

# Facts about our towns

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The Town of Albion was created from the northern part of Barre in 1875 and was named for the Village of Albion. The name is derived from the largest of the British Isles.

The Town of Barre was erected from the Town of Gaines by an act of the legislature in 1818 and was named by Hon. John Lee, an early settler from Barre, Mass.

Carlton was formed from Gaines and Ridgeway in 1822 under the name Oak Orchard. The name was changed to Carlton in 1825.

Clarendon was formed from

the town of Sweden in Monroe County in 1821.

Gaines was erected from Ridgeway in 1816 by an act of the legislature and was named in honor of General Edmund P. Gaines, a hero of the War of 1812.

Kendall was taken from Murray in 1837 and named after Amos Kendall, then postmaster general.

Murray was erected from a large tract known as Northampton in 1808.

It took its name from John Murray, a New York merchant and large landowner in the town.

Ridgeway derived its name

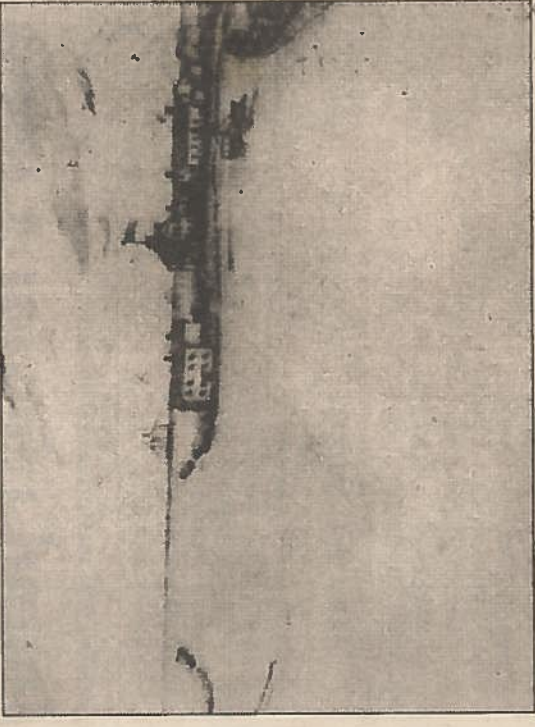
because of the Ridge Road being erected from the Town of Batavia in 1813.

Shelby was formed from Ridgeway in 1818 and remained a part of Genesee County until 1825 when it was annexed to create Orleans County in the geographic form as we know it.

Yates was set off from Ridgeway in 1822 being known as Northton.

However, in 1823, the name was changed to Yates in honor of Joseph C. Yates then governor of the state.

Our illustration, a drawing by H.C. Ruggles in 1862 is the earliest known view of Oak Orchard Harbor.



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Looking out into the lake we notice on the right side of the harbor a building with a flag.

This was known as the

Orleans House, which was a hotel.

To the right of that is the present Black North Inn.