



LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

Annual Report

1983-1984

A CENTURY OF CLOTHING MANUFACTURE

1984 marks the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Pine or "Lion" collar and shirt factory, located on Second Avenue between 120th and 121st Streets, now owned by Standard Manufacturing Company. This huge brick factory was erected in 1884 by James Pine of Lansingburgh, to house his rapidly expanding collar and shirt business.

Pine began in the collar manufacturing business in 1863 in the Gurley Building in Troy, in the firm of Cole, Dyer and Pine. During his partnership with Myron Hamblin, the firm of Pine and Hamblin first used the "Lion" trademark, and opened offices in New York City and Boston. In 1890 his firm merged with four Troy collar companies to form the "United Shirt & Collar Company." The present building was enlarged in the 1880's and 1890's with the construction of new wings and the addition of two more stories; it now occupies nearly half a city block.

In 1922 the company was reorganized as the "Lion Shirt & Collar Co., Inc." and five years later the building was sold to M. Nirenburg Co. of New York City, who manufactured "Lion of Troy" shirts here for a number of years. In 1970 the factory was purchased by Standard Manufacturing Company, manufacturers and wholesalers of outerwear.

Standard has been located in the City since 1924 when it was founded as a collar manufacturing business on River Street by George H. Arakelian, grandfather of current President of the firm, Geo. H. Arakelian 2nd. Outerwear produced by Standard is marketed under the "Sportsmaster" label and is also sold under the labels of major chain and department stores. The retail factory outlet was opened in the north end of the Lansingburgh factory in 1982.

While converting the interior to modern work space and offices, Standard Manufacturing Company had preserved the exterior of the old factory building. To commemorate the centen-

nial of the factory building and its 100 years of continuous use in the clothing industry, the Lansingburgh Historical Society has prepared an exhibit on the factory and its products. Drawing heavily on items owned by the Society, with some borrowed from private collections, the exhibit will run through the end of 1984. It can be seen through the end of June at the Marine Midland Bank, July-September at the State Bank of Albany, and from October through December at the Lansingburgh Branch, Troy Public Library.



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NEWSLETTER & ANNUAL REPORT: 1983-4

This Newsletter is an official publication of the Lansingburgh Historical Society, 2 114th St., P.O. Box 219, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, New York 12182. The Society was founded in 1965 and has a permanent charter from the Regents of the State of New York. Officers and Trustees for the past season were:

- President: Byron D. Moak
- Vice-President: Warren F. Broderick
- Secretary: Kathleen Tivnan
- Treasurer: Richard Zeller
- Historian: Frances D. Broderick
- Corresponding Secretary: Harriet Finnegan

Trustees: the officers listed above; also Alice Ellett, Agnest Ernest, Agnes Hoffman (deceased), Helena English, Barbara Carlo, Lois Norton, Maurice Corbin & Rita Darfler.

The Society's headquarters is open by appointment, by calling 235-5868, 235-7647, 235-4041 or 235-4099.

PROGRAMS

The monthly programs for 1983-4 were:

- Sept.: Rev. Thos. K. Phelan, "Folk Art"
- Oct.: Carl Grimm, "Train Ride Across Europe and Asia"
- Nov.: Geoffrey Stein, "Fire Apparatus Collection of the N.Y. State Museum"
- Dec.: Christmas Party & Auction
- Jan.: Warren Broderick, "Rensselaer County Cemeteries"
- Feb.: Richard Smith, "Hudson Mohawk Urban Cultural Park"
- March: Robert Mulligan, "Shaker Herb Indust"
- April: Dr. Edward Vandercar, "Cohoes"
- May: Sandra Petersen-Hardt, "Frear's Department Store"

On Saturday, June 9th, Society members and friends are invited to a picnic from 2 to 5 P.M. at Dick Zeller's house on Rt. 40, just north of Speigeltown. For directions and additional information, contact Dick at 235 4099.

TEACHING PACKET

The educational packet designed for teaching Lansingburgh history in our school will be produced during 1984-5. Drawing on broadsides, photographs, maps, prints and other historical records, the packet will be designed for use at both elementary and secondary levels. Persons interested in working on the teaching packet should contact Society Vice President Warren F. Broderick.

S AND S CASH MARKET

626 SECOND AVE., North NEAR 117th STREET

NORTH 1517 QUALITY, SERVICE AND LOW PRICES NORTH 1517

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—SPECIALS—March 31, April 1 and 2

Meat Specials

Pork Loins.....lb. 12c	Sugar Cured Smok'd Shoulder lb. 10c
Fresh Hams.....lb. 12c	Armour's Star or
Pure Pork Sausage Meat.....lb. 15c	Swift's Premium Hams...lb. 16c
Fresh Chopped Beef.....lb. 17c	Armour's Star Bacon.....lb. 16c
Shoulder Pork Chops.....lb. 11c	Home Cured Salt Pork.....lb. 15c
Prime Shoulder Roast Beef...lb. 17c	Best Cut Chuck Steak.....lb. 19c
Standing Style Rib Roast....lb. 21c	Best Cut Round Steak.....lb. 25c
Milk Fed Roasting Veal.....lb. 19c	Sugar Cured Corned Beef
Genuine Spring Leg Lamb...lb. 23c	Plate, Brisket or Navel...lb. 6c
Genuine Spring Lamb Stew...lb. 10c	Fancy Golden Fowl.....lb. 25c
Veal Stew.....lb. 8c	Milk Fed Roasting Chickens, lb. 31c

Grocery Specials

Sugar.....10 lbs. 41c	Mop Sticks.....each 10c
A No. 1 Butter.....2 lb. roll 49c	Vermont Maid Syrup.....19c
Grade A Eggs.....2 doz. 43c	Chatka Crab Meat.....can 24c
Gold Medal or Pillsbury Flour...73c	Welch's Grape Juice...pint btl. 19c
Del Monte Coffee.....1 lb. can 31c	New York State Beans...8 lbs. 25c
Del Monte EARLY GARDEN Peas...2 for 29c	Sheffield Tall Milk.....4 for 25c
Del Monte GOLDEN BANTAM Corn...2 for 23c	Absco Tomatoes (No. 2)...2 for 15c
Del Monte Prunes (2 lb.)...2 for 25c	Mother's China Oats.....pkg. 23c
Hop Flavored Malt.....4 for \$1.00	Pillsbury's Pancake Flour—
Cut Refugee Beans.....3 for 25c	Large pkg. 24c Small, 2 for 19c
Paragon Cut Wax Beans...3 for 25c	Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour—
Octagon Cleanser.....3 for 13c	Large pkg. 24c Small, 2 for 19c
Super Suds (large).....15c	Chipso.....large pkg. 19c
Super Suds (small).....3 for 23c	P & G Soap.....10 for 31c

MEETING!

The Voters of Lansingburgh, friendly to regular nominations, and the election of **STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS,**

as President of the United States, are requested to meet at the Phoenix Hotel on **WEDNESDAY EVENING, August 1st,** at half past seven o'clock, to choose Delegates to Dist. Convent'n called at Hoosic Falls for the 10th inst., and to transact such other business as may come before them.

By order of the Committee.
J. SPICER, Chairman.
 July 31, 1860. DEMOCRAT PRINT.

SOCIETY RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

The Society was the recipient of two major grants this past year. The Howard & Bush Foundation awarded a grant of \$9000 for stabilization and restoration work on the southeast corner of the headquarters, which has suffered from serious water damage over the years. Restoration specialist Jesse Tuttle of Greenwich, N.Y. has been awarded the contract for the work, which will begin this summer.

We also received a grant for \$975 from the Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundation, to perform the work necessary to complete the Society's "attic museum" at the headquarters. Proper lighting for the exhibits is presently being installed and ventilation work will be completed this summer. After some cleaning and reorganization of exhibits is completed, the attic will permanently house artifacts relating to Lansingburgh commerce and industry. Portable display cases purchased with this grant are presently being used in the exhibit on the Lion shirt and collar factory.



OLYMPIC SALOON, LANSINGBURGH!

Third Night ! TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH.

The first representation of the beautiful Moral Drama of "The Drunkard" having met with such un-
dered success and favor, and owing to the numerous requests to have it repeated, the Manager would
respectfully announce that the

GREAT MORAL DRAMA OF THE

DRUNKARD

will be repeated on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, with the original cast of characters.

This Evening, Tuesday, October 19th, '52, will be Presented,

The Drunkard, OR THE FALLEN SAVED!

Edward Middleton, Old Cribbs, Bill Dawton, Renewaler, Farmer Stevens, Landlord, Mary Middleton, Miss Spindle, Mrs. Wilson,	Mr. J. H. Nichols, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Wemyss, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hiney, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Martine, Miss Osborne.
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SYNOPSIS OF PLOT, INCIDENTS, &c.

ACT 1st—Deep designs of Lawyer Cribbs to ruin Edward Middleton. Miss Spindle's idea of propriety and gentility ; gets in a rage. Bill Dawton's waggeries. Middleton's proposal to Mary ; they are united in Marriage.

ACT 2nd—Lapse of three years. Bill Dawton sees the Will buried by Cribbs. Lawyer Cribbs fears Bill Dawton. No friend to Cribbs. Middleton's first glass ; forgets his home, and falls a victim to the arts of Cribbs.

ACT 3rd—Two years lapse of time. Middleton an habitual drunkard, insouciant in the street—Cribbs a forger, [the guilty know no peace.] Mary a wretched wife ; relates the story of her wrongs her mother's death. Middleton tears himself from his house, and leaves his wife and child alone with the dead ; his property is sold, and his wife goes to Boston in search of him.

ACT 4th—Two years elapse of time. Middleton laboring under Delirium Tremens. Mary Middleton and child turned into the street by the indignation of Cribbs and Miss Spindle. Middleton a beggar on the highway ; meets with a Washingtonian ; resolves to reform ; signs the pledge. Mary Middleton a wanderer ; she sinks down in the highway exhausted ; no friend near but her child ; her husband finds her destitute. The joy of the wife and child. Miss Spindle becomes the wife of Cribbs. Bill Dawton digs up the will ; the disclosure. Cribbs denounced a forger and a villain. The triumph of VIRTUE over VICE.

SONG, COMIC SONG, FAVORITE BALLAD,	Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Martine.
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To conclude with the Laughable Farce of the

TWO BONNY CASTLES.

Mr. Smuggin, John James Johnson, Mr. Bonnyastle, Mrs. Bonnyastle Helen, Patty,	Mr. B. Chapman, Mr. J. H. Nichols, Mr. T. C. Wemyss, Mrs. Martine, " Holmes, Miss Osborne.
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The Lansingburgh Brass Band, having kindly volunteered their services during the stay of this company, will discourse some most
ELOQUENT MUSIC.

Admission, single tickets 25 cts. One Ticket admitting a gentleman and two ladies, 50 cents. Children accompanied by their parents 12 1-2 cts.

In opening this establishment the Manager would beg leave to inform the public that nothing advertised in the bills will be omitted in the representation, and there will positively be

NO POSTPONEMENT on any account whatever.

DOORS OPEN AT 7-8 TO 7 O'CLOCK—CURTAIN RISES AT 7 1-2.

STRICT ORDER WILL BE PRESERVED.

D. REDDEN, Manager.

TREE PLANTING

On October 23, 1983 a blue spruce tree was planted in Melville Park by the Second Avenue Business & Professional Association, in appreciation of the time and effort Society member Anne Houghmaster has devoted to beautification of this part of Lansingburgh. Melville Park was established by the Society in 1973 on the site of a former shipyard, across First Avenue from the Headquarters. The vista of the Hudson River has also been improved by tree trimming and brush removal along lower Second Avenue, undertaken by the City Department of Public Works.

ACQUISITIONS

A number of important items were received during the past season. Highlights include the following gifts: advertising sign for Fox Crackers (Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Palmer), celadon umbrella rack (Dick Zeller), cut glass punch bowl (Bill Fitzgerald), Jensen & McCollum cracker box (H. Irving Moore) and extra panoramic views of Lansingburgh (Merle B. Smith). A number of significant acquisitions came from the estate of James Pine, including a watercolor of a pipe-smoking man, done by Emilie Adams; examples of woodcarving done by Bessie Pine; watercolors and drawings by Grace K. Pine; records of the United Shirt & Collar Co., Troy Carriage Works, and personal papers of J.K.P. Pine. Other donors included Donald Murray, Frances Broderick, Agnes Ernest, Elmo Mollnow, Warren F. Broderick, Mrs. Howard Elliot and Aura Webster.

Important purchases included an oil painting of Mt. Kearsage, N.H., by Emilie C. Adams; Bolton & Skillman cracker box; nine panoramic views of northeastern New York communities and a wooden sign from D. Powers & Sons, oil cloth factory. Some interesting pieces of clothing and related accessories were only recently acquired after deaccessioning by the Rensselaer County Junior Museum.

The Society received on permanent loan from the Troy Cemetery Association the original manuscript map of Oakwood Cemetery, drawn in pen in 1850 by landscape architect J.C. Sidney. The map has just been restored by Northeast Documents Conservation Center in Andover, Mass. This is a very significant acquisition, being one of the earliest existing manuscript maps of a rural cemetery in the United States.

CONSERVATION OF COLLECTIONS

All paintings owned by the Society have been properly matted and framed and restored to their original appearance. Single sheet manuscript items of significance are encapsulated as soon as received. The manuscript map of Oakwood Cemetery and the lithographed map of Troy & Vicinity (1876) were completely restored professionally. Four large roll maps still require treatment. Most textile items in our collections have been placed in acid free boxes donated by State Archives and the Federation of Historical Services. Through a special F.H.S. project, the Society's "G. Lent/Lansingburgh" crock (pictured below) was restored by a professional conservator.



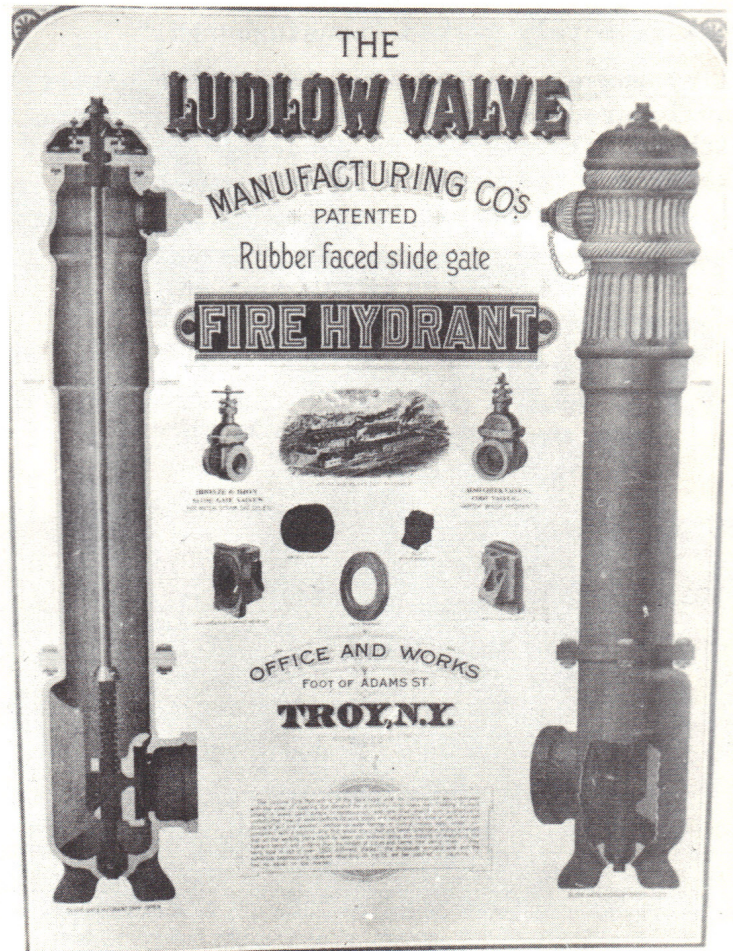
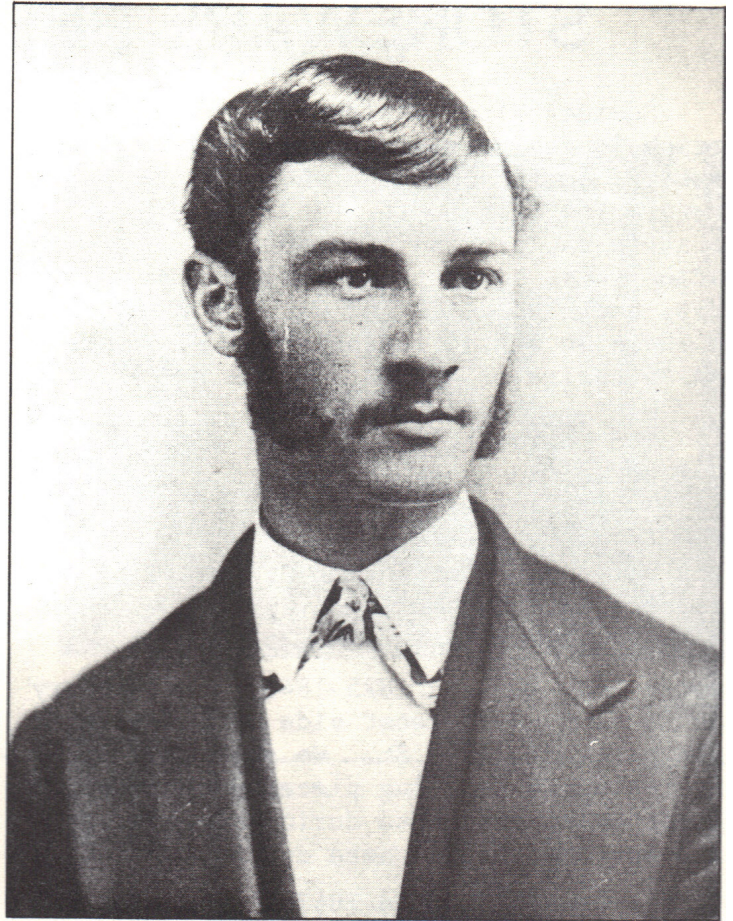
Burleigh Collection

These panoramic or "birds eye" view of northeastern New York State communities, made by Lucien Burleigh of Lansingburgh, are presently owned by the Society. Some were acquired through purchase or exchange, but most were donated by Lucien's son Wm. B. Burleigh and his grandson, Merle Smith. All panoramic views have been encapsulated to ensure their preservation and availability for study and display purposes. The Society is interested in obtaining view of other local communities to supplement this important collection.

Lansingburgh, 1891 (3 sections)
Saratoga Springs, 1888
Johnstown, 1888
Greenwich, c. 1885
Ticonderoga, 1884
Ticonderoga, 1891
Schuylerville, 1889
Cambridge, 1886
Ballston Spa, 1898
Altamont, 1889
Mechanicville, c. 1884-5
Port Henry, 1889
Hagaman's Mills, 1890
Stottville, 1889
Hoosick Falls, 1889
Schaghticoke, 1889
Granville, 1886
Stamford, 1890
Dolgeville, 1890
Middleville
Mohawk, 1893
Newport
Corinth & Palmer Falls, 1888
St. Johnsville

The Society also own facsimiles of the following views: Greenwich, Schuylerville, Victory Mills, Glens Falls, Castleton, Valley Falls & Coeymans.

The collection also includes some records of the Burleigh Company and two other outstanding pieces of Burleigh's lithography, a chromo-litho advertisement for Ludlow Valves and a World War I patriotic poster.



STONEWARE RESEARCH CONTINUES

Society Vice-President Warren F. Broderick is actively involved in continuing research on Lansingburgh and other north-eastern New York potters and their work. He is in the process of compiling information for a booklet on Lansingburgh potters, and also assisting William Ketcham Jr. in revision of the latter's *Early Potters and Potteries of New York State (1970)*.

The following potters are known to have worked in Lansingburgh:

John Haggerty (worked 1796-1825); his pottery was located on Second Avenue just south of 111th Street. No pieces of his work have been located to date.

George Lent (worked 1825-1843); his pottery was located on the west side of Second Ave. just north of 112th St. We are particularly interested in locating pieces and fragments of stoneware unearthed during construction of a service station here during the 1960's.

Eleazer Orcutt (worked 1843-1847). This widely travelled potter worked in Lansingburgh; we believe he used Lent's pottery but need substantive evidence. Some of his work is merely marked "Lansingburgh."

Pliny Thayer (worked 1841-1855); his pottery was located on Second Avenue just north of 111th St. Information is needed to document Thayer's career before he arrive here and after leaving Lansingburgh.

James Reiley (worked 1855-1858); bought Pliny Thayer's pottery. We wonder if any stoneware was made here after Reiley returned to Troy.

Barney Reiley (James Reiley's father); worked at the Reiley pottery.

Stephen Pepson (worked at Thayer's pottery before moving to West Troy and Albany.)

William Lent (worked with his father, George Lent, until the mid 1830's.)

Francis DeLair (worked 1861-1883) lived at 461 4th Avenue. We need to learn if De Lair worked in Troy or West Troy or whether he made pottery in Lansingburgh.

Joseph Hughes (worked 1887) listed in the City Directory as manufacturing "terra-cotta ware" at that lower Lansingburgh address. The extent of his business is not known as yet.

Warren is also interested in obtaining information on potteries in Troy, West Troy (Watervliet), Galesville (Middle Falls), Mechanicville, Stillwater, Fortsville, Galway and other northeastern New York communities.

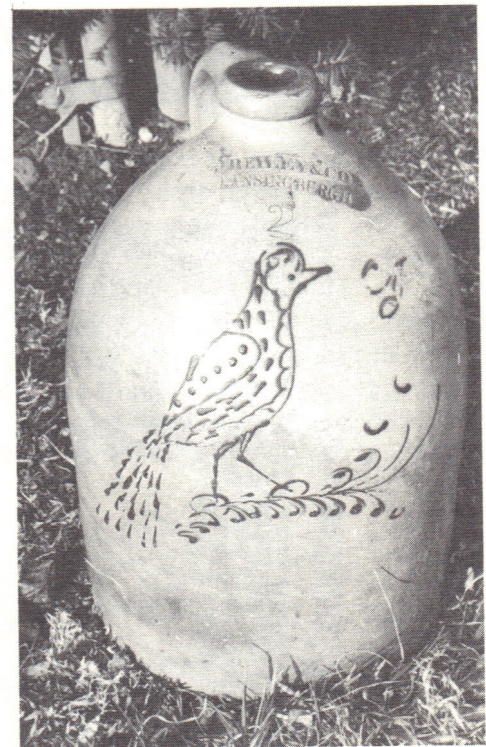
ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG PLANNED at the Thayer-Reiley pottery this summer. Interested volunteers contact Warren Broderick at 235-4041.

LANSINGBURGH
STONE WARE
POTTERY.



PLINY THAYER,
103 STATE-STREET,
LANSINGBURGH, N. Y.

Manufacturer of STONE WARE, of the various kinds in use, and of first rate Quality, offers the following for sale:
POTS and JUGS, BUTTER POTS with covers, PITCHERS, BEER or CIDER BOTTLES, CHURNS, SWEETMEAT JARS with covers, FLOWER POTS, SPITTOONS, large and small CHAMBERS, STOVE TUBES, &c. In addition to the above, the proprietor manufactures also FIRE BRICK, CIRCULAR or CUPOLA BRICK for Furnaces, &c. All of the above including all their varieties and sizes he offers to Merchants and all others in want, on the most favorable terms. Orders either for large or small quantities respectfully solicited and promptly executed.



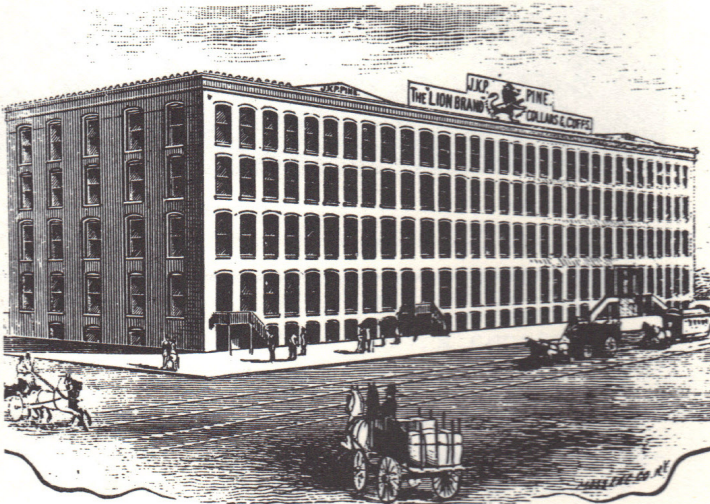
Historic Residence Serves Gardenway

The former Gurley-Cook residence on Gurley Avenue, overlooking Lansingburgh and the junction of the Hudson & Mohawk Rivers, was acquired by Gardenway Inc. in 1980. The spacious home, probably designed by Marcus Cummings, was built in 1879 by Wm. Gurley for his daughter Esther, wife of Paul Cook. Known as "Cool Ridge Acres," the home was tastefully converted into modern offices, while preserving both the original exterior and interior character of the structure. A modern two-storey building was constructed by Gardenway to the rear of the old mansion; they are attached by a glass-sided lobby. The complex houses Gardenway's Art Department and In-House Advertising Agency. We would also like to thank Gardenway for joining the Society as a sustaining member and making an additional contribution to our Collections Fund.



PORCH SALE & OPEN HOUSE

The spring porch sale and open house will be held at the headquarters on Saturday May 19th from 9 AM to 4 PM. A variety of antiques and collectibles will be for sale and the headquarters, including the "Attic Museum," will be open to the public. Anyone with items to donate for the sale or willing to help out during the event should call one of the officers or Dennis Rivage, at 237-6733. Proceeds from the sale will aid the Society's collections fund.



JAMES K. P. PINE'S COLLAR AND CUFF MANUFACTORY.

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JOIN THE LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

No application is necessary; just send \$5.00 for regular membership or \$25.00 for sustaining membership to the Society at P.O. Box 219, Lansingburgh, N.Y. 12182. You will be notified in writing of each monthly program and members joining after September 1st will be credited with dues paid through April 1, 1986.

The following items are still available from the Society:

- LANSINGBURGH, NY 1771-1971----the popular pictorial history---\$1.50
- LANSINGBURGH'S KITCHEN GOODIES---traditional local recipies---\$1.50
- L.H.S. NOTEPAPER---reproducing a painting of the Society's headquarters, on quality paper, 10 to a package---\$2.50
- BRUSHBACKS---hardwood brushbacks from a local brush factory, with a bronze Bicentennial medallion mounted in the center by Maurice Corbin, a unique desk ornament---\$4.00

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