

The **Oneida County History Center** invites you to partake in our **Historical Selfie Scavenger Hunt** this August! We have maps available for both Oneida County and the Utica area.

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You also acknowledge the risks involved in the Historical Selfie Scavenger Hunt. These include but are not limited to crossing streets (which we advise to be done at cross walks) and walking around unfamiliar neighborhoods (which we advise to be done with a parent or guardian). You must make every effort to obey safety precautions.

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Age: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

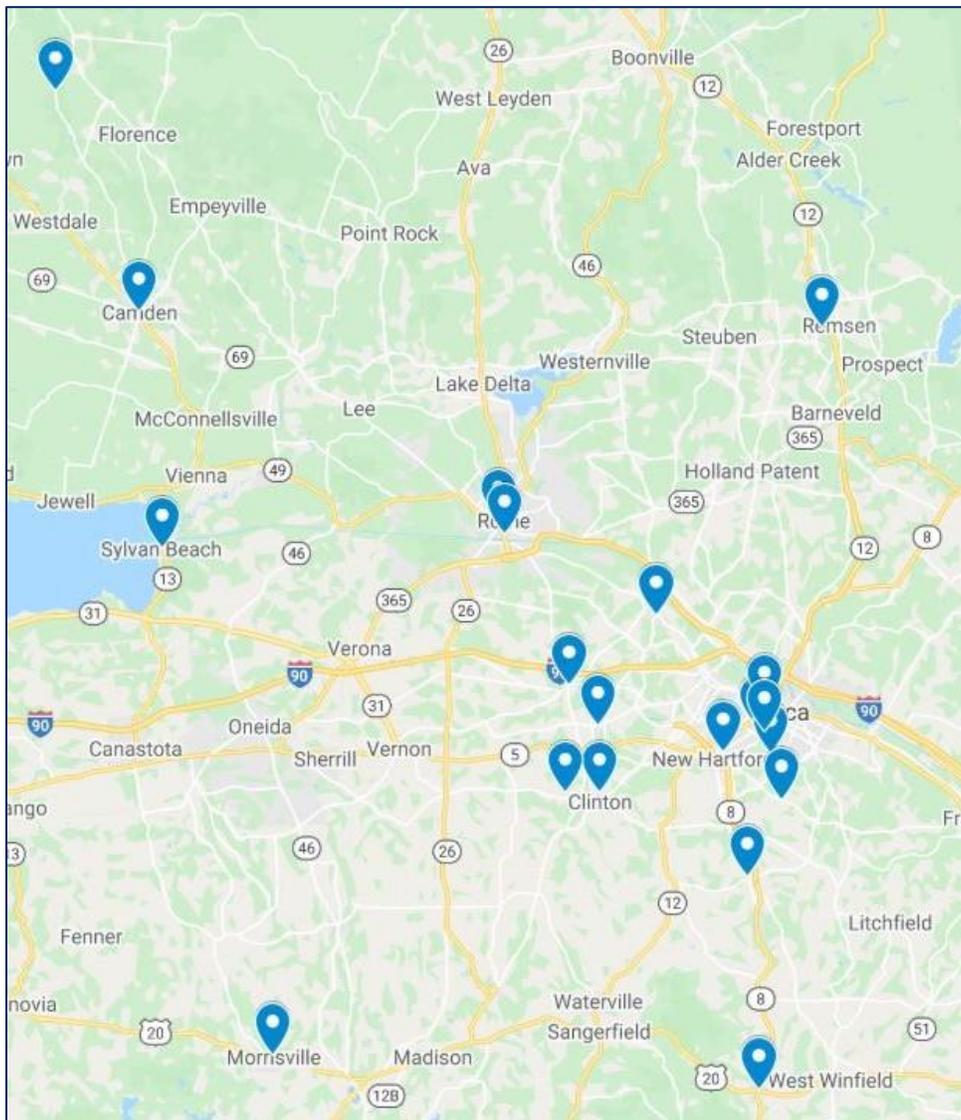
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GREATER ONEIDA COUNTY MAP

Instructions: Follow the clues and take a selfie at the following historical sites, monuments, or markers on a camera or smartphone after learning about Oneida County's regional history! You must **visit at least 15 locations** and include the Oneida County History Center. Be sure to share your adventure by posting your photos on social media and don't forget to tag the History Center! Bring evidence of your journey through history to the History Center by **4:00 pm on August 31, 2020** or contact rmclain@oneidacountyhistory.org to submit your evidence electronically. Upon completion all participants will be entered to win the grand prize gift basket, which will be awarded on September 1, 2020. Children 18 and under will receive a participation prize, and the **first five** to complete the scavenger hunt will receive a membership to the History Center and a fun gift.

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Follow the clues and visit 15 locations of your choice by August 31st!

- 1.) This organization has collected, preserved, and made accessible the history of Oneida County since 1876. Originally located on Park Ave., then in the basement of Fountain Elms, today the organization is housed within a former Christian Science church. Explore the exhibit gallery and grounds of this location. In honor of the centennial of suffrage, snap a selfie with two items related to women's history!
- 2.) This world-famous botanist was born in a small town in Oneida County in 1810. He practiced medicine locally before becoming interested in botany. He taught at Hamilton College and Harvard University. Find the historical marker in his hometown and take a selfie.
- 3.) Erin Hamlin is not the only Olympian from Oneida County. This speed skater competed in the Olympics three times and was the 1926 national speed skating champion. Find the recreation area that bares this individual's name and snap a selfie with a chair.
- 4.) *The Annals and Recollections of Oneida County* is a must-have resource for anyone interested in the Oneida County history. The author also fought in the War of 1812 and served as a local judge. Find the historical marker of the author's home and take a selfie
- 5.) Visit the Copper City to find this Kallet chain movie house that was built in 1928. First-run movies were shown here until its closure 1974. It underwent renovations and currently is a performing and visual arts center. Take a photo with the marquee.
- 6.) This mural shows twenty five and drummers and was painted in 2014 by local artists Jane Grace Taylor. This corps was organized in Taberg in 1850, and their uniforms are modeled after General Washington's Army. They play, and have played, at numerous parades and celebrations including President Grant's inauguration in 1866. Snap a selfie with the mural!
- 7.) This historic interdenominational church opened in 1887 and is visited each summer by year-round and seasonal residents. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. Scenes from the film *The Sterile Cuckoo* starring Liza Minnelli were shot here. Document your discovery with a selfie!
- 8.) This individual made history when he was elected mayor in 1974 of this small town in Southern Oneida County. Originally thought to be the very first African-American mayor in New York State, Ben White of Port Byron predates the Oneida County election. Find the historical marker that commemorates this achievement and snap a selfie.
- 9.) This water wheel now greets you at the entrance to a neighborhood, but it once actually worked! Abdoo Zegibe, who immigrated to the US from Syria in 1906, built the wheel to create electricity for his cow barn and farmhouse. The dam created by the power wheel was a popular swimming spot until its closure in 1986. Take a selfie with the water wheel.

10.) This location is the final resting place of 48 Revolutionary War Veterans and some of the area's first settlers. Explore the graves of those who fought to establish our nation, then take a respectful photo at this spot.

11.) This Oneida Nation leader was a member of the Wolf Clan, achieved the rank chief warrior, and was a wampum keeper for his nation. He encouraged the Oneida to fight with the Americans during the Revolutionary war and helped organize relief efforts for Washington's starving troops at Valley Forge. These are just a few of this individual's many contributions to national and local history. Find his memorial on a college campus and take a photo.

12.) Utica's St. Marianne of Molokai (1838-1918) grew up as Barbara Cope. She was instrumental in establishing St. Elizabeth's Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. She also traveled to Hawaii to assist victims of leprosy. She was canonized a saint of the Catholic Church on October 21, 2012 for her tireless devotion to her patients and faith. A statue was erected in her honor near her childhood home. Snap a selfie with the statue!

13.) This mural is a recent addition to a park in Midtown Utica and depicts historic and contemporary contributions and experiences from the area's African American citizens. This artwork represents one of Utica's contributions to the current, national civil rights movement. Snap a selfie with your favorite part of the mural.

14.) This infamous gang of horse thieves, robbers, and arsonists caused trouble in Southern Oneida County and Madison County throughout the mid to late 1800s. They lived just outside Waterville near Nine-Mile Swamp. A historical marker, just beyond the Oneida County border, marks the location where they burned a courthouse to prevent their trial in 1864. Take a selfie with the historical marker.

15.) This hub once served the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad. Today it serves craft beer and food. Snap a selfie with the caboose!

16.) An amusement park on the Oriskany Bluffs operated from 1897-1926 and was accessible from Utica by trolley. Thousands visited annually during its heyday for games, rides, music, and dancing. A historical marker denotes the location of the trolley's ascent into the park. Snag a selfie here.

17.) Rev. Robert Everette emigrated from Wales in 1823. He preached several places before settling at the Capel Ucha. He was active in the Underground Railroad and was referred to as "our Welsh friend" by Frederick Douglass. Find Everett's final resting place and take a photo.

18.) Utica and the surrounding towns were bustling with mills in the 1800s and 1900s. This hamlet earned its name from the founders of the local mill that was established here in 1845. Take a selfie with the historical marker.



19.) Located in the northwest corner of Oneida County, a historical marker now commemorates the Florence Farming Association, a program developed to promote a community where free Blacks could have land and farm. The association was formed in 1845 and land was purchased in 1849 by abolitionist Gerrit Smith. The community was home to 80-90 families for 12 years before it disbanded in the 1860s. [Snap a selfie with the marker!](#)

20.) A British fort once stood near the Oneida Carry, a strategic trade route used by Native Americans and early American settlers that connected the Atlantic coast with the interior of the continent. It was built during the French and Indian War to guard this advantageous spot and defend the Mohawk Valley. It was destroyed by the British to keep it from French capture on August 31, 1756. [Snap a selfie with the historical marker at this spot.](#)

Need help finding answers to your clues? Visit the Oneida County History Center, Oneida County Tourism, New York State Path Through History, or research online. *Children: Please ask an adult for assistance when searching online.

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