

**The Town of Maine, N.Y. -
from Settlers, to Farmers, to Commuters - 1790 - 1920.**

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The Dudley Family
Started In Guilford, CT
In 1639

A large portion of the men in these armies were from the New England States, and they were very much impressed by the territory, so much so, that some of them eventually returned to settle along the new frontier. At least they must have carried back many stories, for we find most of the early inhabitants coming from New England, principally Massachusetts. The first one to actually take up land was a short distance up the Chenango or "Ochenang" River in 1787.

Maine was situated within a tract of 230,000 acres of land known as the "Boston Purchase", or "Massachusetts Ten Townships", purchased by a group of sixty residents of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, on November 7, 1787. The purchase price was 333 Spanish Dollars. The land cost twelve and one-half cents per acre but was subject to any title that the Indians might have. Previously, Samuel Brown, with three other grantees; Elijah Brown, Orringe Stoddard, and Joseph Raymond, representing the Boston Company, and two white settlers, Amos Draper, a trader living near Vestal, and James McMaster, a farmer near Owego, made a satisfactory treaty with the Indians of this territory on June 22, 1787.

The first settler in Maine was Benjamin Norton from Stockbridge, Massachusetts who settled about three-fourths of a mile north of the present village site, in 1794.

Shirley Woodward *A Short History of Maine*
New York, 1973



In 1796 Jed Dudley also from Stockbridge, Massachusetts, came by ox team across the frozen Hudson and Catskill Rivers, over the mountains near Stamford and down the Susquehanna Valley to Chenango Point, by primitive road to Union, and then through the "Wilderness" to a point about halfway between what is now Union Center and Maine. There he built a log cabin, later replaced by a plank house, near the site of the present Maine Cemetery.

Location of early settlers; destined to be site of Town in 1825

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GLEN AUBREY, NY 13777

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Curtis Settlement

This was the time of most spectacular growth and prominence for what later became Maine Township, and the center of the activity focused around a community founded by the Curtis brothers, Asa and Iram, and Jedidiah Dudley, known as the Curtis Settlement. This center was bounded by such landmarks as today's Maine American Legion Post 1390, the Maine cemetery, and the Shadowbrook housing development west of the Nanticoke Creek and about one mile south of today's Maine village.

All signs indicated that the Curtis Settlement would flower. The Curtis schoolhouse (opposite American Legion

MORRIS EBER 1937 - Today

Hall) was built in 1804, followed by Daniel Howard's gristmill downstream in 1810, then the new Congregational Church in 1824 which became surrounded by cemetery headstones, and across the road, the first Post Office of "Maine" was erected in 1828.

A new connecting road (now Daugherty Road) led directly to Newark (now Newark Valley) to the west in 1824.

However, simultaneously there was a competing element promoting a village complete with village square at the site of today's Maine, offering proximity to a store, an inn and hotel, a blacksmith shop, and a brand new sawmill.



1825

"The First Church Congregational"

The Congregational church as it may have looked when it stood in the Maine cemetery in 1825. The steeple may or may not have been part of the building. This "meeting house" was used until our present church was built and dedicated in the spring of 1841.... The minister who first preached at this church Rev. Olin Niell (1824 - 1830)." C. Stratton 1969 Church Hall

Guilford, CT Plantation Covenant 1639

“We whose names are herein written, intending by God's gracious permission, to plant ourselves in New England, and if it may be in the southerly part, about Quinpisac [Quinnipiac, later named New Haven], we do faithfully promise each for ourselves and families and those that belong to us, that we will, the Lord assisting us, sit down and join ourselves together in one entire plantation and to be helpful to the other in any common work, according to every man's ability and as need shall require, and we promise not to desert or leave each other on the plantation but with the consent of the rest, or the greater part of the company, who have entered into this engagement.

As for our gathering together into a church way and the choice officers and members to be joined together in that way, we do refer ourselves until such time as it shall please God to settle us in our plantation.”

In witness whereof we subscribe our hands, this first day of June 1639.

Robert Bickell/Richell

John Mepham

Wm. Crittenden

John Stone

John Jurden

Francis Chatfield

John Norton

John Hoadley

Abraham Crittenden

Wm. Plane

Thomas Joanes

Francis Bushnell

William Noble

William Dudley

Richd. Sutridge

Wm. Leete

Rev. Henry Whitfield

John Housingsoe

John Bishop

Thomas Naish

Henry Doude

Wm. Stone

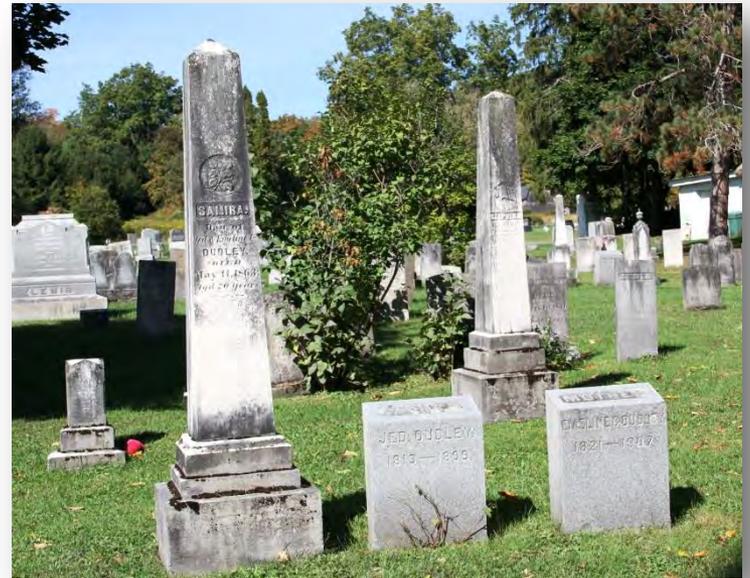
Henry Kingstone

Thomas Cooke

John Parmarly

Dudley Family

Jedidiah Dudley arrived in 1796 from Stockbridge MA. His home was built in the late 1880's.(see below) His son was) Jedidiah Jr. b. 1813 and his wife Emeline b.1821. The children of Jedidiah Jr. were: Dwight G., Samira, Martha and George D.. The Dudley home and land were sold and it's where the Shadowbrook subdivision is located.



George Dudley (4) b. 9.15.1721 Guilford CT d. 12.9.1790 Stockbridge MA. m. Martha Coan b. 1.18.1759

Children Six

- · Lucy (5) b. 10.17.1759 d. young
 - · Wright (5) b. 9.20.1761
- · Hooker (5) b. 7.3.1764 d. unm. Stockbridge
 - · William (5) b. 1766
 - · **Clarissa** (5) b. 1770
- · **JEDIDIAH (5)** b. 8. 1774 d. 11.24.1812 Union Center ,NY

JEDIDIAH (5) m. 1808 ~~LYDIA BARNES~~ b. 1777 of Richmond MA.

Children Three

- Lydia (6) b. 1.16.1809 d.6.11.1887 2 Children m. Capt. A.K. Ketchum Union Center NY
 - Martha (6) b. 1811 d. 1862 in Phelps NY 9 Children
 - **Jedidiah (6)** b. 4.10.1813 d. 1899 Maine, NY

Jedidiah (6) b. 4.10.1813, m. 12.14.1840 Emeline C. Marean b. 3.15.1821

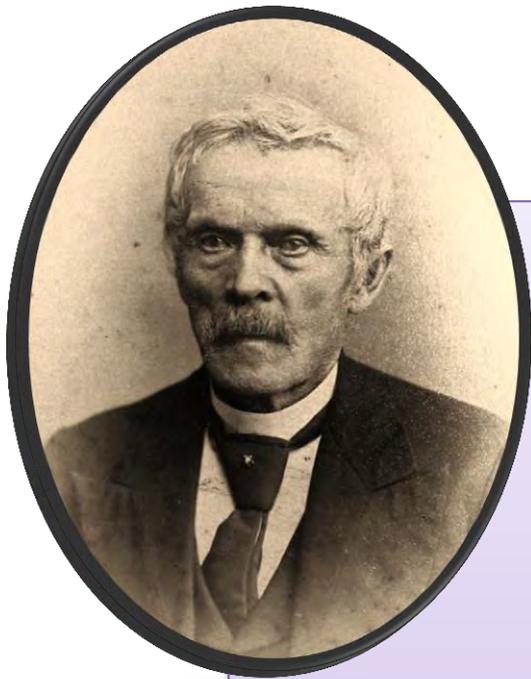
Children Three

- · **Dwight (7)** b. 10.28.1841 d. 1921
- · Samira (7) b. 9.12.1842 d. unm. 5.11.1863
- · Martha (7) b. 2.25.1857 d.1933 m. LeRoy Bostwick b. 1834 d. 1924 Children (2) Nellie, Dudley L. b. 1893 d. 1963

Dwight Dudley (7) 1841 - 1921 m. 3.17.1884 Alice Haskins b. 12.16.1861 m

Children Four

- · Myra Emeline. (8) b. 1.17.1885
- · Jessie Alice (8) b. 11.5.1887
- · Dwight Guilford (8) b. 10.1.1890
- · George Dunn (8) b. 5.16.1896



4th Child of JED AND LYDIA

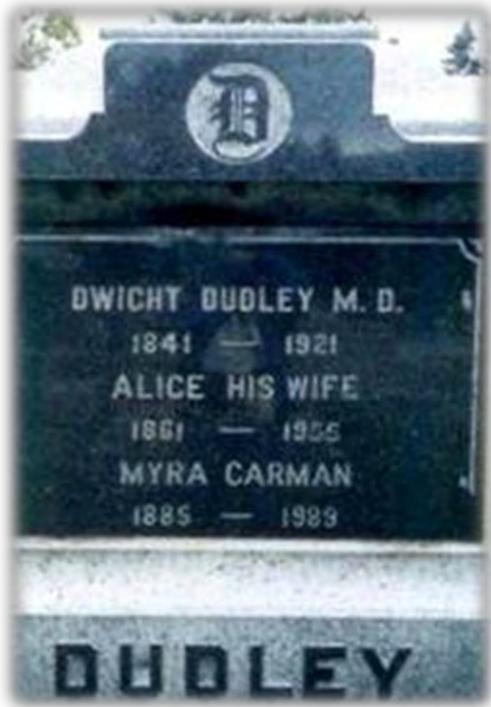
- Jedediah Jr. 1813 - 1899
m. **Emeline** Chloe Marean
Mar. 15, 1821 - 1907**

Children Three **

- **1 Dwight 1841 -1921**
m. 1884 **Alice** Haskins 1861 – 1955 ***
- **2 Samira 1843 – 1863**
Not married
- **3 Martha 1857 - 1933**
• m. 1885 to **LeRoy Bostwick 1834 – 1924**



Alice, Jessie, Dwight Guilford, George, Myra, Dwight c. 1898



Dr. D. Dudley born in
Maine, NY 1841,
enlisted in the Union
Army at 23 he
became the youngest
commanding officer
at the Elmira Prison.



"Army Square"

U.S. Gen. Hospital
Washington D.C.
May 28th 1863

Dear Friend Dudley

Your last came safely
You will please excuse me
for not answering it sooner
as I have been very busy.
As you noticed I am in the
volunteer service. there were
no vacancies in the regular
army, and after having been
examined for several days
by three old army surgeons
I was accepted, and have
been on duty since at
this hospital. When I first
came I had charge of all
the sick and wounded officers
which duty I fulfilled until
about two weeks ago when

The review that took place
here last week was the
grandest military collection
ever witnessed on the continent
the soldiers were as black
as indians and covered
with dust -

I had tickets sent to me for
seats on the stand next
to the Presidents where I saw
very well x

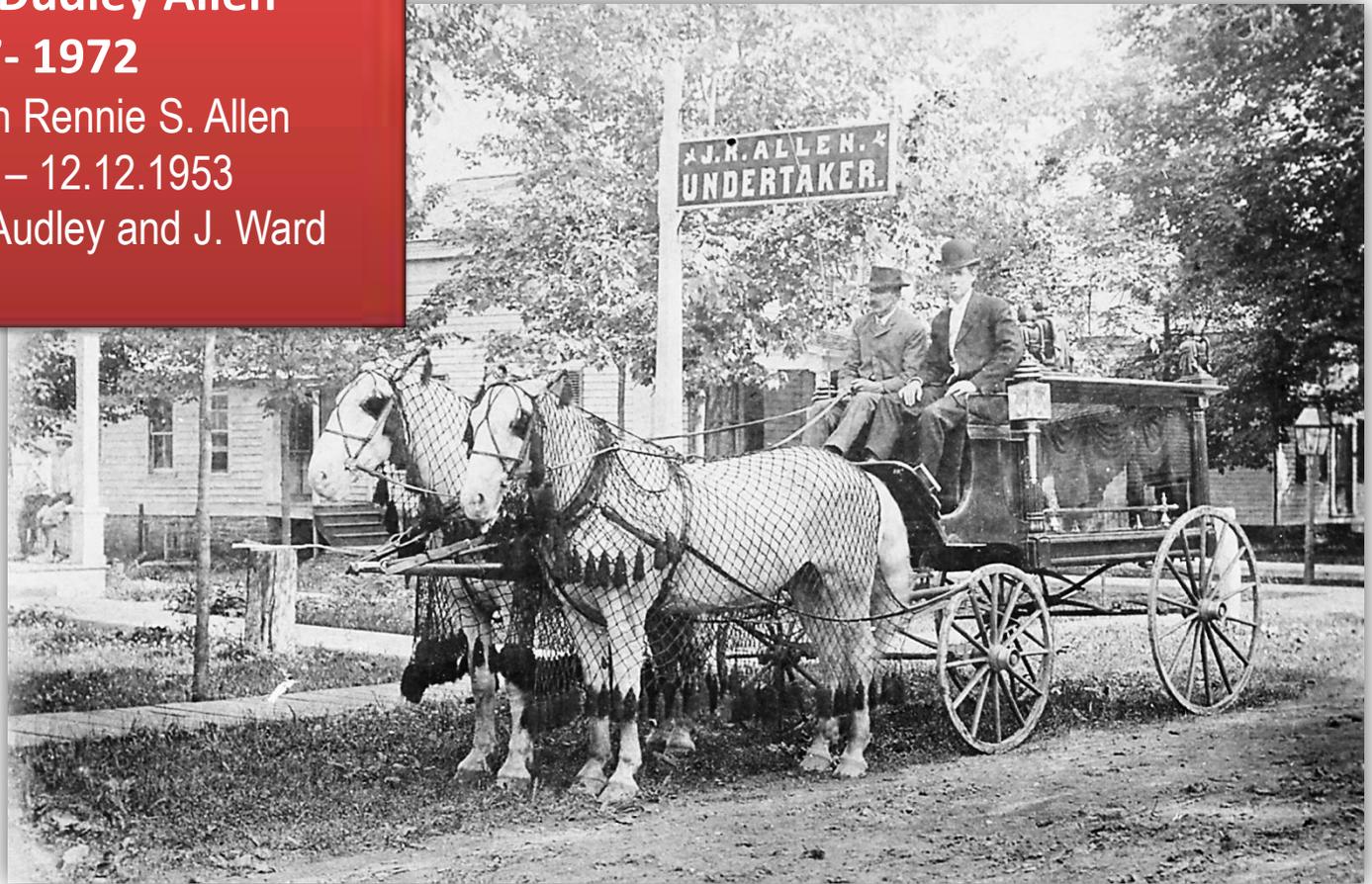
I recd a letter from Dr. Gov.
Smith last week. He is still
at Ball's Home kept very
where both of us have had fun.
Allow me to congratulate you
on your happy prospect
in the future.
Please remember me to the officers
of my and all inquiring friends
and believe me yours sincerely
Chas. H. Leake

Letter to Dr. Dudley from Dr. Charles Leake re: his assistance in aiding
President Lincoln after he was shot. 8 pages total

**2nd Child of Dwight & Alice
Jessie A. Dudley Allen
1887- 1972**

m. 1906, John Rennie S. Allen
7.16.1883 – 12.12.1953

Two Children: Audley and J. Ward



“1908 image of J.R. (John Rennie) Allen(right). The hearse is parked in front of Allen’s Home at what is now 2586 Main Street. J.R. also worked at the Tymeson Brothers store and was a member of the town band, playing he bass drum. He was married to Jessie Alice Dudley (1887 – 1972) daughter of Dr. Dwight and Alice Dudley. They had two sons Audley and George. In 1915 the family moved to Endicott to continue his business. “



3rd Child of Dwight & Alice
Dwight Guilford

1890 - 1973

marries 1914 Ellen Halpin

marries 8.31.1925 Bertha. (Betty) Smith

Dr. D. Guilford Dudley 1890 - 1972, son of Dr. Dwight Dudley. In 1913 he had a practice in Maine and then moved to Endicott. In World War I he was a first lieutenant in France from 1917 - 1919. He helped develop an anti-anthrax serum during the war. Many soldiers were dying after contracting the disease from shaving brushes. He became president of Ideal Hospital.

Dr. D. Guilford Dudley, second generation doctor



Maine Business Directory 1866

1. A.R. Payne...Dealer in Groceries, Boots and Shoes, &c.
2. W. Lincoln Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, &c.
3. L. Pollard...Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, Lumber and Farmer.
4. C.R. Heaton...Physician and Surgeon
5. Dr. Niles...Physician
6. Dr. W. Butler...Physician
7. Dr. Hathaway..Physician
8. F.C. Curlhair...Harness Maker
9. W.C. Pollard...Lumber Dealer.
10. B.F. Lewis ...Farmer.
11. O. Holden ...Farmer.
12. E.N. Mooers...Farmer
13. J.W. Councilman...Lumber Dealer and Farmer
14. G. M. Hardendorf...Carpenter and Joiner.
15. W.W. Collins...Pastor of Congregational Church.
16. Cyrus Gates... Surveyor
17. F. Bean...Blacksmith
18. D. C. Norton...Lumber Dealer
19. F.H. Marean & Son...Dealers in Dry Goods, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, Drugs and Medicines, Flour, Provisions &c.
20. E.K. Ketchum...Proprietor of Ketchum's Hotel.
21. F.H. Marean...Post Master
22. E. H. Clark...Tannery
23. Cooper Shop
24. Tin Shop
25. T. Pearson...Store
26. Saw Mill on Mill Street
(Pollard Hill Road)
27. Turning Mill
28. Grist Mill
29. Rake Factory

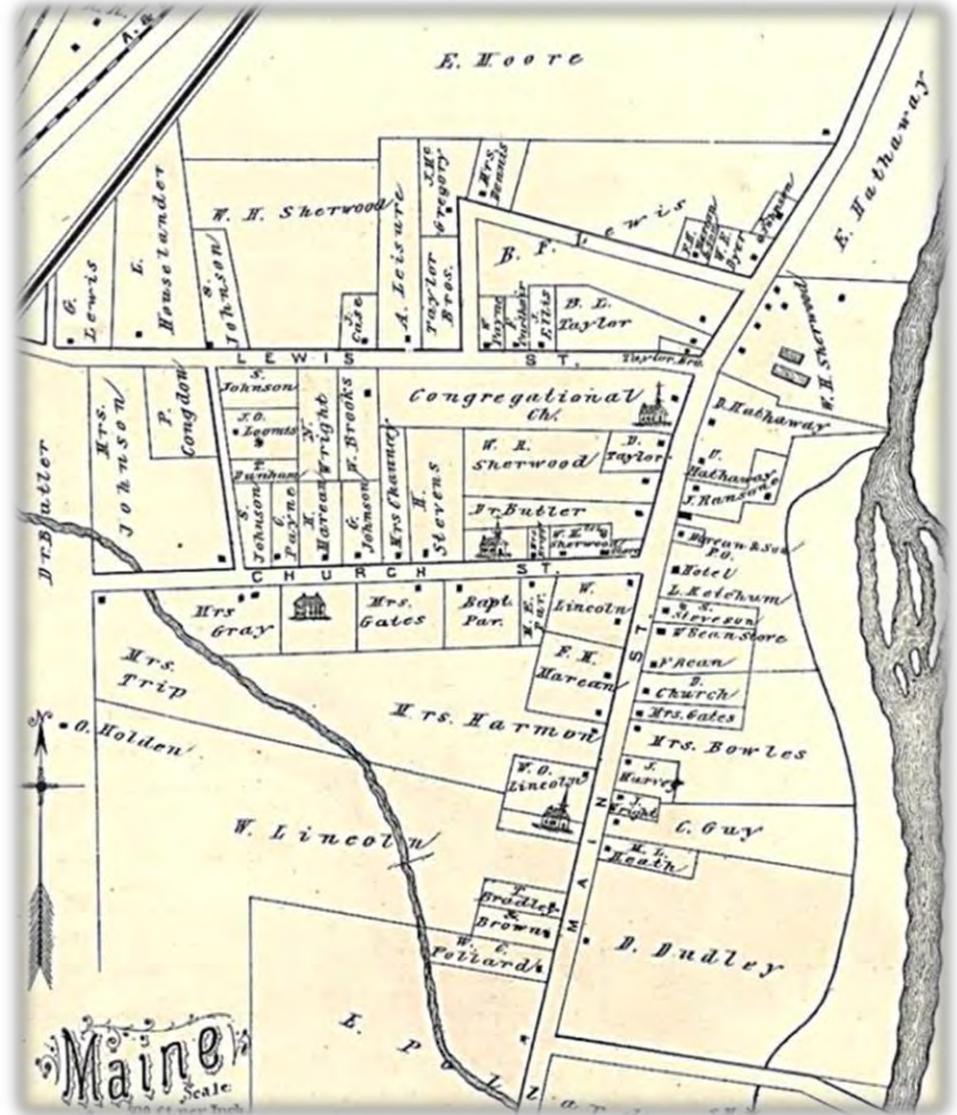
MAINE, NY 1878

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
- One (1) Creamery
- One (1) Rake Factory
- One (1) Grist Mill
- One (1) Saw Mill
- two (2) Doctors - MD's
- One (1) Homeopathic Doctor

Early History Maine, NY



Maine 1876



Circa 1865

*Historic
Hamlet
of
Maine*



J. Ralph Ingalls School

National Register of Historic Places 1998

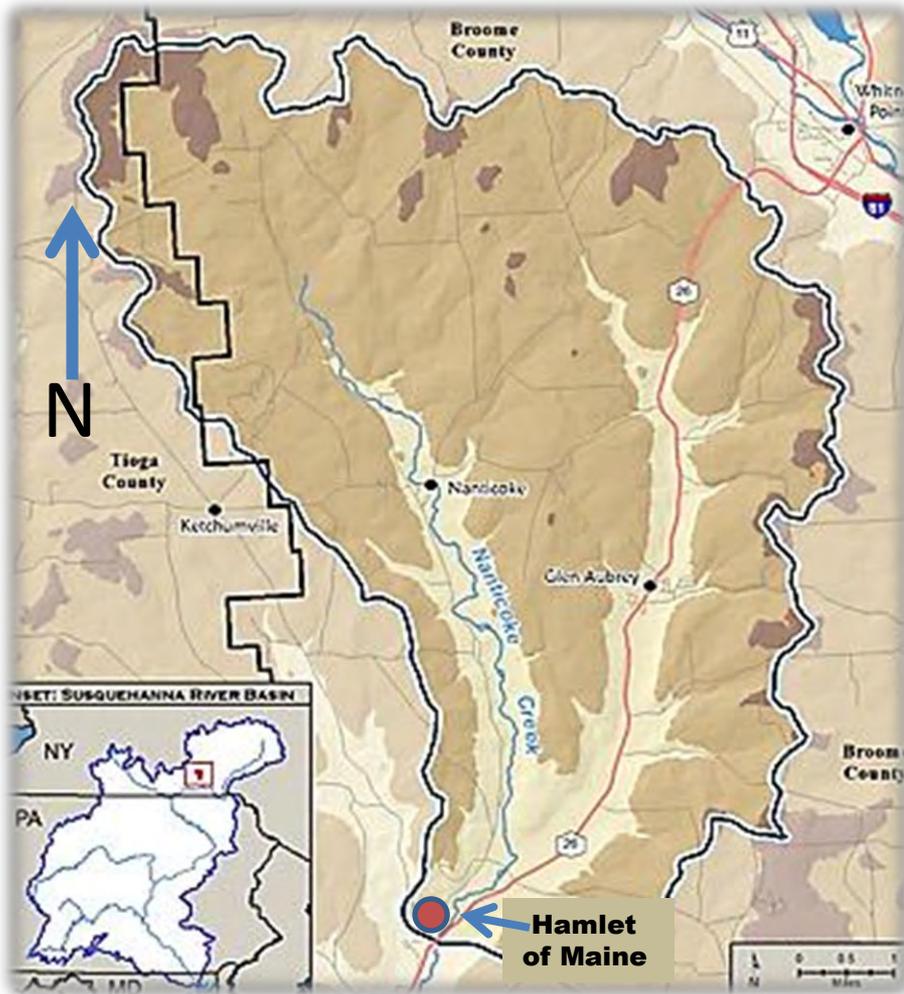


“J. Ralph Ingalls School, is an historic school building located at Maine New York. It was built in 1940 and is a substantial two story, nearly square building. It has a steel frame structural system, clad in red brick over concrete block and limestone trim. It features a low hipped roof crowned by a multi-stage cupola with a Chippendale-inspired balustrade in the Colonial Revival style. The main block is organized around a center entrance within a monumental two story, three bay projecting wooden portico. The school was built in part with funds provided by the PWA—Public Works Administration. Located in the Hamlet at 35 Church Street.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maine_Central_School

NANTICOKE CREEK



Nanticoke Creek looking south on Ames Road bridge. It flows south from the town of Lisle to the Susquehanna River in Endicott. The amount of water in the stream varies greatly throughout the year.



Land Use in the Nanticoke Creek Drainage Basin 2006

- • Forest: 62.1%
- • Grassland/Herbaceous: 1.4%
- • Agricultural: 34.1%
- • Developed: 1.2%
- • Barren/Extractive: 0.1%
- • Water: 0.5%
- • Wetlands: 0.3%

Nanticoke Creek, located in Broome County, begins near Nanticoke Lake and then meanders for approximately 22 miles to its confluence with the Susquehanna River.

http://mdw.srbc.net/remotewaterquality/watershed_profiles/nanticoke.htm

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Nanticoke Creek Drainage Area:
48 square miles

NORTON CARRIAGE SHOPS

Built in 1840 by Henry Norton it is located at the corner of Tiona Road and Nanticoke Roads, It was built when our 8th president, **Martin Van Buren** was in office. President Van Buren served from March 4, 1837 – March 4, 1841. The Town of Maine was incorporated in 1848. The Wagon Shops sits across the road from the Bowers home.

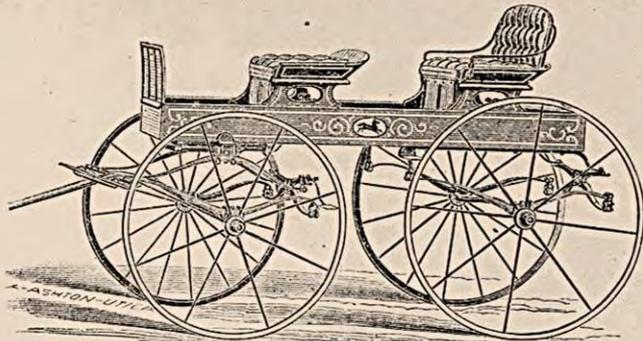


1899



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Republican Print, Binghamton, N. Y.

“ 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



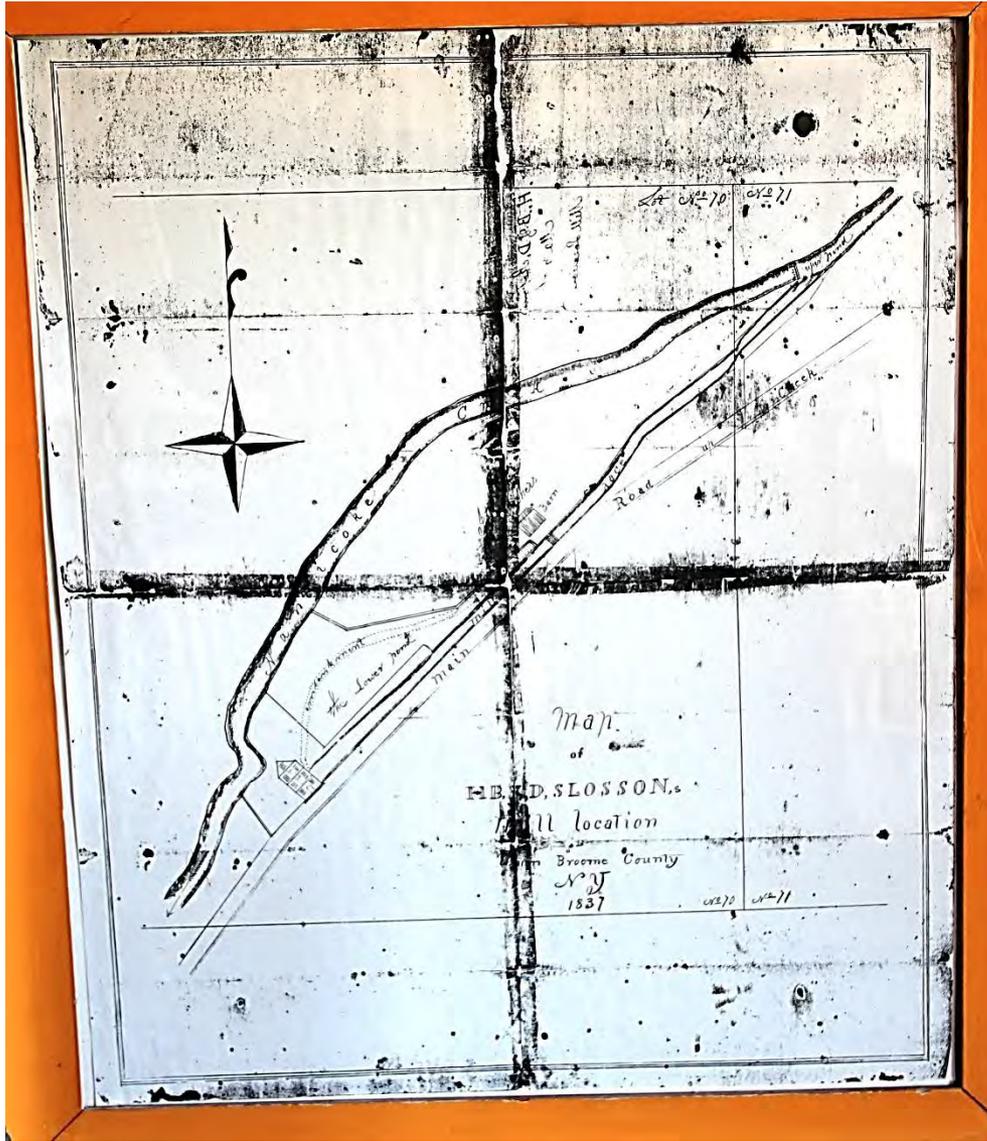
THE AMES HOUSE 1850

Millard Fillmore the 13th President of the United States (1850–53) when this home was built. He was the last Whig president, and the last president not to be affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican parties

241 Nanticoke Road is known as the Ames House, named after Dorothy and Leigh Ames. This house dates from 1850. At one point it had five fireplaces. The second owner was William Lincoln who bought it for his daughter. Mr. Lincoln was the owner of a store in the Hamlet. This store was located near the present day Gazebo (Church and Main Streets) and was destroyed by a fire around 1898 .

Turn east onto Ames Road and continues across Nanticoke Creek. This creek is stocked with trout each spring. In 1830 a small dam was constructed just south of the bridge. The water was then diverted to the east and channeled via a sluiceway (which paralleled today's route 26) down to the lower pond and then through the mill. The "waterwheel" was vertical "breast" wheel and located in the bottom floor of the mill. Later (1930's) the wheel was replaced with an electric motor.

PITCHER'S MILL 1830



Pitcher's mill
2819 NYS Route 26,
donated to NVHS in
1988.

WHO BUILT PITCHER'S MILL ?

It was Daniel Slosson who died in 1853 at 41 years of age. Pitcher's Mill was built in **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. When the mill was built **Andrew Jackson** was our 7th president. He held office from March 4, 1829 to March 4, 1837.

Grist Mill what did the make? "A **gristmill** (also: **grist mill**, **corn mill** or **flour mill**) grinds grain into flour. The term can refer to both the grinding mechanism and the building that holds it." One of the main products was animal feed.



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