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# Bethinking of Old Orleans

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The year 1979 marks the 120th anniversary of our County Court House. The stalwart fathers of Orleans surely built for the future and provided us with a quintessential example of dignity through Greek Revival architecture. In January of its Centennial year, a plaque was presented to the people of this county which now hangs in the Court House lobby. It reads as follows:

“The New York State Bar Association extends warmest congratulation to the People of Orleans County on the One Hundredth Anniversary of their County Court House. This outstanding example of Nineteenth Century Architecture is a tribute to the wise citizens who built it and to the even wiser citizens who have nurtured and preserved it so well -- When men care so much for their Halls of Justice they have truly earned the right to have the justice administered in those halls as high in character, in fairness and in vision as human minds can devise.”

“Presented at the opening of the January term of Court 1959”

One can also be led to ponder upon destiny.....

The drawing above was made by yours truly in 1958 for my father. He was then the new county historian and wished to have the Court House on the Department of History stationery. Since then, other departments have also used this drawing as a logo, reminding us of a great symbolic landmark for all the people of Orleans County.