

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

Great News! We can start returning to normal activity after 16 months of the pandemic. Thanks to our members and the community for getting us through that difficult time!

We are going to need continued support as we go through the challenge of starting back up. We have started museum hours at the Farm on Sundays. We are planning to start regular meetings again in September. We are also planning to start holding events again. We can use your help for putting on our meetings, events, and activities. Please let myself or any Board member know if you can help out. You will see more information in this newsletter.

In addition, our solar project is proceeding to provide us much needed funding for operation of our museums.. The Solar Company is working on the submission to the Town of Lewiston for the project.

As with many nonprofits starting back up again will be a challenging time, but with our great membership and Board I am sure we can get things up and running again!!!

Bill Read, President

Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM)
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; Vice Pres-**Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)**; Recording Sec-**Ruth Pirinelli (471-4677)**; Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer-**Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**.

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Calkins (471-4422)**; **Ron Craft (818-0360)**, **Jim Ditzel (433-7439)**,
Bill Hooter (731-3874), **Gwen King (704-2961)**, **Scott McEldowney (471-5637)**, **Jane Schultz (731-9404)**,
Elaine Timm (471-2217), **Pat Thompson (731-2666)**, **Gary Townsend (523-0743)**.

Farm Museum Curator- **Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)**
Schoolhouse Curator- **Elaine Timm (471-2217)**



SAHS 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE at the Farm on July 24, 2 to 4 PM-

All are invited to stop by for cake & coffee and to allow us to show you our exhibits in our many buildings. We will be open at 1 PM. For information call Bonnie Haskell, 699-6909.

ANNUAL ELECTION 2021 AND STARTING OUR REGULAR MEETINGS 7 PM at Farm-

Since our January 2021 Newsletter, Lynn Hoffman has resigned from the board of Trustees and Ron Craft has been nominated to replace her. All those nominated as officers and nominated trustees for open positions will be up for election at our Sept regular meeting now scheduled for 7:00 PM September 28 at the Farm; (not at the Sanborn Fire Hall).

The September 28 program at the Farm will be "Emblem of Equality by Susan Eck; for October 28 will be "Update from Niagara Military Affairs Council" by John Cooper; and for November 23 will be "Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission" by Tom McLaughkin,

SAHS FARM MUSEUM NOW OPEN-

Our Farm Museum is presently open from 2 to 4 PM. every Sunday through mid October. Please contact Bonnie Haskell at 990-6909 if you would like to setup a visit at a special date any time.

SAHS 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE:-

Sat Sept 25, 4 to 7 PM

Bi Centennial Fund Raiser, SAHS Farm Museum
Pork Dinner- \$12 Adv, \$13 at door
Take out Available- Call Bonnie 990-6909

Sat Oct. 9, 4 PM until gone

Bi Centennial Fund Raiser, Lewiston Town Hall
Drive Thru- Chivetta's Chicken BBQ Dinner-\$14

Sat Oct.23, 4 PM to 7 PM, SAHS Farm Museum Ham Dinner- \$12 Adv, \$13 at door
Take out Available Call Bonnie 990-6908\9

SOLAR PANALS:

The SAHS Board has approved the final lease agreement with **Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.** on the Solar Energy Project and it has been signed. **Borrego** is presently waiting confirmation of their plan from National Grid. They expect to present the project to the Town of Lewiston Zoning Board in August. This will start the Town approval cycle.

GRIGG LEWIS GRANTS:

Our application for a grant of about \$7,000 from the **Grigg Lewis Foundation** of Lockport to replace the garage roof at the Farm has been approved. Tuscarora Roofing is the low bidder and is presently under contract to install "lifetime shingles" of a color to match our other buildings. We thank the **Grigg Lewis Foundation** for considering SAHS to be worthy of their support.

In 2019, Grigg Lewis also provided \$9500 to fund the insulating; installing a ductless environmental control system that provides heat, air conditioning and means of controlling relative humidity; and to tint windows to provide UV protection of our artifacts in the **Treichler Building**

COAL SHED MOVE:

The Board approved moving the Coal Shed presently by the Schoolhouse to the Farm. This will help with storage needs at the farm. The building was previously used as a coal shed for the original 1874 Sanborn School on West Street before being moved to its present location.

USDA LOAN:

The USDA is reconsidering their decision and has indicated that they may approve a second one-year delay in our payments on our loan until July 31, 2022. The approximate \$180,000 remaining on our \$215,000 loan taken out in 2002 will then be refinanced back to 30 years to help us remain solvent.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (417-9767)

Present membership for 2021 is 515. We thank those old and new members that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS. Further, we thank **Jim & Joanne Cowe, Nancy**

Franklin, Wally & Donna Friert, Warren Glover, Shirley Mabon, Ray & Lucia McGovern, Gerry Treichler, and Merv & Sue Treichler who have paid their dues of \$100 or more as patrons for 2022, This as well as other members who have paid their dues for 2022 will continue to allow us to remain solvent. This helps since our normal annual income of about \$19,000 from our fundraisers will only be only about \$3000 due to carry over of Covid-19 into 2021.

LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS- Jane Schultz, Chair Person (Ph.-731-9404), assisted by Elaine Timm,

Donations of artifacts may be made by contacting Jane. Final acceptance is determined by our Board of Trustees. We appreciate your continued donations of Sanborn Area historical artifacts to expand our collection, but at the same time we have had to be selective in their acceptance since we have many duplicates and areas to show new artifacts are at a premium. Please let us know if you have something of interest for our museum. New items approved and received by SAHS since last reporting are **an 1880s grass seeder from Steven Edmister; a 1800s wedding gown from Ruby Hooter; a doll house from Wendy Acker; books from Jeff Wiegand; and military pictures, medals, uniforms, and N-W year books from Walter Woodworth.**

WORK PROGRAM - Gary Townsend Chmn (Ph 523-0753)

The Niagara Co Legislature will provide a person to work for 20 hours per week that they will pay and provide their insurance. **They have abandon their Sheriff's Work Program.** In years past that program provided up to 6 workers about 50 times throughout the year to assist us in our activities and maintaining our facilities as needed. They even painted our red barn and helped to the gut the Treichler building and renovate with new drywall, paint, replacing of the wainscoting, and removing of the floor

over-lament down to the bare floor.

If any of our members are willing to help with tasks such as weed-whacking, gardening, washing windows, moving tables around for our activities, etc, please call Gary.

FARM MUSEUM USAGE-SCHEDULE- Bonnie Haskell, Chair Ph. 990-6909.

Our members and others are requested to contact **Bonnie** for use of the hall in accordance with our "Hall Rental Agreement". Information can be viewed on our www.sanbornhistory.org web site.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please inform **any SAHS board member** with names of those members needing **"Thinking of you" or "Bereavement"** cards so they can be noted at our board meetings: **Arleen Brontmire** has passed away since our last reporting.

WEBSITE

Jay Krull of Lockport is the **Web Master** for our "www.sanbornhistory.org" website. We are also on **Facebook**. **Jay** is continuing to update the site as we feed him information, including information about our activities. Our quarterly Newsletters are also on the web site. You might pass this information along to family members so that they can follow along with our activities and possibly **join SAHS** themselves and support our society. Our **Web Master** has setup means to allow you to pay your dues and vender space chargers by credit card on-line at our Website. The scheduled dates shown are tentative dates due to Covid-19. Click on "Newsletters" for latest information.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts short term as well as long term giving program, as memorials, in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity will help assure the completion of our goals...long-term viability of our historical society and our museums.

THE EVOLUTION OF NIAGARA COUNTY

By Vernetta Genter, Cambria Town Historian (Used by Permission)

The earliest known occupants of the Niagara Region of Western New York were the Neuter Indians who occupied this area in the early 1600's.

A peaceful nation, they lived in villages on both sides of the Niagara River and probably as far east as the present day Orleans County.

In 1651, however, nearly the entire Neuter population was exterminated by the Senecas who then claimed the Neuters' lands as their own.

Peter A. Porter, who wrote a "Brief History of Old Fort Niagara" and several other early works on the history of the Niagara Frontier, gives this account of the varying ownership of the territory:

"The Neuter Nation – To 1651; Indian Ownership (Seneca and Iroquois) – 1651-1669; Indian Ownership, Predominant French Influence – 1669-1725; Indian Ownership, French Occupation – 1725-1759; Indian ownership, English Occupation – 1759-1783; American Ownership, English Occupation – 1783-1796."

During the period of 1772 until 1789, the Western New York area, with varying border lines to the east was known as "Six Nations Indian Country; Kingsland, German Flats and Whitestown."

The District of West Genesee began to function as a separate unit in 1791, and became "The Town of Northampton" in 1797. It was officially formed April 7, 1801.

On March 30, 1802, Genesee Country was formed and the present country of Niagara was included in the Town of Batavia in March 1803.

Then, on March 11, 1808, Niagara County came into being, composed of and within the boundaries of our **present day counties of Erie and Niagara**. What is now Erie County contained two towns, Clarence and Willink.

The northern part of the county, in the exact dimensions of present day Niagara County was named CAMBRIA.

The first division of the Town of Cambria took place on June 1, 1812 when the eastern portion was named Hartland. The western area became Porter to the north, Schlosser (Niagara in 1816) to the south, and Cambria was sandwiched between.

1817 - Harland was halved, the north remained Harland, and the southern portion was named Royalton.

1818-19 - The east half of Porter became Wilson and the western half of Cambria was named Lewiston.

1821 - The seven towns of Cambria, Hartland, Porter, Niagara, Lewiston, Wilson and Royalton became the County of Niagara. The southern part of Niagara County became Erie County.

1823 – Hartland divided in half to form Somerset to the north.

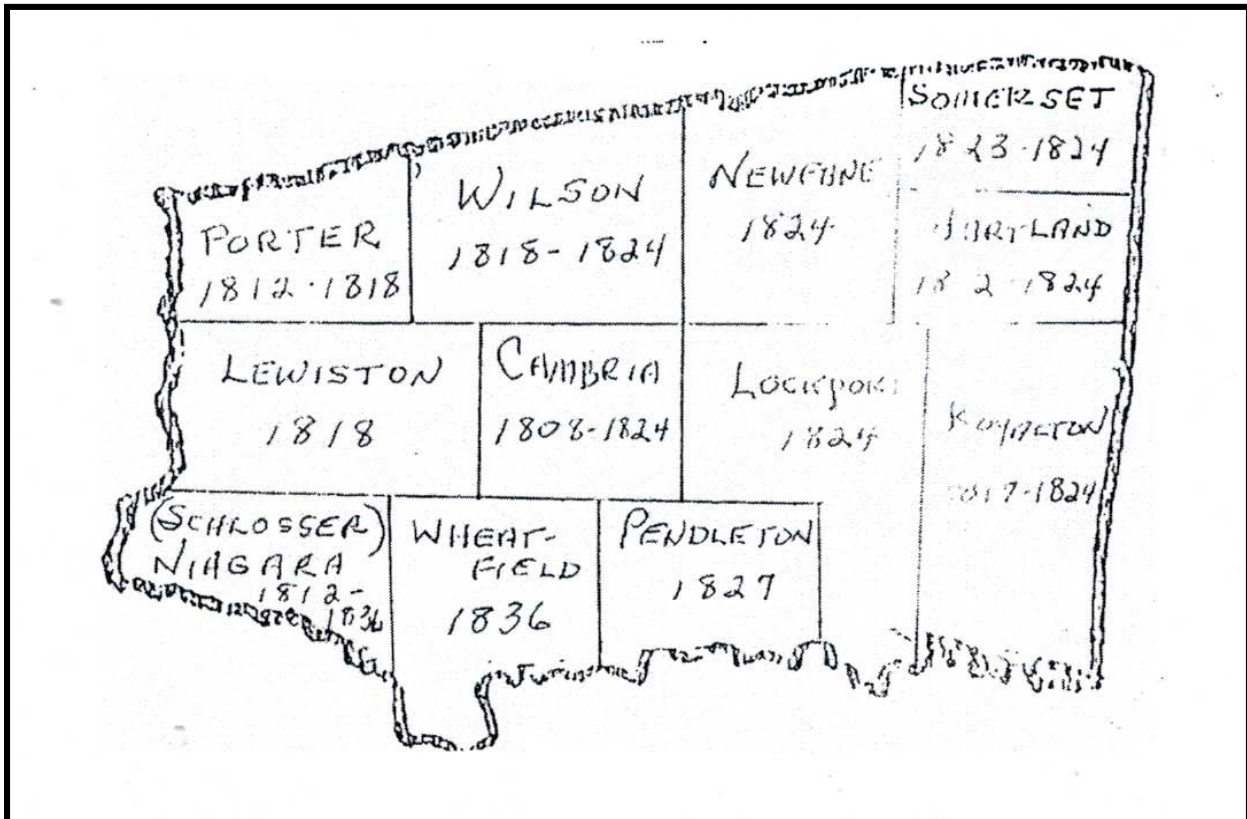
1824 - Lockport was formed from parts of Cambria and Royalton, and Newfane was created from parts of Wilson, Somerset and Hartland.

1827 – Pendleton was formed at the eastern part of Niagara.

1836 – Niagara was halved to form Wheatfield to the east.

By May 20, 1836, the former Town of Cambria had been divided into the present 12 towns, all contained in Niagara County.

THE DIVISION OF THE TOWN OF CAMBRIA FROM 1808-1836



Prepared by Cambria Historian Vernetta Genter for presentation with a program on "The Evolution of Niagara County" to the Niagara County Genealogical Society, Jan. 31, 1996. Map information from "Niagara County and Its Towns" by ... Pechuman, published in 1958 by Niagara County Historical Society.

STATISTICS for 1874 MAP THAT FOLLOWS

Map legends show the evolution of each of the 12 towns of Niagara County completed by May 20, 1836.

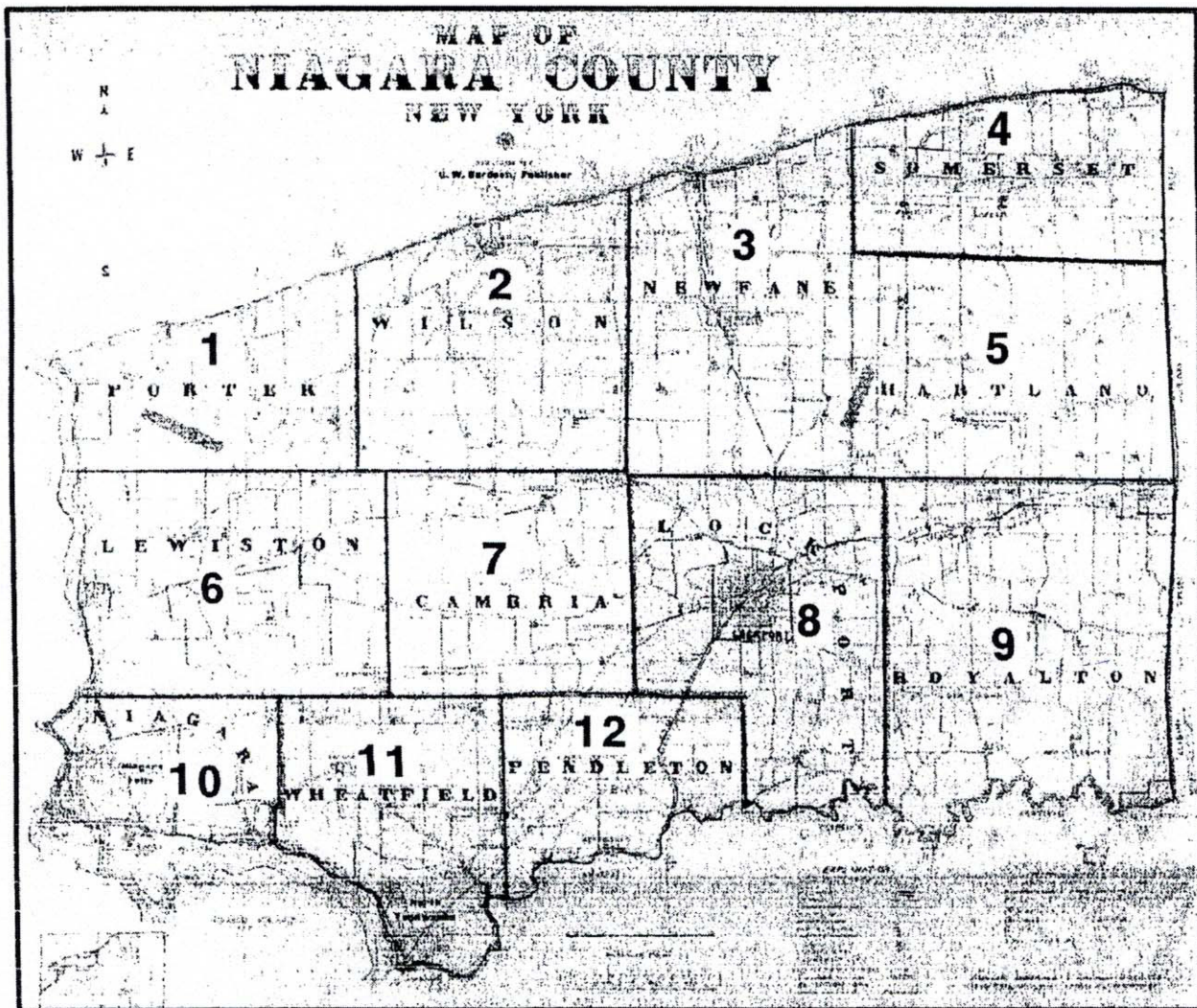
Concentric circles or arcs on the map are placed at one-mile intervals with their center in Lockport.

One-room schoolhouses are shown with 155 existing in 1874. They were built about 2 miles apart.

The census of 1875 shows a population of 50,399 for Niagara County.

Map is a 65% scale of the map located in the **Sanborn Area Historical Society Schoolhouse Museum.**

1874 MAP of NIAGARA Co., C.W.Bardeen, Publisher

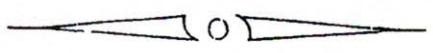


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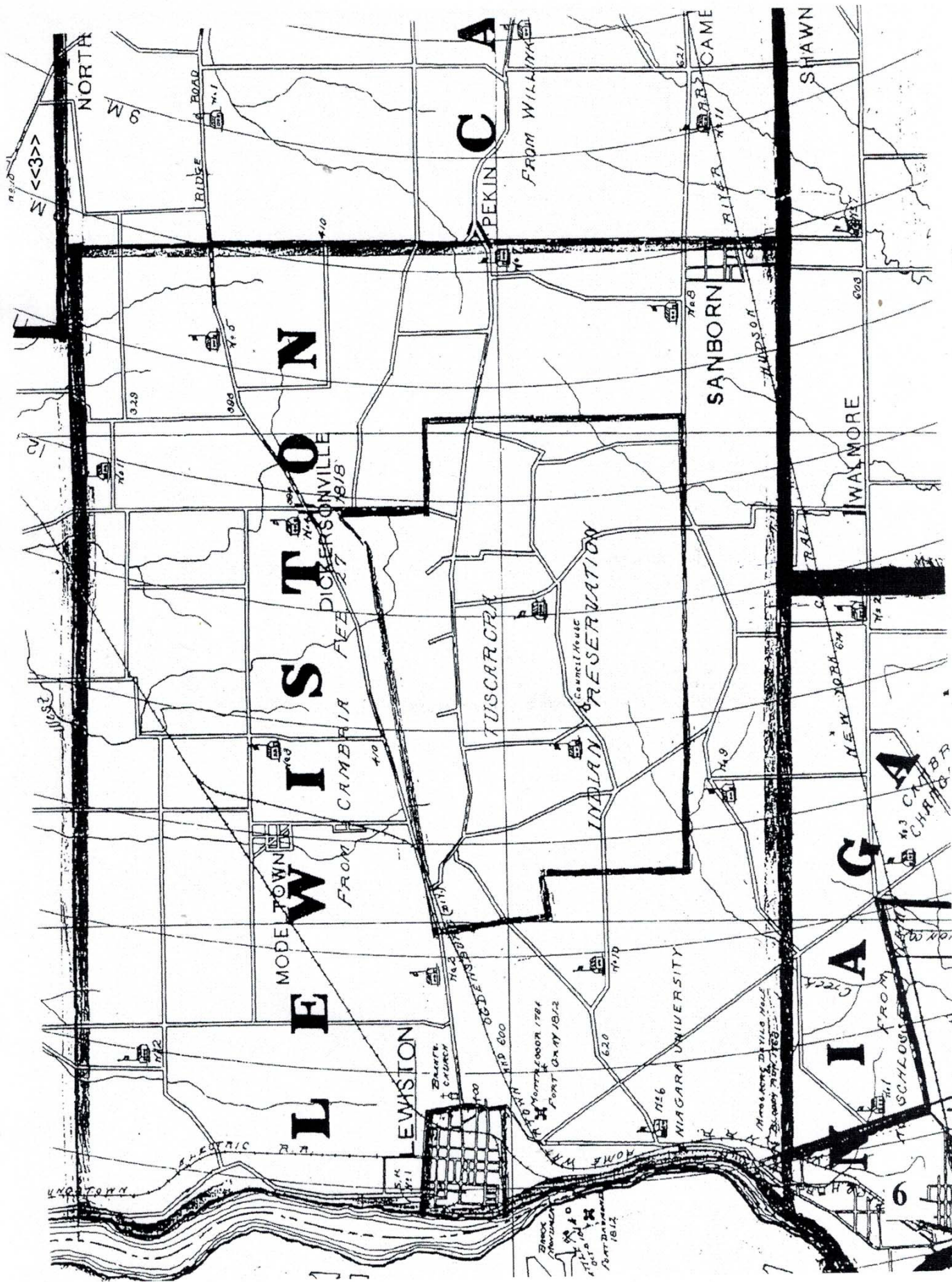
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NIAGARA COUNTY ORGANIZED MARCH 11, 1808 WAS A PART OF

- ALBANY COUNTY FROM 1683 - 1772
- TRYON " " 1772 - 1784
- MONTGOMERY " " 1784 - 1789
- ONTARIO " " 1789 - 1802
- GENESEE " " 1802 - 1808
- ERIE TAKEN OFF APR. 2, 1821



NIAGARA COMPRISES 2 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS
WITH ORLEANS FORMS 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
(Regular Meetings, all at the Farm Museum- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM

June, July, and August NO REGULAR MEETINGS

Sanborn Area Hist. Soc. OPEN HOUSE FOR 25th ANNIV. ... July 24, 2021

Program for the:
Sept 28 Reg Meeting:
At Farm, At 7:00 PM

“Emblem of Equality” Woman Suffrage in WNY
By Susan Eck of Getzville

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