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The following proclamation is taken from "The Newport Patriot" dated December 3, 1824. This early newspaper was published in Albion when it was known as Newport. The proclamation is as follows:

"Whereas the blessings of Almighty God have been specially bestowed upon the people of this state during the past year—in the abundance of the harvest; in the unexampled prosperity prevailing throughout our happy land; in the protection afforded to our lives, liberty and property, and in all our temporal and religious concerns; benefits demanding the most sincere and fervent gratitude and thanks, to the Creator and Preserver of the Universe—I have therefor designated Tuesday the 21st of December next, as a day of public prayer and thanksgiving—the observance of which is hereby recommended to the good people of this state.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the state, at the city of Albany, the 18th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred



and twenty-four."

Joseph C. Yates, Governor

The Town of Yates was named in honor of Governor Yates in 1823. It was formed from the Town of Ridgeway, April 17, 1822 and was first known as Northton.

The Great Seal pictured with this article is an earlier state seal which was a variation used before our present insignia of 1882.