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SALISBURY FOUNTAIN

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On Flag Day, Friday, June 14 at 7 P. M. the Salisbury Memorial Fountain will be formally dedicated on the Square in Holley, N. Y. The public is encouraged to attend this unveiling ceremony which will culminate the restoration of the Salisbury Fountain. About two years ago the fountain was removed from its site to under go restoration by the Village of Holley. Constructed of cast iron it was made primarily for watering horses. A large basin or trough hung on one side near the curb for that purpose with a smaller trough underneath it for dogs. On the opposite side was a drinking fountain for people.

Two informative plaques embellish the fountain. The one on the east side states: "Presented to the Village of Holley by Mrs. Salisbury in memory of her husband Abraham L. Salisbury 1914". The plaque on the west side indicates the following: "Presented through the Woman's Christian Temperance Union". Also cast on the fountain is: "J. L. Mott Iron Works, N. Y."

Abraham L. Salisbury (1829-1907) was born in Clarendon but lived most of his life in Holley. In 1859 he married Mary Jane Pettingill. In 1882 their only child Annie died at the age of thirteen. Mr. Salisbury was a leading abolitionist and a champion of the temperance movement.

Through later years the fountain fell into disrepair. Eventually the ornamental vase on top was broken by a snow plow and discarded. Now, through the interest of Holley citizens and Village Board support, this historic landmark will once again gleam as a focal point on the Holley Square. The Holley Merchants Association is planning what they term a Fountain Festival which will take place on Saturday, June 15. This will include a sidewalk sale all day, an old car parade at 2:30 P. M. and a Square Dance exhibition at 7 P. M.

