to persuade some more laudable mode of gratifying their ambition, and to desist from proceedings altogether hostile to our interest and welfare.

“Resolved, Also, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the proposed meeting at Geneva ought not to be attended, as it was called by strangers to the county, and that we will consider as inimical to the county such persons belonging to it, who, at said meeting, shall consent to any of the proposals before reprobated.

“Resolved, That this meeting, expect, after having made this public declaration

of their situation, that those intrusted with the administration of the State, will take the most vigorous measures to suppress any of the attempts made to destroy the peace and quiet of this county."

25. Perkins, McKelvey, eds., *Rochester History*, pp. 4–5.
26. Major Thompson Maxwell (September 11, 1742–? 1835), the youngest brother of Col. Maxwell.
27. This excerpt is from the Reverend Kirkland's manuscript journal, transcribed and quoted by George S. Conover and published in the *Ontario County Times*, March 28, 1883.
28. Pilkington, ed., p. 151:
"Dean: James Dean (1748–1823). (George T. Chapman, *Sketches of the Alumni of Dartmouth College*, p. 14)."
29. Pilkington, ed., p. 151:
"Mr. Barton: Benjamin Barton (1771–1842), a native of Sussex County, New Jersey. Shortly after the Revolution, he engaged in the Indian trade as a drover of cattle for the British garrison at Niagara, and became well acquainted with the Senecas. In 1788 he settled in Geneva, New York, and in 1807 removed to Lewiston, Niagara County. He was a member of the Niagara Genesee Company (O. Turner, *History of the Holland Purchase*, pp. 392–395)."
30. Pilkington, ed., p. 151:
"Johnson: John Johnson, a British citizen of Canada, member of the Niagara Genesee Company (Alexander C. Flick, *History of the State of New York*, 5:151)."
31. Pilkington, ed., pp. 139–142.
32. Perkins, McKelvey, eds., *Rochester History*, p. 5.
33. Perkins, McKelvey, eds., *Rochester History*, pp. 6–7.
34. Turner, pp. 139–140.
35. This excerpt is from the Reverend Kirkland's manuscript journal, transcribed and quoted by George S. Conover and published in the *Ontario County Times*, March 28, 1883.

36. Alice Dunn, L.S.

37. Turner, p. 140.

38. Wisbey, p. 105.

39. Catherine's Town—present-day Watkins Glen, N.Y.

40. Newtown—a settlement south of present-day Watkins Glen, N.Y.

41. Col. Maxwell kept a notebook of his surveys. When he completed his work in 1789, he took it with him to his home in Heath, Massachusetts. It remained in his possession until his death, when it was passed down to his children and grandchildren. Historians writing during the period from 1788 to 1882 perhaps never knew that the notebook existed. It is not cited in any of the published literature until 1882 when Charles F. Milliken, editor of the *Ontario County Times*, a Canandaigua, N.Y., weekly newspaper, met two of Col. Maxwell's granddaughters, Abby and Thyrza Maxwell. They made available to him the survey field notes and the letters that Col. Maxwell had written to his wife from western New York. Mr. Milliken transcribed portions of these documents for publication. Another grandchild, William Monroe Maxwell, sent the original notebook to Mr. Milliken in Canandaigua where he and George S. Conover studied it and published excerpts and reports in the *Times* in 1883 and 1884.

Theirs was the first research to use the primary source material. In fact, until Mr. Milliken and Mr. Conover read the notes and published their findings, apparently even the dates of the colonel's surveys of the Pre-emption Line had not been publicly known.

Mr. Milliken returned the original survey notes to the Maxwell grandchildren. The notes remained in the Maxwell and Rickett families (by marriage) and eventually came into the possession of Henry A. Rickett of Riverside, R.I. In 1964, Elmer F. Davenport of Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, obtained the notes from the Rickett family, studied them, and in 1965 made a typewritten transcript of most of the pages.

The pages of the notebook are small, about four inches by six inches; many are faded and stained and both Mr. Conover and Mr. Davenport were able to decipher some sections that are not longer legible today. Mr. Davenport augmented his transcription with his own research and presented a copy to the Geneva Free Library. He then gave the original notebook to his daughter, Mrs. Fred L. Reynolds of

Geneva, and she presented it to the Geneva Historical Society in 1965. At the time of the donation, the manuscript was stored in the vault of the Geneva Free Library until the historical society prepared a secure and fireproofed repository. It was brought to the historical society vault on March 20, 1973, where it remains to the present day.

42. Turner, p. 141.
43. Charles F. Milliken, *A History of Ontario County, New York and Its People* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1911), Volume 1, p. 16.
44. *The Pre-emption Line*, an undated essay compiled by A. Glenn Rogers from a manuscript by the Honorable Frederick T. Henry, Supreme Court Justice of Canandaigua, N.Y. (Rochester Public Library, 974.18 R724), p. 9.
45. Stafford C. Cleveland, *History and Directory of Yates County* (Penn Yan, N.Y.: S. C. Cleveland, Chronicle Office, 1873), Volume 1, p. 26.
46. George S. Conover, editor; Lewis Cass Aldrich, compiler, *History of Ontario County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Company, Publishers, 1893), pp. 94–95.
47. Conover, editor, Cass Aldrich, compiler, p. 95.
48. Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monroe_County,_New_York.
49. Maxwell notes, Geneva Historical Society, Geneva, N.Y.
50. June Thomas and Mrs. Gordon E. Cole, co-authors, *From the Wilderness*, (Gates, N.Y.: Gates Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee Inc., 1963), “Prologue 1808.”
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55. June Thomas and Mrs. Gordon E. Cole, co-authors, *From the Wilderness*, “Early Gates Settlers.”
56. June Thomas and Mrs. Gordon E. Cole, co-authors, *From the Wilderness*, “Prologue 1808.”
57. Turner, p. 520.
58. Turner, p. 520.
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60. Turner, p. 531.



The Hinchey Homestead is pictured circa 1900 in this view looking west from the unpaved Hinchey Road. Town pioneer William S. Hinchey settled here circa 1810. His son, Franklin, built the family homestead in the 1870's. It was in this house that Franklin safely kept the original town minutes book until it resurfaced in 1999 when his great grandson, Wolcott Hinchey, donated it to the Town of Gates.



Transcription of Early Records Of the Town of Gates

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The transcription is presented in the order of the text in the book. Sections have not been rearranged. The numbers that appear in **boldface** to the left and right from time to time in the transcription are the page numbers in the original book.

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Town of Gates Records

1809

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Record of the Town of Gates

Agreeable to an act of the legislature, the Town Meeting of Northampton was held at the house of Jeremiah Olmstead on the 4th day of April 1809, under the direction of Zacheus Colby.

Zacheus Colby was elected Supervisor.

Hugh McDearmid	Town Clerk
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John Williams	Assessors
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Richard Clark	
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Matthew Dimmick	
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Moses Clark	Com. of Highways
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Nathaniel Tibbles	
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Abel Rowe	Overseer of the Poor,
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Moses Clark	Constable & Collector
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Richard Clark	
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Thomas Lee	
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Charles Harford	Overseers of Highways
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Frederic Rowe	
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Erastus Robertson	
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Asahael Williamson	
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Moses Clark	
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Nathanael Jones	
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Abel Rowe	
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Augustus B. Shaw	Fence Viewers and
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Thomas King	Pound Keepers
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Samuel Latta	
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Voted That the By Laws remain the same as they have been in the Town of Northampton heretofore.

Voted That the bounty shall be three cents for each rattle snake killed in said town.

Voted That this Town Meeting be adjourned to Abel Rowe's.

Agrecable to adjournment, the Town Meeting was held at the house of Abel Rowe, April 3rd, 1810, under the direction of John Williams and Thomas King, Esq's.

Supervisor	Samuel Latta
Town Clerk	John Williams
Assessors	Abel Rowe Zacheus Colby Christopher Vanderwenter
Com. of Highways	Thomas King Frederic Rowe Richard Clark
Overseers of Poor	Moses Clark Abel Rowe
Collector	Abel Rowe
Constable	Russel Griffin
Overseers of Highways	
Dist. No. 1	John Van Sickles
" 2	Thomas King, Esq.
" 3	Jeremiah Olmstead
" 4	Erastus Spaulding
" 5	Moses Clark
" 6	Erastus Robertson
" 7	Esaac Wilkenson
" 8	Stephen Jenning
" 9	Erastus [?]
" 10	Nathanael Tibbles

Town Laws: Six cents bounty on each rattle snake killed in said town, or within the banks of the river.

No cattle to run at large within half a mile of any store, inn, or mill, under the penalty of one dollar.

No ram to run from the 1st of September, till the 1st of November, under the penalty of five dollars.

No boar to run, that is, of 25 lbs. weight, under the penalty of two dollars.

Resolved That the town pay unto John Campbell, Physician, seven dollars and fifty cents.

Northampton 1811

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Agreeable to adjournment, the Town Meeting of Northampton was held at the house of Abel Rowe, April 2nd, 1811 under the direction of Zacheus Colby, John Williams and Thomas King, Esq.

Supervisor	Zacheus Colby
Town Clerk	John Williams
Assessors	Daniel Budd Moses Clark Chris. Vanderwenter
Com. of Highways	Moses Clark Frederic Rowe Asa Castle
O. of Poor Con. & Col.	Abel Rowe Moses Clark Solomon Clase
Constable	William King
Overseers of Highways	
Dist. No. 1	Hugh McDearmid
" 2	John Mutter
" 3	Daniel Budd
" 4	Andrew McNab
" 5	John B. Bagley
" 6	James Doty
" 7	Isaac Wilkinson
" 8	Stephen Jennings
" 9	[?] Spaulding

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” 11

Nathaniel Tibbles
Thomas Woolly

Abel Rowe, Pound Master. Zacheus Colby, Thomas King and Abel Rowe, committee to build a pound.

By Laws. 12½ cts. bounty on each rattle snake.

No cattle, horses, or hogs to run at large from the 1st of Dec. to the 1st of March, under the penalty of one dollar.

Two dollars bounty on wolves. Five dollars fine for rams that run at large from the 1st of Nov. — Voted that forty-four dollars & sixty-six cts. be paid to A. Rowe. — Voted that the Poor Master send to John Williams five dol. to buy a Town Book.

Adjourned to A. Rowe's.

[?] Samuel Latta, Supervisor of the Town of Northampton, for the year 1810, in account with the Collector of said Town.

Feb. 1st, 1811

To am't. of account paid in by Collector	\$62.55
Assuming sundry taxes	26.11
Cost in full directed to be paid Sup'r.	<u>50.70</u>
	<u>139.36</u>

Feb. 1st, 1811

By am't. of account as per Collector, paid	\$60.00
Thomas King's acc't.	5.00
Richard Clark's acc't.	10.50
Z. Colby's acc't.	22.25
Moses Clark's acc't.	6.00
Sam. Latta	7.00
Collectors fees	7.36½
Supervisors fees	1.39
John Williams acc't.	<u>19.50</u>
	<u>\$139.61</u>

Settled the above account with S. Latta, late Supervisor in and for the Town of Northampton.

Dated Sept. 28th, 1811. John Williams, Town Clerk

John Mastick, Justice of P.

38 Northampton 1812

Agreeable to adjournment the Town Meeting was held at the inn of A. Rowe on the 1st Tuesday of April 1812, being the 7th day of the month. The town officers as follows (*viz*)

Supervisor	John Mastick
Town Clerk	E. Harford
Assessors	Frederick Bushnell Asa Castle Abel Rowe
Com. of Highways	Benjamin Fowle Daniel Mack Francis Brown
Con. & Col.	Solomon Clase
Constables	Marcellus P. Covert Wheeler Allen
Overseers of Poor	Silas Smith Abraham Hanford
Fence Viewers	Jeremiah Olmstead Moses Clark David Frink Samuel Latta
Overseers of Highways	
Dist. No. 1	Hugh McDearmid
" 2	John Van Sickle
" 3	Francis Brown
" 4	John Utter
" 5	Wm. Henshaw

" 6	Wm. Moses
" 7	Moses Clark
" 8	Everett H. Petts
" 9	William Rogers
" 10	Thomas Jamison
" 11	Asahel Wilkeson
" 12	Erastus Robinson
" 13	Comfort Smith
" 14	Joseph Gay
" 15	Philip McGuire
" 16	Jacob Tuples

Town Laws: Hogs to run at large. No ram to run at large from the 1st of Sep. till the 1st of Nov. under the penalty of five dollars.

Resolved that the Com. of Highways are authorized to examine the "Deep Hollow" bridge, and allow such further sum over and above \$500 as they shall think proper, and be indemnified by the town in so doing.

Resolved that the town meeting is adjourned to Abraham Hanford's for the next year.

Strays

June 8th 1812 Broke into the inclosure of E. Spalding on the 1st of June, two horses: one bay and one [?]. Both shod before. The bay with a hurt on the left leg. Natural trotters.

July 14th Taken up by the subscriber, Reuben Bentley, on the 12th instant, a red cow with a white back, about 9 or 10 years of age. Charlotte (mouth of Genesee)

Nov. 21st Description of cattle in Northampton. One cow, 8 years old, dark red, with white face.

2 four years old oxen, one dark brown, one red, with a white face. 1 three years old steer, deep red. 2 two years old heifers, one of them red and white, the other black and white. 1 year old heifer, dark brown. All in the possession of Asa Castle since Nov. 1st, 1812.

1812

Nov. 2nd Taken up by Ebenezer Brown 1 steer, 3 years old, red, and white face and feet.

Nov. 21st 1 heifer, red, white face, 3 years old

Came into the inclosure of the subscriber on the 11th of Nov. last, one old speckled red and white cow, of a small size; her horns boxed, two holes in each; the ends sawed off. Swallow fork in her left ear. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

Northampton, Dec. 7th, 1812

Zacheus Colby

1812

Sept. 12th Broke into the inclosure of Jeremiah Olmstead, 6 sheep, two with cross of right ear, and ha'penny under each ear. 1 with a half cross of the right ear. 1 with a hole in the right ear. 2 without any mark.

Town of Northampton Dr.

Aug. 6th 1812	To cash pr. Mastick's or.	\$5.80
" 26th	To cash pr Com. order to Job. C. Smith	<u>178.23</u> <u>184.03</u>

1813 April 8th	To balance [?] down	\$25.3/100
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1814 May 20th	Com. order pr. F. Hanford	
	4 months 1814	\$236.00
"	Com. order pr. F. Brown	<u>6.68½</u> <u>267.71</u>

Town of Northampton Cr.

1813	By cash received from Esq. Williams	\$64.00
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Jan. 30th	By cash rec'd. S. Clase	95.00
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April 8th	By balance carried over	<u>25.03</u>
		<u>184.03</u>
1814		
Feb. 10	By cash of M. P. Covert	202.93
1815		
Feb. 10	By balance [?]	<u>64.78</u>
		<u>267.71</u>
1813	F. Hanford, Cr.	
April	By balance due on	
	J. C. Smith's order	\$25.3/100
1814		
May 20	Com. of Highways order	<u>236.00</u>
		<u>\$261.03</u>

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Northampton 1813

Annual Town Meeting

Agreeable to adjournment the town meeting was opened at the inn of Abm. Hanford on the 1st Tuesday of April 1813, being the 6th day of the month.

Inspectors of Election present (*viz*) John Mastick, Super., John Williams, Justice, Moses Clark, Justice, Frederick Hanford, Town Clerk. The proceedings of the meeting were as follows, *viz*.

Super.	John Mastick
Town Clerk	Francis Brown
Assessors	Frederick Bushnell
	Asa Castle
	Abel Rowe
Con. & Col.	Marcellus P. Covert
Poormasters	Benjamin Fowle
	Moses Everett
Comm. of Highways	Erastus Spaulding
	Chauncy Dean

Constable	Harry Olmstead
Fence Viewers	Benjamin Fowle Asa Castle Wm. Henshaw
Pathmasters	
District No. 1	Hugh McDearmid
" 2	John Harford
" 3	Abraham Stork
" 4	John Utter
" 5	Samuel Latta
" 6	Wm. M. Spaulding
" 7	Moses Clark
" 8	Abijah Newman
" 9	Wheeler Bullock
" 10	Hezekiah Bull
" 11	Daniel Munger
" 12	Erastus Robertson
" 13	Zacheus Colby
" 14	Joseph McCrury
" 15	John Butts
" 16	Benjamin Fowle
" 17	David Close
" 18	Asa Munson
" 19	Isaac Ray

By Laws.

Voted to raise a sum of money equal to the dividend which will be due the Town of Northampton from the interest of the school fund.

Voted that a pound be built at or near Charles Magna's.

Voted that Charles Magma be pound keeper.

Voted Zacheus Colby, Abel Rowe and Thomas [?]ing be a committee to build a pound.

Voted no swine to run at large from and after the 1st Tues. in April to the 15th of Nov. without a sufficient yoke.

Voted that no horse, hog, or cattle should be suffered to run at large in the public highway, within half a mile of any store, tavern, or grist mill, within the Town of Northampton from the 15th day of November, to the 1st day of April, and that any person finding any of the above described animals in the highway as above, and impounding the same, shall be entitled to receive fifty cts. for each horse; and the like sum of fifty cts. for each horned cattle; and the sum of twenty-five cts. for each swine or sheep over and above the poundage fence.

Voted that this town will give a bounty for killing wolves of five dollars per head.

Voted that they will give fifty cts. for foxes.

Voted a bounty of three cents for killing each of the following species, *viz*, crows, blackbirds, hawks, owls, squirrels, raccoons.

Voted that the next town meeting held at A. Hanford's.

At a special town meeting warned and held on the 11th of Sep. 1813 for the purpose of choosing Com. of Schools, and other officers; present, John Williams and John Mastick, Esqs., when the following persons were chosen commissioners, *viz*:

Com.	John Mastick John Williams Benjamin Fowle
Inspectors	Warren Brown Zacheus Colby Matthew Dimmick Samuel Latta Calvin G. Hills Frederick Bushnell

Resolved, that the Com. of Schools receive one dollar per day for their services.

Signed, Charles Harford, Clerk p.t.

Gates, 11th Sept. 1813

Francis Brown, Town Clerk

Strays

Gates, Oct. 7th, 1813

Broke into the inclosure of the subscriber on the 4th of Oct. instant, a sorrel mare, light tail and mane, with a ringbone on the left hind foot. Whoever owns said mare is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

Signed, Erastus W. Wicher

Rec'd. & entered 19 Oct., 1813 F. Brown, Town Clerk

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Northampton 1813

Broke into the inclosure of the subscriber on the 10th instant, a red cow with white face and short tail; a square cross off her left ear, and half cross off her right ear. Supposed to be about 12 years old.

Gates, 18th Nov. 1813.

Signed, George H. [?]

Annual Town Meeting, 1814

At the annual town meeting held at Ab'm. Hanford's, Tuesday, 5th of April 1814, officers present and presiding, *viz*: John Mastick Supervisor; John Williams, Justice; Moses Clark, Justice. Voted that the following persons hold the following offices:

Supervisor	John Mastick
Town Clerk	Francis Brown
Assessors	Asa Castle Abel Rowe Frederick Bushnell
Con. & Col.	Marcellus P. Covert
Overseers of Poor	Frederic Rowe Moses Munson
Com. of Highways	Zacheus Colby Daniel Mack Luther Hill
2nd Con.	Harry Olmstead

Com. of Com. Schools	John Williams John Mastick Warren Brown
Inspectors of Common Schools	Calvin G. Hill Orrin Gibbs Limon Hun Frederick Bushnell Zacheus Colby Moses Clark
Fence Viewers	Philip Lyell Daniel Budd Erastus W. Heath Moses Munson
Pound Masters	Charles Magna Francis Brown
Pathmasters	
Dist. No. 1	Frederick Hanford
" 2	John Harford
" 3	Philip Lyell
" 4	Moses Clark
" 5	Samuel Currier
" 6	Isaac Vandeventer
" 7	John B. Bagley
" 8	Everett H. Petts
" 9	Wheeler Bullock
" 10	Thomas Jimeson
" 11	Daniel Munger
" 12	Erastus Robinson
" 13	Jeremiah Olmstead
" 14	Samuel Allen
" 15	Jeremiah Knapp
" 16	Jacob Tupley
" 17	Benjamin Olmstead
" 18	O[?]ange Bartlett
" 19	Isaac Ray
" 20	Asa Castle

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Asahel Bently

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Samuel Smith

Daniel Budd

A committee to build a pound near

Jeremiah Olmstead

Rowe’s Creek where it crosses the

Zacheus Colby

[?] Road

Francis Brown

A com. to build a pound in Frankfort.

John Mastick

Henry Skinner

Voted that the supervisor be instructed to raise a sum which will make up forty dollars (a former 6 having been voted) to build a pound near Charles Magna’s.

Voted that 50 dollars be raised by the supervisor to build a pound at Frankfort.

Voted that the bounty on wolves killed in this town be ten dollars.

Voted that this town will raise a sum double that which is the dividend due to the town of Gates from the money called the school fund.

Voted that the overseers of the poor allow and pay Silas Smith’s account against Samuel Finch, deceased, amount \$18.78.

Voted that a com. consisting of Dr. Orrin E. Gibbs, Dr. Jacob Brown, and Dr. Colby be requested to examine how much, if any, of Dr. Bingham’s account against Sam. Finch ought to be allowed, and if any, the poor masters are authorized to pay from any money in their hands not otherwise appropriated.

Voted that no hog, horse, or horned cattle shall be suffered to run at large in the public highway within half a mile of any store, tavern, or grist mill, within the Town of Gates from the 15th of Novem. to the 1st day of April, and that the person so permitting his or her horses, hogs, or cattle so to run at large shall be liable to have the same impounded, and the pound master so receiving the same shall collect the sum of one dollar, together with his

poundage fees, the one dollar whereof the pound master shall pay to the overseers of the poor.

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1815

At the annual town meeting began at Edward Barnard's, formerly A. Hanford's, and adjourned to a house ~~appointed~~ opposite the store of Frederick Hanford's, April 4th, 1815, the proceedings and acts of the inspectors and inhabitants of the Town of Gates were as follows, *viz*:

Supervisor	John Mastick
T. Clerk	Francis Brown
Assessors	Abel Rowe
	Asa Castle
	Frederick Bushnell
	Ira Wirt
Con. & Col.	Solomon Close
Poormasters	Frederick Rowe
	Nathan Gilbert
Com. of Highways	Philip Lyell
	Moses Clark
	Leonard Latta
Constable	Eliphalet Norton
Com. of	John Mastick
Com. Schools	Daniel Mack
	John Williams
Inspectors of	Orrin Gibbs
Common Schools	Calvin G. Hill
	Simon Hunt
	Frederick Bushnell
	Zacheus Colby
	Moses Clark
Pound masters	Francis Brown
	Aaron Lay

Overseers of Highways

Dist. No. 1

” 2	Frederick Hanford
” 3	John Harford
” 4	Francis Brown
” 5	Moses Clark
” 6	Samuel Latta
” 7	Ephraim Spaulding
” 8	Jonathan Childs
” 9	Everett H. Petts
” 10	Joseph Bullock
” 11	Joseph Doty
” 12	Johnathan Wilkenson
” 13	John Montrose
” 14	Abel Rowe
” 15	Joseph McCrary
” 16	Philip McGuire
” 17	Wm. Middleton
” 18	Thomas Wood
” 19	John McGregor
” 20	John Vansickle
” 21	Thomas Baker
” 22	John Doty
” 23	Samuel Smith
	Nathan Gilbert

Voted that the town pay a bounty of ten dollars for each scalp of a wolf taken and killed in the Town of Gates.

Voted that swine are free commoners.

Voted that the by laws relating to the restraining of horses, hogs, and [?] cattle, passed the last annual town meeting, remain as a by law of the town.

Voted as Fence Viewers

Moses Clark
Philip Lyell
Nathan Gilbert
John Beal
Frederick Rowe

Voted that the two committees authorized last annual town meeting for building two pounds, be continued.

Voted that the town receive the money now in the hands of the poor-masters, which said money was raised by John Mastick, Esq., supervisor, without authority.

Voted that the town indemnify the poormasters for their expenditures on John Elkhorn and that they will receive of them the notes, papers, and effects received by them of the said Elkhorn.

Voted that Francis Brown be sealer of weights and measures.

Voted that the supervisor raise money to purchase a brass yard [?].

Voted that the supervisor raise money to purchase a compass and chain for the use of the town.

Voted that the pound near Charles Magna's (the site therefor) be removed to a place, the line between Daniel Budd and Jeremiah Olmstead.

Voted that the next town meeting be held at the house now occupied by Edward Barnard.

1816

A town meeting began and held at the house of Ab'rm. Hanford's, formerly Edward Barnard, April 2nd, 1816. Officers elected, viz:

Supervisor	John Mastick
Assessors	Frederick Bushnell Abel Rowe Asa Castle Ira West
Poormasters	Azel Ainsworth Ab'rm. Hanford Nathan Gilbert

Com. of Highways	Samuel Latta Chauncey Dean
Con. Col.	Solomon Close
Con.	Eliphalet Norton
Com. of Com. Schools	Hastings R. Bender George G. Seele Daniel Mack
Inspectors of Com. Schools	Frederick Bushnell John Williams Orrin E. Gibbs Calvin G. Hill Simon Hunt Matthew C. Dimmick
Pound ma.	John C. Rochester
Pathmasters	
Dist. No. 1	Erastus Spaulding
" 2	John Harford
" 3	Philip Lyell
" 4	Francis West
" 5	Benjamin Norton
" 6	John B. Bagley
" 7	Jabez Brach
" 8	David Hill

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Dist. No. 9	Wheaton Bullock
" 10	James Doty
" 11	Jonathan Wilkinson
" 12	John Montrose
" 13	Aaron Lay
" 14	Joseph McCrary
" 15	John McGuire
" 16	Jacob Tupley

Dist. No. 17	Benjamin Barret
" 18	Chauncey Dean
" 19	Roswell Hart
" 20	Arthur Hill
" 21	Samuel Ballantine
" 22	Amasa Kellogg
" 23	Daniel W. Miles
" 24	Asa Hurd

Voted that hogs are free commoners.

Voted that all former bounties on wolves be repealed.

Voted that the town pay a bounty on foxes taken within the town of 50 cents a head.

Voted that no horses, swine, or nett cattle shall run at large in any highway common, or uninclosed grounds, within half a mile of any tavern, store, or grist mill, in the Town of Gates at any time between the 15th of Nov. and the 1st of April, inclusive; and that the owner or possessor of any beast so transgressing shall forfeit and pay a fine not less than one dollar for every beast so offending, to be recovered and applied according to law.

Voted that the town pay a bounty of fifty cents on all coons taken in the town.

Voted that all former laws paying a bounty on rattlesnakes, blackbirds, and all other birds, quadripeds, etc., be repealed.

Voted that the town receive of John Mastick, Esq., 75 dol. raised by him at the last annual meeting of the board of supervisors, be rec'd. by the poormasters.

Voted that the supervisor raise the sum of 30 dol. to build and pay for a pound built by the town.

Voted that Daniel Mack, Moses Munson, and Erastus Spaulding be a com. to examine the pound built by Daniel Budd, and to pay over the

money when raised by the supervisor. Also to example the pound near F. Brown's, when built, and to pay over, as above.

Voted that Daniel Budd purchase a tub for pound near his house.

Voted that poormasters pay David K. Coster his amount for funeral charges of a pauper. Am't. \$14.81.

Voted that the poormasters pay David Clow his am't. for taking care of a pauper, amounting to \$9.00.

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Voted that the poormasters be authorized to take all proper and desirable measures to secure the property of Augustus Ballard Shaw, or that of his wife, for the support and maintenance of said wife, now a pauper in this town, and that this town will indemnify them in so doing.

Voted that the next annual town meeting be held at the house of Abraham Hanford.

Adjourned.

1816	Town of Gates	Dr.
Jany. 29th	To order of Com. of High. in full, per C. Dimmick	\$125.00
	" " " per J. M. Utter	39.50
Mar. 10th	" " to Wm. Hinchler & John B. Bagley	30.00
Feb. 2nd	Sundry Com. orders, No. 1 to 11	77.00
" 8th	Order of [?] J. Car[?] No. 12	8.00
" 9th	" Matthews 14	11.00
" 12th	" Hanford 13	10.00
" 13th	" Abm. Hanford 15	25.00
" 20th	" Nathan Tibbles 16	1.00
" "	" Wm. Hinchler	20.00

” ”	” Chauncey Dean	<u>80.72</u>
		\$475.00

1816 Contra		Cr.
Jan. 29th	By cash of S. Clow	\$237.50
1817		
Feb. 2nd	By cash of S. Clow	<u>\$237.50</u>
		\$475.00

1813

A record of the regulations of the Town of Gates relative to schools.

1813

Sept. 15 At a meeting of the Com. of Common Schools in an for the Town of Gates, on the 15th day of September, 1813, John Williams, Benjamin Fowle, John Mastick, Com.

Be it known that we have divided the Town of Gates into the following school districts, to be known by the territories and names following, *to wit:*

No. 1 That tract be in the south part of the town known by the name of the 4,000 acre tract, shall be known by and designated as School District No. 1.

No. 2 That tract beginning on the north side of the 4,000 acre tract, and to continue down the Genesee river to the Deep Hollow Bridge, so called, to extend west 3 miles, shall be known as designated by School District No. 2.

No. 3 That tract beginning at the Deep Hollow bridge (so called) and to extend down the Genesee river to the half way brook near Frederick Mills, thence out two miles in parallel lines, shall be known and designated by School District No. 3

No. 4 That section of country beginning at the half way brook near Frederick Mills and to continue down the Genesee River to its mouth, thence west 2 miles in parallel lines, shall be known by and designated as School District No. 4.

No. 5 That section beginning two miles west of the mouth of the Genesee river, thence along the lake shore to the northwest corner of the said town, thence south four miles, thence east to the west line of School District No. 4, shall be known and designated by the name of School District No. 5.

No. 6 That section beginning on the west line of the said town 4 miles south of the lake, thence south of to the south line of the second tier of lots in Township No. 2 in said town, thence east to the west line of School District No. 3 in parallel lines shall be known designated by the name of School District No. 6.

No. 7 The remainder of said town shall be known and designated as School District No. 7.

Altered Dec. 1819. See description on file.

Whereas we the undersigned being the Com. of Common Schools in and for the Town of Gates, in application being made to us, and satisfactory cause shown, deem it proper to alter School District No. 6 in said town. Therefore, resolved that school district, as is now divided, be null and void, and that the same territory be divided and known as follows, *to wit*:

That part of said town beginning on the west line of District No. 3, on the south line of No. 5, on the north line of School District No. 7, and to extend west to the east line of the third tier of lots from the west side of said town, shall be known by School District No. 6 and that part of the said town beginning on the west bounds of School District No. 6, to extend north to the east line of District No. 5, to the west side of said town, and to the north line of School District No. 3, shall be known by School District No. 8.

Dated Sept. 30th, 1813

Signed John Mastick	}	
Benjamin Fowle	}	Commissioners
John Williams	}	

Recorded Oct. 5th, 1813.

F. Brown, Town Clerk

At a meeting of two of the Com. of Com. Schools, *to wit*, John Mastick of the Town of Gates in the County of Genesee, and Samuel Spafford of the Town of Boyde in the County of Ontario, on the 29th day of Sept. 1813—

Whereas, the above mentioned towns being contiguous to each other, we the said Com. deem it expedient and proper that the two school districts, the one immediately west of the Genesee Bridge in the Town of Gates, in the County of Genesee, called No. 2; and the one immediately east of the Genesee Bridge in the Town of Boyle in the County of Ontario called No. 16, shall be included in one district.

Now, know ye, that we, the said Com., pursuant to the said act, do order and publish that the above mentioned district shall be under the superintendence of the Inspectors of the town in which such schoolhouse shall be situated and rec'd. accordingly.

Signed John Mastick	}	Com.
Samuel Spafford	}	

Recorded 5th Oct., 1813	E. Brown, Town Clerk
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On a regular petition from School District No. 1, praying an alteration of said district, and the prayer of the petition being granted, it was ordered by the Com. that School District No. 1 be disannulled and that it stand as follows, *viz*: That part of the 4,000 acre tract in the Town of Gates beginning at the Genesee River on the south line of said town, thence west to the west line of Lot No. 45, thence north to the north line of said tract, thence to the Genesee River shall hereafter be School District No. 1, and that the remaining part of said 4,000 acre tract shall be School District No. 9. The school districts divided, paper on file.

1815

Whereas, upon the application of a number of the inhabitants of School District No. 6 in the Town of Gates, in the County of Genesee, by petition to us, being two of the Com. of Common Schools in said town, that said district should be extended to the east line of Benjamin Olmstead's lot on which he now lives; and whereas, under due consideration had of the premises, we do hereby order, constitute, and direct that the said School District No. 6 shall hereafter be considered to extend as far

west as the east line of the lot now owned by the said Olmstead, and the said tract heretofore called District No. 6, together with said alteration, shall hereafter be known and distinguished by School District No. 6 in the said Town of Gates.

Dated April 1st, 1815—under our hands and seals.

Signed	John Mastick	} Com.
	John Williams	

Whereas doubts have arisen in the minds of some persons as to the legality of the formation of School District No. 2 in the Town of Gates, to which is annexed a part of the adjoining Town of Brighton in the County of Ontario, as forming one school district, now, therefore, we, Nehemiah Hopkins, Eleaser Bingham, and Ezekiel Morse, Com. of Common Schools of the Town of Brighton; and John Masick & Daniel Mack, Com. of Common Schools of the Town of Gates, do declare, order and adjudge that all part beginning on the north side of the 4,000 acre tract, and to continue down the Genesee River to the Deep Hollow Bridge (so called) and to extend west, three miles, known as School District No. 2 in the Town of Gates;—and on the east side of Genesee River, beginning far enough north to reach the south line of School District No. 3 in the Town of Brighton, thence east to the west line of School District No. 2, thence south to the north line of District No. 5 in said town, thence on said north line to the Genesee River, thence north down the river to the place of beginning, known as No. 4 in the Town of Brighton, shall be and continue annexed together as one district, and be known, distinguished, as School District No. 2 of the Town of Gates.

November 28th, 1815.

Com. of C. Schools of Gates	}	Daniel Mack
		J. Mastick
Com. of Common Sch. of Brighton	}	Eleazar Bingham
		Nehemiah Hopkins
		Ezekiel Morse

A copy of original on file.

E. Brown, Town Clerk

Whereas a connexion has heretofore existed between School District No. 2 in the Town of Gates, in the County of Genesee, and School District No. 4 in the Town of Brighton, in the County of Ontario,—and, whereas, inhabitants have so greatly multiplied within the limits of said district, as to render a longer union of said districts unnecessary and inconvenient, now, therefore, we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, Com. of Common Schools of the Towns of Gates and Brighton, considering that the cause of public education, and morals of the rising generation can be no longer promoted by the above annexation, but, on the contrary, owing to the great and increasing number of children within the limits above mentioned, will be injured by such continued connexion, do hereby declare the said union destroyed and ended and discontinued.

Dated May 1st, 1816

Com. of Com. Schools of Brighton	}	Solomon Hatch
	}	Jonah Morehouse
	}	Ezekiel Morse
Com. of Com. Schools of Gates	}	H. R. Bender

(Copy)

We, the subscribers, Com. of Common Schools for the Town of Gates, in the County of Genesee, do set off the following described territory as a school district, *viz.*:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot No. 88 in Township No. 1 in the Town of Gates, thence west on the south line of School District No. 8 two miles to the northwest corner of Lot No. 115, thence south two miles to the southwest corner of Lot No. 118, thence east two miles to the southeast corner of Lot No. 91, thence north two miles to the place of beginning, embracing two miles square—and that the above described territory shall be known & designated as School District No. 7—and the description and boundaries of District No. 7 as before recorded, be hereby abolished.

Dated Gates, Dec. 3rd, 1819

No. 7	Ralph Parker	}	Com. &
	Everard Peck	}	

Recorded March 18th, 1820.

1820

At a meeting of the Com. of Common Schools of the Towns of Gates and Parma in the County of Genesee, it was resolved that the following described territory, *to wit*: Lots No. 17, 18, 36, 37, the last half of Lot No. 35, and so much of Lot No. 10 as lies east of a road leading north from the Ridge road, and supposed to be half of said lot, in the Town of Parma;— and Lots No. 151, 150, 149, 142, 141, 140, in Township No. 1, and 10 in Township No. 2, in the Town of Gates, be set off as a school district, and shall hereafter be known and distinguished as School District No. 10.

Dated Dec. 20, 1819.

11	Com. of Parma	}	Elisha Fulton
		}	Peter F. Thatcher
	Com. of Gates	}	Ralph Parker
		}	Everard Peck
		}	John G. Bond

Recorded Mar. 30th, 1820.

1821

At a meeting of the Com. of Common Schools of the Towns of Gates and Ogden, in the County of Monroe, it was resolved that the following described territory, *viz*: Lots No. 34, 35, 36, 46, 47, 48, 58, 59, 60, 61, 71, 72, 74, 85, 86, 87, 98, 99, 100, 112, 113, 114, 125, 127, 128, in the Town of Ogden, and Lots 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, in Township No. 1, Short Range, in Gates, be set off as a school district and shall hereafter be known and distinguished as School District No. 12.

Dated Ogden, Mar. 22nd, 1821.

Recorded	Com. of Ogden	}	John Cobb
Mar. 28th 1821.		}	Charles Freeman
	Com. of Gates	}	John Williams
		}	Ab'm. Stuart

1821

The undersigned Com. of the Town of Gates, in pursuance of a petition from the inhabitants residing within the following described limits, do hereby certify that a school district has been set off and bounded as follows, *to wit*: beginning on the Latta road where it intersects the east line of Parma, running from thence south on the west line of Gates one and a half miles, from thence east on the line of lots three miles, thence west on the line of lots two miles, thence south on the west line of the Town of Gates one and an half miles to the place of beginning; to be distinguished as School District No. 13 in the Town of Gates. May 11th, 1821.

No. 13	Simon Hunt	}	
	A. Reynolds	}	Com. of Com. S.

1822

We, the Com. of the Town of Gates, do hereby set off and attach to School District No. 2 in the Town of Greece, Lots No. 118 & 199 in Township No. 1, Short-Range. Rochester, Nov. 7th, 1822.

Com. for Greece	}	Simon Hunt
	}	Bradford King
Com. of S. in Gates	}	Simeon P. Alcott
	}	Jacob Gould

Recorded Nov. 19th, 1822. E. Pomeroy, Town Clerk

1822

We, the undersigned Com. of Common Schools for the Town of Gates and Town of Greece, in the County of Monroe, and State of New York, do hereby set off and attach to School District No. 1 in the Town of Greece, aforesaid, the following described lots of territory, viz: commencing at the northeast corner of Lots No. 17 in Township No. 1, Short-Range, in the said Town of Gates, thence south to the southeast corner of Lot. No. 24; thence west to the southwest corner of Lot No. 36; thence north to the northwest corner of Lot No. 33, thence east to the place of beginning.

Com. of Greece	}	Bradford King
	}	Simon Hunt

Com. of Gates	}	Simeon P. Alcott
	}	Jacob Gould

Recorded Nov. 19th, 1822.	E. Pomeroy, T. Clerk
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We, the subscribers, Com. of Common Schools for the Town of Gates in the County of Monroe, do set off the following described territory as a school district, *viz*: Lots 130, 139, 148, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, in Township No. 1 in the Short-Range, together with 4 lots from the 4,000 acre tract, so called, commencing the west line of the town and extending so far along the north line of the said tract as to include that number of lots, and that the above described territory shall be known and designated as School District No. 11.

No. 11	Dated Gates, May 1st, 1824.
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Thos. H. Rochester	}	Com. of
E. Peck	}	Com. Schools

Recorded May 1st, 1824.	N. T. Rochester, T. Clerk
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1824

We, the subscribers, Com. of Common Schools for the Town of Gates, in the County of Monroe, do set off the following described territory as a school district, *viz*: Lots 42, 63, 66, 67, 75, 84, 85, 93, 94, 102, 103, 111, 112, 120, 121, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171 in Township No. 1, Short-Range, and that the above described territory shall be known and designated as School District No. 12.

No. 12	Dated Gates, May 5th, 1824.
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Recorded May 5th, 1824

Thomas H. Rochester	}	Com. of
E. Peck	}	Com. Sch.

1824

We, the subscribers, Com. of Common Schools for the Town of Gates, in the County of Monroe, do set off the following described territory as a school district, *viz*: Lots 64, 65, 73, 74, 82, 83, 91, 92, 100, 101, and the

No. 13	Thomas H. Rochester	}	
	E. Peck	}	Com. of Schools
Recorded May 10th, 1824.	N. T. Rochester, T. C.		

We, the subscribers, Com. of Common Schools for the Town of Gates, deem it expedient that School District No. 2 be divided, and a new school district be created for the south part of said district. Division line commencing at Genesee River on the southeasterly corner of H. Montgomery's lands, thence westerly on the southerly line of said Montgomery's lands to the center of Caledonia Street, thence northerly along the centre of said street, the centre of Troup Street, thence westerly on the centre of Troup Street to the west end of Lot No. 52, in old township survey—thence southerly on the west end of Lots No. 52, 53, 54, 55 & continuing [?] to the south line of Jesse Hawley's land—thence eastward by the south line of said Hawley's land to the river—thence along said river to the place of beginning. Said district to be known forever by the name and title of District No. 3 of the Town of Gates.

Everard Peck }
Joel Wheeler } Com. &c.

1827

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Town of Gates, which lies south of Troup Street (in Rochester), extending easterly to the Genesee River, be, and is hereby set to, and made a part of, School District No. 3 in said Town of Gates.

Done at a meeting of the School Com. of the town aforesaid at the office of Joel Wheeler, Esquire, this tenth day of March, One Thousand and Eight-Hundred & Twenty Seven.

Joel Wheeler	}	Com. of Common
Everard Peck	}	Schools, in and for the T. of Gates

Filed March 10th, 1827.

The school districts will all be organized and described by an Act of the Com. of Common of Schools, Apr. 14th 1827, and recorded in a new book.

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1817

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Gates, holden at the house of Abraham Hanford, April 1st, 1817, officers elected,—

Supervisor	Roswell Hart
T. Clerk	John C. Rochester
Assessors	Benjamin Barrett Ralph Barrett Frederick Rowe Daniel Mack
Poor Mas.	Frederick Rowe John Odell
Com. of Highways	Frederick Bushnell Abel Rowe Chauncey Dean
Com. of Com. Sc.	John G. Bond Hervey Montgomery Abelard Reynolds

Constables	Solomon Close Pelatiah West Jonathan Parish Jr. Hope Davis
Collector	Solomon Close
School Inspectors	Roswell Babbitt Enos Pomeroy Joseph Spencer Moses Chapin
Fence Viewers	Elliott Bartlett John C. Rochester
Pound Masters	Daniel Budd Daniel Shattuck
Pathmasters	
Dist. No. 1	Erastus Spaulding
" 2	Richard Paull
" 3	Philip Lyell
" 4	Francis West
" 5	Samuel Latta
" 6	Jabez Beach
" 8	Everett H. Petts
" 9	Wm. McClure
" 10	James Doty
" 11	Jonathan Wilkinson
" 12	Richard Armstrong
" 13	Daniel Budd
" 14	Lawrence Hartwell
" 15	Jeremiah Knapp
" 16	Jabez Carpenter
" 17	John Williams
" 18	John McGregor
" 19	John C. Rochester
" 20	Manly Welman
" 21	Samuel Balentine
" 22	Gershom B. Truman

” 23	John Wheeler
” 24	Lewis Tibbells
” 25	Erastus W. Hicox
” 26	Sylvester Waldson
” 27	Edmund Hinckley

Voted that the sum of \$500 be raised by the supervisor for the support of the poor.

Voted that \$200 be raised by the supervisor for repairing the bridge across Genesee River, and the bridge across Deep Hollow between Hanford’s Landing the Village of Rochester.

Voted that the town raise a tax to the amount of \$37.50 for the benefit of the assesses of the town last year.

1817

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Voted that the town raise the amount of 79 dollars for the benefit of Solomon Close.

Voted that rams shall not run at large from the 1st day of Sep. to the 14th day of Decem.

Voted that the sum of 66 dollars and 68 cents be raised by the town for the benefit of Eliphalet Horton.

Voted that the law making hogs free commoners be repealed.

Voted that the bounty on foxes be repealed.

Voted that the bounty on raccoons be repealed.

Voted that the next annual town meeting be held at the house of Wm. J. McCracken.

Adjourned.

1818 At a Special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Gates, convened at the house of Wm. J. McCracken, pursuant to notice, for the purpose of electing a constable for said town—January 22nd, 1818

Upon proceeding to ballot, and upon counting the votes, found that Moses Tear was elected constable for said town—until the next annual town meeting.

John C. Rochester, T. Clerk

1818

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Gates, holden at the house of Charles Millard, April 7th, 1818, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Supervisor	Ira West
T. Clerk	Everard Peck
Assessors	Fred. Bushnell Chauncey Dean W. Shearman Wm. Cobb
Overseers of Poor	Azel Ensworth Fred. Rowe
Com. of Highways	Isaac Colvin Philip Lyell John Beals
Collector	Solomon Close
Com. of Schools	John G. Bond A. Hamlin E. Watts
School Inspectors	Joseph Spencer Moses Chapin Levi Want

Constables

Solomon Close
Moses Tear
Wm. J. McCracken
George C. Latta
Jonathan Williams

Fence Viewers

Jonathan Parish Jr.
Elliott Bartlett
Isaac Colvin

Pound Masters

Daniel Budd
Daniel Shattuck

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Pathmasters

Dist. No. 1

” 2

Luke Bullard

” 3

Ezra Mason

” 4

D. D. Hatch

” 5

Moses Clark

” 6

[?] H. Holden

” 7

John McGuire

” 8

James Beach

” 9

Daniel B. Munger

” 10

Joseph Bullock

” 11

Jas. Doty

” 12

George Benwick

” 13

John Dickinson

” 14

Aaron Lay

” 15

Joseph McClary

” 16

Wm. F. Smith

” 17

John N. Utter

” 18

Orrin Hall

” 19

John McGregor

” 20

John Williams

” 21

Manly Wellman

” 22

Samuel Balentine

John Clark

” 23	John Wheeler
” 24	Matthew C. Dimmick
” 25	Ephraim Turner
” 26	Joseph Waldron
” 27	Ebenezer Walker
” 28	H. Montgomery
” 29	Jonas Kingsley

Voted that \$250 be raised for the purpose of supporting bridges and roads.

” that \$300 be raised for support of the poor.

” that swine shall not be free commoners.

” that rams shall not run at large from 1st of Sep. to 1st of Dec., under a penalty of \$5.

” that stallions shall not run at large under a penalty of \$10.

” that the next town meeting be held at the house of (or now occupied by) John G. Christopher, at what is called Hanford’s Landing.

Town of Gates

Dr.

1818

Feb. 1st

John C. Rochester, Town Clerk Dr.

To cash rec’d. from collector on money taxed and collected for support of Genesee and Deep Hollow bridges.	\$200.00
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Cr.

1818

Mar.

Paid Com. order on F. Brown, T. Clerk, No. 1	\$27.57
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Paid order to N. T. Rochester, No. 2	12.00
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Paid J. C. Rochester, No. 3	7.69
Feb. 4th	
Paid Com. order, No. 4	2.65
Paid Collector, his own collection of \$200, taxes	10.00
Paid Elisha Ely his order of Com., 5	<u>140.09</u>
	<u>\$200.00</u>

1818 *sic.* (1819, *ed.*)
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At a meeting of the Town of Gates holden at H. Amsden’s, April 6th, 1819, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, *viz*:

Supervisor	Matthew Brown Jr.
T. Clerk	Roswell Babbitt
Assessors	Chauncey Dean F. Rowe Wm. Cobb
Overseers of Poor	John G. Bond John Williams
Com. of Highways	Ira West Benjamin Barrett
Collector	Solomon Close
Com. of Com. Schools	J. G. Bond R. Parker E. Peck
Constables	Solomon Close Levi Gilch[?] J. Parish Jr. Wm. J. McCracken George McGregor

School	Joseph Spencer M. Chapin Enos Pomeroy Wm. W. Mumford
Fence Viewers	Erastus Spaulding Elliott Bartlett Orin Hall
Pound Masters	Daniel Budd Merrit Johnson
Pathmasters	
Dist. No. 1	Ralph Parker
" 2	Roswell Babbitt
" 3	Jesse Hawley
" 4	Calvin G. Hill
" 5	John McGregor
" 6	Seth Cook
" 7	Ebenezer Aldridge
" 8	James Ball
" 9	Philip Lyell
" 10	Dan Rowe
" 11	Erastus Spaulding
" 12	Nat. Tibbells
" 13	Samuel Drake
" 14	Aaron Lay
" 15	John Colby
" 16	Israel Wilson
" 17	Giles H. Holding
" 18	John Beals
" 19	George Renwick
" 20	Aaron Easty
" 21	Luther Scudder
" 22	Jacob Bullock
" 23	W. Lowdon

Voted that \$250 be raised by tax to remunerate those persons who have heretofore worked on Buffalo Street by direction of Com., and who have not been paid.

- ” that \$250 be raised to lay out roads and bridges generally.
- ” that \$300 be raised for the support of the poor.
- ” that \$6.00 be raised to refund to Walker and Drake for cash overpaid by them for taxes.
- ” that \$38.00 be raised to pay Budd for building a pound.
- ” that \$27.00 be raised to pay Chauncey Dean for money expended by him in building a bridge, more than he rec’d.

Voted that hogs yoked and wrung be free commoners.

” that the by laws be the same as last year.

” that the next annual meeting be held at J. G. Christopher’s in Rochester.

E. Peck, Town Clerk

Dr.	Town of Gates in account with E. Peck, Town Clerk		Cr.
1819			
Jan.	To paid Com. order to S. Close	\$ 12.50	Jan. 19th
”	” ” Com. order to J. Bickford	35.00	1819
”	” ” ” Elisha Ely	5.94	By cash
”	” ” John McGregor	25.00	of
”	” ” Hugh Ward	14.00	S. Close
”	” ” Philip Lyell	20.00	\$250.00
”	” ” J. & C. Love	39.00	
”	” ” F. Bushnell	2.63	
”	” ” J. Bullock	18.00	
”	” ” Philip Lyell	30.00	
”	” ” ” ”	30.00	
”	” ” Isaac Colvin	4.50	
”	” Balance paid over to	<u>13.43</u>	
	R. Babbitt, T.C.	<u>\$250.00</u>	

1819	
Apr. 20th	
Balance paid over to	
R. Babbitt in Ensworthy	
note	\$13.43

Dr.	Town of Gates, in account with R. Babbitt, Town Clerk	Cr.
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1820

Feb. 1st	To acc't. of S. Close, C.	\$ 12.50	
" "	Paid E. Spaulding, p. m.	60.00	
" "	" R. Parker "	11.72	" "
" "	E. Barrett "	2.00	
" "	" Joel Wheeler "	2.50	
" "	" Calvin Shattuck	1.00	
" "	" C. G. Hill "	20.00	
" "	" J. McGuire "	8.00	
" "	" J. McGregor "	32.00	
" "	" C. Dean "	23.28	
" "	" Jesse Hawley "	60.00	
" "	" Amt. of A. Ensworth note,		
	now in my hands	13.43	
" "	To cash p. Wm. Cobb	<u>17.03</u>	
		\$263.46	

1819
April 20th
By amount rec'd. E. Peck
for balance of cash in his hands
\$13.43

Feb. 1st	By cash from S. Close,	
	Collector	<u>\$250.00</u>
		\$263.43

1821	61
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Dr.	Town of Gates in acct. with Joseph Spencer, Town Clerk	Cr.
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1821

Feb. 5th	To acc't. of S. Close, Col.	\$ 12.50
	" " receipted by Stowell	
	& Lyell to S. Close	26.31

" " of Stowell & Lyell's order in full of Joseph Chadwick	18.00
" " " " Moses Clark	4.50
" " Jabez Carpenter	12.50
" " Ira Stowell	37.50
" " Lewis Tibbells	10.00
" " Isaac Stowell	21.74

To cash paid to order of Stowell & Lyell, in full Asa Hind	23.37
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" " [?] Lyell	<u>83.58</u>
	<u>\$250.00</u>

1821 Feb. 5th By receipt of Stowell & Lyell to S. Close	\$26.31
By Com. orders in favor of divers	134.36
By cash of S. Close, Col.	<u>119.45</u>
	\$250.00

Dr.	Town of Gates in acc't. with Roswell Babbit, Town C.	Cr.
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1821 Feb.	To rec'd. of col. \$265.00	1821 Feb.	Pathmaster By am't. paid F. McGuire " " " Philip Smith " " " John Jenkins	\$12.50 66.00 10.31
1822 Mar. 26th	To cash rec'd. of Samuel Works Com. of Highways \$6.73	" " "	Peter Lane John Jenkins " " " " " " " " " " " J. Parrish Jun. " " " Com. ord. to D. Budd " " " " S. Close	15.00 8.12 5.31 20.00 9.06 25.00 13.25

	1822	
	Mar. 26th	
	" " " P. [?] Com.	18.27
	" " Mr. Latta "	18.62
	" 30th " " John Day "	
	Apr. 1st " " J. Bullock "	10.00
	" " " " J. Beal	9.54
Dr.	Town of Gates in account with Enos Pomeroy, T. Clerk	Cr

1823

Feb. 8th To cash rec'd. of S. Close as collector
of Gates besides his percentage
or col. fee which with the \$251.75
percentage retained by him
make \$265

1823

Apr. 5th By cash paid over to A. Reynolds, Esq.,
T. Clerk, on delivering over to him
as such clerk, the books, papers &c.
of the Town \$251.75

Rec'd. of Enos Pomeroy, late Town Clerk,
the sum of two hundred fifty-one dollars
& seventy five cents as above specified.

Apr. 5th 1823 A. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Dr.	Town of Gates in account with A. Reynolds, Town Clerk	Cr
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1823

Apr. 5th To cash rec'd. of Enos Pomeroy, late Town Clerk, being balance of cash on hand	\$251.75
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1824

Feb. 3rd Rec'd. of Henry M. Bullard coll. for the Town of Gates, besides his fees for collecting	\$251.75
His fees \$13.25, in all \$265	
	\$503.50

1823		
Apr 26th	By Com. order to W. Cobb	61.00
May 9th	" " " Jesse Hawley	25.00
June 23rd	" " " P. Smith	4.00
Sept. 5th	" " " W. Whiting	100.00
1824		
Jan. 22nd	" " " Wareham Whiting	50.00
Feb. 5th	" " " Capt. Wheeler	10.00
Apr. 16th	" Cash paid to N. T. Rochester, T. Clerk, on delivering to him, as such, the books, papers, &c. of said of	<u>253.50</u> \$503.50

Received of Abelard Reynolds, late Town Clerk for the Town of Gates,
two hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifty cents, being balance of money
in his hands.

Apr. 16th, 1824

N. T. Rochester, T. Clerk

Town of Gates in acc't. with Matthew Brown 3d D Clerk [?]

Feb.	To p'd. C. G. Hill Com.	\$100.00	
	" " E. Howard	60.00	
	" " C. G. Hill	<u>90.00</u>	
		\$250.00	
	By cash		
	W. C. Smith		
	Collector	<u>\$250.00</u>	
		\$250.00	

Town of Gates in acc't. with N. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

1824

Cr.

Apr. 24th	To cash rec'd. of A. Reynolds, late T. Clerk	\$253.50
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1825

Feb. 11th	To cash rec'd. from R. Bender, Col., beside fees	251.75
Dec. 2nd	Cash from col. A. Hubbard	21.78

1826

Jan. 26th	Cash from Col.	228.22
	Balance carried down	<u>253.50</u>
		\$755.25

1824

Dr.

June 12th	By paid order of Com. to Jacob Gould	\$100.00
" 17th	" " " J. Gould	16.00
" 19th	" " " J. Gould	134.00

1825

Feb.	" " " J. Gould	50.00
"	" " " D. Watson	50.00
"	" " " " "	50.00
Mar. 20th	" " "	51.23
" 24th	" " " O. Mallory	5.00
" 28th	" " " Congdon	14.50
Apr. 15th	" " " Adams	29.27
	Paid for ballot boxes &c.	<u>1.75</u>
		\$755.25

1826

Feb. 18th	To cash pr. Com. order	\$250.00
Mar. 14th	" " " " "	250.00
" "	" " for stationery at Election, Town meet.	1.00

1827		
Apr. 7th	Cash—Town Clerk	<u>2.50</u>
		<u>\$503.50</u>

	Balance due town	253.50
Dec. 14th	Cash from Collector	<u>250.00</u>
		<u>\$503.50</u>

1827		
Apr. 7th	To balance bro't. down	2.50
	Cr. by attending Town Board on settlement of account	<u>2.50</u>

Rec'd. Roch. Apr. 7th, 1827, from Nath. T. Rochester, late
T. Clerk Two 50/100 dollars being balance due the Town
of Gates—

Dr.	Town of Gates in acc't. with S. S. Alcott, Town Clerk	Cr.
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1827		
Mar. 8th	To paper 4/-, quills 1/-, sealing wax 1/-	
Feb. 7th	To cash pd. W. Rathbun	\$250.00
	1827	
	Dec. 22nd By cash of Wm. Pease, Col.	\$250.00

Dr.	Town of Gates in acc't. with J. Cutler, T. Clerk	Cr
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1828	To cash p'd. 1/- blanks, 3/-
May 18th	Filing & copying path. warrants 16/-, recording & posting surveys &
Oct. 1st	roads 8/-; " " " 4/-apportioning school
" 20th	money & report of school com. 12/- Notice of election to inspectors 8/- Drawing [?] of Election 10/- Attending with board 16/- Attending polls 3 days 8/-

Report of the Town Board of Auditors**March 1831**

We, the subscribers, constituting the Board of Auditors for the Town of Gates, do hereby certify & report that we have examined & audited the accounts of the following town officers—for the year ending the 29th March 1831,—*to wit*:

First	The supervisor of said town, on examination we find to have received within said year \$1022.39	
	And that he has paid out of said fund	1021.39
	Leaving a balance in his hands of	<u>1.00</u>
		<u>\$1022.39</u>

Secondly

The overseers of the poor of said town we find to have rec'd. within said year		
1st, to balance due 30th March 1830		\$1761.14
2nd, from the Board of Excise		621.00
3rd, fines and commutations		<u>212.77</u>
		\$2594.91
We also find said overseers have paid out of said fund for support of town paupers		\$ 245.88
For costs in prosecuting serifs &c.		9.75
For services in attending to business during the year by M. Meade		50.00
For services, expenses, counsel fees & costs of suits paid on demand by E. Moore		37.21
Balance in the hands of overseers, of which about \$800 is now on Interest		<u>2252.07</u>
		\$2,594.91

Thirdly

The Comm's. of Highways of said town we find to have rec'd. from their predecessors		\$ 15.00
For taxes on non-residential lands		3.76
From the Col. of said town		<u>250.00</u>
		\$ 273.76

Out of which sum has been paid on roads & bridges and bridges	\$ 160.29
Balance in the hands of C. G. Hill	<u>113.47</u>
	273.76

We further find said Com. of Highways, chargeable with moneys raised to satisfy damages and expenses in laying out and opening roads \$503.42.

Amount brought up	\$503.42
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and that they have expended of said fund in satisfying such expenses and damages	\$469.50
Balance now in the hands of C. G. Hill	<u>33.92</u>
	<u>\$503.42</u>

Fourthly

The Com. of Com. Schools we find to have received From the Col. of the Town of Gates	\$518.14
From the County Treasurer	<u>256.68</u>
	\$774.82
And that said Com. have paid from said fund to School Districts No. 2, 3, 7, 10, & 13	\$610.96
Balance in third hands to be distributed	<u>163.86</u>
	\$774.82
Recorded Mar. 1831, O. E. Gibbs, T. C.	

	1832	1832
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1832

Report of the Board of Auditors for the year ending 27 Mar. The Board of Auditors for the Town of Gates, consisting of the supervisor, town clerk, & 3 justices, having met on Tuesday, the 27th of March, 1832, at the mansion house in the Village of Rochester, according to law, report their proceedings as follows.—

First,	N. T. Rochester, Esq., Supervisor,	Dr.	Cr.
	Balance unappropriated for last year	\$ 1.00	
	Rec'd. in excise money the last year	717.00	
	" from the Town Collector	<u>379.84</u>	
		\$1097.84	

The said supervisor has paid out of the said funds to overseers of the poor		\$ 717.00
Paid on town orders		373.59
Balance now in hands of supervisor		<u>7.25</u>
		\$1097.84

Second

The overseers of the poor we find had a balance in their hands 29th Mar. 1831 (1832, <i>ed.</i>)	\$2252.07	
Also rec'd. during the year from super.	717.00	
From fines and excise money	<u>283.72</u>	
	\$3252.79	
We find E. Moore entitled to a credit for monies expended by him, for town paupers	\$ 243.30	
Amounts brought up	\$3252.79	\$243.30
For counsel fees, costs of suits, & his services		53.17
[?] Mead has expended for town poor		268.59
For counsel fees, costs of suits, & his services		125.18
Balance now in hands of overseers		<u>2557.55</u>
		\$3252.79

Third

Com. of Highways	
In the examination of their accounts we find them chargeable with surplus funds	\$113.47
With moneys rec'd. from Col. this year	250.00
Cash rec'd. from Ira West, old balance in hands	12.50
Commutations from Overseers of Highways	<u>31.24</u>
	\$407.21
We also find the said Com. have expended for roads and bridges the last year	\$297.75
With a balance still in their hands to be applied on a contract not fully completed	40.00

And a further balance	
unappropriated of	<u>69.46</u>
	\$407.21

Fourth The Commissioners of Common
Schools acknowledge the receipt
of monies from the Town Col.
in the sum of \$518.54

From the County Treasurer	<u>400.87</u>
	\$919.41

Which sum they have appropriated to the several school districts
entitled thereto and how hold subject to order of said Dist.

Recorded 29th March, 1832 G. E. Gibbs, T. C.

Report of Town Board of Auditors for 1834

1834

Mar. 25th

The Board of Auditors for the Town of Gates, consisting of the supervisor, town clerk, and three justices, having met on Tuesday, the 25th of March, 1834, at the office of Wm. G. Bishop in the Village of Rochester, according to law, report their proceedings as follows.

First James H. Gregory, Esq., Supervisor.

1833

March 26th

Rec'd. balance from		
late supervisor	\$	1.00
" excise money the last year		751.00
" from Town Collector		488.96
Amount brought up		\$1200.96
The said supervisor has paid		
the said funds to overseers		
of the poor	\$	748.84
" " on town orders &		
excise blanks		434.51
Balance now in hands of supervisor		<u>17.61</u>
		\$1200.96

Second Overseers of the poor we find
had a balance in their hands
Mar. 26th, 1833 \$1879.81

Also rec'd. during the year from the super.	748.84
From fines & excise money paid them	573.29
Interest on town money	<u>55.21</u>
	\$3257.15

We find J. H. Packard entitled to a credit for monies expended by him for t. paupers	\$ 551.19
Counsel fees, costs of suits, & his services	201.42
H. Stilwell has expended for town poor	394.38
For counsel fees, costs of suits, & services	40.77
Balance now in hands of overseers	<u>2069.39</u>
	\$3257.15

Third Com. of Highways. In the
examination of their accounts
we find them chargeable with
balance last year \$ 33.55

With money rec'd. from Col. this year	<u>250.00</u>
	283.55

We also find said Com. have expended for roads and bridges	\$266.59
Balance unappropriated in their hands	<u>16.96</u>
	\$283.55

Fourth The Com. of Com. Schools
acknowledge to have rec'd.
from the Town Collector
the last year \$404.92
Which sum still remains
in their hands.

1834

Mar. 25th

A true copy from the several reports as now on file.

Amos Tufts Town Clerk

Record of Marriages.

David Van Berger

I hereby certify that marriage was this day solemnized between David Van Berger of Rochester in the Co. of Monroe, laborer—aged nineteen years & ten months, and Almyra Tague of the same place, aged nineteen years and ten months; both of the parties being satisfactorily known; in the presence of attending witnesses, *to wit*: Amos Walker and Hanna Walker, both of Rochester aforesaid—other witnesses being present.

And that after due enquiry by me made, there appeared no lawful impediments to such marriage.

In testimony whereof—I have hereunto set my hand at Rochester aforesaid, this twenty sixth day of Dec. 1830.

Samuel Hamilton
Justice of the Peace

Recorded & entered 17th March, 1831.

G. E. Gibbs, Town Clerk

Town of Gates: Whereas the office of the town clerk has become vacant by the said town clerk becoming incapable of serving, by removing out of the said town; now, therefore, we the undersigned, three of the justices of the peace of the said town, do hereby appoint Nathaniel Bacon to the office of town clerk of the said town. Given under our hands and seals this 10th May 1832.

William L. Bishop	[L. S.]
C. G. Hill	[L. S.]
A. S. Alexander	[L. S.]

Recorded
N. Bacon, Town Clerk

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton, beginning at a stake and stone a few rods east of Raccoon Creek in the State Road, thence running north 26° 72 rods, then N. 40° east 20 rods, then N. 6° east 110 rods, then N. 46° east 36 rods, then N. 67° east 222 rods, then N. 56° east 208 rods, then N. 45° east 332 roads to the River Road; errors excepted.

Zacheus Colby, Surveyor

Com. of	Matthew Dimmick
Highways	Moses Clark

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton beginning in the road a few rods southwest of Richard Clarks's barn, thence running west 6° north 106 rods, then west 12° north 106 rods, then west 33° south 186 rods, then west 2° north 443 rods to the west line of the town. Errors excepted.

Zacheus Colby, Surveyor

Matthew Dimmick	Com. of
Moses Clark	Highways

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton beginning at the southwest corner of Town, Lot No. 40, running east 1° south 15 rods, then north 41° east 24 rods, then north 62° east 30 rods, then north 26° east 52 rods, then north 38° east 19 rods 20 links, then north 27° east 119 rods 11 links, then north 36° east 36 rods to shore of the Lake of Ontario. Errors excepted.

Zacheus Colby, Surveyor.

Nathaniel Tibbels	}	
Moses Clark	}	Com. of
Matthew Dimmick	}	Highways

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton, beginning two rods west of the northwest corner bounds of Town Lot No. 10, running south 26° west 162 rods to a stake two rods west of the southwest corner of Town Lot No. 1, then east on the line of said lot to the southeast corner of said lot 40 rods; errors excepted.

Sept. 15th, 1809.	Zacheus Colby, Surveyor	
	Nathaniel Tibbels	}
	Moses Clark	} Com. of
	Matthew Dimmick	} Highways

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton beginning at the north-east corner of Town Lot No. 33, running west 26° north on the north line of said lot, and on the north line of ~~said lot~~ Town Lot No. 8 to the west end of said town lot 88 rods 22 links; errors excepted.

Sept. 16th, 1809	Zacheus Colby, Surveyor	
	Nathaniel Tibbles	}
	Moses Clark	} Com. of
	Matthew Dimmick	} Highways

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton beginning at the north-east corner of Town Lot No. 12 running west 26° north 61 rods 10 links, then north 208 rods, then north 45° west 62 rods, then north 61° west 28 rods, then north 54° west 32 rods, intersecting the old road on the shore of Lake Ontario at the little pond.

Errors excepted.

Zacheus Colby	Surveyor	
Nathaniel Tibbles	}	
Moses Clark	} Com. of	
Matthew Dimmick	} Highways	

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton beginning at Road District No. 2 on the west line of Lot No. 28, running on said line north 3° west one mile 96 rods to the State Road.

Errors excepted.	Zacheus Colby	Surveyor	
	Matthew Dimmick	}	Com. of
	Moses Clark	} High's.	

Survey and alteration of a road laid by the Commissioners of Northampton for the year 1807 beginning in said road on the north line of Abel & Frederic Rowe's lot, thence running north 20° east 41 rods 10 links, thence north 10° east 84 rods, thence north 10° west 40 rods, thence north

20° west 20 rods, thence north 14° east 20 rods, thence north 20 rods, thence north 20° west 20 rods, thence north 28° west 14 rods, thence north 49° west 26 rods to the road laid by the former Com., thence beginning at the southwest corner of Lot No. 36 in Township No. 1 Short Range, where the former commissioners began said road, thence running north 1½° west 86 rods, thence north 23° west 20 rods, thence north 43° west 20 rods, thence north 28° west 48 rods, thence north 21° west 24 rods, thence north 52 rods, thence north 44° east 184 rods, thence north 77° east 90 rods, thence north 62° east 147 rods, thence north 45° east 66 rods, thence east 27° south 34 rods to the shore of Lake Ontario.

Errors excepted. Zacheus Colby Surveyor
 Matthew Dimmick } Com. of
 Moses Clark } Highways

Editor's note: The following description is the survey of a road beginning in the present-day vicinity of Brooks Avenue, Chili Avenue and Howard Road. The record includes the reference that the road leads "from Dean's sawmill," referring to the sawmill established by Isaac Dean and later operated by Chauncey Dean about a mile south of Gates Center circa 1810. It also refers to the beginning of the road on the south line of Lot No. 30, which was located near the present-day intersections of Brooks Avenue, Chili Avenue, and Howard Road. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, the lot was the site of the Harder family farm and homestead. Today, it is the site of Walmart and other businesses.

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton leading from Dean's sawmill to the Genesee River. Beginning at a stake on the south line of Lot No. 30, thence running east on the line of Lot. 7 52 rods, thence east 25° south 50 rods, thence east 17 rods to the west shore of the Genesee River, errors excepted.

 Zacheus Colby Surveyor
 Asa Castle } Com. of
 Frederic Rowe } Highways

Survey of a road leading from the above road to the road leading from the Genesee River by George Everson's to Parma, beginning at a stake in the above road 20 rods from the river, thence running north 339 rods to the last mentioned road, errors ex.

June 11th, 1811.

Zacheus Colby, Surveyor

Asa Castle	} Com. of
Frederic Rowe	} Highways

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton leading from the State Road to the village at the mouth of the Genesee River, beginning at a stake in the State Road near Augustus B. Shaw's blacksmith shop, then running north 10° east 114 rods, then north 7° west 360 rods, then north 18° east 178 rods, then north 7° east 24 rods, then north 2° west 84 rods, then north 19° east 197 rods, then north 26° east 174 rods, to the head of the village, errors excepted.

Zacheus Colby Surveyor

Asa Castle	} Com. of
Frederic Rowe	} Highways

Survey of a road in the village at the mouth of the Genesee River, viz:

Road 1st

Beginning at a post in the northwest corner of Lot No. 40 in said village, thence north $28^{\circ} 15'$ east 81 chains along the west end of Lots 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, &c to the shore of Lake Ontario; this line to be considered as the eastern boundary of the highway, which is 6 rods wide.

Road 2nd

Beginning at a post standing on the south line of said Lot No. 40 bearing south $87^{\circ} 45'$ east 3 chains 20 links from the southwest corner of said Lot No. 40, thence on the western boundary of the highway north $40^{\circ} 45'$ E. 21 chains & 42 links to a post in the eastern boundary of the south division of Lot No. 32, bearing south $28^{\circ} 15'$ west 60 links from the N.E. corner of the same, thence N. $28^{\circ} 15'$ E. 42 chains & 74 links to a post standing on the shore of Lake Ontario marked 21st. This road is 5 rods wide.

Road 3rd

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot No. 1 in said village thence N. N. $28^{\circ} 15'$ E. 89 chains 50 links to a post on the shore of Lake Ontario marked H [?]. This line is considered as the eastern line of the highway which is 5 rods wide.

Road 4th

Beginning at a post marked 1 3/2 in the north corner of Lot No. 2, thence on the north line of Lots No. 2 & 39 on a course of S 61° 40' E. 26 chains and 70 links to the western shore of Genesee River; this line to be the center of the highway, 4 rods wide.

Road 5th

Beginning at the N.W. corner of Lot No. 4 at a post marked No. 5/No. 4, thence south 61° 45' 25 ch. 10 l. to the shore of Genesee River, at a post marked No. 36/No. 37 which is four rods wide.

Road 6th

Beginning at the N. W. corner of Lot No. 6 at a post marked No. 7/6, thence south 61° 45' 23 chains to a post on the shore of Genesee River marked No. 34/35. This line is to be the centre of the highway which is 4 rods wide.

Road 7th

Beginning at a post in the N. W. corner of Lot No. 8 marked No. 8/9, thence south 61° 45' 22 chains 30 links, to a post on the shore of the river marked No. 32/33. This line is the centre of the highway 4 rods wide.

Road 8th

Beginning at a post at the N. W. corner of Lot No. 12 marked No. 13/12, thence south 61° 45' 22 chains 70 links to a post on the shore of the river, marked No. 28/29. This line is the centre of the highway 4 rods wide.

Road 9th

Beginning at a post in the N. W. corner of Lot No. 14 marked No. 15/14, thence south 61° 45' 22 chains 25 links to a post in the N. E. corner of Lot No. 27. This line is the centre of the highway, 4 rods wide.

Road 10th

Beginning at a post in the N. W. corner of Lot No. 16 marked No. 17/16, thence 61° 45' 23 chains, to the N. E. corner of Lot No. 25 on the shore of the river. This line is the centre of the highway, 4 rods wide.

Road 11th

Beginning at a post in the N. W. corner of Lot No. 18 marked No. 19/18 thence south 61° 45' 23 chains, 35 links to the N.E. corner of Lot No. 23 on the shore of the river. This line is the center of the highway 4 rods wide.
(Errors excepted)

Northampton, June 13th, 1811

Zacheus Colby Surveyor

Asa Castle	}	Com. of Highways
Frederic Rowe	}	

Survey and minutes of a road laid by the Com. of the Town of Northampton.

Beginning at the S.W. corner of Lot No. 42 running south one degree east 558 rods to the Latta Road.

Also a road beginning at the southeast corner of Lot No. 18, running west one degree north 600 rods to the road laid by Wilkinson.

Moses Clark	}	
Frederic Rowe	}	Com. of Highways
Asa Castle	}	

To the Commissioners of the Town of Northampton

Having seen that the State Road running through this town on the north Ridge from the River Road to the west line of this town is opened, do hereby discontinue the old road, and allow the same to be shut from the schoolhouse on the River Road, to the west line of this town; and the same to be filed in the records of this town.

Northampton 9th Dec. 1812.

Daniel Mack	}	
Benjamin Fowle	}	Com.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Northampton

You will enter on ~~file~~ record as follows, *viz*:

Agreeable to a late act passed by the Legislature passed at the Session of 1811 & 1812, the undersigned Com. of Highways do discontinue the State Road (so called) from the Village of Rochester to opposite Elisha Dunham's; and they do further establish agreeable to the above mentioned act the State Road from the said Village of Rochester running from the said Village of Rochester, beginning at Lot No. 10 of said village, thence running north 42° 4' west to the house Francis Brown &c, thence north 38° 10' west to the north line of the Village of Frankfort, thence on a line

northerly to where it intersects the old road opposite the before-mentioned Dunham's.

Northampton 15th Jan'y. 1813.

Francis Brown	}	
Benjamin Fowle	}	Com. of Highways
Daniel Mack	}	

Record of the State Road in this town as originally surveyed and filed in the County Clerk's Office. Minutes as follows, viz:

← Genesee River

Commencement of the survey of the State Road at a point on the west bank of Genesee River from which the terminating point of the Salina Road to said river.

(Editor's note: Pages 76, 77 and 78 of the minutes include a number of diagrams reflecting this survey. The text that appears on these pages is transcribed here, along with scanned images of the actual pages.)

Bears N. 73 E₄ 22 links, it being a hemlock tree standing on the east bank of the river aforesaid.

X Harford's Mill

* Harford's House

1 mile post marked 1 M.S.R.

Course continued

1 mile post marked 1 M.S.R. standing near Cha's. Harford's door.

Deep Hollow Bridge

2 mile post marked 2 M.S.R.

2 mile post

3 mile post marked 3 M.S.R.

3 mile post (course continued)

First course after leaving the road to King's Landing

4 mile post. This course continued.

4 mile post

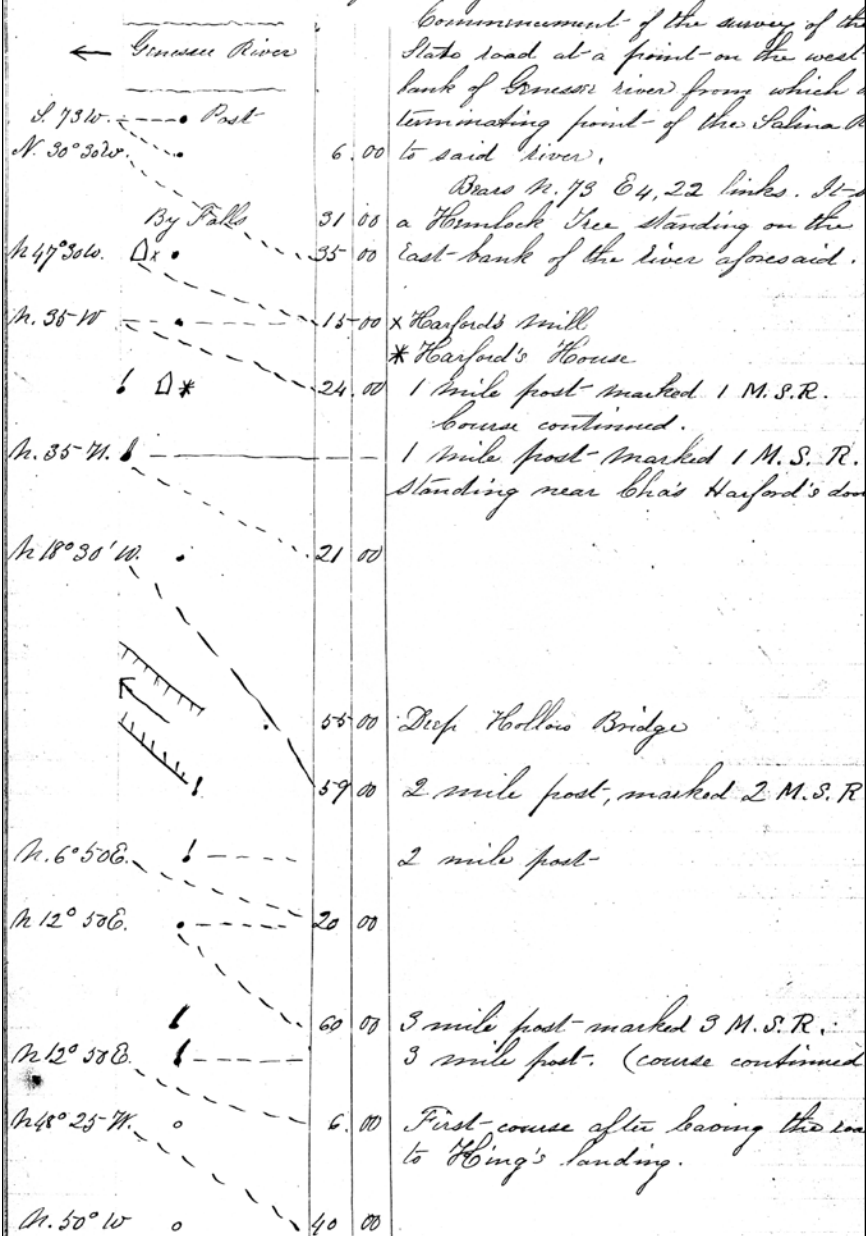
The Ridge above 1 chain wide and a complete turnpike.

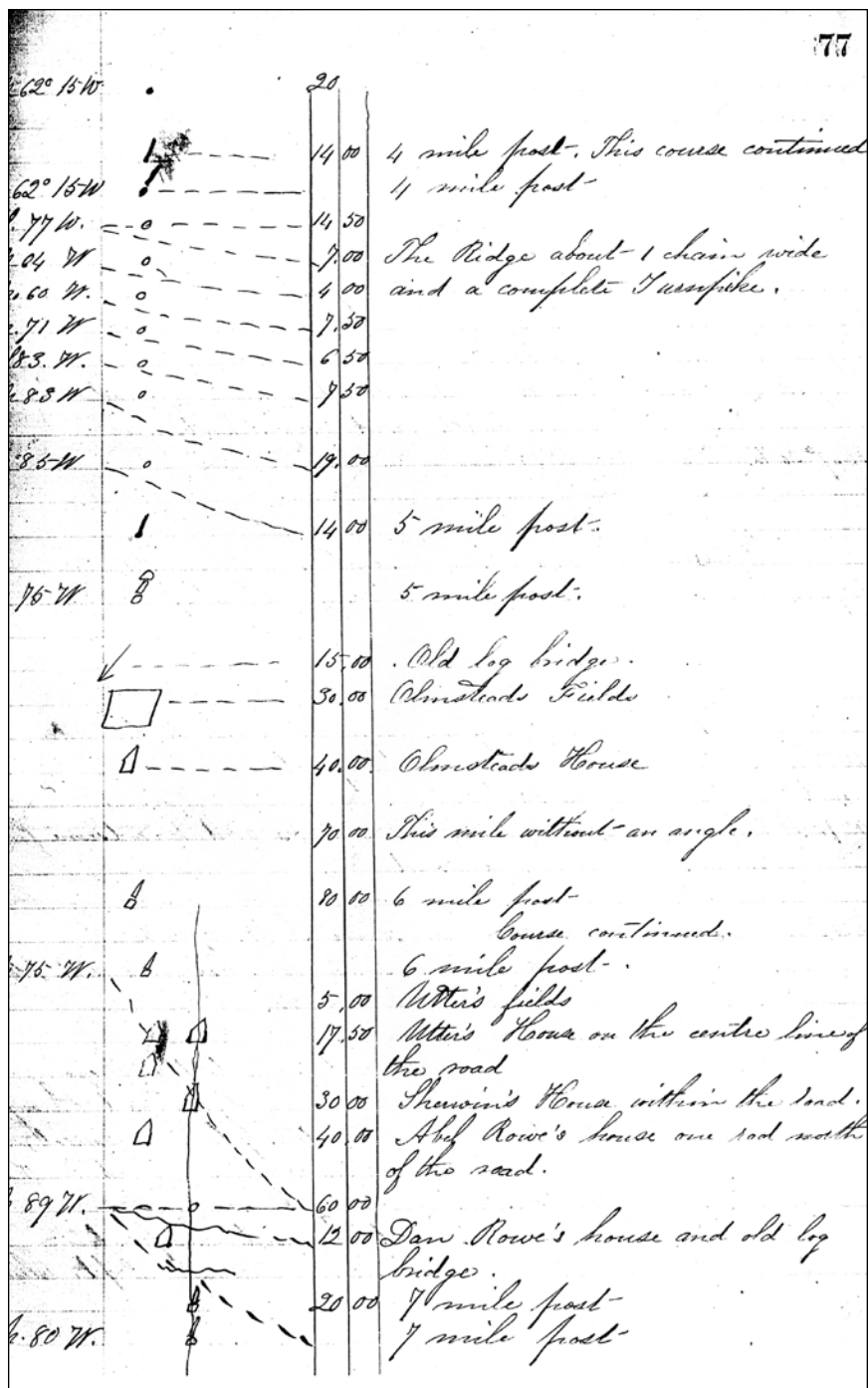
5 mile post

Old log bridge

Olmstead's fields

Record of the State Road in this Town as originally surveyed and filed in the County Clerk's office.
 Marked as follows viz:





		Roads.	
78			
N 77 W	0	5 00	
N 71 W	0	13 00	
N 79 W	0	8 00	
N 84 W	0	7 00	
	0	7 00	8 mile post.
			course continued
			8 mile post
N 84 W	0		
N 67 W	0	3 00	
N 77 W	0	6 50	
N 69 W	0	22 50	Ridge Road from 6 to 8 rods
			width and very handsome
N 69° 30' W	0	10 00	
N 78 W	0	18 50	Gully about 4 chains wide
		20 00	banks something steep.
		18 00	9 mile post. course continued
N 78 W	0		9 mile post
Nest	0	6 50	
N 75 W	0	11 00	Ridge narrow and handsome
			a road
N 85 W	0	31 50	Town line S. W. Corner
		2 00	3 ch 60 south marked 2 to S. C
			N. E. & S. to S. W.
This may certify that the foregoing minutes of the Ridge Road to the Town of Northampton, are correct taken from the original filed in office. Signed Clement Carpenter Deft.			

Olmstead's house
 This mile without an angle.
 6 mile post
 Course continued
 6 mile post
 Utter's fields
 Utter's house on the centre line of the road
 Sherwin's house within the road
 Abel Rowe's house one rod north of the road
 Dan Rowe's house and old log bridge
 7 mile post
 7 mile post
 8 mile post
 Course continued
 8 mile post
 Ridge Road from 6 to 8 rods in width and very handsome.
 Gulf above 4 chains wide, banks something steep.
 9 mile post. Course continued.
 9 mile post
 Ridge narrow and handsome for a road
 Town line S. W. Corner
 3 ch. 60 l. south marked 2 to S.E. [?] N.E. & 3 to S.W.
 This may certify that the foregoing minutes of the Ridge Road through the
 Town of Northampton are correct, as taken from the
 original filed in this office.
 Signed Clement Carpenter
 Dept. Clerk

1813

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Alteration of a Road.

No. 1

Alteration of a road leading from the River Road to Fairfield, *viz*: begin-
 ning two rods south of the N.E. corner of Lot No. 29, thence running two
 hundred and eight rods westerly, to where it intersects the line betwixt Lot
 28 & 29. We the undersigned Com. do order the above recorded as a pub-
 lic road;—and also order that the road which makes an angle at 104 rods
 distance on the line of the above lots be discontinued.

Northampton, 6th April, 1813.

Signed	Francis Brown	}	
	Benjamin Fowle	}	Com.

Road

No. 2

A survey of a road beginning one rod east of a stake near Augustus B. Shaw's blacksmith shop, thence running N 10° E 111 rods, and six links. This survey, we the undersigned Com. do order on record, and establish as a public road,—we also do annul the old road running parallel to the above, *viz*: from a stake near A. B. Shaw's blacksmith shop, thence N 10° E 114 rods.

Signed	Francis Brown	}	
	Benjamin Fowle	}	Com.

Northampton, 6th April, 1813.

Road

No. 3

We the undersigned Com. of Highways for the Town of Northampton do establish as a public highway the road from Lot No. 17 on the north line thence running east as long as the line of Lot No. 16 to within 10 rods of the corner, thence on an angle to the north so as to intersect the line 10 rods east of the west corner, thence on the north line of Lot No. 6 until it intersects the Hewit[?] Road. We also order the same to be on record.

We also disannul the road running from the northwest corner of Lot No. 2, thence south on the line of said lot and that of No. 3, angling to the east until it intersects the Hewit Road.

We also allow the same to be on record.

Northampton, 6th April, 1813.

Signed	Francis Brown	}	
	Daniel Mack	}	Com.

A survey and alteration of a road in the Town of Gates leading from the State Road to the River Road.—Beginning at a stake and stones a few rods

east of Raccoon Creek in the State Road, then running north 26° east 13 rods, then north 40° east 20 rods, then north 6° east 110 rods, then n. 46° east 36 rods, then n 67° east 222 rods, then n 62° east 166 rods, then n 50° east 284 rods to the River Road, and when this road shall be opened and sufficiently worked, all that part of the former road not included in this survey shall cease to be a public highway.

Gates, December 9th, 1813

Signed Zacheus Colby }
Chauncy Dean } Com.

A survey of a road as laid by the Com. of Highways August 25th, 1814 and established as a public road.—*viz*:

Road from Frankfort Village, so called, westerly—Beginning at Street Street in the centre of Court Street in the Village of Frankfort agreeable to a survey and map made by Benjamin Wright, Esq., running south $47^{\circ} 50'$ west 342 rods & 18 links to the south line of Lot No. 63, thence west on the line of lots 56 rods to Evan's corner; course continued 984 rods to the S. W. corner of Lot No. 112, course continued 123 rods, thence south 40 deg. west 64 rods ~~14~~ links, thence south 62 deg. west 223 r., thence south 73 deg. west 49 rods, thence south 82 deg. west 142 rods, thence south 70° west 31 rods 3 links, thence south 75° west 78 rods 21 links, thence south 78 deg. west 47 rods 3 links, thence south 62 deg. west 110 rods to a stake on the town line and where it intersects the road which passes by Ira Lacey's house in the Town of Parma.—The Com. order that that part of the said tract which leads through the Village of Frankfort shall be the width of sixty feet, and that the remainder of said tract is the usual course of 4 rods.

Daniel Mack } Com.

September 30th, 1813

A survey and alteration of part of the State Road leading from the bridge which crosses the Genesee River near the falls on said river, to Lewiston on the Niagara River, which said alteration is in the Town of Gates (formerly Northampton) in the County of Genesee, and is a part of said road which was altered from the original survey of a road laid out by Com. appointed by a law of the state, passed April 4th, 1806, and altered by a subsequent act of the legislature passed June 15th, 1812; *viz*: beginning at the N.E. corner of Lot No. 10 of the Village of Rochester in the Town of

Gates (formerly Northampton) being 46 rods from Buffalo Street and from the centre of Lot 131 in the said village, and running from thence to the first angle in the road lately laid out by Francis Brown under the authority of the Com. of Highways, and from the N.E. corner of Lot No. 10 as above to Buffalo Street, course south 33° E. 46 rods. Course and distance from Lot No. 10 to the first angle near Francis Brown's house N 40° 10' west, distance 144 rods, 5 links.

} Com.

A survey and alteration of a part of the State Road leading from the bridge which crosses the Genesee River near the falls on said river to Lewiston on the Niagara River, and which said river alteration is in the Town of Gates (formerly Northampton) and is in pursuance of an act of the legislature passed at their session of 1811–1812 as follows, *viz*: beginning at the south end of a small bridge near the house of Elisha Danborn, now Charles Harford, in the Town of Gates (formerly Northampton), thence running south 26° east 122 rods, thence south 40° E. 80 rods, thence south 43° E. 157 rods to a place where it again falls in with the road as laid by the Com. appointed by an act of the legislature passed April 4th 1806 entitled an act to lay out a road through the County of Genesee from the termination of the Salina Road near the falls on the Genesee River to Lewiston on the Niagara River.

May 25th, 1814.

} Com.

Editor's note: The following survey begins at the southwest corner of Lot No. 33 in the Four Thousand Acre Tract of the Town of Gates, which is at the corner of present-day Brooks Avenue and Buell Road, opposite the exit of the Greater Rochester International Airport.

Survey of a road beginning at the southwest corner of Lot No. 33 in the 4 Thousand Acre Tract (so called) in the Town of Gates, thence north 86 rods to the line of lots, thence west 320 rods, thence continued 80, thence south 86 rods 17 links to the road leading westerly past Chauncy Dean's Mills.

Gates, Jan. 5th, 1814

A record Aug. 12th, 1815, as follows.

An alteration made on a road running from the settlement to Parma line: beginning at the N. E. corner No. 117 S. E. No. 116 running due west on line of lots 800 rods to the town line.

Gates, July 24th, 1815.

Surveyed by David Stephens

Signed Samuel Latta	}	Com. of
Moses Clark	}	High.

Editor's note: The following survey of Lyell Road begins at the northwest corner of Lot No. 156, which is near the present-day corner of Lyell Road and Manitou Road. The point between Lot No. 120 and Lot No. 111 is the corner of Lyell Road and Long Pond Road, which was known as Statt Road in 1902. The point between Lot No. 111 and Lot No. 102 is the corner of Lyell Road and Howard Road. From that point, the survey proceeds east along present-day Lyell Avenue into what is now the City of Rochester.

Lyell Road

A survey of a road laid in the Town of Gates, June 1st, 1815, beginning at the northwest corner of No. 156 on the west line of the Town of Gates running east $2^{\circ} 45'$ south on the north line of Lots No. 156, 147, 138, 129, 120, 111, 102, 93, 84, 75, 66, 62, & 48, 512 chains and 50 links, where it intersects the Main Street leading through Frankfort & Rochester villages.

Signed	Austin Spencer	Surveyor
	Moses Clark	}
	Philip Lyell	}

Survey of a road laid in the Town of Gates, June 2nd, 1815—beginning near the centre of the west line of Lot No. 89 on the Ridge Road at the centre of a road leading westerly through Lot No. 98 being the [?] lot of Thomas King.

Running S $2^{\circ} 45'$ west 71 chains on the west line of Lot No. 89, 90 & 91, thence east 57° south 50 chains & 25 links, thence E 2° north 5 chains, thence E. 55° south 7 chains & 92 L., thence E 5° & 3 chains, thence E

52° south 5 chains, thence E 36° south 9 chains & 90 links, thence E 82° S. 8 chains & 40 links, thence E 60° south 23 chains & 75 links, whence it intersects a road laid on the north line of Lot No. 84.

Austin Spencer	Moses Clark	}	Com. of
Surveyor	Philip Lyell	}	High.

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Roads 1816

A survey of a road in the Town of Gates beginning at a stake at the S. W. angle of Lot No. 7 marked 3, 4, 7, 8, thence S. 80° E. on the line between Lots 4 & 7 to a stake at the S. W. angle of Lot No. 6 marked 4, 7, 5, 6, seventy five chains, thence S. 88° E on the line between 5 & 6 to the S. W. angle of Lot No. 57 to a stake marked 5, 6, 56, 57 seventy five chains, thence S 88° E on the line between Lot No. 56, 57 to a stake at the S. W. angle of Lot No. 59 to a stake marked 56, 57, 58, 59 seventy five chains to intersect the road running N. to the Latta Road.

Surveyed Mar. the 25th, 1816.

Signed	John S. Warner	}	
	Samuel Latta	}	Com. of High.
	Moses Clark	}	

Field notes of a State Road from Batavia to the Village of Rochester comprising that section of the road contained within the Town of Gates, *viz*:

Beginning in the west line of Gates 71 ch. 33 L. from an angle post standing 100 ch. E. of Little Black Creek near the bridge on a course N. 81° 30′ E., thence running the following course and distances, *viz*:

North 81° 30′ E	—	2 ch. 67 links to angle post
N. 66° 31′ E	—	10 " 50 " " " "
Due East	—	51 " [?]0 " " " "
North 75° E	—	160 chains " " " "
South 88° E	—	257 chains " " " " near Evans
North 76° E	—	109 ch. 50 L. to Genesee R.
		590.67 (bridge at Roch.)

Miles 7 30 chains 67 links

Signed William Rumsey	}	
Samuel Foster	}	Com.

A survey of a road in the Village of Frankfort in the Town of Gates beginning at the east line of State Street, so called, thence thence running at right angles with said State Street E 42° 10' N. to the west line of Mill Street 200 ft.

		F. Brown, Surveyor
Samuel Latta	}	
Moses Clark	}	Com. of High.

April 2nd, 1816.

A survey of a road laid in the Town of Gates May 4th, 1816. Beginning at the centre of the River Road, three rods south of Hanford's ~~Land-~~ing Store, running south 87° W. 36 chains 75 links where it intersects the Ridge Road leading to Lewiston.

Philip Lyell	}	
Samuel Latta	}	Com. of H.

Field notes and survey of a road leading from Rochester Village through the Towns of Gates, Parma, Sweden and Murray to the four corners in Murray, July 25th, 1816.

Beginning at the bridge over Genesee River at Rochester.

Distance from Rochester to west line of Gates 591 ch., 40 links.

Distance from west line of Gates to west line of Parma 480 " 10 "

Distance from " " " Parma to north line of Sweden 76 " 25

From north line of Sweden to Murray four corners 177 " 13

	Chains	Links
South 76 west	109	50 to angle post
North 88 "	45 "	" " " "
" 67 "	21	50 " " "
" 70 "	89	" " " "

86			Road 1816	
			Chains	Links
North	60	west	19	50 to angle post
"	67	"	212	50 " " "
"	54	"	20	" " " "
"	66° 30'	"	23	" " "
"	67	"	10	" " "
"	88	"	10	" " "
"	67	"	318	40 line between Gates and Parma
"	67	"	361.60 links	
"	57	"	20	to angle post
"	67	"	98.50	to line of Parma & Swe.
"	67	"	76.25	to line of Sweden
"	67	"	52.25	to angle post
"	50	"	35.63	" " "
"	61	"	16.75	" " "
"	74 30'	"	25	" " "
"	73 30'	"	27.50	" " "
"	68	"	20	to four corners in Murray

Genesee County } ss.

We the undersigned Com. for laying out the within mentioned road, do certify that the within map and field notes of the survey also made by Austin Spencer, surveyor under our inspection and by our direction, and that we have established the said road as is herein described in pursuance to the act of the legislature; given under our hand at Murray this 25th day of July, 1816.

Signed J. P. Patterson

Geo. G. Sill

Ezra Davis Jr.

}
}
} Com.

A survey of a road from the town line betwixt Gates and Riga, northeasterly to the State Road, beginning on said line at a road leading out of Riga

running north 63° E 48 chains to the south line of Chauncey Dean's farm, opposite his saw mill; from thence south 80° 30' E. 8 chains along said line, from thence north 56° E. 41 chains, from thence north 73° E. 66 chains, thence north 23° East 25 chains, thence north 40° E. 47 chains to the said State Road, being two miles and three fourths and sixty rods.

A road intersecting the above mentioned road south of Dean's saw-mill running south 14° 30' E. 26 chains to the town line. The said road surveyed by me.

Signed Alexander Osburn, Surveyor

Signed Chauncey Dean }

July 1st, 1816 Philip Lyell } Com. of H.

Survey bill of a road beginning 50 links north of the corner of Lots No. 5 & 12 in Township No. 2, Short Range, at the road leading from the schoolhouse on the opening to the South's Road, thence south 80° west two chains, twenty-five links, thence west on the line between 5 & 4 & 57 to the N. W. corner of Lot No. 57, forty-eight chains, twenty-five links.

Surveyed May the 22nd, 1816.

John S. Warner }

Samuel Latta }

Philip Lyell } Com. of High.

Survey of a road leading from the Big Ridge Road to the State Ridge Road, commencing at the southwest corner of Lot No. 107 running N. 3° E. on the west line of said lot, and on the confirmed line between Lots No. 106 & 115, 62 chains, 50 links to an angle tree, from thence making the angle into Lot No. 106, running north 35° E. to an angle post, 27 chains & 6 links; from thence north 20° E. on to Lot No. 105 to an angle post 22 chains; from thence north 37° E. running ~~into Lot~~ to stake on the Ridge Road 20 chains 50 links.

Rochester, March 29, 1817	62.50
	27.86
The above road is made }	22.00
75 links wide.	20.50
Total	<u>132.86</u>

Bradford King	}	
Philip Lyell	}	Com. of Highways
Samuel Latta	}	

Survey of a road leading across Lots 51 & 52 in the Village of Rochester village, commencing on Buffalo St. in the aforesaid village at a stake running south 15° E. 29 chains 70 links to an angle post (through the centre of Sophia St.) on the south side of the Rochester lot, thence south 18° 13 chains, 6 links to an angle post on the south side of Lot. 51, thence south 2° W. 10 chains 66 to the south line of Lot 52 to a post, thence south 6° W. 28 chains 92 to the centre of the road on the river brink.

Bradford King, Surveyor

Fred'k. Bushnell	}	
Abel Rowe	}	Com. of High.
Chan. Dean		

John C. Rochester, Town Clerk

Survey of the alteration of a road leading from the Village of Rochester (being a continuation of Mill St. in aforesaid village, west line of the road). Beginning at the south line of said village as originally laid out at the S.E. corner of village Lot No. 48, thence south through the Lot 51, 15° 30' W. 2 ch. 37 links—thence south 7° W. 21 ch. 10 links to the centre of the present highway, along the river—to extend four perches[?] E. from this line after making the angle south 17° W. @ Mill St. to continue 6 perches[?] wide to said angle—the present road from the S. E. corner of Lot No. 48 to where the above described road intersects on the bank of Genesee River, is ordered to be discontinued from this date, as a public highway.

Dated Gates, Apr. 29th, 1817.

John C. Rochester	}	Fred. Bushnell	}	
Surveyor		Abel Rowe	}	Com. of
		Chauncey Dean	}	High.

A true copy of the original surveyor's bill.

John C. Rochester, T. Clerk

Survey of a highway in the Village of Rochester beginning at the south line of the State Road and at the north end of the street, distinguished by the name of Washington St. on the map of said village, thence running on the centre line of said street south 11° E. 10 chains parallel with the line of village lots to a stake.

Gates, 28th June, 1818.

Eli Stillson, Surveyor

Chauncey Dean }

Abel Rowe } Com. of Highways

The survey of a road from Mumford St. to Factory St. in the Village of Rochesterville.

Beginning at or near the north line of Rochester's lot near the line of Daniel Mack and runs from thence north 42° 10' west along Mill St., so called, about 26 chains and 80 links to Factory St.—thence along said street three chains and two links.

Chauncey Dean }

Rochester, Sept. 1st, 1817 F. Bushnell } Com. of H.

Editor's note: The following survey describes the path of Pixley Road beginning in the center of Lot No. 40, the present-day corner of Pixley Road and Chili Avenue. Running north, it indicates the two curves in Pixley Road near the corners of Rowley Drive and the entrance to Brook-lea Country Club, and concludes near the present-day corner of Buffalo Road and Pixley Road.

Beginning in the centre of the highway running westerly from Joshua Eaton's on the town line in the centre of Lot No. 40 in the 4 Thousand Acre Tract, thence north two degrees E. 41 chains to an angle post, thence north to 28½° E. 3 chains to an oak tree, thence north 3½ deg. E. 52 chains to the centre of the highway on the north line of Lot No. 4 on the 4 Thousand Acre Tract.

Gates, April 2nd, 1818.

Jonah Brown } Chauncey Dean }

Surveyor F. Bushnell } Com. of High.

Beginning at a stake in the center of the highway on the bank of Genesee River near Manly Wellman's, thence north 88° W. on the line between Lots No. 36 & 47 in the Four Thousand Acre Tract, 50 chains to the center of the highway leading west from the Genesee River to C. Dean's.

That part of the last mentioned highway lying east of the intersection, discontinued—Also that part of the highway south of James Bickford's south line running through Manly Wellman's land discontinued.

The above road 4 rods wide.

Jonah Brown	}	Chauncey Dean	}	Com. of
Surveyor		F. Bushnell	}	Highways

Relay of a road beginning at the centre of the highway leading from Riga to Dean's Mills on the south side of Lot No. 41 in the Town of Gates, thence running north 51° 30 E. 10 chains to intersect the road running from Dean's Mill to the head of the rapids; and the old road running nearly parallel with the above is discontinued. Gates, June 27th, 1819.

Eli Stillson	}	Chauncey Dean	}	Com. of
Surveyor		Abel Rowe	}	Highways

Editor's note: The following survey describes present-day Westside Drive from the corner of Chili Avenue and Westside Drive west to the southwest corner of Lot No. 38 in the Four Thousand Acre tract, which is the present-day corner of Coldwater Road and Westside Drive.

Beginning at a stake in the centre of the highway running from C. Dean's near Joshua Eaton's, thence north 88° west on the town line 133 chains to the southwest corner of Lot No. 38 Four Thousand Acre Tract. Said road 4 rods wide.

Gates, April 2nd, 1818.	Chauncey Dean	}	Com. of High of
Jonah Brown, Surveyor	F. Bushnell	}	Gates
	J. Cole	}	
	J. Groonendyke	}	Com. of Riga

Beginning at a marked tree in the centre of the highway near J. C. Rochester's house, thence south 31° W. 33 chains to a marked stump in

Ely's clearing, thence south 26° west 30½ chains to a marked tree, thence south 78° west 11 chains to a marked tree, thence south 50° west 49 chains to the centre of the highway on the bank of the Genesee River below Manly Wellman's. The highway on the bank of the Genesee River north of the last intersection discontinued to the south line of Rochesterville.

Gates, April 3rd, 1818.	C. Dean	}	Com. of High
Jonah Brown, Surveyor	F. Bushnell	}	

Survey of a road beginning at the road leading from the Village of Rochester to Hanford's on the south line of lot next north of Deep Hollow (so called), thence runs west on the line of lots, 120 chains to the road leading north to intersect the Ridge near Tho's. King's.

Eli Stillson, Surveyor

Chauncey Dean}	
Abel Rowe	} Com. of H. Gates, June 17, 1817

Survey of a road beginning at the Ridge Road on the east line of Lot No. 78, thence south 2° 30' E. on the line of lots 206 chains, to intersect a road leading west from Benjamin Hartford's to the town line of Parma.

28 June, 1817. Eli Stillson, Surveyor

Chauncey Dean}	Com. of
Abel Rowe	} Highways

Survey of a road beginning at a highway on the line of lots west from the northwest corner G. B. Freeman's land, thence runs north 88° west 114 chains, thence north 67° W. 33 chains, thence north 58° W. 20 chains, thence north 61° W. 23 chains to the State Road.

28 June, 1817. Eli Stillson, Surveyor

Chauncey Dean}	Com. of
Abel Rowe	} Highways

June 28, 1817

Survey of a road continued. Beginning at a stake being the corner of Lots No. 20, 21, 27 & 28, thence runs north 2½ E. on the line of lots 40 chains to the north line of the 4 Thousand Acre Tract (so called).

Eli Stillson, Surveyor

Chauncey Dean } Com. of
Abel Rowe } Highways

(See attached map—ed.)

Survey of that part of the road from Rochesterville, Ontario County, to Angelica, Allegany County, which lies in the Town of Gates, beginning at S. line of the corporation of the bridge of Rochesterville, at the road west of Capt. Richards house, thence south 42° W. 1 mile 36 chains 13 links, intersecting the River Road, thence south 51° W. 6 chains, thence S. $34^{\circ} 30'$ W. 7 chains 35 links, thence S. $21^{\circ} 30'$ W. 11 chains 17 links to Wellman's house, thence S. 50° W. 6 chains 50 links, thence S. 56° W. 7 chains, to the Town of Riga.

Powel Carpenter }
James Willson } Com.
John Garbutt }

Survey of Waterloo St.

(See attached map—ed.)

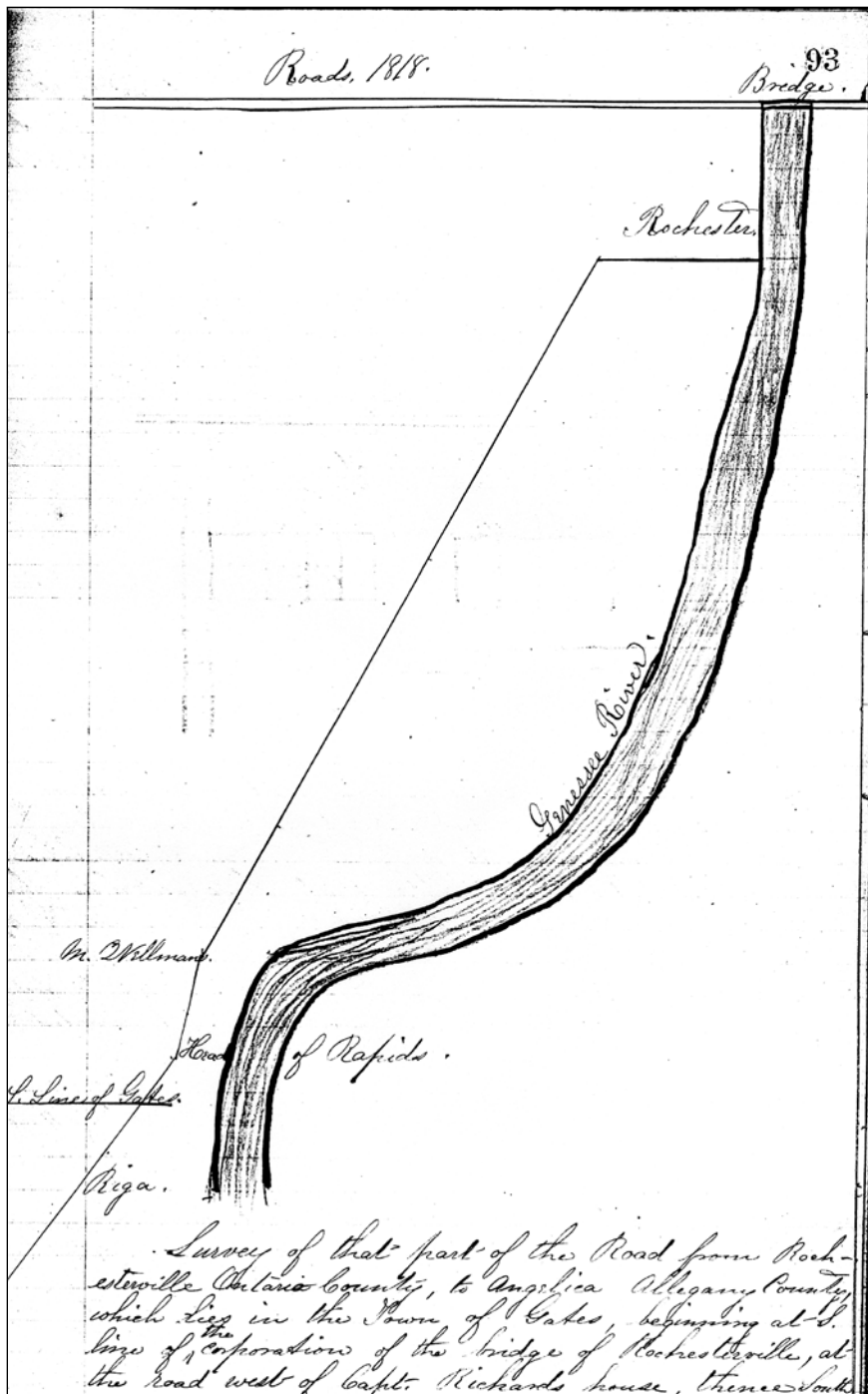
Survey of a road in that part of the Village of Rochesterville called Frankfort, as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east line of State St. S. $38^{\circ} 10'$ E. thirty-three feet from the S. W. corner of Lot. No. 75 & runs thence north $47^{\circ} 50'$ East one hundred feet parallel with the north line of said Lot No. 75 which St. is called Waterloo St.

We order the above road to be recorded as a public highway.

April 4th, 1818. Fred'k. Bushnell } Com. of
Chauncey Dean } Highways

The above is a true copy of original survey bill filed April 16th, 1818.
Everard Peck, Town Clerk

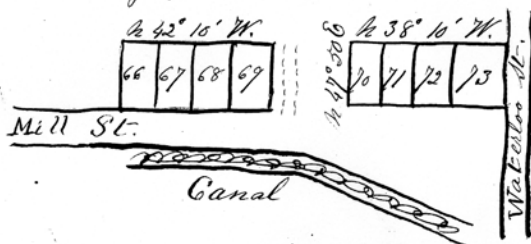


Roads, 1818.

42° W. 1 mile 36 chains 13 links, intersecting the
 River Road, thence South 51° W. 6 chains, thence S.
 34° 30' W. 7 chains 35 links, thence S 21° 30' W. 11
 chains 17 links to Williams's house, thence S 50° W.
 6 chains 50 links, thence S. 56° W. 7 chains, to the
 Town of Riga.

Pavel Warfinger }
 James Willson } Com.
 John Garbutt }

Survey of Watuloo St.



Survey of a Road in that part of the village of
 Rochester called Frankfurt as follows:

Beginning at a point on the East line of
 State St. N 38° 10' E, thirty three feet from the
 S. W. corner of Lot no. 75 & thence thence North 47°
 50' East one hundred feet parallel with the West
 line of said lot no. 75 which St. is called Watuloo St.

To order the above road to be recorded as
 a public highway.

April 4th, 1818.

Fredk Bushnell } Com. of
 Pharmacy Loan } Highway

The above is a true copy of original survey bill
 Filed April 16th 1818. Edward Beck. Town Clerk.

J. Colburn } Recorded Aug 14th 1818

Survey of the Big Ridge

Road from Lot No. 89 N. E. corner to S. W. corner of Lot No. 107.

Beginning at a small walnut tree on the N. E. corner of Lot 89 running south 75° W. 504 rods to the S. W. corner stake of Lot No. 107.

Plan (a map) of said road filed Aug. 18th, 1818.

Moses King, Surveyor

E. Peck, Town Clerk

Isaac Colvin }

Philip Lyell } Commis.

Survey of a road leading from the State Ridge Road to the Murray Road, on the east line of Lots No. 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145.

Beginning at the Ridge Road running S. 3° W. 151 chains to the Big Ridge Road, thence same direction 74 chains to the Murray State Road running from Rochester to Murray four corners.

Recorded Aug. 18th, 1818. I. Colvin }

E. Peck, Town Clerk P. Lyell } Com.

See map filed Aug. 18th, 1818.

Survey and minutes of an alteration of the State Road from Rochester to Batavia, in the Town of Gates.

Beginning at the west side of said town on the 4000 Acre Tract on Lot No. 1, 14 rods and 18 links from the S.W. corner of said lot, running 74 rods north 68° E. to an angle stake; thence 276 rods N. 73° E. to the east line of Lot No. 159 on the 20,000 Acre Tract, 40 rods N. from the S.E. corner; thence ending 200 rods No. 88° E. in the State Road, 14 rods from the E. line of Lot No. 160, and 54 rods from the south line of said lot.

M. King, Surveyor

Gates, July 28, 1818.

I. Colvin } Recorded Aug. 18th, 1818

P. Lyell } Com. E. Peck, Town Clerk

See map filed Aug. 18th, 1818.

Survey of a town road in Township No. 2. Beginning in the centre of the Lake Road, leading from Braddock's Bay to the mouth of Genesee River, and near the middle of the E. line of Lot No. 55.—Running south 60° W. to the west line of said lot—thence south 77° W. nearly through the centre of Pelt's farm on Lot No. 50.—thence through to the middle of Munger's farm—thence south 63° W. through the centre of London's farm, to the west line of Lot No. 50—thence south on the line of lots 39 chains 75 links, thence south 35° W. 10 chains 50 links, thence south 59° E. across the marsh to Bullock's house.

Gates, Oct. 24th, 1818.	John Beal	}	
Moses King, Surveyor	Philip Lyell	}	Com.
	Isaac Colvin	}	

A true copy recorded

Nov. 7th, 1818. E. Peck, Town Clerk

Gates, Oct. 28, 1818.

Survey of town road in Township No. 2. Beginning at the termination of a road originally laid by the Commissioners, from the Latta Road to the N.E. corner of Lot No. 30 on the line of lots,—proceeding N. 145 chains to the centre of the west line of Lot No. 48.—Thence bearing E. across said lot on the Ridge and nearly equal distance from Braddock's Bay and Cranberry Pond, to a large white oak tree on the beach of the lake.

Moses King, Surveyor	John Beal	}	
	Philip Lyell	}	Com.
	Isaac Colvin	}	

A true copy of Survey Bill, recorded Nov. 7, 1818.

Attest E. Peck, Town Clerk

Survey of a town road in Township No. 2. Beginning on the west line of the town & W. line of Lot No. 47 ten chains from the N. line of said lot; running S. 86° E. 75 chains, intersecting the road leading from the Latta Road to Braddock's Bay—thence E. 75 chains terminating in the road leading from Pelt's south to Bullock's, across Long Pond marsh.

Gates, Oct. 27, 1818	John Beal	}	
Moses King	Philip Lyell	}	Com.
Surveyor	Isaac Colvin		

Recorded Nov. 7th, 1818.

A true copy. Attest E. Peck, Town Clerk

Survey of an alteration in the road leading from Rochester to the mouth of Genesee River.

Beginning at a stake on the east side of the road at the bottom of the hill on the S. side of Spring Brook, and running thence N. 13° W. 11 chains & 12 links to a stake, thence N. 2° W. three chains 75 links to a stake, thence N. 12° W. 11 chains to a stake where it intersects the present road.

Dec. 12th, 1818.	Philip Lyell	}	
Benjamin H. Brown	Isaac Colvin	}	Commiss.
Surveyor			

Recorded Dec. 15th, 1818. E. Peck, Town Clerk

Survey of a road in the mouth of the River Township. Beginning on the N.W. corner of Lot No. 3—running south on the line of said lot 50 rods,—thence E. 200 rods, intersecting the Hickox Road.

Rochester, Jan. 9th, 1819.	Isaac Colvin	}	
Recorded Jan. 9th, 1819.	John Beal	}	Com. of H.

Survey of High St. in the Village of Rochester. Beginning at a point on Buffalo St. 2 chains north of the N. E. corner of Town Lot No. 51, thence south 16 chains to the N. line of town Lot No. 52.

Benjamin H. Brown, Surveyor

Rochester, Jan. 5th, 1819.	Philip Lyell	}	Com. of Highways
	Isaac Colvin	}	

Recorded March 12th, 1819.

E. Peck, Town Clerk

Survey of Troup St. in the Village of Rochester. Beginning at the southeast corner of town Lot No. 51 and running thence on the S. line of

town Lot No. 52 E. 33 chains to the bank of Genesee R.
Jan'y. 5th, 1819.

B. H. Brown, Surveyor

P. Lyell	}	
I. Colvin	}	Com. of Highways

Recorded March 12th, 1819.

E. Peck, Town Clerk

Survey of High St. in the Village of Rochester in the Town of Gates.
Beginning at a point on the Buffalo Road, two chains north of the N.
E. corner of the north part of town lot (No. 51) thence south 16 chains to
the N. line of town Lot No. 52,
Rochester, April 23rd, 1819.

Benjamin H. Brown
Surveyor

Roswell Hart	}	
Benjamin Barrett	}	Commis

Recorded Apr. 24th, 1819.

R. Babbitt
Town Clerk

Survey of a road commencing at the N.E. corner of Lot No. 12, sub-
division of Lot No. 47 in the 4000 Acre Tract, for the west line of said
road, running south 19° W. 100 until it intersects the town line. To be 4
rods wide.

We certify that we have laid a road according to the above survey, and
order it to be put upon record in the Town Books.

Signed	Roswell Hart	}	Com. of High.
	Ira West	}	of the Town of Gates

Recorded Sept. 29th, 1819.

Roswell Babbitt, Town Clerk

Survey of a road in the Town of Northampton. Beginning at Road

District No. 2 on the west line of Lot No. 98, running on said line No. 30° W. one mile 96 rods to the State Road.

Zacheus Colby, Surveyor.

Said road laid in the year 1809.

We, the Com. of the Town of Gates, do discontinue the road as above.

Roswell Hart }
Ira West } Com. of High.

Oct. 1819.

Recorded Oct. 21st, 1819.

R. Babbit, Town Clerk

Survey bill of a road leading along the Big Ridge commencing and running as follows:

At the N. E. corner of Lot No. 29, Township No. One, Short Range, running westerly on the line of lots to the N. W. corner of Lot No. 80, thence south 75° W. to the S. W. corner of Lot No. 107, from thence westerly on the line of lots to the town line.

Bradford King, Surveyor

Rochester, 18th Oct. 1819

Recorded Oct. 21st, 1819 Roswell Hart }
 Ira West } Com. of H.

Roswell Babbit,
Town Clerk

Survey of a road leading from the road from Rochester to Hanford's Landing, to the road leading from the Ridge Road to Harford Road.

Beginning at a point on the hill a little S. of the house now occupied by Jos. Scaver and running thence N. 88° W. 20 chains, thence N. 87° W. 4 ch. 50 links, thence N. 79° W. 8 chains, thence S. 85° W. 20 chains, thence N. 72° W. 3 chains, thence N. 70° W. 48 chains, thence N. 88° W. 45 chains to the road leading from the Ridge to the Harford Road.

B. H. Brown, Surveyor

We order this recorded.

March 20th, 1820. Roswell Hart }
 Ira West } Com. of High.

Survey or continuation of a road in Township No. One from the Ridge Road to the Buffalo Road.

Commencing in the centre of the Murray Road and on the E. line of Lot No. 154, running S. 3° W. on the line of Lot. 157, to the above mentioned Buffalo or Batavia Road.

Bradford King, Surveyor

Gates, May 4th, 1820.

Ira Stowell	}	Commiss. of
Philip Lyell	}	Highways

Recorded July 5th, 1820.

Jos. Spencer, T. Clerk

Survey of road in Township No. One, beginning at the N. E. corner of Lot No. 117, & the N. W. corner of No. 108 running S. 2° W. on the line between the above mentioned lot, course continued on the line of lots to the Murray Road, 129 chains.

Gates, May 2nd, 1820.

Bradford King, Surveyor

Ira Stowell	}	Com. of
Philip Lyell	}	Highways

Recorded July 5th, 1820.

Jos. Spencer, T.C.

Survey of road in Township No. 2 commencing on the Latta Road at the N. W. corner of Lot No. 23 & running S. 20° W. on the line of lots 193 chains to the E. line of Township No. 2 & W. line of Township No. One.

Gates, May 3rd, 1820.

Bradford King, Surveyor

Ira Stowell	}	Com. of
Philip Lyell	}	High.

Recorded July 5th, 1820.

Jos. Spencer, Town Clerk

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, being freeholders of the Town of Gates, in the County of Genesee, and State of New York, do certify upon our oath, that a road in the Village of Rochesterville in said town, commonly called and known as Hughes St., and described as such on the

map of said village, commencing at Buffalo St. in said village between the dwelling house occupied by Jerry Hoyt and Andrew V. T. Leavitt in said village, and running northerly till it meets the north line of Rochester as distinguished from Frankfort, having on the west side of said road Lots No. 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 169, 204, 232, 233, and on the east side the line of lots No. 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 153, 170, 171, 231, and the corner of a lot, is necessary and proper.

H. R. Bender	Silas Smith
Preston Smith	Wm. Cobb
Moses Chapin	Ralph Parker
Elisha Taylor	Ab'm. Plumb
A. Reynolds	L. Saxton
T. Bingham	Lewis L. Miller

Rochester 5th 1821.

We, Commissioners of the Town of Gates, declare the within described road to be a public highway and to be recorded in the Town Books, as such.

Roswell Hart	} Com. of Highways
Philip Lyell	

Recorded 27th Feb'y, 1821.

Jos. Spencer, Town Clerk

Alteration of the Lake Road commencing at the S. W. corner of J. Dickinson's farm on the west line of Lot No. One in the Township No. 2, running S. 2° 30' E. on the line of lots No. 1 and 4—223 rods to an angle post—thence S. 41° E. 20 rods to the road running from the Ridge Road between Z. Eldridge's and F. Rowe's farm.

Gates, March 1st, 1821.	Bradford King, Surveyor
Philip Lyell	} Com. of Highways
Ira Stowell	

Recorded March 6th, 1821.

Jos. Spencer, Town Clerk

Survey of High St. on the west line of Rochester village, commencing

on Buffalo St. at the S. W. corner of Lot 46, being a lot in the subdivision of Great Lot No. 51, and running N. 2° 30' E. to the road leading from that part of the village called Frankfort to the Buffalo Road.

Distance about 78 rods.

Gates, Feb. 27th, 1821. Bradford King, Surveyor
 Ira Stowell }
 Philip Lyell } Com. of High.

Recorded Apr. 16th, 1821.

J. Spencer, T. Clk.

Survey of a road in Township No. 2 commencing on the Latta Road at the S. W. corner of Lot No. 16, and running N. 2° E. on the line of lots 290 rods to angle post, thence north 50° E. 106 rods to the lake. Whole distance 320 rods.

Gates, March 21st, 1821. Philip Lyell } Com.
 Ira Stowell }

Recorded Apr. 16th, 1821.

J. Spencer
Town Clerk

Continuation of a road leading from the Latta Road to the Ridge Road. Commencing on the E. line of Township No. 2 at the S. W. corner of Lot No. 3, and S. E. corner of Lot No. 2 and running south 16° 30' W. to the Ridge Road in front of Oscar Hale's house. Distance 94 rods.

 Bradford King, Surveyor
March 20th, 1821. Philip Lyell }
 Ira Stowell } Com. of H.

Recorded Apr. 16th, 1821.

J. Spencer, T. Clerk

Survey of Ann St. in the Village of Rochesterville. Beginning at a point on the W. side of State St. in Frankfort, one chain and fifty links north of the south line of Town Lot No. 49, and running thence north 60° E. 9 chains and fifty links to the centre of Hart St.

March 26th, 1822.

B. H. Brown, Surveyor
Samuel Latta }
Sam. Works } Com. of Highways

Recorded March 27th, 1822.

R. Babbit, Town Clerk

Survey of Hart St. in the Village of Rochesterville beginning at the last point on Ann Street mentioned in the above survey, and running thence south 30° E. fourteen chains and fifty links to the north line of Buffalo St.

March 26th, 1822.

B. H. Brown, Surveyor

Samuel Latta }
Samuel Works } Com. of
 } Highways

Recorded Mar. 27th, 1822.

R. Babbit, Town Clerk

Survey of the road from the Village of Charlotte to the Landing. Commencing at the S. end of Main St. in Charlotte, running S. 19° W. 34 rods and 10 links, thence S. 35° W. 40 rods & 5 links—thence S. 21° 20′ W. 35 chains & 16 links—thence S. 27° 20′ W. 61 rods—thence S. 14° 30′ W. 147 rods to angle tree—thence S. 12° W. 10, 5 rods to a button ball tree near Willson's—thence S. 8° W. 49 rods to the centre of road top of hill—thence 16° 30′ W. 192 rods, thence S. 30° W. 152 rods—thence S. 10° E. 172 rods—whole distance 3 miles 28 rods and 16 links.

Gates, March 16th, 1822.

Bradford King, Surveyor

John Beal }
Samuel Latta }
John Beal } Com.
 } of
 } High.

Recorded Apr. 1st, 1822.

R. Babbit, T. Clerk

Survey of a road between the Town of Gates, and the Town of Ogden, as laid by the Com. of each town convened together. Commencing in the centre of the Murray Road, on the line between the two towns, &

running S. 2° 20' W., eight hundred and fifty-three rods (853 rods) to the centre of the Buffalo Road.

Gates, Mar. 30th, 1822. Bradford King, Surveyor

D. G. Hill, Sam'l. Kilborn, Sam'l. Flagg, }	Com. of
Samuel Latta, John Beal, }	Highways

We, the Com. of the Town of Gates, & of the Town of Ogden, hereby agree that 353 rods from the commencing point shall be set and worked by the Town of Ogden, and the remainder by the Town of Gates, of the within road.

	D. G. Hill	}	
Gates, Mar. 30th, 1822.	Sam. Kilborn	}	
	Sam. Flagg.	}	Com. of
	Sam Latta	}	Highways
Recorded Apr. 1st, 1822.	John Beal	}	

R. Babbit, T. Clerk

Editor's note: Lot No. 157 in the Twenty Thousand Acre Tract, to which is referred in the following survey, is on the east side of present-day Manitou Road just north of the former Harris Seeds property, at about the site of the former Eastman Kodak Company Elmgrove Facility.

Minutes made this 4th of February, 1823, of a road surveyed in the Town of Gates, beginning on the west line of the said town, on the 20 Thousand Acre Tract on Lot No. 157 at a stake, running So. 50° E. 243 to intersect the State Road near Eb'n. H[K?]enyon Inn.

Calvin G. Hill, Surveyor
Calvin G. Hill
Sam. Works

Recorded Feb. 8th, 1823.

E. Pomeroy, T. Clerk

Whereas it appears to us, the undersigned Com. of Highways in and for the Town of Gates and Ogden in the County of Monroe, on the oath of twelve freeholders and many other petitioners, inhabitants of the said towns, that a part of the highway commencing at the Buffalo Road and

running north on the line of the aforesaid Lots towns to the Murray Road as laid and established by our predecessors on the 30th March last, has become useless and unnecessary;

Therefore, we, the said commissioners do hereby annul and discontinue so much of the aforesaid road as lies between the said Buffalo Road and a road in the said Town of Ogden, running east by Abner Bean's to the town line, and we declare the same to be discontinued accordingly.

Gates, Feb. 6th, 1823.	Sam. Works	}	Com. of
	Calvin G. Hill	}	Gates
	Austin Spencer	}	
	Sam'l. Flagg	}	" " Ogden
	Isaac Nichols	}	

Recorded Feb. 8th, 1823.

E. Pomeroy, T. Clerk

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To the Commissioners of Highways in and for the Towns of Gates and Ogden in the County of Monroe:

We, the subscribers, being freeholders and inhabitants of the aforesaid towns, do give it as our opinion, that the road laid out by your predecessors in office on the line dividing the said towns, commencing at the intersection of the said town line with the Buffalo Road, so called, and thence running northwardly to the Big Ridge, is a needless and unnecessary road, in that it is likely to cost the inhabitants thereof far more money than its uses can be worth to them for many years to come;—

Therefore they most respectfully pray you to annul and discontinue the same, or at least the southern part thereof, and where no inhabitants live on it.

Inhabitants of Gates

S. Hawley
Azel Ensworth
A. Reynolds
Chauncey Dean
S. Close
Benedict Harford

Inhabitants of Ogden

The South half mile
Stephen Gridley
Timothy P. Kneeland
Wm. B. Brown
Oliver Gates
Justus Brown

Daniel Loomis
Alexander Kenyon
Jonathan Willis
Ira R.
Samuel Graves

Stephen Higgins
G. W. Willey
Amasa Dutton
Salmon Grover
Asahel Finch
Zeri Bascom
James Buell
Joseph W. Lane
Samuel Kilborn
Cephas Carter
Windsor S. Trowbridge
Ira Nichols

Sworn before me, H. R. Bender, J. P., Jan. 15th, 1823.

Wm. Cobb
Isaac Colvin
F. F. Backus
Moses Dyer
Jacob Graves

Before me, H. R. Bender	}	Recorded Feb. 19th, 1823
J. P., Jan. 31st, 1823.		E. Pomeroy, T.C.

Road Districts 1823

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Be it remembered that on this 22nd day of February, A.D. 1823, I, Enos Pomeroy, put upon the outer door of the house of A. Ensworth in the Village of Rochester, copies of the two preceding orders of Commissioners of Highways, certified by me, as town clerk.

Enos Pomeroy, Town Clerk

Division of the Town of Gates into Road Districts for 1823.

Districts

No. 1

Shall commence on the E. line of the town, at the centre of the bridge, and thence run west on Buffalo Road to the E. line of Lot No. 161 of the 20,000 Acre Tract, and extend N. on Carrol St. to the Frankfort line, so

called, and S. to the centre of Troup St., including all the inhabitants residing on the north side of the same—and all village streets within those lines.

No. 2

To commence at the south line of Frankfort and run on the river or Hanford's Landing Road to the N. line of the town—and include all public roads running E. and W. to and from the same, following the road leading by Philip Lyell's to the west line of the town.

No. 3

To commence in the centre of Troup St. including all the inhabitants living on the S. side of the same—and thence run S. on the River Road by Jesse Hawley's to the N. line of Lot No. 36 in the 4,000 Acre Tract,—the repairs of Troup St. to be hereafter apportioned between Dist's. No. 1 & 3 by the Com. of Highways.

No. 4

To commence at the S. end of Dist. No. 3 and run S. on the said River Road to the S. line of the town, including all the inhabitants living about the rapids.

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No. 5

To commence with the Riga & Chili Road at the rapids and to run west on the same by Chauncey Dean's to the S. line of the town, including all public roads leading S. from the same, and the crossroad leading north to the Buffalo Road by Aaron Thurston's.

Editor's note: In the following road district description, the "back road running E. by Spencer Woodworth's" refers to present-day Hinchey Road. The Woodworth homestead was located on Hinchey Road just east of the Hinchey homestead, near the corner of present-day Hinchey Road and Loderdale Road.

No. 6

To commence at the Riga Road east of the Little Black Creek near Chauncey Dean's and to run on the crossroad leading from thence north-eastwardly to Buffalo Road, to include the back road running E. by Spencer Woodworth's, and out to the Riga Road near Elliott Bartlett's—also the back road running W. by Seth Cook's to its termination with the Buffalo Road.

No. 7

To commence at the W. end of Dist. No. 1, being the E. line of Lot No. 161, and to run west on the Buffalo Road to the W. end of the town.

No. 8

To include the road running on the S. line of the town west of Lot No. 41 of the 4000 Acre Tract, and also the road leading from the same N. by Martin Fellow's to the road running by Seth Cook's.

No. 9

To include the crossroad running from the Buffalo Road to the Chili Road by Samuel Balentine's.

Calvin G. Hill	}	Com. of
Sam. Works	}	Highways

Recorded Mar. 27th, 1823.

E. Pomeroy, T. Clerk

1824

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Division of the Town of Gates into Road Districts for 1824.

No. 1

Shall commence on the E. line of the town, at the centre of the bridge, and thence run W. on the Buffalo St. or Road, to the E. line of Lot No. 161 of the 20,000 Acre Tract—thence commencing on the N. line of Buffalo St. and extending south to the S. line of the 100 Acre Tract or Troup lots, so called, including all the inhabitants residing on the S. side of Buffalo St., and all the village streets from Buffalo St. to the Troup line, also to include all the inhabitants on the N. side of Buffalo St. west of Hart St.

No. 2

To commence on the N. line of Buffalo St. and run on the River or Hanford's Landing Road to the N. line of the town, including all the inhabitants on the N. side of Buffalo St. as far as the W. line of Hart St., and include all the village st's. and public roads from Buffalo St. to the said N. line of the town.

No. 3

To commence on the N. line of the Troup lot, and thence running south on the River Road by Jesse Hawley's to the N. line of Lot No. 36 in the

4000 Acre Tract and to include all the inhabitants in the village streets south of the Troup line and E. of High St.

No. 4

To commence at the S. end of Dist. No. 3, being the N. line of Lot No. 36 and run S. on the River Road to the south line of the town, including all the inhabitants living about the rapids.

No. 5

To commence with the Riga or Chili Road at the rapids and to run W. on the Chauncey Dean Road to the W. line of Elliott Bartlett's land, including all the public roads leading S. from the same, and the crossroad leading N. from the same to Buffalo Road by Aaron Thurston's.

No. 6

To commence at the W. line of Elliott Bartlett's land and run W. to the town line, including all public roads leading from the same.

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No. 7

To commence at the Riga Road E. of Little Black Creek, near Chauncey Dean's, and to run on the crossroad leading from thence northeasterly to the Buffalo Road, to include the back road running E. by Spencer Woodworth's and out to the Riga Road by Elliott Bartlett's, also the back road running west by Seth Cook's, to its termination with the Buffalo Road.

No. 8

To commence at the W. end of Dist. No. 1, being the E. line of Lot No. 161, and to run W. on the Buffalo Road to the W. line of the town.

No. 9

To include the road running on the S. line of the town west of Lot No. 141 of the 4000 Acre Tract, and also the road leading from the same, north by Marty Fellows to the road running by Seth Cook's.

No. 10

To include the crossroad running from Buffalo to Chili Road by Samuel Balentine's.

Sam. Works	}	Com. of
Luther [?]	}	Highways

Recorded March 27th, 1824.

A. Reynolds

Town Clerk

Road Districts 1822

Division of the Town of Gates into the several Road Districts

Dist. No. 1

Shall commence at the point where the centre of Buffalo St. intersects the E. line of the Town of Gates and shall run thence westerly through the Village of Rochester, and along the Batavia State Road to the west line of the new Burying Ground, and shall include all that part of the Village of Rochesterville south of Frankfort line.

Dist. No. 2

Shall commence at the S. line of Dist. No. 1, and shall run along the road on which Jesse Hawley lives to the S. line of the Town of Gates, and shall include all the inhabitants at the rapids.

Dist. No. 3

Shall include the road on which Samuel Balentine lives, from its intersection with the Batavia State Road to its intersection with a road leading by John McGregor and the road on which Daniel Thurston lives.

No. 4

Shall commence at the River Road near the Widow Wellman's, and shall run thence westwardly to the town line along the road on which Chauncey Dean lives, and shall include all roads leading southwardly from the above mentioned road.

No. 5

Shall commence on Chauncey Dean's road, east of Black Creek, and shall run thence to the Batavia State Road, including all public roads that intersect the same.

No. 6

Shall commence on the Batavia State Road, at the west line of the new Burying Ground, and shall continue thence to the W. line of the town.

No. 7

Shall commence at the River Road in the Village of Rochesterville,

between Great Lots No. 48 and 47 and shall run thence W. to the W. line of Lots No. 83 and 84, and shall include also the roads leading N. and S. leading from the same.

No. 8

Shall commence at the W. line of Lots No. 83 & 84 and shall continue thence to the W. line of the town.

No. 9

Shall commence at the S. line of Great Lot No. 49 in the Village of Rochester, and shall include all the roads lying N. of said south line of Lot No. 49, in said village, and the River Road leading to the N. line of Township No. 1,—also the road leading from the River Road to Hanford's Landing,—and the road leading from Hanford's to the Ridge Road.

Dist. No. 10

Shall commence at the River Road near I. Fowle's and shall run thence westwardly to the N. W. corner of Lot No. 117—and shall include all crossroads leading south to the Lyell Road,—also the road on which Dan. Rowe lives.

No. 11

Shall commence at the N. W. corner of Lot No. 117, and shall run thence west to the town line, and shall include all crossroads leading thence to the Murray Road.

No. 12

Shall commence at the intersection of the Ridge and River Roads near I. Fowle's, and shall run thence westwardly on said Ridge Road to the W. line of Frederic Rowe's land, and shall include all crossroads leading S. to the Big Ridge Road and N. to the line of Township No. 1.

No. 13

Shall commence at the W. line of F. Rowe's land, and shall run thence westwardly to the town line, including all crossroads leading leading S. to the Big Ridge, and N. to the N. line of the third tier of lots in Township No. 2.

No. 14

Shall commence at the River Road where a road leading westwards to the

Ridge intersects, to the N. line of the Township No. 1, including all crossroads leading to Hanford's.

No. 15

Shall commence on the River Road at the S. line of Township No. 2, and shall run thence northwardly to the lake, and westwardly on the Latta Road to the W. line of Lot No. 15, including all public roads in the Village of Charlotte, and a crossroad to the lake.

No. 16

Shall commence on the Latta Road at the W. line of Lots No. 15 & 16 of the 100 Acre Lot in Township No. 2 and shall run thence westwardly to the N. W. corner of Lot No. 24 of the 300 Acre Lot, including crossroads to the S. line of Lots No. 6 & 11, thence north to the lake.

Dist. No. 17

Shall commence at the N. E. corner of Lot No. 22 and shall run thence west to the town line, thence S. on the E. line of lots No. 21 & 20, thence on the S. line of 20, west to the town line, including all crossroads.

No. 18

Shall commence at the schoolhouse on the openings, and shall run thence N. to the Latta Road, including crossroads, to the W. line of lots No. 25, 15 & 16.

No. 19

Shall commence on the Latta Road, at the S. W. corner of Lot No. 27, thence north to the lake, W. to the W. line of Lot No. 42, thence S. to the Latta Road, including all crossroads.

No. 20

Shall commence on the Lake Road at the W. line of Lot No. 41, thence W. to the town line,—thence S. to the Latta Road, including all crossroads.

No. 21

Shall commence at the S. W. corner of Lot No. 47, thence E. to Lot No. 44, thence N. to the lake, and W. to the town line, including all crossroads.

No. 22

Shall commence at the town line, at the S. E. corner of Lot No. 3, north to the Latta Road, thence W. to the N. E. corner of Lot No. 22, thence

Recorded Nov. 15th, 1824.

N. T. Rochester, T. C.

The above road
discontinued by
decision of Com.
Jan. 1825, so filed.
N. T. R., T. C.

Posted the above ~~notice~~
upon the outer door of the
house of J. G. Christopher
(the usual place for holding
town meetings)

Nov. 16th, 1824.

N. T. Rochester, T. C.

Survey bill of a road laid out as a continuation of Hart St. in the Village of Rochester. Beginning in the centre of Hart St. at the intersection and centre of Ann St., thence N. 35° W. 19 chains 80 links to the centre of Frank St. opposite the S.E. corner of Daniel Warner's lot, on the platt of Frankfort, and where said Warner now lives.

We, having made the survey of the above mentioned road, do direct that it be recorded.

Gates, Oct. 25th, 1824.

Silas Smith	}	Com. of
Phelps Smith	}	Roads for the
		Town of Gates

Recorded Nov. 15th, 1824, N. T. Rochester, T. C.

The above road, on appeal to judges, discontinued Jan. 1825,—see decision on file.

N. T. R., T. C.

Survey bill of a road on the line between No. 47 & 48 in the Twenty Thousand Acre Tract, and extending westerly on the line of lots—beginning in the centre of State St. on the line between said 47 & 48, thence N. 87° W. on the line between said lots and between 47 & 62, and between 65, 66, 74 and 75, 83 & 84 to the west bounds of said Lots No. 83 & 84.

Having surveyed the above mentioned road, do direct it to be recorded.

Gates, Oct. 25th, 1824.	Silas Smith	}	Com. of
	Phelps Smith	}	Roads.

Recorded Nov. 15th, 1824.

N. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

Survey of road in Gates, from the Widow Wellman's Inn, to the town line S. commencing at a poplar tree opposite the Widow Wellman's Inn, running S. 19° W. 43 forty three rods—thence S. 64° W. to intersect the River Road in Chili „6 one hundred and fourteen rods.—as surveyed by Calvin G. Hill, surveyor.

Surveyed 21st June, 1824.

Wm. Wooden	}	Com. of Chili	}	Com.
Wm. Holland	}		}	of
Silas Smith	}	Com. of Gates	}	High.
Phelps Smith	}		}	

Recorded Dec. 24th, 1824.

N. T. Rochester, T. C.

Posted copies of the two notices on this page, on the outer door of the house of John G. Christopher (the usual place for holding meetings). Nov. 16th, 1824.

N. T. Rochester, T. C.

Posted the annexed notice on the outer door of the house of J. G. Christopher, in the Town of Gates, (the usual place of holding T. meetings), Jan. 7th, 1825.

N. T. Rochester, T. C.

Survey bill of a road commencing in the centre of the Lyell Road, so called, and commencing 75 links W. of the W. line of the Erie Canal—thence N. 27° W. 32 chains—thence N. 33° W. 7 chains 75 links—thence N. 66° W. 8 chains & fifty links to the road leading from Henry Draper's to Deep Hollow, so called, and hereby discontinue that part of the said Draper Road from the point of intersection above named to the Landing Road near said Draper's.

Gates, Jan. 28th, 1825.

We have examined the above mentioned line of road, and allow it to be recorded.

Rochester, Jan. 28th, 1825.

Silas Smith	}	Com. of
Phelps Smith	}	Roads

Recorded February 1st, 1825.

N. T. Rochester, T. C.

1825

Division of the Town of Gates into Road Districts

No. 1

Shall commence at the Genesee River Bridge in Buffalo St., thence W. on Buffalo St. to a certain black oak stub 14 feet high—stands in the road nearly in the centre of Lot No. 162—thence beginning at the S. line of that part of village formerly called Frankfort and extending S. to the S. line of the Troup Tract in the Village of Rochester, including all the roads and crossroads contained in that part of the Village of Rochester from the aforesaid Genesee River Bridge, to west part of said village, and from the S. line of said Frankfort, to the S. line of said Troup Tract.

No. 2

To commence at the S. line of Frankfort, so called, thence N. to the N. line of the Town of Gates, and from the River at Frankfort westerly to the canal—embracing all crossroads that are N. of Buffalo Road, to the W. line of the Town of Gates, in the Frankfort part of village, and W. on the road leading from Frankfort to the Buffalo Road.

No. 3

To commence on the S. line of the Troup Tract, thence S. on the River Road to the N. line of Lot No. 36 in the 4000 Acre Tract.

No. 4

To commence on the River Road S. of No. 4 in the S. line of District No. 3 which is on the N. line of Lot No. 36 on 4000 Acre Tract, and thence S. to the S. line of the Town of Gates—thence W. on the Chili Road to a crossroad W. of Ashbel Steel's house which leads to Aaron Thurston's.

No. 5

To commence on W. line of District No. 4 on the Chili Road, thence W. to the town line of Gates, including all the crossroads S. of the Chili Road,

to the town line, and the crossroad that is on N. of Chili Road, that runs across the Chauncey Dean sawmill dam to Seth Cook's; also the crossroad that leads from the Chili Road near the Dean bridge towards Rochester to Lot No. 20, and also the crossroad that leads from the Chili Road past E. Bartlett's lot.

No. 6

To commence on Buffalo St. Lot No. 160, thence southerly to Lot No. 4 on the 4000 Acre Tract, thence easterly by lots on said 4000 Acre Tract No. 5, 6, 7, thence southerly on Lot No. 20, and from thence northerly towards Rochester to Buffalo Road.

No. 7

To commence and include the road running on the south line of the town west of Lot No. 141 of 4000 Acre Tract, and also the road leading from the same by Martin Fellows to road running by Seth Cook's.

No. 8

To commence on Buffalo Road on Lot No. 162 on the W. line of district No. 1, thence W. to the W. line of the town including all crossroads on the N. side of Buffalo Road, to the Lyell Road, so called.

No. 9

To commence on the Buffalo Road at the Balentine crossroad, and southerly on said crossroad to Chili Road.

No. 10

To commence at the canal bridge on the Lyell Road, so called, thence westerly to the W. line of the town, including all the crossroads leading northerly to the N. line of the Town of Gates.

Done at Rochester, Mar. 22nd, 1825.

Silas Smith	}	Commissioners
Phelps Smith	}	of Roads

Recorded March 25th, 1825.

N. T. Rochester,
Town Clerk

Town of Gates }
Monroe County } Franklin Street

We, the Commissioners of Highways for the Town of Gates, do hereby declare and open Franklin St. in the Village of Rochester in said town, a public highway. Dated this 9th June, 1825.

Jon'a. Child } Com's.
Phelps Smith }

Recorded and filed June 9th, 1825. N. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the officers of the Town of Gates, County of Monroe, and State of New York, at the house of Sylvius Hoard, present Jacob Gould, Supervisor.

Joel Wheeler }
Wm. Rathbun and }
Abm. Plumb } Assessors

Voted That we proceed to appoint a Marshall to take a census of the inhabitants, according to the act of the legislature passed Apr. 8th, 1825.

Gen. Timothy Burr was elected.

Rochester, June 18th, 1825.

Jacob Gould
Wm. Rathbun
Joel Wheeler
Abram. Plumb

A true copy.

Recorded June 20th, 1825.

N. T. Rochester
Town Clerk

Road Districts, 1826

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The division of the Town of Gates into road dists.

Dist. No. 1

To commence at the W. end of the canal aquaduct, thence to run S. along the bank of the Genesee River to the S. line of original Lot No. 52, whereon Harvey Montgomery resides—thence W. along the S. line of the

same—thence N. along the west lines of the same lot, and of Lot No. 51 to Buffalo Road, thence W. on Buffalo Road to a certain black oak stub 14 ft. high standing in the road on Lot No. 162, to include all the inhabitants residing on the S. side of the canal in the Allen Mill lot of 100 Acres, and Lots No. 51 and 52. Also all the inhabitants residing on both sides of the Buffalo Road and westward of its intersection with the canal, to the western bounds of the district—and also to include the crossroad running from Ira Simpson's to the canal.

No. 2

To commence at the middle of the canal bridge on Mill St.—thence north-westwardly along the middle of the canal, to the N. line of the town—thence E. to the Genesee River—thence southerly along the bank of the river to the S. line of original Lot No. 49 or Frankfort—thence W. to a certain alley (being the alley next E. of Carroll St.) thence southerly along the said alley until it intersects River Alley (so called) running from Carroll St. to the river—thence westward along the middle of the last mentioned alley to Carroll St., and thence along the middle of Carroll and Mill St's. to the place of beginning—and to include all the inhabitants residing within the aforesaid boundaries—excepting those which reside at the Eagle Tavern and at Mrs. Covert's Boarding House, who are hereinafter annexed to No. 10.

No. 3

To commence at the S. line of Dist. No. 1 near Harvey Montgomery's garden—thence running southerly along the River Road to the north line of Lot No. 36 in the 4000 Acre Tract—including all the inhabitants residing on or near the said road, on Lots No. 53, 54 & 55, also on lot No. 12 of the 4000 Acre Tract.

No. 4

To commence on the S. line of Dist. No. 3 and thence to run south on the River Road to the S. line of the town and also running westwards from the rapids on the Chili Road to the crossroad leading by Aaron Thurston, thence running northerly along the said crossroad to Buffalo Road, including all the inhabitants living on or near the said roads.

No. 5

To commence on the Chili Road at the W. end of Dist. No. 4—thence running westwardly on the said road, to the S. line of the town—also running

on all the crossroads leading south from the Chili Road to the town line—also the crossroad running N. on the W. line of Joel Wheeler’s land (being the middle of Lot No. 30) to the N. line of the said lot—and the crossroad running north to Gershom Freeman’s—including all the inhabitants living on or near the aforesaid roads.

No. 6

To commence on Buffalo Road at a point in Lot No. 160—thence S. to Lot No. 3 in the 4000 Acre Tract—thence eastwardly along Lots No. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the said tract, until it intersects the new road laid north and south through the town—thence south to the S. line of Lot No. 18—and thence northwestwardly to Buffalo Road, along the back road laid from Chauncey Dean’s to Rochester.

No. 7

To commence and include the road running westward of Lot No. 41 in the 4000 Acre Tract on the S. line of the town—also running northward on the crossroad leading by Martin Fellows and through Ab’m Smith’s land until it intersects the E. and W. road running on the N. line of Lot No. 4.

No. 8

To commence at the tall black oak stub on Buffalo Road, being the W. end of Dist. No. 1—thence running west on Buffalo Road to the W. line of the town—Also all crossroads leading from that section of the Buffalo Road north to the Lyell Road, so called, including all the inhabitants living on or near the said roads.

No. 9

The crossroad running from Buffalo to Chili Roads, by Samuel Balentine’s.

No. 10

To commence at the middle of canal bridge on Mill St.—thence E. along the middle of the canal to the Genesee River—thence northwardly along the bank of the river to the S. line of Frankfort—thence west along said S. line to a certain alley next E. of Canal St.—thence S. along the middle of said alley until it intersects River, so called—thence west along the middle of River Alley to Carroll St.—thence S. along the middle of Carroll and Mill St’s. to the place of beginning—including all the inhabitants residing within the said boundaries—and also those residing at the Eagle Tavern

and Mrs. Covert's Boarding House, which were reserved out of Dist. No. 2 for this annexation.

No. 11

To commence at the canal bridge on the Lyell Road, so called, thence west along the same to the W. line of Lots No. 83 and 84—and also all the crossroads running from said road N. to the N. line of the town.

No. 12

To commence on the Lyell Road at the W. end of Dist. No. 11—thence W. thereon to the W. line of the town,—and also all the crossroads running from the same to the N. line of the town.

Gates, 21 March 1826.

J. Kingsley	}	Commissioners
Phelps Smith	}	of Highways

A copy. N. T. Rochester, T. Clerk

Patterson Road surveyed 5th November, 1826

Editor's note: This survey begins at the northwest corner of Lot No. 154, which is near the corner of present-day Manitou Road and Spencerport Road.

Commencing on the W. line of the Town of Gates, 6 ch. 23 links S. of the N. W. corner of Lot No. 154, thence S. 69° E. 244 chains 50 links, come to the Lyell Road at a maple tree marked **tt**

The second rout commencing at the aforesaid place, thence S. 69° E. 37 chains, thence S. 83° E. 9 chains, thence S. 68° E. 28 chains, thence N. 85° E. 33 chains, come to the old Patterson Road, thence on the said road E 92 chains, thence S. 69° E. 18 chains, thence to intersect the Lyell at the N.W. corner of the Williams Lot No. the distance not given, for I find there was a mistake in the chains of the last station, which intersects the Lyell Road.

C. G. Hill, Surveyor		
Phelps Smith	}	Com. of
J. Kingsley	}	Highways

Dated the 30th Decem. 1825.

Recorded and posted according to law 30th Dec. 1825

N. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

Lyell Road

Alteration of the Lyell Road commencing in the centre of the Lyell Road near Abel Moore's house at a basswood stump, then $80^{\circ} 30' W.$ 5 chains to an angle post,—thence $N. 82^{\circ} W.$ 22 ch. 28 links to a basswood tree marked **IE**—thence $S. 72^{\circ} 45' W.$ 8 chains to intersect the Lyell Road near Wm. Brown's house.

Surveyed 8th June, 1826. C. G. Hill, Surveyor

Ira West } Com. of
Preston Smith } Highways

Recorded June 14th, 1826.

N. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

(Overwritten, *ed.*): Filed June 14th, 1826.

Thurston Road

Survey of the Thurston Road in Gates, commencing in the centre of the Chili Road 20 chains W. of the S. E. corner of Lot No. 34, thence $N. 2^{\circ} 30' E.$ 108 chains to the Buffalo Road, 8 chs. 71 lks. W. of the two mile post on the Buffalo Road.

Surveyed Sept. 1825. Calvin G. Hill, Surveyor

Ira West }
Preston Smith } Com. of High.

(*See attached map—ed.*)

Posted the annexed survey bill according to law on the outer door of the house of J. G. Christopher, June 14th, 1826.

N. T. Rochester

Posted on the outer door of the house of J. G. Christopher, Sept. 25th, 1826.

N. T. Rochester

A true copy recorded Sept. 25th, 1826.

N. T. Rochester

Roads, 1825-6

chains of the last Station, which intersects the Lyell

C. C. Hill Surveyor

Phelps Smith } com. of

Dated the 30th Decem. 1825
 Recorded and Posted according to law 30th Dec. 1825. N. T. Rochester Town Clerk

Lyell Road.

Alteration of the Lyell road commencing in the
 of the Lyell road near Abel Moore's house at a B
 stump, then N. $80^{\circ} 30'$ W. 5 chains to an angle post,
 thence N. 82° W. 22 ch. 28 links to a Basswood tree.
 H - thence S. $72^{\circ} 45'$ W. 8 chains to intersect the
 Road near Mr. Vernon's house.

Surveyed 8th June, 1826. C. C. Hill, surveyor

Ira West } com. of
 Preston Smith } High.

Recorded June 14th, 1826.

N. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

Thurston Road.

Survey of the Thurston road in Gates, commencing
 the centre of the Childs road 20 chains W. of the S. C
 nee of lot No 34, thence N. $2^{\circ} 30'$ E. 108 chains to the
 gate road 8 chs. 71 chs W. of the two mile post on the
 Buffalo road.

Surveyed Sept. 1825. Calvin C. Hill, surveyor

Ira West } com. of High.
 Preston Smith }

The Buffalo road

The Thurston Road

Added this amended survey 1826
 according to report on the front of the
 of the house of J. C. Woodstock
 June 14th, 1826. N. T. Rochester

Added this amended survey 1826
 of the house of J. C. Woodstock
 Sept. 28th, 1826. N. T. Rochester
 A true copy recorded Sept. 28th, 1826.
 N. T. Rochester

Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of a portion of present-day Hinchey Road from near the intersection of Hinchey Road and Howard Road in front of the Hinchey Homestead; then east along Hinchey Road to the Old Beahan Road foot path that crosses Loderdale Road, Meadowdale Drive, and Arrowhead Drive; then south along the foot path to the Old Beahan Road; and continuing south to the Gates and Chili town line.

The second paragraph referring to the discontinuation of the road on the line of Lots 30 and 18 refers to present-day Howard Road from Chili Avenue north to the intersection of Howard Road and Hinchey Road.

Wibert Road

Survey and alteration of the Wibert Road on the 4000 Acre Tract, commencing in the centre of the highway on the line of Lots No. 6 & 18 (*editor's note: this point is approximately in front of the Hinchey Homestead*)—thence S. 87° 30' E. 20 chains 64 lks. on the line of lots 6 & 8 to the N.W. corner of Lot No. 19, thence S. 2° 30' W. 45 chs. 84 lks. to intersect the Chili Road on the line of Lots No. 18 & 19, 30 & 31, thence on the same course 26 chs. to intersect the town line on the line of Lots No. 42 & 43.

Surveyed 21st Sept., 1826. Calvin G. Hill, Surveyor

And it is hereby declared that the road on the line of Lots No. 30 & 18, and so much of the road as leads through the centre of Lots 30 & 18 is hereby discontinued.

Calvin G. Hill } Com. of
Preston Smith } Highways

A true copy, recorded Sept. 25th, 1826.

Nath. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

Posted the foregoing on the outer door of the house of J. G. Christopher in said town, it being the place where the town meetings are usually held, this 25th Sept. 1826.

N. T. Rochester, T. Clerk

Editor's note: The following survey describes a road in the area of present-day Spencerport Road, east of the intersection of present-day Elmgrove Road and Spencerport Road.

Survey of the crossroad near the N.W. part of Gates, commencing on the N. line of Gates on the line of Lots No. 136 and 127—thence S. $2^{\circ} 30'$ W. on the line of said Lots No's. 136 & 127—28 chs. & 68 lks. to intersect the road N. of Lyell Rd.

Surveyed 11th Dec. 1826. C. G. Hill, Surveyor

Gates	Ira West	}	
	Preston Smith	}	Com. of High

Recorded 15th Dec. 1826 & posted according to law.

N. T. Rochester, T. C.

Survey and alteration of the Chili Road in Gates.

Commencing in Rochester at the intersection of Sophia St. with the Buffalo Road, thence S. 15° E. 21 chs. 50 lks. to Troup St. thence S. $0^{\circ} 45'$ W. 10..48 to Montgomery's S.W. corner, thence S. $31^{\circ} 30'$ W. 32 chs. to Bender's Hill,—thence S. $39^{\circ} 11'$ W. 36.. to intersect the old road S. of J. Hawley's, thence S. $49^{\circ} 30'$ E. W. 48..82, thence S. 61° W. 8 chs. to Barton's Inn.

Surveyed the 18th Aug. 1826. C. G. Hill, Surveyor

	Ira West	}	
	Preston Smith	}	Com. of High.

Recorded and posted on the outer door of the house of J. G. Christopher, being the usual place of holding town meetings for said town.

March 23rd, 1827. Nath. T. Rochester, T. C.

Division of the Town of Gates into road districts, 1827

Dist. No. 1

Shall extend from the S. side of the Erie Canal to the N. line of Ann St. and include all the public highways in the 1st Ward in the Village of Rochester, and also including all public highways S. of the N. line of Allen St. and W. of the said 1st Ward to the S. side of the canal, and all the inhabitants residing within the above mentioned limits.

No. 2

Shall commence on the bank of Genesee River at the S. side of the canal aquaduct running southerly along the bank of the river to the S. line of

town Lot No. 51, thence westerly on the S. line of Troup St. continued to the S.W. corner of Lot No. 63, thence westerly along the S. line of Lot No. 63 to the intersection of the Balentine Road, thence northerly on the west line of Lot No. 63 to the N.W. corner thereof, thence easterly along the N. line of Lots No. 63 & 50 to the Erie Canal, thence easterly along the S. side of the Erie Canal to the place of beginning, including all the public highways and all inhabitants within the above described bounds.

No. 3

Shall include all the public highways & all the inhabitants between the N. bounds of Dist's. No. 1 & 2 and the N. line of Brown St. and shall extend from Genesee River westerly to the W. line of town Lot No. 62.

No. 4

Shall include all the public highways and all the inhabitants between the N. line of the town and extend from Genesee River westerly from to the west line of Lots No. 92 & 93.

No. 5

Shall commence on the west end of District No. 4 running on the Lyell Road to the W. line of the town, including all the inhabitants residing on or near the said Lyell Road within said limits.

No. 6

Shall commence at the intersection of the N.W. road, with the Lyell Road, and extend on the N.W. road to the town line including also all crossroads between the Lyell Road, and the town line north.

No. 7

Shall commence on the Buffalo Road at the W. end of Dist. No. 2 and extend on the Buffalo Road to the W. end line of of Lot No. 112 and include all crossroads between Lyell and Buffalo Roads, and all inhabitants residing on the said Buffalo & crossroads within the above limits.

No. 8

Shall commence on the Buffalo Road at the W. end of District No. 7, and extend west on the Buffalo Road to the W. line of the town, and include all the crossroads between the Buffalo and Cook Roads, and all the inhabitants residing on the above mentioned Buffalo and crossroads within the limits above mentioned.

No. 9

Shall include all the roads between the Buffalo Road and Chili Road from the west line of Lot No. 168 to the W. line of the town, with all the inhabitants residing on said roads, except the Freeman Road, and any other road which is included in Dist. No. 8.

No. 10

Shall include all the public highways in the Village of Rochester S. of Troup St. and extend S. from Dist. No. 2 to the S. line of Lot No. 24 on the 4000 Acre Tract, including all inhabitants residing within the above mentioned limits.

No. 11

Shall extend on the River Road from the S. bounds of Dist. No. 10 to the S. line of the town, including all the inhabitants on the said River Road, within the above mentioned limits.

No. 12

Shall extend from the intersection of the River Road, and Chili Road, W. to the W. line of the Freeman Road, including all the inhabitants on the Chili & Freeman Roads within said limits.

No. 13

Shall extend from the intersection of the River Road and Chili west bounds of Dist. No. 12 on the Chili Road, to its intersection with the S. line of the town, including all crossroads S. of the Chili Road, and all inhabitants residing on the said road within the above mentioned limits.

No. 14

Shall include the Balentine Road, and all inhabitants residing thereon.

No. 15

Shall include all the Thurston Road, & all the inhabitants residing thereon.

Gates, 20 March 1827.	Ira West	} Com. of
	Preston Smith	

Recorded 3rd Apr. 1827.

N. T. Rochester, Town Clerk

Survey of the intersection of the crossroad with a road running north-
erly in the Town of Greece.

Commencing with at the N.E. corner of Lot No. 145 on the N. line of the Town of Gates—thence S. $87^{\circ} 20'$ E. 1 ch. & 50 lks. to the centre of the road running northerly through the Town of Greece. Reference being made to the map will plainly appear.

Surveyed 4th June, 1827—C. G. Hill, Surveyor

Calvin G. Hill } Com. of
Wm. Rathbun } Highways

(See attached map—ed.)

Recorded 20th July 1827—and posted according to law.

S. Sancott
T. Clerk

Roads, 1827

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Editor's note: The following survey of Patterson Road is the original route of present-day Spencerport Road in Gates from the intersection of Spencerport Road and Manitou Road east to the Howard Road-Lyell Road-Spencerport Road intersection.

Alteration and survey of the Patterson Road in the N.W. part of Gates. Commencing on the W. line of the Town of Gates 6 chains & 23 lks. S. of the N.W. corner of Lot No. 154, thence S. $68^{\circ} 30'$ E. 26 ch., thence S. 75° E. 20 ch's., thence S. $67^{\circ} 30'$ E. 28 chs., thence N. 83° E. 29 ch's., thence S. 88° E 7 ch's., thence S. 71° E. 13 ch's., thence S. $69^{\circ} 55'$ E. 95 ch's., thence S. 54° E. 47 ch's. 77 links to the Lyell Road at the N.W. corner of Lot No. 102.

Surveyed 15th June, 1827.

And it is hereby declared that so much of the former as differs from the survey, shall be discontinued.

Calvin G. Hill } Com. of
Wm. Rathbun } Highways

The plan annexed will more plainly appear.

(See attached map—ed.)

Recorded 20th July 1827, and posted according to law.

S. Sancott, T. Clerk

Roads, 1827.

No. 13 Shall extend from the intersection of the Kaiser road
 and Chilli. West bounds of dist. No. 12 on the Chilli road,
 its intersection with the S. line of the Town, including all
 roads S. of the Chilli road, and all inhabitants residing on
 said road within the above mentioned limits.

No. 14 Shall include the Balmontree road, and all inhabitants residing

No. 15 Shall include all the Thurstow road, & all the inhabitants residing

Gates, 20 March, 1827.

Isa. West

Preston Smith

Com. of
 Highways

Recorded 3rd Apr. 1827.

N. C. Rochester Town Clerk.

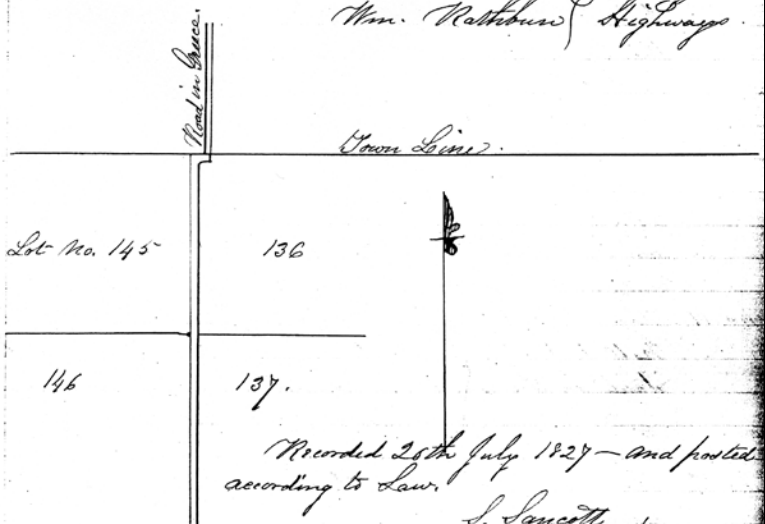
Survey of the intersection of the bridge road with a road
 running Northerly in the Town of Greece.

Commencing at the N. E. corner of lot No. 145 on the
 line of the Town of Gates. — thence S. $84^{\circ}20' E.$ 1 ch. & 58 lks to
 the centre of the road running Northerly through the Town of
 Greece. Reference being made to the Map will plainly
 appear. Surveyed 4th June, 1827 — G. C. Hill Surveyor.

Calvin C. Hill

Wm. Nathanson

Com. of
 Highways



Roads, 1827.

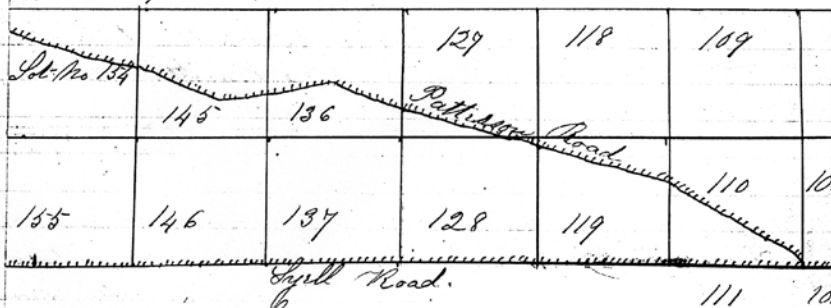
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Alteration and survey of the Patterson Road in the W. part of Gates. - Commencing on the W. line of the Town of Gates 6 chains & 23 links S. of the N. W. corner of lot No 134 Thence S. $68^{\circ} 30'$ E. 26 ch, thence S. 75° E. 20 chs, thence S. $67^{\circ} 30'$ E. 28 chs. thence N. 83° E. 29 chs, thence S. 6° E. 7 chs, thence S. $71^{\circ} 30'$ E. 13 chs, thence S. $69^{\circ} 55'$ E. 95 chs, thence S. 54° E. 47 chs 77 links to the Lyell road at the W. corner of lot No. 102. Surveyed 13th June, 1827.

And it is hereby declared that so much of the form as differs from the Survey, shall be discontinued.

Calvin G. Hill } Com. of
Wm. Nathaniel } Highways

The plan annexed will more plainly appear.



Recorded 20th July 1827, and posted according to Law
J. Soncott, T. Clerk.

Survey of the Moore Road
Commencing on the N. line of the Town of Gates, at the N. W. corner of lot No. 91 - thence on the line of lots S. $2^{\circ} 40'$ W. 160 chs to the Buffalo Road, at the S. W. corner of Lot No. 94. Surveyed 16th June, 1827.

Calvin G. Hill } Com. of Highd.
Wm. Nathaniel }

Recorded 20th July, 1827, and posted according to Law

Survey of the Moore Road

Commencing on the N. line of the Town of Gates, at the N.W. corner of Lot No. 91—thence on the line of lots S. $2^{\circ} 40'$ W. 160 ch's. to the Buffalo Road, at the S.W. corner of Lot No. 94. Surveyed 16th June, 1827.

C. G. Hill }
Wm. Rathbun } Com. of High.

Recorded 20th July, 1827, and posted according to law.

S. Sancott, T. Clerk

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Roads, 1827

Freeman Road.—We, the subscribers, commissioners of the Town of Gates in the Co. of Monroe, deeming it necessary and proper, have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter particularly described—and have accordingly laid out the same, as, and for a public highway, in pursuance of an act entitled An Act To Regulate Highways Passed—which said premises are in & by the same survey, described as follows, to wit: beginning in the centre of the Chili Road, on the S.W. corner of Lot No. 33 in the 4000 Acre Tract—thence N. $2^{\circ} 13'$ E. on the W. line of Lots No. 33, 21, & 9, 65 chs. and 66 lks. to the N.E. corner of Lot No. 8 on said tract—and we, the said com., do hereby authorize the town clerk of said town to make record hereof according to law.—It witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 21st day of Dec., 1827.

C. G. Hill }
Wm. Rathbun } Com. of High.

Recorded 5th Feb. 1828 and posted according to law.

Sidney Sancott, T. C.

Court St. Road

We, the Com. of High. of the Town of Gates, deeming it necessary, have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter described—and have laid out the same as a public highway, to wit: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Balentine Road with the Buffalo Road—

thence S. 67° W. 140 ch's. to a stake in the road N.E. of Spencer Woodworth's barn, thence S. 67° W. 58 ch's. to a stake in Harder's field—thence S. 56° 50' W. 42 ch's. to the Chili Road, 14 chs. W. of the S.E. corner of Lot No. 30 on the 4000 Acre Tract—and we do hereby authorize the town clerk of the said town to make a record hereof.

8th Feb. 1828. Calvin G. Hill } Com. of High.
Wm. Rathbun

Court St. Road as per survey, as follows.

(See attached map—ed.)

Recorded and posted according to law.

12th Feb. 1828. Sidney Sancott, T. C.

Road Districts, 1828

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Division of the Town of Gates into Road Dist. 1828

We, the Com. of Highways of the Town of Gates, hereby certify that in pursuance of the act entitled An Act To Regulate Highways, we have divided the said town into the following road districts, *to wit*:

No. 1

The road leading from the Village of Rochester to Hanford's Landing, commencing at the intersection of the Lyell Road with said road, including the road leading from to the Genesee River near McCracken's Mill, to be No. 1.

No. 2

The Lyell Road commencing at the W. end of the canal bridge, thence E. to the Genesee River, thence S. opposite to Platt St.—thence on the S. side of said St. to Broad St.—thence on the W. line of Broad St. to the intersection of King St. with the canal—thence on the W. bank of the canal to Court St. Road—thence on Court St. Road to the Balentine Road, including all the inhabitants living on lots fronting Court St. Road to be No. 2.

No. 3

To include all the streets S. of No. 2 to the S. line of Mumford St.—thence to the W. line of Carroll St.—thence to Ann St.—thence on the S. line of Ann St. to Elizabeth S.—thence on the E. line of said st. to the N. line of

Roads, 1828.

Freeman Road. — We, the Subscribers, commissioners of the Town of Gates in the Co. of Monroe, deeming it necessary and proper, have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter particularly described — and have accordingly laid out the same, as, and for a public highway, in pursuance of an Act entitled an Act to regulate highways passed — which said premises are in & by the said survey, described as follows, to wit: beginning in the centre of the Chili Road, on the S.W. corner of Lot No 33 in the 4000 acre tract — thence N. $2^{\circ} 13'$ E. on the W. line of lots No 33, 21, 29, 65 chs and 66 lks to the N.E. corner of Lot No. 8 on said tract — And we the said Com. do hereby authorize the Town Clerk of said Town to make Record hereof according to Law. — In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 31st day of Dec, 1828.

C. G. Hill

Wm Rathbun } Com. of High.

Recorded 5th Feb. 1828. and posted according to law.

Sidney Lanoette, T. Cl.

Court St. Road.

We, the Com. of High. of the Town of Gates, deeming it necessary, have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter described — and have laid out the same as a public highway, to wit: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Valentine road with the Buffalo road — thence S. $67^{\circ} W.$ 140 chs to a stake in the road N.E. of James Woodworth's Barn, thence S. $67^{\circ} 6' W.$ 58 chs to a stake in the Barn's field — thence S. $56^{\circ} 50' W.$ 42 chs to the Chili road 14 chs W. of the S.E. corner of lot No. 30 on the 4000 acre tract — and we do hereby authorize the Town Clerk of the said Town to make a Record hereof.

8th Feb. 1828,

Calvin C. Hill } Com. of High.

Wm. Rathbun }

Court St. road as per survey, as follows.

7	8 Road.	9	36
19	20	21	35
31	32	33	34

Chili Road.

Recorded and posted according to law.
12th Feb. 1828. Sidney Lanoette, T. Cl.

Buffalo St.—thence on the N. line of said st. to the W. bank of the canal—thence on the W. bank of the canal to King St. to be No. 3.

No. 4

To include all streets south of No. 3, to the N. line of the canal—thence on the N. line of the canal to the canal bridge on the Buffalo Road, including one half of the bridge over the Genesee River and the Buffalo Road as far west as the Balantine Road, and as far N. as the S. line of Court St. Road, to be No. 4.

No. 5

To include all the streets in the Village of Rochester, S. of the N. line of the canal, & E. of the W. line of Sophia St. including Caledonia Park, the River Road by Jesse Hawley's as far S. as the N. line of Lot No. 36 in the 4000 Acre Tract—and all the inhabitants living on the lots fronting Sophia St. & Caledonia St. to be No. 5.

No. 6

To include all the streets in that part of the Village of Rochester being W. of Dist. No. 5 and S. of No. 4 to be Dist. No. 6.

No. 7

The road leading S. from the N. line of Lot No. 36 by the rapids to the S. line of the Town of Gates, to be No. 7.

No. 8

The Chili Road leading from the rapids W. to the W. line of Lot No. 33, including the Freeman Road, to be No. 8.

No. 9

The Chili Road leading W. from Dist. No. 8 to the S. line of the Town of Gates including all crossroads leading from the Chili Road to the S. line of the town, to be No. 9.

No. 10

The Felton Road including the road on the S. line of the town to be No. 10.

No. 11

The Cook Road leading from the Buffalo Road on Lot No. 160 by the house of Humphrey Hart—until it intersects the Kellogg Road to be No. 11.

No. 12

The Kellogg Road leading from the Chili Road by the house of Spencer Woodworth to the Buffalo Road, to be No. 12.

No. 13

The Thurston Road leading by the house of Aaron Thurston to be No. 13.

No. 14

The Balentine Road leading by the house of S. Balentine to be No. 14.

No. 15

The Buffalo Road commencing on Lot No. 1 leading E. by the inn of Samuel Graves to the E. line of Lot No. 162, to be No. 15.

No. 16

The Buffalo Road leading E. from Dist. No. 15 by the inn of E. Howard to the E. line of Lot No. 169 including the crossroad by Howard's Inn, to be No. 16.

No. 17

The Lyell Road leading from the W. line of the Town of G. by the house of Thomas West, to the E. line of Lot No. 111 to be No. 17.

No. 18

The Lyell Road leading east of No. 17 by the house of P. Lyell to the canal bridge including the crossroads to the Buffalo Road, and to the N. line of the Town of Gates, to be No. 18.

No. 19

The N. west road leading E. from the W. line of the Town of Gates by the house of J. Burley to Sperry's Corners, to be No. 19.

No. 20

The N. W. road leading from Sperry's Corners to the Lyell Road including the crossroad by Sperry's house to be No. 20.

No. 21

The N. E. road leading from near the Deep Hollow Bridge west on the town line, to be No. 21.

As witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 20th day of March, 1828.

Recorded 29th March, 1828.

C. G. Hill } Com. of
Wm. Rathbun } High.

Sidney Sancott, Town Clerk

Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of present-day Wegman Road in Gates from Lyell Road south to Buffalo Road.

Survey of a crossroad near Joseph Scott's in 20,000 Acre T. We the subscribers, Com. of High. of the Town of Gates, deeming it necessary & proper, have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter particularly described, & have accordingly laid out the same as & for a public highway to be the width of 3 rods, which said premises are in & by the said survey described as follows to wit: The crossroad near J. Scott's 20,000 tract—beginning in the centre of the Lyell Road at the N.W. corner of Lot No. 120—thence S. 2° 30' W. 96 ch's. & 25 lks., on the W. line of said Lot 120, and on the W. line of Lot 121, from thence on a right line to the Buffalo Road.

Surveyed 16th May, 1828.

And we, the said Commissioners, do hereby authorize the T. Clerk of the said town to make a record hereof according to law.

17th May, 1828.	Attest	C. G. Hill	}
The plan annexed		Sila Ball	}
will plainly appear.		Philip Lyell	} Com. of Highways

(See attached map—ed.)

Recorded & posted May 27th, 1828. J. Cutler, T. Clerk

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Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of that section of present-day Elmgrove Road in Gates from Buffalo Road north to Lyell Road.

Road leading by Lyman N. Mose's[?] North

We, the Com. of Highways of the Town of Gates in the Co. of Monroe, upon the application & certificate of C. G. Hill, Joel Wheeler, James S. Wibert, Sam. Graves, Warren Hunt, John McGregor, Sam. Bliss, Aaron, Spencer Woodworth, Sam. Curtice, Jesse Brown, Wm. Jameson,

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The N. ^{west} road leading E. from the W. line of the Town of Sale by the house of J. Brulap to Sperry's corner, to be No. 19.

The N. W. road leading from Sperry's corner to the Lyell road including the ~~conformity~~ by Sperry's house to be No. 20.

The N. E. road leading from ^{near} the Deep hollow Bridge west on the Town line, to be No. 21.

As witnesses whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 20th day of March, 1828. C. G. Hill } com. of
Recorded 29th March, 1828 Wm Nathaniel } High.
Sidney Lancott, Town clerk.

Survey of a Croft road near Joseph Scott's in 20,000 acre S. W. 1/4 the Subscribers, com. of High, of the Town of Sale, during it if necessary & proper place caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter particularly described, & have accordingly laid out the same as, & for a public Highway to be of the width of 3 rods, which said premises are in & by the said survey described as follows to wit: The Croft road near J. Scott's 20,000 tract - Beginning in the centre of the Lyell road at the N. W. corner of lot No. 120 - thence S. 2° 30' W. 96 chs & 25 lks, on the N. line of lot ¹²⁰ 120, and on the W. line of lot 121, from thence on a right line to the Buffalo road.

Surveyed 16th May, 1828.

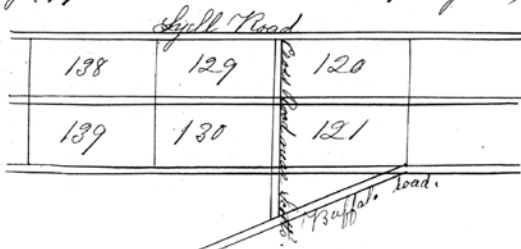
And we, the said Comms, do hereby authorize the J. Clerk of the said Town to make a record hereof according to law.

17th May 1828.

Attest C. G. Hill

The plan annexed will plainly appear.

John Ball } com. of
Philip Lyell } Highways.



Recorded & attested May 27th, 1828

twelve respectable freeholders of said town, for a road through the premises hereafter described, have caused actual survey to be made of the same premises, and have accordingly laid out the same as, and for a public highway, in pursuance of the Revised Statutes relating to highways, passed at the Extra Session Dec. 3rd, 1827; which said premises are in & by the said survey described as follows, to wit: Beginning in the centre of the Buffalo Road thence N. 2° 30' E. 113 ch's., 50 lks. on the E. line of Lots 159, 148, 147 to the Lyell Road, & we, the Com. do hereby authorize the town clerk to make a record hereof according to law.

Recorded & posted Aug. 6th, 1828.

C. G. Hill	}	Com. of
Silas Ball	}	High.

J. Cutler, T. Clerk

Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of that section of present-day Howard Road in Gates from Chili Avenue north to the area of Hinchey Road and Buffalo Road.

We, the Com. of Highways of the Town of Gates in the Co. of Monroe, upon the application & certification of Jesse Hawley, Raphael Beach, E. M. Parsons, S. S. Alcott, Wm. Rathbun, Amasa Kellogg, Benjamin Wilcox, W. Whitney, John Goudan, Silas Ball, S. Woodworth, Eleazer Howard, twelve respectable freeholders of said town, for a road through the premises hereafter described, have caused actual survey to be made of the same premises, and have accordingly laid out the same as and for a public highway, in pursuance of the revised statutes relating to highways passed at the Extra Session Dec. 3rd, 1827, which said premises are in & by the said survey described as follows, to wit: beginning in the centre of the Chili Road, on on the 4000 Acre Tract, 19 ch's. & 66 lks. W. of the S. E. corner of Lot No. 30, being the centre of said lot—thence N. 2° 5' E. 45 ch's. & 60 lks. to the N. line of Lot No. 18 & to intersect the crossroad leading by the house of Eleazer Howard—and we the said Com. deeming it proper, do hereby discontinue so much of the road on the E. line of said Lots 30 & 18 as lies N. of the Chili Road, so called. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this 16th day of July 1828.

Recorded & posted Aug. 6th, 1828.

C. G. Hill	}	Com. of
Silas Ball	}	High.

J. Cutler, T. C.

Editor's note: The following survey describes the route of present-day Hinchey Road from about the intersection of Hinchey Road and Howard Road west to the area of present-day Pixley Road.

We the subscribers, Com. of High. of the Town of Gates, deeming it proper have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter particularly described, and have accordingly laid out the same as, & for a public highway, being an alteration of the Cook Road, which said premises are in & by the said survey described as follows, *to wit*—: Beginning at a point in the centre of the Cook Road from which stands a Black Cherry tree 8 inches diameter, on the line of Lots No. 5 & 17 being S. 20° W. 50 lks., 1 ch. & 50 lks. W. of the E. side of Humphrey Hart's house—thence N. 87° 45' W. 5 chs. 50 lks. to a stake—thence N. 66° 10' W. 59 chs. 50 lks. to a beach stake standing in the road, running on the N. line of Lot No. 4 on the 4000 Acre Tract, & we, the said Com. do hereby authorize the T. C. of the said town to make a record hereof according to law—In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 7th day of Aug. 1828.

Recorded & posted Aug. 15th, 1828.

C. G. Hill	}	Com. of
Silas Ball	}	Highways

J. Cutler, T. C.

We, the Com. of High. of the Town of Gates, have caused actual survey to be made of the Balentine Road, so called, the same having been laid out as & for a public highway, but not sufficiently described—Which said premises are in and by the said survey described as follows: beginning in the centre of the Chili Road, so called, at the S.W. corner of Lot No. 36 on the 4000 Acre Tract,—thence 2° 45' E. 45 chs. to a stake on the N.W. corner of Lot No. 24—thence N. 2° 30' E. 60 chs. & 50 links to the Buffalo Road, for the center of said road. The E. line of said road being two lks. W. of the N.W. corner of the stone building situated near the intersection of the Balentine Road with the Buffalo Road. Surveyed 25th Aug. 1828.

C. G. Hill }
Silas Ball } Com. of H.

Recorded & posted Oct. 1st, 1828.

J. Cutler, T. C.

Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of present-day Trabold Road in Gates from Westside Drive north to Buffalo Road. In 1902, the owners of the lots mentioned in the survey were Alphonso J. Derleth (Lot No. 39), George J. Trabold and Xavier Knopfler (Lot No. 27), Henry Trabold (Lot No. 15), and John R. Jacobs (Lot No. 3).

We the Com. of Highways of the Town of Gates, in the County of Monroe, upon the application & certificate of Warren Hunt, Wm. Jameson, Wm. Kelly, Aaron Thurston, Joel Wheeler, James Ward, Samuel Bliss, James S. Wibert, C. Baker, John McGregor, Jesse Brown, Luther Hill, 12 respectable freeholders of said town, for a road through the premises hereafter described, have caused actual survey to be made of the same premises and have accordingly laid out the same, as & for a public highway, in pursuance of the Revised Statutes relating to highways passed at the Extra Session Dec. the 3rd, 1827—which said premises are in and by the same survey described as follows, to wit: Beginning in the centre of the road on the S. line of T. of Gates, & on the W. line of Lot No. 89—thence N. 2° 40' E. of the W. line of Lots 39, 27, 15, & 3 in the 4000 Acre Tract, & a continuation of said line until it intersects the Buffalo Road, being 104 chs. 20 lks. of the width of 4 rods, and we the Com. do hereby authorize the T. C. of the said town, to make a record hereof according to law. Recorded & posted Mar. 7th, 1829.

C. G. Hill }
Silas Ball } Com. of H.

J. Cutler, T. C.

Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of present-day Mt. Read Boulevard from the intersection of Lyell Avenue and Mt. Read Boulevard north to Lexington Avenue.

We, the Com. of H. of the T. of Gates, deeming it necessary & proper have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter particu-

larly described, and have accordingly laid out the same as & for a public highway, which said premises are in & by the said survey described as follows, to wit: beginning in the centre of the Lyell Road, at the S.W. corner of Lot No. 74—thence on the line of lots N. 2° 15' E. one mile to the N. line of the Town of Gates. And we the said Com. do authorize the T. C. to make a record hereof according to law.

It witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this 1st day of April 1829—said highway to be 4 rods wide,

C. G. Hill	}	
Silas Ball	}	Com. of H.

Recorded & posted

Apr. 3rd 1829.	J. Cutler, T. C.
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At a meeting of the Com. of H. of the Town of Gates, at Rochester in said town on the 1st of May, 1829, all the said Com. having met & deliberated on the subject embraced in this order, it was ordered & determined by the said Com. that a highway be laid out in said town, upon the application of Mark Daniels, which said premises are in & by a survey which the said Com. have ordered to be made, described as follows, to *wit*: Beginning on the Lyell Road in said town, 4 chs. & 9 lks. E. of the E. bank of the Erie Canal on Lot No. 47—thence N. 25° 15' W. 34 chs. to the S. line of Henry Draper's land—thence on the same course 12 chs. 75 l. through the enclosed land of the said H. Draper, who consents thereto—and it is further ordered that the line above described by the W. line of the said survey & that the highway be of the width of 50 ft. In witness whereof, the said Com. have hereunto subscribed their names.

Dated, 1st May, 1829.

Signed C. G. Hill	}	
Elcazer Howard	}	Com. of
W. Whitney	}	Highways

I, Henry Draper, do hereby consent that the highway mentioned in the above described order be laid out through my enclosed or land. This 1st day of May, 1829.

Signed Henry Draper.

Recorded 24th June, 1829.

M. Brown 3rd, T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Com. of H. of the T. of Gates in the C. of Monroe at the house of Wm. S. Hinchey in said town on the 9th of June 1829 & adjourned to the 13th ins. to the office of Wareham Whitney in Rochester, for the purpose of ~~laying out~~ taking into consideration and deciding on the application of H. Hart for laying out a highway passing through the enclosed lands of Jerome Phillips, Amasa Kellogg & Phebe Fosgate, which 12 respectable freeholds of said town have duly certified, that it is necessary & proper to lay out; all the Com. having met, & deliberated on the subject embraced in this order, & due notice of the time & place of said meeting having been given to the said Jerome Phillips, Amasa Kellogg, & Phebe Fosgate it was ordered and determined by the Com. that a highway of the width of 4 rods be laid out in the said town commencing at a stake in the centre of the "Brown Street" Road near the W. line of S. Woodworth's land, thence running N. 84° W. 40 chs. & intersect the old road in the W. line of Jerome Phillips land as survey'd 9th June 1829.—And it is ordered that the line above described be the centre of the highway. In witness whereof the Com. have hereunto set their hands this 13th day of June 1829.

Recorded 24th July, 1829

C. G. Hill	}	
Eleazer Howard	}	Com.
W. Whitney	}	of H.

Matthew Brown 3rd T. C.

Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of present-day Pixley Road in Gates from the corner of Pixley Road and Hinchey Road north to Buffalo Road.

We the Com. of H. for the T. of Gates, C. of Monroe upon the application of Joel Wheeler, Amos Wooden, Alder Smith, & Humphrey Hart, and deeming it necessary & proper have caused actual survey to be made of the premises hereafter described, & have accordingly laid out the same as & for a public highway of the width of 4 rods, which said premises are in & by the said survey described as follows, *viz*: Beginning in the centre of

the Cook Road in Lot No. 4 of the 4000 Acre Tract in said town, thence running N. 2° 15' E. 33 chains & 50 lks. to the Buffalo Road; said described line to be the centre of the highway,—& we the said Com. do order a record to be made hereof according to law.—In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 9th day of June 1829.

Recorded 23rd July 1829

Signed C. G. Hill	}	
W. Whitney	}	Com. of
Eleazer Howard	}	H.

M. Brown 3rd T. Clerk

Editor's note: The following survey is the original route of present-day Westside Drive from the corner of Chili Avenue and Westside Drive west to the Gates border with the Town of Chili.

At a meeting of the Com. of Highways for the Towns of Gates & Chili in the Co. of Monroe, at the inn of Charles Baker in the Town of Gates, on the 17th Oct. 1829, for to take into consideration the propriety of laying out a highway on the S. line of the T. of Gates, commencing at the centre of the Chili Road, so called, & on the line of Gates—thence on said line N. 87° 30' W. 2 miles 47 chains 91 lks. to the S.W. corner of the said T. of Gates. The Com. having met & deliberated on the subject it was ordered & determined by the said Com. that the same be laid out as & for a public highway of the width of 4 rods, said described line to be the centre of the highway. And it is further ordered by the said Com. to be & is hereby divided into road districts as follows to wit: all that said part of said highway lying between the said Chili Road, so called, & the W. line of Lot No. 38 in the Town of Gates to be a road dist. set off & belonging to the Town of Gates,—and all that part of said highway lying & between the W. line of said Lot No. 38 & the S.W. corner of said T. of Gates, to be a road district set off and belonging to the Town of Chili. And that the T. Clerk's of Gates & Chili make record hereof. In witness whereof the Com. of the T. of Gates & Chili have hereunto set their hands the day & year above written.

C. G. Hill	}	Com. of
E. Howard	}	Gates

Wm. Wooden }
 David Bangs } Com. of
 Joseph Morgan } Chili

Recorded Gates, March 13th, 1830.

Matthew Brown, 3rd T. C.

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Record of Marks in the Town of Northampton

Removed

1812

(See attached pages for reference—ed.)

Hugh M. Barnard	Swallow fork in the right ear.
Frederic Rowe	Square cross of the left ear.
Ebenezer Utter Jr.	A half cross from the under side of the left ear, and a happenny from the upper side of the same.
Nathaniel Tibbals	A cross of the left ear each side of the same
Erastus Robertson	Two slits under side of left ear
Matthew Dimmick	A swallow fork in the left ear, and a half penny in the under side of the right.
Jeremiah Olmstead	A square cross of right ear.
John Williams	A slit in the right ear.
Moses Everitt	A swallow fork in both ears.
Erastus W. Whicher[?]	A square cross of both ears.
Abel Rowe	A slit in the left ear
Wm. Hincer Jr.	A half cross under side the left ear and a slit in the right.
Alvira Everitt	A swallow fork in the left ear.

1812 — 1813.

Record of Marks in the Town of Northampton.

Removed
1812

Hugh M. Barnard. Swallow fork in the right ear.
 Frederic Howe, Square crop of the left ear.
 Ebenezer Water Jr. A half crop from the under side of the
 left ear, and a halpenny from the upper side of the same.
 Nathaniel Tibbals. A crop of the left ear, round side of the ear.
 Erasmus Robertson. Two slits under side of left ear.
 Matthew Diminick. A swallow fork in the left ear, and
 a half penny in the under side of the right.
 Jeremiah Almstead, A square crop of right ear.
 John Williams. A slit in the right ear.
 Moses Everett. A swallow fork in both ears.
 Erasmus W. Whithur. A square crop of both ears.
 Abel Howe. A slit in the left ear.
 Wm Hinckley Jr. A half crop under side the left
 ear and a slit in the right.
 Aloira Everett. A swallow fork in the left ear.
 Th^c Dewitt. A square crop of the left ear & a
 slit in the same, and a slit underside of the right.
 James Lane. A square crop of the right ear,
 and a slit in the left.
 Christopher Vandewater. Square crop of the left ear, and
 slit in the right.
 Stephen Jennings. Square crop of the left ear, and
 half penny under side of the same.
 Pstkin Gray. Square crop of the left ear, and
 slit in the same, and half penny on the upper side of same.
 Asahel Wilkinson. A slanting crop upper side of
 the right ear.
 Daniel Budd. Square crop of the right ear,
 and half penny under side of the right.
 David Close. Square crop of the left ear &
 half crop of the right.
 Ebenezer Brown. A slanting crop upper side of
 left ear, & under side of the right.
 Smith Brown. Half penny under side both ears.
 Charles Magne. A square crop of the right ear,
 and a slit in the left.
 Asa Pixley. A square crop of the right ear,
 and a slit in the middle of the same.

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- Sydney Scudder a slit in the centre of each ear.
 Isaac Ray a "W" in the right ear, upper side.
 Lewis Fiddle Two slits in the right ear, June 5th, 1813.
 Simon Hunt a square crop off the right ear, and 2 slits in the left. June 19th, 1813.
 Moses Black a square crop of the right ear, and half crop under the left. Nov. 24th, 1813.
 Timothy Burr a hole in the right ear. Dec. 28th, 1813.
 Lora Almstead a square crop of the left ear and a slit in the same. Feb. 28th, 1814.
 John B. Bagley a swallow fork in the right ear. Oct 31st, 1815.
 Asa Hurd's mark. a hole in each ear.
 Aaron Lay a half crop of the under side of the left ear. June 6th, 1816.
 Elliott Bartlett a round hole through each ear.
 Benjamin Bunker Square crop of the left ear, and a hole through the right and tail off the legs.
 Bradford King. a half penny on the under side of right ear, & the same on the upper part of the left. Sept. 2nd, 1817.
 Lorenwell H. Thomas, a slanting crop on the right ear, and a half penny the under side of the same. Aug 15th, 1818.
 Joseph Northrup Swallow fork in the left ear, and a half penny under side of the same. Aug 24th, 1818.
 Hugh H. Cady. Square crop of the right ear, and a W on the left ear. Recorded May 29th, 1819.
 Jonathan Parrish Jr. (co) Two holes in the right ear July 2nd, 1819.
 Ephraim Turner. a half penny on the upper and under side of the left ear. May 29th, 1820.
 Isaac P. Bishop's Square crop on the left ear and swallow tail on the right ear. July 11th, 1821.
 Stephen Ames. a half penny under side of each ear, and square crop off the end of the right. Oct 21st, 1822.
 Stephen Ames.
 John Dove, a square crop off each ear, on each ear a half penny in each ear at the ends. April 11th, 1825.
 John Dove

Th. Dewitt	A square cross of the left ear & a slit in the same, and a slit underside of the right.
James Lane	A square cross of the right ear, and a slit of in the left.
Christopher Vandewenter	Square cross of the left ear, and slit in the right.
Stephen Jennings	Square cross of the left ear, and half penny under side of the same.
Perkin Shay	Square cross of the left ear, and slit in the same, and half-penny on the upper side of same.
Asahel Wilkinson	A slanting cross upper side of the right ear.
Daniel Budd	Square cross of the right ear, and half-penny under side of the right.
David Close	Square cross of the left ear & half cross of the right.
Ebenezer Brown	A slanting cross upper side of left ear, & under side of the right.
Smith Brown	Half penny under side both ears.
Charles Magne	A square cross of the right ear, and a slit in the left.
Asa Pixley	A square cross of the right ear, and a slit in the middle of the same.

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Luther Scudder	A slit in the centre of each ear.
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1813

Isaac Ray	A “W” in the right ear, upper side.
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Lewis Tibbils	Two slits in the right ear. June 3rd, 1813.
Simon Hunt	A square cross of the right ear, and 2 slits in the left. June 19th, 1813
Moses Clark	A square cross of the right ear, and half cross under the left Nov. 24th, 1813.
Timothy Burr	A hole in the right ear. Dec. 28th, 1813.
1814	
Lora Olmstead	A square cross of the left ear and a slit in the same. Feb. 28th, 1814.
1815	
John B. Bagley	A swallow fork in the right ear. Oct. 31st, 1815.
Asa Hurd's mark	A hole in each ear.
1816	
Aaron Lay	A half cross of the under side of the left ear. June 6th, 1816.
Elliott Bartlett	A round hole through each ear.
Benjamin Burke	Square cross of the left ear, and a hole through the right, and tail off the hogs.
1817	
Bradford King	A half penny on the under side of right ear, & the same on the upper part of the left. Sept. 2nd, 1817.
1818	
Lou[?]well H. Thomas	A slanting cross on the right ear, and a half penny the under side of the same. Aug. 15th, 1818.

Joseph Northrup	Swallow fork in the left ear, and a half-penny under side of the same. Aug. 24th, 1818.
1819 Hugh H. Clyde	Square cross of the right ear, and a W on the left ear. Recorded May 29th, 1819.
Jonathan Parrish Jr.	(OO) Two holes in the right ear. July 2nd, 1819.
1820 Ephraim Turner	A half-penny on the upper and under side of the left ear. May 29th, 1820.
1821 Isaac F. Bishop	Square cross on the left ear and swallow tail on the right ear. July 11th, 1821.
1822 Stephen Ames	A half-penny under side of each ear, and square cross off the end of the right. Oct. 21st, 1822 Stephen Ames
1825 John Dove	A square cross off each ear, and each ear a half penny in each ear at the ends. April 11th, 1825 John Dove
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1828 Wm. R. Booth	The ends of both ears cut off, and hole through the same. March 19th, 1828 Wm. R. Booth

Cyrus W. Bartlett

A slit half across the left ear.

June 7th, 1828

Cyrus W. Bartlett

1827 Moses Gage

A slit in the left ear, and half penny on the upperside of the right. This mark is for my cattle, sheep and hogs.

Dec. 20th, 1837

Moses Gage

Ezra Mason's mark for cattle, sheep and hogs, which is a cross off the end of the right ear.

May 12th, 1835

Ezra Mason

(Brought from the Stray Book, page 24.)

Strays 1814

Broke into the enclosure of Daniel Budd, on or about the 8th of May last, a Bay Mare 8 or 9 years old. Natural trotter.

Gates 3rd June 1814.

1815 Come into the enclosure of the subscriber on the 29th of Nov. last 2 cows, one a red lined back, with some white spots about her, the other a Brindle with a white face and some white sots about her.

No artificial marks perceivable on either.

Gates Dec. 4th 1815.

Signed Daniel Budd

Rec'd. and recorded

Dec. 7th, 1815.

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Broke into the enclosure of the subscriber a light grey mare, supposed to be 10 or 12 years old; about fourteen hands and a half high; has a mark on the left hip which may have been occasioned by a kick.

Gates, June 8th, 1819.

Recorded June 8th, 1819.

Israel Willson

R. Babbitt, Town Clerk

Come into the enclosure of the subscriber on the 30th inst. one 3 year old cow with a calf about 2 months old, each red and white.—One two year old heifer red, with some white spots in her forehead—one small 2 year old stag lined back. No artificial marks.

The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges and take them away.

Erastus Spalding

Gates, 31st 7th Month, 1819.

Recorded Aug. 2nd, 1819

R. Babbitt, T. Clerk

Came into the enclosure of the subscriber about the 15th of the 8th month—August—a Brindle Heifer supposed 4 years old, some artificial marks on her ears, not plainly known. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges and take her away.

Gates 31st, 8th month 1819. Erastus Spalding

Recorded Aug. 31st, 1819. R. Babbitt
Town Clerk

Came into the enclosure of the subscriber the 14th instant, a black cow with a short tail. About 6 years old. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges and take her away.

Andrew Donaldson

Recorded Sept. 21st, 1829.

M. Brown 3rd Town Clerk

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Strays 1818

Came into the enclosure of the subscriber on the 3rd inst. a dark-red two-year old steer, without any white or natural marks or artificial marks on or about the said steer.

Small size, handsome build, white horns, middling order.

Gates, Dec. 5th 1818.

Jonathan Parrish Jr.

Recorded Dec. 7th, 1818.

E. Peck, Town Clerk

Came into the enclosure of the subscriber about the middle of last Novem. a red yearling steer. Natural marks, cross off right ear. White spots on belly and forehead.

Recorded Jan. 5th, 1818.

Cornelius S. Faulkner, Gates

Taken up near the tavern of Azel Ensworth on the 12th instant a bay mare 7 years old, thin of flesh—small star in her forehead—her right hind foot white.

About 14 hands high—with a saddle and bridle and mixed coloured coat nailed on behind the saddle, and a sheepskin under the saddle.

Left for recording Sept. 17th, 1818.

Broke into the enclosure of Wm. Middleton about 15th Sept. 1817 a small Canadian black horse, about 8 years old. Recorded 4th Dec. 1817.

Thos. C. Rochester, T. Clerk

Taken up by the subscriber on the 1st day of August last a small colt supposed to be 2 years old last spring. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take away.

Charles Millard

Recorded Oct. 17th, 1818.

Everard Peck

Town Clerk

(End of handwritten records—ed.)



Appendix 1

Supervisors of the Town of Gates

1809

Zacheus Colby

1810

Samuel Latta

1811

Zacheus Colby

1812–1816

John Mastick

1817

Roswell Hart

1818

Ira West

1819–1821

Matthew Brown Jr.

1822

Jesse Hawley

1823

Matthew Brown Jr.

1824

Samuel Works

1825

Jacob Gould

1826

Seth Saxton

1827

Fletcher M. Haight

1828

Matthew Brown Jr.

1829

Ezra M. Parsons

1830–1832

Nathaniel T. Rochester

1833

James H. Gregory

1834

William Bishop

1835

Ezra M. Parsons

1836

Calvin Sperry

1837–1839

Henry K. Higgins

1840–1842

Silas A. Yerks

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.*, 1895

Silas A. Yenkes

Reference: *From the Wilderness*, 1963

1843

E. Darwin Smith

1844–1847

Melancthon C. Wetmore

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.*, 1895

1844–1846

Melancton C. Wetmore

Reference: *From the Wilderness*, 1963

1847

Henry K. Higgins

Reference: *From the Wilderness*, 1963

1848

Joshua Fish

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.*, 1895

1848–1849

James Warner

Reference: *From the Wilderness*, 1963

1849

James Warner

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.*, 1895

1850–1851

Joseph Dewey

1852

Hiram Shearman

1853

Melancthon C. Wetmore

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.*, 1895

Melancton C. Wetmore

Reference: *From the Wilderness*, 1963

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

1872–1873

John L. Pixley

Reference: *From the Wilderness*,
1963

1872–1874

John L. Pixley

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe
County, N.Y.*, 1895

1874–1875

Edward C. Campbell

Reference: *From the Wilderness*,
1963

1875

Edward C. Campbell

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe
County, N.Y.*, 1895

1876

Reuben L. Field

1877

Edward C. Campbell

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe
County, N.Y.*, 1895

1878–1880

Reuben L. Field

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe
County, N.Y.*, 1895

1881–1882

Avery L. Reed

1883

Chester Field

Reference: *From the Wilderness*,
1963

1883

Reuben L. Field

Reference: *Landmarks of Monroe
County, N.Y.*, 1895

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

1936–1947

Fred C. Sours

Died July 2, 1947

1947

Edward Renouf

Appointed July 9, 1947

Died August 25, 1947

1947

Fred Belmont

Appointed October 8, 1947

1948–1959

Elbert Finch

1960–1965

Frank F. Kipers

1966

Everett Russell

Died October 23, 1966

1966–1974

Joseph W. Campbell

1974–1989

Jack C. Hart

1989–2009

Ralph J. Esposito

2010–

Mark W. Assini



Appendix 2

Seneca Signers of the Treaty of Buffalo Creek

The following are the Seneca signers of the Treaty of Buffalo Creek on July 8, 1788. The list is taken from *Kanadesaga and Geneva*, an 1889 unpublished manuscript by George S. Conover. The notations in parentheses following several names are Mr. Conover's handwritten notes. His source for the material is given as *Indian Treaties* by Franklin B. Hough (Albany, N.Y.: 1861).

Teyorenhagwente

Oghnenrayewaghs (Farmers Brother, *Hough's Treaties* 343)

Karontowaningh (Big Tree, *Hough*, 122, 343, 357)

Shotshonwaas

Skentyoghwadigh

Tekaghsakatste

Shonoghsowane

Shigwarentonghkwi (Little Bear, *Hough* 343)

Kanaase

Tewatogharanegea

Jonondaweaghtaghsi

Shagoyeghwatha (Red Jacket, *Hough* 343)

Kayentwaghgeth (Cornplanter, *Hough* 122)

Shorihowane

Karonghyagers

Tekahonwaghshea

Arajongwaghs

Tsiskekek

Shoghsharowane

Ratsirageron

Osawetsrough

Aonghwenjayehte

Teghonegwenghsokane



Appendix 3

The New York Genesee Land Company (The Lessees)

The partners in the New York Genesee Land Company (the “Lessees”) are the scoundrels of the story of the Phelps and Gorham land purchase. They sought to violate the New York State constitution’s prohibition on the purchase of Indian lands by individuals (“leasing” instead of buying) and they obstructed Oliver Phelps’s government-sanctioned negotiations with the Indians, causing Phelps to lose time and the eventual collapse of the Phelps and Gorham association.

Further, although there is no direct evidence that has surfaced to date that the Lessees fraudulently influenced the survey of the first Pre-emption Line, many historians are convinced that they did.

The Lessees formed an association in 1787. Based chiefly in Columbia County, New York, they are described by George S. Conover as “influential men” in his unpublished manuscript, *Kanadesaga and Geneva* (Geneva, N.Y.: 1889). Mr. Conover writes that their leasing scheme “was devised to evade the letter of the fundamental law, while it defeated its spirit.”

He points out that the Lessees were men of high distinction and suggests that they knew full well that what they were doing was

wrong. They included a former commissioner for holding Indian treaties, an acting state senator, the clerks of Albany and Columbia counties, the future sheriffs of Herkimer and Oneida counties, 14 future members of the New York State Assembly, and “others who shared the public confidence.”

“It is but just to infer that some of these were misled by falsehoods, or induced to lend countenance to the transaction through the influence of bad men,” Mr. Conover writes. “But to the greater number history will attach a stain of dishonor, for which no apologies can atone.”

The Lessees obtained two leases from the Indians. The first was signed on November 30, 1787, between “the chiefs or sachems of Six Nations of Indians” and John Livingston, Caleb Benton, Peter Ryckman, John Stevenson, Ezekiel Gilbert, and others, of Columbia County, New York. By this arrangement, the Lessees acquired nearly all the land of the Six Nations from the Quebec Province border to the north and the Pennsylvania state line to the south for an annual rental payment of 2,000 Spanish milled dollars payable on July 4th of each year. The lease was to remain in effect for 999 years. Forty-four chiefs, mostly Senecas and Cayugas, signed the lease on behalf of the Iroquois. Among the signers were Farmers Brother, Cornplanter and Big Tree.

On January 8, 1788, the Lessees negotiated a lease with the Oneidas for some additional land, also for 999 years, and at an annual rental payment of \$1,000 for the first 10 years, then increasing annually at a rate of \$100 until the annual sum reached \$1,500. The Lessees agreed to give the Oneidas a share of the profits if mines were discovered on the leased lands.

New York Governor Clinton halted the leases. According to Mr. Conover, William Colbrath, sheriff of Herkimer County (then comprising all of Western New York) and a Lessee himself, received orders from the governor to dispossess “intruders and settlers under titles from the Leasees (*sic*) and to burn their dwellings . . . a military force was called out and orders strictly enforced.”

Mr. Conover also notes that the “Captain Alen” referred to by

Col. Maxwell as having accompanied the survey party was doubtless Benjamin Allen, a prominent Lessee. Mr. Conover writes that Allen was “so active an opponent of the state that he was arrested at Kanadesaga but managed to escape.”

There were 80 shareholders in the New York Genesee Land Company. Mr. Conover writes that 10 of them owned half shares, but he identifies only eight of the 10 in the listing below, taken from *Kanadesaga and Geneva*:

**Denotes half-share owners*

Benjamin Allen	James Dean
Joseph Barnard	Dominico DeBarge (Dominique DeBartzch)
John Bartle	John D. P. Douw
Peter Bartle	Ezekial Gilbert
John Bay	Obadiah Gore
Dr. Caleb Benton	John Graham
Benjamin Birdsall	Morris Graham
Peter Bishop	Joseph Hamilton
Henry Blather	Stephen Heogeboom
Benjamin Brown	William Hopkins
James Bryant	Ebenezer Heusted
Prince Bryant	Seth Jenkins
Benjamin Chace	Lark (Elark) Jennings
William Colbrath	Thomas Jones*
David Collins	Ambrose Lattin
John Collins	Elcazer Lindsley
Ananias Cooper*	Henry Livingston
Abraham Cuyler	Henry B. Livingston

Henry G. Livingston

John Livingston,

Livingston Manor, N.Y.

Peter R. Livingston

Peter Loup

Peter Ludlow*

William Ludlow*

Charles McKinstry

John McKinstry

John Maley

Daniel Niven

Hezekiah Olcott

James Parker

Isaac Paris

William Pearce

William Potter

William Radcliff

Ezra Reed

Sarah Resal

Garret Ryckman

Peter Ryckman

Jeremiah Sabin

Abraham Schuyler

Major Peter Schuyler

Nathaniel Scribner

Bazaliel Scaly

Jacob F. Shaver

Nathaniel Shaw*

John Shepard*

Colton M. Smith

Simon Spalding

William Stewart

Henry Tremper

Lawrence Tremper

Robert Troop

Henry J. Van Rensselaer

Robert Van Rensselaer

Mathew Visscher

William Wall

Hugh Welsh

Walter V. Wempel

Jacob Henry Wendel

Andrew White*

John White*

William Whiting



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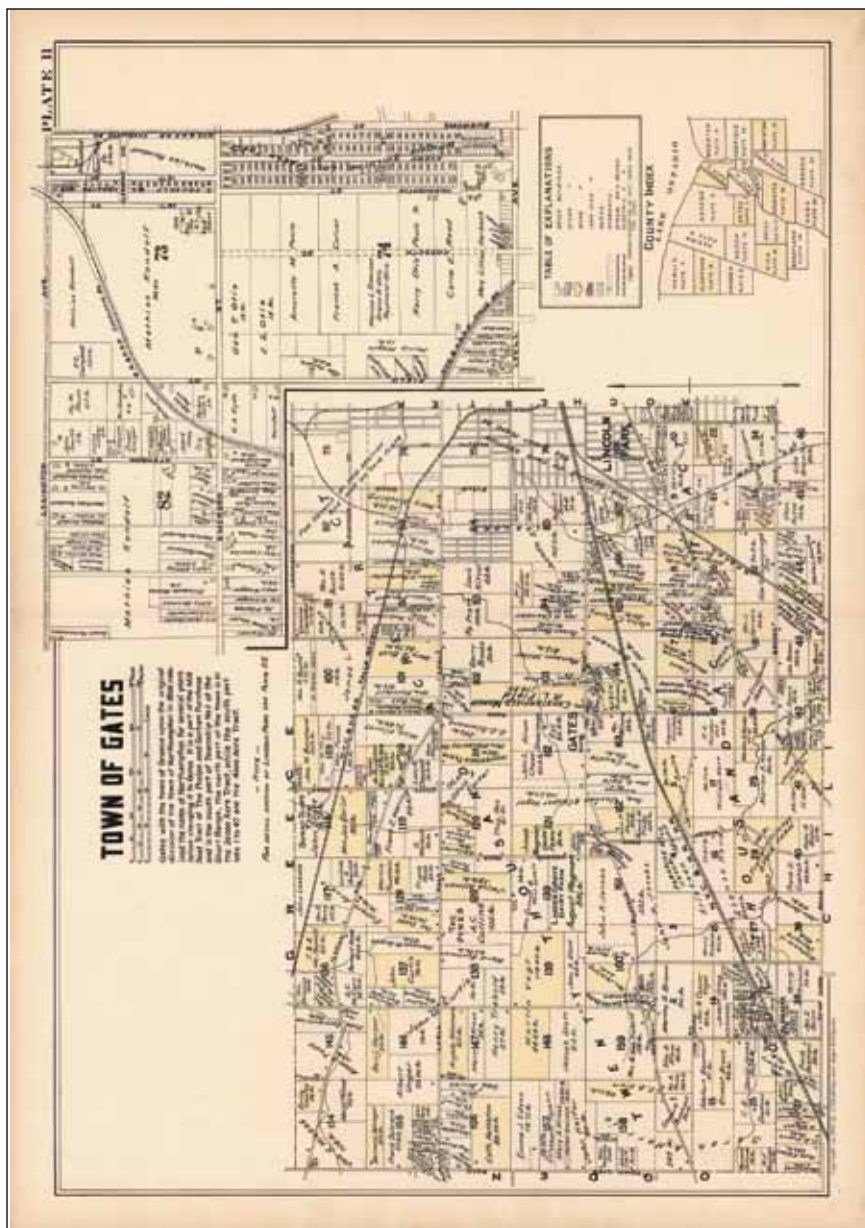
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The Town of Gates was a rural, agricultural community of homesteads and farm lots, as shown in this 1902 map. The town was larger in area than it is today, having extended into what is now the Dutchtown and Lincoln Park sections of the City of Rochester.

The Town of Gates, a suburban community just west of the City of Rochester in Monroe County, New York State, was founded in 1813. It was the last remnant of the old Town of Northampton that had been created in 1802 by the State Legislature as part of the subdivision of Ontario County.

The earliest documentation of Gates government 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.

When the pages of the book had been filled, it was entrusted for safe keeping to Franklin Hinchey, the son of pioneer William S. Hinchey who arrived in Gates *circa* 1810 and lived in the first clapboard house in the town. In the 1870's, Franklin built the Hinchey Homestead which stands today on the road that bears his family's name. It is the only structure in Gates on the National Register of Historic Places.

The record book resurfaced in 1999 when Wolcott Hinchey, Franklin's great grandson, discovered it as he was preparing to sell the homestead to the Gates Historical Society. He presented the book to Town Historian Jack C. Hart who wrote in an acknowledgement, "please be assured that I will protect and preserve this book as one of the treasures of the town historian's files."

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In anticipation of the Town of Gates bicentennial in 2013, the Gates Historical Society publishes the historic minutes book here for the first time. Transcribed by John M. Robortella, a society member and former editor of the *Gates-Chili News*, these records document the work of the town's original settlers as they forged a vibrant and lasting community from the wilderness.

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. This book begins with these topics, followed by the transcription.

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