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GAINES ACADEMY

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Our illustration from the mid 19th century by H.C. Ruggles shows the Gaines Academy. This building was intended to be the Orleans County Court House but when Albion got the designation as the county seat, it became an academy.

The following information was published as promotional for the academy during the third quarter of the 19th century:

Gaines Academy,
August 1835

Herman A. Moore, principal, teacher of classical and mathematical departments; Miss Eliza Mason, teacher of young ladies department; Miss Elizabeth Williams, teacher of music on the piano forte; Oel R. Fassett, assistant teacher.

The year is divided into two terms of 22 weeks each, commencing on the first Monday in August and January, the term embraces two quarters.

Price of tuition, gentlemen's department; elementary branches per quarter, \$2.50; English including reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, \$4; classical, \$5.

Young ladies' department, elementary, \$2.50; English, including as above, except declamation, \$4; higher branches, \$5; French language, drawing, painting and ornamental needlework, each extra, \$3; music, \$10; use of piano, \$2.

In the spring and fall there will be an additional charge of 12½ c per

quarter for fuel and in the winter, 31¼ c per quarter.

No deduction will be made for absence except for sickness and all bills not paid in advance will be required at the close of each quarter. Text books may be had at the institution at the usual prices.

Mr. Moore has had charge of the Gaines Academy for one year and we certify that he has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the trustees and all interested in the school.

Miss Mason has taught the female department in Ogdensburg Academy for three years and is highly recommended by the principal of that institution.

Miss Williams comes from Troy with ample testimonials of her competence to instruct in the department of music.

Mr. Fassett is favorably known as a successful teacher.

The board are now in possession of more than \$350 in available funds which is immediately to be expended in the purchase of chemical and other physics apparatus and we trust that the institution, under its present direction and management will secure the confidence and patronage of the public and that parents in sending their sons and daughters, will find their reasonable expectations fully realized.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

Gaines, N.Y., July, 1836

James Mather, President
Wm. Ruggles, Secretary