

SARDINIA



1821 - 1996

175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



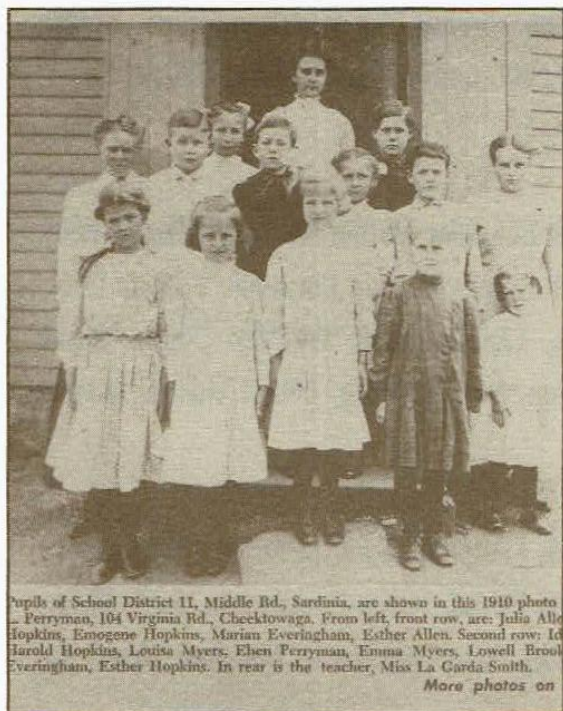
DISTRICT #9: The schoolhouse on Allen near Warner Gulf Road was gone by 1934. Its wood was used to build a home in Holland. The district contracted with Sardinia School but centralized with Holland in 1961.

*FAMILIES in the district:*

Puff	Krolick	Wiedemann	Jenkins
Barber	Fuller	Shimburski	Pykarz

**TEACHERS:** Jessie Phillips (1917)  
 Kathleen Kramer     Ardie Phillips     Hattie Nichols  
 Miss Jenson (1930)     A. J. O'Dell     Cleo Palmerton

DISTRICT #10: The schoolhouse, also called the Pratham School, was built by 1855 on Pratham Road between Foot and Allen Roads. It burned sometime between 1932 and 1934. The district is now part of Springville-Griffith Institute Central School.



Pupils of School District 11, Middle Rd., Sardinia, are shown in this 1910 photo. Perryman, 104 Virginia Rd., Cheektowaga. From left, front row, are: Julia Allen Hopkins, Emogene Hopkins, Marian Everingham, Esther Allen. Second row: Ida Harold Hopkins, Louisa Myers, Eben Perryman, Emma Myers, Lowell Brook Everingham, Esther Hopkins. In rear is the teacher, Miss La Garda Smith.  
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**Pupils of District #11 - 1910**

*Front:* Julia Allen, Evalene Hopkins, Emogene Hopkins, Marian Everingham, Esther Allen; *Second row:* Ida Hopkins, Harold Hopkins, Louisa Myers, Eben Perryman, Emma Myers, Lowell Brooks, Gordon Everingham, Esther Hopkins; *Rear:* Miss LaGarda Smith, teacher.

*FAMILIES in the district:*

Hannon	Domes	Spaulding	Cotrell
Fuller	Gunn	Fitzpatrick	Smith

Annabelle Hannon taught for \$12 a week in 1917 and Loretta Rogers also taught there.

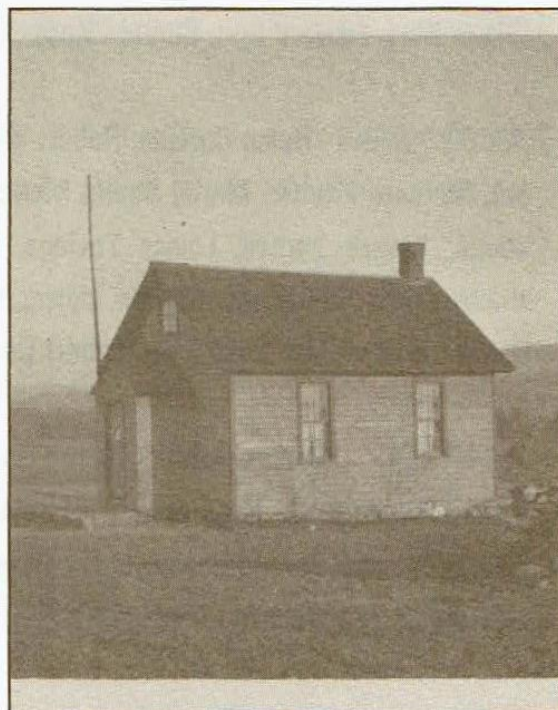
:DISTRICT #11: By 1855, the schoolhouse was on the Middle Road between Johnson and Van Slyke Roads. Marge DeGolier bought the building in the 1960's for use as a cabin. The district is now part of Pioneer Central School.

*FAMILIES in the district:*

Hopkins	VanSlyke	Rider	Lawton
Wigler	Perryman	Eyman	Ruhlen

**TEACHERS:**

Mabel Nourse Van Slyke	LaGarda Smith
Loretta Rogers Hannon	Estelle Holland
Laurence Rupert	



**District #11 School**



**DISTRICT #13 (Protection):** In 1855 the first District #13 school was at the west end of Miller Avenue. By 1866, it was in Holland.

**DISTRICT #13 (listed as #3 in 1855):** The first schoolhouse near the foot of Lords Hill burned. Classes met upstairs in Hoch's Garage in 1920 while a new one was being built. It is now the Donald Dennies home at 11870 Creek Road. The district joined Springville-Griffith Institute Central School.

**FAMILIES in the district:**

Hoch	Musick	Schunke
Goodemote	Ellis	Spencer

**TEACHERS:**

Doris Dabolt	Ruth Sykes	Evelyn Wiser
Mildred Watson		Floyd Peckham

**DISTRICT #14:** The schoolhouse at the corner of Matteson Corners and Warner Gulf Roads burned in 1930. The district contracted with Sardinia School and is now part of Holland Central School.

**FAMILIES in the district:**

Fathey	Tharnish	Zahler
Zimmer	Reinhardt	Rogers
Cottrell	Goldberg	Fuller

**TEACHERS:**

Grace Zimmer	Myrtle Goldberg
Artie Phillips	Edna Phillips
	Verne Goodemote

**DISTRICT #15:** The schoolhouse was on the Corner of Pratham and Crump Roads. In 1855, it was located just over the Colden town line, but by 1866, it was in Sardinia. The building has been converted into a home. The district is now part of Holland Central School.

**FAMILIES in the district:**

	Keller	Crump
Beasor	Miller	Brink
	Zimmer	

**TEACHER in 1917:** Artie Phillips

**DISTRICT #16 (also listed as #3):** This is also known as the Silas Smith School District. The schoolhouse was located on the corner of Pratham and Genesee Roads. The building was sold to the Baker family and was moved to Foote Road. This district is now part of Springville-Griffith Institute Central School.

**FAMILIES in the district:**

Smith	Hylar	Porter	Kraft
Baker	Van Slyke		Bockhahn
Edington	Barthel		Bremiller

**TEACHERS:**

Anna Fisher	Myrtle Emetts	Iva Rider
Alice Chase	Helen Andrews	Alice Puff
Lottie Nichols	Lillian Bremiller	

**SARDINIA HIGH SCHOOL (cf.: EDUCATION):**

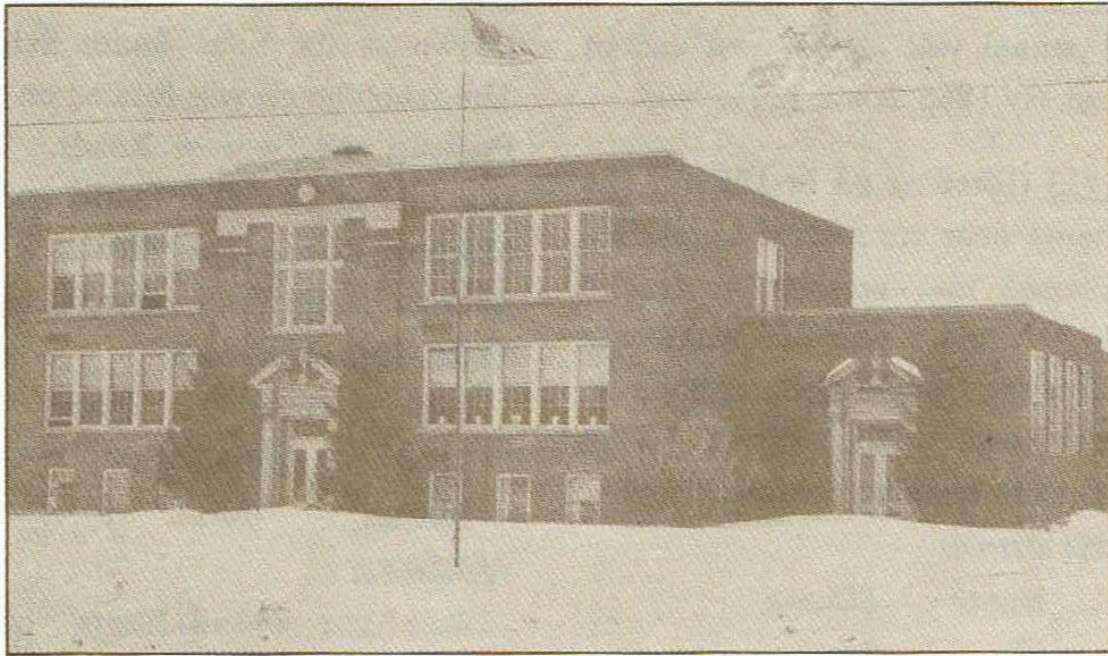
**TEACHERS (partial list):**

Fern Dabolt	Gladys Rice	Mildred Watson
Clara Link	George Newman	Agnes Isaacson
Mary Owens	Helen Sheehe	Dorothy Mason
Joy Lester	Bernice Storms	Anthony Affronti
Genevieve Martin		Bonnie Losey Reisdorf



Sardinia Faculty and Staff - 1959





**Sardinia High School - 1929**



**Tri-County Basketball Champions - 1933-34**

*First Row:* Gordon Tarnish, Art Carlsen, Ollie Miller, Victor Harrison, Gerald Shultes;

*Second Row:* Coach Prof. Lane, Bud Rosier, Pat Kittleson, LaVerne VanSlyke, Clarence Griem (manager).



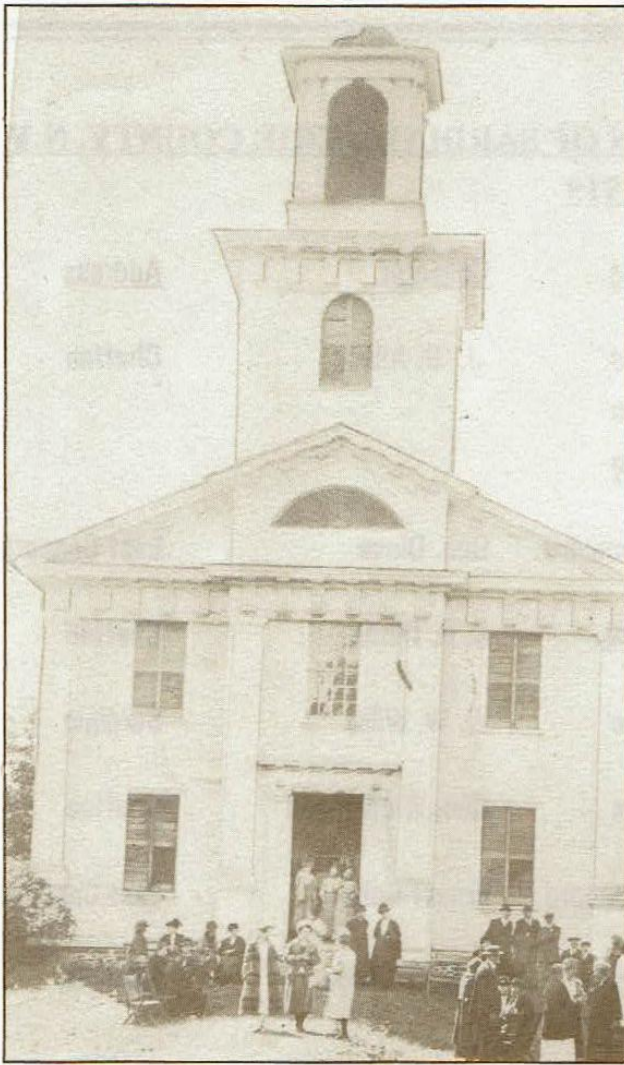
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS, -- TOWN OF SARDINIA, ERIE COUNTY, N.Y.**  
**1918 - 1919**

<u>Dist No.</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Collector</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	(1 yr.) F. N. Hale (2 yr.) Mrs. Gertrude McCumber (3 yr.) F. E. Hakes	Chaffee Chaffee Chaffee	J. G. Allen	Chaffee
3	Albert Bockhahn	East Concord	Geo. Dinse	East Concord
4	Clinton Phillippi	Chaffee	C. H. Oliver	Chaffee
5	C. D. Wood	Chaffee	W. W. Willis	Sardinia
6	Clarence Hopkins	Chaffee	Geo. Wiedemann	Chaffee
7	Joseph Ellis	East Concord	Ernest Cobo	East Concord
8	(1 yr.) S. E. Rosier (2 yr.) A. W. Harrison (3 yr.) Gordon Stockin	Sardinia Sardinia Sardinia	Geo. W. Cook	Sardinia
9	Frank E. Warner	Chaffee	Ed. Puff	Chaffee
10	Ira Ruple	Chaffee	A. D. Spaulding	East Concord
11	Frank Ruhlen	Sardinia	Earl VanSlyke	Sardinia
13	Wm. Franz	Sardinia	Frank Goodemote	Sardinia
14	Chas. Griffin	Holland	Floyd Zahlor	Holland
15	John Gutekunst	Glenwood	Oscar Carlsen	Glenwood

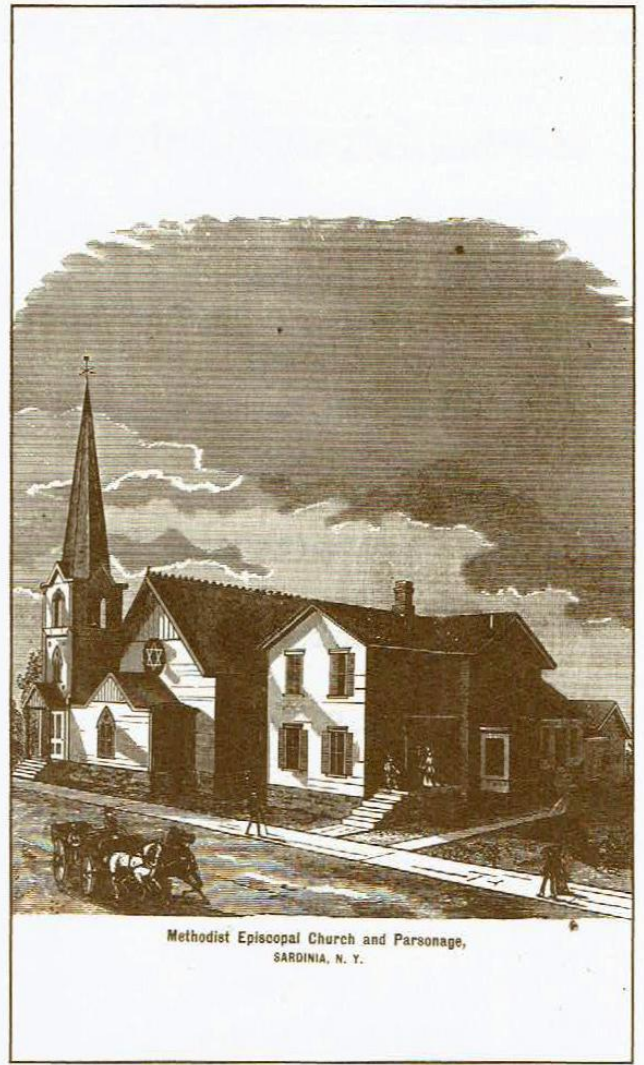
The District #1 schoolhouse on Olean Road caught fire once, when Frank Hale, the janitor, built a fire which got too hot. The pond on the Fisher property was quite big in the spring, and the townspeople extinguished the blaze with a bucket brigade. While the school was being repaired, classes were held in the Grange Hall.

In the early 1900's, because of a shortage of teachers in the rural schools, high school graduates were given permits if they wished to teach. One or two of her pupils might be almost as old as the teacher.



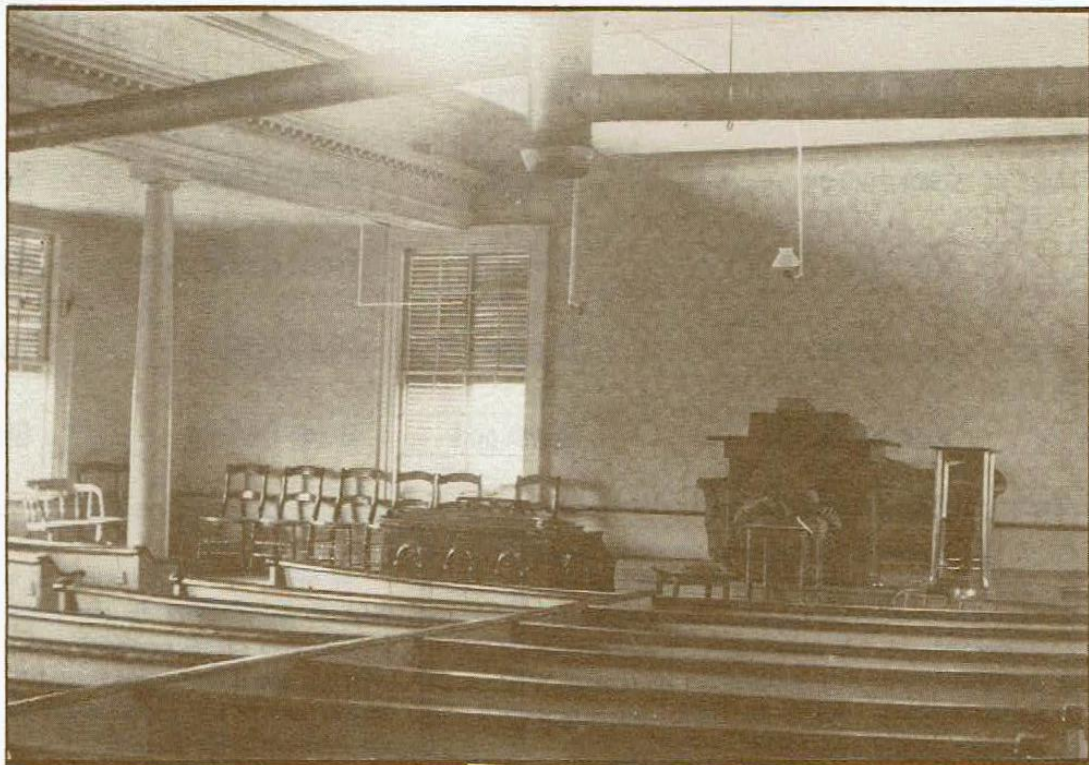


Sardinia Baptist Church



Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage,  
SARDINIA, N. Y.

Sardinia Methodist Episcopal Church



Interior of Sardinia Baptist Church



## CHURCHES

Although religious services were held in the Sardinia area by the close of the War of 1812, it was about 1820 before a church society was organized. Rev. Jonathan Blakely was the first pastor of the Baptist society in Sardinia. By 1821, Methodist services were held in homes and schools.

### SARDINIA BAPTIST CHURCH

The first church organization in Sardinia was the Baptist Church. Twenty members formed the society on March 1, 1820. Members donated land and materials for the building erected in 1829 and dedicated in January 1830. The Rev. Whitman Metcalf was pastor. The church flourished for many years and had 270 members by 1841. The Rev. E. Clark, pastor from 1841 to 1845, was paid \$200.00 his first year. Members stayed the entire day on Sunday for three services, and in winter even brought their foot warmers with them.

Dwindling membership forced the 1915 closing. The building is now the Sardinia Town Hall and a historical marker commemorates its history. The bell tower was removed in 1945; the fine bell now hangs in Amherst Community Church in Snyder.

### SARDINIA METHODIST CHURCH

In 1821 Methodists formed their first class. They met in shops, schoolhouses and homes, legally organizing in 1841, thus becoming the oldest church now serving the town. A building erected in 1842 at 12849 Schutt Road served them for over forty years. Julian Simons later converted it into stores. Walter Schiener III now owns it. The present

building on Savage Road, was built in 1882 at a cost of \$5,000 on land given by Mrs. Simons. The first parsonage was near the present J. Happ home on Route 39.

Through the years, the Sardinia Methodist Church has usually been on a charge with another church: at first Boston, then Arcade, Yorkshire Center and Sandusky in the 1860's and 1870's, Protection in the 1880's, then Chaffee Methodist Church, later Machias, Eagle or Farmersville, and now, Delevan.

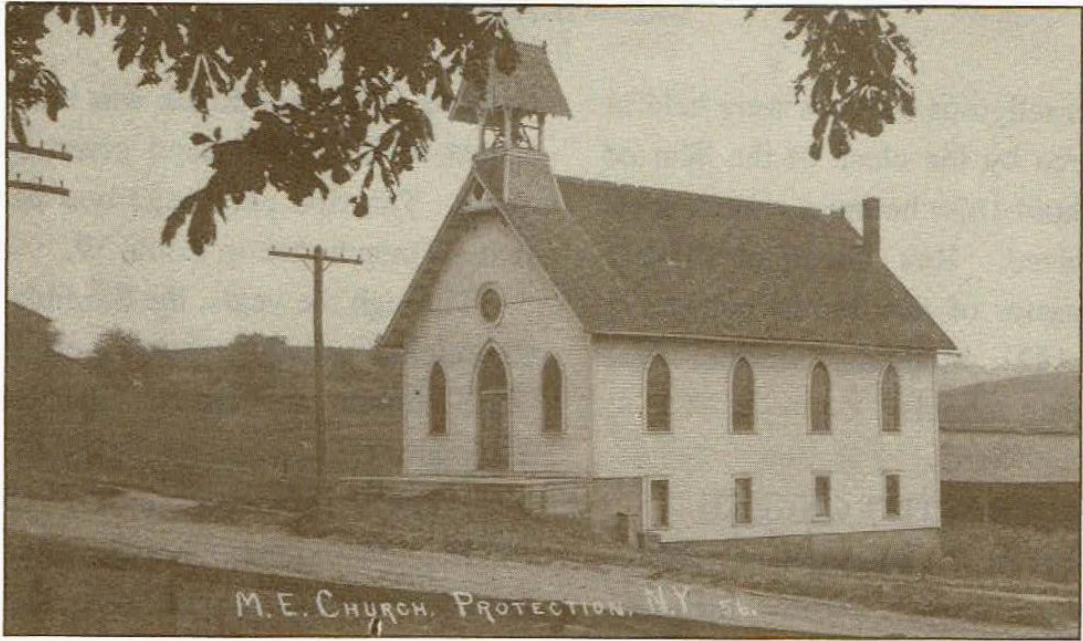
The Rev. John Irons was appointed to Arcade, Yorkshire Center and Sardinia in October 1872 at an annual salary of \$600. By February 1873, he had received \$140, by May, \$172. It is unknown if he ever was fully paid.

The Rev. Jeff Nowak is the present pastor. Sunday attendance averages 60 to 70 people.

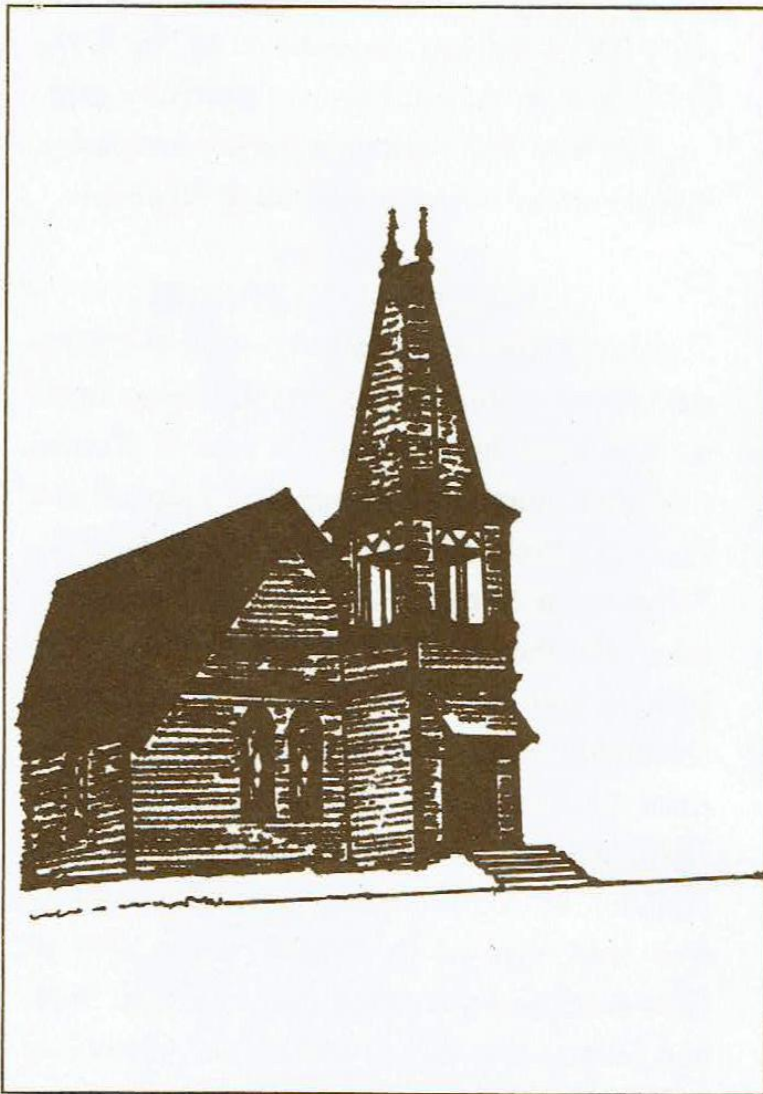
### ST. MARY'S R. C. CHURCH

John Cottrell Jr., George Cottrell and Richard O'Shea were instrumental in raising funds for the 1869 building of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on the corner of Pratham and Foote (Cottrell) Roads. Father Ulrich from St. Aloysius in Springville supervised construction. He, then until 1885, Father Thies from Boston, and later a priest from Springbrook, celebrated mass monthly. The mission, far from a railroad, was difficult to reach and by 1886, when St. Joseph's Church was built in Holland, St. Mary's was closed. The building was sold, moved to S-9695 Route 240 in Glenwood and converted into a tavern. John and Loretta Lux owned and ran the Glenwood Valley Restaurant there for sixty years. Dennis Neureuther now owns the building.





Protection Methodist Episcopal Church



Chaffee Baptist Church



Chaffee Methodist Church

### PROTECTION METHODIST CHURCH

Protection United Methodist Church was built in 1881 on South Protection Road. The first pastor, the Rev. J. J. Dayton, also served in Holland. For several years it was on a charge with Sardinia but is now again connected with the Holland church. The present pastor is the Rev. Wilbur W. Pollock. Average attendance is about 25 people.

### MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1896, both Baptist and Methodist churches were being constructed in Chaffee. Alfred Rice donated lumber from the demolition of his cheese factory to both. (cf.: BUSINESS - CHEESE FACTORIES)

Memorial Baptist Church of Chaffee, on Grove Street, was dedicated as a branch of the Sardinia church June 18. The Rev. Byron Jacobus, pastor, received a \$400 annual salary. In 1903, Sunday School was held at 11:00, church at noon. Now Chaffee Community Baptist Church, a thriving congregation throughout its 100 year existence, is served by the Rev. Floyd Wilder. Average attendance is 40 - 45 people.

In 1987, the L. D. O'Dell family gave the church Paradise Lake, 55 acres between Savage and Allen Roads. (cf.: BUSINESSES - MINING) A pole barn was built for summertime activities, worship services and picnics. A recently purchased parsonage on Allen Road gives access to the parking lot behind the church building.

### CHAFFEE METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. T. E. Thuresson of Sardinia Methodist Church first held services in the Butler Building in Chaffee in 1895. The society was officially organized in April 1896.

The Rev. T. W. Chandler was pastor of both churches. In 1903, Sunday School was held at 1:30 and services at 2:30. The church closed in 1925 and the building at 13440 Allen Road sold. In 1933 Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rice Sr. purchased it and remodeled it into a home where they lived for many years. The building now houses apartments.

### ST. JUDE'S R. C. CHURCH

By 1953, the Roman Catholic population in the area was large enough to need a church. Mr. Fred Forness, a long time resident and former mayor of Olean, financed the building of St. Jude's Church on Genesee Road. Construction started that August on land donated by Sam LaScala. The cost was \$30,000. On December 6, Msgr. Neylon celebrated the first mass; Auxiliary Bishop Smith of Buffalo dedicated the building on October 17, 1954.

Until 1970, the parish was administered by an annual rotation of newly ordained priests from the Missionary Apostolate. The first resident pastor, the Rev. Clarence Ott, was assigned to the parish in June, 1970. At present, Msgr. Matt Wendzikowski of Holland serves the parish. Average weekly attendance is 150.

### TWO YOUNGER CHURCHES

The Church of Christ, at Route 39 and Schutt Road, was organized in 1975. Glen Mueller is its first and present pastor. Attendance averages 15 to 25 persons.

Covenant Community Church has met for several years at the Holland Boys' and Girls' Club. Their pastor is Rev. Mark Hill and average attendance about 80. By the end of 1996 they plan to start building on recently purchased property on Savage Road in Sardinia.



## CEMETERIES

On January 10, 1824, Jacob Wilson deeded to the Town of Sardinia, for the sum of \$10, about two acres of land on the north side of Genesee Road, to be used as a burying ground. The town was responsible for the care of the cemetery until, in 1887, as the result of a new state law, the town deeded this cemetery and one on the road to Springville to the newly formed Sardinia Rural Cemetery Association.

In the early 1900's two more acres of farm land on the south side of Genesee Road were purchased for \$700. An additional two acres were purchased in 1940.

Two more cemeteries are located on Pratham Road, a Catholic cemetery on the east side and a Protestant cemetery directly across from it. Another is located on Route 39, west of Savage Road.

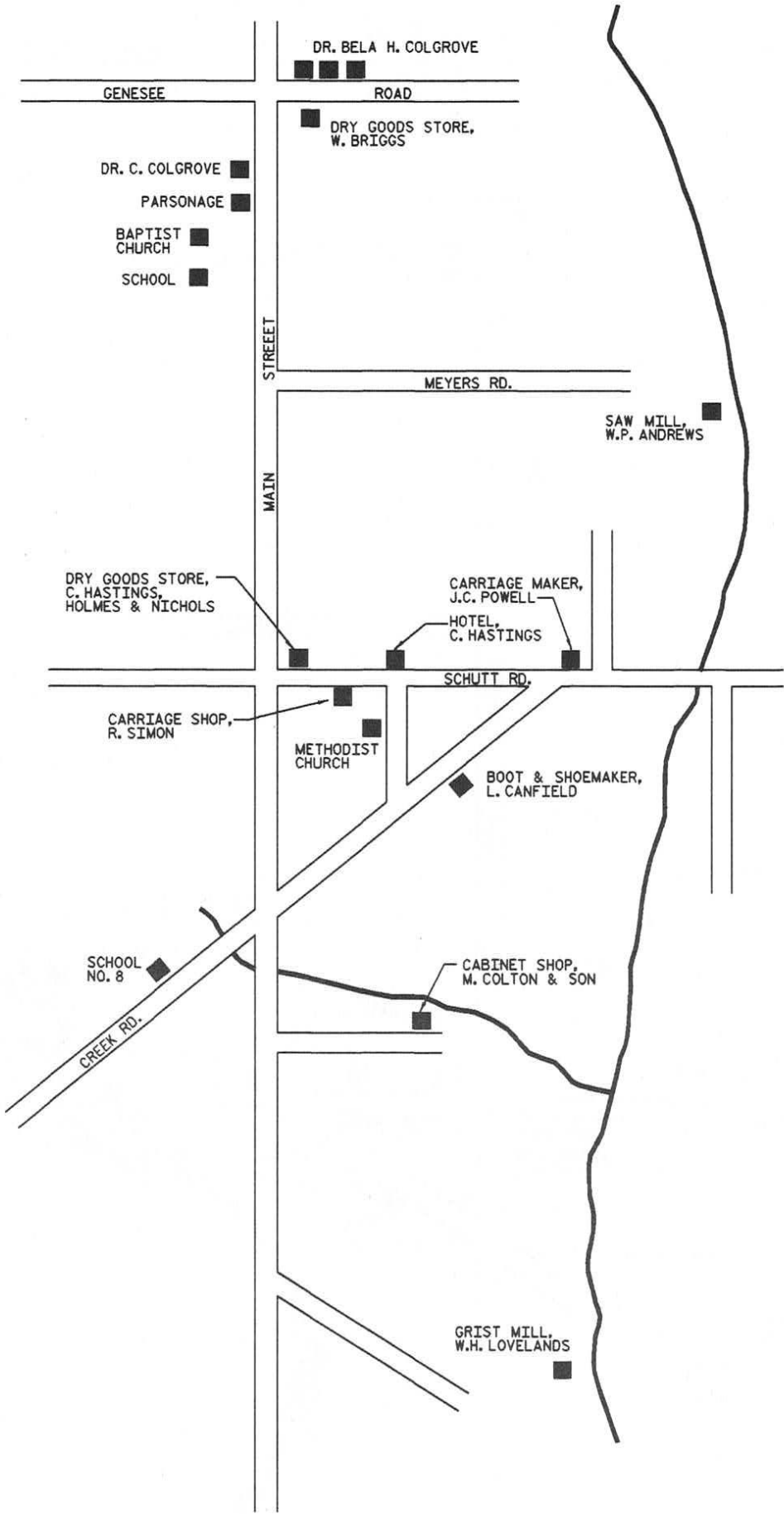
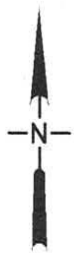
## REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS

Since Sardinia was settled after the Revolution, all the veterans of that war who ever lived here came many years after the war. This list is as complete as possible using available records:

Caleb Hamet	1747-1842	Ephraim Briggs	1753-1843
James Hopkins	1749-1831	Roswell Goodrich	1756-1847
Reuben Nichols	1762-1840	Thomas Powell	1754-1843
Elisha Pomeroy	1763-1849	Peter Sears	1753-1821
Elisha Randall	1762-1847	Nathan Washburn	1758-1837
David Shedd	1758-1841		

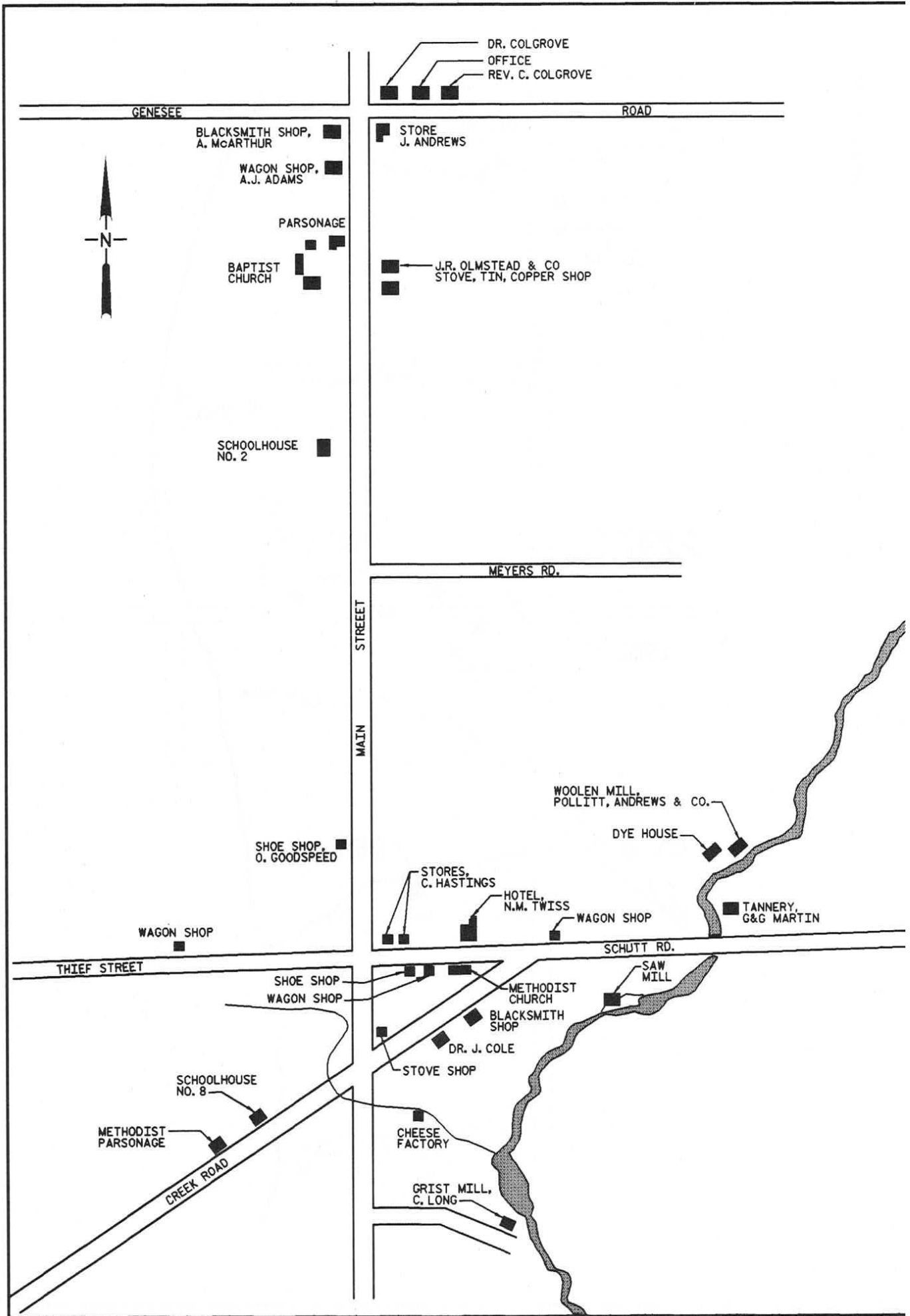
## CIVIL WAR

Sardinia sent seventy-three men to fight in the Civil War; of those, twelve died in service. Men from Sardinia served in twenty-eight different regiments, but over one-third of them were in the 116th New York Volunteers Companies C, D or F.



**SARDINIA 1855**

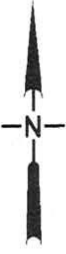




DR. COLGROVE  
OFFICE  
REV. C. COLGROVE

GENESEE

ROAD



BLACKSMITH SHOP,  
A. MCARTHUR

WAGON SHOP,  
A.J. ADAMS

PARSONAGE

BAPTIST  
CHURCH

SCHOOLHOUSE  
NO. 2

STORE  
J. ANDREWS

J.R. OLMSTEAD & CO  
STOVE, TIN, COPPER SHOP

MEYERS RD.

MAIN  
STREET

SHOE SHOP,  
O. GOODSPEED

WAGON SHOP

WOOLEN MILL,  
POLLITT, ANDREWS & CO.

DYE HOUSE

STORES,  
C. HASTINGS

HOTEL,  
N.M. TWISS

WAGON SHOP

TANNERY,  
G&G MARTIN

THIEF STREET

SCHUTT RD.

SHOE SHOP  
WAGON SHOP

METHODIST  
CHURCH

BLACKSMITH  
SHOP

DR. J. COLE

STOVE SHOP

SAW  
MILL

SCHOOLHOUSE  
NO. 8

METHODIST  
PARSONAGE

CHEESE  
FACTORY

GRIST MILL,  
C. LONG

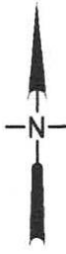
CREEK ROAD

**SARDINIA 1866**

GENESEE

ROAD

STORE  
J.W. SWEETAPPLE



PARSONAGE  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

MEYERS RD.

SCHOOL  
NO. 8

MAIN  
STREET

2ND ST.

EAST AVE.

METHODIST CHURCH  
PARSONAGE  
HOTEL W. HAKES  
STORE F. MILLER

CHURCH / FIRST ST.

GRIST MILL  
J. SIMMONS

SCHOTT RD.

GENERAL STORE L. SMITH  
HARDWARE G. GOODRICH  
ICE CREAM G. GOODRICH  
HARDWARE J. SIMMONS

CHEESE FACTORY  
E. JONES

BOX FACTORY  
G. WILLIAMS

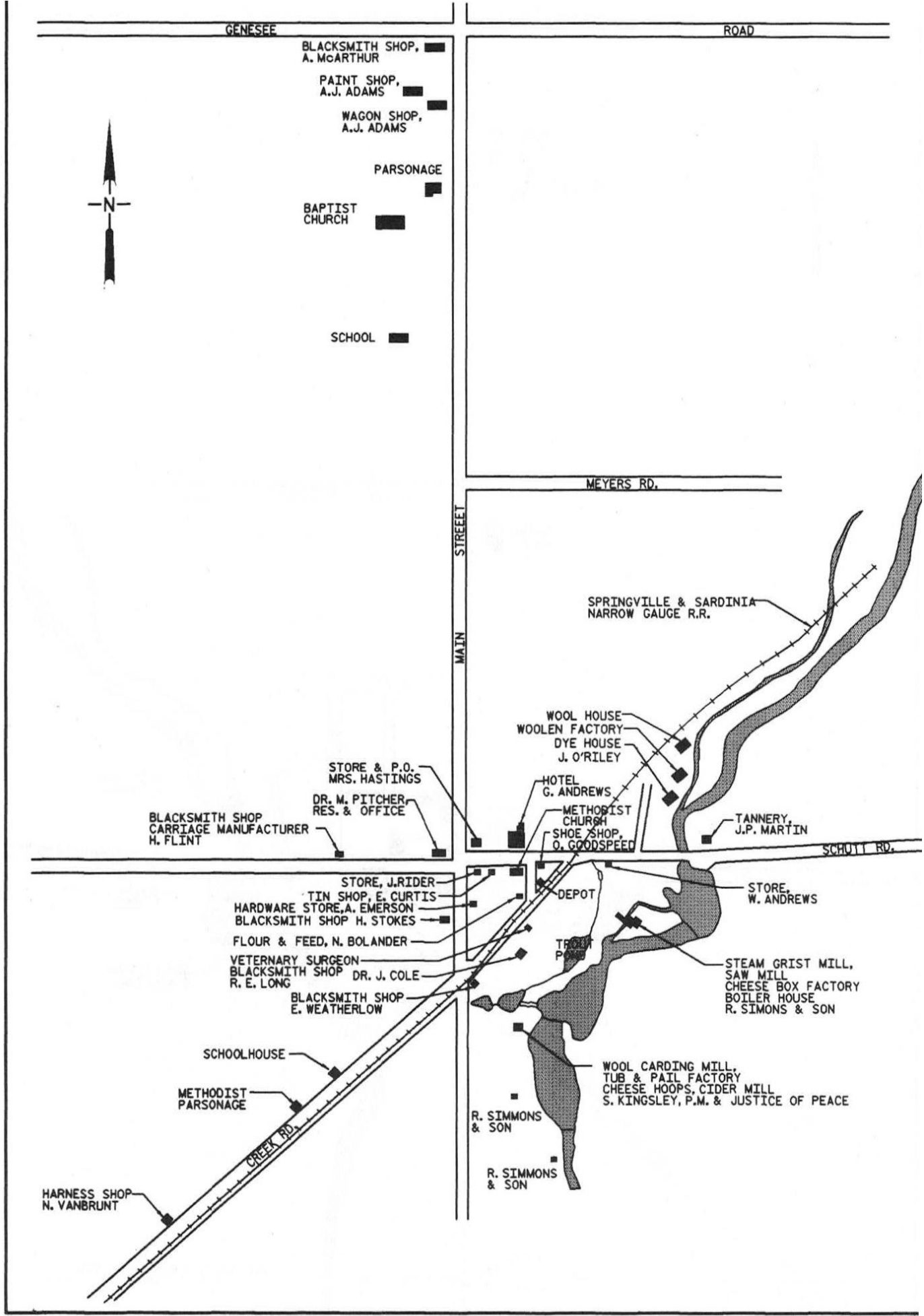
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STATION

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R.R.

# SARDINIA 1909





GENESEE

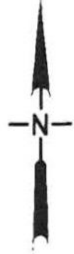
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BAPTIST  
CHURCH

SCHOOL



MEYERS RD.

MAIN  
STREET

SPRINGVILLE & SARDINIA  
NARROW GAUGE R.R.

WOOL HOUSE  
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CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER  
H. FLINT

STORE & P.O.  
MRS. HASTINGS  
DR. M. PITCHER,  
RES. & OFFICE

SCHOTT RD.

STORE, J. RIDER

TIN SHOP, E. CURTIS

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BLACKSMITH SHOP H. STOKES

FLOUR & FEED, N. BOLANDER

VETERINARY SURGEON

BLACKSMITH SHOP  
DR. J. COLE

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R. E. LONG

BLACKSMITH SHOP  
E. WEATHERLOW

SCHOOLHOUSE

METHODIST  
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HARNESS SHOP  
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DEPOT

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SAW MILL  
CHEESE BOX FACTORY  
BOILER HOUSE  
R. SIMMONS & SON

WOOL CARDING MILL,  
TUB & PAIL FACTORY  
CHEESE HOOPS, CIDER MILL  
S. KINGSLEY, P.M. & JUSTICE OF PEACE

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**SARDINIA 1880**

**FLOOD DESTRUCTION AT HAKES BRIDGE**

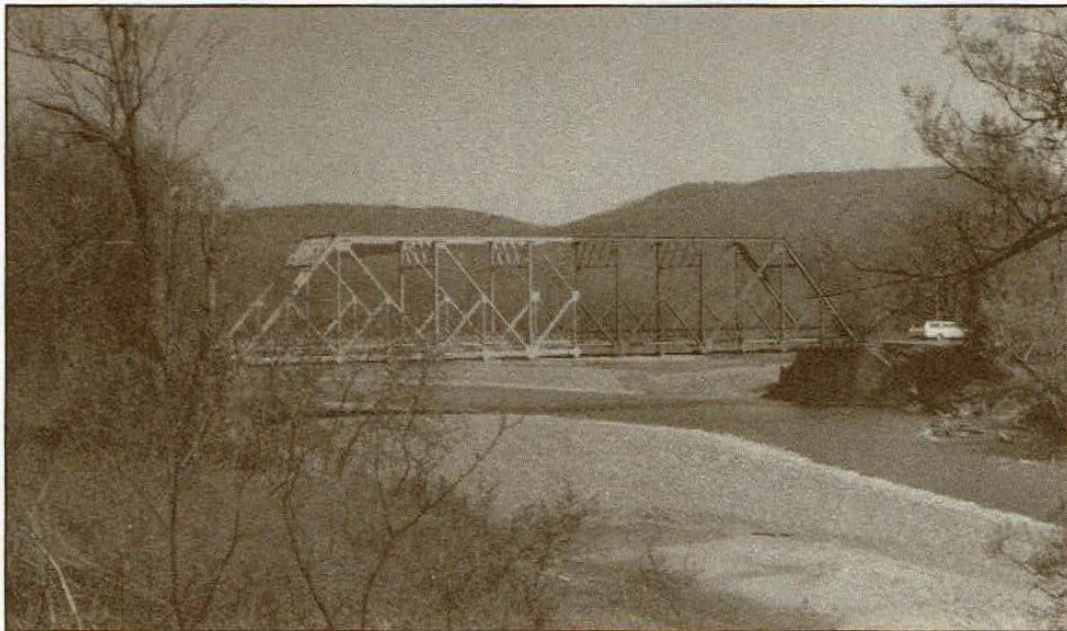
*Sandusky News - February 19, 1904*

*One of the most destructive floods ever known to this immediate locality occurred here Sunday when the ice broke up in the Cattaraugus Creek. The ice had been accumulating all winter, and as the winter thus far has been exceedingly severe, the amount of ice was indeed very great. It was not unlike a glacier of about four or five miles in length. As it passed through this place it swept away everything in its passage from large iron bridges down to corn fodder and fences. It raised the Hakes Bridge from its abutments and carried it down the stream a distance of nearly a half mile, leaving it in the creek totally wrecked....*

**RACE RESULTS ANNOUNCED\***

*Wyoming County Herald - August 9, 1895*

*The bike and horse races held at the "Sardinia Driving Park" was a success notwithstanding the light attendance. In the 1/2 mile, J. A. Perkins of Arcade won 1st and Kalliska of Buffalo 2nd while Ostrander of Wellsville took 3rd. The 1-mile and 5-mile races were taken by F. A. Foell, one of Buffalo's crack riders. Billy Rogers won 1st in the sweepstakes trot with Helen Belmont, Molly B. 2nd, Peter B. 3rd. The grandstand was on Olean Road, across from today's Primetyme.*

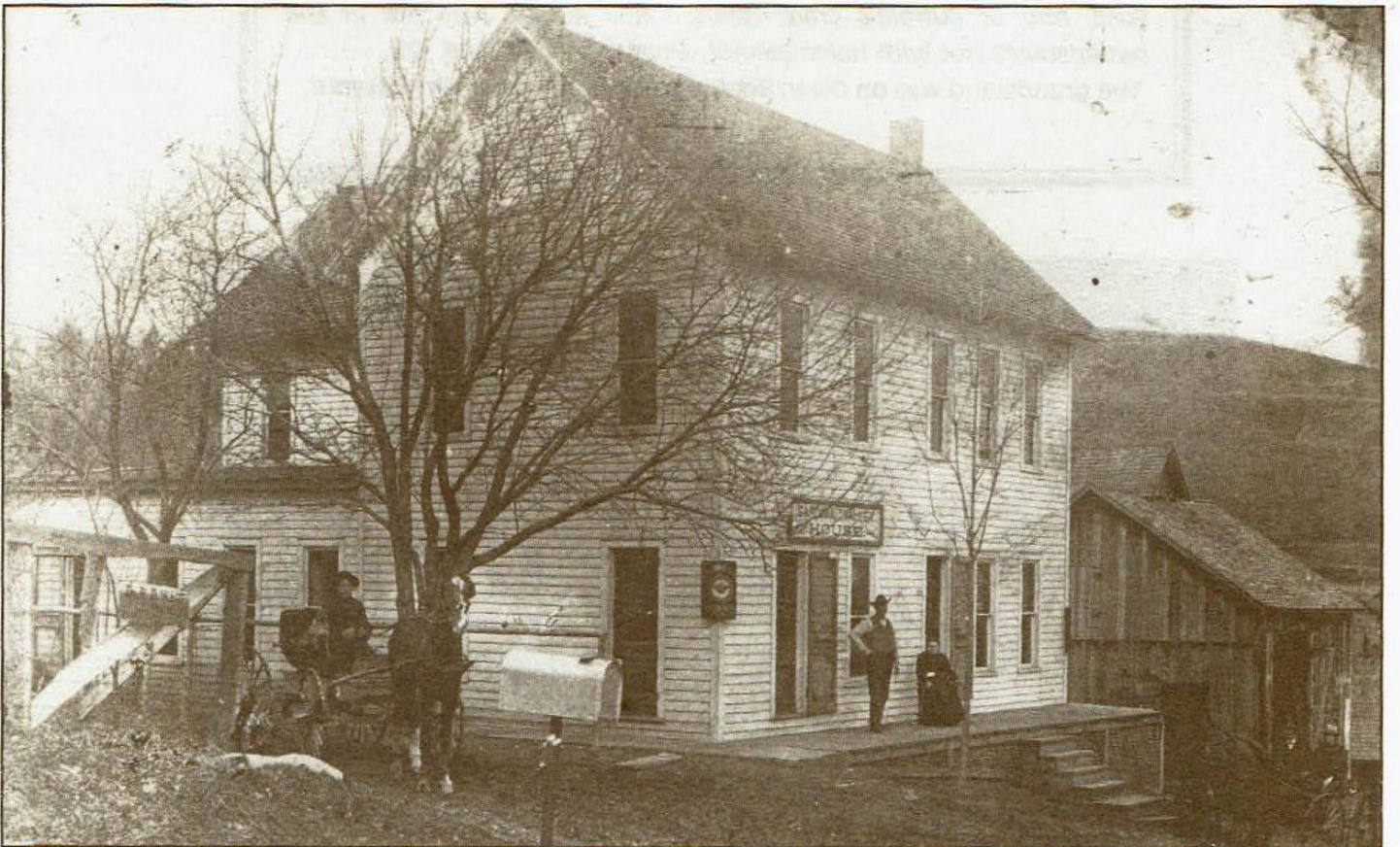


**Savage Road Bridge over Cattaraugus Creek**





**Hotel Shaw**



**Sardinia Valley House on Creek Road at Richmond Gulf**



## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Taverns and general stores were immediate necessities in the developing area. Businesses and industries began and grew. In the 1830's, J. Colwell ran a foundry for a short time. A. J. Adams built a carriage shop at Colgrove's Corners in 1843. By 1855, Sardinia had a dry goods store, hotel, saw and gristmill, a shoemaker and carriage shop. By 1870, a hardware store, a pharmacy and a planing mill were added. Even the small communities at Pratham and Madison Corners each had a sawmill, a cheese factory and other businesses. By 1880, B. Farrington had a canning factory in Protection. By 1883, Chaffee also had a blacksmith shop, planing mill, saw and feed mill and a cheese factory. Dairy farming was important and at one time there were ten cheese factories in town.

Numerous businesses: general, hardware, and other stores, blacksmith, wagon shops, a tannery, several mills and factories were established in Sardinia throughout the years.

### HOTELS, TAVERNS and RESTAURANTS

The first public place in town was the tavern George Richmond opened in 1809 and operated until about 1855. Giles Briggs opened a tavern at Rice's Corners in 1810 and another at Colegrove's Corners in 1821. The first town meeting was held in this building.

At what is now Schutt's Corners, Joseph Rice operated the Cherry Tavern from 1825 until the railroad was built. A private residence for many years, the building is now

a West Seneca Developmental Facility group home for developmentally disabled adults.

John and Jeremiah Wilcox kept a tavern near Hakes Bridge on Route 39. Norman Bond had a tavern just west of the present reforestation on Middle Road.

In 1823, Chauncy Hastings built a hotel in Sardinia village where the American Legion Hall now stands on Schutt Road. It continued under various managements with little change in appearance until 1881, when proprietor George Andrews remodeled and enlarged it into a three story building with a dance hall on the third floor and a cupola on top. He sold it in 1903 to W. H. Hakes who named it the Sardinia Hotel. It was owned by a Mr. Hafner when it burned in 1936.

By 1886 H. Rogers was operating the Eureka Hotel on South Protection Road in Protection. By 1880, H. Tanner had a hotel on the same road, and by 1909 G. Glaser owned the Glaser House at 13209 Miller Avenue, currently the J. Wlasniewski home.

In 1880 Fred Bigelow built a hotel on the present site of the Briggs Street fire hall. Later owners were Hiram Savage and Ed Jackson. In 1897, Delmer Shaw enlarged and remodelled it and called it the Hotel Shaw. He sold it in 1907. Frank Button ran it for a few years. It was torn down in 1938.

In 1894 F. Nichols built a hotel on Olean Road in Chaffee. Later called the Commercial House, L. J. Smiller ran it by 1911. By





**GRAND  
Independence Ball.**

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*A Grand Independence Ball will be given at*

**Andrews' Hotel, Saedinia, N. Y.**

*Friday Evening, July 3d, 1885.*

Music.—74th Reg't Band, of Buffalo. Bill, \$2 00.

**All are cordially invited to Attend.**

Joseph A. Kuhn, Floor Manager. GEO. ANDREWS, Proprietor.



**Andrews Hotel on Schutt Road**



the late 1920's early radios were being sold there and it was called the Radio Inn and run by Luman Hakes and later by his son, G. Gordon Hakes. It is now the Chaffee Hotel, owned and operated by Craig and Marion Reitmeier.

It was a common occurrence to locate a hotel right on a town line. Then, if of the towns was voted "dry" during the annual election, the bar could be moved from one side of the building to the other. One such establishment was in East Concord. When Concord voted in favor of temperance, the owner, a man named Uteridge, moved the business to Sardinia and called it Halfway House.

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## RADIO INN

Half way between Buffalo and Olean

SPECIAL DINNERS ON ORDER

CHAFFEE, N.Y.



Radio Inn in Chaffee







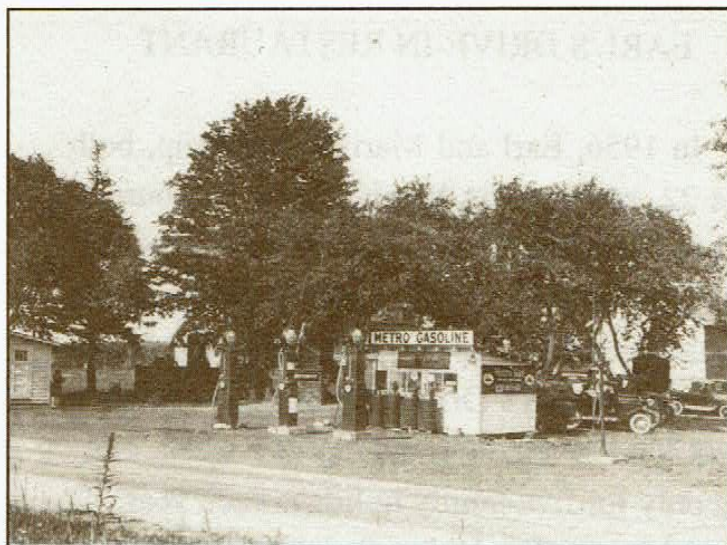
## WHITE STAR INN

In 1923 George and Carrie DuClon opened a small "lunch car" and gasoline station and several small tourist cabins on Olean Road. Halfway between Buffalo and Olean, it was a very busy place. Soon a tea room and restaurant were opened in the large white house behind the lunch car. A sign with a large star was perched on the top of the house's cupola and the new restaurant was named The White Star Inn.

They hired outside help, many of whom lived on the premises, women on one floor, men on another. The staff received room, board and \$3.00 per week for waitresses, \$5.00 for the cook. T-bone dinners cost 75 cents, pancakes, 25 cents.

In 1931 the DuClons expanded and erected the present building. It was purchased in 1941 by Edward (Jim) and Gertrude Caldwell and in 1949 by Harlan (Stub) and Helen Fisher. The Fishers made it into one of the more popular night clubs of the time. Various others owned it until in 1966 Graham Brush bought it, named it The Ranchhouse, catered to "the night life crowd" and featured bands from Buffalo and "go-go dancers". Kevin Sprague ran it as Sundown Saloon from 1980 to 1986. New owner, James Carmody, gutted the building, added more space, decks and landscaping and called it Shamus Irish Pub, "Shamus" being Gaelic for "James".

In 1991 the present owners, John Sixt and Sharon Neamon, both lifelong residents of Sardinia, and Patricia Lunde purchased the business and named it Primetyme.



**Lunch Car (at left) and Pumps**



**Pumps on left;  
Large building on right was later the Restaurant.**



*Sitting:* Hiram DuClon, Amelia Corey, Corey (Doc) DuClon, Sr., Carrie Corey DuClon, George DuClon, Corey (Duke) DuClon, Jr.



## EARL'S DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT

In 1956, Earl and Marilyn Northrup, both age 22, set up a six by eight foot hamburger, hot dog and ice cream stand at Sam's Gas Station in Chaffee. In 1957, they purchased two acres of land a couple miles south and began business at Earl's Drive-In Restaurant serving great food seven days and nights a week, closing only for five family holidays each year.

A year after losing their younger son to Cystic Fibrosis, they lost the restaurant completely to fire in 1969, only four months after it had been completely remodeled. Several years later, they erected a lighted flagpole at the restaurant in memory of their son, David.

Several expansions of property and building evolved Earl's into a 3600 square foot restaurant, staffed by over 40 employees, a half

dozen of whom prepare the homemade food.

Earl's true blue country place boasts denim trousers and western boots holding up the tables, country memorabilia decorating the walls, pure country music on the jukebox and a collection of tractors.



**Earl's Dairy Mart Drive-Inn**



**Benton's Store at Schutt and Savage Roads**



## RETAIL SALES

Elihu Rice sold some merchandise from his home and from Briggs' tavern; Horace Clark had a store in 1816 and others sold certain goods brought from New England.

The first real store was opened by Chauncey Hastings in 1823. He operated this along with his hotel. Then, in 1847, he built a new store which is still standing on the northeast corner of Schutt and Savage Roads.

After some years of operation by the Hastings family, George Bigelow ran it for a time, followed by his son-in-law, Ira Cook, then by Cook's son, George. From 1870 to 1884 S. Kingsley ran the post office in this building.

For many years in the early 1900's proprietors were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, then Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bigelow. Their nephew, Ed Cott, now owns the building.

Dr. Bela Colegrove built a store at the "Upper Corners", on the southeast corner of Genesee and Savage Roads across from his home. He was succeeded by Monroe & Jackson, Seats & Monroe, Needham & Cook, Ray Briggs, M. R. Loveland, H. Bailey, S. Holmes, J. Andrews and J. Sweetapple. More recent include the Hipkiss family, Mrs. Dan Hetzel and Mrs. Florence Schaus. In 1949, Mrs. Schaus moved the business to Olean Road between Chaffee and Protection.

The building which is now an antique store and apartments at 12849 Schutt Road once faced east and was the Methodist Church. Through the years this store has had many occupants. Among the best known

were Howard Freeman and Grove Miller, who ran general stores, and Rex Rosier, who had a hardware store. The Schieners, who have owned the building for many years, first ran a hardware business there.

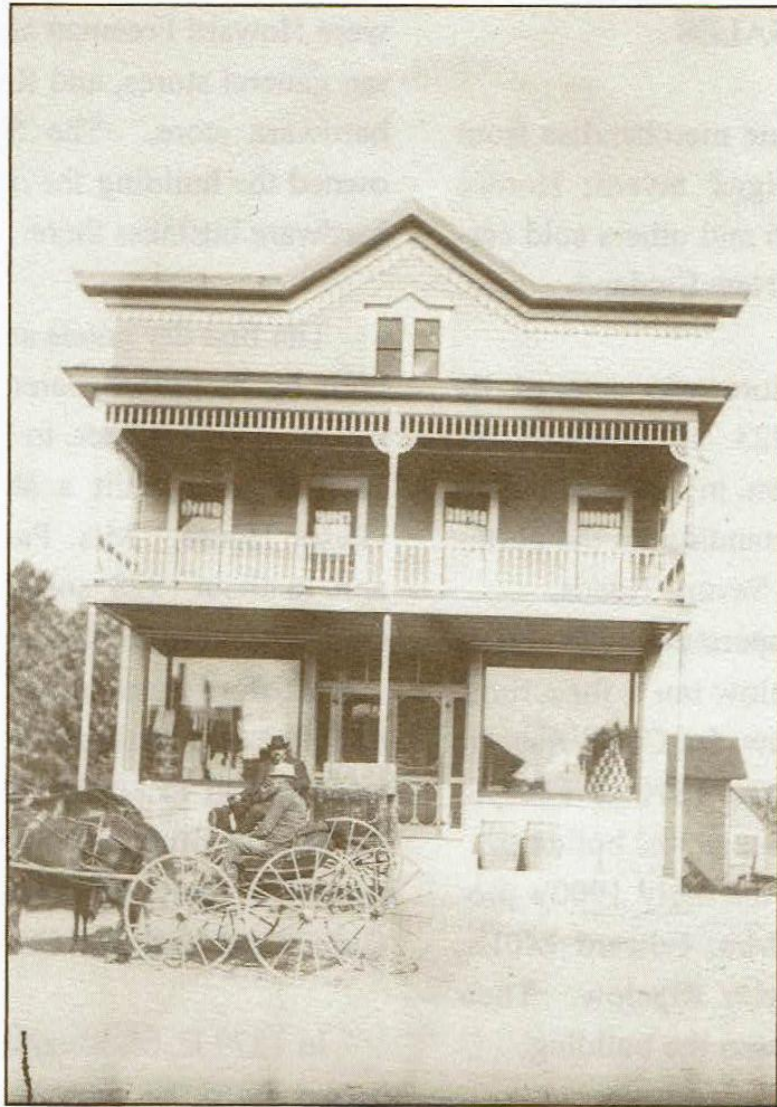
The first dry goods store in Protection was built by F. Lyford, later owned by Orsamus Childs, and still later, in 1881, by W. Jackson. John Kramer built a store across from the Glaser House. Mrs. Paul bought it in 1909 and, in about 1928, sold it to Allen and Walter Childs, brothers of Grace Childs Jackson.

Clifford Furman had a store at the corner of Allen and Pratham Roads. The building, later moved to 10839 Pratham Road, is now the Joseph Brunner home. The Thorn family owned a store on Pratham Road between Crump and Matteson Corners Roads.

In 1879 E. M. Sherman ran a general store across from the present fire hall in the new village of Chaffee. Warren Clark's first store was in David Butler's building, (cf.: CHAFFEE) Ransom Savage built a general store in 1887 across Allen Road from the Butler building. Later proprietors include Clyde Ward and Bert Allen, Seth and Ross Tabor, the Donados family, Smith and Pixley, and Ken Hall. It was later converted into living quarters.

A store was established in 1882 by George Mills in a small building on the southeast corner of Schutt and Savage Roads. He was succeeded by Charles Robley. It was sometimes called the "drug store", although Roblee was not a pharmacist and no prescriptions could be filled there. He did carry a line of non prescription medicines and various notions.





**Miller's Store on Schutt Road**



**H. B. Freeman's Dry Goods Store on Main Street**





**Jesse Armstrong Garage on Savage Road**



**W. B. Clark Store Interior**



**Kenyon's Service Station on Olean Road and Briggs Street  
Shaw Hotel in background**

*Left: Horace Kenyon; Right: Ron Kenyon, Sr.*





Ellen Goodrich in center; Building was later Post Office and burned.



J. W. Sweetapple's Store on the Corner of Savage and Genesee Roads



Luzerne Smith, nephew of Erasmus Briggs, author of the History of the Original Town of Concord, and his wife bought the store, added living quarters and operated a general store. Later proprietors, each for a brief time, were Mrs. Mazie Benton and the Robert Arnold family. Then when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphrey greatly expanded it, it attracted customers from a large area. When they retired, it was run as the Sardinia Shopping Center, then as a Red & White by Ken Enders and Norm Richow. The building succumbed to fire and heavy snow and was torn down.

At one time there was a store on Route 39 in the village of Sardinia between P. C. Rice & Son and the Nellie Carey home. For many years Warren Andrews sold groceries here. Then, about 1910, Milton and Robert Pitcher opened a hardware business and Milton Pitcher also operated the post office there. When the road was straightened in the 1970's, the building was torn down.

A. J. Emerson is believed to have opened the first hardware in the village in 1878. George Goodrich had a store on the present location of Sardinia Mini-Storage.

In 1888, Robert Willis built a hardware next to the present apartments at the corner of Olean and Allen Roads in Chaffee. He rebuilt after the 1895 fire. Later owners were Hugh Templeton, G. Stoddard and Grove Wilkins.

The Gertis family operated a small general store at the present location of the Church of Christ in the triangle in Sardinia. They also sold sandwiches and ice cream made at their Jenny Lee Dairy in Arcade. Ken Casey ran it

from 1963 to 1973. Then Leonard Hochadel bought it and built a new structure across the road on Route 39. Diane and Rich Becht bought it in 1990 and, in 1995, expanded it to include a deli, ice cream and lunch service.

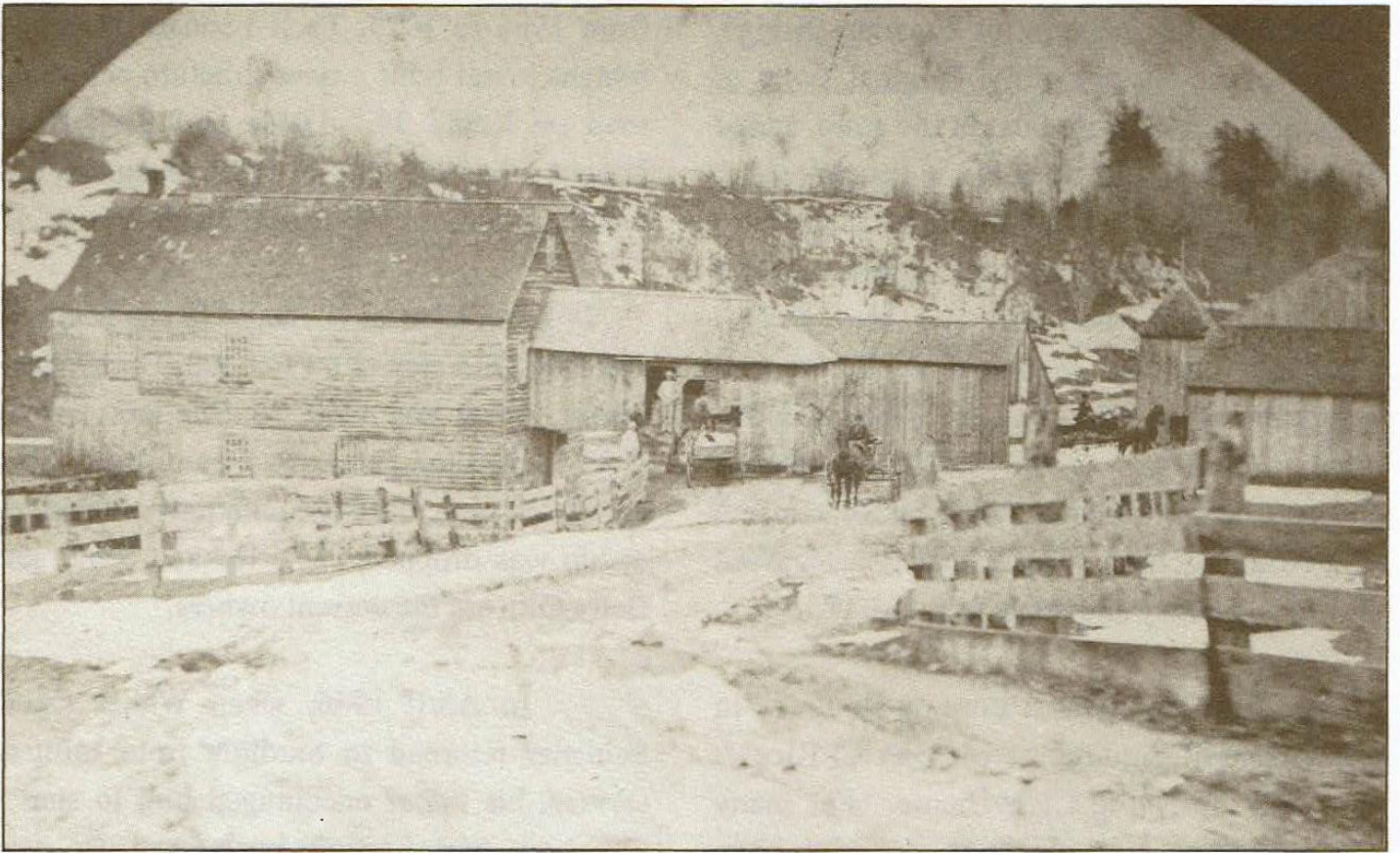
In 1930, Charles L. Shaw, James R. Shaw, and Roy Olin started a Plymouth-Dodge dealership, Shaw and Olin, in Chaffee. About 1935, it became James R. Shaw, Inc. Also, about that time, the Plymouth part of the dealership was dropped. Charles' son, Dale, and Betty Olin are the current owners.

In April 1946, when Walter (Jake) Schiener returned to Sardinia from military service, his father encouraged him to start a plumbing and heating business. He was joined by his brother, Robert (Bob), when he was discharged the following October. Sardinia Supply Shop was incorporated in 1960. For many years they shared a building with the Post Office across from the Legion Hall. In 1973, Schieners built and moved into the large blue building on the southeast corner of the Sardinia triangle and added hardware sales. They also provided temporary housing for the Sardinia post office after its fire. In 1981, they moved to the Schutt Road and Route 39 corner.

Sardinia Supply has had as many as seven employees. Today there are five employees and three trucks. A popular item which they sell and install is the outdoor wood boiler.

Bob retired in 1995 but still works part time. The business is still family-run; Jake's son, Jeff, has been there twelve years and his daughter, Joanie Martin, is the bookkeeper.





**Grist Mill between Savage Road and Hosmer Creek, south of Route 39 - before 1884**



**Sawmill in Chaffee - 1917**  
**J. G. Allen was Supervisor at that time.**



## SAWMILLS

Sardinia's small streams were well suited to furnish water power to run mills. Throughout the 1800's at various places in town, there were at least twelve sawmills.

Sumner Warren built a sawmill in 1812 on Hosmer Brook near the present Route 39 bridge. Horace Rider, who lived at the top of Hopkins Hill, now Benton Road, ran a mill near the foot of the hill. Several others were also built along various streams in town.

In the 1830's Charles Spencer built a mill on Allen Road just west of Pratham. Charles A. Shaw also ran this mill for a short time.

By 1880 A. J. Sweetapple had a mill in Madison Corners and B. Farrington had one in Protection. In Chaffee, Frank Eddy had one by 1883 and R. W. Savage another by 1885.

A sawmill built by Horace Clark in the 1830's, perhaps on the site of the old Warren mill, almost directly behind the present P. C. Rice and Sons building, was later owned by Roderick Simons and his son, Julian. In 1890, it was owned by George Strong and Gideon Williams, who at one time made round cheese boxes. Albert Jenkins became owner before the mill burned in 1920.

David Butler built a sawmill behind the current fire hall in Chaffee. Eddy and Freeman used it for feed and grinding; Eddy and Allsworth for lumber and coal sales. Robert Fisher and his nephew, Harry Potter, bought it. A steam pump in this mill pumped

water into the Chaffee Water Works mains. The building later burned, the fire thought to have been started by sparks from a passing locomotive on the nearby Pennsylvania tracks.

## GRISTMILLS

About 1835 the Cornwell brothers built a gristmill on Hosmer Brook east of Savage Road. They sold it in 1858 to Charles Long, who, in turn, sold it to Nicholas Bolender. He and his sons ran it for many years.

Another gristmill was located on the stream that runs through Richmond Gulf.

### **SARDINIA ROLLER PROCESS FLOUR & FEED MILL**

JULIAN S. SIMON, Proprietor

Built for a Woolen Mill

--1883--

Changed to a Flour and Feed Mill

--1900--

Capacity: Twenty-Eight Barrels Per Day

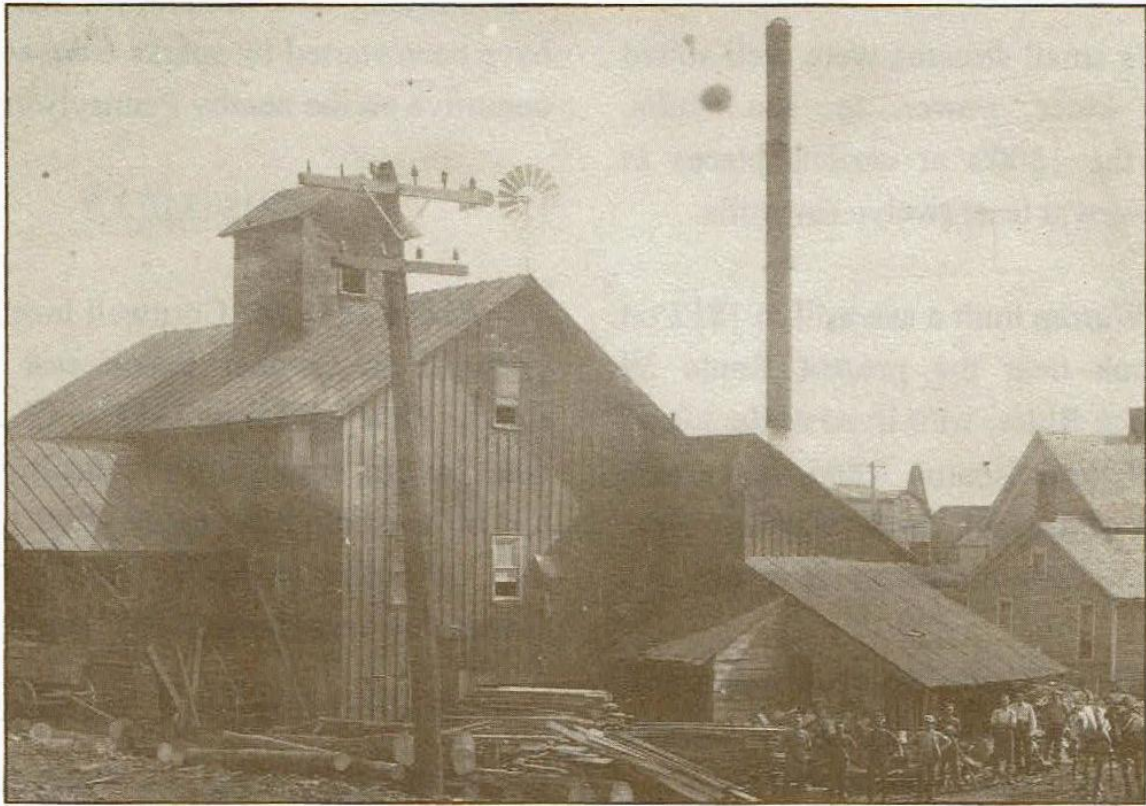
**WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FLOUR AND FEED**

SARDINIA, N.Y.

Erie and Wyoming 'Phones

At one time Roderick and Julian Simons had a gristmill adjacent to their sawmill. However, they discontinued it and moved to the large building near the creek at the end of an east fork of Mill Street, a former woolen mill, the town's largest building, four stories high at the back. The millrace traveled over a





**Robert Fisher and Harry Potter Feed and Saw Mill**



**Mill Street Mill**



quarter mile on a gentle incline; when it reached the mill it was high enough above creek level for the fall of water to turn the mill wheel. The mill was also accessible by a driveway east of Hosmer Brook and over a bridge. Sixt & Boltz bought it in 1912. John Sixt and his son Edward operated it until it burned in 1928. Then they moved to Yorkshire for several years. Today a complex of large buildings on East Schutt Road, Sixt Lumber sells lumber and building supplies.

### CHEESE FACTORIES

By the late 1800's there were at least ten cheese factories in town. One built by Roderick Simons in 1882, in front of his sawmill in Sardinia village, now, after two fires and many alterations, houses P. C. Rice & Sons.

Other cheese factories were built at the Hakes Bridge, on Middle Road east of Van Slyke Road, on Pratham Road south of the cemeteries, and at Matteson Corners. At various times there were three on Genesee Road, one between Warner Gulf and Mihm Roads, one on the corner of Allen and Warner Gulf Roads, and one on a lot that is now part of the Chaffee Sardinia Community Park.

The Terry Raszeja home at 13345 Allen Road was once a creamery belonging to the Franklinville Cheese Company.

Alfred Rice, father of Preston, Sr., owned a cheese factory just north of the village and later moved it to Genesee near Olean Roads. It was demolished in 1896. (cf.: CHURCHES)



**Creamery on the West Side of Route 16 in Chaffee, south of District #1 School**



## SERVICE BUSINESSES

The first tannery was built about 1835 by Willis Cornwell and was later operated by George Martin. It stood on the east side of Hosmer Brook by the Route 39 bridge. When Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sixt occupied the property, remains of the building were still there and the soil was very springy from the deep layer of hemlock bark.

In the 1820's, south of Sardinia village, George and Thomas Collins built a carding machine place and, about fifteen years later, a woolen factory.

A woolen factory built by Nelson Nourse on Mill Street in Sardinia about 1840, operated for over 40 years. In 1867, Pollet, Rider and Andrews enlarged it. Roderick and Simons later ran it as a a gristmill.

S. Kingsley established a wool carding works in 1872, further south on the Hosmer, on the present site of the Ken Sporysz home. This was later taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cornwell.

By 1850, Oliver Goodspeed had a shoe-making business and Robert May, an Englishman, was a tailor in the village. In 1883, Miss E. Norris and Miss Cynthia Olin were operating a milliner shop.

There were a number of blacksmiths shops located through the town. The shop opened by Thomas Fitzpatrick at the corner of Allen and Pratham Roads in 1859 was still operating in 1880. By 1886, A. J. McArthur was smithing at the corner of Genesee and Savage Roads and, in 1893, John Carlin was

on Grove Street in Chaffee. Charles Benson's shop was at the corner of Route 39 and Savage Road, on the present Shamrock Inn site.

In 1895 twenty stockholders incorporated the Chaffee Water Works Company. For the first seventy-five years the Erie County Board of Health tested monthly and never required treatment of the water. Recent testing to check for the possible presence of 139 different types of chemicals showed that none were above the detection level.

WATER RATES.	
BARBER SHOPS, first chair.....	\$ 5 00
Each additional chair.....	2 50
BATHS, private, first tub.....	2 00
BATHS, hotels and boarding houses, each tub.....	5 00
BUILDING PURPOSES, brick work per thousand laid	07
Plastering, per 100 square yards.....	25
Stone work, per 100 cubic feet.....	15
DWELLING HOUSES, for all ordinary household use for one family, one faucet.....	5 00
Each additional faucet.....	1 00
FOUNTAINS, 1-16 inch jet per season.....	8 00
Said fountains to be used but six hours per day, and but six months in the year, viz: from May 1st to November 1st.	
HOSE ATTACHMENTS, for street, lawn or garden sprinkling (only where water is also taken for inside use) for 100 feet frontage or less.....	5 00
Each additional foot.....	05
HOTELS, first faucet, domestic.....	6 00
Each additional faucet.....	2 00
Bar No. 1.....	6 00
MANUFACTORIES, special rates.	
MEAT MARKETS, first faucet.....	5 00
Each additional faucet.....	1 50

The Erie-Wyoming Telephone Company was incorporated in 1905. By 1920 it had 448 miles of wire and 81 miles of poles. Eleven



hamlets and villages were served with 500 telephones. The company purchased and operated the Java Telephone Company, locating the exchange in Chaffee. It was later

sold to the New York Telephone Company. The area is now served by NYNEX.

## CHAFFEE

### Corporations

In 1895, the business men of the Village of Chaffee, Town of Sardinia, with a population of but little more than 100 inhabitants, organized the Chaffee Water Company. The following were elected officers:

F. E. EDDY	President
R. W. SAVAGE	Vice-President
F. N. HALE	Secretary

The Directors were:

F. E. EDDY	R. W. SAVAGE
F. N. HALE	R. I. WILLIS
W. L. PERKINS	JOHN CARLIN

H. E. POMEROY

The Stand Pipe System was adopted with two artesian wells and thus citizens of this village have been supplied with pure water with entire satisfaction to all.

### ERIE-WYOMING TELEPHONE CO.

October 6, 1905, a meeting was held by the citizens in the Villages of Sardinia and Chaffee for the purpose of organizing a local telephone company. This meeting was successful. A capital stock of \$10,000 was subscribed and the following officers elected:

R. W. WILLIS	President
H. B. FREEMAN	Vice-President
DR. A. W. PHELPS	Secretary
BURT BRIGGS	Treasurer

The Directors were also chosen as follows:

DR. A. W. PHELPS	R. L. WILLIS
R. N. ALLEN	J. S. SIMONS
BURT BRIGGS	H. R. FREEMAN

A. J. O'DELL

Work was started in the spring of 1907, and at the present time (1909), the company's lines cover more than sixty-five miles in the counties of Erie, Cattaraugus and Wyoming and the books show over 340 subscribers. Chaffee is its central office.

## MANUFACTURING

In 1900 Frank E. Eddy and Addison J. O'Dell installed a Rough Turning Shoe Last Block lathe in the mill owned by Eddy, Alsworth and Freeman beside the railroad tracks in Chaffee. They built a small office west of the street and an air-drying and storage building south of the depot. The O'Dell and Eddy Company incorporated in 1906 and built a factory in Arcade, a mill east of Protection and several mills on farms. In 1907 Clarence W. Hillman, followed by Roy B. Charles and Hugh F. Pierce, joined the company, and all became stockholders.

In 1916 O'Dell and Eddy and two other concerns formed the United Block Company Inc. With ten factories in three states, they made shoe last blocks, wire bound boxes for meat packers, apple and lettuce boxes, celery crates, bushel baskets, hampers, wood heel squares and bowling pin blocks.

The United Block Co., Inc., the largest



First Office of O'Dell & Eddy Co.



manufacturer of the product, furnished most Rough Turned Shoe Last Blocks used by last factories in England, Ireland, Cuba, Mexico and Australia. In 1956, American Machine and Foundry Co. purchased United Block.

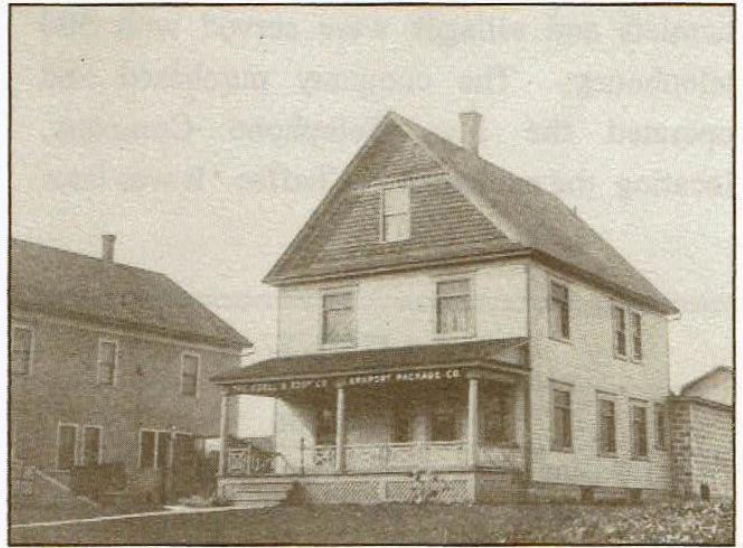
### LANDFILL OPERATION

In 1958, Hugh Smith opened Community Disposal on Hand Road in Chaffee as a place where residents could dispose of garbage. Previously, each family had to handle its own waste, composting food scraps, burning paper and burying tin, glass and other materials or tossing them over a bank. Smith's operation grew and soon offered curbside collection.

In 1977, Richard Penfold bought these fifty acres, the business, and Mama's Restaurant on Olean Road, remodelling it into his CID, Inc. offices. Later, a recycling facility, flare station, maintenance building and greenhouse were built. Barrier tree plantings have improved the appearance. CID subsequently purchased surrounding land and extended collection service to a large area outside Sardinia. The existence of this facility has caused much contention among residents throughout recent years. There has long been conflict over what may have been buried many years ago and over what should or should not be done about its existence as a landfill today.

### MINING

The O'Dell family owned land surrounding the pond now known as Paradise Lake (cf.: CHURCHES). P. C. Rice built a 100-foot high wood tower with drag lines and scoop buckets to scoop out marl, a "poor man's lime" used as



O'Dell & Eddy Co. - Arkport Package Co.

fertilizer. Bob Warner dredged the pond, trucked and sold the marl. Walter (Bud) Limburg later cleaned out the pond and surrounding area, built cabins and gave it its name.

Sardinia is very fortunate to have vast deposits of numerous natural resources including clay, sand, and gravel. Over the years a number of gravel operations have existed peacefully, for the most part, within our boundaries. Some of the mines have been reclaimed, returned to a useful state. New York State legislation passed in the early 1990's essentially eliminated local government control of daily mine site operations.

Recently the town and the owner of a large area of land between Chaffee and Sardinia that had been zoned as residential and agricultural disagreed as to whether mining should be allowed on that property. The New York State Court of Appeals upheld the town's zoning laws. Final decision is still pending.

Currently nine mines covering an area of 468 acres operate in the town.



## LONGEST ESTABLISHED CONCERNS

Of the businesses listed on the following pages, the one operating for the longest continuous time in the Town of Sardinia is the James R. Shaw Co., organized in 1930.

John Sixt and Son began here in 1912, remaining here until 1928 when they moved to Yorkshire. They returned to Sardinia in 1961.

In 1996, Sardinia Supply is celebrating its 50th anniversary and Earl's Drive In Restaurant its 40th.

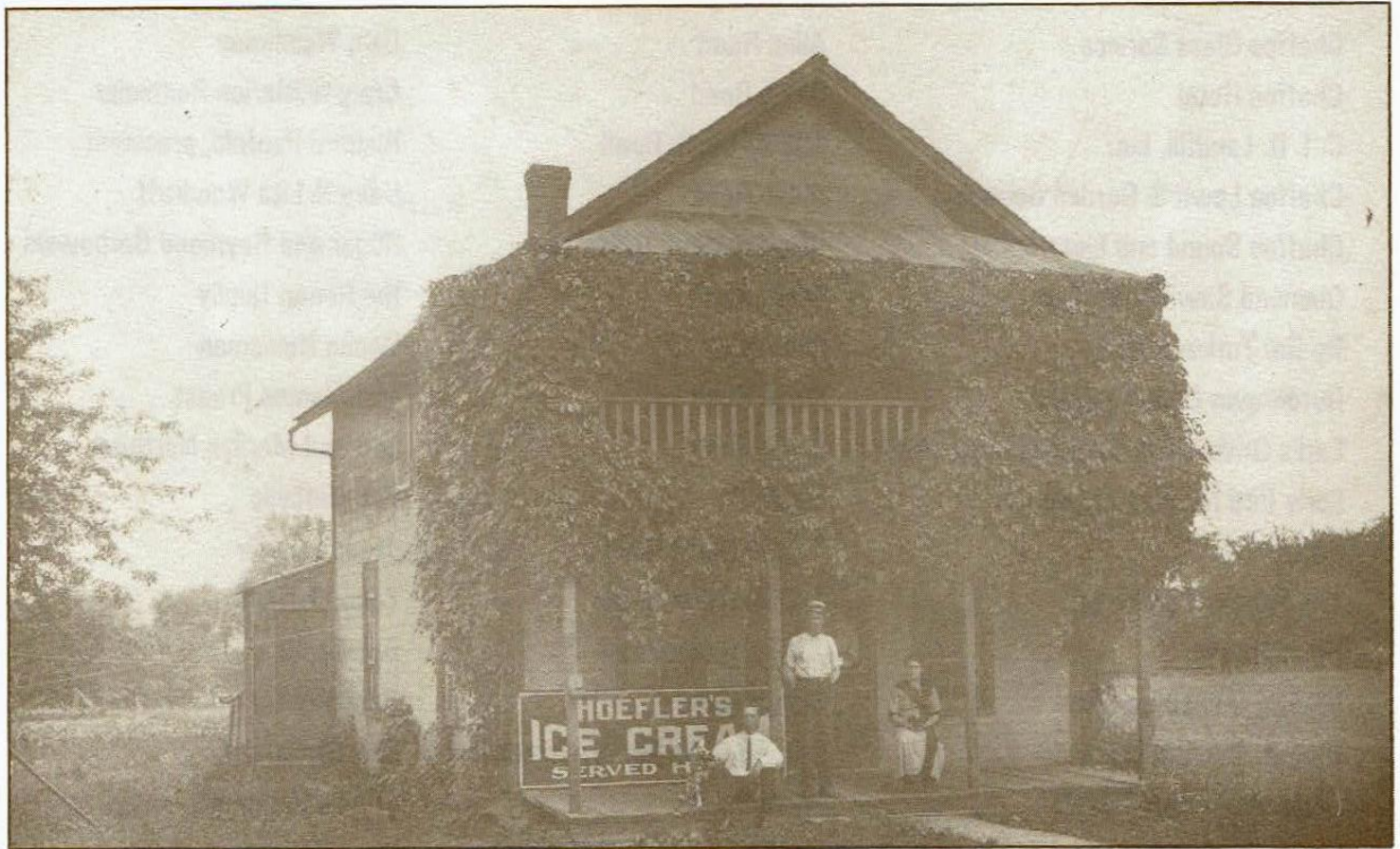
## SARDINIA

### Manufacturing

#### SARDINIA PACKING COMPANY

-- Established 1908 --

Was formerly the Sardinia Saw Mill and Planing Co. It is now under the management of G. A. Williams and this company turns out 4,000 packing boxes weekly. During the past year (1909), Mr. Williams invented a new method for twisting the ends of the wire used in the construction of boxes which has added much not only to the facilities of manufacturing but to the durability of the products manufactured. He also is the inventor of a new end or panel to the boxes which adds greatly to their strength and facilitates handling the same.



**Ice Cream Parlor at 12859 Route 39, east of present Little Country Store**  
Floyd Rogers, Chauncy Strong Sr., Minerva Strong Rogers



## SARDINIA BUSINESSES - 1996

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner / Manager</u>
ARC Specialties	12890 Deerfield Drive	Tony Calverly
Archery Shop	Route 39	William Pritchard
Ben's Nichols Brook Motel	Olean and Schutt Roads	Ben Heath
Blackstone Enterprises	Olean Road	Douglas Kimball
Bockhahn Masonry	12219 Olean Road	James Bockhahn
Buckwheats Florist & Greenhouses	12500 Olean Road	Jean Fluder
The Butternut Inn	Olean and Genesee Roads	Wayne Schultz
Cardinal Acres	10709 Genesee Road	Bob & Ev Mauser
Chaffee Aggregates, Inc.	12959 Schutt Road	Ronald Webber
Chaffee Car Wash & Mini Storage	Olean Road	Jim Carmody
Chaffee Glass Service	Allen Road	Otto Weichman
Chaffee Hotel	Olean Road	Craig & Marion Reitmeier
C. I. D. Landfill, Inc.	10860 Olean Road	Richard Penfold, president
Chaffee Lawn & Garden Service	Olean Road	Dave & Lita Woodruff
Chaffee Sound and Electronics	Olean Rd. and Grove St.	Roger and Raymond Garbowski
Diamond Saw Works, Inc.	Olean Road	the Ronan family
Do-Ral Turkey Calls	Meyers Road	Donna Heineman
Dutchtown Country Store	Olean Road	Mrs. James Probst
Earl's Drive Inn & Sunshine Music Park	Olean Road	Earl and Marilyn Northrup
Early Bird Nursery School	Route 39	Pat Marcello
84 Lumber	12520 Olean Road	Joseph Hardy
The Fitness Connection	12399 Olean Road	Tami Phillippi
Gabel Belting	11489 Olean Road	Bob Gabel
Gemsar Industries, Inc.	Schutt Road	Glen Mueller
Gernatt Asphalt Products	Rte. 16, Rte. 39, W. Schutt Rd.	Dan Gernatt, Jr.
Hammond's Auto Sales	Olean Road	Steven Hammond
Dan Heineman & Sons, Inc.	13980 East Schutt Road	Dan Heineman



<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner / Manager</u>
Highlander Forest	11730 Warner-Gulf Road	Louis Domes
J. Happ Tax Service	12770 Route 39	Jack Happ
Arlene Hall Village Salon	Allen Road	Arlene Hall
Arlene Holts' Beauty Shop	Allen Road	Arlene Holts
Hopkins Construction	Route 39	Norm Hopkins
Howbill Auto Parts, Inc.	12080 Olean Road	Howard Willson
Hulton Construction	Savage Road	John Hulton
Josie's Brookside Motel	Olean and Schutt Roads	Kevin Kern
K & L Clock Repair	Genesee Road	Klaus Nolle
Klimczak's Yarns	13759 Genesee Road	Alice Klimczak
Know-Howe Woodworking	East Schutt Road	Dick Howe
L & L Sales and Service	10380 Route 39	Lee and Laurie Smith
L & M Enterprises	Olean Road	Marv and Kathy Zielonka
Little Country Store	Route 39	Diane Becht
Richard Morris Excavating	Meyers Road	Richard Morris, Sr.
Massage Therapy	Olean Road	Denise Eichmann
MCI Telecommunications	Allen Road	Mark Smutek, mgr.
R. A. Mercer Accounting	Olean Road	John Davis
Mico Welding & Fabrication	Schutt Road	Michael Dix, Sr.
Mountain View Builders	Savage Road	Larry & Travis Petri
Nicolo's Restaurant	Olean Road	Norman Benhatzel
P & R Truss - West, Inc.	East Schutt Road	Norman Plourd & Kerry Rogers
Pioneer Motorsport	Meyers Road	Ken Armstrong & Terry Armstrong
Pizzaz Hair Salon	12391 Olean Road	Michelle Meyers & Dorothy Wolf
Primetime	12249 Olean Road.	John Sixt, Sharon Neamon, Patricia Lunde
The Primitive	12849 Schutt Road	Ron & Sue Kunda
Ramsey Drywall Services	West Schutt Road	Keith Ramsey
Real Vision Corp.	12496 Schutt Road	John Schiener, president
P. C. Rice & Son	Schutt Road	Preston & Dan Rice



<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner / Manager</u>
Rice's Vacation Cottages	Savage Road	Connie Rice
Rosie's Pub	Savage Road	Rose Franklin
Saia Communications, Inc.	12530 Olean Road	Mike Saia
Sardinia Mini-Storage	12827 Schutt Road	Al Ludwig
Sardinia Supply	Schutt Road	Schiener family
Schambach Maple Products	13030 Schutt Road	Kevin Schambach
Shamrock Inn	Schutt Road	Betty Granger
J. R. Shaw Co.	Olean Road	Dale Shaw & Betty Olin
John Sixt & Son, Inc.	13990 East Schutt Road	John Sixt
Southern Auto Outlet	Olean Road	Richard Haws
Steel & O'Brien Mfg., Inc.	12850 Route 39	Michael O'Brien & Don Wells
Strawberry Fields Cafe	13760 East Schutt Road	Barb Boldt
Street Sneaks	12393 Olean Road	Tami Phillippi
Suburban Adult Services, Inc.	Schutt Road	Tom Becker, exec. dir.
Today's Sports	12393 Olean Road	Dan Chenille
Tom's Route 16 Auto Service	Olean Road	Rick Wiedemann
Tri County Supply, Inc.	Olean Road	Paul Lewis
Triton Valley Estates	10600 Olean Road	William E. Pfiel
Whispering Pines Fish Farm	11829 Matteson Corners Road	Stephen Werk
R. Vossler Accounting Service	13460 Schutt Road	Robert Vossler
Wiedemann Construction	Deerfield Drive	Norm Wiedemann
W.N.Y. Physical Therapy Group, P.C.	12395 Olean Road	Pam Gabel
Woodruff Construction	11349 Curriers Road	David Woodruff
Wormhole Cider Mill	10680 Pratham Road	Charles Folts



## RECREATION and PARKS

### EARLY ACTIVITIES

In the late 1800's, camp meetings and both harness and bicycle races were held at a race-track on the west side of Olean Road, south of Genesee Road. The grandstand stood across from the present Primetime Restaurant, and the owner, Charles Orr, lived and had horse barns on Genesee Road, adjacent to the track.

In the early 1900's, there was an athletic club with equipment for several team and individual sports in the Grange Hall in Chaffee..

The old mill race a favorite place for picnics or Sunday afternoon strolls (cf.: BUSINESS - GRIST MILLS). The dam was in Hosmer Brook near a farmhouse at the end of Meyers Road. The race, flowing in a man-made channel from the pond above the dam, was over a quarter mile long. The nearby area was much like a park, with a footpath, many trees, flowers and grassy banks.

Social events of all kinds were important community activities. Ladies brought refreshments in gaily decorated packages to be auctioned off to the men at box socials. Everyone dressed in old, torn, patched clothing for poverty socials. In winter, high school students held parties at the homes of the young people every other week on Friday night. Halloween parties at Savage's hall in the upstairs at the rear of the store or at the Grange Hall were annual events. One year all the

girls would hide and the boys tried to find them before the mill whistle blew; the next year it was the boys' turn to hide.

Picnics were held on the Charlie Briggs property on the corner of Allen and Savage Roads. There was a big sugarbush and a picnic shelter there. Horse races and parades were the order of the day.

Social dancing was popular for many years. House dances were held in alternate homes. The activity often included both dancing, such as polkas and square dancing, and euchre games. The building erected by the Grangers and then used as the town hall was used for roller skating and dances.

Dances were held every weekend at various dance halls. In the 1920's Mamie Wakefield operated Wakefield's Dance Hall by the creek behind the present P.C. Rice and Son. Maude Hopkins had a hall near the present Marge DeGolier residence at 11019 Middle Road for about ten years starting in 1936. From 1938 to 1952, Allen and Lorena Spencer had a hall near the west side of Hakes Bridge on Route 39. Glen Place operated Five Maples Dance Hall in the present garage building at the corner of Savage and Matteson Corners Roads. Five Maples was unusual in that alcohol was served there.

*LOCAL MUSICIANS:* Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood  
Helga Lingren, piano the King Brothers  
Seymour O'Dell Albert Zimmer, Ed Puff, violin  
Helen Oliver Kittleson Mrs. Zimmer, organ  
Nichols orchestra Letha Zimmer



The Cattaraugus Creek was great for swimming and each spring the boys would locate new swimming holes since erosion at high water time would have filled former holes and washed out new ones. However, there was almost always good swimming at the bridge directly south of Sardinia village.

Boys also liked to play at the B. & S. Railroad fill across Hosmer Brook. The stream

ran through five cylinders, each large enough for a half-grown boy to walk through. The trick was to walk through without slipping.

One summer, a few years before World War I, a merry-go-round in Sardinia provided great excitement for the youngsters all summer. John Beischer ran it in the area east of the present Sardinia Mini-Storage.





## **An International Friendship**

by Phillip D. Feraldi

*On June 30, 1988, Town Supervisor Phillip D. Feraldi received a letter from Sardinia, Italy. More specifically, it was from Italia - Inghilterra; a cultural association based in Italy whose aim was, and still is, to develop friendship and ties between English-speaking countries and Italy. Quite by accident, its President, Franco Staffa, had learned of Sardinia, New York, and presumably felt that, inasmuch as our Supervisor's name was of Italian origin, it was quite possible that Sardinia, NY was somehow connected with his European island. (How Sardinia actually got its name is another story...)\**

*Supervisor Feraldi promptly responded and extended an invitation to visit our community. Mr. Staffa accepted and that following August spent a few days in our Town. He stayed at the Olmsted Camp. His itinerary included: eating at Earl's, a tour of Jewert's dairy operation, a trip to the Genesee Road forestry, a ball game at Pilot Field, and climaxed with a dinner honoring him at Shamus' Restaurant. Supervisor Feraldi presented Mr. Staffa with a key to the Town and a Town Board proclamation that expressed its "Warm wishes to Franco and his island of Sardinia for a long and happy friendship between our two Sardinias." Mr. Staffa continued to comment about the warmth and thoughtfulness of our people. He reiterated these sentiments in articles that appeared in Italian newspapers subsequent to his journey.*

*The story does not end there. Two months later, a New York City-based organization entitled Italian-American Multi-Media Corp. (IAMMC) helped to coordinate another visit. This time Mr. Antonio Foddis, President of the Tourism Board of Sardinia, Italy, and Mr. Vincenzo Frigo, Regional Coordinator of Tourism, honored Sardinia, NY, with their presence. Their stay was similar to Staffa's. They enjoyed themselves immensely and left our area with a positive impression of an American community.*

*In the Spring of 1989 Supervisor Feraldi was an honored guest at a New York City luncheon hosted by IAMMC. In addition to the above-mentioned Italians, their Commissioner of Tourism - the Honorable Emidio Casula was present. Gifts were exchanged. Supervisor Feraldi presented him with maple syrup made in Sardinia, buttons featuring "I Love Sardinia" and the written history of Sardinia, New York.*

*Since then several communications have been exchanged and invitations have been extended to visit their Sardinia but no one has done so yet.... Mr. Feraldi sent our 1996 Kiwanis calendars to Italy and he received a Christmas greeting from Mr. Staffa.*

*As many noted, it was a wonderful and rare treat for our Town and we may have somehow played some minor role in helping to promote world peace.*

\* cf.: EARLY HISTORY



## POSTMASTERS IN SARDINIA with dates of appointment

Horace A. Clark	Aug. 1821	Clark F. Crosby	Sep. 1891
Chauncey Hasting	Feb. 1831	Olney W. Andrews	June 1893
Zaccheus W. Fuller	June 1841	Milton H. Pitcher	June 1897
Joseph Candee	Aug. 1843	Grove L. Miller	May 1926 (acting)
Horace Bailey	June 1845	Burt J. Armading	Nov. 1926
	and July 1853	Rex Rosier	Nov. 1934
Roderick Simons	June 1849	Maude C. Cudoba	July 1943
Thomas Holmes	Aug. 1851	Emogene Ellis	Mar. 1957
Horatio W. Simons	June 1861	W. F. Schiener	Apr. 1963
	and Apr. 1869	Marie E. Kittleson	July 1971
Maland Smith	Feb. 1868	Betty Happ	Mar. 1977 (acting)
Sidney D. Kingsley	Mar. 1873		and Nov. 1979
George W. Cook	Dec. 1884	Dorothy E. Titus	Sep. 1977
Frank E. Long	May 1889	Patricia Barber	Aug. 1979
Robert Hopkins	July 1890	Nancy Bojeck	May 1991
Elmer Simons	Apr. 1891	Nancy J. Jones	Dec. 1994

## POSTMASTERS IN CHAFFEE with dates of appointment

Edw. M. Sherman	May 1881	Luther Briggs	Dec. 1897
Emory Smith	Sept. 1887	Howard E. Pomeroy	Jan. 1902
Ralph Howell	Jan. 1889	Vivian Shaw	Jan. 1940
Henry Rifle	Dec. 1889	Alice Knight	1966
Emery Smith	April 1884	Michael Boreanaz	1984



## SARDINIA COMMUNITY FAIRS

On August 9 - 10, 1927, the Sardinia Community, Inc. sponsored the first community agricultural fair at the present Town Hall.

The fair included exhibits of many classes of poultry, fifty-two classes of cattle, other animals, fruits, grains and vegetables, including thirteen classes for potatoes alone. Home exhibits of fancy work, food preservation, baked goods, horticulture and the making of dairy products were also included. Various events, athletic, fiddling, ball games and dancing were scheduled. And, of course, there was a midway.

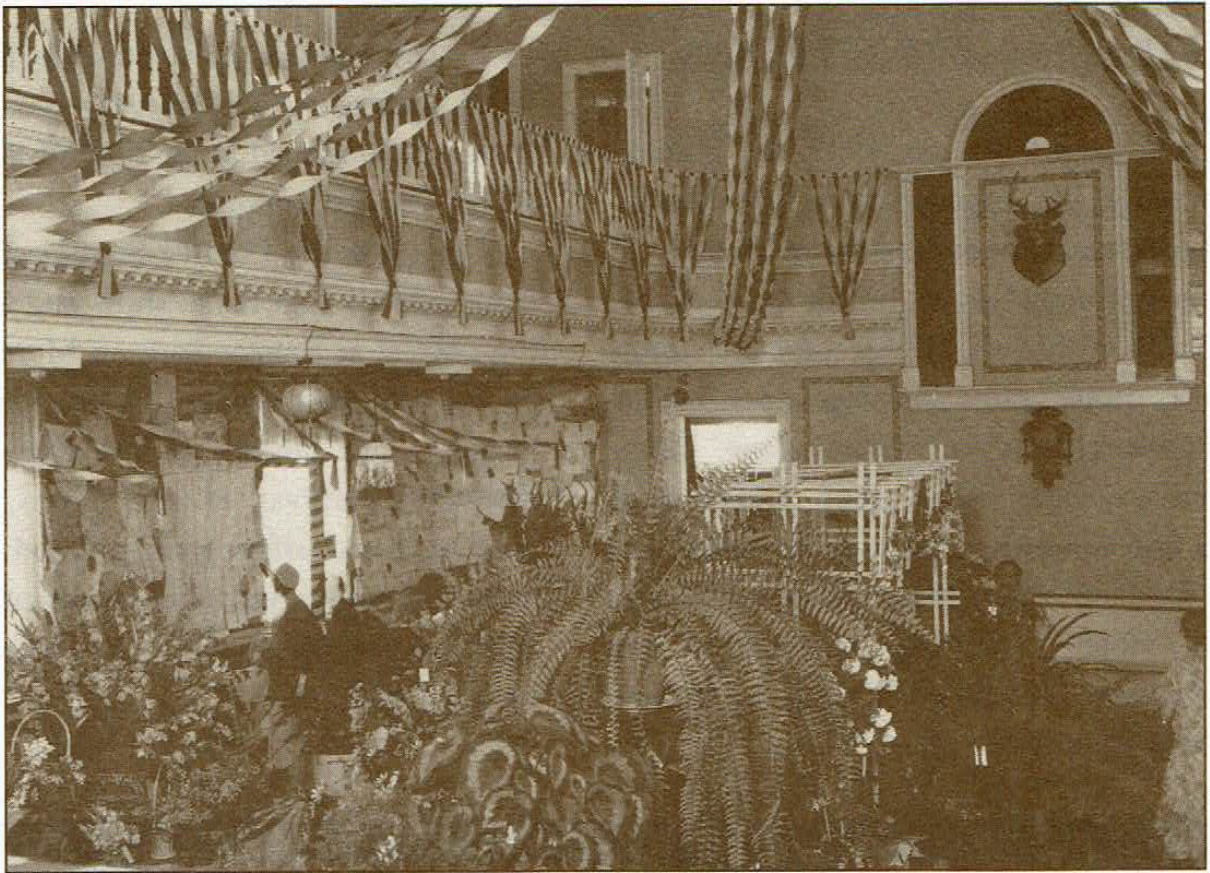
The fair was held annually for sixteen years, increasing to a three day event in 1928. It was discontinued at the time of World War II and was never resumed.

In 1948, the Chaffee-Sardinia Fire Company held its first horse show and team pulling contest at Ranger Park on Morden's farm on the northeast corner of Olean and Schutt Roads. This developed into today's annual three-day carnival at the Town Park on Genesee Road offering rides, food including barbecue, parade and other events culminating with a fireworks display. (cf.: ORGANIZATIONS - FIRE COMPANY)



**Community Hall and Fairgrounds**





**Inside Community Hall**



**Keith George (in knickers), Ken George (in overalls), Gordon Stockin (far right)**



**PROGRAM AUGUST 9**

**BABY SHOW—10:30 until 12:30.**

**ATHLETICS**

**GLENN R. MEAD, Director**

**ATHLETIC EVENTS—1 p. m. until 3 p. m.**

**\$125.00 will be given in prizes for both days**

**Event for Children under 6 years of age**

**Event for Children from 7 to 10 years of age**

**50-yard dash for boys, 10 to 14 years**

**50-yard dash for girls, 10 to 14 years**

**75-yard dash for boys 15 to 18 years of age**

**75-yard dash for girls 15 to 18 years of age**

**100-yard dash for High School Boys**

**220-yard dash for High School Boys**

**440-yard dash for High School Boys**

**880-yard dash for High School Boys**

**BALL GAME—3 p. m. sharp**

**Married Men vs. Single Men**

**A FREE ATTRACTION—8:30 p. m.**

**OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST**

**Age limit between 45 and 100 years**

**1st Prize \$5 in Gold**

**2nd Prize \$3 in Gold**

**3rd Prize \$2 in Gold**

**1 years subscription to the Arcade Press given to the person executing the best cake walk.**

**Same prize to the best Clog Dancer**

**1 years subscription also given to the lady wearing the most comical costume during this contest.**

**Music furnished by the Boys Band of Arcade**

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**PROGRAM, AUGUST 10**

**PARADE—10 p. m. Sharp**     **SPEAKER—11:30 p. m.**

**ATHLETIC EVENTS—1 p. m. Sharp**

**Pole Vault**

**Running High Jump for boys**

**Running High Jump for girls**

**Running Broad Jump**

**Shot Put**

**Tug of War between Chaffee and Sardinia Districts**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Single Men's Event**

**Single Women's Event**

**Married Men's Event**

**Married Women's Event**

**Men and their Wives Event**

**Note.—The Special Events will be made known the day of the fair.**

**Music furnished by the Springville Band**

**Miss Marion Miller will be in charge of a drill given by thirty young people**

**BALL GAME—2:30 p. m. Sharp**

**ALDEN VS. SOUTH WALES**

**Dancing from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m.—Good music will be furnished.**

**All persons desiring concessions on the midway should apply to Wallace W. Willis, Sardinia, N. Y.**

**A. J. HAGERER**

**Hudson-Essex**

**Oakland-Pontiac**

**Atwater-Kent Radio**

**Tires and Accessories**

**Springville, N. Y.**

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**"All Decked Out" for the Parade**



## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

### SARDINIA YOUTH PROGRAM

Weekly athletic and recreational activities for youth are held at the Community Center. Current recreation director is Rob Blendinger.

During the summer, eleven young people are employed as lifeguards at the town pool. Children also engage in a daily morning recreation program and swim lessons.

### EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

Since 1990, the Town of Sardinia has held educational events to celebrate Earth Day, a national commemoration begun twenty years earlier. Displays, presentations and tours of local historical and environmental interest have been planned and presented under the leadership of ten volunteers serving on the town's Environment Committee.

### SARDINIA TOWN PARK

This 25-acre park, with four picnic shelters and an exceptionally fine swimming pool, was donated to the town by the Chaffee--Sardinia Kiwanis Club. Events ranging from small private gatherings to the annual Firemen's Carnival are held here.

In 1990, a local park improvement organization, The Friends of the Park, received an \$85,000 matching grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation. The pool was re-cemented, tiled and fenced for \$91,000, a timber playground was constructed, and in 1992 two new tennis courts were built for \$21,000.

### SPRAGUE BROOK PARK

Sprague Brook Park, part of the Erie

County Park system, opened in 1970. Partly in Concord and partly in Sardinia, Sprague Brook lies on the north side of Foote Road.

Picnicking and hiking are available and a campground has also been developed.

Each fall the Erie County Department of Parks and Recreation sponsors a Salute to Autumn. Many activities for both children and adults are planned. Races, both bicycle and foot, a craft show, kite flying, hayrides, tours of the Forestry Project and to a cider mill are usually included in the schedule.

### MANION PARK

In 1977, the Town of Sardinia purchased twelve acres from William Manion to create a park for residents of Chaffee. The park has playground equipment and a picnic shelter.

### OLMSTED CAMP

The Olmsted Camp is on Benton Road, near the Cattaraugus Creek, on the farm where Horace Rider built the Greek Revival Home. The home was in the family of his daughter, Abigail, and her husband, James Hopkins, for many years. (cf.: PIONEERS - RIDER and HOPKINS)

While fishing at the Hosmer Brook at the turn of the century, John B. Olmsted discovered the beauty of the Hopkins Farm and received permission to bring his family to camp in the pasture. They pitched canvas tents where the small cabins now stand. In 1909, his son Harold L. Olmsted designed the arts and crafts style main camp building.

In 1944, John B. Olmsted's granddaughter, Emily O. Roderick, purchased the house, farm and 188 acres from a Hopkins descendent, Mazie Benton, thereby keeping the original



farm intact. The grounds boast beautiful flower gardens and a tennis court made from clay dug from the banks of Cattaraugus Creek.

In 1984, Emily's daughter, Emily R. Oprea, moved into the farm house to restore it and to manage the estate. She opened a bed and breakfast establishment and, in 1993, undertook a major renovation of the main camp building. Now temporary headquarters of the Western New York Land Conservancy, the camp also holds occasional musical events. For three weeks every August, about forty Olmsted descendants visit the camp just as they have done for 87 years.



**John B. Olmsted**

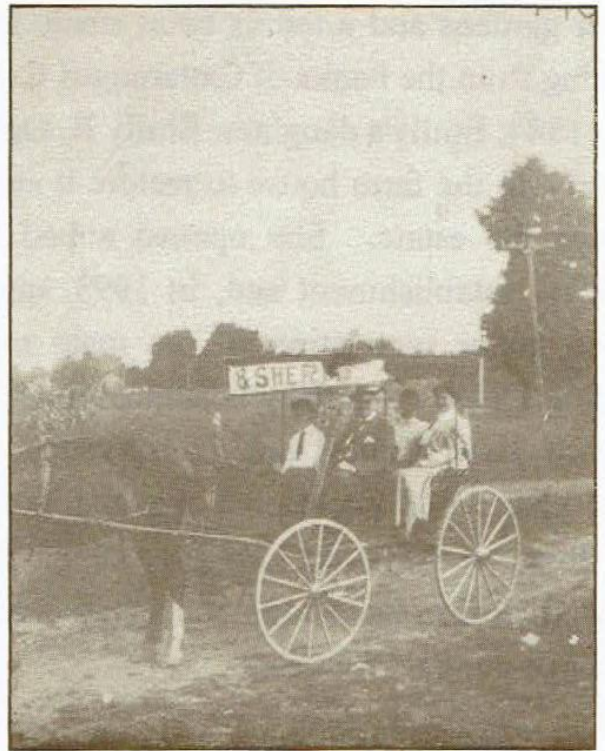


**The Hopkins Homestead on Benton Road**

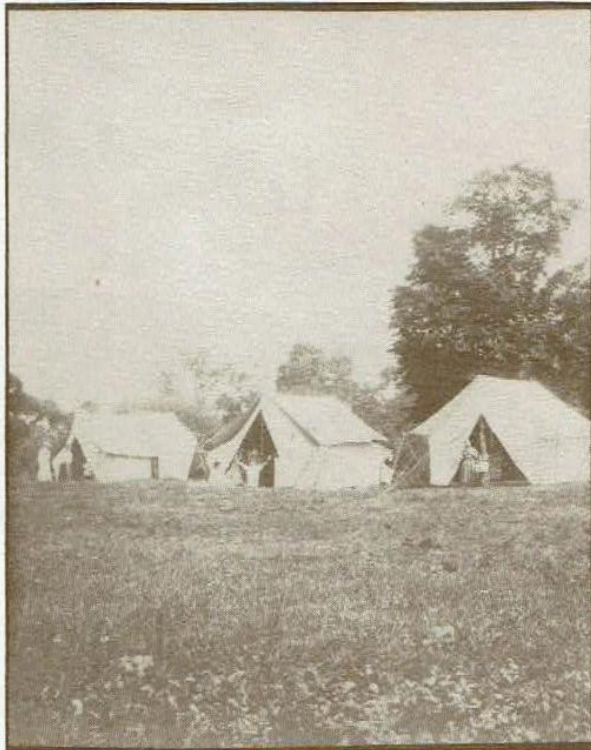




"Waiting for Transport to Camp"



"We're All Loaded Up!"

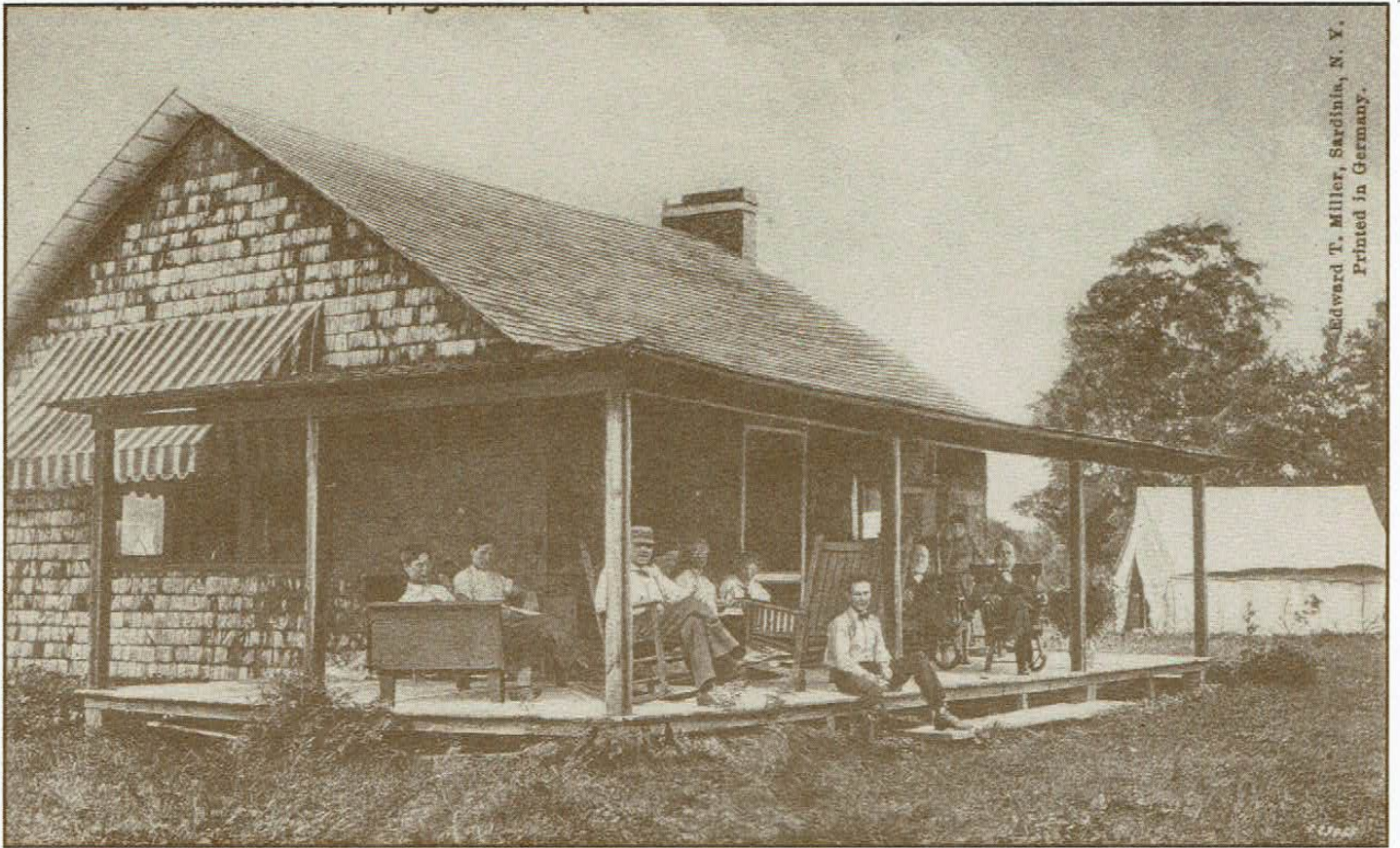


"The Tents Are Up!"



"Out Wading in the Hosmer"





Edward T. Miller, Sardis, N. Y.  
Printed in Germany.

**First Camp Building Built about 1906**



**Present Camp Building Built in 1909**





**First Fire Truck**

Parke Davis, Carl Gertis, Walter Schiener Sr., Charles Manion, Gordon Hakes, Maurice Phelps, LeRoy Jewert



**Legion Post 1131 Drum and Bugle Corps - 1950's**



## ORGANIZATIONS

The first noteworthy organization in the Town of Sardinia was the Grange, which was organized in 1903 with seventy members and flourished in Chaffee until the early 1920's. The Grange Hall still stands on the south side of the Chaffee Hotel, but is privately owned.

### THE AMERICAN LEGION

Sardinia Post #1131, The American Legion was chartered November 2, 1934 with twenty members drawn from ranks of World War I veterans. Today's twenty members also include veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam and the actions in Grenada, Panama and the Persian Gulf. The current Commander is Walter (Jake) Schiener.

For sixteen years the post met at the Sardinia School; in 1950 they purchased the old Sardinia Hotel lot. That May members landscaped and placed a monument dedicated "In Honor and Memory of Our Comrades of All Wars". In 1951 a clubhouse was built for the monthly meetings. Members also erected the monument and flagpole at the Sardinia Cemetery in honor of all veterans.

Post activities include annual Memorial Day services, sponsorship of Boy Scouts, Boys' State and Americanism programs, presentation of American flags and flagpoles to town organizations and of community service awards. It also has provided shelter and playground equipment for the Town Park.



Honor Roll in honor of men serving in World War II on lot where Legion Hall now stands.

### CHAFFEE-SARDINIA KIWANIS CLUB

The Chaffee-Sardinia Kiwanis Club, dedicated to serving the town and its people, was organized in 1947 with Walter Schiener Sr. the first president. Their first project was to donate a 500-gallon pumper to the fire company. Over the years, Kiwanis has continued to support the fire company's equipment purchases.

Another major project was the development of the Town Park on Genesee Road. (cf.: PARKS) The town now owns the park.

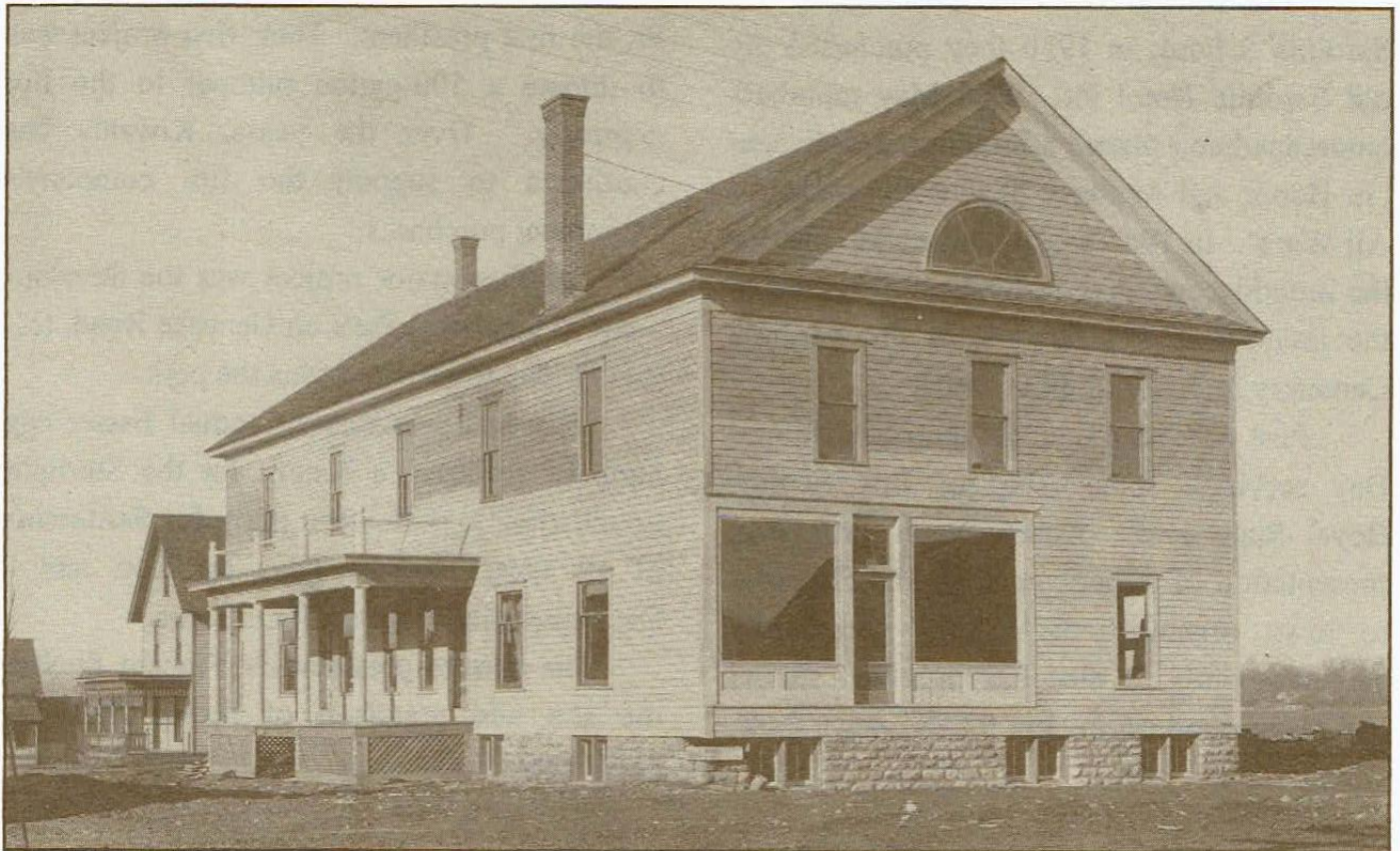
Kiwanis sponsors an annual Easter egg hunt for children, a benefit for the Starlight Foundation, a Halloween party for Sardinians of all ages, Trooper Toys for Tots and a December dinner for senior citizens.

The current president is Vincent Phelps, the son and grandson of former Kiwanis presidents.





**Sardinia Home Bureau about 1929:** *Front:* C. Rupert, L. Bridgman, G. Sears, I. Goldberg, E. House, A. Andrews, S. Webster, A. Zimmer; *Row two:* B. Willis, B. Sears, F. Joslyn, M. Cudoba, L. Carlsen, F. Miller; *Row three:* E. Casey, E. Goodemote, L. Dawley, I. Kaiser, A. Shedd, B. Rider; *Back:* Mrs. Aldrich, M. Briggs, Mrs. Stump, A. Briggs, M. Cornwell, C. Rubeck, E. Loomis, M. Gray, M. Benton, M. Kittleson, B. Andera, A. Hopkins, J. Tillinghast.



**I. O. O. F. Hall, Olean Road, Chaffee**



## MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

The Memorial Volunteer Fire Company of Chaffee-Sardinia was organized in 1948. Walter Schiener Sr. was the first president, and Charles Manion the first Chief. The Kiwanis Club donated the first truck, a Dodge pumper, enabling the company to function. This was stored in a barn owned by G. Gordon Hakes just north of the present Chaffee Hotel on Olean Road. The first fire hall in Chaffee was built in 1949 and the present adjoining hall about 1970.

The second piece of equipment was a tank truck, largely a gift from Parke Davis. (cf.: PIONEERS - DAVIS) In 1952, Jake Schiener and Robert Wilkie added enough length onto a small storage building west of the present Church of Christ on the triangle in Sardinia to accommodate the truck. The hall on West Schutt Road was a former sawmill, built by Robert and Irv Noel and purchased by the fire company in 1961. A five-bay hall behind this building was constructed in 1994. It holds first aid and rescue vehicles.

First Aid Emergency Service became available about 1955. Three fire halls, one in Sardinia, one in Chaffee, and one constructed in 1957 on Genesee Road in the west part of town provide emergency coverage for the entire town.

There are currently forty-eight members. David Kibler is president.

Every year the Firemen's Carnival held at the Community Park the first week in July is one of the main events of the year.

A year or so after the Fire Company organization, the Firemen's Auxiliary was formed to raise funds for the fire company. Annette Haner was the first president. There

are currently twenty-seven members. Mary Lou Long is the president. A Junior Fire Company was organized in 1989. There are currently fourteen members and Hans Heinemann is chief.

## HOME BUREAU CLUBS and SARDINIA COMMUNITY, INC.

The Sardinia Home Bureau Club was organized in 1915 under the leadership of Katherine Mills. The club flourished over the years with its headquarters in a former paint shop on West Schutt Road. It was customary to hold, in early August, a picnic for members and their families. This grew, first into a community picnic, then into a more elaborate field day. There are presently 20 members in the Sardinia Home Bureau.

As the Home Bureau Funds were growing, so was the idea of a community hall. The club purchased the vacant old Baptist Church on Savage Road. The Sardinia Community Inc., with Seymour E. Rosier, president, was formed to handle larger activities. The Home Bureau turned over the building to them. In 1927, they sponsored the first Sardinia Community Fair (cf.: RECREATION).

When the fairs were discontinued at the time of World War II, the Sardinia Community, Inc. was dissolved and the hall became town property.

Chaffee Home Bureau was formed in 1993. Ann Jackson was the first chairman and Ann Feraldi is chairman now. There are about thirteen members who meet twice a month at Chaffee Baptist Church and raise money by making quilts.



## INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The Chaffee Lodge No. 256, I.O.O.F. was instituted March 29, 1905. A. D. Moore was Noble Grand. Membership started with forty, increased to seventy and currently stands at twenty-seven. Tom Kazmark is now Noble Grand. A service organization which donates to needy families and local churches, they meet twice a month and attend annual Western New York Brotherhood conventions.

The Odd Fellows Hall on Olean Road in Chaffee was built in 1910 on land bought from F. Hale for \$950. The building has two apartments and a stage downstairs. A former barbershop area is now used for storage.

Amaryllis Rebekah Lodge No. 503, I.O.O.F. was instituted May 6, 1913. They have been inactive since 1995.

## ERIE COUNTY CONSERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

In 1896, the Erie County Society for the Protection of Birds, Fish and Game was formed to safeguard fish, game and trees and also to provide open land on which to roam, fish, hunt and camp. Forty active members meet monthly under the presidency of Cheryl Schenne at the current location on Miller Avenue in Protection, which was purchased in 1927. In 1948, a fourteen-acre lake, well stocked with black bass, blue gill and perch, was constructed on the property.

Structures on the grounds include Grouse Hall and the Kelly Building, named for Raymond E. Kelly, a past society president and well-known fly fisherman. There are also two lighted trap fields, a rifle and pistol range, and a full archery course. Members helped estab-

lish and build the Conservation building on the Erie County Fairgrounds, and, along with local Boy Scouts, have planted more than 100,000 trees on the Society grounds.

## SARDINIA ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Sardinia Rod and Gun Club, founded in 1936 with five members has grown to a membership of forty. The present building on the Middle Road was built in 1963.

Members shoot in the Western New York Trap League in winter, and in the Southeastern League in summer. The club also sponsors horse pulls and variety shoots. Donald Hopkins is the president.

## SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS

At various times there have been Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations in town. The first Boy Scout troop began in 1913, when the Boy Scouts of America was itself a very young organization. The troop here was sponsored by the Sardinia Baptist Church, now the Town Hall. Hayden Orr was the first scoutmaster.

Sardinia Boy Scouts now belong to Troop 627 which also includes boys from Delevan, Machias and Yorkshire. The Wolf and Webe-los Cub Scout dens still meet in Sardinia. Cubmaster of Pack 627, and leader in Sardinia is Cindy Skrzypek. The boys' activities include food drives, pop can collection and marching in parades.

Sardinia Girl Scouts are currently part of the Sar-Del troop. One group of Junior Girl Scouts meets in town under the leadership of Debra Jasinowski. Other girls have joined and meet with the Delevan groups appropriate for their age levels.



### TRI-COUNTY SQUARES

The Sardinia Tri-County Square Dance Club was started by Ed and Betty Wood. They held an open house at the Sardinia Town Hall in September 1973. Five couples were charter members.

Soon nine sets were jamming the floor for three hours of instruction of Western Style square dancing. Classes run each year from September to May; graduates join the club and may attend dances throughout the country and abroad. Twenty-nine couples graduated in 1974 and formed the Tri-County Squares. The first presidents were Bill and Ginny Brown. Dick Shimburski, now a caller and teacher, was a member of the first class.

For special events, members wear square dance costumes or Western shirts. Many enjoy attending state and national conventions.

### PIONEER RADIO OPERATORS' SOCIETY (PROS)

The society was organized in 1984. The current president is Michael Buttino. Members communicate with other Ham Radio operators locally and worldwide via radio, satellites and packet radio. About fifty members of all ages meet monthly at the Sardinia Community Center.

### WESTERN NEW YORK

#### LAND CONSERVANCY

The Western New York Land Conservancy, Inc., founded in 1991, is a private, not-for-profit, and tax-exempt corporation. It has headquarters on Benton Road in Sardinia and serves eight counties. Managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, of whom Emily Oprea is Acting Executive Director, and with the assistance of a volunteer Technical Advisory Board, the Conservancy acts in partnership with private landowners and municipalities to provide permanent protection from harmful land use activities. The WNYLC accepts donations of property or development rights, buys land or land rights and helps landowners establish legal restrictions that limit potentially harmful uses via a variety of creative, flexible conservation services including deed restrictions, planning for limited or creative development, acquisition of trade lands, site assessment and planning. The organization also offers consulting services to individuals and communities in the area, sponsors community workshops, produces and distributes informational materials and provides individual advice to help promote conservation efforts. The WNYLC is supported entirely by memberships, donations and grants.

Newsletters are published, meetings and field trips are held to promote a positive difference in the preservation of and remediation of damage to Western New York's environmental heritage.



## SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Seeing a need to establish and maintain cooperative relations with property owners in town, Walter Dabolt was one of a group of people instrumental in the 1971 organization of the Sardinia Snowmobile Club. Ken Armstrong was the first president. Today there are about twenty-five members who maintain, with the latest in grooming equipment, about thirty miles of trails posted with information and directional signs. Kelly Roblee is the current president.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

The Sardinia Senior Citizens organized in 1978-1979 with about forty members. For many years they met regularly at the Town Hall. They now meet monthly at the Legion building on Schutt Road. The first president was Ralph Brown; currently Clint Salmon is president. They also meet regularly for breakfast throughout the year and have picnics during the summer. They go on numerous bus

excursions, from visiting the Erie Canal to a week-long trip to Charleston, South Carolina.

## THE SARDINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Organized in 1973, the Sardinia Historical Society works to study the early history of our town, preserve and exhibit old records, manuscripts and articles connected with this history and mark places of historic interest. President since its inception, Mrs. Marjorie DeGolier has gathered an extensive collection of artifacts for the society.

The major activity has been the establishment, in 1975, of a historical museum in the upper story of the Town Hall's north wing. This wing, formerly the church shed, houses a fine collection.

Members participate in annually creating an exhibit of historical interest for the Erie County Fair. Memorable displays include the Underground Railroad in Sardinia, a Legion exhibit, Ruby Wilkins' sewing room and the Community Fair.

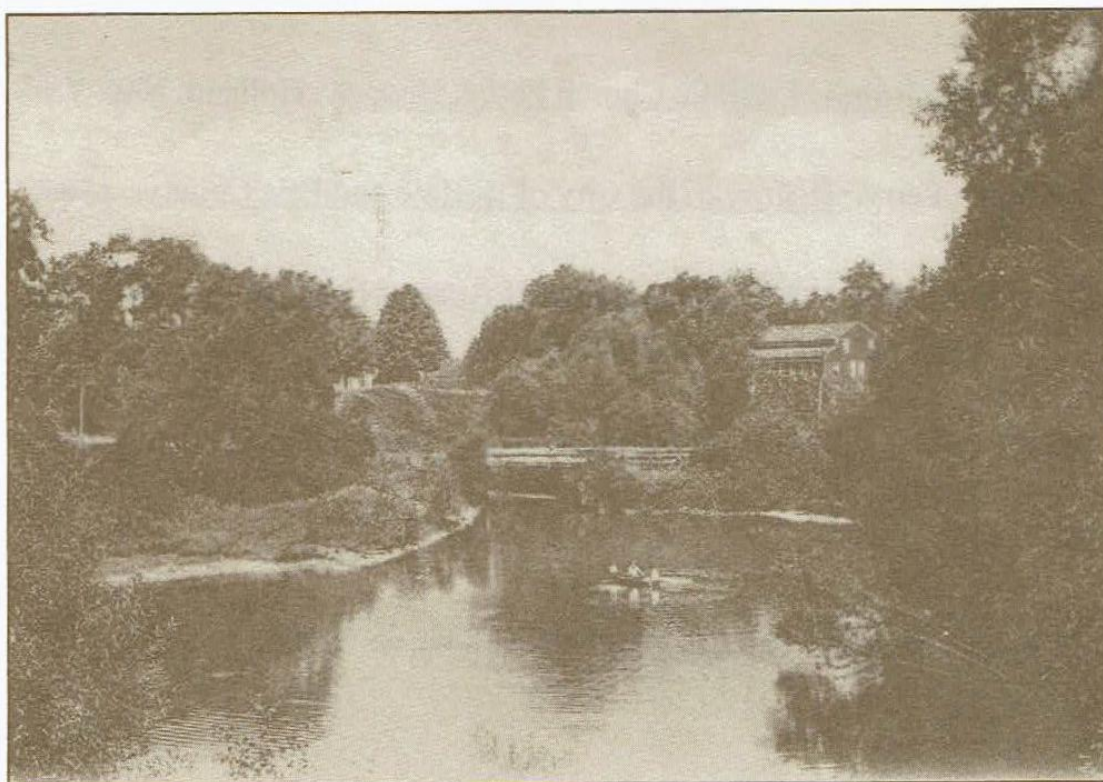


**Sardinia Historical Museum**





**"Ye Old Swimming Hole" - Sardinia**



**The Old Mill Pond; Grist Mill in Background**  
behind present Sandra Rice home, 12906 Route 39