

Celebrating Tompkins County Bicentennial 1817 – 2017

Tompkins County, New York was named for Daniel E. Tompkins who was governor of NYS from 1807 to 1817. The county was formed in April 17, 1817 from the neighboring counties of Cayuga and Seneca.

The act of incorporation established the county seat at Ithaca, and contained provisions for the erection of court buildings. The first officers of the county were as follows: Judge, Oliver C. Comstock,; Surrogate, Andrew D. W. Bruyn; Clerk, Archer Green; Sheriff, Hermon Camp; District Attorney, David Woodcock.

The first Ithaca post office, established in 1806, occupied a counter in a “publick house,” the Dwight Tavern, on the southwest corner of Owego (State) and Tioga. The post office later rented space in the Cornell (Public)

Library and the Colonial Building.

A list of letters remaining in the Ithaca Post Office September 30, 1822 for Enfield Residents: Moses Glezen, John Ink, *Walter Paine (Payne), Ephraim Rolfe, Jonathan Rolfe, James Wheeler.

*Walter Paine was the first Enfield Town Supervisor in 1821.

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