

Wappingers Falls



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Native American Relations

Thesis:

As late as 1663, the Great Sachem and his tribe lived on the plains near the falls, but less than 100 years later most of the Wappingers' natives had left as settlers moved in.



Native American Relations

- ❖ 1663- The Wappingers Indians
 - Primitive forest abundant with wildlife
 - Offshoot of Delaware Tribe
 - Traded with Dutch in Kingston (26 miles up river)
 - Drifted away west and to Housatonic River Valley, CT
- ❖ 1741 – Brewer family of Holland
 - Buy 1000 acres
 - Built 5 buildings in 1 year and first bridge
 - Including Brewer Mesier



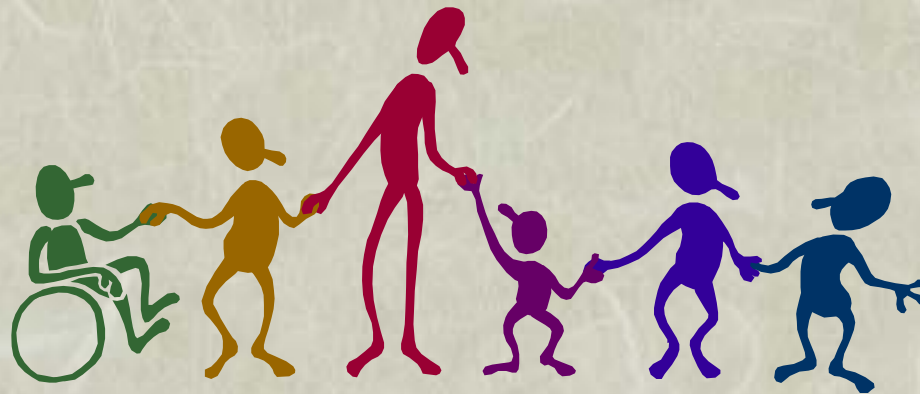


Brewer Mesier Home

History of Wappingers Falls

Thesis:

Wappingers Falls was a small village that has slowly grown into modern suburbia, yet still preserves its historical sites for future generations.



Historic Wappingers Falls

- ❖ Town founded in 1875
- ❖ Woronock House
- ❖ Brewer Mesier Home
- ❖ Grinell Library



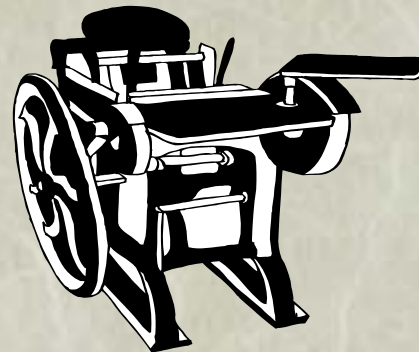


Grinell Library

Industrial Aspects

Thesis:

The local businesses and factories supported the families with employment and gave purpose for Wappingers to be a community. The movement of industry gave prosperity for a residential home.



Industrial Aspects

1. Village composed of 2 settlements
 - Franklindale (East Side)
 - 1 Church, 1 school, 1 printworks, 1 overall company, 30 dwellings
 - Ednamville (West Side)
 - 1 school, 1 large cotton factory, 30 dwellings

2. Small companies moved to bigger towns and cities (NYC).



Architecture

Thesis:

The architecture helps tie the village together using similar styles for many buildings.



Architecture

- ❖ Styles from all over the world are used on various public buildings giving a common appearance
- ❖ Gothic Style
 - Zion Episcopal Church
 - Saint Mary's Church
- ❖ Swiss Chalet Style
 - Grinell Library
- ❖ Post office (1940) and other later buildings designed to blend





Presbyterian Church



Zion Episcopal Church

Wappingers Today

Thesis:

Wappinger's Falls is an area that has changed greatly since the 19th Century but has kept the historical atmosphere of the past.



Wappingers Today

- ❖ Total Population: 4,929
- ❖ Religion: 5 Churches
- ❖ Agriculture: Meadowbrook Farm
- ❖ Shopping: Nine Mall Plaza
- ❖ Parks: Bowdoin Park



Conclusion

The waterfall is the center piece that ties history, industry and the community together.



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