

1. Baldwin Springs

These fine springs are likely to have been a rendezvous on the Sir John Johnson Military Road which was cut in 1779 by a corps of British Army Engineers to provide an escape route for Sir John Johnson in the Spring and Fall of 1780. During this period he led raiding parties of a thousand troops consisting of British Regulars, Tories (blue eyed Indians), and a large contingent of Iroquois Indians in the destruction of the homes, barns and the massacre of the settlers of the Mohawk Valley (in the Spring) and the Schoharie Valley in the Fall. The aim of Sir John was to destroy the wheat crop which was so important to General Washington and his Continental Army.

This route was not used in the October raid but may have been used when he returned to Canada in the Spring.

