

Lake Luzerne Historic Markers

1. *Ferguson Hollow*

Located between present day Lake George Village and Lake Luzerne stood Ferguson Hollow. It was the location of John Ferguson's home in 1803 where sawmills, a school, grocery store, and factories surrounded it.

2. *Church of Infant Jesus*

Established in 1874 on land donated by Col. B.C. Butler. It was the mission church of Warrensburg and later Corinth. It was demolished and rebuilt in 1929 as the Church of the Holy Infancy. It became the parish church in 1956.

3. *Site of Wayside Inn*

A historic inn that was built in 1869 by Col. B.C. Butler. During its time of business, famous guests that stayed here were President U.S. Grant, the Astor family, as well as the Vanderbilts and Pullmans. It burned down in 1938.

4. *Old Mill*

Park
Dedicated to the memory of Albrecht Pagenstecher, who was a pioneer in the wood pulp industry. The property was given to the town by his daughter in 1940, contains the water that once provided power for the mill.

5. *Garnar*

Tannery
The Garnar Leather Works smokestack is all that remains of one of the areas biggest local industrial sites. Built in 1867, the tannery was purchased by Thomas Garnar of NYC in 1869. Many animal pelts were hauled here for tanning. Production at the facility peaked in 1885, making it the largest manufacturer of bookbinding leather in the world. With the decline of hemlock bark, used in the tanning process, the tannery also declined and closed in 1905. The buildings were razed in the 1920's.

Prior to the Revolution, Jessup brothers Edward and Ebenezer acquired land that now lies in the towns of Lake Luzerne, Hadley, Corinth, Warrensburg, Thurman, Chester, and Johnsburg. The Jessups built sawmills and rafted logs and established a community named Jessup's Landing. The Jessups were successful in the Adirondacks when it came to purchasing land and establishing hamlets, towns, and villages. In the 1770's, tensions were running high between loyalists and patriots, and the Jessups were loyalists. Fearful for their lives, the Jessups left and fled to Canada.

6. *Jessup's Patent*

7. *First United Methodist Church*

What was once an Episcopal Church is now a United Methodist Church. It was built in 1852 by James Hedgeman and Silas Dayton.

8. *Church of Rockwell Falls*

The Presbyterian Church established 1856, constructed this edifice of native stone 1882. It was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1926 and rebuilt a year later.

9. *St. Mary's*

Church

This stone structure in Anglo-Swiss style was built in 1874. A Civil War Memorial window, listing 22 men who served, and Col. B.C. Butler's sword are a reminder of their sacrifice to our country.

10. *Site of First Town Board Meeting*

It was first the home of Silas Dibble in 1792, which was previously Washington County, but is now part of Warren County. It was the site of the first Town Board Meeting.

