



Celebrating The Town of York's Bicentennial Year

The Township of York Centre began its existence March 26, 1819 from a portion of both Caledonia and Leicester. The new Township gained its name at a meeting of the founding members where "York" was selected as the name. We are still unsure if the Town was named after Col. Holloway Long's spaniel or in honor of Hon. Joseph York, the Assemblyman who favorably reported on and presented the bill to create the town.



The Township enjoyed many years of prosperity due to the Genesee Valley Canal; the DL&W, G & W, and other railroads; and NY Routes 36 and 63--all avenues for shipment for our local agricultural goods and services. With the shift to expressway travel and the abandonment of the local routes, York was reduced to a small agricultural township. We must not forget the role our Salt Mine played in York's prosperity for many years before being sold to an international company. In 1997, after a disaster caused the closing of the Retsof mine, York's Joseph Bucci organized American Rock Salt and sunk a new shaft at Hampton's Corners-- opening a new mine and reopening the bagging facility in Retsof.



Greigsville High School



New Cuylerville School, completed in 1920

York VIP's include: Livingston County's first Judge, Moses Hayton, who went on to be both a New York State Senator and Congressman; Ralph Brown, who was our first white settler and ran a tavern where many future residents stayed; Enoch Weller, first settler of South Greigsville; Wells Fowler, for whom Fowlerville was named; David Piffard, who lent his name to Piffard; Samuel Warren, who had the first New York State Winery; President Chester A. Arthur, who attended school in York; Midwestern pioneer settler and author Annie Fraser Tallent; North Dakota Senator Lyman R Casey; international diplomat Charles R Cameron; co-founder of the Central Medical College, Dr. Orin Davis as well as Fidela Warren and Ruth Edison Goddard Davis, members of the college's 1st graduating class in 1849.

1819--2019

