

TIMELINE OF CONCORD HISTORY

- 1807 Christopher Stone and John Albro arrive in Willink (now Springville; Town of Concord)
Genesee County divided into Niagara, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties
Niagara County had 3 towns, Cambria, Clarence and Willink
- 1808-1810 Permanent settlers Cochran, Russell, Drake, Townsend, Cooper & Trevett arrive
- 1810 David Strickney opens first Hotel adjacent to the "Village Green"
A state road is laid out from Buffalo through Springville to Olean
- 1812 Willink divided into Concord, Eden and Hamburg, all in Niagara County.
Soon after Erie County was formed from Niagara County south to Cattaraugus Creek
Later Concord divided into Collins, North Collins, Concord and Willink
- 1813 Rufus Eaton builds first sawmill on Spring Brook
- 1815 Springville was popularly know as "Fiddler's Green" as many Fiddler's played on the green near David LeRoy's home.
- 1816 First church established, "Congregational Church", now the Presbyterian
- 1820 Springville Post Office established - Rufus Eaton first Postmaster
- 1821 First store on Main St and first cemetary established on Franklin St
- 1824 Rufus C. Eaton builds the "Springville House" later renamed the "Leland House" in 1877
Over the years there were 30 hotels in the present Town of Concord
- 1827 Springville Academy incorporated, 1st high school in Erie County
renamed Griffith Institute in 1867
- 1834 Village of Springville incorporated
- 1842 Hook and Ladder Company formed, first fire company
- 1844 "Springville Express" newspaper formed, later newspapers included the American Citizen,
the Chronicle, the Tribune, the Local News, the Springville News and the Herald
- 1863 Local people hear Lyceum speaker Horace Greeley in Springville
- 1864 Springville Rural cemetary (now Maplewood) is dedicated
- 1866-1867 Erie County Fair held at Dygert Farm Racetract on Elk St
- 1867 Springville Journal started by Walter Blakely, later renamed "Journal & Herald"
Plank sidewalk laid out on south side of Main St business district
- 1868 Springville's "Great Fire" All stores east of 31 E. Main to Springbrook burned
- 1875 Shuttleworth Foundry (6 buildings) distroyed by fire
- 1876 Shuttleworth builds large pond behind stores for fire protection
- 1878 Springville Sardinia Railroad is organized, last stage coach comes to Springville
- 1879 Hall's Opera House and all buildings west of 31 E. Main to Buffalo st. burned.
- 1880 Springville Public Library formed
- 1882 Fountain Hose Company formed on South Buffalo Street
Other major fires- 1894, 1946, 1955, 2007 (Julies/Bob's) and 2006 (Leland House)
- 1883 Buffalo Rochester and Pittsburg RR comes to Springville
- 1884 Bell Telephones are installed in the Village
- 1887 Shuttleworth established "running water" sysyem in Springville
- 1894 Electric lights from locally produced electricity on Spring Brook
- 1897 New electric power dam built on Cattaraugus Creek
- 1902 Godert Memorial Hall built
- 1906 Buffalo Sesquehanna RR comes to Springville
- 1908 George Schuster of Springville wins NY to Paris Auto Race
New school built on Academy St site
- 1911 Bandstand built in Fiddler's Green Park
- 1911-1912 Jim Thorpe practiced for 1912 Olympics in Springville
- 1923 Willam Jennings Bryant , Lyceum speaker talks to 800 people at Godert Hall
- 1937 Bertrand Chaffee Hospital established
- 1939 Kessler and Gentner Livestock Auction is organized
- 1947 Springville Airport opens on North St
- 1960 Dial telephone comes to Springville, Lyceum 2 (LY2) (592) is the extension
- 1975 Shuttleworth Park established on site of original Mill Pond behind stores
- 1981 Rt 219 Expressway extended to Springville
- 1997 Springville's Pop Warner honored on US Postage stamp