

Halfmoon Historic Markers [~]

Introduction

In (1923) the [New York Historical Association] was directed to suggest possible celebrations for the upcoming [150th Anniversary of the American Revolution]. The [Commissioner of Education] was directed to arrange the commemoration of the Anniversary, including... [Markers to designate sites that are of historic significance in the colonial revolutionary or state formative period].

The [New York State Markers] was managed by the [Education Department's State History Office] from (1926-1966). Markers could be acquired from the [State Education Department] for as little as [\$2.00].

There are an estimated [2,800] of these original historic markers around the state.

Name	Role
Kevin Tollisen	Town Supervisor
Paul Hotaling	Town Board
John Wasielewski	Town Board
Eric Catricala (mad shady)	Town Board
Jeremy Connors	Town Board
Lyndra Bryan	Town Clerk
William Bryans	Highway Superintendent
Dana Cunniff	Receiver of Taxes
Katherine Suchocki	Justice
Joseph V. Fodera	Justice

[Photos that were subjected to a 'Man in the middle' attack on (05/24/2020)]

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[Resume]

[https://github.com/mcc85s/FightingEntropy/blob/main/Docs/2022_1010-\(MCC%20Short%20Resume\).pdf](https://github.com/mcc85s/FightingEntropy/blob/main/Docs/2022_1010-(MCC%20Short%20Resume).pdf)

Special Thanks to [Kathy Jeanson] and [Elizabeth Callaghan]

Historic markers play an important role in educating the public of historic events and of places that played a significant role in the communities across the state.

Date	Marker Name	Url
[07/21/1989]	[785-3221 Jesse Pickett + Michael Edward Cook]	https://github.com/mcc85s/FightingEntropy/blob/main/Docs/2021_0414-(Jesse%20Pickett).pdf
[08/14/1999]	[Honorable Justice Francine Vero + Sammy Santa Cassaro]	https://github.com/mcc85s/FightingEntropy/blob/main/Docs/2022_0701-(CASSARO-VERO).pdf
[01/31/2018]	Tanski + Amato [Bank Fraud]	https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Tanski-named-as-co-conspirator-as-former-12541203.php
[10/18/2018]	[Secure Digits Plus LLC] founded	<Contact the Department of State>
[01/30/2020]	Tanski + Amato [8 indictments]	https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Tanski-will-not-face-charges-as-business-partner-15016249.php
[08/03/2021]	Andrew "Don't touch me, Grandpa" Cuomo	https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021.08.03_nyag_-_investigative_report.pdf

Taken from: <https://github.com/mcc85s/FightingEntropy/blob/main/Records/readme.md>

Starting in (1926) by the [New York State Education Department], the [State Historic Marker Program] was created to acknowledge the 150th Anniversary of the [American Revolution] and we are now preparing for the [250th Anniversary of the Revolution]!

The [State Education Department] continued financing the program but when it lost public funding in (1939), active coordination and assistance by the [Office of State History of the Education Department] and continued doing so into the (1960s).

Following that, the responsibility of location and publicizing local historic sites fell to local governments.

The [Town of Halfmoon's Historic Marker] initiative remained *somewhat* inactive for a few years, until (2016) when it was revitalized by former [Town of Halfmoon Council Member] and [Historical Society President], [Jim Bold].

With town support, [(4) places of historic interest were selected for markers]. Additionally, it was decided to dedicate [(4) additional markers each year] and the town assumed responsibility for funding this worthwhile initiative.

The project is managed by the [Historian's Office] and markers are placed by the [Highway Department]. To be selected for a marker, a [(proposed site/person) must have played a significant role in Halfmoon History], or [the structure must be an outstanding example of architectural style].

One of the *best* ways to learn about the history of the [Town of Halfmoon], is to visit the [Historians page] on the [Town of Halfmoon] website. On that page, you will find [A Brief History of Early Halfmoon].

Also, on the [Historians page], you will find many other [fascinating records], including [school records], [pictures from the early 1900s], [census records], as well as [vital records].

The [Church Hill Historic District] is an architecturally significant resource that chronicles the development of the [Saratoga County] hamlet of [Crescent] during the heyday of the [Erie Canal]. The district contains a collection of buildings that largely represent the hamlet's development in the nineteenth century, including those of both high-style and vernacular characteristics.

The [Greek Revival] style is well-represented, and the district additionally includes several buildings that exhibit transitional [Greek Revival] and [Italianate] style characteristics. Also represented, is an early example of the [Octagon] mode, along with (2) buildings that employ distinctive [Egyptian]-inspired cavetto cornices.

Featuring prominently in the district's building stock is the former house of [Crescent]'s preeminent (19th) century citizen, [Colonel Alfred C. Noxon], whose investment in a range of enterprise and employment of (75-100) workers was directly related to the hamlet's fortunes.

Also included in the district are the bank that [Noxon] erected in the (1840s), along with (2) dwellings he appears to have erected for speculative purposes. These resources speak to that historic era when [Crescent] boasted an

[ironworks], [paint shop], [brickworks], [hotel], [bank], a [commercial block], and a [canal store].

The hamlet became a canal shipping point for [ice], [grain], [hay] and [molder's sand] produced in [Saratoga County].

By (1860), the population was nearly (600).

The hamlet had undergone significant changes during the (20th) century, the result of continued development and the transition to [automobiles] as the primary means of transportation, but the assemblage of properties within the district nevertheless recalls the earlier period of prosperity seen during the (late 19th/early 20th) century.

Viewed collectively, these resources portray [Crescent]'s historic development and maintain a strong sense of place.

<insert picture>
[Church Hill Historic District] | Listed on the [National Register of Historic Places 2021]

The [Church Hill Historic District] was a labor of love by the residents who live in these houses. They have worked tirelessly since (2016) seeing this come to fruition.

These homes in the hamlet of [Crescent] are the product of the heyday of the [Erie Canal] in the early (19th) century.

The canal provided the first transportation route, and brought local goods to ALL stops along the way from [Buffalo] and [New York City]. To say [Crescent] flourished, is an understatement.

[Stores], [hotels], [brickyards], [foundries], a [bank] and [other businesses] sprung up to cater to the canalers.

Crescent Aqueduct /

<insert picture>
[Terminal Road] | [Crescent Aqueduct]

The original wooden aqueduct was built by (1825) to carry the [Erie Canal] over the [Mohawk River]. It was compared to the building of the [Pyramids] and was the longest aqueduct in the world at the time.

[The wooden structure was demolished in 1918] and was replaced by a (26) arched stone structure.

It also had the [Towpath] on one side for mules pulling boats, and a [Toll bridge] for (pedestrian/stagecoach) travel on the other.

Only [fragments of the stone aqueduct] remain by the river. The stone structure was replaced by the first of many [Crescent Bridges].

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The Noxon House /

<insert picture>
[Terminal Road] | [The Noxon House]

The [Noxon Bank] building on [Terminal Road] near [Route 9] at the north end of the [Crescent Bridge] facing the [Mohawk River] was chartered as the [Farmer's Bank] in (1850) until approximately (1859).

It is a dramatic entry point to the [Town of Halfmoon] and [Saratoga County].

The [bank] was an integral part of the hamlet known as [Crescent] which developed along the original [Erie Canal].

The [Greek Revival] structure was built by [Alfred Noxon], a local entrepreneur of his time and owner of several businesses during the early [Erie Canal] era of the (1800s). The structure still retains the character of the time, with its wrought iron stair case, and it boasts the [original bank vault] which now serves as a pantry for the present owner.

<insert picture>
[7 Terminal Road] | [Canal House]

During [Erie Canal] era, was [Reed's Rooming House]. It is now the home of the [Fortin family].

48 Church Hill Road /

<insert picture>
Built (1890)

Located at [48 Church Hill Road], this (2) story wood frame dwelling is:
[+] cross-gabled
[+] displays modest [Queen Anne] style characteristics
[+] (2) story projecting bays, positioned on the northwest and southwest elevations
[+] wood-shingle detailing
[+] (1) story porch with lathe-turned posts and balusters, located at the corner of the northwest elevation

Mill Home /

/ 48 Church Hill Road

<insert picture>
[57 Church Hill Road] | [Old Taylor Saw Mill] | Currently the [Lingburg House] (Built 1790)

This [Mill Lot] house was originally built in (1790) on land that was granted to the owners of the mill.
It is a [21 acre] parcel that has changed very little in (225) years.

This canal era house along the river was a natural for the saw mill as the creek ran through the property.
[Irving Taylor] was a [farmer], [merchant] and [owner of the Taylor Saw Mill] on this property in the early (1900s).

To the left of the home is the [old Taylor Barn], built in the (1840s).

<insert picture>
[Taylor Mill] (1900s)

<insert picture>
[Old Taylor Barn] (1840s)

The Octagon House /

/ Mill Home

<insert picture of the 8 sided house, or else...>

The [Octagon House] is thought to have been built in (1854) based upon half-dimes found in the wall, which was the custom of builders of the time.

The road that ran in front of [Church Hill] and up into the [Village of Halfmoon] also ran in front of the [Octagon House]. The [Octagon House] had (2) double door entries on the angled front sides with circular stairways.

When the river valley was flooded in the early (1900s)...?
...that road was flooded.

The original [Church Hill Road] (which ended near the top of the hill) was extended down behind the [Octagon House] to reconnect to the road going up to [Halfmoon Village]. That made the back side of the house effectively the front for access purposes.

Sometime in the late (1800s), the flat roof and cupola were redesigned into a steeply pitched [Gothic-style] gable roof, with (4) gables + pitched roofs. This was probably done after a [severe northeast winter] which led to [snow accumulation problems].

The gable-roof design gave the house a more [gothic appearance] than the original [Victorian-Italianate] architecture. In the (1960s), the wrap-around porch had decayed to the point that it had to be torn down... which removed many of the remaining [Victorian] embellishments.

72 Church Hill Road /

/ The Octagon House

<insert picture>
Built (1732)

This (2) story, (3) bay hipped roof [Italianate]-style building with wood-cladding, decorative brackets, and a

full-length (1) story porch with decorative brackets and (4) columns. The facade faces the [Mohawk River].

A (1) story gable roof with wings projects from the rear (north elevation).

74 Church Hill Road /

<insert picture>
Built (1875)

This (2) story, (3) bay hipped roof Italianate-style building with wood-cladding, decorative brackets, and a full-length (1) story porch with decorative brackets and (4) columns. Gable roof with wings projects from north elevation. The main block roof, with roof, and porch roof have decorative supporting brackets.

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[74 Church Hill Road] | [Riverside]

Oakcliffe House /

/ 74 Church Hill Road

<insert picture>
[78 Church Hill Road]

This [Greek Revival] building, circa (1840), built by [Judge Duncan Martin] is just one of the elaborate homes overlooking the [Mohawk River]. Built as a summer residence during the bustling days of the [Erie Canal] era, [Oakcliff] has hosted (4) presidents.

[+] [Ulysses S. Grant/\$50.00 bill]
[+] [Chester A. Arthur/21st president]
[+] [Rutherford B. Hayes]
[+] [James Garfield]

[Oakcliff] was restored in (1988) by current owner [John Szemansco] and is currently operating as a [Bed & Breakfast].

Imagine sitting on the back porch reminiscing to a time when [Halfmoon/Crescent] was bustling with horse-drawn wagons lining up for a half-mile to (load/unload) goods onto canal boats. Envision the stagecoach picking up passengers, and folks walking up the wrought iron stairs that were made down the road at the [Crescent Foundry] to the [Noxon Farmer's Bank]. Listed on the [National Registry of Historic Places] in (1998).

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82 Church Hill Road /

/ Oakcliffe House

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Built (1925)

This expansive home is a (2) story, side gable (3) bay [Colonial Revival]-style frame house with a classically inspired door surround. A (2) story, (2) bay attached garage extends from the main blocks north elevation.

84 Church Hill Road /

/ 82 Church Hill Road

<insert picture>
[Saint Mary's Rectory] | Built (1922-1928)

Pictured here is a (2) story, hipped roof with projecting front gable, shed former on east elevation, vinyl siding, replacement windows. Although the building has undergone some alterations...?

It retains form and massing, overall fenestration, slate roof, and multiple chimneys.

The rectory was formerly connected to the second iteration of [St. Mary's Church] via an enclosed breezeway.

The church and breezeway were demolished in the 1990s.

-----/ 84 Church Hill Road
100/102 Church Hill Road /-----

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[100 Church Hill Road]

<insert picture>
[102 Church Hill Road]

-----/ 100/102 Church Hill Road
90 Church Hill Road /-----

<insert picture>
[90 Church Hill Road]
Built in 1830
[Noxon-Van Hoesin House]

[Alfred Noxon (Financial Father of Crescent)] built this stately home during the heyday of the [Erie Canal]. [Mr. Noxon] was instrumental in bringing many businesses to the area. Later, [Alice Van Hoesin], (sitting on porch in photo below) a [New York City] teacher, bought it as her summer home.

Currently, [Mrs. Oswald] is the owner of this home with a beautiful view of the [Mohawk River].

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Photograph early 1900's

-----/ 90 Church Hill Road
Halfmoon Academy /-----

<insert picture>
[Halfmoon Academy] | Built (1820s) | Intersection of [Church Hill Road], and [Harris Road]

The most notable of [Halfmoon] private schools, it still stands as a home in the [Hamlet of Middletown].

"Pursuant to an Act, for the encouragement of Schools drafted the [ninth day of April 1795], we the subscribers- the [Supervisors of the County of Saratoga], do certify that pursuant to the directions contained in the said Act, we have apportioned to the [Town of Halfmoon], as its' share of the money allotted to the said count, the sum of two hundred and fifty-four pounds, eighteen shillings, and six pence (equaling \$1,250)"

This was the beginning of public education in [Halfmoon]. [Town of Halfmoon] had [School Commissioners] as early as (1796). In (1844), there were (14) school districts and in (1879) there were (12).

This school was built in the (1820s) and operated until (1880). Public school education stopped in the (8th) grade for most of the (19th) century. Such schools were the only means of continuing education.

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-----/ Halfmoon Academy
C. Boughton Farm /-----

<insert picture>
[6 Halfmoon Drive]

[Chauncey Boughton], (1805-1895), was a [doctor], [Town Supervisor], [Assemblyman], and [Colonel for the 144th Regiment of the Infantry].

He started practicing medicine in [Mechanicville] at (21) years of age, and eventually moved to the (300) acre farm in [Halfmoon]. He was the [President] of the [Board of Education], and ACTIVE in organizing the [Halfmoon Academy] across the road.

He was [Vice President] of the committee to replace the original wood [Crescent Bridge], with an iron bridge.

[CS Hawley] later resided here.

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Brookwood Manor /

/ C. Boughton Farm

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[603 Hudson River Road] | Built (1766)

The land that the Manor sits on, became the property of the [Peebles Family] by (1740) according to [The History of Waterford], and was part of the large estate granted to the family directly from [Queen Anne].

In (1760), the [Peebles Family] settled in [Halfmoon] and built the home in (1766). In the late (1700s), it was a popular tavern run by the [Widow Peebles], a rare woman [Tavern Owner]. In (1788), there is a list of (40) taverns in [Halfmoon] that paid a license fee of (2) pounds.

In (1783), [General George Washington/founding father/first U.S. President/guy on \$1.00 bill] and his party consisting of [Governor DeWitt Clinton] and [Alexander Hamilton] were entertained at the [Peebles Home] on route to visit the [Battlefield] in [Bemis Heights].

In May of (1791), [Thomas Jefferson + James Madison (founding fathers)] stayed at the home.

The home is now owned by [Thea Hotaling] and [Arthur Palmer].

Leland House /

/ Brookwood Manor

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[974 Hudson River Road] | [Raided by French & Native Americans] in (1748) | Rebuilt in (1749)

The home of [Revolutionary Patriot], [John Ten Broeck] (1740-1822). He was one of the patriots of the [Revolution] and together with [Abraham Yates], formerly mayor of the city of [Albany], were the last representatives under the colonial government from the (city + county) of [Albany].

[Mr. Ten Broeck] was ALSO a member of the convention of [New York State], which in (1787) framed the [Constitution].

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Halfmoon, (formerly Middletown Hamlet) /

/ Leland House

<insert picture>

[Hamlet of Middletown] | Located at intersection of [Church Hill Road & Middletown Road]

This hamlet was the site of the first [Post Office] in [Halfmoon], [Halfmoon Academy], [C. Boughton Farm], [Middletown Cemetery] and the [Grange Hall].

Henry Hudson /

/ Halfmoon, (formerly Middletown Hamlet)

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[381 Hudson River Road]

This marker was one of the first markers in [Halfmoon].

It was erected by the [New York State Department of Education] in (1939).
It could be the [most legendary marker in the existence of the United States of America].

[Halfmoon] is named after [Henry Hudson]'s ship.

Town of Halfmoon /

/ Henry Hudson

<insert picture>
[Abele Memorial Park], [Town Municipal Center]

[March 7th, 1788], [Half Moon], [Saraghtoga], [Stillwater] and [Balls Town] became towns in [Albany County].

It was not until (1791) that [Saratoga County] was formed, making these the [Four mother towns] in [Saratoga County].

In later years, many towns branched off, making the current formation of [Saratoga County] with (19) towns, and (2) cities.

The first town meeting for [Half Moon] was held on [Tuesday], the [first day of April 1788] at the [Old Stone House] of [Cornelius VanDenBurg] for the purpose of electing town officers.

Betts Farm / Town of Halfmoon

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[27 Betts Lane] | Established (1856)

[Hiram Betts] purchased the farm in (1856) from [John and Betsy Wagner].

The [dairy farm] was the main source of income. [Hiram] would take the milk by truck to the [Imperial Dairy] in [Cohoes]. His grandson, [Frank], had a [Cider Mill, producing and selling cider and apples]. At the time, it was the [only cider mill in town].

[Frank Betts] was a [Fire Warden] for the [Town of Halfmoon] and one of the [first trustees] of the [Newtown] one room schoolhouse where grades (1-8) were taught. He was a wonderful horseman - a trait that has been passed down to his grandson [Bill Betts].

[Bill] raised his family in the original farmhouse, and STILL resides there today, caring for the land so loved by (5) generations of [Betts].

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Clifton Park Hotel / Betts Farm

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05/23/20 1200	Virtual Tour	https://youtu.be/HT4p28bRhqc Recorded the following morning after [Niskayuna P.D. Marra Walter] brought me home
05/23/20 1717	IMG_0403	https://youtu.be/5guDmpaCyAM Recorded immediately after I recorded that above video, showcases the TREES still behind the building (they were all cut down a couple weeks after I recorded this video)

<insert picture>
[Built in 1921] | [Corner of Old Route 146 + Route 9] | [Halfmoon's most visible and historic building]

It was the site of early [Town Board] meetings, and at times it functioned as a [jail], [dance hall], [courthouse], [stagecoach destination] and a stop on the [Underground Railroad]. Primarily, it was a [hotel] serving tired and hungry patrons who traveled the [Waterford Turnpike], the main route north to [Saratoga Springs] from [Waterford].

It was built in the (1820s) by [Ephraim Stevens], [Clifton Park's first Town Supervisor]. The hotel was the hub of activity for both [Halfmoon] and [Clifton Park] as the town line bisects the hotel property. Ironically, during prohibition its bar was moved from one end of the bulding to the other, so alcohol could be served in whatever town wasn't dry.

In its' later years, the hotel was a popular bar and dance spot.
It closed as a country and western bar in the (1970s).
It is also across the street from [Snyders Restaurant].

-----/ Clifton Park Hotel
Joshua Anthony Spice Factory /-----\

<insert picture>
[Established 1859] | [Intersection of Anthony Road & Farm to Market Road]

[Joshua Anthony] developed his famous spice factory in northern [Halfmoon]. He began his operations in (1869) with the manufacture of [baking powder] and [cream of tartar]. He then added spice, grinding, and the production of fluid extracts for flavoring in (1892). The success of his business prompted [Anthony] to approach the [Delaware and Hudson Railroad] in the hope that a station of the [Scehenectady] branch be located in [Ushers].

This he secured in (1882). The following year, [Anthony] contributed sunstantially to the development of a post office at [Ushers]. He established a [private telegraph] line between [Ushers], [Clifton Park], [Round Lake] and [his factory].

[Anthony]'s contributions to the community benefited many.
The [spice factory] ceased operation in (1920).

The (2) story factory buildings and farmhouse remain in [Halfmoon].
[Joshua]'s famous first cousin [Susan B. Anthony/woman on the silver dollar] was a frequent visitor.

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-----/ Joshua Anthony Spice Factory
Ushers Hamlet /-----\

<insert picture>
[Ushers and Tabor Road]

[Ushers Hamlet] is located in the northern section of [Halfmoon] around [Ushers and Tabor Roads]. [Joshua Anthony] developed his famous [Spice Factory] on [Anthony Road] and was instrumental in bringing the [D&H Railroad] (1882), [United States Post Office] (1883) and [telegraph] to [Ushers] during the (19th century).

-----/ Ushers Hamlet
Newtown Hamlet /-----\

<insert picture>
[Intersection of Pruyn Hill Road, and Farm to Market Road]

The hamlet of [Newtown] is at the intersection of [Farm to Market Road] and [Pruyn Hill Road]. This hamlet was the site of the [First Baptist Church], [Quonset Schoolhouse], [Anthony Spice Factory], the [Mott Farm], and the [Newtown Cemetery], where [Zebulon/Rebecca Mott] are buried. There's nothin' applesauce about it, several family members of [Mott's] are also buried in this cemetery.

-----/ Newtown Hamlet
Crescent Hamlet /-----\

<insert picture> [West Crescent] Also called [Grey's Corners] [Intersection of Vischer Ferry and Dunsbach Road]	<insert picture> [Crescent Road] [Intersection of Crescent and Dunsbach Road]
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<insert picture> [West Crescent Hamlet] [Intersection of Vischer Ferry and Dunsbach Road] Also called [Grey's Corners] [West Crescent Cemetery] Org. (1841)
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This hamlet was the site of the [Methodist Church], [West Crescent Cemetery], and [Erie Canal] businesses.

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\\ Ven Der Berch /-----/ Crescent Hamlet

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<insert picture> [32 Riverview Road] Built (1831)
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This picture of the [Ven Den Berch] family property as shown on (1767) survey, the farmhouse was built in (1834). The [Van Den Berch] family continued ownership thorough the mid (1800s).

[Cornelius Claes Van Den Berch (Van Den Berg)] established a [rope ferry] connecting an [Indian trail] that crossed the [Mohawk River] in (1707). The ferry was located a short distance from the property in what is now the [Town of Clifton Park].

[Henry Knox] crossed on the ice at this site in early [January 1776] on his trip to [Boston] carrying a cannon captured from [Fort Ticonderoga].

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\\ Halfmoon Hamlets /-----/ Ven Der Berch

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Name	Description
Clifton Park	[Old Route 146] location of [Clifton Park Hotel] and [Snyders Restaurant]. A bustling intersection in the (1800s) with a [jail], [dance hall], [stagecoach] stopping point between [Waterford] and [Ballston Spa]. It was a stop on the [Underground Railroad].
Coons	A hamlet near the northern town line, west of [Mechanicville]. Also known as [Coons Crossing].
Crescent	The hamlet of [Crescent] was the focus of economic development in the (1840s-1850s) along the [Mohawk River]. The [Erie Canal] brought heavy commerce to the area in the early (1800s) including [supply stores], [hotels], [taverns] and a [bank].
Grey's Corners	This was located in [West Crescent] at the intersection of [Crescent] and [Dunsbach Roads] owned by [James and Gitty Gray].
Middletown	This hamlet was in the vicinity of [Guideboard Road] when it became [Middletown Road]. It was the site of the [first post office], [Halfmoon Academy], [C. Boughton Farm], [Middletown Cemetery] and the [Grange Hall].
Newtown	This hamlet is located in the [Pruyn Hill Road] and [Farm to Market Road] area. The hamlet boasted the [First Baptist Church] built in (1790), a school (in a Quonset Hut), and the [Newtown Cemetery] that still exists at the (4) corners. This is also where the [Mott's Apple Empire] started in (1842).
Smithtown	This hamlet is located off [Upper Newtown Road] and [Fellows Road]. There was a (1) room schoolhouse and a church that still exists, and is being used as a business.
Ushers	This is located in the northern part of [Halfmoon] near [Ushers and Tabor Road]. [Joshua Anthony] developed his famous spicer factory on [Anthony Road] and was instrumental for bringing the [D&H Railroad] (1882), [Post Office] (1883), and [telegraph] to [Ushers] during the (19th) century.
West Crescent	This hamlet is located in the southwest section of [Halfmoon], where [W.K. Mansfield] owned [several brickyards]. The [W.K. Mansfield (West Crescent) Fire Company] is named after him.

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\\ Halfmoon Hamlets

Halfmoon Community & Family Cemeteries

Name	Description
Clifton Park	(Active) East side of Cemetery Road ([Dennis Yates Sr.] is buried here)
Lamb Family	[South East] corner of [Halfmoon Drive] and [Middletown Road] in a field behind house
Vischer Family	East of the Hudson River, (2 mi) north of [Waterford] in a field
Peebles Family	Behind [Brookwood Mansion] of the [Hudson River]
John Flynn Family	[East side] of [Hudson River Road] (4 mi) south of [Mechanicville], across from [Fire House]
Fitzgerald Family	[East side] of [Hudson River Road] (2 mi) south of [Mechanicville]
Cary Farm, Quaker	[East side] of [Cary Road] in woods adjacent to home at [31 Cary Road]
Rosekrans Comm.	Corner of [Smith Road] and [Vosburgh Road], north of [Vosburgh], [west side] of [Smith Road], and the other end of Cemetery Road
Smithtown Comm.	[North side] of [Upper Newtown Road] behind home, (178 + 135) [Upper Newtown Road]
West Crescent Comm.	[North side] of [Crescent Road], east of intersection with [Dunsbach Road]
Williams Family	[West side] of [Pruyn Hill Road], (200 ft) north of [Newtown Baptist Cemetery]
Newtown Baptist	Northwest corner of [Farm to Market Road] and [Pruyn Hill Road]
DeGroff Community	[Ushers Road], east of [English Road] near [121 Ushers Road]
Van Wort/Scouten Family	[Dunsbach Road] behind home at [40 Dunsbach Road]
Vandenberg Family	On hill, [east side] of [Northway], south of [Riverview Road]
Union	(Active) North of [Crescent Bridge], [East side] of [US-9] adj. to [Fitzpatrick Lane]
Middletown Community	[Behind old Grange] at corner of [Halfmoon Drive] and [Grange Road].

Please respect the private property rights of the owners of the land where many of these family cemeteries are located, and do not enter without permission.

Photos

<insert photo> [Terminal Road], [Crescent]
<insert photo> [Francisco's Store], [West Crescent]
<insert photo> [Crescent Post Office], Early (1900s) [Stella VanWert], Postmaster (pictured)
<insert photo> [Devoe's Garage], Located on [US-9], south of [Route 146] [Alf Devoe] proprietor (1920s) - besides [fuel], this garage sold [supplies], [accessories], [Imperial Ice Cream], [automobiles], etc.

Route 9, Halfmoon

<insert picture> [Turn of the (20th) century]
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[Plank Road] (US-9) was a tree laden pathway.
Travel was by [horse-drawn wagon], and there was a [path] on the side of the road for [foot travel].
As the means of travel advanced, the road was [widened] to accommodate larger vehicles.

Homes and businesses had to relocate or be taken down.

"As you travel through [Halfmoon] and see a [Historic Marker] on the side of the road, please take a moment to

read it... You will be looking at an amazing piece of Halfmoon History.”

[Lynda Bryan], [Town of Halfmoon Historian].

Route 9, Halfmoon

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