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HISTORIC MARKERS

Between now and next spring fifteen new historic markers will be placed around Orleans County. This project using Community Pride project money, was initiated through the Orleans County Tourism Board. Carlton Town Historian Lysbeth Hoffman suggested last year that each municipal historian in the county select an historic site in their respective town or village where such a marker could be placed. The total of fifteen is because of ten towns, four villages and the county each of which has an historian. The markers paid for by an Urban Development Corporation grant, will serve to tell tourists and home folks alike of our local heritage.

They are made of heavy aluminum cast by the Walton-East Branch Foundry in Walton, N.Y. All are painted the state color blue and trimmed with bright yellow letters. Each one shows a N.Y. State logo and carries the credit slogan "Orleans County Community Pride."

Town highway departments are responsible for mounting the signs on two-inch pipe. The first marker to be erected was at Barre Center without fanfare although a few ceremonies are being planned at different sites. Here we see Helen Mathes with her selection which is located in the



front lawn of the former Steele residence next to the Barre Center Presbyterian Church. The sign notes the following:

*"Indian Trail
Branch of Grand Central
Trail Extending From
Batavia to Lake Ontario
Known by Pioneers as
The Oak Orchard Trail"*