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Happy Birthday Cazenovia!



Cazenovia turns 230 Years Young this coming May!

Join us to celebrate **on Saturday, May 6th at 2:00 PM** when we will commemorate the founding of Cazenovia by John Lincklaen in May 1793. Celebratory remarks will be made at the “unofficial” founding site at the Cazenovia Club, which graciously is hosting the event. Birthday cake will be served, followed by an architectural tour of the 1890s Owahgena Clubhouse.

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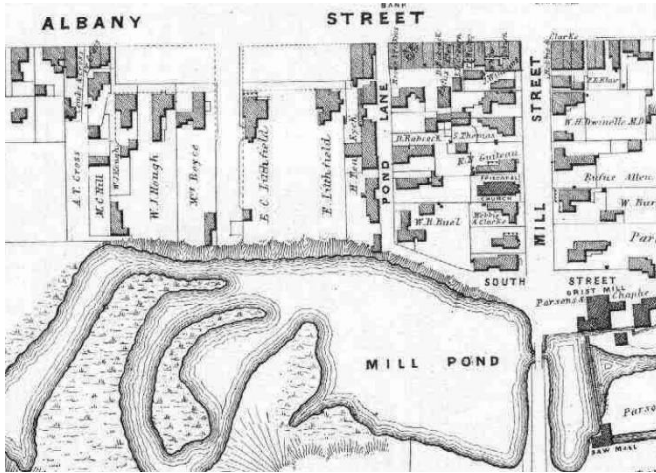
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You all know the story by now, but here’s a refresher: A young Dutch naval officer named John Lincklaen was hired by the Holland Land Company to explore lands in the U. S. and to purchase a tract if found suitable. He came to America in 1792 arriving at the office of the company’s agent, Theophilus Cazenove, in Philadelphia. He set off from Albany, going west, exploring land in what was called the Twenty Townships where Cazenove had purchased 55,000 acres. Lincklaen returned to Philadelphia and recommended additional purchases, bringing the total to 120,000 acres. This would be known as the Cazenovia Establishment, in honor of de Cazenove. Lincklaen was appointed agent to sell and settle these lands. The following spring, he

repeated his steps and on the 8th of May 1793, set up camp at the outlet of the lake. As he would write in his journal, *“The situation is superb, and the lands are beautiful. Here I pitch my tent; here I build my village.”*

Highlighted Resource: That House on Lunky Lane – Worth a Stroll!

Have you ever heard of Lunky Lane? or know where it is?, or was? What if you were asked instead: Where is Allen Street? That you probably can answer: turn off Albany onto **Allen** Street -- a.k.a. “Lunky Lane” -- and it then becomes **South Street**. It was called Lunky Lane supposedly because of a livery service and stables owned by



Loyal A. Eggleston, located off the lane behind the then-Litchfields’ properties. Loyal preferred the nick-name “Lunky” over his given first name. He was born in 1817 and had moved to Cazenovia by 1846 to run his business. He went into partnership with J. **Allen** in 1847 and they began advertising a stagecoach service to Chittenango.

In 1851, the Village officially named some streets, in preparation of a map (at left) by Henry Hart published in 1852. The lane from Albany Street was to be called Pond Lane and the section from Parsons Mill on Mill Street to Pond Lane would be called South Street. To the locals at the time, however, this stretch was affectionately known as Lunky Lane. Unfortunately, Lunky, his wife Mary Ann,

and daughter Frances all died by 1860 (and are all buried at Evergreen Cemetery). And so the nick-name of the road would die out soon thereafter, too.

But on to the house: At the corner of South Street and what had become **Allen** Street by 1871, the house is



believed to have been owned by Jefferson Chubbuck, though possibly built earlier. Chubbuck owned a foundry/machine shop and furnace works on Mill Street, near the creek. Born in 1807, he came to Cazenovia around 1830-1840. He, his wife, and five children lived here until at least 1860, when he died.

The house presents interestingly volumetric proportions and stylistic features. Overall, it fits comfortably into an mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival expression, often called a “balanced-wing Greek Revival cottage,” with its pedimented front door surround and its second floor cornice returns.

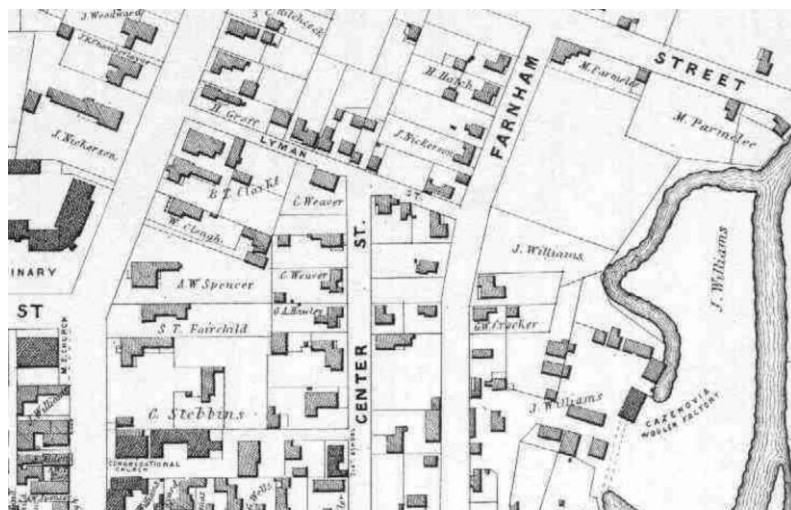
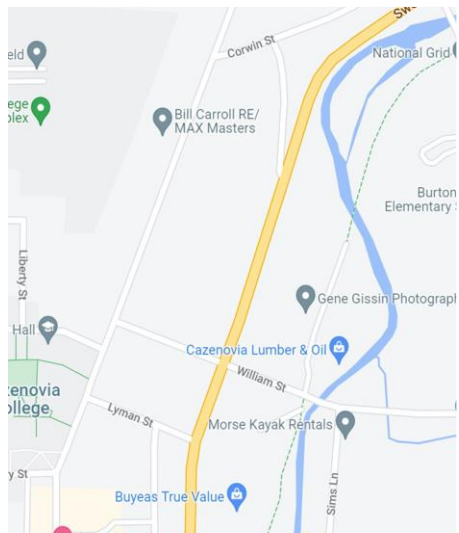


The flanking wings are one- and one-half story and give faint signals that they actually may be earlier. A part of this is the observation that the corner posts of the upright, two-story frame are located directly over first floor window openings. The second-story frame may also be early, however, since its tie/cross beams appear to be located at rafter plate level -- a sign of early nineteenth-century timber framing. Two more, later one-story additions were added on the north and east sides. This gives the house an unusual, though well designed, massing, attractive from any angle. Most, if not all, of the window glass panes are historic and intact today.

Cornell University - Cazenovia Heritage Partnership

As recently announced, Cazenovia Heritage and Cornell University's Preservation Planning Department will jointly fund a project to examine the architecture and socio-economic development of an area in the Village. In what are likely two distinct neighborhoods – the Woolen Mill neighborhood and the Paper Mill neighborhood -- the study will examine Center and Farnham Streets from Albany Street up to Williams; and then Farnham up to Corwin Street (see maps below). It is important to note that these areas are outside of the Village Historic District and have not been documented previously.

Beginning in June, a graduate student, Claire Buchinger, will be onsite to survey the architecture of the homes and evaluate architectural and historic significance. Under her guidance, Caz Heritage volunteers will work to identify and document the people working there, occupations, time of settlement, etc. We will be calling for volunteers likely in early June. A presentation on findings is targeted for November. Ideally, this project will serve as a prototype of future neighborhood studies.



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Got Spring Fever Yet? Get It Here!

We are sooo anxious for Spring to arrive and to get outside and enjoy our community with the programs planned for the upcoming months!

Just in time for the daffodils is a **walking tour** to explore the architecture of **four churches** in Cazenovia on Saturday, **April 22nd**. Our thanks to all the churches for allowing us to look inside, as well as examine their exteriors. Tour will start at St. Peter's on Mill Street at 2:00 PM. This program is rain or shine, but if there are active thunderstorms, the program will be re-scheduled.

May is **National Preservation Month** during which communities around the country celebrate their historic resources. In addition to the CAZ 230 Birthday on the 6th, we are offering a **walking tour** of **Albany Street** businesses on the **21st**, and a **unique gallery exhibit** at the Cazenovia Public Library: *Art in Architecture*.

June 3rd will be a long-awaited **tombstone restoration workshop** on Grassy Lane Road, and **July** brings a **Cazenovia House Tour**.

Check www.cazheritage.org for updates and watch for emails as the programs approach.



Advocacy Updates

Gothic Cottage: Over the last three months, representatives from Cazenovia Heritage worked with Town of Cazenovia Board members to complete an identification of requirements to stabilize and preserve the Gothic Cottage, regardless of its future use. The final report, including estimates, describes work required for each room and for the exterior of the Cottage. The next step will be for the Town to apply for a grant to undertake the necessary work. Cazenovia Heritage representatives will work with CACDA on behalf of the Town to prepare the grant application.

Renew Albany Street: Follow-up letters outlining specific work required have been sent to all Albany Street businesses that have not addressed earlier concerns. Initial letters also were sent this winter to owners of residential rental properties requiring maintenance and repairs.

Future of Cazenovia College: Cazenovia Heritage is participating with community groups to identify potential uses for the college campus buildings. We have proposed one possible use of some of the facilities for training in preservation trades, and look forward to additional community proposals. Additionally, we completed an inventory of all buildings to identify those having architectural significance.

Membership Update

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your annual memberships in Cazenovia Heritage for 2023! We are close to matching our year-end 2022 levels! Should you want to be counted among your many neighbors who have already joined, there's always another opportunity. Simply mail your check to Cazenovia Heritage, P. O. Box 103, Cazenovia NY 13035 or join securely online at www.cazheritage.org Cazenovia Heritage is a registered 501 (3) c non-profit and memberships are tax deductible. Annual memberships are included automatically with an annual donation of \$300 or more.

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