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BETHINKING OF OLDE ORLEANS

Pioneer spirit strong with early Orleans settlers

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The pioneer spirit was strong within the community of early settlers of Orleans County. They looked out for each other with a moral obligation to make their world a better place to live. Here are some first hand comments from

"Pioneer History Of Orleans County" by Arad Thomas published in 1871.

Pioneer Asa Sanford of West Barre — Joined the Methodist Episcopal Church about 1822. He said: "Many years ago, convinced of the sin of intemperance, I resolved to use no more intoxicating liquor ... a resolution to which I have strictly adhered ever since."
Pioneer Andrew H.



Green of Barre: "The Latch string was always out and none ever went away hungry."

Deacon Goodrich of Albion — It was said of him: "that seldom a case of sickness and death of any person in his neighborhood occurred but what he attended, administering what he could to aid the suffering according to their needs ... A friend of the poor and the needy."
Pioneer George E. Mix of Barre — "I have lived to see slavery abolished ... Now let us drive liquor and tobacco

from the country."
Pioneer George Kuck of Carlton — "He was among the first ... in all matters of reform, active in the cause of temperance, morality and religion, always a leading man in the councils of the church."
Pioneer Jeremiah Brown of Ridgeway — "... hearing about neighbors destitute of bread, went to Farmington for a load of corn, shared with all."

Pioneer Matthew Gregory of Millville — "I have been connected with the temperance organizations ... for 30 years. At the age of 18 I was led to embrace the Savior of the World as my Savior."
Doctor Christopher Whaley of Medina — "never refused his services to anyone in need ... whether rich or poor, without taking into consideration the possi-

bility of losing a fee."
Pioneer William Knowles of Knowlesville — "... brought up 8 children not his own. He sent one to college and theological school for the gospel ministry."
Doctor Lysander C. Grover of Knowlesville — "I have run an ashery and a distillery for which latter business I trust I am now sufficiently penitent."

Pioneer D. Elisha Bowen of Yates — "a strong advocate of temperance and helped to form a society to promote that cause."
Pioneer David Hood of Knowlesville wrote "expecting soon to pass over the 'river' to meet not only the pioneers of the woods here, but all who are here seeking a better country."
Pioneer Samuel Salisbury — "In the winter of 1826-

1827 I united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. I had never, to that time, heard a temperance lecture or known anything of temperance societies ... but from that time on I believed it wicked to use intoxicating drinks as a beverage and I have never used them since."

Pioneer John Proctor of Gaines — "Our association in our wilderness homes ... undergoing hardships together, sharing alike in gratitude for every success and in sympathy for every adversity, bound early settlers together as band of brothers."

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