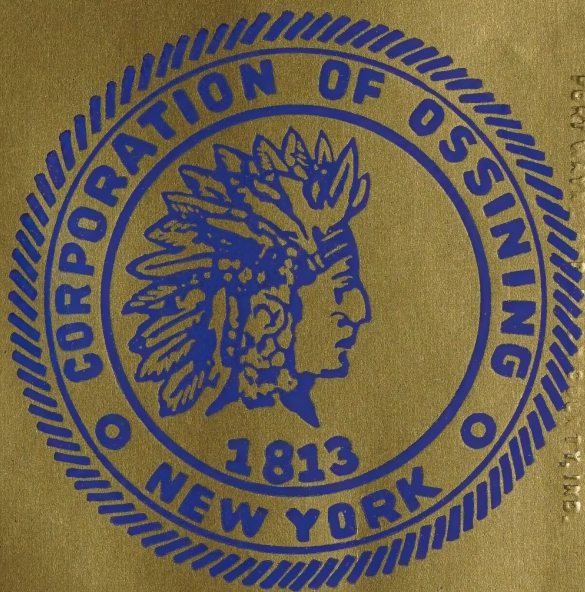


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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Village of Sing Sing, New York, was incorporated in 1813, and received its present name, Village of Ossining by revision of its charter in 1901, and

WHEREAS, the year 1951 marks the fiftieth year of its growth and progress under that name, now therefore, I, George E. Giese, Mayor, do hereby designate September 23-29, 1951, to be the Golden Jubilee week of that year in commemoration of the planning and work of all those citizens who have participated in its development and progress, and have hereto caused to be affixed my hand and the seal of the Village of Ossining.

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THE CITIZEN REGISTER
156 Main Street, Ossining



"Village of Sing Sing"

Oil Painting by Hugh Reinagle

This large painting of Sing Sing, is probably the largest ever done of this village, for it measures $32\frac{1}{2}$ x $68\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The artist was Hugh Reinagle, who was born in Philadelphia in 1790. His father was Frank Reinagle, the lessee of the Chestnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia. Young Hugh studied scene painting with John J. Holland, and painted landscapes, genre subjects, and several panoramas. His most important works were a "View of New York," a "Niagara Falls," and several views on the Hudson River, of which the Ossining View is the most important. He was a member of the National Academy from 1826 until his death in New Orleans in 1834.

Historic Ossining

The Village of Ossining, the oldest incorporated village (1813) in the county of Westchester, lies on the eastern slope of the Hudson about thirty miles north of New York. Whereas in the old days it was described as being on the Albany Post Road, or the Turnpike, now it can be reached by Route 9, with other tributaries 9A, 133 and 134 leading to it.

Dr. George Jackson Fisher, physician and historian wrote of it as follows: "The town lies on the eastern slope of the Hudson, the rock and land rising more or less abruptly from the river margin, until, at a distance of half a mile back, it reaches an altitude of three hundred feet; and still farther from the river the hills are from five hundred to nearly one thousand feet above tide water. The prevailing rocks are an imperfect granite, and a gneiss varying much in stratification and solidity. Many boulders are everywhere to be found, some of which are of great size. Most of them are fragments of our own rock-beds, while many are of foreign material, having found their way here during the drift period of which they are not the only remaining evidence. The surfaces of most of our rocks are well polished and furrowed by the same agency."

It was therefore little wonder that the Indians used the word Ossin for "stone" (in the Chippeway language) and Ossinee or Ossineen for "stones" to describe this part of their world. "Stone upon stone," another translation accurately describes the appearance of the hillsides. This is particularly apparent at and above the site of Sing Sing Prison.

Fisher says "In the early part of the seventeenth century the Indians who lived here were a tribe of the Mohegans, and were known as Sint Sincks." They owned the territory "as far north as the Croton River, then called the 'Kitchewan,' the tribe inhabiting territory above this stream being the 'Kitchawongs.' An Indian village occupied the



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present site of Sing Sing, and bore the name Sink Sink." As late as 1685 this village was referred to by Frederick Philipse in his Deed of Conveyance as "that tract or parcel of land commonly called Sinck Sinck." It was also referred to in the (1656) Dutch map of Adriaen van der Donck, "the Yonker," Patroon of Colen-Donck as Sin Sing.

But it was Henry Hudson in 1609, who discovered and opened up this section of the new world and sailed up the river later to be known by his name, making friends of some of the Indian inhabitants and killing others.

Nothing is left of the history and occupation of the Sint Sincks but their arrow heads, stone implements, oyster shell beds and their original names.

The Dutch from New Amsterdam, later New York, gradually came into the picture. In 1680 the tract of land between Spuyten Duyvil

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Now View looking West from Trinity Church Parish House steps across Main St.

Creek and the Croton River was patented by the Crown to Frederick Philipse, first Lord of the Manor. On August 24, 1685, he confirmed this patent by purchasing from the Indians the land now included in our village, thus making it part of the Manor of Philipsburg. He met with eight of the Sachems of the tribe; Weskenane, or Weskora, Keanarham, Mamannane, Crawman, Weunicktanon, Weremenhore, Wappus and Aquaines on the plain above the present Scarborough station and obtained "All that tract of land from the Pocantico River to the Kitchawan river from south to north; and from the Hudson river on the west to the Nepperan creek on the east—is hereby transferred to Frederick Philipse of the Manor adjoining this Indian village on the south, according to the terms of the agreement as shall herein be stated."

This Indian purchase was confirmed to his son Philip Philipse by royal patent, dated 12th January, 1686, under the hand and seal of his Excellency Thomas Dongan, Governor of the Province. The Albany Book of Patents v. 90 states that the Indians were paid 50 feet of black

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wampum, 100 do. white wampum, 11 kettles, 12 larger ditto, 15 fathom of trade cloth, 12 guns, 15 shirts, 12 pair of stockings, 2 ankers of rum, 12 drawing knives, 6 adz's, 12 blankets, 12 fathom of stroudwater, 50 lb. of powder, 30 bars of lead, 20 axes, 15 hoes, 40 knives, 20 stone jugs, 1 iron chain, 2 rolls of tobacco, 2 pistols.

All the land in this section of the county remained in the possession of the Philipse family as Lords of the Manor of Philipsburg until the close of the Revolutionary War. In 1779, these lands were forfeit to the State of New York by the last Lord of the Manor, Colonel Frederick Philipse, because of his loyalty to the Crown. In 1785 they were sold by the State of New York with the exception of Sparta Cemetery. The purchasers were for the most part tenant farmers of the Manor who had been loyal to the American Cause.

About 1760 the first white settlement began to emerge to the south of the present village of Ossining—a place known as "Sparta." Houses

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Now Same site. New brick building, a manufacturing plant, is built around the old Church some of which still stands.

were erected, a church founded, a cemetery laid out, bricks were manufactured, and a good dock made the thriving little hamlet a trading center. Many English people with their trades and professional abilities were among the residents.

At the same time the village to the north, Sing Sing, or as it was sometimes called "Hunter's Landing," grew apace. Elijah Hunter who owned 196 acres of the village erected a dock on his property. This dock attracted farmers because of cheaper rates for shipments of produce to New York, so that by 1800 it was a close rival to the settlement at Sparta, with its earlier docking facilities.

In the early days of the 19th century books were printed here, the first in Westchester County, to say nothing of the first newspaper in the county, "The Mount Pleasant Register." This has been verified by mention of it in the minutes of the Westchester County Medical Society in 1797, when a notice of the May, 1797 meeting was ordered inserted in

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Then Looking South on Spring Street from the intersection with Main. Note trolley tracks about 1893 and telephone poles, in 1900.

the paper. However, the earliest newspaper of which a copy exists is the "Mount Pleasant Courier" Vol. 1, No. 1, dated June 19, 1799.

Sing Sing was also known as a boat building center. Among the names of the famous boat builders were Capt. Moses Stanton, Captain Isaac Smith, and Thomas Collyer.

The "Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow" served this section until the Presbyterian Church was founded in Sparta in 1763. Others established before 1800 were the Baptist Church in 1786, and formally organized in 1790, and the Methodist Church in 1787. The first meeting at the Sing Sing Camp Woods was held by the Methodists in 1831 and formally organized in 1834. In its early history many thousands attended. Boatloads of people came from across the river, and as far away as New York. The camp meeting grounds, located in an old locust grove, are one of the most historical shrines of Methodism, and still attract many people to the annual meeting. Its charm and ac-

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Sparta Cemetery, located on the Albany Post Road, is perhaps Ossining's most historic spot, and is now administered by the Ossining Historical Society though owned by the First Presbyterian Church. In it are buried most of the original settlers and Revolutionary soldiers. This Cemetery adjoined the first Presbyterian Church established in 1763, and built about 1768. Here may be found the headstone said to have been pierced by a round shot from the British "Vulture," anchored in the river.

The Village had many hotels or "taverns" as they were then known. The first one was "Ward Tavern" owned and run by Major Moses Ward, father of Major-General Aaron Ward, and later by Nancy Sherwood Ward, his widow, who was its well known hostess for many years. Like Elijah Hunter, Moses Ward was a large property owner, having 181 acres of land. Perhaps the most noted tavern was the Union Hotel owned at one time by Enoch Crosby, Jr. son of Cooper's "Spy."

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Now Main Street, corner of Spring looking East. Note arc-light for illumination of the intersection.

It was a regular stop for stage coaches of the New York and Albany Turnpike Stage Company, and stood at the south west corner of Church St. and South Highland Avenue, where for many years a little old red mile stone showed the distance from New York. The mile stone is now across the street, and in its former place is a New York State highway marker.

The Sing Sing Fire Department was organized May 4, 1812, by the formation of Wash'ngton Fire Engine Company, No. 1. It is said that one purpose in addition to fighting fire in this early organization of the company, was to provide a possible loophole through which to escape enlistment into the army, then being recruited for service in the War. Firemen were then exempt from military duty. The company purchased a hand-engine in New York City, one which had been used by the firemen there, and this was known as No. 11. She is said to have been stationed near the Washington Market. "The engine-box was ornamented with a picture of General Washington crossing the Delaware,

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and it was most probably from this fact that the company took to itself the title of Washington Fire Engine Company, No. 1."

It is a far cry from that day to this when the Fire Department numbers nine companies with a membership of 500 volunteer firemen.

On April 2, 1813, the Village of Sing Sing was incorporated by Act of Legislature of the State of New York.

Sing Sing remained a part of the Town of Mount Pleasant until 1845, when the Town of Ossining, later changed to Ossining was formed from the northern part of the Town of Mount Pleasant. It was at this juncture that the derivation of the word Ossining was studied by the noted ethnologist, Henry M. Schoolcraft in 1844, at the request of General Aaron Ward, member of Congress from this district. It was accepted by Robert Bolton, Jr., historian as follows; "Ossining the proper Indian orthography of the word variously written Sin Sing, Sing Sing,



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Sin Sinck and Sink Sink, is derived from Ossin (a stone) and ing (a place) or "Stone upon Stone. N.H. His. Pro. 1844, 101."

Sing Sing Prison, known the world over, was established here in 1824 "owing to its exhaustless bodies of marble, its healthy situation and its accessibility by water." "On May 12, 1826, Captain E. Lynds, former agent of the Auburn prison, with one hundred convicts, in obedience to instructions, proceeded to Sing Sing and commenced the erection of the State prison there."

The silver mine in the vicinity of the prison was run by Col. James prior to the Revolutionary War and was reorganized in 1824, and in 1820 a vein of copper was discovered. In 1824 a company was formed to work them, but with little success in either case.

Congressman Major-General Aaron Ward built his home of "Sing Sing Marble" in 1835, an exact reproduction of Arlington, General Rob-

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Now Same site in 1951. Presbyterian Church spire in the background. Automobiles have replaced horses and carts.

ert E. Lee's home. This was a famous and rare example of the "Greek Revival," probably never again to be met with in a community this size.

Industries were established in the prison offering competition to local industrialists. These latter, understandably, wanted the name of the village changed. After many names were considered, among them Weskora, it was altered in 1901 from Sing Sing to Ossining, the name of the Township. This change we now commemorate.

The Arch containing the Croton Aqueduct over the Kil Brook was started in 1836 and completed in 1840. Many workers on the Aqueduct established homes in the village, some of them being Roman Catholics. The first Roman Catholic Church, St. Augustine's, was started in 1856.

Ossining was always noted for its educational institutions. Mt. Pleasant Academy was founded in 1814, Mrs. Ten Eyck's School in

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Then Main Street looking West from Baptist Church. Awnings on North side of the street afforded shade for shoppers.

1853 in Talcott's Hall (the present Masonic Building), Miss Van Vleck's School in 1867, which later became the Ossining School for girls under Miss Clara C. Fuller, and Holbrook's School, in 1866. The site where St. John's Military School stood was at one time a girls' school, called the Mountain Institute. It was opened as a boys' school by Marlborough Churchill in 1845, later carried on by Rev. Dr. J. Breckenridge Gibson, and lastly by Mr. and Mrs. William Ranney and their son and daughter-in-law.

Before the formal establishment of the Free School District No. 1 in Sing Sing, there were several small schools in this locality. One in Sparta, one on Water Street, and one on Spring Street, opposite St. Paul's Place, called the Butterfly House on account of its peculiar construction. The Ossining School District was established in 1854. With the growth of the Village and Town their educational requirements have been met by the present Public School System, though a new school is much needed on account of increasing population.

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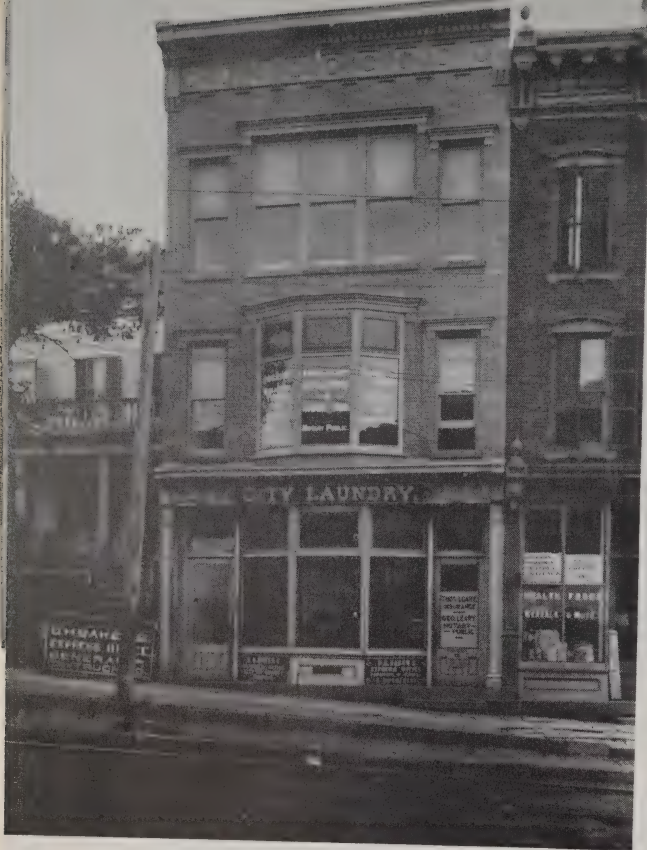
Now Awnings have been replaced by air-conditioning in places, and older types of paving by concrete streets.

In 1886, a dispensary was organized by some of the ladies of the community which later became the Ossining Hospital. The dispensary was located on the second floor of the building at the S.E. corner of Eastern and So. Highland Avenues. After a short time a hospital building was obtained at the foot of Orchard Street, and still stands. The present Hospital grounds on Spring Street, were purchased, 1905, by Mrs. Walter Geer, and the cost of the building and its furnishings were given by her sisters the Misses Blanche and Martha Potter together with Frederick Potter in memory of his wife, Helen Brandreth. He also gave Trinity Parish House and later founded the District Nursing Association in 1905, also in memory of his wife. The First President of this Association was Mrs. John I. Kane, who also established the Ossining Woman's Club in 1919, and the Ossining Historical Society in 1931. She was the grand-daughter of Major-General Aaron Ward, and also grand-daughter of Benjamin Brandreth of England, who brought the manufacture of Brandreth's Pills to Sing Sing in 1837. Later, the company took the title of the Allcock Manufacturing Co., 1848.

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In 1887, due to the epidemic of typhoid fever which swept through the village, the Ossining Water Board was organized.

The Ossining Public Library was established as part of the Public School System in 1889. The building was erected on Croton Avenue through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie.

The Municipal Building was erected in 1913, largely through the efforts of Dr. Albert W. Twigg, former Village president.

Ossining is known for its many beautiful churches. Following is the list of churches in a chronological list of their founding.

The oldest church building still standing is St. Paul's dedicated in 1836.

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Now Frame house has been replaced by brick building. Pole supporting feed wire for the trolleys is also outmoded.



Trinity Church, an offshoot of St. Paul's started in 1868.

The Presbyterian Church started in Sparta about 1763; and had a church where the Pre-Revolutionary Cemetery is located. Moved to Ossining in 1800, where Trinity Church now stands.

Baptist Church was started in 1786, but formally organized in 1790.

The Methodist Church had meetings in 1792, but did not build its church until 1831 on Spring Street where the Cambridge Instrument Company is now located.

The Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Camp Meeting Society was incorporated in 1834.

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St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church building began in 1856.

St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church began in October 12, 1928.

St. Matthew's Church, originally the North Sing Sing Methodist Church began in 1870. It became St. Matthew's Church January 11, 1905.

Star of Bethlehem Church was organized, November 12, 1890.

Ossining Heights Methodist Church was organized in 1887.

The Gospel Assembly was organized February 1, 1914.

Maryknoll Fathers was founded in 1911. Maryknoll Sisters received Papal recognition in 1921.

First Church of Christ, Scientist was organized in 1906. First service held in Church November 7, 1937.

Congregation of the Sons of Israel, organized, 1893.

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There are many other points of interest. In Brayton Park was "Chelsea" the home of Benjamin Moore whose father was the noted Professor Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863). Clement Clarke Moore wrote "The Visit of St. Nicholas," commonly called "The Night Before Christmas," in New York City for his little family, in 1822. The property here was not bought by him until 1839. It was bought from Albert Orser owner of 164 acres and one of the tenants of Frederick Philipse. Lt. Col. Charles J. Saunders now occupies it as his home.

Havell House, Havell Street. This was where Robert Havell, Jr., lived from 1841-1857., after coming to America in 1839. He was the engraver of the plates for Audubon's Birds of America, and did much to carry Audubon through the long struggle of publication, even giving him considerable financial aid. The 435 plates for the series were completed in England in 1838; shortly after that he came to America and settled in Sing Sing, where he painted some beautiful scenes of the Hudson, two of which are now in the Museum of the Ossining Historical Society in the Washington School, Croton Avenue. The Museum

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Then Corner of Spring Street and St. Paul's Place, N.W. Trees afforded shade and natural beauty.

is open to the public every Monday afternoon from October through May, and also by appointment with the Curator at other times.

The birth-place of Rear Admiral John L. Worden who was born in 1818, was in a small house near the junction of Albany Post Road and Scarborough. There is a New York State Highway marker placed there.

Among the other famous people who have lived in or near Ossining were Commodore Matthew Galbraith Perry, General James B. Swain, Commodore Alexander Slidell Mackenzie, Edmund Marsh Blunt, John Orde Creighton, Dr. Seth Miller, Dr. Jeremiah Drake Fowler, Hon. John T. Hoffman, Governor of the State of New York, Dr. Adrian K. Hoffman, Dr. Forbes Winslow, Dr. George Jackson Fisher, John Bigelow, E. P. Weston, Allen Fisher, Gen. John C. Fremont, Enoch Crosby, Jr., A. T. Agate, V. Everit Macy, the first Commissioner of Public Welfare of the County, Lieut. Edmund C. Genet, the first American killed in World War I, Col. Caleb Huse, Orlando B. Potter, Rev. Alexander Watson, Louis Anspacher and his wife, Katherine Kidder, Blanche Bates, Jeanne Eagles, James Speyer, Irvin S. Cobb, Francis Larkin,

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Senior and Junior, Abram Kipp, Townsend Young, S. Ferris Washburne, Frank Vanderlip, Major Edward Bowes; also Dr. Amos O. Squire, Thomas Mott Osborne and Lewis Lawes.

Sing Sing in the early part of the 19th century was a busy little village, with farmers coming from all parts of the county to ship their produce by boat to New York City. With the coming of the railroad in 1849 to Sing Sing, competition of transportation was too much for the slower moving boats, the only survivor being the Sarah Jenks whose daily signal reminded every one that time was passing. Sing Sing ceased to be the main channel for goods, and slipped into the position of a suburban village. The industries at the Prison antagonized the business interests in the village, and in consequence it was decided to change the name from Sing Sing to Ossining, which was done March 25, 1901.

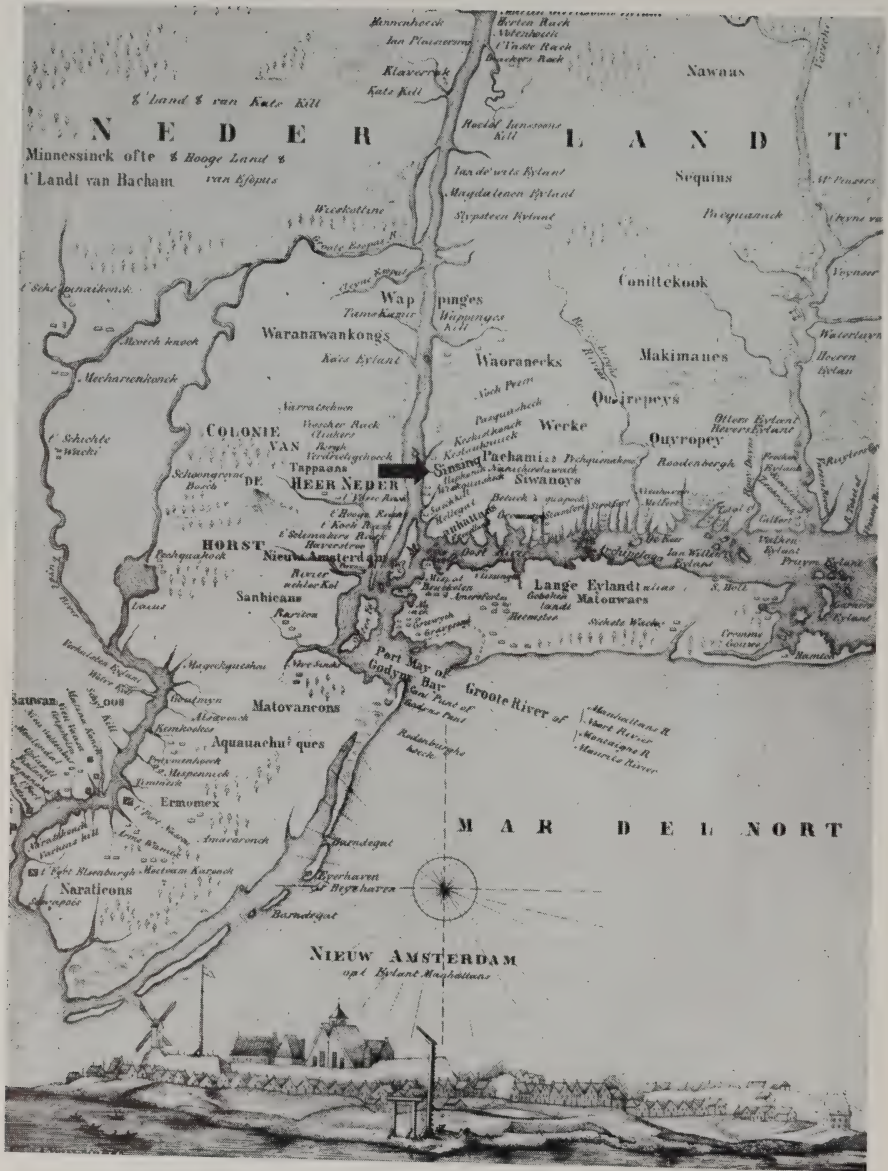
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Organizations of Ossining

This section of the Golden Jubilee book is dedicated to what must necessarily be thumb-nail sketches of the institutions and organizations of Ossining which, on a not-for-profit basis serve the people of the community in many capacities. They contribute a stupendous number of man and woman hours of service with hand, heart and head each year to make the community a better, more wholesome and safer place in which to live.

Without them, the spirit of American community life would wither, for "where there is no vision, the people perish." These institutions and organizations carry on the tradition of self-reliance and service that is the heritage of our forefathers.

Golden Age Club No. 1 of Ossining

Ossining may well be proud of any group which originated here and has proven distinctly beneficial to many persons of any age. One such organization indicates its object and its priority in its title: Golden Age Club Number One of Ossining. Its purpose is: "To offer opportunities and facilities for wholesome recreation for older men and women who have a golden opportunity for the sunset of life."

This began in the Ossining Recreation Building October 6th, 1946, the first actual gathering being three days later, with 5 members enrolled. The present membership is 79. Edgar Cypher was the first President.

Our Village counts itself happy to be the first Golden Age Club locality; the first of its kind not only in Ossining but also throughout the country. Since 1946, there have been 78 Golden Age Clubs organized in the United States and Canada.

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George Coles	

Congregation Sons of Israel

Sixty years ago the Congregation Sons of Israel held its first meeting and was organized that same date, May 1891. The purpose of this Congregation is expressed in their own words: "Guided by the spirit of brotherly love and for the purpose of meeting for prayer and devotion and blessedness to all races of men."

The first meeting was on Durston, now Hunter, Avenue; the first President was Abraham Feinberg. Evidences of growth are seen in their membership, from 11 to 17 times that number, or at present 187, and in their Synagogue located on Waller Avenue.

Officers now are:

<i>President</i>
Michael L. Jessup
<i>Vice President</i>
Abraham Cohen
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Irving Schwartz
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Then Note hitching post, West side of Spring Street near St. Paul's Place.

Parent-Teachers Association

Among the various organizations established to advance the best interests of education, the Parent-Teachers Association stands well towards the front. It aims high: to obtain better relations between the home and the school, the parent and the teacher.

Locally, one such in Ossining is the Park School Parent-Teacher Association. It has functioned since January, 1922; its first meeting being held in the Old Park School, February 18, of that year, and with a membership of 150. It continued in the New Park School building, since October 17, 1940, at which time its member list was 119; the present list is 175.

The first President was Mrs. H. Warren Terry. When entering the New Park School that office was held by Mrs. W. A. Slater.

The present Officers are:

President

Mrs. Frederick Cregier

Secretary

Mrs. Frederick B. Overbaugh, Jr.

Treasurer

Miss Hester Bateman

Ossining Lodge, 1486, B. P. O. Elks

In its clubhouse, built nearly one hundred years ago, at 80 Main St., the Ossining Lodge, 1486, B. P. O. Elks, now gathers for comradeship and conducts its meetings. Its first gathering was held and its organization effected May 8th, 1924, the location being 34 State Street.

The purpose of the Elks is fraternal and charitable, fostered locally at first by John A. Rowe, as Exalted Ruler, and continuing through the years with this same ideal. The membership has almost trebled, from 125 to the present 361.

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The Officers are:

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 P. Emmett Tierney
Treasurer
 Ralph Vaccaro

Second Vice President
 Mrs. Fred Wallace
Treasurer
 Mrs. Alfred Werber
Secretary
 Mrs. Chauncey Long

**The Sing Sing Officers Unit, 1123
 American Legion Auxiliary**

With its objective the rehabilitation of Veterans, the Sing Sing Officers Unit, 1123, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York, was organized January 4, 1940. The first meeting was held that same date in the Starling Building, Spring Street. Mrs. Jessie Johnson was the first president.

The original membership list was 33; at present it numbers 18. The Officers are:

President
 Mrs. William Taylor
First Vice President
 Mrs. Joseph Fitzpatrick

Hudson Court, 136, Order of Amaranth

Under its Organization-Charter of May 28, 1927, Hudson Court, 136, Order of Amaranth, met first in Eagle Hall, Croton Avenue. There were 25 members and the first Officers were Mrs. Mary J. Horton, Royal Matron and William A. Bellmer, Royal Patron.

Its objective is fraternal. The original members have increased to 71.

Officers at present are:

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 Mrs. Otilie Fennhahn
Royal Patron
 William A. Bellmer
Secretary
 Mrs. Gus Hiland
Treasurer
 Mrs. William A. Bellmer

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Then North side of intersection of Brandreth and Main Streets. Building to the extreme left is the Olive Opera House.

Ossining Recreation Commission

"The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one strong." What an ancient prophet declared of another group centuries ago, aptly describes our Ossining Recreation Commission. From its original membership of 5 Commissioners and 1 Director it has grown till its present membership totals over 3000. From one objective: to create a summer playground, it now offers the Village over 75 different recreational programs.

No wonder then that, in 1946, Ossining was chosen first in the State of New York for its attractive Recreational program. The general purpose is "to offer opportunities, facilities and leadership for wholesome recreation, including hobbies for all ages. One of its most serviceable programs is the Golden Age Club for older men and women, which started in Ossining and

now has fostered clubs in several parts of the United States and Canada.

The Ossining Recreation Commission was organized in 1929, its first meeting being June of that year. The first president was Herbert C. Gerlach. The present Officers are:

Chairman

John Leslie

Director

Andrew A. Sargis

Assistant Director

Joseph A. De Palma

Commissioners: The above, with Clifford C. White, Everett Olson and Miss Elizabeth Sleanor

Victoria Home For British Aged Men and Women

Victoria Home for British Aged Men and Women, was founded in 1915. The original home was on Staten Island,

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Then North side of Main Street, looking Northeast.

but in 1927 "Hillside," the home of the late General Edwin A. McAlpin was purchased on Snowden Avenue, Ossining, to which a large fireproof addition was added. The home is non-sectarian and is supported by voluntary contributions. It is conducted by the Daughters of the British Empire in the Eastern States as a philanthropic enterprise, and managed by its own Board of Directors.

Original Officers were: Mrs. H. H. Pike, President.

Present Officers are:

- First Vice President*
Mrs. Lewis Sanders
- Second Vice President*
Mrs. Anton Gray
- Third Vice President*
Mrs. H. Russell Fish
- Fourth Vice President*
Mrs. C. H. Pedersen

- Recording Secretary*
Mrs. A. Minor Buchanan
- Treasurer*
Mrs. Cyril Foster
- Corresponding Secretary*
Miss Catherine B. Hays
- Registrar*
Mrs. Grace Johnson

**Washington Hook and Ladder
Company II**

Washington Hook and Ladder Company II (Synonymously Washington Engine Co. No. I) was organized May 4, 1812. Its original foreman was Samuel C. Mott and the original secretary, Edward Kemys, and the first assembly was at Meeting Hall, in the then Village of Sing Sing. The original membership of fifty has now increased to seventy-five.

The purpose of organization was to

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fight fires, which the company has done uninterruptedly for almost 140 years. It was the first organized fire fighting company in Westchester County and probably the oldest volunteer fire company still in existence in the State of New York.

Present Officers are:

- President*
Leonard Whiting
- Foreman*
Charles Brundage

**Ossining Police Athletic League
Drum and Bugle Corps**

The Ossining Police Athletic League Drum and Bugle Corps was organized October 7, 1948 with James Preston, Jr., as its first president. With an original membership of 4 persons, it now numbers 75. The Corps uses the more familiar name P.A.L. and has been self maintaining since its founding.

The Corps was instituted with the

purpose of furthering the interest of teen-age boys and girls having musical ability. It supplies its own uniforms, instruments and bus transportation.

Since its founding less than three years ago it has participated in excess of seventy-five parades and competitions. The members range in age from twelve to twenty-one, and the Corps is a member of the Hudson Valley Drum Corps Association.

Present Officers are:

- General Director*
Walter C. Prescott
- Commander*
Richard Palmer
- Vice Commander*
Elizabeth Irving
- Secretary*
J. Outhouse
- Treasurer*
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Ossining Children's Center

Christ Child Day Nursery, Inc., now the Ossining Children's Center, at 90 South Highland Avenue, was founded in February 1895, by a few ladies of the community, with Mrs. H. G. Fithian as the principal organizer. Its first President was Mrs. Franklin Brandreth, and the first meeting was held on June 8, 1895, at the home of Mrs. Frederick Potter.

The Day Nursery was incorporated on June 6, 1906, with a membership of 39 for the purpose of operating a day care center for children of working mothers and has continued to carry out this purpose ever since. Its present membership is 260.

Originally located on Ann Street, the present quarters at 90 South Highland Avenue were acquired by gift of the late Leonard K. Ronk.

Present Officers are:

President

Mrs. Stuart Baker

Secretary

Mrs. Joseph L. Naar

Treasurer

Mrs. Arnold Caterson

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Lewis Parker

The Women's Auxiliary Of The Ossining Hospital

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Ossining Hospital was organized in October, 1922, Mrs. Charles G. Washburne, president. The original small Woman's Maintenance Committee founded in 1886 under the presidency of Mrs. Edwin A. McAlpin, raised all funds for the maintenance of the hospital, a duty taken over in 1922 by the Board of Trustees.

The function of the Woman's Auxiliary which succeeded the Mainten-

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ance Committee after October, 1922, is to purchase articles for the comfort and convenience of patients during their stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Charles LaMont Brieant is president of the Auxiliary assisted by an executive committee of twenty-five members.

Mohegan Chapter Daughters of The American Revolution

Mohegan Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was organized May 28, 1894, and chartered June 27, of that year, the thirteenth chapter to be chartered in the state and the eighty-first, nationally. As of June 27, 1894, the officers were: Regent, Mrs. Annie Van Rensalaer Wells; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Harry H. Hyatt; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Henry S. Bowron; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Brandreth; Treasurer, Mrs. Francis Larkin, Jr.; Registrar, Mrs. J. Herbert

Carpenter; Historian, Miss Clara C. Fuller; Chaplain, Rev. George W. Ferguson.

The objectives of the Society then as now were to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

Commencing with a membership of 12, the organization today numbers 62.

Present Officers are:

Regent

Mrs. Clarence K. Stone

First Vice Regent

Mrs. Ray Townsend

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Mrs. Charles P. Walther

Chaplain

Mrs. Charles Loomis

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Mrs. Harold J. Hughes

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 Mrs. Frank Tompkins
Treasurer
 Mrs. Edward J. Horton
Registrar
 Mrs. George F. Holden
Historian
 Miss Miriam Chadeayne
Librarian
 Mrs. H. Warren Terry
Honorary Vice Regent
and Charter Member
 Mrs. William E. Barlow

Shattemuc Yacht Club

Shattemuc Yacht Club, located on the river front north of Broadway, Ossining, is now in its sixty-seventh year. On June 28, 1884, as "The Shattemuc Canoe Club," so called because the original by-laws required that a

member be a canoe owner, the first meeting was held under Commodore, the Reverend W. S. Phraner. Uniform of the club, of which the totem was a crab, was specified in the by-laws: brown corduroy knickerbockers, blue stockings, blue sack coat — blue flannel for dress — canvas shoes, blue cloth yachting cap with the club burgee embroidered on the front in colors. In 1883, a boathouse was built on the "Camilla Dock" and leased to the club.

Another group known as the "Sing Sing Yacht Club" founded in 1887 under the first Commodore Ralph Brandreth was later (1902) combined with the older club as "The Shattemuc Yacht and Canoe Club of Ossining." In 1914 the clubhouse was destroyed by fire. At that time the fleet of the club comprised about fifty boats. A new club house was acquired by purchase of a two-story boat house at Oscawana which was moved to Ossining on barges.

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The present Commodore is Dr. Charles L. Brieant. In 1914 average membership was about fifty; in 1951, the club has about 165 members and 90 associate members.

Kiwanis Club of Ossining, Inc.

Kiwanis Club of Ossining, Inc., seeks to "give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than the material values of life." The club promotes adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards and aims to develop by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship together with a means to form enduring friendships, render altruistic service, and to build a better community; to cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

The Club was the first organizer of Hard Baseball League in Ossining, supports all welfare and delinquency measures in the Village and carries on a program for Boys' work; Key Club in the high school; Kiwanis Junior Rifle Club of 38 members, now a member of the National Rifle Association; also encourages Little League Baseball.

Founded in 1938, on October 7, the first President was Floyd A. Waterbury. Original membership of 40 is now to 35 in 1951.

Present Officers are:

- President*
F. Perry Sherwood
- Vice President*
Ben Gross
- Second Vice President*
John Mancinelli
- Treasurer*
Frank See
- Secretary*
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Companions of The Forest of America

To provide hospital care and protection, old age security and home environment for orphaned children, Companions of the Forest of America was founded in Ossining, January 31, 1900. First President was Mrs. F. Daley. No record apparently exists of the original membership, but the group now numbers 52.

Chief Companion is Virginia Tarrantelli, Sub-Chief, Loreta Scalia; Junior Past Chief Companion, Elizabeth Donato; Chaplain, Lillian Zumbo; Recording Secretary, Ella Mae Coppola; Financial Secretary, Lucy Gaeta; Treasurer, Marie Halstead; Right Guide, Adeline Colangelo; Left Guide, Margaret Tonsing.

Trustees: Marina Cretara, Palma de Francisco, Agatha Mastrorilli, Inner Guard, Rose DeCrenza; Outer Guard, Constance DePalma.

Ossining Ladies Auxilliary, 1545 Fraternal Order of Eagles

Instituted October 3, 1943, Ossining Ladies' Auxilliary, 1545, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held its first meeting in the Starling Building on October 6 of the same year. With an original membership of 60, the group now numbers 42. The organization participates in a nationwide yearly dance for the benefit of the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and helps to maintain the Memorial Foundation which provides the children of deceased veterans of World Wars I and II with dental and medical care as well as educational material.

First President: Mrs. Robert J. Tompkins.

Officers of the Auxilliary:
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Vice President

Frances Granata

Secretary

Anna Tompkins

Treasurer

Virginia Spink

**Ossining Post, No. 506, Inc.
American Legion**

Ossining Post, No. 560, Inc., of the American Legion was organized August 20, 1920, by a relatively small group of veterans of World War I. The organization meeting was held in the Police Court Room in the Municipal Building on Croton Avenue where they continued to be held for some time.

The original membership of about 80 veterans elected Dr. L. D. Redway as the first Commander. Later, in 1925, the Post moved into permanent head-

quarters in the present recreation building on Church Street through the courtesy of the School Board. Membership has increased to about 250 in 1951. The Post has maintained a drum and bugle corps since 1925, has entered into civic affairs, has contributed to various projects in the community such as support of children's activities, rehabilitation of veterans, and assistance to servicemen and veterans of all wars of the United States through the Post Service Officer. It has conducted Americanization programs and assisted in the naturalization of many foreign born residents of Ossining.

Present Officers of the Post are:

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Lloyd W. Leslie

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Julius F. Mahon

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**The Loyal Order of Moose
Ossining Lodge 1460**

The Loyal Order of Moose, Ossining Lodge 1460, began its activities December 19, 1931, on Central Avenue, with an enrollment of 51 members and John F. Jenkins as First Governor. The Junior Post Governor was Elwood F. Mittenzwei. Later they moved to their present building, 37 Croton Avenue; the membership increased to 198.

The aim of this organization: "This fraternity is founded upon the doctrines of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and is designed to bind civilized man closer together with bonds of fraternal love and to teach great truths, which have for their purpose the elevation of society."

They also cherish and support Mooseheart and Moosehaven. The former is for the care of children of departed members, till such children are 18 years of age. It is located at Mooseheart, Illinois. Moosehaven, at Orange Grove, Florida, is devoted to the welfare of their aged men and women over 65 years old.

There are many local Officers, headed by Michael Bonavist.

Ossining Branch, American Red Cross

Constantly carrying on a tremendous work of mercy for its community and Nation, Ossining Branch, Westchester County Chapter, American Red Cross has been active since the First World War.

The organization held its first meeting on April 20, 1916, and was then known as the Ossining, Briarcliff and Scarborough Branches, American Red

Purposes of the Post are to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

The Ossining Woman's Club, Inc.

The Ossining Woman's Club, Inc., presently located at 2 Lincoln Place, Ossining, was organized in 1919, to form a recognized center for social and mental culture, to "encourage all movements for the betterment of society and to foster a general public spirit in the community."

Its first president, Mrs. John Innes Kane, called the first meeting to order at the Rowe Memorial Building at 10 Croton Avenue; the original membership was 28 which has now grown to 170 senior members and 50 juniors. The club moved shortly to the Y.M. C.A., now the Recreation Building on Church Street, but its membership grew so rapidly that an apartment was rented on South Highland Avenue to accommodate the increasing membership. Later, September, 1921, the Presbyterian Manse, former home of Rev. James McWilliams was purchased where the Club continues to hold its meetings and functions.

Present officers are;

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Cross, becoming the Ossining Branch in 1925. Its first president was Mrs. Daubenay Brandreth and it then owned the small building on Croton Avenue now held by the District Nursing Association. Its tremendous growth in membership, from 53 to 2,720, attests to the value of its work.

In general terms, Ossining Branch is a member of an organization which furnishes volunteer aid to the sick and wounded in times of war, serves as a means of communication between the members of the Armed Forces and their families; carries on a system of national and international relief in times of peace; seeks to carry out means for preventing natural disasters and attempts to mitigate suffering when such occurs. Properly to assay the work of this organization, however, it is necessary to speak of its individual services and these are legion.

Ossining Branch through its motor corps furnishes transportation for the needy ill to hospitals; organizes entertainment and instruction for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans Hospital at Montrose and the Castle Point Hospital at Beacon; makes bandages and dressings for the Armed Forces during times of war; participates in Chapter life-saving courses; trains first aid and home nursing; sends out its Gray Ladies and Nurses' Aides to serve in hospitals; collects blood for the Armed Services; cooperates with Civilian Defense in all its aspects, and conducts a multitude of other services. It is a true child of the "Greatest Mother of Them All" and has fulfilled all obligations imposed upon it by its charter.

Mrs. Randolph H. Pritchard is the chairman of Ossining Branch which maintains an office in the Professional Building, Spring Street and Maple Place.

Highland Avenue Methodist Church

Methodism has had a part in the religious life of Ossining for more than a Century and a half since the High-

land Avenue Methodist Church, elder of the two of that denomination in the community, was organized in the year 1787.

Twenty-five Ossining people belonged to the church in these fledgling days of the Republic and for several decades the services were held in the homes of members. In 1831 the first church was completed on the site of the present Cambridge Instrument Company, but there developed a need for enlargement and a second church was dedicated on the same site in 1852. On June 13, 1889, the present edifice on South Highland Avenue and Emwilton Place was dedicated. Ministers at the time of each of these dedications were respectively: the Rev. Noble W. Thomas in '31; the Rev. J. N. Shaffer in '51 and the Rev. W. N. Searles in '89.

The Rev. Lester L. Haws is the present minister of the Highland Avenue Methodist Church which now has a membership of 765. Many items concerning the church and its activities may be found in the "History of Methodism in Sing Sing and Ossining" written by the late Montross Washburn.

Buckingham Chapter, No. 174, Royal Arch Masons

To present its program of fraternal activities in the community, Buckingham Chapter, No. 174, Royal Arch Masons, was organized on February 7, 1831. A preliminary meeting had been held during January of the same year at the United States Hotel, corner of South Highland Avenue and Church Street.

Records of the organization reveal that John Henry Black was the first high priest and the original membership of the Chapter numbered 25.

Officers today are I. Edward Grossman, high priest Clifford M. Ryder, king, and Kay Wistoft, scribe.

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**Goddess of Liberty Council, No. 40,
Daughters of America**

One of the active patriotic organizations of Ossining is the Goddess of Liberty Council, No. 40, Daughters of America, organized on June 19, 1909, under the first presidency of Mrs. David Van Buren.

The organization, open only to native born, seeks to "keep America for Americans and to keep the Holy Bibles in the schools." Other purposes are to "protect our flag and to defend our country at all times." The Council has presented flags to Girl and Boy Scout troops and to churches, has aided veterans of all wars and has also helped in furnishing going-away gifts to men leaving for the Armed Services.

Membership in the Council has grown from 40 to 101. Officers are: Miss Gloria French, councilor; Mrs.

John Townsend, recording secretary and Mrs. Edward Besfer, treasurer.

**Brotherhood Council of the
Ossining Area**

One of the newer of Ossining's organizations and one serving a vital purpose for the welfare of both the community and the nation, is the Brotherhood Council of the Ossining Area.

Formed in February at a meeting in the Community Church, the organization seeks to foster and advance the spirit of understanding and cooperation among all peoples. Robert I. Williams is the president of the Brotherhood Council, the Rev. Morley Wolfe is executive director, and Mrs. Helen Rogers, secretary.

Membership in the Council is open to all individuals, officials, and representatives of all local organizations and agencies interested.

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Ossining Council of Social Agencies

To coordinate and supplement the work of the various social agencies of the community, the Ossining Council of Social Agencies was organized in August of 1943 and has since compiled a splendid record of accomplishments. The exact purpose has been stated:

"To provide a vehicle of community-wide exchange of knowledge of local needs and of available resources to meet the needs; to be a medium through which special studies of specific problems and community resources to meet these problems can be conducted, and to implement the recommendations from such studies."

In line with these purposes, the Council helped to save the Ossining Children's Center when it was in danger of disintegration due to lack of funds in December of 1947; it backed the securing of the Hollow Playground; it has sent children to the Croton Point Camp annually since 1944, and it is now bringing out the first directory of public and private social agencies ever compiled for this community.

In the eight years of its existence it has grown from 25 to 55 members. The first president was Miss Minerva Mores, former Public Welfare officer, while the post is now held by Mr. Abraham R. Katz.

Ossining Fire Police & Emergency Squad No. 1

An organization which serves its community in a variety of ways is the Ossining Fire Police & Emergency Squad No. 1, organized on December 14, 1922, as an auxiliary unit to the fire department.

While their fellows in the fire department are seeking to quell flames, members of the Fire Police Squad attempt to save personal property, assist the police and do traffic duty. It is they who rope off the area to restrain the crowds from pushing too close for safety and they who conduct other emergency work. But as the years have gone on their duties have

not been confined to fires for they have been called in for every type of assistance, from keeping order at outdoor band concerts to manning the pulmotor at water tragedies.

The first captain of the Squad, which then numbered 14, was Andrew Carlson while the present captain is Leslie Ryan. The Squad has a roster of 32.

Holla Hose Company No. 5

An organization which made its appearance on the scene at the turn of the Century was the Holla Hose Company No. 5, still one of Ossining's active fire units.

The first meeting of the company was held on April 25, 1900, at the home of former Mayor J. Edward Holla, 67 State Street. Mr. Holla served as the first foreman of the company, organized to give protection to the South end of the community, and had an original membership of six. Through the years, however, the company has grown to its present membership of 70, serving under L. A. Goble, its present captain.

From its membership the Company has had two chiefs of the Ossining Fire Department, D. C. Byble, Sr., who served for the 1943-44 period, and L. O. Ludwig who held the office for the years of 1947-48.

Independent Hose Company No. 6

With the growth of the Heights section of Ossining, including Campwoods Road, upper Croton Avenue and surrounding areas, it became important that some fire company be organized in the section for the protection of property. To meet this need Independent Hose Company No. 6 was born.

The first meeting of the Company was held on April 6, 1911 with a membership of 25 and Charles Carlson was selected as the first president. Independent Hose Company No. 6 was the first of Ossining's nine units to have motor-driven apparatus which it acquired in 1915. It moved into its own building situated on Campwoods Road,

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Then Another view of the intersection of Spring and Main Streets. Foshay Building about 1890.

just off Croton Avenue, in December of 1932.

Today, Independent Hose Company has a membership of 54 and its officers are headed by Charles O. Carlson.

Ladies Auxiliary, Independent Hose Company No. 6

With the primary purpose of helping in the raising of funds for the construction of a new firehouse as well as to help the firemen in the conduct of their activities, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Independent Hose Company No. 6 was organized on June 17, 1924.

The first meeting was held in the company rooms of the firehouse and the first president elected was Mrs. William W. Ryder. At the time of organization there were only 11 members but this roster has since grown to 33 active and 12 honorary members.

Mrs. Allen R. Miller is president of the Auxiliary at present.

Christopher Columbus Lodge 692, Sons of Italy

One of the relatively few organizations in Ossining devoted to a specific Nationalistic group is the Christopher Columbus Lodge, 692, Sons of Italy, formed on November 1, 1909.

When it was first organized with a membership of about 50, the Lodge was known as the Columbus Protective Association of Ossining and its first President was Andrew Montague. It was registered with the Secretary of State in August, 1910. On April 15, 1917, the Society became affiliated with the Order of the Sons of Italy in America as a lodge and the first venerable was Luigi Chiarito.

Present officers of the Lodge, which now lists 285 members, are Dominick D'Emidio, venerable; Alfonso Presutti, assistant venerable; Joseph Ammazalorso, orator; Dominick Cretara, financial secretary; Anthony Capua, Jr.,

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corresponding secretary and Ralph Livia, treasurer. Two members of the local lodge hold office in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Ubaldo N. Marino is grand venerable while Paul L. Delfino is grand trustee.

Ossining Council, Knights of Columbus

Presenting an active program, Ossining Council, Knights of Columbus, has been an organization for the Catholic men of the community for more than a half century.

With an original membership of 36, the first meeting of Ossining Council was held in the Crow and Willams Building, Central Avenue, on May 1, 1898. It has been active through the years and has experienced a steady growth in members who now number 105. The present officers are Leo F. Carroll, grand knight; William J. Meny, deputy grand knight; John D. Norman, chancellor; Robert W. Carroll, warden; James A. Doyle, recorder; Thomas J. O'Mara, financial secretary; Thomas J. Gilleran, treasurer, and William P. Bisland, advocate.

Three charter members of the organization are still members. They are Hugh A. Lavery Sr., John T. Reardon and Timothy F. Walsh.

Ossining Religious Council

To assist the churches of Ossining in their inter-church activities and to further the religious work of the community, the Ossining Religious Council was organized in December of 1948. The first president was Robert I. Williams and the first meeting was held in January of 1949 at the First Baptist Church.

A variety of activities have been conducted by the Council. Its first was to conduct a Protestant census of Ossining designed as a basis for further activities. In addition, the Council has placed welcome signs, listing the various churches at the North and South entrances to the community and the Railroad Plaza; it has aided in the organization of the World Day of

Prayer; holds an annual meeting of all Protestant women of the community; has organized a Religious Youth Council and organized the exchange of pulpits.

From an original membership of 10, the Council has grown to 20. Assisting Mr. Willams as officers, are George Laug, vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, secretary and Mrs. Lucy Everett, treasurer.

Ossining Historical Society

For the collection and preservation of articles and data which trace the moving history of Ossining, the Ossining Historical Society was formed 20 years ago and has carried on an active program of work since.

The society was organized on August 28, 1931, and held its first meeting in September of the same year at the Ossining Woman's Club. The late Mrs. John I. Kane was the first president of the Society which then had a membership of 117, now grown to 200. Within its early years, the Society organized a museum in the Washington School which is open every Monday afternoon during the school years. Mrs. Laurance D. Redway acted as curator for many of the museum's formative years. The organization annually publishes the "Intelligencer" which gives a report of the activities of the society. An annual dinner is also held with a speaker of note in historical circles.

Dr. R. Palmer Kipp is the present president of the society while Lincoln Haller is secretary-treasurer. Miss Greta Cornell is the curator of the museum.

Medical Staff of Ossining Hospital

One of the leading professional groups of Ossining is the Medical Staff of Ossining Hospital, formed about one year after the organization of the Hospital and comprising all the local doctors who practice there.

The Medical Staff was first organized in 1890 with former Mayor Joel

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Ossining Historical Society

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Now Same view of Foshay Building, 1951.

D. Madden, M.D., as its president. Its membership then consisted of only five, a group which has since grown to 47. Present officers are Dr. B. I. Kaplan, president; Dr. H. W. Kipp, vice president; Dr. A. C. Semisa, secretary and treasurer, and Dr. C. C. Sweet, chief of staff.

The Medical Staff is devoted to maintaining the highest medical standards in Ossining. In line with that effort, it holds frequent scientific meetings.

Central Committee of Organized War Veterans

In order to coordinate the activities of the five veteran posts of the community and to further the interests of all war veterans in the village and town in an advisory capacity, the Central Committee of Organized War Veterans was organized in 1927.

Consisting of three delegates from

each of the posts, the first meeting was held in the Ossining Post, 506, American Legion Rooms, Church Street, under the presidency of Clarence E. Lichtenstein. Since its organization it was found advisable to draw the commanders of the posts into its work and at present they and three delegates from each comprise the committee.

Present officers of the committee are: Fred J. Wallace, chairman; Bernard Tuttle, vice chairman; George Jacobsen, vice chairman and William Stewart, secretary and treasurer.

American Legion Auxiliary

Organized with the primary purpose of assisting the Post in its work as well as to carry out an independent rehabilitation program, the Auxiliary of Ossining Post, 506, American Legion, has seen its membership grow from 14 to 45.

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The first meeting of the organization was held in June of 1921 at 152 Main Street. Mrs. William Maloney, still active in veteran and other patriotic activities, was elected first president.

Present officers of the Auxiliary are Mrs. Lucy Barone, Mrs. Julius Mahon, Mrs. Harold Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Dree-land and Mrs. George Del Armi.

Ossining Branch, National Association for the Advancement Of Colored People

For well over a decade, John H. Cheatham, first president of the Ossining Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has continued to hold that office.

Organization of Ossining Branch was started on March 4, 1939, and it held its first meeting on April 23, 1940, at the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church. It had an original membership of 25 which has grown through the years to its present 100.

The purpose of the Branch, an affiliate of a National organization, is to promote the economic, political, civic and social betterment of colored people and to advance their harmonious cooperation with the various other peoples who make up America.

Radium Lodge No. 844, F. and A. M.

High among the Masonic organizations in Ossining is Radium Lodge No. 844, F. and A. M., which actively carries on its fraternal work.

Organized on October 19, 1903, with Charles Edgar Rice as its first master, Radium Lodge was constituted on June 30, 1904. Its first meeting was held in Arcanum Hall.

From an original membership of 27, Radium Lodge has now grown to 320. Its present master is Leander F. Chadeayne.

Hebrew Sisterhood of Ossining

As an auxiliary of the Congregation Sons of Israel of Ossining, the Hebrew Sisterhood plays an extremely active

part in the life of the Jewish community.

Organized on February 28, 1910, the first meeting of the Sisterhood was held on November 10 of the same year at the home of Mrs. L. Weiss, its first president. Although its membership at that time consisted of a mere 15, its active program during the years drew increasing numbers to it and it now has a roster of 150.

Activities of the Sisterhood members are in large part devoted to the welfare of the children in both educational and recreational lines. In addition, however, the Sisterhood distributes charity and actively attempts to advance the cause of Judaism in the Jewish community.

Non Pareil Club

One of the smaller, though active organizations of Ossining, is the Non Pareil Club which for close to 15 years has conducted a social program.

Holding its first meeting on February 15, 1938, at 27 Ann Street, the Non Pareil Club had as its first president, Mrs. Mayme Sechrest. Mrs. Anna Papino Glenn now presides over the group which has a roster of a dozen members.

The purpose of the organization is to furnish recreation, good cheer, social and cultural benefits to both the members and the community.

Ossining Music Guild

One of the most active of Ossining's groups devoted to a cultural activity is the Ossining Music Guild, an adult choral society operated under the sponsorship of the Recreation Commission.

Organized in 1936, the group meets weekly during the Fall and Winter months for rehearsals and annually presents two concerts of secular and religious music. For the last several years it has also joined with the combined choirs of the community in giving a Lenten program. It has also sung

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Then First Ossining Hospital Building at the foot of Orchard Street. About 1900.

at various hospitals throughout the section.

Mrs. Carl M. Nicholson was the first president of the Guild while John Patee presently holds that office. Open to any resident of Ossining who likes to sing, the Guild has a membership roll of 55. Its conductor at present is John Crowley; its accompanist is Miss Elizabeth Smith.

Ossining High School Parents Group

Playing a large part in the educational picture of any community are the parents' associations and one of Ossining's most active is the Ossining High School Parents Group.

This organization was formed on November 7, 1946, with Mrs. Creswell Dunscomb as its first president. Its purpose was to give the parents greater knowledge of the functions of the school and thus permit them to work more closely with the faculty in the

interest of the students. So successful has the program been that its membership has climbed from 48 to 157.

Present officers of the Group are Mrs. Philip Perschetz, president; Mrs. Thomas Drew, first vice president; Mrs. K. Smalley, second vice president; Mrs. H. Edwards, recording secretary; Mrs. Kay Wistoft, corresponding secretary and Mrs. James Dille, treasurer.

Sparta Camera Club

One of Ossining's organizations devoted to a specific interest is the Sparta Camera Club which engrosses the attention of many local, professional and amateur photographers.

Organized in September of 1939 to further local interest in photography, the Sparta Camera Club has carried on an active program of both instruction and contests; it enlists members from Ossining, the Tarrytowns and other surrounding communities. Many

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photographs taken by Club members have been printed in 'The Citizen Register and other publications and others have been exhibited in salons throughout the country.

Robert Ferguson was the first president of the Sparta Camera Club while Donald Wilson holds that office at present. The Club has a membership of 41.

Sing Sing Officers Post No. 1123, American Legion

Almost two decades ago, employes of Sing Sing Prison blazed a trail by the organization of Sing Sing Officers Post, No. 1123, American Legion. For this became the first American Legion Post to be organized by employes of any prison in the United States.

With an original membership of only 26, the first meeting was held in the visiting room at the prison on June 16, 1933. John A. Lanahan was the first commander. The Post is affiliated with all other veterans groups of Ossining through its membership in the Central Committee of Organized War Veterans and carries out much the same type of program.

Since its organization, Sing Sing Officers Post has increased its membership to 143. Roy G. Taylor is the commander at present.

Ossining Girl Scout Council Organized 1919

Six years after Juliette Low founded the Girl Scout Movement in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, the work of Girl Scouting started in Ossining with two troops of girls, one at Trinity Church under Deaconess Mary, and another at the First Presbyterian Church under Miss Katherine Goodrich. Shortly after there were other Girl Scout troops organized in other churches, Highland Avenue Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church and at St. Paul's.

Its purpose is "to help girls realize the ideals of womanhood as preparation for their responsibilities in the

home and as active citizens in the community and the world." To accomplish this purpose the Girl Scout organization provides a leisure-time program for girls from seven to seventeen.

The first president was Miss Katherine Goodrich (now Mrs. John Remensnyder). With an original membership of 3 council members, 3 troops of girls and their leaders, the organization has grown to 23 council members, one honorary council member, 4 council committee members, 97 leaders and troop committee members with 393 girls in 14 troops.

Two of the original girls, members of Deaconess Mary's troop, are now active leaders in one of the present troops—Mrs. Harvey Culp and Mrs. Floyd Codrington.

Mrs. Jane Deeter Rippin, first executive director of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. was at one time Chairman of the Ossining Girl Scout Community Committee, and a leader of a troop here.

Mrs. Charles G. Washburn, who has been actively associated with Ossining Girls' Scouting for thirty-two years, and at one time Commissioner, is an Honorary member of the present Council, which was incorporated in December, 1948.

Over the years there have been several changes in the structure of the Girl Scout administrative group. Run for many years by a Community Committee under the Westchester County Girls Scout Council it was chartered in January 1935 by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. with Mrs. H. Warren Terry as Commissioner. A year before on October 8th, the Ossining Girl Scout Leaders' Association was founded with Mrs. William H. Rothe as first chairman. Monthly meetings are held for the purpose of exchanging ideas and discussing common problems.

Present officers are: Mrs. John E. Merz, Jr., Commissioner; Mrs. Floyd Devoe, Deputy Commissioner; Mrs. Harold Kipp, Treasurer; Mrs. Louise Dearman, Secretary; Mrs. Ernest Lancaster, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs.

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Now View of present Ossining Hospital from the South.

David Shechner, Executive Director.
 Present officer of Ossining Girl's Scout Leaders' Association: Mrs. Franklin Powell, President; Mrs. Richard Cox, Vice President; Mrs. Clyde Hahn, Secretary; Mrs. Frank Gallagher, Corresponding Secretary.

**Trinity Church
 (Episcopal)**

Trinity Church, located on the Eastern side of South Highland Avenue, in the center of Ossining, was organized in January, 1868, with a membership of 36. The first Rector was the Reverend Clarence Buel, who was succeeded by the Reverend George Wilson Ferguson in 1871. Services then were held in the old Presbyterian Church; the present church was dedicated and occupied in May, 1891. In 1894 the clock and chimes were installed, the gift of Miss Katherine T. Moore, while the Parish House was not built until 1907. This was given by Frederick

Potter in memory of his wife, Helen Ward Brandreth Potter.

The Rectory was given by the Misses Blanche and Martha Potter, and the Sexton's house by Miss Katherine T. Moore at a later date. The Reverend Gibson W. Harris became Rector in 1907, and was succeeded by the Reverend Edward N. West who, after a few months as priest-in charge, became Rector in November, 1907. Dr. West left in April 1941, to become later Canon of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. He was followed in September of that year by the Reverend Donald W. Lloyd.

All of the stained glass, the Communion Service and the vestments of the church are thank offerings or memorials. Present membership is about 625.

Ossining Chapter of Hadassah

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Ossining is the Ossining Chapter of Hadassah which carries on a program of assistance in Israel and at home.

The Chapter was formed in December of 1936, but held its first meeting in April of the following year at the home of Mrs. Herman Litt in Gilbert Park. The original membership was 15 and the members were banded together to support the rehabilitation of young immigrants in Israel, to assist in various medical organizations in Israel and to promote democracy in the United States.

Today Ossining Hadassah has a membership of 140, and the officers are: Mrs. Leonard Wachtel, president; Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. Abraham Cohen and Mrs. Victor Silverberg, vice presidents; Mrs. Harry Appel, treasurer; Mrs. Lew Warshof, recording secretary; Mrs. William Schacter, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Nathan Harris, financial secretary.

Ossining Chapter, 424

Order of The Eastern Star

Adding an organization for women of the Eastern Star to the life of the community, Ossining Chapter, 424, Order of the Eastern Star, was formed on October 15, 1908.

An affiliate of the Masonic movement, the Chapter was formally organized just 10 days later at the Masonic Temple of Ossining.

Mrs. Ellen Wood was the first Worthy Matron and the membership then consisted of just 35. This during the intervening years has grown to 180 and the officers at present are Mildred Beekman, worthy matron and Clarence Parsons, worthy patron.

Ossining Aerie, 1545

Fraternal Order of Eagles

Among the Ossining units of the great National Organizations is the Ossining Aerie, 1545, Fraternal Order of Eagles, formed on December 6, 1906. Its purpose was fraternalism and humanitarianism.

The first president of the Aerie was

Robert Goodwin and the first meeting was held on December 30, 1906, in the Twiggar Building. Having an original membership of 70, it now lists 185 on its roster.

Officers are F. Perry, P.W.P., R. Tompkins, president; N. Schaeffer, vice president; A. G. Barnes, chaplain; E. Rogers, treasurer, and T. Gilleran, secretary.

Centennial Rebekah Lodge, 511

Born during one of Ossining's greatest community-wide celebrations, Centennial Rebekah Lodge, 511, is still active during the community's present Golden Jubilee.

It was on October 14, 1913 that the Lodge was organized, the meeting being held at Odd Fellow's Hall, Main Street. The name of the organization was chosen because the Village Centennial Celebration was being held at the time. An affiliate of the I.O.O.F., the Rebekah Lodge devotes much of its efforts to the support of work for orphans and the aged.

There were 10 charter members of Centennial Rebekah Lodge of whom two are still members. Officers at present are: Mrs. Allan Haverly, noble grand; Mrs. Jane Brown, vice grand; Mrs. George Dell'Armi, recording secretary; Mrs. Wallace Brown, financial secretary and Mrs. Eunice Dunstan, treasurer.

District Nursing Association

To provide adequate nursing care in the homes of the sick, to prevent disease and to take steps toward the building of positive health, the District Nursing Association was organized in 1905. Mrs. John I. Kane was president from its founding until her death, being succeeded by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edward Winslow Kane who served from 1938 until 1949.

The Association is governed by a Board of Directors which originally numbered 15 and now has 21 members. present officers are: Mrs. Robert D. Eshbaugh, president; Mrs. John A. Riegel, first vice president; Mrs. Wil-

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liam L. Fanning, second vice president; Joseph Reeback, treasurer; Mrs. Charles H. Parton, assistant treasurer; Mrs. John Hoxie, recording secretary and Mrs. A. E. Kelly, corresponding secretary.

The Association is located in its own building at 10 Croton Avenue, which was given in 1920 by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rowe in memory of their son, Charles Watson Rowe, who died during World War I. The building had been erected by Major General Aaron Ward, grandfather of Mrs. John I. Kane and Mrs. Frederick Potter on his estate on the Post Road, South of the present High School, and was almost a replica of the stone mansion in which he resided. Later it was removed to its present site and was occupied by Mrs. Rowe's father, the late Abram Hyatt, Collector of Internal Revenue for this district during the Civil War by appointment of President Lincoln. For some years it was

used for law and business offices by various prominent citizens including the late Senator Henry C. Nelson and was also occupied at one time by the Board of Water Commissioners and the Red Cross.

Boy Scouts of America

Although it is now a part of the Washington Irving Council, Boy Scouts of America, the former Hendrick Hudson Council was largely responsible for the growth and development of the movement in Ossining.

When Scouting was first introduced to this section it was through separate troops having individual sponsorship, but as the movement spread it became advisable to create an overall organization which might be affiliated with the National headquarters. Consequently Hendrick Hudson Council was organized in February of 1923 with Frank Pfeiffer of Peekskill as its president. A total of 65 adult members

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were then affiliated with the Council and this number increased to a peak of 241. Prior to this year the Council administered the affairs of about 2,000 scouts organized into 63 units.

On January 1 of this year, however, Hendrick Hudson Council became a member of the Washington Irving Council, a far larger organization covering all of Putnam County and all of Westchester north of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and Harrison. This area falls within District 3 of the Washington Irving Council and has as its officers George C. Miller, a vice chairman of the district, and Edward Merrill and John Searles as neighborhood commissioners.

Allcock Manufacturing Company

Conducting a large foreign as well as extensive domestic trade, the Allcock Manufacturing Company is one of Ossining's leading industries.

Originally formed for the manufacture of plasters and other pharmaceutical products, the concern was organized by Benjamin Brandreth in New York City in 1835. Mr. Brandreth moved the concern to Ossining in 1837 when a corporation was formed which, in May 1900, changed the name to the Allcock Manufacturing Company.

The present officers are: Fox B. Conner, president; John W. LePoidevin, vice president.

Maryknoll

Maryknoll, as it is popularly known, consists in reality of two organizations, the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America and the Foreign Missionary Sisters of St. Dominic, both devoted to the training of missionaries for service throughout the World.

The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America was organized on June 29, 1911, with two members, Father James A. Walsh and Father Thomas Frederick Price. It came to Ossining on September 18, 1912, when the seven first members moved from Hawthorne where they had been living for about

a year. The first seminary, known as the Rosary House, is still standing and the present field stone building was started in 1920 on part of what had been the Ryder Farm. The Society now consists of about 500 priests, 150 brothers and approximately 800 students. Originally the Orient alone, the mission field has now spread to Africa, India, South America, the South Sea Islands, the Philippines and Hawaii.

The Foreign Missionary Sisters of St. Dominic came to Ossining at approximately the same time as the Maryknoll priests and for some years lived in former farmhouses on what was known as the Tompkins property. In March, 1932 the Society constructed the large Mother-house on the other side of Pinesbridge Road from the Seminary. The Society consists of approximately 1,000 sisters and its mission field also covers much of the World.

Ossining Hospital Association

In order to provide facilities for the treatment of the ill and injured of the community, the Ossining Hospital Association was organized on June 2, 1889.

With an initial membership of only 11, the first meeting was held in the chapel of the Presbyterian Church on June 30 of the same year and Dr. George Jackson Fisher was selected as the first president. The Association started its work by opening a dispensary at Eastern Avenue and Main Street and later moved to a house on Orchard Street. By 1900 it became evident that the hospital would have to be enlarged or new accommodations found. Soon after the death of Mrs. Frederick Potter, her husband and his sisters gave the present brick building on Spring Street to the Association as a memorial. (Further details may be found in the history of Ossining published in this book.)

Present officers of the Association are: Walter L. Johnson, chairman and president; Frederick J. Luhmann, vice president; John J. Murray, secretary;

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John P. Campbell, treasurer, and George F. Hoag and Stanley E. Young, assistant treasurers.

St. Paul's Church (Episcopal)

St. Paul's is the first Episcopal Church to be established in Ossining. Incorporated November 11, 1833, with 136 members, present membership 325. Original organization, George W. Cartwright and Caleb Bacon, Church Wardens; John Strang, Peter R. Maison, William Dargue, Jacob C. Arthur, John Sing, John Barlow, Joseph Hunt, and Robert Wiltsie, Vestrymen; James Smith, Clerk of Vestry. The first Rector was Reverend A. M. Meade.

Services were first held in October, 1833, at the home of Caleb Bacon. Land was purchased from Richard Austin for \$800. and the cornerstone of the Church was laid, November 6,

1834. Building was actually started in April, 1835. The original building still stands and is still used by the congregation.

Records show that the first official act of the church was the baptism of two children of John Barlow on June 12, 1834. Bishop B. T. Onderdonk officiated and the ceremonies were conducted in the Methodist Church, "kindly loaned" for the occasion. First burial was that of Mrs. Sanford Hannahs on October 15, 1834, and the first wedding, that of Albert Lockwood to Elisa I. Arthur, on October 29, 1834.

Present officers, Reverend Reginald E. Moore, Rector; Amos Bedell and Theodore Tompkins, Wardens; Stephen Cutting, John Fields, James Harper, David Henion, Charles Parton, Edwin H. Rose, John D. Walker and Cornelius Zeliph, Vestryman; Samuel Way, Clerk of the Vestry.

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Ossining Community Nursery School

Ossining's newest organization, started August 22nd, 1951 at the Grace Episcopal Church in Crotonville. It is comprised of twenty-five members, headed by Mrs. L. Laszlo Schwartz, Chairman of the Parents Committee; Mr. W. H. C. Jackson, Chairman of the Advisory Committee; Mrs. Daniel T. Levin, Acting Registrar; Robert Stengel, Acting Treasurer; Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Friedman, Dr. Edith S. Jurka, Mrs. Chester A. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Jackson, Mrs. Stella Shelvin, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Widmer, Advisory Committee. Mrs. Carolyn Chaloufour will be the Director.

The group will provide a cooperative Nursery School for children three to five years of age, sessions corresponding to those in the public schools.

Fraternity Order, 942, F. & A. M.

Fraternity Lodge of Master Masons was organized in 1916 at the Masonic Temple, North Highland Avenue, un-first Master of the Lodge, to promote the direction of Romine Williams, fraternal and social works.

The Lodge has grown to a membership of 150 and is at present headed by Hilliard Greene, Master; John J. Werner, Senior Warden; Herbert Lebovitz, Junior Warden. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday nights of each month.

Hudson Valley Players

Organized in September, 1947, for the purpose of bringing the living theatre to the community and to develop talent in the dramatic arts. The original group of eight met at the Ossining High School in October, 1947 and elected Judith Wallace as their First President.

Officers for 1951 are: Shirley Tanton, President; Irene Eckes, Vice-President; Margaretha Vail, Secretary; Ruth Van Wart, Treasurer. The group have been successful in their work and now number thirty-five members.

First Church of Christ Scientist

The purpose of the Church is to extend and promote the religion of Christian Science, the teachings of the Bible and practical Christianity thereof as taught and demonstrated in the life of Christ Jesus, and the interpretation as found in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian Science.

In Ossining as far back as 1894, a group of six met at the home of Mrs. Ida Foshay, 15 Ellis Place to worship. The Church was regularly organized in July, 1906, with Mrs. Foshay its First President. Cornerstone of the Church Building was laid December 11, 1927, and first services were held in the building Christmas Day, 1927. The Church was dedicated free from debt on December 11th, 1949.

The present officers are: Mrs. Alice G. Scopes, First Reader; Mrs. Dora Heddeshheimer, Second Reader; Mr. Edward S. Powell, Chairman of the Board; Mrs. Fannie Davis, Clerk.

American Gold Star Mothers Chapter II

Organized September 22, 1937 at the home of Mrs. Mary Cooke, Spring Street, Ossining with a membership of 15. Mrs. Cooke served as the first President. The purpose of the group is to unite with loyalty and charity, mothers whose sons and daughters have made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

World War I Mothers still active in the organization are: Mrs. Louise Miller, Mrs. Nelson Darling, Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, Mrs. Grace Lawrence, Mrs. Ida Usted, Mrs. Emma Blackstone, Mrs. Emma Wagner and Mrs. Margaret Ganung.

Present membership totals 24, headed by Mrs. M. Bohlig, President; Mrs. E. Downey, 1st vice-president; Mrs. E. Warren, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. W. Murray, Secretary; Mrs. J. Feeney, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. Beacker, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Playford and Mrs. J. Williams, Color Guards;

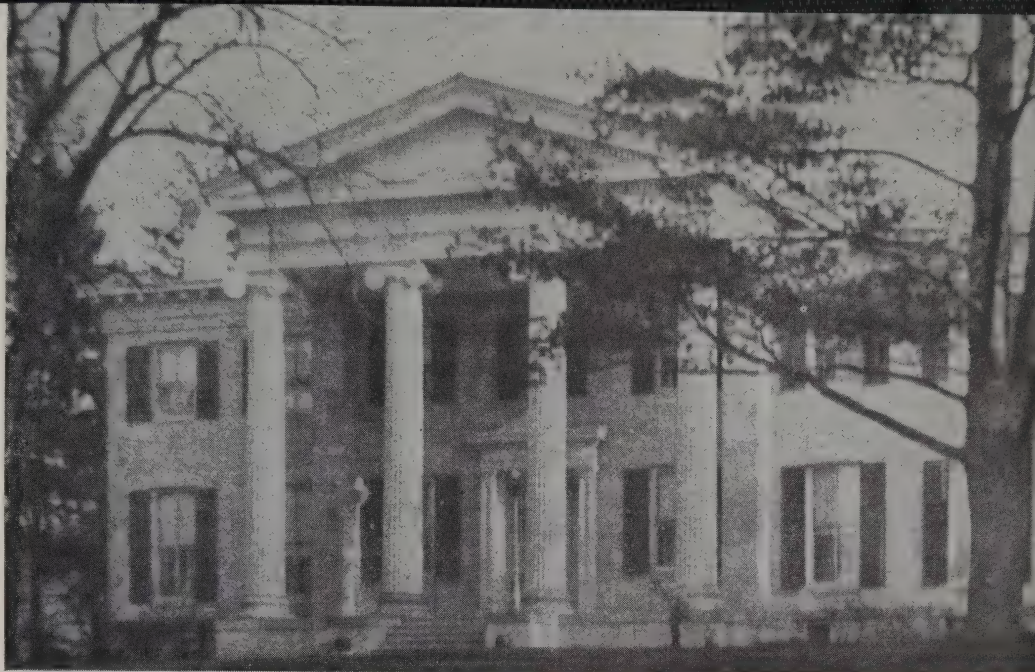
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**Ladies Auxiliary
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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is composed of the wives, sisters and mothers of men who have served overseas and who have received recognition by Presidential acclaim by serving in a campaign or expeditionary force of the Armed Services. They are organized to aid and assist distressed veterans and their families and to aid hospitalized veterans.

Started in September, 1933, with 15 members, the auxiliary now has 26 members headed by Mrs. Ruth Dean, President; Mrs. Elsie Brower, Treasurer; Mrs. Margaret McCain, Secretary.

Mrs. James Coutant, Historian.

**Junior Section
Ossining Woman's Club
Organized in February, 1933, for**

social and philanthropic purposes, the first meeting was held at the Ossining Woman's Club, eighteen members present. Miss Elizabeth M. Redway was the first President.

The present membership of 49 is headed by Miss Carol Schwartz, Chairman; Mrs. Samuel Brown, Jr., Vice Chairman; Miss Patricia Cummings, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Philip M. Barret, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Conrad Hoehn, Treasurer.

**Ossining Hose Company No. 1
Ladies Auxiliary**

A social club organized in February, 1944, with ten members headed by Adelaïd Bohlig, the first President.

Meeting at Ossining Hose Company No. 1 headquarters on Snowden Avenue, the club now has twenty-four members. Present officers are, Mildred DeAngelis, President; Dorothy Festa, vice-president; Armidia La-

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Zionist Organization of America Ossining Zionist District

Ossining Zionist District organized in 1935 at the home of Nathan Slomowitz with six members. Mr. Slomowitz was the first president. The Zionist Organization has always been in the foreground of all political public relationships and educational work. It aims toward the creation of an informed Jewish population with unified strength resulting in a friendly American sentiment toward Israel.

Present officers are: Dr. Leonard Wachtel, President; Saul Young, 1st vice-president; David Koocher, 2nd vice-president; Saul Young, secretary; Nathan Zern, Treasurer. Present membership numbers 100.

Roosevelt School P.T.A.

Organized May, 1928 at Roosevelt School to promote the welfare of children in homes, school, church and community, and to bring closer relationships between the home and school. Also to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of the children and to secure by united efforts of parents and educators the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

Originally 70 members with Mr. Charles Christman as President, the association now numbers 341, headed by Warren R. Walworth, President; Herman J. Lips, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Ira B. Hirschfeld, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Joseph A. Bonavist, Secretary; Mrs. A. H. Tenney, corresponding secretary; Fred Rivera, Treasurer and Mrs. Donald King and Mrs. John Goldsborough, Council Representatives.

The association sponsors a Boy Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop, and a Cub Pack. They also send a boy to summer camp. They have purchased kitchen equipment for the school, inaugurated a hot lunch program and

sponsor canteen dances for the 7th graders.

Ossining Past Matrons Club

Ossining Past Matrons Club was organized in 1935 by Mrs. Virginia Parks who also acted as its first president, with a membership of 24 which has since grown to 31 active members. The group is a social one working in conjunction with the Eastern Star. They have provided comforts and pleasures for an adopted sister at the Eastern Star Home and also assist the local Chapter by sponsoring an annual fund raising event.

Present officers are: Marion Sherman, President; Mrs. Myrtle Hamilton, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Long, Secretary; Mrs. Bernice Gustan, Treasurer.

Leatherneck Detachment Marine Corp League

Originally organized as the Ossining Marine Association in 1946 with Ray Daggett as its first President the group had an original membership of eighty-eight. Their purpose is to publicize the deeds of the United States Marine Corps.

Present membership of fifty-five with Guido Barello, presiding officer.

Westchester County S.P.C.A.

Originally called Sing Sing Branch, A.S.P.C.A., at the time of its incorporation in March, 1883, the Westchester County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held its first meeting in this Village March 12, 1883.

Clinton S. Arnold was president of the group in 1901, but records show apparently without designation of offices held, the following as signers of the certificate of incorporation: Mary Dusenberry, J. Breckenridge Gibson, Fanny Gibson, William H. Helm, Annie P. Helm, Ebenezer G. Blakeslee, M. G. Blakeslee, Agnes Rennie, Annie G. Cobb, Isaac Noxom, Beatrice B. Symonds, Stephen M. Sherwood.

Mr. C. B. Harbison is currently president of the organization.

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Then West side of Main Street about 1900.

Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club

With an original membership of 7, the first meeting of the Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club was held at the office of Winfield Smith, Main Street, to promote interest in fishing for striped bass in the Hudson River. All members were required to be "residents of Sing Sing, dues are 5c per month." This was in February 1894, when Alfred Carpenter was first president and treasurer. Charter members were: George W. Kipp, secretary; also A. B. Murray, Robert Smith, B. F. Kipp, Winfield Scott Smith.

Present Officers are: W. A. Stanley, president; Hugh A. Lavery, vice president; Charles L. Brieant, Jr., secretary; Albert Hudson, treasurer; Dr. Robert W. Helm, weigher.

From time to time the Club has sponsored the instruction of 2 boys during the summer at the New York State Conservation Camp, and also

makes an award each year to the member catching the largest striped bass on rod and reel.

Cigarette Draftee Committee

This Committee was organized April 1, 1942, under the leadership of Mr. William S. Maloney, its first Chairman. The purpose then was to supply inductees with cigarettes and to wish them godspeed; the purpose remains unchanged, and all men leaving Ossining for the Armed Forces through Selective Service Board 12 receive gifts of cigarettes. The original Committee was affiliated with the War Council and were members of the Field Service during World War II.

The 1942 Committee was composed of five members; the present one includes: Mrs. William S. Maloney, chairman; Mrs. Hanford Reynolds; Mrs. Andrew Giese and William Dean.

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generosity of individuals, organizations and various entertainments sponsored by local residents. The first gifts came through the generosity of the Gold Star Mothers Unit, Inc., and Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Redway. During the period of activity of this organization, 3,013 World War II and 172 Korean War inductees have received gifts.

Cub Scouts, Pack 127

The pack was organized in November, 1950, following a picnic held in July of that year, with an original membership of 32. The first leader was James Conklin, and the first meeting was held in Park School.

Cubbing is a home-centered program which gives the whole family an opportunity to enjoy the cubs' activity.

The present Committee Chairman is Frederick Cregier.

Twentieth Century Club

In 1934, under the leadership of its first president, Mrs. Daniel Hallock, the Twentieth Century Club was organized in March of that year. Its purpose is purely social but meetings are held in the evening for the convenience of young mothers. The group has sponsored a Swedish war orphan and is contributing to foreign aid through CARE. Its original membership was seven, and this has now increased to 35.

Present Officers are: Mrs. Frederic Martin, president; Mrs. Frank B. Jacobson, vice president; Mrs. Mitchell Alpert, recording secretary; Mrs. John Moore, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Paul Teator, Sr., treasurer.

Newcomers Club

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Now Ladew tombstone, Sparta burying ground. Stone may have been pierced by shot from British ship Vulture, 1780.

newcomers to the community. The first of its kind in this vicinity, it was founded in April, 1950, with fifteen members. Mrs. William Coles was first president, and the first meeting was held April 11 at 76 Prospect Avenue. The present membership is 51, and its first project was the raising of funds for a scholarship for a nursing school.

Present Officers: Mrs. S. Shuckman, vice-president; Mrs. John Kuhn, secretary; Mrs. H. K. Parker, treasurer.

St. Matthews Church

The first Negro Methodist Church of Ossining was formed in 1900, and the first meetings were held in the basement of a large old fashioned building on Broadway in the vicinity of the Lincoln School. The foundation of the old building still stands. First service was conducted by the Reverend Samuel Maloney, a shoemaker by

trade, a native of Trinidad, BWI, where he was educated in a convent. First Board of Trustees included: Captain Musky, retired sea captain, Edward Ellis, Peter Nicholson, and William Johnson, president.

Deed to the present building was received January 11, 1905, the site being at the corner of North Malcolm and Ann Streets. The present membership is 139 to which number it has grown from the original 7. Present minister is the Reverend George T. Jackson. Other Officers include: Mrs. Lillian Smith, secretary; Miss Carolyn Prime, treasurer; Messrs. Alonzo L. Smith, Lawrence Thigpen, William Budd, David Hines, Charles McIver, Sr., Clyde Benton, William Buchanan, Roland Crawford and Mrs. Mazie McCrae, trustees.

**Parker-Bale Post, 1597
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Then About 1893. Arc light, upper right has replaced gas street lamp, left, in picture on page 43.

Commander of the Parker-Bale Post, 1597, American Legion, was Robert Krapish. The first meeting was held at Grace Church, Crotonville with 37 members in attendance. The Post was chartered October 24, 1946, with the stated purpose: To promote a true American spirit in the youth.

The Post moved in 1947 to the present location in the former Crotonville School and has subsequently made improvements in the building; also a boulder has been placed in the yard in front of the building in memory of the war dead.

Present membership is 38. Present Officers are: Carlton Tuttle, Commander; William Garrison, Adjutant; William Martin, Finance Officer.

Lions Club

H. Edwin Brown was the first president of the Lions Club which was organized in the fall of 1926. The orig-

inal membership of fifteen met at the Weskora Hotel. At that time Ralph Roberts was the secretary. The club now numbers fifty-four with John J. Donohue, president; Richard Abraitys, vice president; Robert Masterson, secretary and E. E. Smith, treasurer. Formed as a civic organization for the betterment of the community, the Lions Club has contributed greatly to the youth of the community. The first Dental Clinic was sponsored by the local group. The equipment has been turned over to the Ossining High School and is now an important part of the regular school health program. The Eye Foundation was also a product of the Lions Club. The Foundation has provided glasses for indigent school children. Besides sponsoring camperships for sometimes as many as fifteen youngsters annually, the Club is now sponsoring a baseball team in the Little League.

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Ossining Steamer Company No. 1

During July, 1876, a group of eleven men interested in firemanics met in the Olive Opera House on Brandreth Street to form the Ossining Steamer Company No. 1. Original Officers included: Isaac B. Noxon, foreman; S. M. Sherwood, assistant foreman; George Lockwood, secretary; A. H. Kipp, Jr., Engineer, and W. H. Dooley, fireman. These men were all proud to belong to the company which boasted the first steam fire engine in the village. Coincidentally with the demonstration of a steam fire engine to the village officials who turned down the purchase of such equipment, an uncontrollable fire broke out on Main

Street. Chief Joshua Many ordered the equipment into use over the objection of village officials. The work was so effective that the village reconsidered their former action and purchased this horse drawn equipment which was actively used until 1904, when it was replaced by another horse drawn engine of the steam type. This year, 1951, was the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Ossining Steamer Company. Present officers include: president, Michael J. Moran; vice-president, W. Howard Carpenter; secretary, Robert C. Hooley; treasurer, Thomas A. Reynolds; captain, William Oakley, 1st lieutenant, C. Warren Flint; 2nd lieutenant, Robert Hooley; 3rd lieutenant, Donald Stewart.

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This fraternal and benevolent organization was begun in Ossining on February 10, 1925, with an original membership of 16. The group met at the home of Mrs. Jennie McShann who was elected the first deputy and Mrs. Sadie Bradley, the first secretary. Present officers who preside over the now one hundred members, include: 1st Deputy, Mrs. Mary Taylor; 2nd Deputy, Mrs. Margaret Swygard; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Johnson; Treasurer, Mrs. Cora Pearsall; Inside Sentinel, Miss Hattie Smith; Outside Sentinel, Miss Eleanora Goode. This organization provides educational funds to students with high scholastic records who apply through the right worthy grand council for college.

Edmond C. Genet Post, 1041, V.F.W.

This post was organized in 1932 with an original membership of 21 and has since grown to 235. The first Commander was Montrose Couzens and the first meeting was held at Madam La France Home, now Bertrand's Restaurant.

The purposes of the Post are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational. Present officers are:

Joseph Gondek, Commander; William Besfer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander; Clayton Baldwin, Junior Vice Quartermaster; Robert Parfitt, Quartermaster; John Joyce, Adjutant; Alvin S. Gustin, Chaplain.

This is the first veterans' organization in Ossining to own, free and clear, its own Post building.

Senate Hook & Ladder Company No. 1

This company was organized on May 21, 1857, with George R. Birgh the first foreman. The first meeting on May 21 was held in the quarters of the Protection Engine Company on Waller Avenue with 14 men in attendance. The present membership

numbers 43. The Senate Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, like all the other fire fighting units in the Village, was organized for the purpose of fire fighting and fire prevention. Its present officers include: Captain, Albert Rabe; 1st Lt., P. Minnerly; 2nd Lt., W. Kingsley; Treasurer, T. B. Outhouse.

The Senate Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 has participated in all the major fires in the village, as well as attending all those in its particular area. An excerpt from the minutes of the first meeting read: "The first meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by George R. Birgh who then suggested that Sam S. Smith be appointed chairman until after the election of officers. Under the election of officers George R. Birgh was elected foreman and Richard Lush 1st Asst., Ande innegan was elected secretary and noted the following as being present: George R. Birgh, Sam S. Smith, Richard Lush, Stephen Ayles, George Kopp, James Wheeler, Richard R. Palmer, William Worley, Samie G. Archer, Thomas Leary, Michael Smith, Louis Clankie, and Ande Finnegan."

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