

NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

May 7, Saturday, 9:00AM to 2:00PM, Melville House, the Annual LHS Used Book Sale. Quality used books and ephemera from 50 cents to \$20. Proceeds benefit the Herman Melville House restoration.

MAY 19, Thursday, 7:30PM, Melville House- Jim Greenfield, North Greenbush Historian, will deliver a talk entitled, "Defreestville and Wynantskill: A Tale of Two Hamlets". The program will emphasize places, people and events in the growth of these communities.

June 11, Saturday, 9:00AM to 2:00PM , Melville House- the Annual LHS Porch Sale. Antiques and collectibles from 25 cents to \$25. Proceeds benefit the Herman Melville House restoration.

June 18, Saturday, 10:00AM to 2:00PM, St Augustine's Church Hall, 114th St. at 4th Ave. in the Lansingburgh section of Troy Antique Appraisal Day. Mark Lawson, Nancy Toomer and Dennis Holzman, will be present to examine your treasurers and report on their history and value. This promises to be an exciting and fun event to benefit your historical society.

We will need several people to make about 1/2 dozen sandwiches each or some cookies or snacks for the light lunch during the Appraisal Day. Please contact Thila Bell at 235-6110 or thilabell@nycap.rr.com if you can help.

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED -- Lansingburgh Village Burying Ground and Old Catholic Cemetery, 107th St. at Third Avenue, Rededication of the Lansingburgh Village Cemetery. This event will celebrate Lansingburgh's veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the US Civil War who are interred in these two cemeteries. Color guards and reenactment groups of units these men served with will participate in a parade and commemoration. This colorful and moving event will bring attention to Lansingburgh's place and importance in the history of the US and New York State.

September 22, Thursday, 7:30PM, Melville House- Joe Ferrannini of Gravestone Matters will speak about historic cemeteries, their restoration and preservation. Joe has done a number of cemetery restoration projects in the area.

HISTORY OF THE LANSINGBURGH STREET NAMES

Written by Kathleen Tivnan

Lansingburgh's streets had names instead of numbers until 1886. The Avenues had a few changes.

Part I - The Original Lansingburgh Avenue Names

- Water Street became River Street, which today is known as First Avenue
 - King Street became State Street, which today is known as Second Avenue
 - Queen Street became Congress Street, which today is known as Third Avenue
 - John Street, which today is known as Fourth Avenue
 - Pitt Street became Whipple Street, which today is known as Fifth Avenue
 - Ann Street, which today is known as Sixth Avenue
 - Hill Street, which today is known as Seventh Avenue
 - Walnut Street, which today is known as Eighth Avenue
 - Chestnut Street, which today is known as Ninth Avenue
- a) Alma Court Sixth Ave East, North of Grace
 - b) Grace Court runs from Sixth Ave to Ninth Ave north of 101st St.
 - c) A small section of Pitt Street became Vale Avenue
 - d) West Park Place and East Park Place are along the Village Green
 - e) Florence Place is between 101st and 102nd Streets on west side of Fifth Ave
 - f) McLaughlin Place between 101st and 102nd on Second Ave west side.
 - g) Diack Place is between 108th and 109th Streets on west side of Third Ave

Part II – Lansingburgh Street Names

<u>Original</u>	<u>1880</u>	<u>1915(current)</u>
Cemetery Ave	First St	101 st St
Van Schaick St	Second St	102 nd St
Gould St	Third St	103 rd St
Thomas St	Fourth St	104 th St
Vail St	Fifth St	105 th St
George St	Sixth St	106 th St
Mill St	Seventh St	107 th St
Middle St	Eighth St	108 th St
Diamond St	Ninth St	109 th St

These are the 1771 Village Street's

Catherine St	Tenth St	110 th St
South St	Eleventh St	111 th St
Lansing St	Twelfth St	112 th St
Hoosic St	Thirteenth St	113 th St
North St	Fourteenth St	114 th St

Part III – Lansingburgh Street Names Continued

<u>Original</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1915(current)</u>
Banker St/Market St	Sixteenth St	116 th St
Elizabeth St	Seventeenth St	117 th St
Richard St	Eighteenth St	118 th St
Grove St	Nineteenth St	119 th St
Jay St	Twentieth St	120 th St
Canal St	Twenty-First St	121 st St
Mohawk St	Twenty-Second St	122 nd St
Washington St	Twenty-Third St	123 rd St
Mercer St	Twenty-Forth St	124 th St
Adams St	Twenty-Fifth St	125 th St
Waterford St	Twenty-Sixth St	126 th St

In 1870 the land north of present day 126th Street was owned by Cornelius Lansing and included:

Nickson Street	Roosevelt Ave
Baxtor Street	Lansing Ave
Lincoln Street	Cedar Ave
Wilson Street	
Hudson Street	

Part IV – Other Roads

Oakwood Avenue 1860's once part of Turnpike Old Northern Turnpike was route north to Vermont. Old Turnpike is Oil Mill Hill and Northern Drive plus Route 40 today. Hudson River Turnpike is now New Turnpike Road. Farrell Road Extension runs from Oakwood west and was used to connect to Gurley Ave. Gurley Ave is along the high area east of Catholic High School. Lansing Lane runs between Sixth and Seventh Ave's between 118th and 119th Street. Cemetery Road runs from Seventh Ave to Gurley Ave past St. John's Cemetery.

Part V - Sections of Lansingburgh – Neighborhoods

1. Adamsville was part of the village north of 123rd St. It was named for James Adams, one of the areas developers. He lived on 4th Ave at 123rd St. He owned a number of pieces of property. Adamsville had no legal standing. It included the area as you go to Turnpike School.
2. Batestown was a settlement lower Lansingburgh, south of 101st St, and it extended almost to Hoosick St. In 1839 this area became part of the City of Troy and is now the North Troy area.
3. Speigletown was a hamlet in the Town of Lansingburgh from 1818 until 1902. It was named for John Vanderspeigle, a Lansingburgh merchant. He, plus his partner Thomas Rattoon, developed much of old Speigletown. In 1796, it was the Village of Port, which became the Hamlet of Speigletown. The area had social and business ties with Lansingburgh. Merchants had farms to raise produce for their stores.
4. The only bridge across the Hudson River from New York City north was the bridge to Waterford. It was in the same place on the same bas as it is today. The original wooden one burned and was replaced by a metal one. South of the bridge, you had to use a ferry to cross the Hudson.

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our membership year begins in April. People who join in January, February, or March extend their membership through the next membership year. Consider upgrading your regular membership to a sustaining membership or either of those to a life membership. Encourage your friends to join.

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