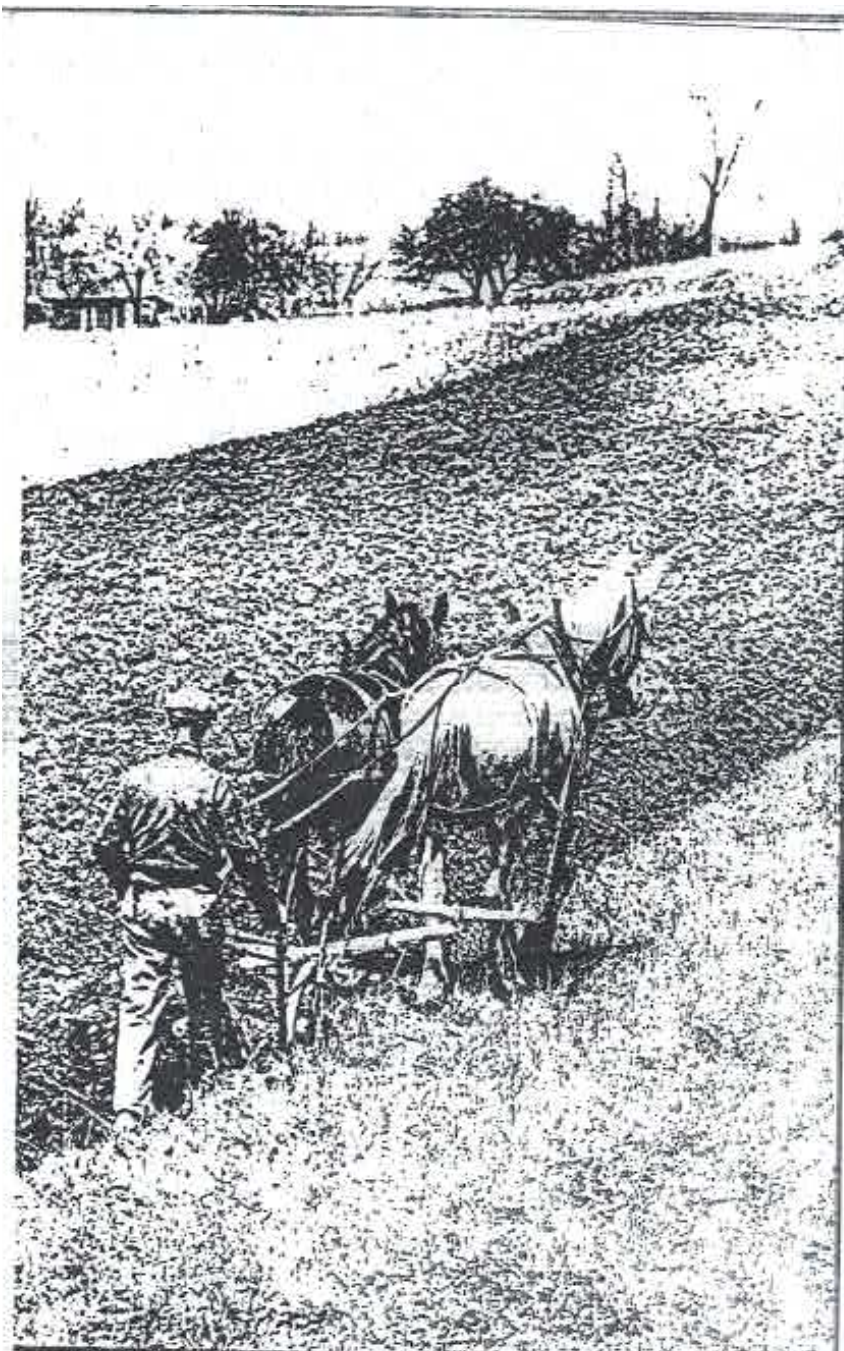


# District of Ross Mills Ross Mills Newsletter April 2018

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It's time to park the  
slide, hang up the  
snow shovel, get out  
the hoe, and sharpen  
up the scythe,  
Mother Nature is  
calling!

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Maybe the Golf  
Course is looking for  
you or the Ball Field.

## Every Foot of Earth is Stepped On!

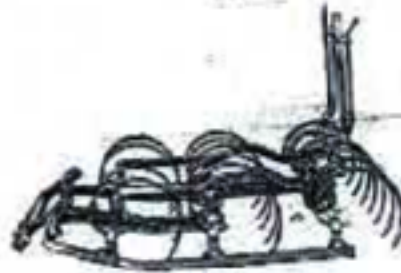
SYRACUSE CHILLED PLOW.



In the early years, before the tractor years, our crops grown were prepared by horses. The walk behind one furrow plow was a common tool. This plow was pulled by a team, cutting

and turning over about 12 inches wide maybe 5 inches deep or so. When starting to work over the patch it could be going around outer edges or by making a what is it called a back furrow and when you end up it is called a dead furrow. If it is a large field they have more back and dead furrows. After the field is plowed, it then has to be gone over

Steel Frame Harrow—Spring-Tooth.



with a harrow, more than once. Again walking the driving team. How many steps did they make preparing before they crop was planted? Every bit of that patch would have been walked on!

~An Original by Emory



# Ross Mills

## River Travel.

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" ALL HANDS AHoy FOR NEW ORLEANS  
AND TEXAS!

SAFE AND EXPEDITIOUS.

The subscribers will have a comfortable and fast Boat,  
to be propelled by horse power, in readiness for passengers  
and light freight, at Ross' Mills, three miles below  
Bucklen's Corners, in Gerry, by the first of October,  
if the water is high enough, if not high enough, on the  
first rise of water."

Terms for passage and board to New Orleans, sixteen dollars;  
passage only, eight dollars.

Persons wishing to take passage are requested to leave their  
names with either of the subscribers immediately.

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| Chas. S. Beverly, | Dunkirk,      |
| O. Castle,        | Fredonia,     |
| H. Cory,          | Silver Creek. |

Sept. 19, 1838. "

Advertisement in the Fredonia Censor, Sept. 19, 1838.

This newspaper notice was copied by Roscoe B.  
Martin of Forestville, NY, in the 1940's.

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Silver Creek, NY

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CUBA PATRIOT  
JAN 3, 1894

A little over a year ago the postoffice at Ross Mills, Chautauqua county, was discontinued. Willis Kilburn was postmaster. Recently he received a letter from Postmaster-General Bissell, stating that in his last report he (Kilburn) had made a mistake by sending one cent more than he ought. Enclosed was a draft on a national bank at New York city for one cent which had been missent.



### Ross Grange To Meet Monday

Representatives of local libraries shared with others what they are doing in their respective communities. The meeting was held at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall on March 12. Libraries and their representatives included Ellington Farman, Judy Whittaker; Fluvanna, Lynn Gunderson and Dennis Bechman; Sinclairville, Beth Hadley and Jessica Huling; and Falconer, Laurie Becker.



Ross Grange recently hosted members of local libraries. Each library was given a check to help with community outreach programs. Pictured, in back, are Dennis Bechmann, Judy Whittaker, Lynn Grundstrom and Jessica Huling. In front are Laurie Becker and Beth Hadley.

Submitted photo

Mary Jane Griffith, Ross, treasurer, presented each library with a check to help with their community outreach projects. Lecturer Betty Wakefield directed some games about cooking.

The annual baking contest was held. Members presented coffee cakes for judges Whittaker, Hadley and Huling. Winners

were first, Betty Wakefield; second, Mary Jane Griffith; and third Opal Sprague.

Wakefield will submit a cake for the county contest later this year.

The next meeting will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall.



**Sister's Restaurant on Rt. 380**

**Sunday thru Saturday 7am - 2pm**