

*First Judge*; James Ganson, *County Clerk*; Gideon T. Jenkins, *Sheriff*; James Rosebrugh, *Surrogate*; and George Hosmer, *District Attorney*. All, except Hayden, who was appointed March 28, 1821, were appointed February 26, 1821. The first Board of Supervisors consisted of:—Thomas Wiard, Avon, Robert McKay, Caledonia, Davenport Alger, *Freeport*, (Conesus,) Wm. H. Spencer, Geneseo, Wm. Fitzhugh, Groveland, Jellis Clute, Leicester, Mannasseh Leach, Lima, Ichabod A. Holden, Livonia, Wm. A. Mills, Mt. Morris, Wm. McCartney, Sparta, Alvah Southworth, Springwater, and Titus Goodman, York. Wm. Fitzhugh was chosen chairman, and Ogden M. Willey, of Geneseo, clerk, a position he filled very acceptably for thirty years. Orlando Hastings, of Geneseo, was appointed county treasurer, an office then filled by the Boards of Supervisors of the various counties.

The supervisors being required by the Act erecting the county to determine the proper amount to be raised for the erection of county buildings, at their first annual meeting in October, 1821, resolved to raise nine thousand dollars for that object. This amount being afterwards deemed insufficient, in December following the Board applied to the Legislature for permission to raise an additional two thousand dollars. Permission was granted and that further sum raised. The court house and jail were completed and ready for use in the spring of 1823. Both are still in use. The court house is a brick building and begins to show the ravages of time and the elements, but Judges from abroad pronounce it superior in all needful requirements to any on their circuit. It is beautifully situated in the north part of the village, facing the main street, which runs north and south. The jail is a wooden structure, standing a little north-west of the court house, and in September, 1880, contained eight inmates. The county clerk's office is a one-story cobble-stone building, standing directly east of and adjacent to the court house. All are in the same inclosure, and all are common-place looking buildings. The clerk's office was for several years kept in the court house.

While the court house was in process of construction the courts were held in the upper story of the brick building which occupied the site of the present union school building on Center street, in Geneseo. It was the regular district school house, the lower part being used for that purpose, and the upper part to some extent as a private academical school. There the first court of record held in the county was convened on the last Tuesday in May,

1821, and after prayer by Rev. Mr. Bull, was opened by the usual proclamation. Moses Hayden, First Judge, presided, and was assisted by Matthew Warner, Jeremiah Riggs and Leman Gibbs, Associate Judges. The grand jurors impaneled on this occasion were: William Janes, foreman, Robert McKay, James Smith, Asa Nowlen, Josiah Watrous, Francis Stevens, William Warner, Ichabod A. Holden, Ruel Blake, Wm. A. Mills, Ebenezer Damon, P. P. Peck, Joseph A. Lawrence, William Crossett, William Carnahan, James McNair, John Culver, Erastus Wilcox, John Hunt, Daniel H. Fitzhugh, Thomas Sherwood, Ebenezer Rogers and Gad Chamberlin.

The first case tried was that of Mary DeGraw, who was indicted for assault and battery with intent to kill. She was convicted of assault and battery, but acquitted on the rest of the indictment. May Brown was sentenced at this time to the Ontario county jail for thirty days. This appears to have been the first commitment.

The first term of the Court of Common Pleas was held the same day. James Richmond, LeRoy Buckley, Roger Wattles, T. H. Gilbert, Joseph White, Jehiel Kelsey, John Salmon, George Whitmore, David A. Miller, Riley Scoville, Andrew Stilwell, and Federal Blakesley composed the jury. The first court held in the court house was the May term of the Common Pleas Court in 1823, Charles H. Carroll, First Judge, presiding.

The county poor house is pleasantly situated on a farm of one hundred and fifty-one acres in the town of Geneseo, about one and one-half miles east of Geneseo village. The farm, which originally contained about one hundred and thirty-six acres, was bought for the purpose in 1829, for \$5,440, and a two-story addition forty-eight by thirty-six feet made to the dwelling house then on the premises. On the 10th of June, 1829, it was opened for the reception of paupers. It soon, however, ceased to meet the demands on it, and in 1849, the Supervisors appropriated \$6,000 for the purpose of erecting a new building, and appointed Allen Ayrault, Wm. J. Hamilton and Russell Austin to superintend its construction and to dispose of the old one, which, with eighteen acres of land, was sold at auction Dec. 13, 1850, to Dr. Daniel H. Bissell, of Geneseo, for \$2,001. The old building is now owned and occupied as a residence by Joseph Truesdell Lamson.

A new three-story brick building, 108 by 36 feet, with basement, and two lateral wings, each 53 feet deep, was erected in 1850, and completed ready