

# One Square Mile Of History

## Lewiston, New York

**PROGRESSIVELY PROUD -**

**HISTORICALLY ENDOWED**

Once upon a time Lewiston was the center of the frontier. It was the landing place for all furs bound for the East from the West, all military supplies from the East to the Forts in the West. Out of it's frontier beginnings men built buildings as great as themselves. Among those still standing are:

**BARTON HILL** - 1815 Benjamin Barton was connected with the forwarding of furs and all goods over the Portage.

**FAIRBANKS** - Joshua Fairbanks built sometime shortly after 1815; he was connected with the Bartons in building the **FRONTIER HOUSE**.

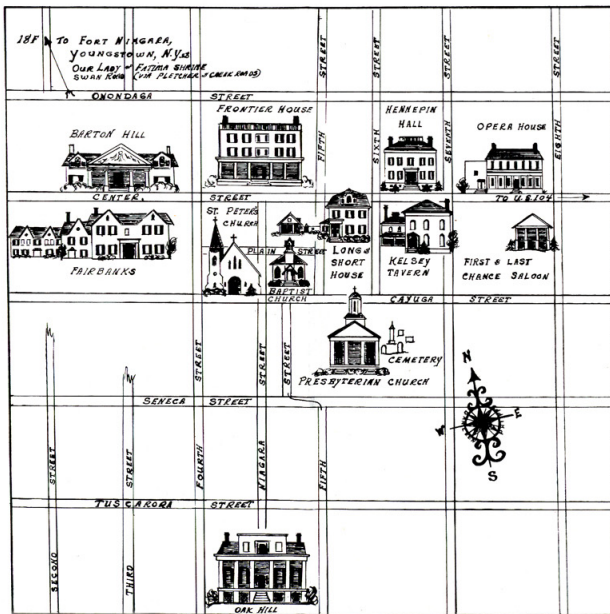
**FRONTIER HOUSE** - 1824. A famous hostelry for years, entertaining many famous people. Owners ran stage coaches along the Ridge Road. Restored in June 1964 by Mr. and Mrs. James Russel Smith.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH** - Parish established in 1851. Present church started in early 1900's on site of the old Baptist church.

**BAPTIST CHURCH** - Originally St. Paul's Episcopal church - built in 1833.

**OAK HILL** - 1834. Home of Seymour Scovell, Collector of the Port under Presidents Jackson and VanBuren. Property of SPA.

**LONG and SHORT HOUSE and STORE** - 1815 Residence, law office and store of William Hotchkiss Sr., a lawyer noted as a peace maker. Descendants of his still live in the Village.



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 1825 - 1833. The Mother Church of Presbyterianism in this region. A walk through the cemetery reveals many interesting memorials to the old residents.

**HENNEPIN HALL** - St. Peter's Convent - Home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Built in 1833 by Sherburn Piper, a wealthy lawyer.

**KELSEY TAVERN** - Originally stood beside the road. Marquis de LaFayette spent the night here in 1825. Greatly restored in the 1880's. Now a private home.

**OPERA HOUSE** - For many years the center for Village and Town dances, stereoptican lectures, home talent entertainments, mission church for the poor.

**FIRST and LAST CHANCE SALOON** - Some say it was the law office of Bates Cooke whose family were early settlers. Later it was one of the many saloons in the Village. Restored in 1957 by Mr. and Mrs. Bjame Klausen. Presently the art center of Sam Russo.

Today Lewiston is a part of the growing Niagara Frontier - a progressive suburban community serving it's citizens well, but always mindful of its rich historic background.