

Hammond History Timeline

- Pre 1812 1st settler of record in what is now the town of Hammond - William McNeil from Vermont settled at Chippewa Bay. Lived in cave in rocks. No record that he made a permanent settlement.
- War of 1812 British built a block house & small fortification on Chimney Island directly opposite Chippewa Bay, about 80 rods from Canadian shore.
- 1813 Ogdensburg Turnpike was laid out through the town and worked on for 2 years. This became known as the Military Rd. from Sacketts Harbor. It became impassable but was reopened in 1823.
- 1813 Settlement was made & a hotel built one mile south of village by Mr. Sylvanus Barker. This was on the Rossie Rd. at the top of the hill above the railroad. Burned in 1929.
- 1813 First road from Rossie Iron Works to connect with the Military Rd. through Hammond.
- 1814 Attempt made in summer by Duncan Fraser & a party of 50-60 Canadians to abduct 1 or 2 refugees who had taken refuge at Mr. Barker's tavern.
- 1817 Large warehouse built by Mr. Parish at Chippewa Bay near the water's edge.
- 1817 On August 2nd President James Monroe passed through the village – then under the jurisdiction of Rossie.
- 1818 William Wiley from Vermont made the 1st clearing on the site of what is now Hammond Village.
- 1818 July - William Wiley took 1st contract for land from agent of David Parish.
Isaiah Wiley, son of William Wiley, was 1st white child born in the town. Spent nearly all his life here & died at a good old age.
- 1818 Loren Bailey, agent for Mr. Parish, opened a land office at Chippewa Bay. He was active in town politics & served 1828-29 as overseer of highways; 1827, 1825-37 – Justice of the Peace; 1833 – assessor; 1834-35 supervisor; 1834 – overseer of the poor. Mr. Bailey remained as agent of Mr. Parish until his death. The office was then moved to Rossie.
- 1818 Colonel Luther Lamphier built a two story warehouse which was operated as a general store by Abraham Cooper of Oxbow.
- 1818 1st settlement on Chippewa Bay Rd. by Scottish immigrants: Peter Allen, John Gregor, David Gregor, John Baird, William Cowan, John Hill, & James Hill. Joseph Rosseel met them at Prescott & offered them strong inducements to cross the river & go to Rossie to visit the Scotch settlements, but they were more impressed with his possessions near the [St. Lawrence](#) River.

- 1819 1st schoolhouse was erected in town on the Bay Rd. & in the following winter school was taught by Dr. James Scott of Lisbon. (1819-1820)
- 1819 1st settlement in South Hammond by Thomas Phillips. Came on foot from Trenton, N.J.
- 1820 Christopher Phillips, his wife and child came from Trenton, N.Y. (or N.J.?) on horseback. He was the 1st blacksmith. His log house was where the American Hotel stood. His blacksmith shop was located where the Hammond Hardware store was later located. Mr. Phillips served the town: 1830 – overseer of highways; 1830-32 – overseer of the poor; 1830-40 – commissioner of highways.
- 1820 1st stone house erected in the town of Hammond by Thomas Dodds. This was a one story house at the time it was built. A 2nd story was added several years later.
- 1820 1st physician was Dr. John Bean – 1820-1846. He removed to Richville where he died. His office was located in the house which is now the residence of Harold Hibbs. (Home now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Rickie Bass.) Other physicians who served Hammond were Dr. Blackman, Dr. Brown, Dr. Green, Dr. Morris (4 yrs.), Dr. Monroe (near Chippewa Bay), Dr. A.R. Gregor, Dr. H.T. Kerr, Dr. Brooker, Dr. George H. Rodger, Dr. T. A. Lewis, Dr. Rutherford Rodger, Dr. Cyril Kimball, & Dr. A.R. Keese. Hammond was without a doctor for many years until the Hammond Health Center was built (in 1982) and Dr. Thomas Hagaman came.
- 1820 1st settlement in southwestern part of town, Calaboga. Joseph R. Denner, Ira Taplin, Hazen Taplin, & George Martin all came from Rome, N.Y.
- 1820 Jonathon King built a tavern at the Military Rd. near the county line. Was overseer of highways in 1831, assessor in 1835, inspector of elections in 1830, 34 & 35, and commissioner of highways in 1833. (Myron King was a great grandson.)
- 1820 Samuel Miller invented a match machine.
- 1820 3 story hotel stood where the George Forrester cottage was later built, on the waterfront east of the store.
- 1820 John Miller, son of Samuel Miller, killed by a stroke of lightning.
- 1821 April 1 - 1st Presbyterian Church established with James Rodger as minister.
- 1822 Hiram Blackman appointed postmaster in Hammond. He also held the office of inspector of schools in 1829, 30, 33 & 34 until September, when he moved from town.
- 1824 Mr. Ambrose opened a store at Oak Point. Purchased from Elliot.
- 1824 Mr. Jones opened a liquor store at Oak Point. Frederick Thacher had a grocery store and Mr. Marvin had a grocery store, also.
- 1824 Settlement at Oak Point. Abram Schermerhorn, _____ Garrett, Andrus Hicks – all from Trenton, N.Y. Drove their teams. _____ opened a hotel, built a tannery, a shoe shop and a distillery. Mr. Schermerhorn married (I) Elizabeth Hicks, a sister of Andrus; (II) Christiana Morris. Had a family of 8 children – 4 by each wife.

- 1824-25 Tannery built at Chippewa Bay by Daniel Schermerhorn.
- 1825 1st tannery in Hammond built by Abraham Schermerhorn.
- 1825 Wharf built at Oak Point. James or William Nicol drowned at Chippewa Creek.
- 1827 May 8, 1st town meeting. At a meeting of the freeholders & inhabitants of the town of Hammond held at the house of Asa Baker in said town agreeable to an act of the Legislature passed March 30, 1827, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Roswell Ryon, town clerk; Sylvester Butrick, supervisor; Charles Sigourney & Eben Leonard, assessors; Orin Brown, collector; Benjamin Franklin & Wm. Scott, overseers of the poor; Ebenezer Marvin & David Nicholson, commissioners of highways; Orin Brown & Alrod B. Childs, constables; Benjamin Franklin, Charles Sigourney & James T. King, commissioners of schools; Moses Smith, Collin A. Burnham & Enoch Taylor, inspectors of schools; Sylvester Butrick, Loren Bailey, Luther Lamphear & Reuben Allen, justices of the peace; William Rodger, Abel Franklin, George Martin, Nathan O. Lewis, Moses Smith, Elisha Holmes, Luther Lamphear, Charles Wilbur, Daniel Baker, Sylvester Butrick, Wm. Fanning & James Wesley, overseers of highways.
- (Roswell Ryan had been first postmaster of Rossie when the office was established 5/16/1816.)
- 1829 The Rarick Burying Ground (South Hammond) opened.
- 1829 Jan. 1 – Jan 1, 1833 – 1st mail route. From Denmark, Lewis County, by Carthage, Wilna, Antwerp, Rossie, Hammond, to Ogdensburg. 62.5 miles. Contractors were Parker & Sherwood of Utica, paying \$4748.60/year. Later this mail was carried by Theresa & S. Hammond to Ogdensburg 3 times/week.
- 1830 1st US census. Population of Hammond 767. State census 1835 population was 1327.
- 1830 Manufacture of common brick by Francis Dana. Continued the brick business until his death in 1845. Mr. Dana came from Oneida County & settled early in this decade on "Garden Island". Reached mainland by stepping from one stone to another. His son & daughter took up Mormonism & went to Nauvoo, Ill. Later went to Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1830-40 Glass factory at Chippewa Bay operated by John Buss & a Mr. Scott. Later moved to Calaboga with Henry Denner, operator.
- 1833 Post office established at S. Hammond with Jonathon King as post master.
- 1833-34 Sylvester Butrick – 1st member from Hammond to serve as N.Y. State assemblyman.
- 1834 April 19 - Appointment of commissioners to open a road from Clayton & Lyme to a road leading from Chippewa Bay to Ogdensburg. Loren Baley, Azariah Walton & Elbridge G. Merrick.
- 1836 ? Abel P. Morse came from Massachusetts. In 1838, he erected a stone store after the purchase of lands from Arnold Smith & others. Later he purchased Squire Bailey's sawmill at Chippewa Bay. Morse built an ashery for pot & pearl ashes. He organized the St. Lawrence International & Mechanical Society. He continued mercantile business

during 1850's & then sold out to son-in-law, Peter Mc Grady. One of Abel's sons married Elizabeth Dorwin, a sister of Bert. (A.P. Morse & N.G. Daniels were partners in the store in 1842.)

- 1837 or '39 Stone building built by M.G. Phyllie for A.P. Morse, known as Taylor House. Operated as hotel until 1892. (It's said to have been built by a Rodger in 1838 or by his nephew.)
- 1839 or prior A family by the name of Riddell lived near to where the Pleasant Valley Cemetery is now located. Had a child killed by a falling tree. This child was the 1st burial in that cemetery. Mr. & Mrs. Riddell were the grandparents of Jane Tilton, Ella Rodger, & Hat Fitch. (The home is presently owned by Gary & Marilyn Hunter.)
- 1839 Pleasant Valley Cemetery opened. Incorporated in 1852.
- 1841 March 31st - Post office opened at Oak Point. James H. Consall, postmaster.
- 1844 James E. Lyon erected a steam sawmill at Chippewa Bay. This was burned.
- 1847 Crossover Island lighthouse built. Charles Barber, 1st keeper.
- 1849 July 13 – Fire broke out on R. Morse farm & burned until afternoon of July 21, when the rain stopped the fire. (from David Moyer notebook)
- 1850 Jan. 23 – The Hammond, Rossie, & Antwerp Plank Rd. Co. formed. Length – 20 miles. Capital - \$35,000. 7 miles are in Jefferson County. There is an embankment 41 ft. high at Rossie Hills & the deepest rock cutting is 22 ft. Directors: Ira Hindsdale, E. Brainard, Z. Gates, A.P. Morse & D.W. Baldwin.
- 1850 Oct. 19 – Henry Butrick hired to teach school at \$19/month for 5 months. He had to board himself.
- 1850 A.P. Morse brought the 1st mowing machine into town. The “Ketchum” was a one-wheel, sidedraft, combined so as to reap by affixing a large wooden rim around the driving wheel, thus raising the cutterbar high enough to cut the grain.
- 1850 Summer – A telegraph line was run through Hammond via the State Rd. “New York State Line” from Watertown to Ogdensburg. 2-3 years later an office was established at Hammond village with Orange G. Waldo as operator. Mr. Waldo was born at Sacketts Harbor & came to Hammond while a mere boy to learn the harness business with A. A. Hine & later took lessons in telegraph with Gilbert Townsend of Theresa. He succeeded Mr. Hine in the harness trade later & continued in the business together with the telegraph office until 1866 in a small wood colored frame building that stood about where the David Moyer store now stands. (?)
- (Mr. Waldo had ?) 1st post office under a Republican administration serving from 1861-1865. Sold his house & shop to D. Moyer & moved to Gouverneur.
- 1851 In July, the Morristown & Hammond Plank Rd. Co., a continuation of the Hammond, Rossie & Antwerp Plank Rd. Co., was laid along the route of the former road & through a country that offered but few obstacles to its construction. President & treasurer, Moses Birdsall; secretary, Henry Hooker. Length, 10 ¼ miles; capital, \$10,000; in 200 shares of

- \$50 each. Organized in July 1851 & completed in May 1852. This with the preceding, formed a continuous plank road communication with routes leading to Utica, Rome, Watertown, etc. & terminating on the St. Lawrence River in the village of Morristown.
- 1851 1st surgical operation was performed in which chloroform was used as an anaesthetic. Mrs. Mary Ingale was the subject & died during the operation.
- 1852 Stone schoolhouse was built in Pleasant Valley - #2. In 1859, Bay Road, Oak Point, Chippewa Bay, two on Military Rd. Old Pleasant Valley schoolhouse had been located on the Robinson farm near the junction of the Pleasant Valley Rd & the Oak Point Road, where the cheese factory was later built. The former school had been called the Block House School.
- 1857 May 7 – School district #10 formed by alteration of districts #3 and #8. To be known as the Barber district (North Hammond).
- 1860 Mr. Martin L. Laughlin was elected school commissioner for the district. Served 4 terms (12 years).
- 1860 In Oct., the steamer, “Buckeye”, sank near Chippewa Bay. Several passengers drowned.
- 1861 1st Hammond man to enlist in Civil War – Robert Hall.
- 1861 Post office est. at North Hammond (Barber’s Corners). Asa T. Barber, postmaster.
- 1862? Rome-Watertown-Ogdensburg Railroad passed through Hammond.
- 1868-70 Elias Kelsey built 1st cheese factory in the town, which he operated for 20 years. Mr. Kelsey came in 1865 & bought the farm of William Shearer & also land of Andrew P. Wilson & Bezaleel Smith.
- 1874 H.A. Foster developed quarrying in Hammond. %(?) quarries employed 250 men in the 1890’s. H.A. Foster & John Finnegan of Hammond & Fowler. Lugton, Smithers & Finnegan were at Buckledge in South Hammond. Sandstone for paving streets, flagging walks, etc.
- 1880 Alexander McGruer came to Hammond in the spring of 1880 & began business in the stone block. He built the double block (where bank is now located) in 1885. It was later owned by W. E. Forrester & later by William Laidlaw. It burned in 1915.
- 1880 Aug. 3 – Alexander Allen appointed postmaster at Chippewa Bay. Mr. Allen was born in Hammond on Jan 22, 1846 & died in Watertown Nov, 19, 1910. He was married 3 times & the father of 6 children. He was the son of Wm. Allen & Anna Hoag Allen. Wm. Allen was born in Perthshire, Scotland & was brought to America with his parents, Peter & Jeanette Stewart Allen, at the age of 4 years in 1818. Mr. Allen was interested in the history of Hammond & wrote many articles on the subject.
- 1881 Ladies Home Missionary Society organized in Presbyterian Church.
- 1882 The Forrester-More-Ellsworth Block built. (old Rodger post office & Cutway restaurant) Burned on Easter Sunday morning, 1951.

- 1882 1st graded school built. A two story frame structure. Addition built in 1887. Now the Masonic Hall. 1st teachers in graded school were Mr. _____ Brown & Miss _____ Paul.
- 1884 Franklin House built by Festus Franklin. Operated by him until 1895. Destroyed by fire Sept. 24, 1902. (Sold to J.B. Worthen in 1895, who had been manager for 8 years & had changed the name to American Hotel.)
- 1884 Sept. 22 – Daniel D. Moyer appointed postmaster at South Hammond. This office was discontinued in 1957. Last postmaster was Earl Nicol.
- 1886 Hammond Christian Endeavor Society organized.
- 1886 House of E. J. Murphy built. Occupied Sept., 1886.
- 1887 Jan. 6 – Town newspaper, *The Hammond Advertiser*, est. David Moyer was founder & editor. William B. Burton purchased the paper in 1888 & published it until his death in 1907. His son, William A. Burton, bought the business in 1915 from the Burton estate, after the building had been destroyed by fire. He rebuilt the plant at this time. Ill health forced him to retire in 1930.
- 1887 Feb 27 – Peter Furguson’s blacksmith shop & Mr. Faichney’s carriage shop were destroyed by fire. Other buildings caught fire but were saved.
- 1887 Burham’s house was built by John Donald (grandfather to Burt Donald, Will Donald & Nell Robinson). Donald sold to W.C. Williamson (father-in-law or brother-in-law to Frank McFregor). Williamson sold to Clifford Burnham. Now owned by Tom & Betty Chapman.
- 1887 (Fall) Ellsworth Store erected between billiard room & E.J. Murphy’s shoe store.
- 1889 May – The Dutch Cheese Factory built on the Military Rd. in S. Hammond. It was bought by the state during road construction & burned in 1960. Last cheesemaker there was Louis Hechenberger.
- 1889 May 16 – The site on which the new town hall is to be erected has been purchased. After an examination of the different lots, the town board unanimously decided to purchase the Morse orchard lot above McGruer’s Store. The lot, 80 by 150 ft. Price paid was \$450. (same site as today)
- 1889 June – Messrs. J.S. & David More have purchased a hay loader, the 1st to be owned in town.
- 1890 Feb. 11 – 1st annual town meeting to be held in new town hall, erected in 1889.
- 1890 Companion Court Rhesa #80.
- 1890 Court Hammond #545. Independent Order of Foresters.
- 1890 The Citizens Line Telegraph was organized & put up from Chippewa Bay to Hammond, 3 miles, at an expense of \$400, which was subscribed for at \$5/share. A good share of the amount was taken by laboring men who worked out their interest in the same.
- 1895 Nov. – Dr. Kerr’s office ready for occupancy. Later Dr. Lewis’ office.

- 1896 Aug. – 1st Annual Race Meet held at Hammond and horse fair. Hammond Driving Park Association: W.B. Burton, President; John Donald, Secretary.
- 1898 List of District schools in Hammond
1. Hammond Village
 2. Sigourney
 3. Brick School
 4. Oak Point
 5. South Hammond
 6. Calaboga
 7. Shields (Bay Rd.)
 8. Pleasant Valley
 9. Phillips
 10. North Hammond (Barber)
 11. Chippewa Bay
 12. Tyler
 13. Allomougin
 14. Joint
- 1899 Aug. 1 – Rural Free Delivery route from the Hammond Post Office established. Route #2 est. Oct. 1, 1900.
- 1900 March 16 – 1st Annual Grand Ball of Fire Dept. at Taylor Hall. McLear's orchestra furnished music. Tickets \$1/couple.
- 1900 William Soper building & office opposite the mill built in June.
- 1900 July – Frank Gallagher house built by Storie Brothers of Gouverneur. Became residence of Erwin & Sandra McQueer.
- 1901 Aug. 29 – Village of Hammond incorporated by a vote of 29 to 22 at a village meeting.
- 1901 Oct. 1 – 1st officers of the village: clerk, J.G. Felt & Jerome Powers; pound master, Henry Forrester; president, W.T. Stiles; trustees, Fred Mayer & W. D. Evans; treasurer, Byron A. Evans; collector, Almond G. Franklin.
- 1902 April 24 – Village Fire Dept. was re-organized: chief, William J. Ireton; 1st assistant chief, Byron A. Evans; 2nd assistant chief, Fred Mayer; engine foreman, Fred Joels; nozzleman, Emory Felt; assistant nozzleman, Clarence D. Lintz; side captains of engine, Charles C. Forrester & John O. Stamp; hose foreman, William B. Burton; assistant hose foreman, John T. Rodger; secretary/treasurer, George H. Wyllie.

- 1902 June 6 – Trustees of village granted a franchise to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company to erect poles & wires through the village.
- 1902 July 24 – Mrs. Van Schaick - new house in the village built by Fred Storie. It later became the home of Stuart & Eleanor Demick & is now owned by daughter, Letitia Reifensneider.
- 1902 Sept. 11 – Woodside house built by S. N. Young. It later became home of T. A. Lewis, Jr.
- 1902 Sept. 24 – Bad fire, where American House, Henry Rodger's 2 barns & house, H. M. Dorwin's new livery stable were burned. American House, previously the Franklin House.
- 1902 Sept. – Dr. Kerr's house construction was begun. Finished Feb. 1903. Later residence of Dr. T.A. Lewis.
- 1903 Camp Hammond #11156. Modern Woodmen of America.
- 1904 Hammond Lodge #9 – Independent Order of Odd Fellows/
Tent N. Knights of Maccabees.
- 1904 Jan 14 – W.T. Stiles will install some 20 new telephones in the spring. A new wire will be added to the Hammond-Chippewa Bay line early in the summer.
- 1904 June 12 – Order of the Eastern Star #285 was organized.
- 1904 June 23 – Byron Evans is preparing to build a new house on the lot adjoining Mrs. McGruer's residence, formerly owned by Bert Dorwin.
- 1904 April 5 – Fire. Mrs. LaFrenay's home & Mrs. Mary Wilson's (lot of George Schermerhorn, then Vinnie Mead home) burned to the ground.
- 1904 Sept 21 – 1st pipe organ in town was installed in Presbyterian Church between Dec. 3, 1903 & May 29, 1904 at a cost of \$1500. Used for the 1st time May 29, 1904 & dedicated June 5, 1904.
- 1905 Mar 16 – During the coming summer, W.T. Stiles of this village will build a telephone line which will extend from E. A. Countryman's farm (later Murray Henderson's) on the Hammond-Brier Hill Rd. to Myron King's farm in South Hammond, a distance of 8-9 mi.
- 1905 June 8 – The Military Road from Redwood through Hammond is to be made a state road a cost of \$3000/mile. Both supervisor Phillips & the town are to be congratulated.
- 1906 St. Peter's (Catholic) Church dedicated on May 20 by Right Reverend Bishop Gabriels of Ogdensburg. Dedication sermon by Reverend M.R. Burns.
- 1907 Aug. – Hammond Lodge #861 F & M instituted. Hon. Townsend Scudder Most Worthy Grand Master of Masons for the State of New York has granted a dispensation to establish a lodge at Hammond.
- 1907 Ground broken for new school.

- 1910-11 1st basketball team of Hammond High School.
And 1st high school paper
- 1911 July 20 – Miss Mabel Lazenby – 1st woman in Hammond to own & operate her own automobile.
- 1911(?) 1st gasoline pump in town was at William Soper's mill.
- 1911 Dark Island estate of Com. Bourne completed after 7 years of labor.
- 1912 Aug. 12 – Citizens National Bank organized. Closed temporarily in 1922. New building opened June 16, 1929. March 3, 1933, bank closed indefinitely – bank holiday.
- 1915 Contract awarded for construction of new town hall to Doyle Construction Co.
- 1915 Nov. 1 – 1st Presbyterian Church & manse burned.
- 1916 May 6 – Farthest long distance telephone conversation has ever been held from the local office. Made by Joseph Jubb, operator of the Hammond Stone Quarry, to Detroit, Michigan.
- 1917 March 1 – John Gallagher purchased the home of Mrs. Rosa Soper on Mill St. from Leslie Soper. Late owned by Vincent Felt.
- 1920 July 12 – William Soper granted franchise for heating, lighting & power.
- 1925 Field Day organized by Hammond Fire Dept.
- 1931 Oct. 11 – Fire in Felt block occupied by P.C. Smith. Switchboard & phones badly damaged.
- 1949 Annex to Presbyterian Church built.
- 1949 Leo Sansousy sold Hammond Advertiser to Mason Smith of Gouverneur.
- 1949 Construction of new Dairyman's League Plant to replace wooden structure.
- 1951 Easter Sunday morning fire destroyed a village block & took the life of Clarence Storie, aged 74 years. Destroyed were the post office, Cutway Restaurant, Conger Drug Store, Carr's Grocery Store, Roy's Barber Shop, Lavarway's Shoe Repair Shop & Lavarway Beauty Shop. There were apartments above the business places.
- 1952 Centralized school building built. **Hammond Central School**
- 1957-58 State road through Hammond regarded & curbs installed. Storm sewers laid.
- 1958 April 13 – Fire destroyed O'Leary's building & machinery equipment.
- 1959 Service station & store built by Lawrence Marsaw.
- 1962 Railroad through town discontinued.
- 1963 Pardon Smith bought the Felt block & had it town down afterward.
- 1966 Railroad tracks removed.

- 1966 Dairyman's League plant closed.
- 1966 New Catholic Church dedicated.
- 1966 Town barn built. Ross Milsap was highway superintendent & supervised its construction.
- 1968 Route 12 completed through Hammond.
- 1972 Sept. – David Marsaw bought fuel business from Clinton Slate.
- 1975 Nov – Daniel Bickelhaupt bought fuel oil business from Sylvester Kinch of Ogdensburg.
- 1976 Fire hall built on site of old town barns at a cost of \$64,000. Only a \$14,000 cost to taxpayers. Balance raised by firemen.
- 1977 Lon Hollister tore down the old Hammond High School building & erected a steel building. He bought sawmill from the William Soper estate & moved same to the school lot. He had the mill running by the fall of 1979.
- 1979 Sewer system completed at a cost of \$1,082,000.
- 1980 April 29 – Fire at Edwin B. Hadlock's farm. It burned the big barn at a loss of \$250,000.
- 1981 Kris & Bonnie Milsap established their beauty salon & barber shop on Lake St.
- 1981 Jaws of Life purchased by the Hammond Fire Dept. & donated to the Morristown Rescue Squad at a cost of \$6,100.
- 1982 Sept. – Hammond Health Center building completed. Dr. Thomas Hagaman was the first doctor. Hammond had been without a doctor since the 1950's.
- 1984 Hammond went on full value assessment.
- 1984 Phillip Rutherford graduated with an average of 97.92%. Highest average in school history. Victor Faubert, Class of 1959, had an average of 96.03% & George Brooks, Class of 1948, had an average of 96.01%.