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Local History Notes

Historic Map Views of the Town Are Available Online

Are you interested in seeing what your neighborhood was like 40 years ago, or 100, or 150? The Local History Team has created a new tool to help Town residents trace the development of their properties, neighborhoods and roads. <u>Click here</u> for access to a series of map images of the Town in 1852, 1859, 1874, 1904, 1916 and 1978. In each case you can zoom in on any part of the Town and see a dot for each house, along with the owner's name in most cases. The 1904 map even shows the presence of barns.

Here's an example: This map excerpt to the upper right from the Town of Canandaigua map in the 1874 *Atlas of Ontario County* (Pomeroy, Whitman & Co, 1874, Philadelphia) shows Padelford Station and Post Office, a small population center along County Road 8 in the northeastern part of the Town. In 1873 the New York Central railroad line established a

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depot on the Padelford farm, to serve the residents of the north part of Canandaigua and the southern part of Farmington. Local farmer Harvey Padelford served as the station master.

The image below of the depot and the Padelford farm also appears in the *1876 History of Ontario County*. The station and the railroad tracks have been removed, but the Padelford farmhouse remains intact on County Road 8 (formerly known as Padelford Road).



Looking north at Padelford Station, and the residence of Harvey Padelford. From 1876 History of Ontario County, Plate XXXVI (J.B. Lippincott, Philadelphia)

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