

Buried History Unearthed

March 29, 2017

Presented by Philip M. Childs
for the

Southern Tier Metal Detectors Club



Phil Childs current president of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society, Maine NY. 13 Nanticoke Road is our Janet W. Bowers Museum. <http://www.nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com/>



Circa 1850 Janet W. Bowers Museum



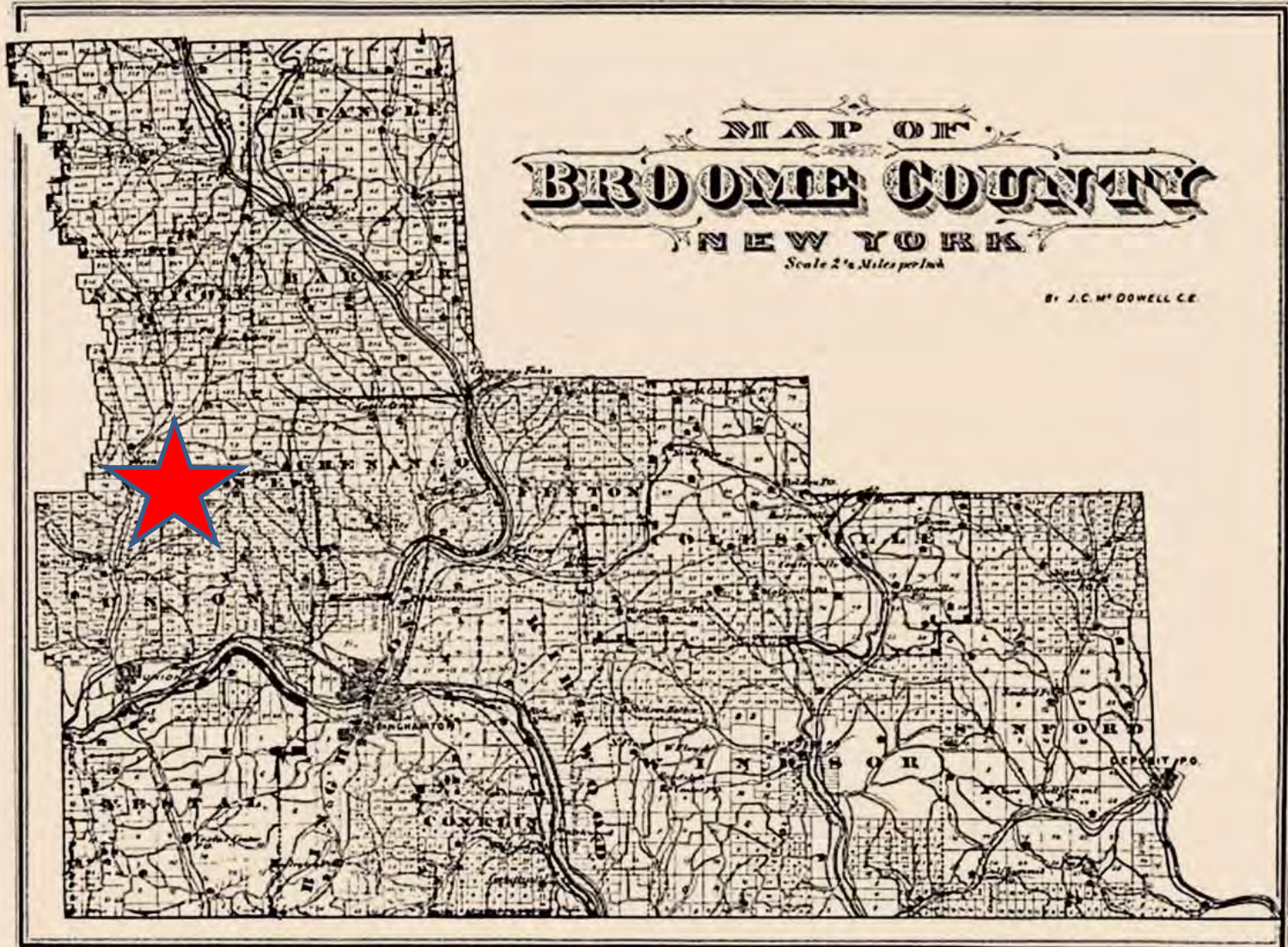
Circa 1845 One room school house



Circa 1840 Norton Carriage Shops



Circa 1830 Pitcher's Grist Mill



Source: Combination Atlas Map of Broome County New York. Philadelphia: Everts, Ensign & Everts, 1876, p. 14.

1876 Map of Broome County, the red star is the location of Malone, NY



Historic Hamlet of Maine - 1848
Many homes date back to 1830




Topics Covered:

- Town Historians
- Town Historical Society and Museums
- Historical Publications from local historical societies.
- Offer to make a presentation to the societies or local school
- Topographic maps go back to 1900, search on internet.
- Broome County Libraries Historical Section. Court St. Binghamton. Second floor in the rear of the library
- Old maps Plat books 1866, 1876, 1908
- Plowed fields, keep returning.
- Old Fair Grounds and Race Tracks.
- National Registry of Historic Places
- Fires - very common in the old days. Look for vacant lots and check against Plat Maps of region.
- Old Towns
- Old Schools
- Cemeteries (old and "abandoned" ones.)

Todd was a regular in the town of Maine, NY. On almost every Thursday you could notice a man in shorts using a metal detector. I met him a few years ago while he was working a field next to my house and my curiosity got the better of me.

We swapped stories and over a period of a few months he asked for some suggestions as to where to explore. He spoke about his group the *Southern Tier Metal Detectors Club* with passion. I asked if he would be interested in sharing his story with NVHS which he did last August. Many members of NVHS have contacted Todd to come to their property and he is a welcomed addition to our town.



Join the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

On: August 15 Monday at 7 PM

At: The Janet W. Bowers Museum 13 Nanticoke Road, Maine
NY 13802

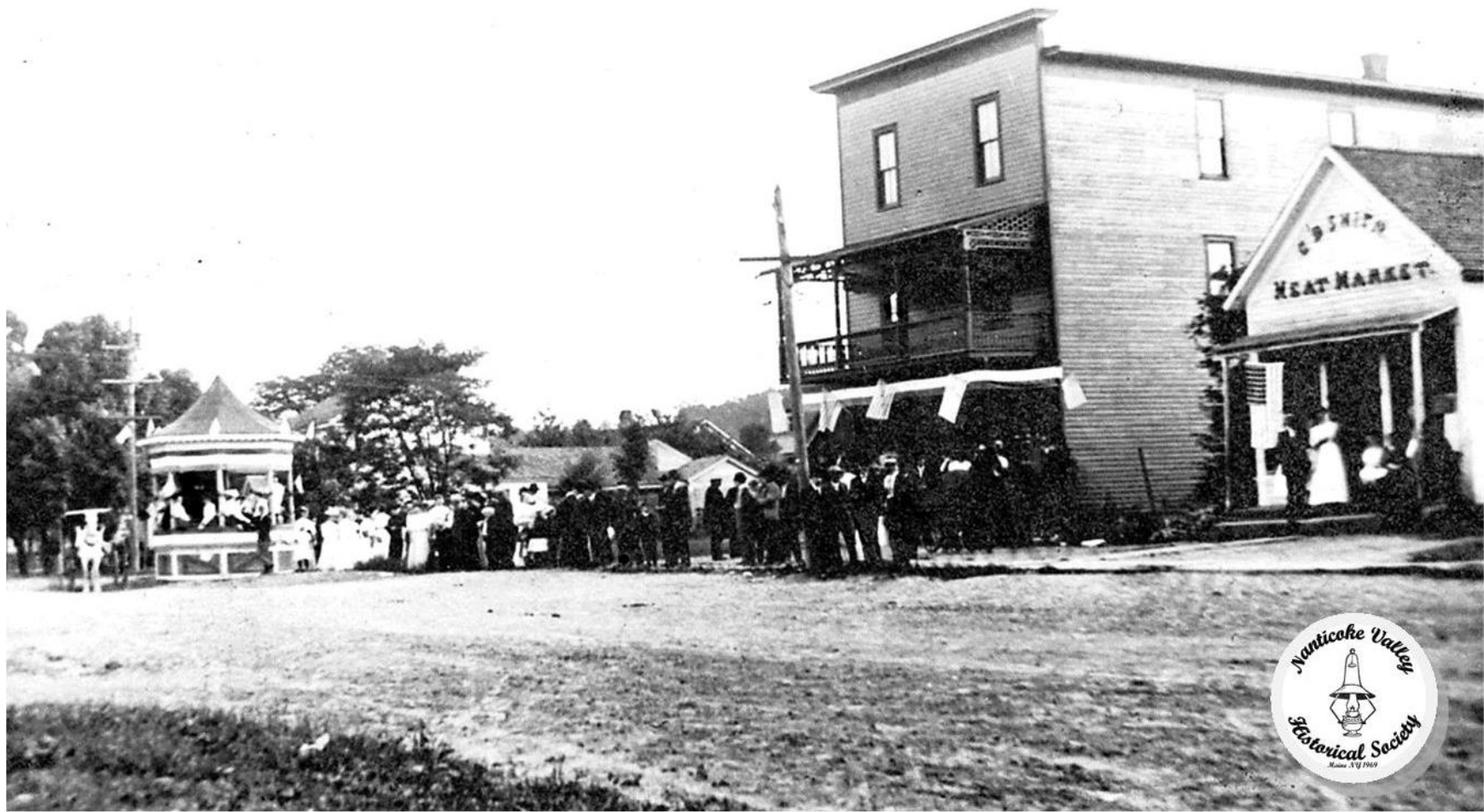
Special Speaker Mr. Todd Conrad

Title: Searching for Buried History

Todd has been exploring the Nanticoke Valley with his magnetometer for years. He will inform you of his quest for our hidden “treasures.”



The Gazebo is a ½ size replica built in 1976. The lot behind it, on Church Street, used to house Lincoln General Store. It burnt down in 1893.



1907 - Fourth of July Main Street (Route 26). The large building was the Tymeson Brothers

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Lincoln Block, Maine, N.Y.

**1893 Fire destroyed the
Lincoln Store. Corner of
Church and Main
Streets . The Gazebo
sits in front of where
the store was.**

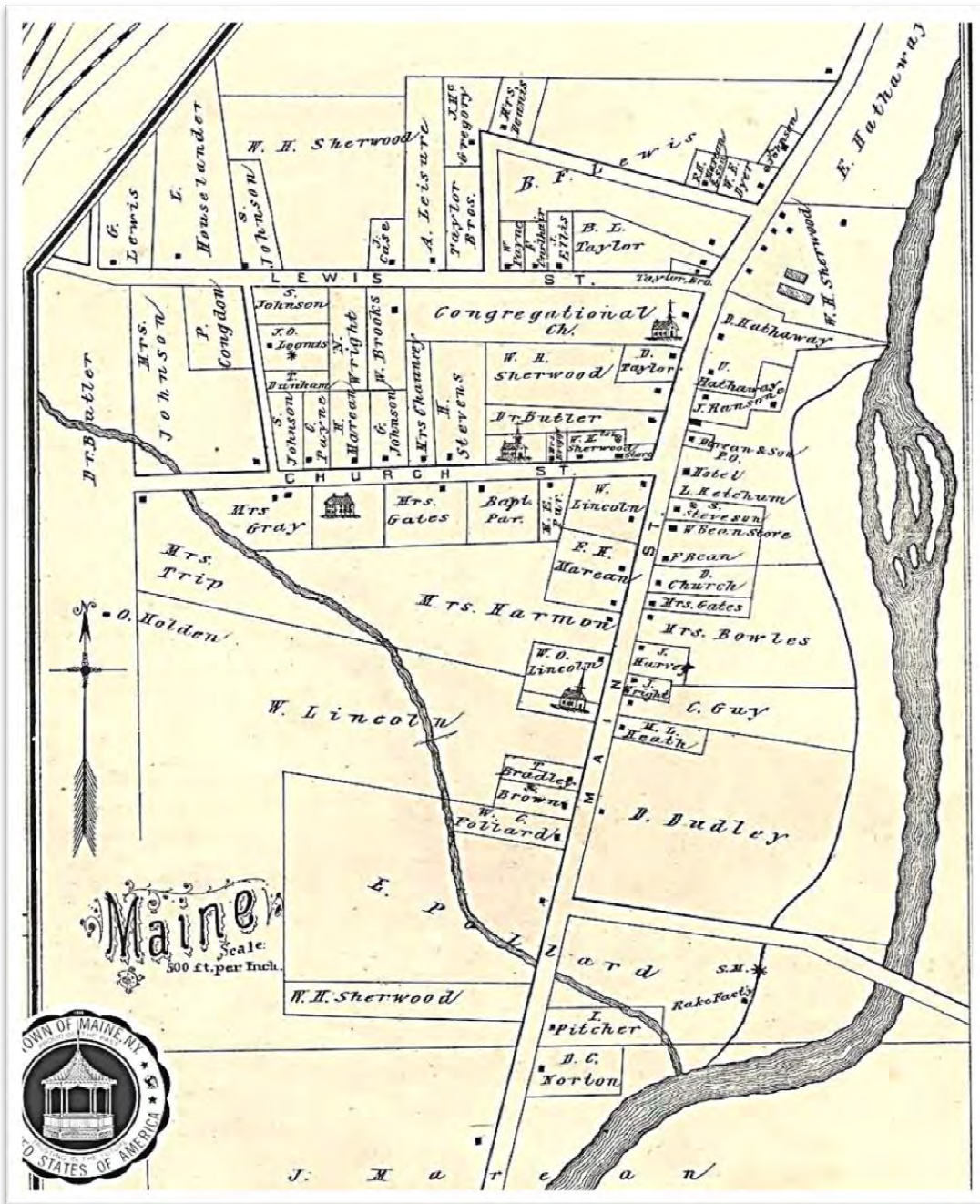




Original Gazebo
Maine NY circa 1903.
It sat in the middle of
the road.
The Maine Community
Band, first organized in
1861, would often play
concerts in the Gazebo.



The empty lot north of this house used to have a General Store which burnt down around 1900. A recent need for a new septic system exposed its stone foundation along with artifacts.

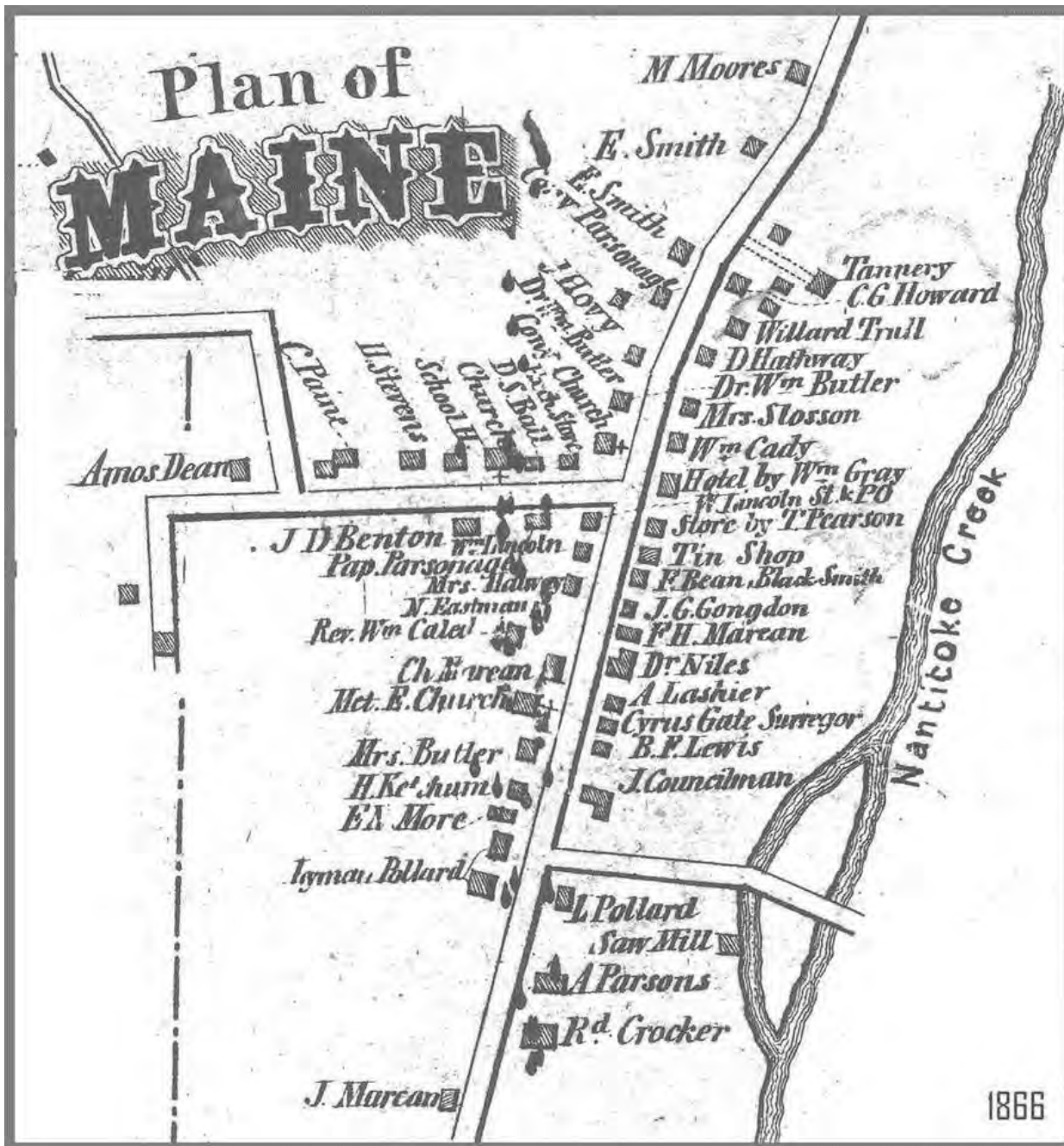


Plat Map -1876

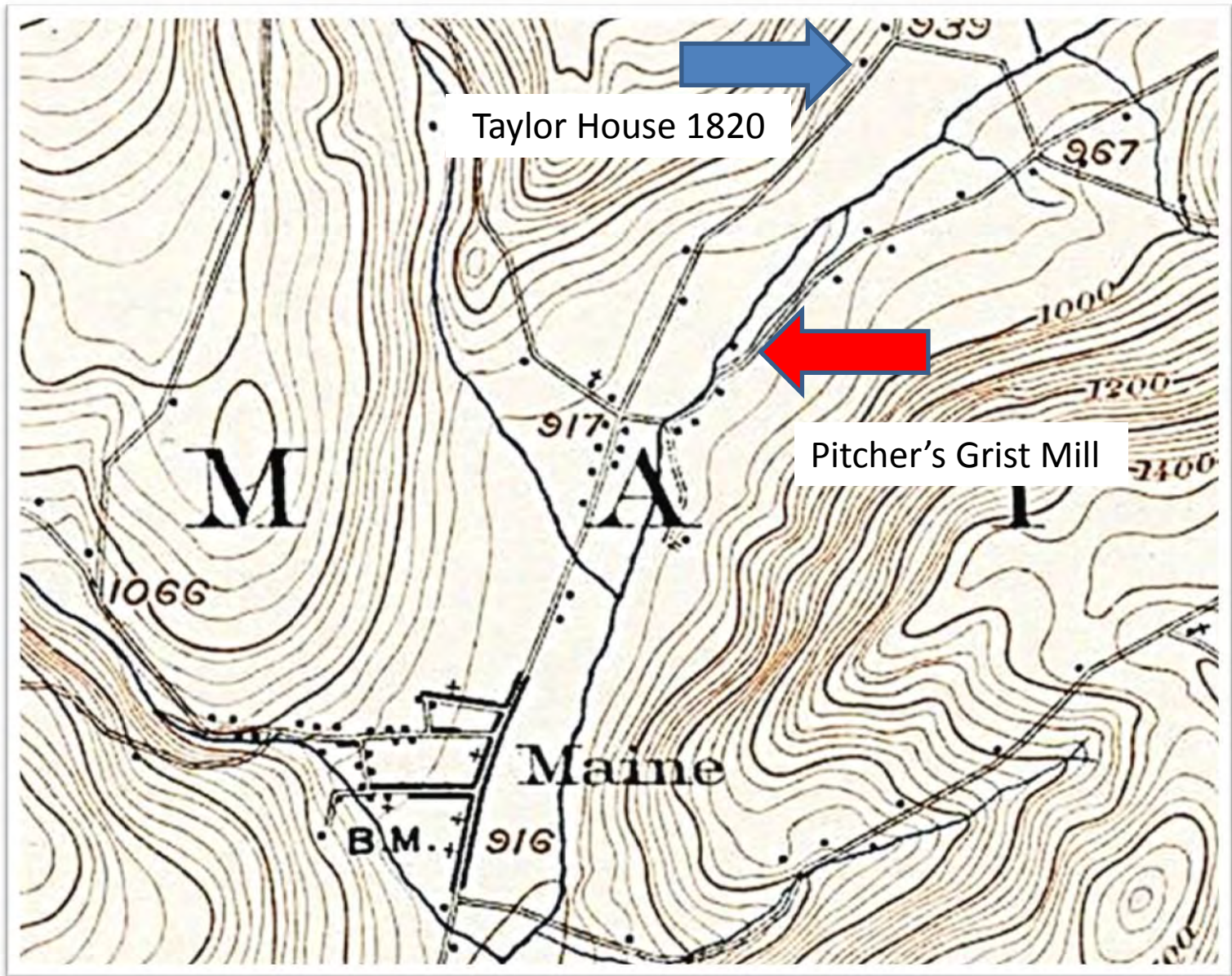
MAINE, NY 1878

Little known facts:
In 1878 Maine had:

- four (4) General Stores
 - two (2) Drug Stores
 - two (2) Meat Markets
 - two (2) Shoe Shops
 - two (2) Blacksmith Shops
 - two (2) Wagon Shops
 - One (1) Tin Shop
 - One (1) Flour & Feed Store
 - One (1) Millinery Store
 - One (1) Furniture Store
 - One (1) Hotel
 - One (1) Tannery
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- One (1) Creamery
 - One (1) Rake Factory
 - One (1) Grist Mill
 - One (1) Saw mill
 - Two (2) Doctors - MD's
 - One (1) Homeopathic Doctor



Plat Map 1866



1900 Topographic Map obtained on the internet.

The **Taylor House** on Nanticoke Road. Was built in the **1820's**. The house is a mile north of Bowers Corner. When Gardner Bowers arrived in Maine in 1822 from New Hampshire, to start his new life, the Taylor family lived up the road, they had five daughters. Gardner Sawin Bowers married Ashcah Taylor. They married in 1827, had six children. Bowers Corner (Tiona and Nanticoke Roads is one mile south.

Driving North on Nanticoke Road , 229 Nanticoke is the on the left.





RES. OF MRS. ZARAH S. TAYLOR,
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229 Nanticoke Rd. Illustration found in 1876 Broome County Atlas. The home dates to 1820 and sits along the current Nanticoke Road. The view is looking north.



The Taylor House on Nanticoke Road. Was built in the 1820's. The house is a mile north of Bowers Corner. Andrew Taylor Sep. 16, 1766 Beverly Essex County MA - Feb. 29, 1840 Maine NY. Jane *Dinsmore* Taylor 1777 – 1829 (second wife).

Children:

Charlotte Taylor 1800-??;
Miles Taylor – 1801-1828
Achsah Taylor Bowers 1804 - 1875
Robert D. Taylor 1806 – 1842
Baker Taylor (twin) 1809-1879
Jenny Taylor (twin) 1809-1809
John Milton Taylor 1811 – 1864
Mary Jane Taylor 1813-1865
Frances "Fanny" Taylor 1816-1849
Sarah T. Taylor Gates 1820 – 1854
Find A Grave Memorial# 77256772



Many locations today have different names or are just a bare crossroads. If you use old documents or maps the town might have a different name in the past or is no longer there. Example Allentown was a busy community with a creamery, saw mill and even it own school house. Today the name is known due to the cemetery on route 26.

Allentown was named after the Ebenezer Allen Family that settled here in 1836



Allentown Cemetery

3.7 miles north of Maine, NY
Glen Aubrey, Broome County, NY

GPS Coordinates:

Latitude: 42.23313,

Longitude: -76.01631

Route 26 and Flint Road

The Allentown School house still stands across Route 26 from the cemetery. It is now a home. " All early teachers had to do the janitor work as well as teaching. In the 20's and 30's there were many children from immigrants or children of foreign-born parents. Mr. Clarence Berry was a teacher 1930 - 31 Elton Parr taught all the grades from 1931 -33." from Shirley Woodward A Short History of Maine, 1973.



CEMETERIES NEAR MAINE NY- BROOME COUNTY

Name	Number of interments	GPS	Near
Allentown Cemetery	421	Latitude: 42.23313, Longitude: -76.01631	Glen Aubrey
All Saints Cemetery All Saints Polish National Catholic Church Cemetery	236	Latitude: 42.14720, Longitude: -75.95330	Off East Maine Road
East Maine Cemetery Also known as: Bucks Knob Cemetery	415	Latitude: 42.18147, Longitude: -75.98932	Off East Maine Road; between Farm to Market and Oakdale Roads
Choconut Center Cemetery	27	Latitude: 42.14300, Longitude: -75.94523	Near East Maine Road and Airport Road
Corson-Corners Cemetery4	9	Latitude: 42.24861, Longitude: -76.04597	Next to Gates Home County Road 314
Dimmick Hill Cemetery	5	Latitude: 42.20346, Longitude: -75.94827	East Maine; Right side Brooks Rd. north of Commercial Rd Most From 1860's or Earlier

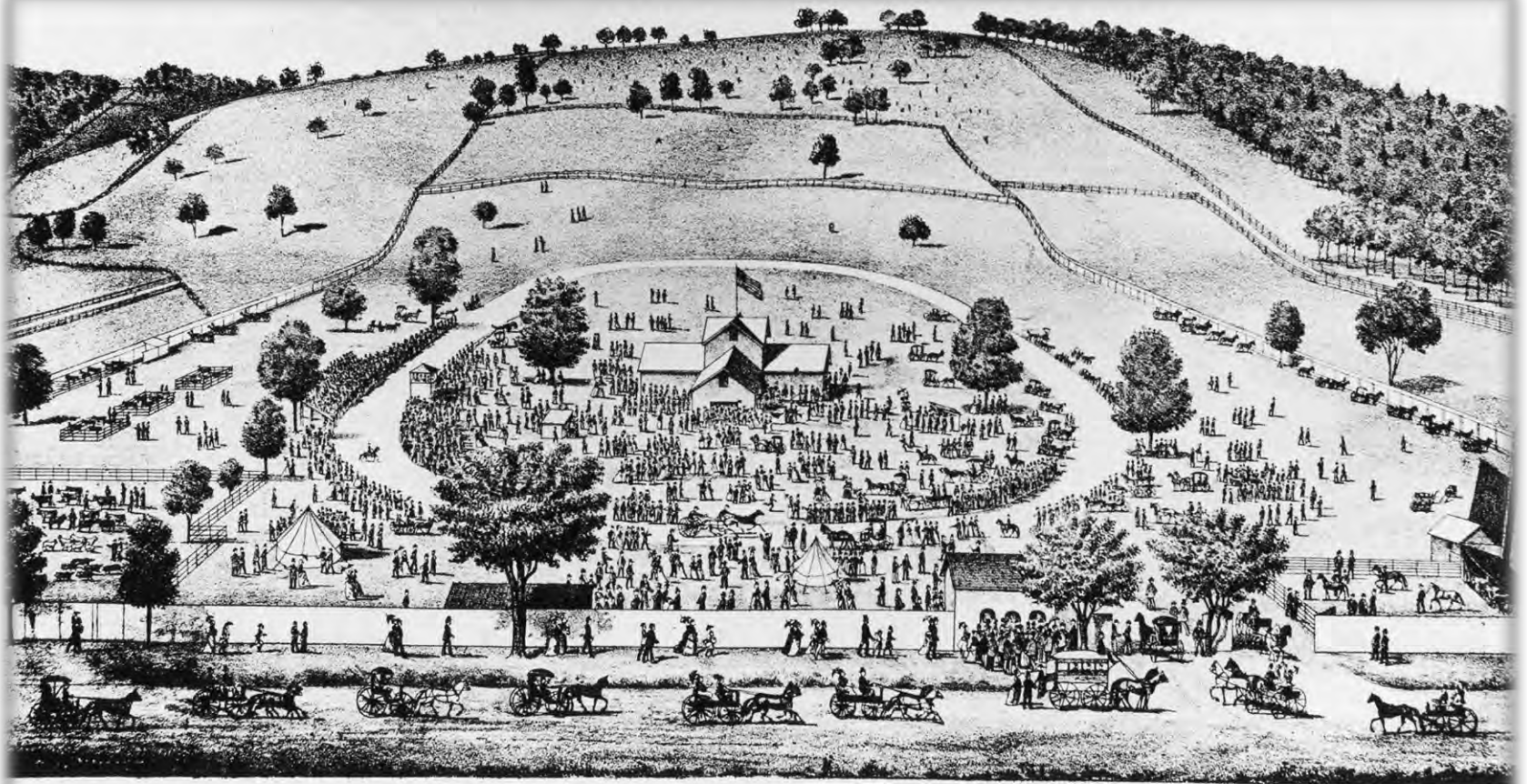
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Glen Aubrey Cemetery	518	Latitude: 42.26011, Longitude: -76.00758	Across from Octagon Inn
Oak Hill Cemetery	44	Latitude: 42.16167, Longitude: -76.02028	Near Harrington and Farm to Market Roads ALL BEFORE 1933
Nanticoke Cemetery	251	Latitude: 42.27771, Longitude: -76.05574	Nanticoke
Nanticoke Valley Cemetery	1152	Latitude: 42.15060, Longitude: -76.06920	Union Center off Route 26 south of 38B
Saint Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Cemetery (Polish Cemetery)	2050	Latitude: 42.16089, Longitude: -75.94683	Airport Road
Tiona Cemetery	125	Latitude: 42.24909, Longitude: -76.07060	Ashley Road

Many old “abandoned” cemeteries exist in our region. Use the website [Find A Grave](#) to locate them. GPS coordinates of the locations are provided on the web site



Plowed fields, keep returning.



1876

MAINE AGRICULTURAL FAIR GROUND,
MAINE, BROOME CO. N.Y.

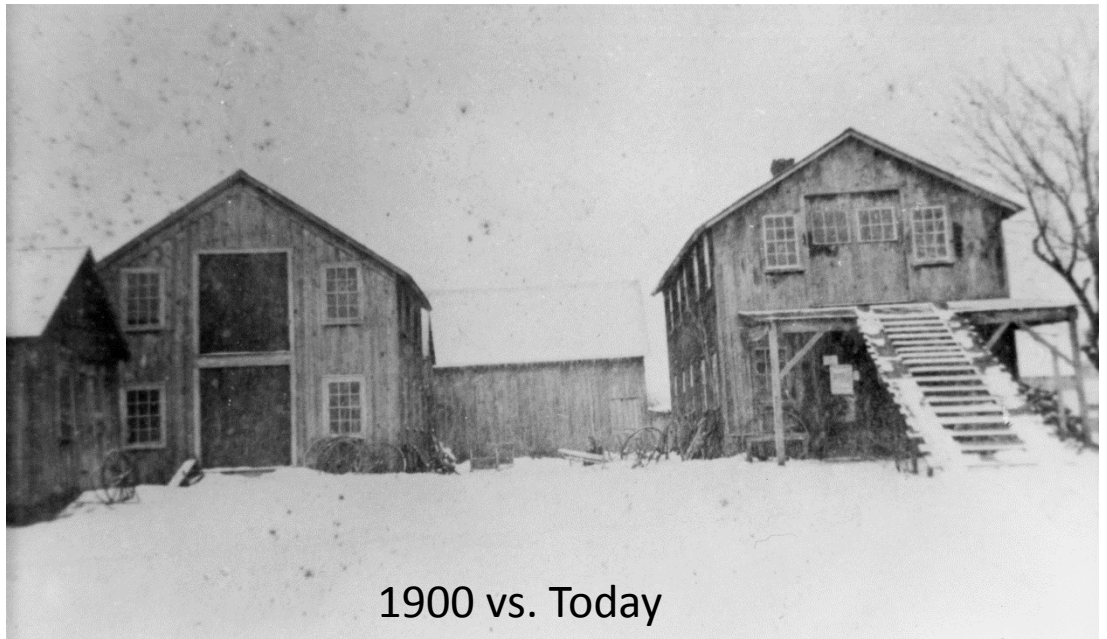
Today



The Agricultural Fair existed for eight years in the 1870's at this location. This site was located next to where the current Maine Memorial Elementary School is found.

In case of locations that are adjacent to a school I suggest you contact the school principal as to what you are doing. You might want to volunteer to come into the school and show students what you have found.

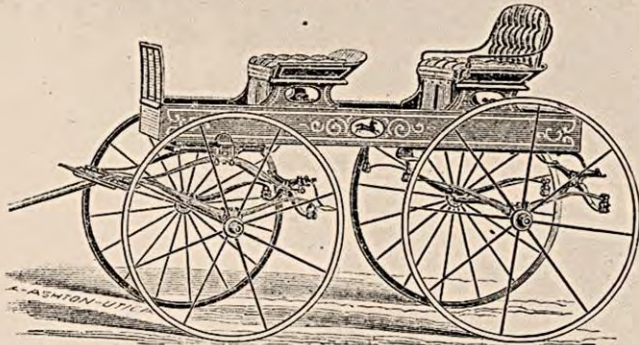
**Norton
Carriage Shops
Ca. 1840. on
Nanticoke
Road. The lot,
in warm
weather is
rarely mowed
and becomes
very overgrown
and therefore
hard to work.**



1900 vs. Today



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“ The wagon shop was started by Henry Norton. He not only made wagons but made guns, fixed musical instruments. He pulled teeth, rubbed headaches away, and prepared bodies for burial. As a blacksmith he could make anything out of iron or steel. He was succeeded by his son George.”

“The advertisement, printed by Republican Print in Binghamton advertised a combination spring platform wagon as the ‘best carrying, easiest riding and most durable wagon in use.’ This wagon was patented by L.A. Davis & Bro. and manufactured by Geo. E. Norton. Mr. Norton was asking for dealers to sell these wagons. He also made heavy and light lumber wagons, platforms, carriages, buggies, and cutters. Repairing and painting of wagons was also done at the Norton wagon Shop.” Then & Now A Pictorial History of the Town of Maine, New York Ann Page Lewis 1998



Pitcher's Mill was built circa 1830 by Belden and Daniel Slosson.
Archie Pitcher owned the mill from 1925 -1941
and gave his name to the building.
The mill closed in 1955.

The NVHS took ownership in 1983 and spent years restoring it.
It is Open for Viewing in the summer months on Sunday from 1 -4

The grist mill ground local grains and was powered by a water wheel located in the basement. It turned to an electrical motor to turn the belts in the 1930's. 1837 map showing location of mill pond and other features





Columbia Block General Store no longer standing however its former location is now a **paved parking lot**. Behind it was a creamery and tannery. The tannery property is now grown over with bushes and trees.



The **tannery** operated for over forty years ceasing production in 1893. Photo c. 1890. Located using the 1866 Plat Map of Maine.



E. H. Clark tannery began in 1832 enlarged in 1875.

Painting by Clarence Stratton. 1976.

Stratton recreated over 300 paintings of the Town of Maine.

National Register of Historic Places listings in Broome County, New York

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places_listings_in_Broome_County,_New_York
- <http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/ny/broome/state.html>



J. Ralph Ingalls School Church St Maine NY
1939



Cyrus Gates Farm
on Old Nanticoke Road



Historical Societies and Town Historians

Information concerning them are found at:

- <http://www.bclibrary.info/content/municipal-historians>
- <http://www.bclibrary.info/content/historical-societies-libraries-and-museums>

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Vice-President: Phyllis Hawley, 607-669-4186	
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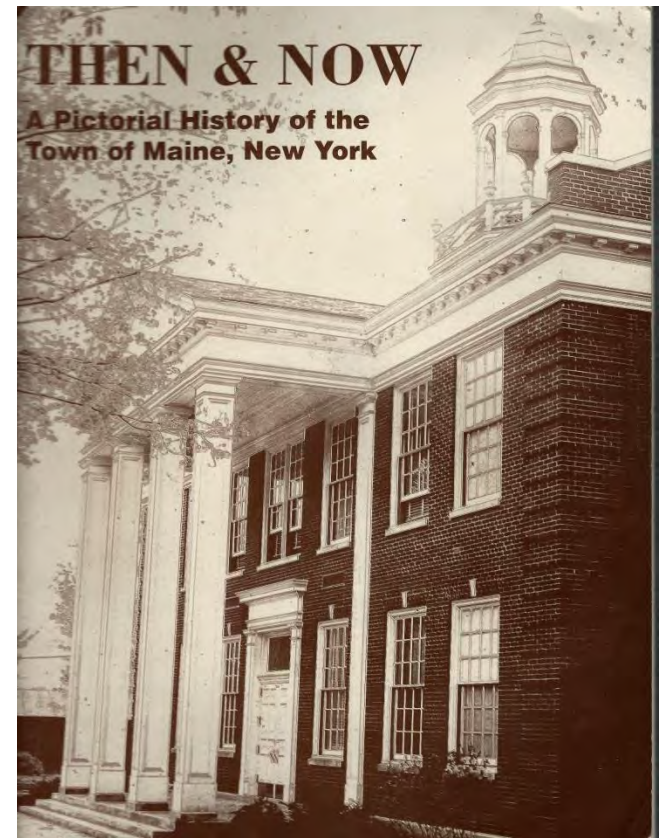
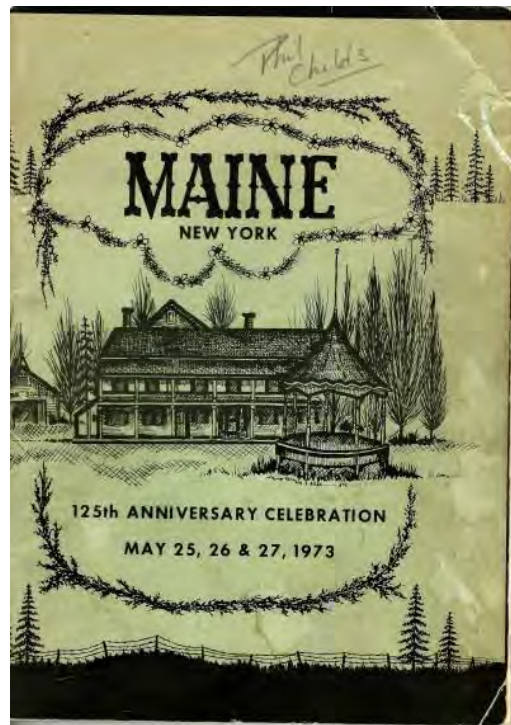
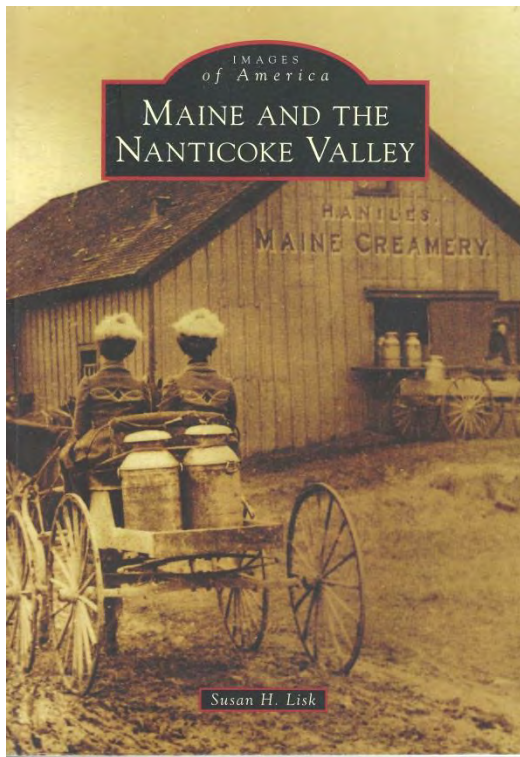
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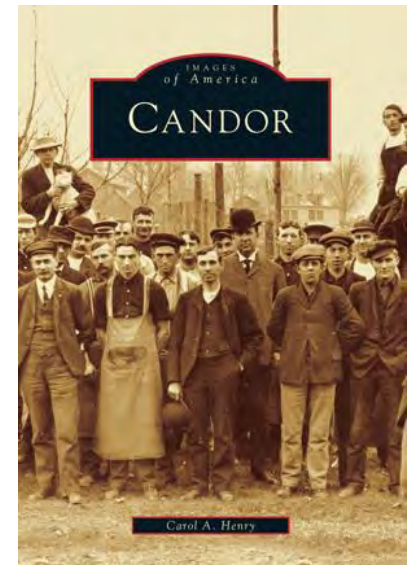
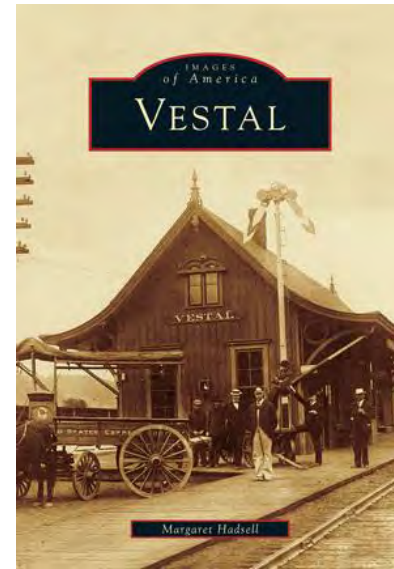
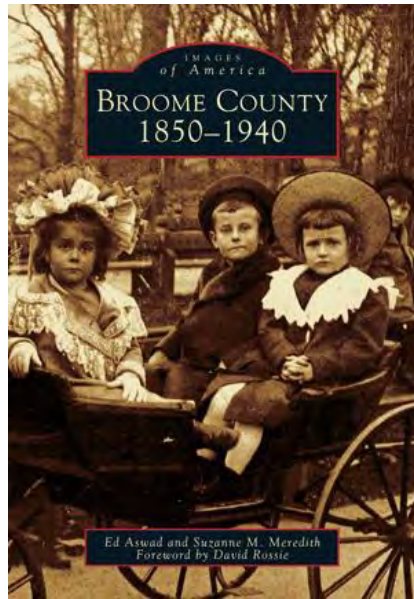
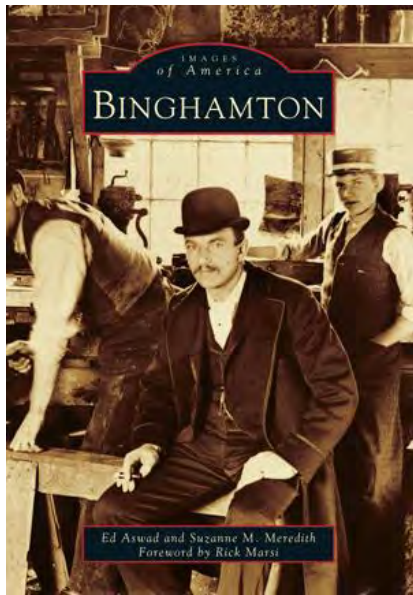
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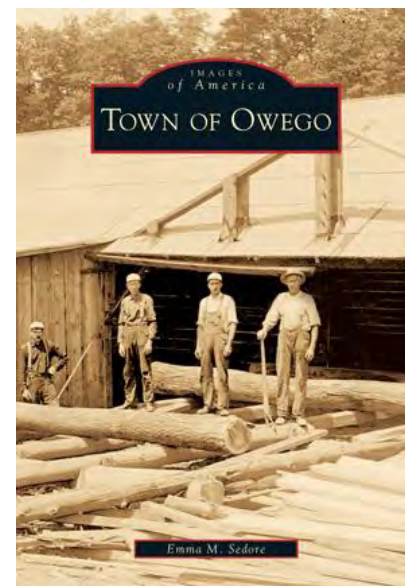
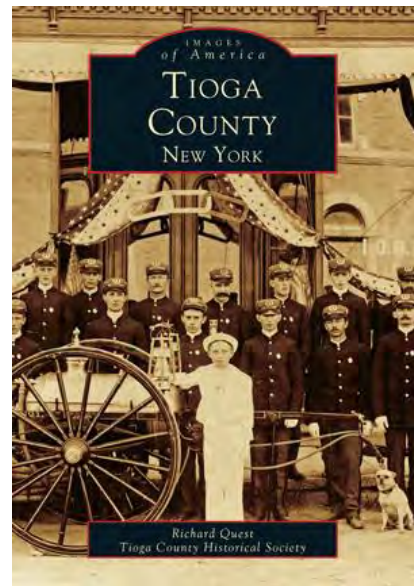
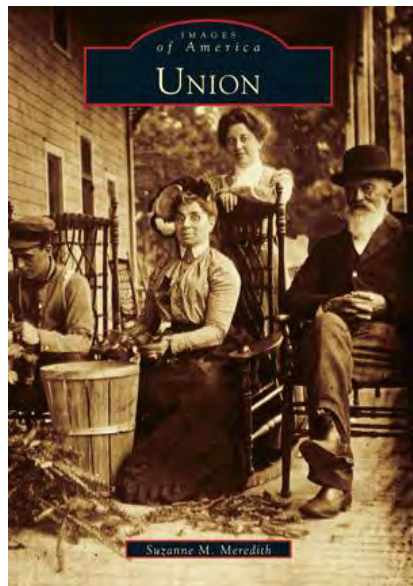


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Sources of Information and Assistance:

- Archives of Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Sue Lisk Curator
- Shirley Woodward whose archives as town historian of Maine NY were a wealth of information
- Broome County Library Court St. Historical Archives
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Websites Etc.

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- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nybroome/brmvc/mainevfe.htm>
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BROOME COUNTY, NY By Deborah J. Barnes (updated 1999)

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<http://www.maineband.com/>

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