

# In the Spirit of 10

## Historical Notes by

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- 1767—The John R. Bleeker survey indicates the following families in Southwestern part of Sand Lake: Weatherwax, Baert, Ostrander and Adams. These were Sand Lake's first settlers.
- 1768—Joshua Lockwood & William Carpenter built the first grist mill in town at West Sand Lake.
- July 4, 1776—Start of The American Revolutionary War which saw some 26 men from Town of Sand Lake serve their country.
- 1788—The John Van Alen map shows 105 families granted leases from The Van Rensselaer Patroon.
- 1790—The first United States Census listed about 400 person and 15 slaves in town.
- 1795—The Albany-Berlin Turnpike, running through Sand Lake, was built.
- 1805—The Sand Lake Baptist Church erected in Averill Park.
- 1806—The Rensselaer Glass Works established at Glass Lake.
- June 19, 1812—Sand Lake incorporated as a town including area now the Town of Poestenkill.
- February 4, 1815—First Post Office in town opened with Daniel Gregory as Postmaster.
- 1816—The Trinity Lutheran Church at West Sand Lake dedicated.
- 1820—First Cotton Mill in town established in Averill Park by G.C. Arnold on the site of present Faith Mill.
- 1825—Troy-Averill Park Road put through.
- April 30, 1829—Barent Uline appointed Postmaster of Ulinesville (now West Sand Lake).
- 1830—Jacob Hageman built hotel at West Sand Lake. It was later known as Brewster House.
- 1830—Eastern Union Turnpike from Sand Lake to Hancock, Mass. put through.
- 1830-1835—Glass Lake Methodist Church erected.
- 1830—Franklin Averill kept store in part of present Nash Store at Sand Lake Village.

- 1835—First Presbyterian Church at Sand Lake erected.
- 1836—Methodist Church at West Sand Lake erected.
- 1840—Albert Fox built his mansion at Sand Lake Village.
- 1845—Staats Tompkins built paper mill on Wynantskill Creek where it crosses Burden Lake Road.
- 1845—Dr. Eber Carmichael, father of Julia Lester, began practice of medicine in Sand Lake Village.
- 1852—William H. Schram built Sand Lake Collegiate Institute on the site of the present Church of The Covenant.
- 1855-1860—Lake View Hotel erected by The Howard family.
- January 31, 1854—William Stevens appointed postmaster at South Sand Lake (now Slifers Corners) where he had kept store since 1830.
- 1960—The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Taborton dedicated.
- 1860—James M. Mosher built Crooked Lake Hotel after fire had destroyed the former Philip Upham Tavern on this site.
- 1865—Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at West Sand Lake dedicated.
- 1865—John McClaren & John Akin purchased the former Cipperly mill at West Sand Lake.
- April 17, 1870—St. Henry's R.C. Church at Averill Park dedicated.
- 1874—The Olive Methodist Episcopal Chapel at Averill Park dedicated.
- 1875—Nicholas Kane acquired the former Akin Mill at Averill Park.
- 1875—Dr. E.B. Boyce began practice of medicine in Averill Park with offices in part of Kane House.
- 1880—Heratio Averill converted Schrams Institute into hotel known as The Averill Park Hotel.

- 1880—Crist Crape bought the former Sliter Hotel at Sand Lake Village and enlarged it.
- 1890-91—Dr. Isaac N. Wright built the first drug store in Averill Park now the site of Ben Gauch Store.
- Sept. 30, 1895—The Troy & New England Railway Co. began operation of electric cars between Troy & Averill Park.
- 1908-10—Jacob Warger built store in Averill Park now occupied by Variety Market.
- Jan. 1913—Glass Lake Methodist Church destroyed by fire.
- 1914—New stone church built at Glass Lake. It is now the home of Perry Funeral Chapel.
- March 31, 1925—Troy & New England Railway Co. ceased operations.
- April 1925—Edward Knapp, Willis Larkin, Chet Wendell, John McNary (KLWMINC.) formed to operate bus service between Glass Lake and Troy.
- 1929—One of the first Centralized School Districts in New York State dedicated at Averill Park.
- 1936—Averill Park Methodist Church burned.
- 1937—Averill Park Methodist Church destroyed by fire for second time.
- 1944—Trinity Lutheran Church at West Sand Lake burned.
- 1954—New Trinity Church at West Sand Lake dedicated.
- Feb. 1957—New Post Office at Averill Park dedicated.
- 1959—Averill Park Methodist Church destroyed by fire for the third time.
- 1960—New modern Methodist Church at Averill Park dedicated.
- 1967—Sand Lake Presbyterian Church merged with Averill Park Methodist Church and formed Church of The Covenant.
- 1969—New Averill Park Firehouse dedicated.
- 1971—New West Sand Lake Methodist Church built on Shaver Road.
- 1972—Town of Sand Lake dedicates it's new Town Hall which formerly housed the First Presbyterian Church.

