

Furthering Education:

Every September, K-4 grades from Minerva Central School visit the Museum. The Society sponsors an Essay Contest with an awards ceremony in October. We are dedicated to encouraging children's knowledge of Minerva history. The Mabel Jones Scholarship, supported by an Endowment Fund, grants a scholarship to an outstanding graduating senior from Minerva Central School, each year. The fund has reached a level which provides significant assistance to a student for continuation of his/her education.



*District #4 One-Room Schoolhouse
Irishtown, NY*

Donated to the Society by the Brannon/Savarie family, this one-room schoolhouse in Irishtown, was renovated in 1999 and was the recipient of the Adirondack Architectural Heritage Award in 2007. Thanks to all the local citizens for both their monetary contributions and their hours of volunteer work, so that visitors can now appreciate the school days of the late 1800's- early 1900's.

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Minerva Historical Society

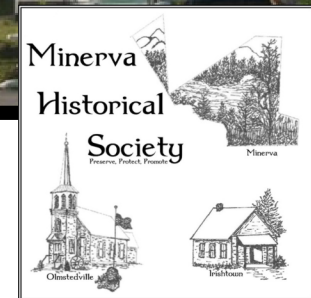
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MINERVA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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GODDESS MINERVA



The earliest documented settlers were Ebenezer West and his five sons who came to Minerva in 1800 when it was known as Dominick. In 1817, the town was formed and the first supervisor, Absalom P. Morse a student of Greek Mythology, named it Minerva, after the Goddess of wisdom, technical skill, and invention.

This was not the only settlement in the area. In 1804, William Hill came with his family and bought 200 acres of land, where he would start a sawmill and gristmill. William's house was located in Olmstedville, near where Sullivan's Store is today.

But not until in 1847, when Levi & Aaron Olmstead built a tannery, did the Town's name become Olmsteadville.

The Minerva Historical Society was formed on March 22, 1955. It is a nonprofit, educational organization, formed to promote public interest in Minerva's history and folklore. By collecting, preserving, and interpreting material associated with its past we hope to foster knowledge and appreciation of our town. The Society received its Absolute Charter in 1984. The Board of Trustees meets 4 times per year and sponsors a variety of programs throughout the year.



To further our goals, the Society acquired the United Methodist Church of Olmstedville (which became our museum) and the historic Federal Flats Cemetery, in 1979.

The Museum has two permanent exhibits: the Tree of Life Mural with charts and files for researching ancestors of the original settlers of Minerva, and Winslow Homer prints of his original oils and watercolors done here in Minerva

The Museum is open from July 4th to Labor Day, Thursday – Sunday From 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Each year the Museum has a different theme and display.

Society Publications:

Since 1971, the society has published a Quarterly, sent to members, containing profiles, genealogy, folklore, photographs & obituaries.

The Society has published three History books detailing the history of Minerva and its people.

- "Minerva 1817 – 1967"
 - a 211-page history of Minerva.
- "Minerva 1817 – 1985:"
 - a 245-page supplement
- "Minerva Established 1817:"
 - A History of a Town in Essex County, N.Y. 1986 – 2017

Also available

- "When does a Twig Become a Limb?"
Written by Clarence Jones



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