

# 1924 PLAT BOOK OF MONROE COUNTY

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MONROE COUNTY was organized in accordance with a law passed February 23d, 1821. It was named in honor of James Monroe, President of the United States at that time, and was taken from Genesee and Ontario Counties. the County, with the exception of the three towns of Hamlin, Clarkson and sweden, is in the Phelps and Gorham Purchase. The towns of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase, west of the Genesee River, are in what is known as the "Mill Seat Tract; Hamlin, Clarkson and Sweden are in the Triangular Tract.

Under grants from the British King, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New York both claimed ownership of a great portion of the territory lying within the bounds of the State of New York, and the matter was finally settled by commissioners appointed by both States, who met at Hartford, Conn., and on December 16th, 1786 effected a settlement by which New York obtained the jurisdiction over all lands in dispute, and to Massachusetts was ceded the right of pre-emption of the soil to the lands in Western New York. By an Act of the Massachusetts Legislature, on April 1st, 1788, it was agreed to sell to Phelps and Gorham the right of pre-emption form the native Indians to the lands included in their purchase. A council with the Indians was held at Buffalo Creek, and a treaty concluded on the 8th of July, 1788, by which Phelps and Gorham obtained the Indian title. This Indian grant was confirmed by the Legislature of Massachusetts by Act passed November, 2d, 1788.

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## ""TOWNSHIPS AND RANGES WEST OF THE GENESEE RIVER""""

### TRIANGLE TRACT OF MORRIS RESERVE Town of CLARKSON

Clarkson originally embraced the 4th & 5th Townships of the Triangle Tract of the Morris Reserve. From 1814 to 1819 it is a part of the Town of Murray, Orleans County, April 2nd 1819 it was set off from Murray and incorporated as the Town of Clarkson. It includes within its resident limits all the Township 4. excepting the north tier of lots.

### Town of HAMLIN

Hamlin was set off from Clarkson in 1852 as the Town of Union and was the last town organized in Monroe County. It comprises all of Township 5, and the north tier of sections of Township 4, of Triangle Tract.

### Town of SWEDEN

Sweden was incorporated in 1814 and included at that time the Town of Clarendon in Orleans County. It is Township 3 of the Triangle Tract. The Triangle Tract lies between the Phelps & Gorham Purchase and the Holland Purchase on the west. It was originally owned by Robert Morris from whom it was purchased in 1801 by LeRoy, Bayard and Everts , of New York City, was surveyed and laid out into lots the same year by Richard Stoddard. The original plan is recorded in Genesee County.

## MILL SEAT TRACT OF PHELPS & GORHAM PURCHASE 4/23/1788

The Mill Seat Tract is a strip 12 miles wide along the west bank of the Genesee River extending from Lake Ontario southerly 35 miles, It was divided into three Ranges running north and south called Range 1, Range 2 and Short Range.

### Town of CHILI

Chili was formed from the division of the original Town of Riga, and the organization was perfected April 2nd 1822.

Its is a part of the Mill Seat Tract of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase and is the east part of Township 2, First Range West of the Genesee River. It was also known as East Pultney.

### Town of GATES

Gates with the town of Greece upon the original division of the town of Northampton in 1809 retained the name of Northampton for several years before changing it to gates. It is a part of the Mill seat Tract of The Phelps and Gorham Purchase and is the south part of Township No.1 of the Short Range, the north part of the town is in the 20,000 Acre Tract, while the south part lots 1 to 47 are the 4000 Acre Tract..

### Town of GREECE

Greece, organized Mar. 22,1822 was taken from the Town of Gates. It is a part of the Mill Seat Tract of Phelps and Gorham Purchase and embraces the north half of Township 1 and all of Township 2 of the Short Range west of the Genesee River. In Township 2 there are three divisions of Lots, the first division includes the 300 acre lots 1 to 62, the second division the 100 acre lots 1 to 33, and the third division were town lots at the mouth of the Genesee River in the Village of Charlotte now part of the City of Rochester,

### Town of PARMA

Parma formerly known as Fairfield was organized in 1807, upon division of the old town of Northampton and at that time included the present town of Ogden.

It is in Township 4, Range 1 of the Mill seat Tract of Phelps & Gorham Purchase and comprises the first and second sections of Braddock's Bay Township and The Gore lying between the latter and Ogden. Lots on the north, 1 to 81 "North section", South Section" is the central part of the town of Ranges 1 to 10, the south part of the town lots 1 to 37 is "The Gore". The old "Gore" was allotted in 1805 and contained 4270 1/2 acres, but 727.68 acres were added on the north, the second subdivision made in 1807 superseding the first.

### Town of OGDEN

Ogden and Parma were originally known as Fairfield of the old town of Northampton and upon its division in 1807 the name was changed to Parma

The Town of Ogden was organized April 1st. 1817, and included that portion of Parma lying south of the Ridge Road but the dividing line was soon after changed to its present location. It is a part of the Mill Seat Tract of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase, procured directly from the Indians and the purchase confirmed by the Legislature of Massachusetts Nov. 1788. It was divided into town lots by Judge Fuller.

## **Town of RIGA**

Riga was organized April 4th 1809 from what was originally a part of the town of Northampton which was divided Dec. 8th 1807, East and West Pultney then embracing the Towns of Chili and Riga were called the Town of Pultney.

It is in the Mill seat Tract of the Phelps & Gorham Purchase and comprises all of West Pultney or Township 2 of the Second Range and the west tier of sections of East Pultney or Township 2 of the First Range.

## **Town of WHEATLAND**

Wheatland was formed from Caledonia Feb. 23rd 1821 as the Town of Inverness, but was changed to Wheatland April 1822.

It is a part of the Mill Seat Tract of the Phelps & Gorham Purchase, and embraces the north part of Township Number One, First Range west of the Genesee River, and the Northeast part of Township Number One, second Range.

## **""TOWNSHIPS AND RANGERS EAST OF THE GENESEE RIVER""**

### **IN THE PHELPS AND GORHAM PURCHASE OF APRIL 23, 1788**

#### **Town of BRIGHTON:**

Brighton was organized March 25th 1814 by a decision of the Town of Smallwood, including Irondequoit and Rochester east of Genesee River.. In comprises nearly all of Township 13 Range 7 and the S.W. corner of Township 13 Range 4 of Phelps and Gorham Purchase. There are three divisions of the Brighton Lots.

First Division comprises small lots 13 to 20 in the Northeast corner and lots 25 to 35 in the Southwest corner.. Second Division comprises larger lots 3 to 80..

Third Division comprises small lots 26 to 32 on the River..

#### **Town of HENRIETTA:**

Henrietta is Township 12, Range 7 of the Phelps & Gorham Purchase. and was originally included in the Town of Northfield. It was organized in 1817, and its organization was completed April 20, 1818.

**NOTES:** Township 12 Range 7 has six (6) smaller Ranger and a Scott Tract.

First Range has 1 to 34 lots... Second Range has 1 to 34 lots...

Third Range has 1 to 34 lots... Fourth Range has 1 to 34 lots...

Fifth Range has 1 to 34 lots... Sixth Range along the Genesee River... has lots 4,6,8 to 26, 28,30,32,34...

Scott Tract in the southwest corner has lots 1 to 18...

#### **Town of IRONDEQUOIT:**

Irondequoit was organized March 27, 1839, being formed from the northern portion of the Town of Brighton, a part of the original Town of Boyle. It comprises that part of Township 14 and the north end of Township 13 of Range 7, west of Irondequoit Bay in the Phelps and Gorham Purchase from the State of Massachusetts in 1788..

#### **NOTE:**

Township 14 Range 7 has Lots from 1 to 43, 49 to 51..also includes the Lake Tract with lots 1 to 8, The Bay Village Tract with lots 1 to 8....Township 13 Range 7 has 6,11,12,25,33

**Town of MENDON:**

Mendon is Township 11 Range 5 of the Phelps & Gorham Purchase, Was organized is 1813.

**NOTE:** Township 11 Range 5 contains Five (5) Tract of land as follows.

Ball Tract , no lots numbers ... Porter Tract, no lots numbers

Waddington Tract, no lots numbers.... Catlin & Ferris Tract contain lots 1 to 45.

Eleven Thousand Acre Tract, contains Lots 1 to 91..

**Town of PENFIELD:**

Penfield in Township 13 of 4th. Range, Phelps & Gorham Purchase. It was set off from the original Town of Boyle in 1810 and included at that time the Town of Webster.

**Note:** Township 13, Range 4 Has Great Town Lots from 1 to 10, 13 to 22, 25 to 34, 37 to 46, 49 to 58, 61 to 69 and 72 to 75.

Township 13, Range 7 has Lots 1 to 4, 7 to 10, 13 to 16 and 17 & 18.

Township 14, Range 7 has Lots 1 to 5 and 19 to 21

**Town of PERINTON:**

Perinton is Township 12 of Range 4, Phelps & Gorham Purchase, It is one of the first squares or Townships and retains its original form. Formed a town in 1812 as part of Ontario County and in 1821 became part of Monroe County which at that time was formed.

**Note:** Contains Great Lots 1 to 66.

**Town of PITTSFORD:**

Pittsford is Township 12 of Range 5, Phelps & Gorham Purchase. It was originally a part of the Town of Northfield which included the present towns of Pittsford, Perinton, Penfield, Webster, Brighton, Irondequoit, Henrietta and Rochester east of the Genesee River. The name was changed to Boyle Apr. 6, 1808, Penfield including Webster was set off in 1810 and Perinton in 1812. The name was changed to Smallwood apr. 12, 1813.. In 1814 when Brighton including Irondequoit and Rochester east of the river was taken off, the remainder was named Pittsford..

**NOTE:** Township 12 Range 5 Contains Great Lots 1 to 27 and 39 to 61, 63..

**Town of RUSH:**

Rush is Township Eleven, Seventh Range of the Phelps and Gorham Purchases. Was organized March 13th. 1818 from the Town of Avon, Livingston County, and was enlarged Nov. 24th. 1824 by annexing the remaining part of the Town of Avon, lying north of Township 10 in the County of Livingston.

Contain Great Town Lots from 1 to 76, in Township 11, Range 7.

**Town of WEBSTER:**

Webster is the North part of the old town of Penfield, a part of the original town of Boyle, of Phelps & Groham Purchase. Being the north end of Township 13 and all of Township 14 of the 4th. Range, and greater portion of that part of Township 14 of the 7th Range called the "Gore Tract" Lying east of Irondequoit Bay.

**NOTE:** Township 14, Range 7 include the Gore tract which has Great Town Lots starting with T.Lot 6 to 18, 22 to 33, 34 to 74...

Township 14, Range 4 includes Section 10,11,12,13,14,15.. The Section 15 has Lots 1 to 15, The Section 14 has lots 1 to 7. The section 13 has Lots 1 to 4. The Section 12 has Lots 1 to 17. The section 11 has 1 to 14 and a Salt Tract which has Lots A to H and 8 to 28. The section 10 has Lots 2 to 15 and at Union Hill Lots 1 to 7..

Township 13, Range 4 has Great Town Lots 11,12,23,24,35,36,47,48,59, & 60..

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