

The American Eagles

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Preview Clip of Columbia County!

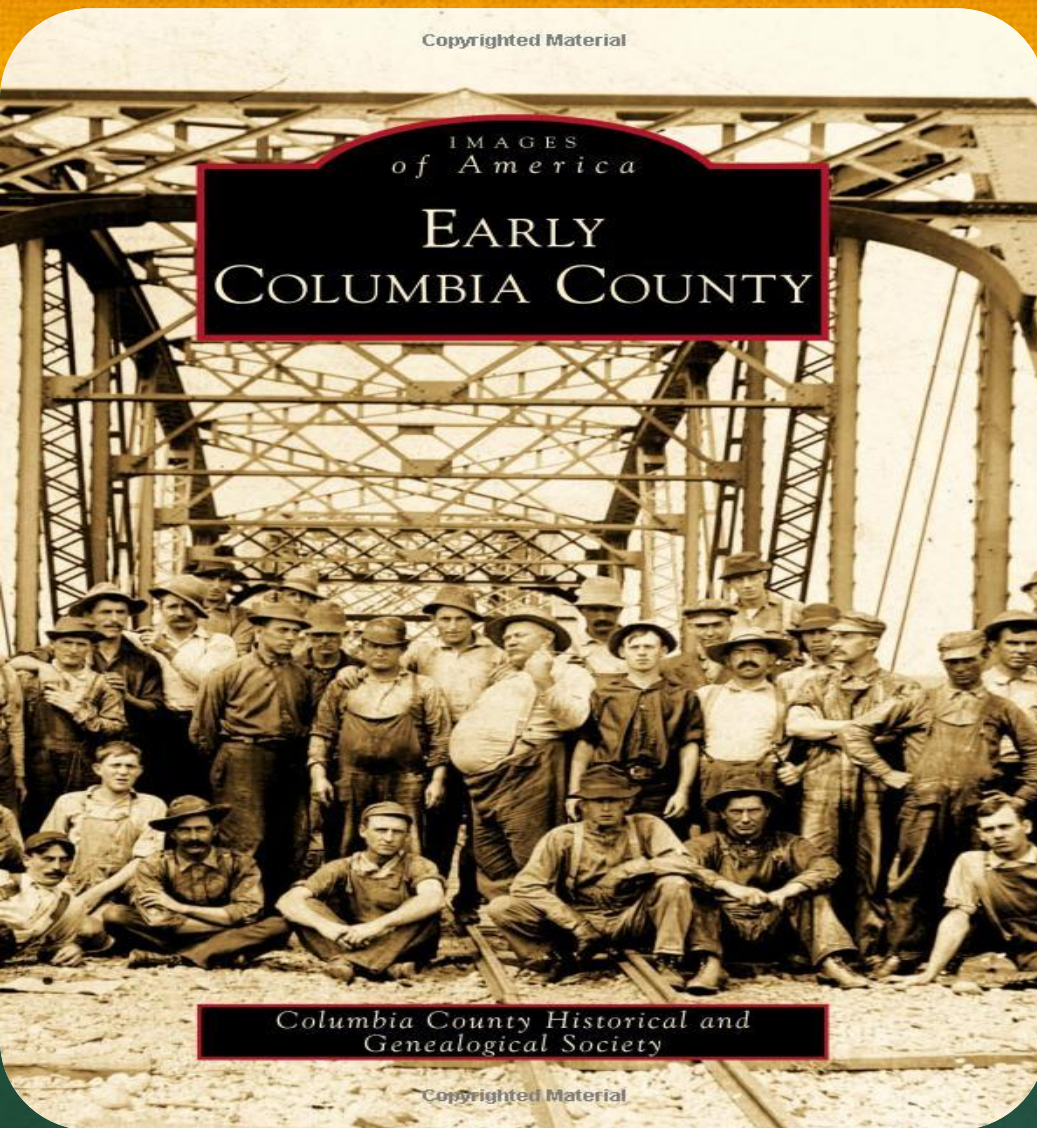


Columbia County

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Executive Summary

The case study was a good way to integrate the various historical, cultural, economic, political and biographical dimensions of one particular county in the Hudson River Valley with the knowledge we have already gained about the region at large. Researching and synthesizing information about Columbia County helped to focus our attention on one particular area in the Hudson River Valley, while giving us an opportunity to apply outside information to create a more comprehensive understanding of the area.

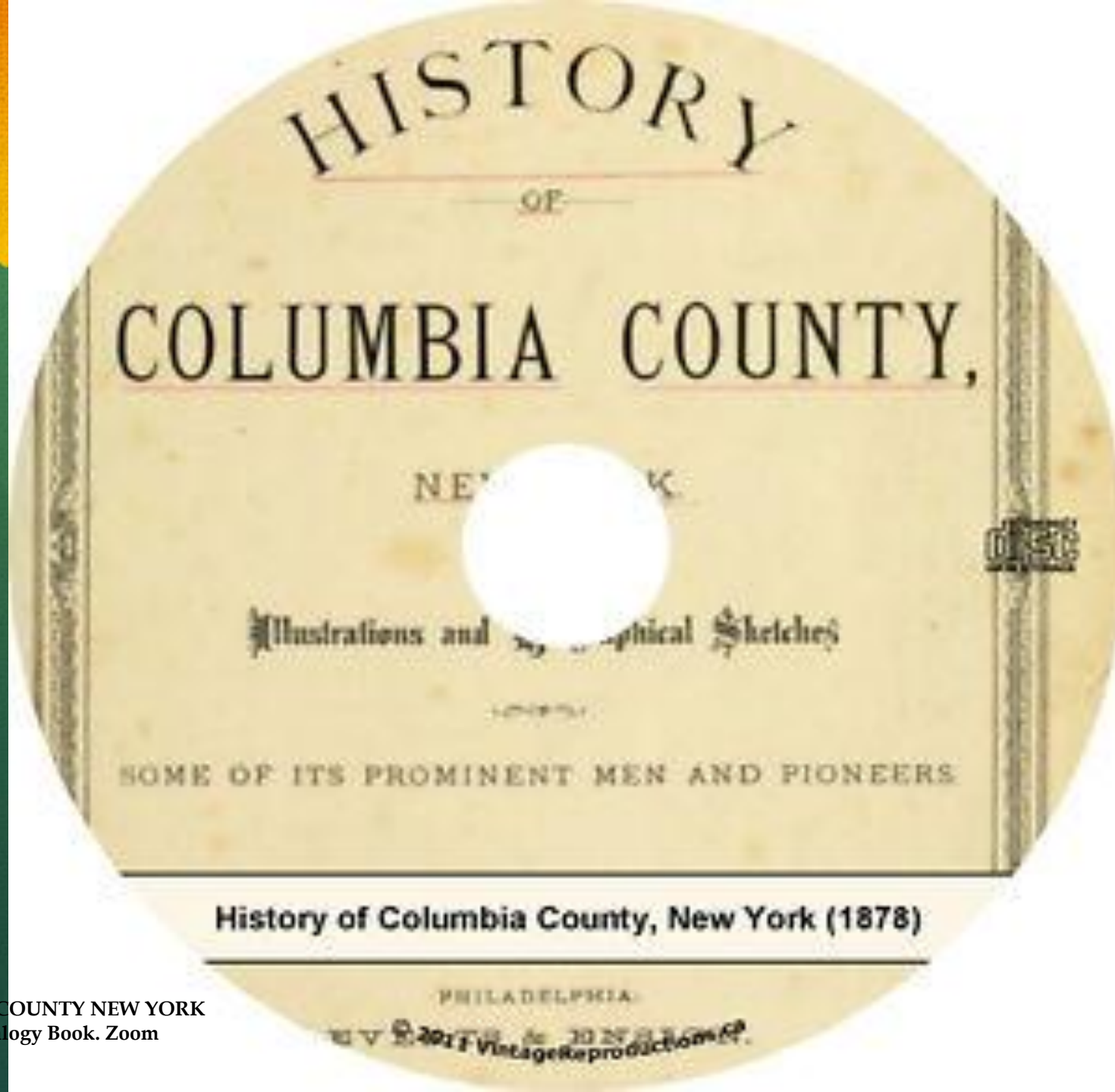


The name “Columbia” comes from the Latin feminine form of the name of it’s first white explorer, Christopher Columbus.

Columbia County is in the northern part of the Hudson River Valley, about 125 miles north of New York city and 35 miles south-east of Albany.

It is 36 miles from North to South, and 18 miles from East to West. It contains 688 square miles.

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History of Columbia County, New York (1878)

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The first exploration of Columbia County was said to be from Henry Hudson in 1609 while sailing across the Atlantic Ocean and up the Hudson River.

Hudson described the surrounding land as "...the finest for cultivation that I ever in my life set foot upon, and it also abounds in trees of every description."

- Henry Hudson's journal describes, "we found very loving people and very old men, and the natives also brought on board Indian corn, pumpkins and tobacco."
- At Stockpork Creek (the Mohican village), Hudson exclaimed the area "consisted of of forty men and seventeen women," a well as canoes and, to his astonishment, "a great quantity of Indian corn and beans... enough to load three ships."



The Abraham Staats house (c. 1660s or later), located on the north side of the Stockport Creek near the Hudson River, Stockport.

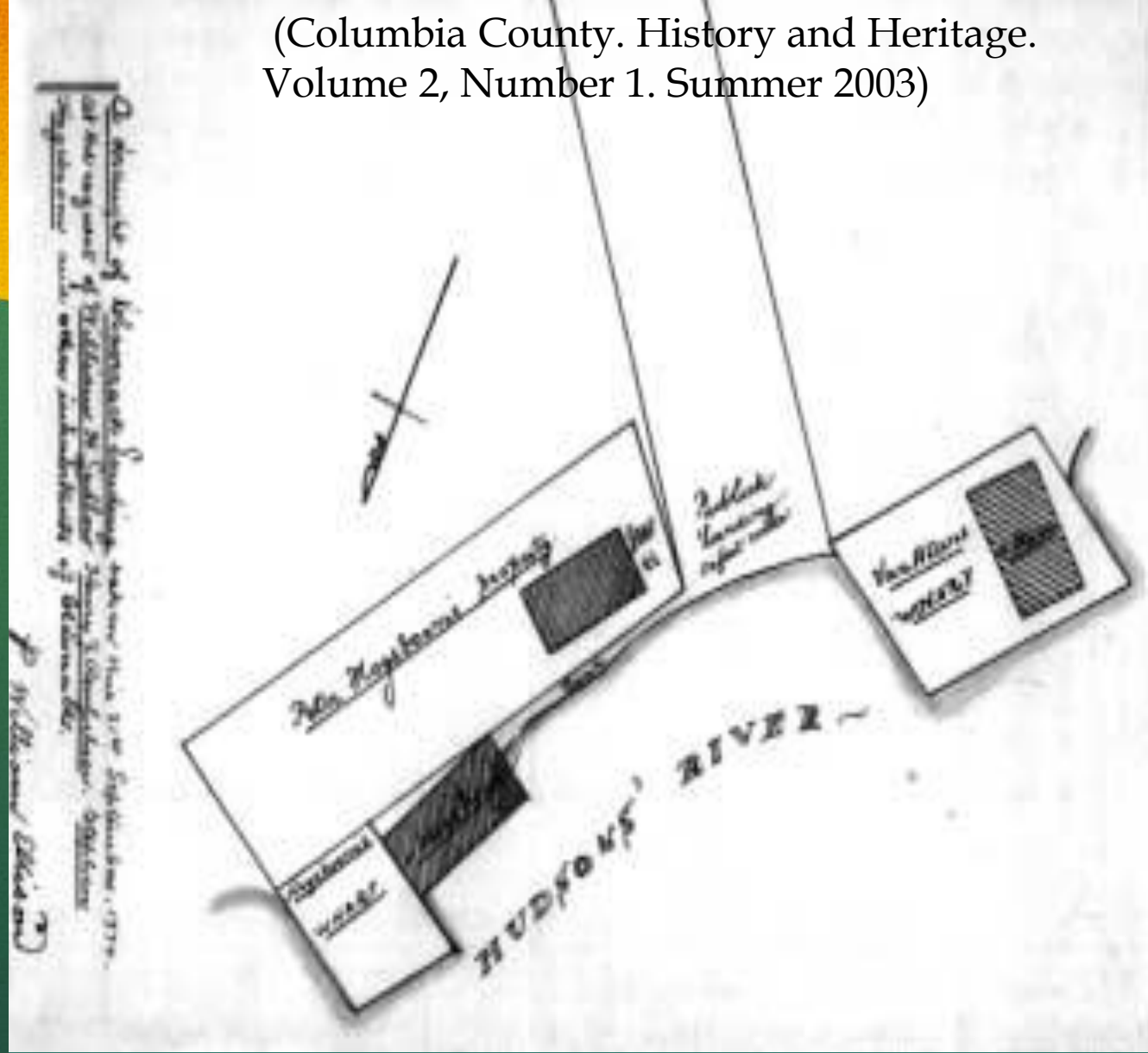
1657, Major Abraham Staats constructed a fur-trading post and farm on the North side of the Stockport Creek. Staat docked his ship the “Claverack” to take furs and grain which is considered the first European port in the area of Columbia County



<http://www.abouttown.us/dutchess/articles/winter05/history.shtml>

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A map of Claverack landing “taken in the year 1774,” original courtesy of the Office of the Columbia County Clerk. This illustration and the one on page 11 are taken from Hudson’s Merchnats and Whalers by Margaret Schram, published by Black Dome Press in 1994.

History, Geographically speaking:

**Columbia County was erected on April 4, 1786
by an act through the legislature**

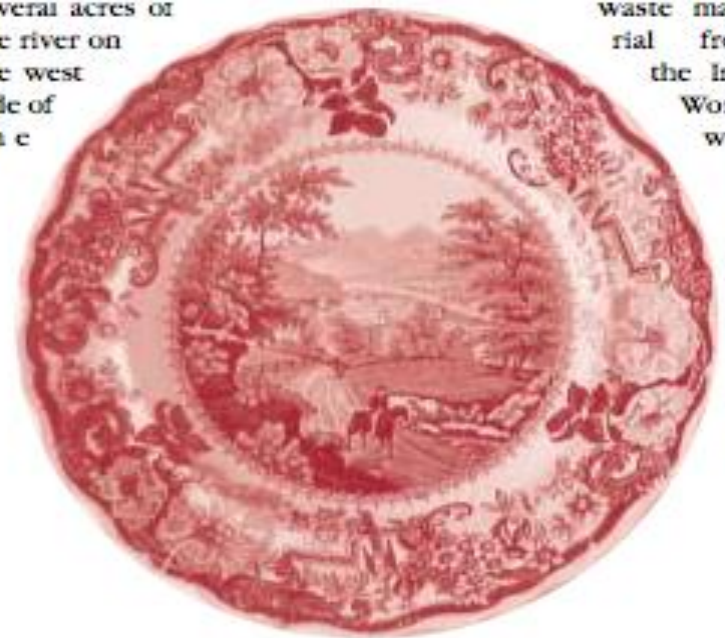
- Seven original towns consisting of Kinderhook, Canaan, Claverack, Hillsdale, Clermont, Germantown and Livingston were erect by an act passed March 7, 1788
- As new towns formed during the late 1700's and early 1800's there became a total of 18
Currently- - Divided into 19 towns now; *Ancram, Austerlitz, Canaan, Chatham, Claverack, Clermont, Copake, Gallatin, Hudson City, Ghent, Greenport, Hillsdale, Germantown, Kinderhook, Livingston, New Lebanon, Stockport, Stuyvesant and Taghkanic.*
- Columbia County's land is diversified with hills, plains, and valleys. Columbia County is "farmed from the quantity and quality of its Indian corn, lead and iron."



Detail from Columbia County Historical Society's Penfield Map, 1799. Originally the City of Hudson extended out into the Hudson River with deep bays north and south. As this map shows, however, the outer edges of the bays were already being filled in to widen the waterfront for commercial purposes.

several acres of
the river on
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Clew Staffordshire China, produced 1829-1836. The scene on this plate was based on Wall's interpretation of South Bay and Mt. Merino. The China set featured eight scenes of the Hudson Valley after the work of Wall.

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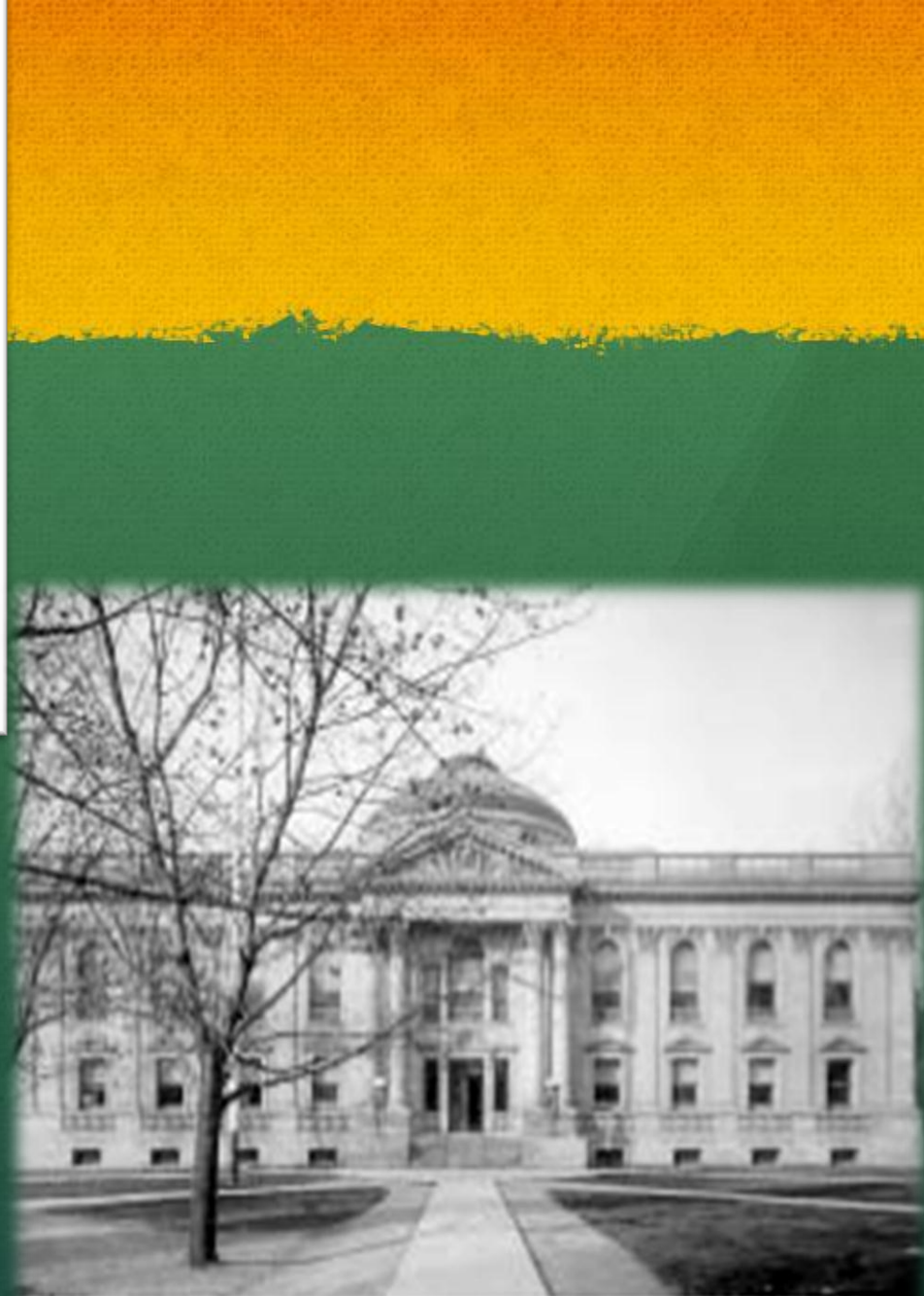


Hudson Area Library, 400 State Street — This historic building enjoyed many uses before becoming a library in 1957: 1818 to 1830 - Almshouse; 1830 to 1850 - Insane Asylum; 1851 to 1865 - Academy for Young Women; 1865 to 1881 - Private residence; 1881 to 1957.

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The fourth Columbia County Courthouse (the second built on this site); it was destroyed by fire in 1907.



The present Columbia County Courthouse, seen here in an early photo shortly after completion.

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Laying cobblestones on Warren Street between 4th and 5th Streets, late 19th century.

Street's late 19th century.
Laying cobblestones on Warren Street between 4th and 5th



Looking south from Warren Street, with Christ Church and the Parish House, late 19th century.

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Looking south from Warren Street with Christ Church and



"BusinessDock" area between 6th and 7th Streets (across from Park Square), looking west down Warren Street, 1868.

Key Historical, Cultural and Industrial Sites

<http://alloveralbany.com/archive/2010/10/28/12-hours-in-columbia-county>



All Over Columbia County!

Historical Sites:



Vanderpoel Mansion



Harlem Valley Rail
Trail



Martin Van Buren National
Historical Site

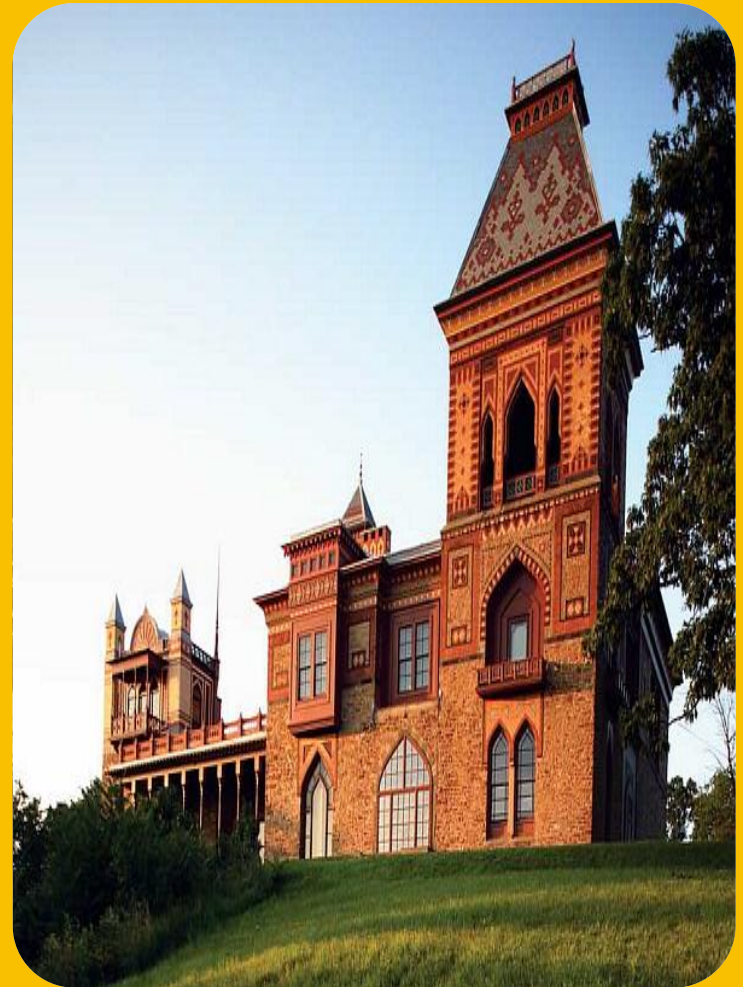
Olana

Cultural Sites

FASNY FireFighters Museum



<http://www.fasnyfiremuseum.com/>



<http://www.rphotosonline.com/olana/Olana>



Industrial Sites

- Hudson-Athens Lighthouse
- Stuyvesant Falls Mill District-grist mill and paper mill, cotton mill, woolen mill complex and extant hydroelectric plant



Columbia County was originally the home to the Mohican Indians. In 1612 parts of the land was colonized. Columbia County was officially founded in 1786 but was first explored in 1609 by Henry Hudson. Columbia County is located southwest of Albany (the capital of New York). The current population is 63,096.

OLANA ESTATES

This is the home of a well-known painter- Frederic Church. Frederic Church's paintings were reflective of his 250-acre estate. The Persian-style home was built between 1870-1891. Built on a high hill overlooking the Hudson River Valley, to Frederic Church this was known as "the center of the world".

Today the home remains unchanged and looks as it did in the 1890s. You will find the paintings and furnishings of Frederic and his family acquired over the years of residency.



Painting by Frederic Church.

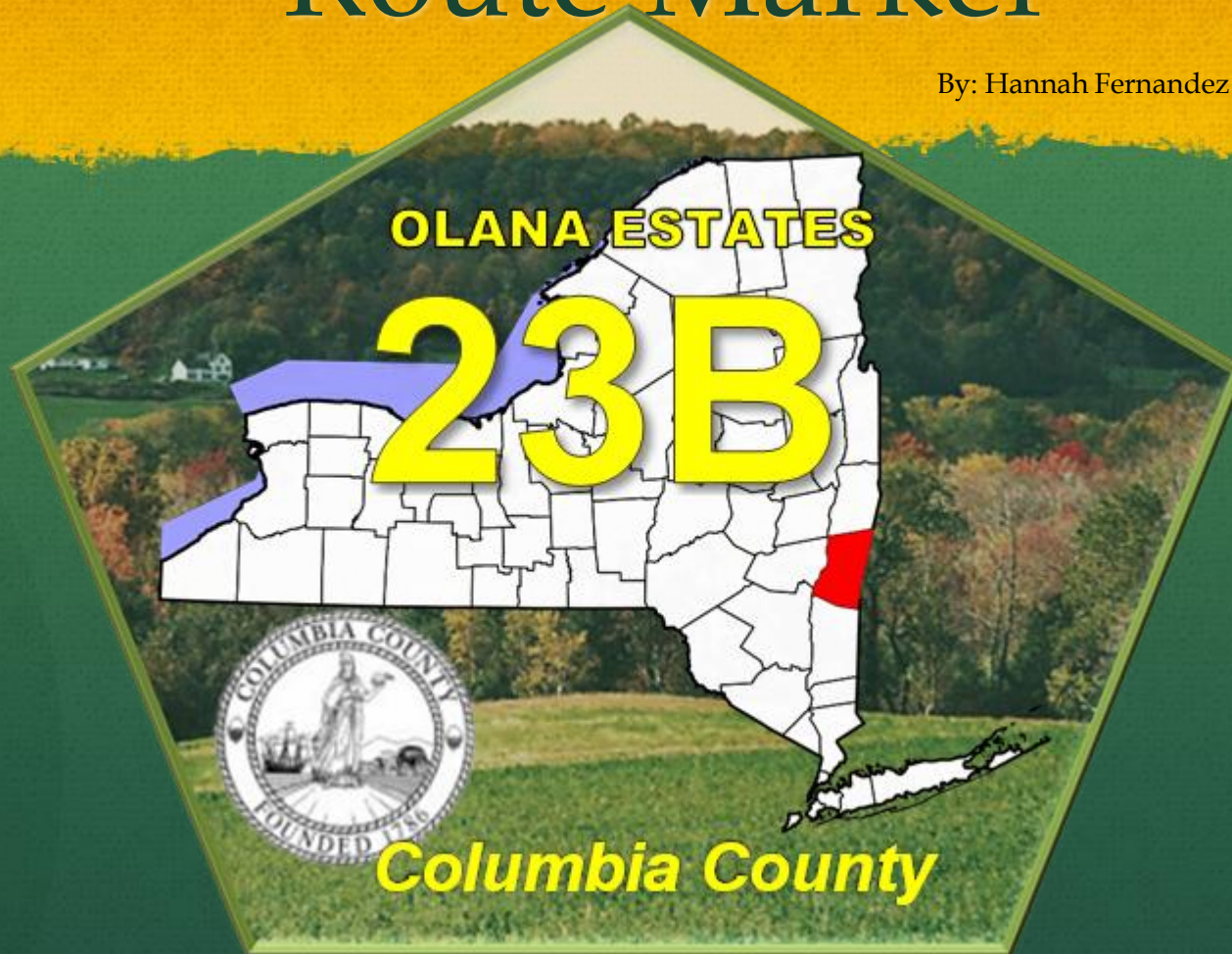
Outside of Olana



*Both pictures from:
<http://www.olana.org>*

Route Marker

By: Hannah Fernandez



From left to right: Columbia County Seal, Map of New York (Columbia County highlighted in red)

Images were obtained from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia_County,_New_York

Background Image was obtained from:

http://www.columbiacountybuyersbroker.com/columbia_county_new_york_real_estate.html

Demographics

- Total area: 648.0 mi
- Land area: 634.7 mi
- Water area: 13.56 mi
- Farmland area: 107,000 acres

Caption:
Map of Columbia County

<http://affordablehousinginstitute.org/blogs/us/2010/12/the-weekending-of-rural-america.html>



Population in Columbia County, NY

Color	Year	
	1860	2000
White	45,792	58,105
Black/ African American (free colored	1,201	2,850
Other	179	2,136
Total	47,172	63,094

Populations in Towns of Columbia County

Town	Year	
	1860	2000
Hudson	7,187	6,173
Claverack	3,477	6,021
Greenport	1,431	4,106
Livingston	2,014	3,646
Copake	1,839	3,615
Stockport	1,445	2,815
New Lebanon	2,127	2,305
Stuyvesant	2,366	2,027
Lorenz Park	-	2,053
Valatie	-	1,819
Clermont	968	1,965
Canaan	2197	1,710
Hillsdale	2,552	1,927
Niverville	-	1,662
Chatham	4,163	1,770
Ancram	1,720	1,573
Austerlitz	1,889	1,654
Gallatin	1,533	1,375
Philmont	-	1,379
Scottville	-	1,375
Kinderhook	4,331	1,211
Taghkanic	1717	1,310
Claverick- Red Mills	-	913
Germantown	1,353	845
Copake Lake	-	823
Ghent	2,803	564

Classes of Manufactures in Columbia County 1860 (Top 10)

Class	Number of Establishments	Number of Hands	Capital Invested
Carriages and Wagons	44	112	\$55,100
Flour-Mill Products	32	83	\$312,900
Saddlery and Harness	19	48	\$30,500
Tin, Copper, and Sheet-Iron Ware	17	50	\$48,800
Cotton Goods	13	874	\$1,180,500
Paper Wrapping	13	193	\$349,000
Clothing (Women's)	12	55	\$20,980
Clothing (Men's)	11	102	\$47,450
Agricultural Implements	9	28	\$27,700
Machinery	8	50	\$42,000

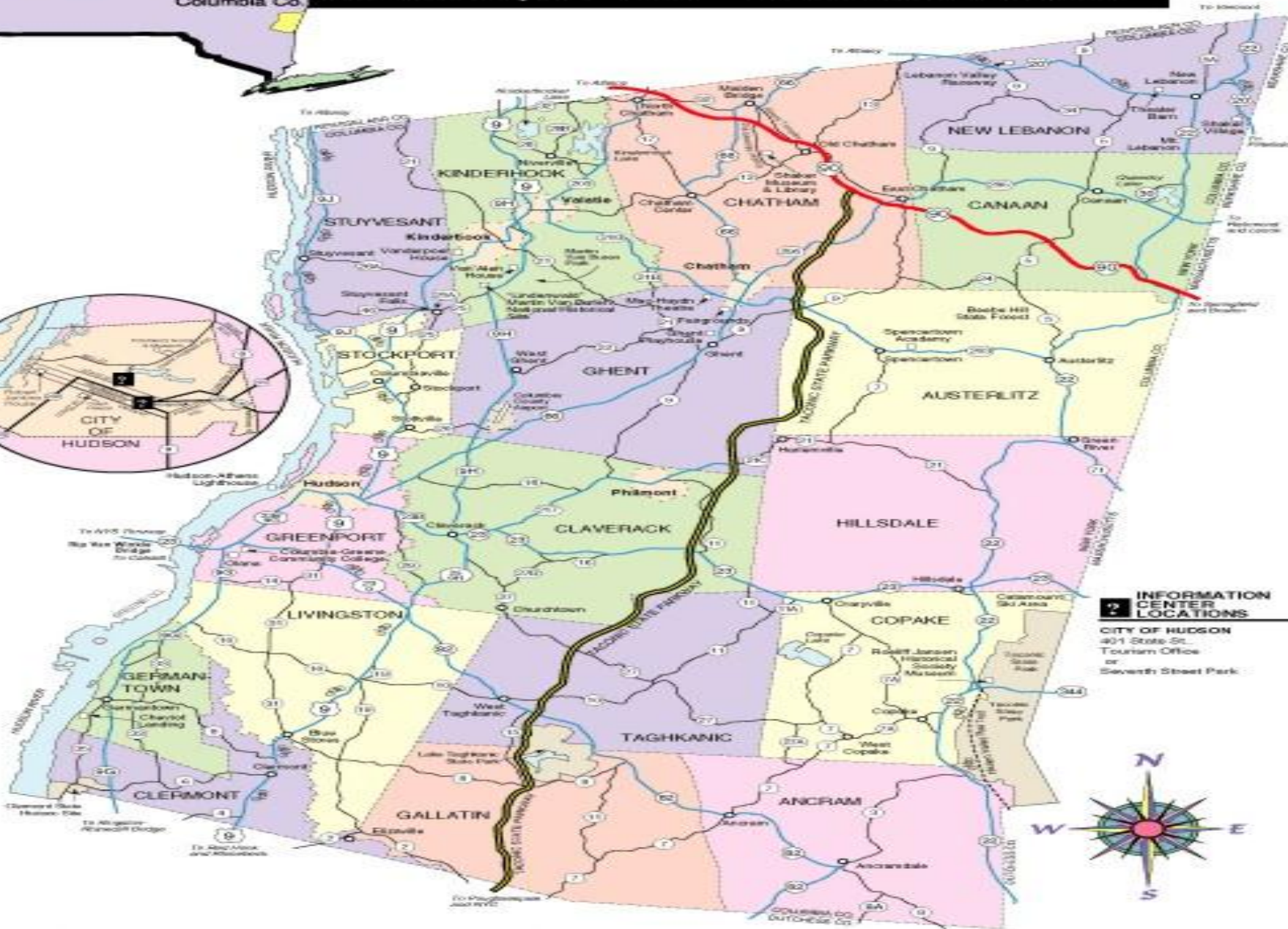
Industry	Percentage of People in Industry
Management, Professional, and Related Occupations	
Sales and Office Occupations	33.6
Government Worker (local, state, or federal) Occupations	23.5
Service Occupations	19.3
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	16.8
Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance Occupations	13.8
Manufacturing Occupations	10.8
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting Occupations	10.4
	3.0

**Populations in Towns of
Columbia County**

**Industries in Columbia
County 2000**

DRIVING TIMES

Albany, NY	35 min	Hartford, CT	1 1/2 hrs
Poughkeepsie, NY	45 min	Boston, MA	2 1/2 hrs
New York City, NY	2 hrs	Montreal, CAN	4 1/2 hrs



INFORMATION CENTER LOCATIONS
 CITY OF HUDSON
 401 State St.
 Tourism Office
 or
 Seventh Street Park