

District of Ross Mills

Ross Mills Newsletter
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The picture to the left is of a White Pine. The same kind that covered our area when the settlers came here. They are huge, it would be almost like night when you walked in the woods, they shaded it so.

Ross Mills Community Picnic 2017

Where: Ross Mills Church Pavilion

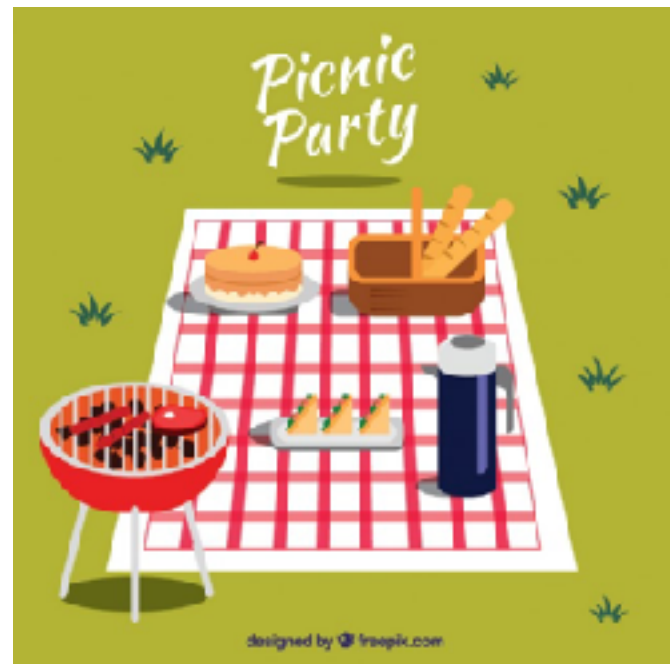
When: Saturday, August 26th, 2017

Time: 6 o'clock pm

What to bring: Table settings and dish to pass

The community is providing: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Rolls, Drinks, and Condiments

RSVP to Anne Gates @ 985-4167
by August 19th. ****\$5 a family**



Ross Grange Wins at the County Fair

Ross Grange #305 of Falconer placed first for their exhibit at the Chautauqua County Fair. They gleaned 99 points out of 100, and also placed first for Judges Choice and Educational Value. The title was “This Group Called the Grange.”

The 150th anniversary of National Grange was highlighted with pictures and explanations of events. Many of the activities and events of Ross Grange through the years were also included. Use of QR codes for viewers to obtain more information added a modern touch to the booth.

Other Grange awards went to Ellery – 2nd; Fredonia – 3rd and Villenova – Honorable Mention.

The Grange displays will be open for viewing in Floral Hall at the Fair Grounds in Dunkirk through Sunday, July 30.

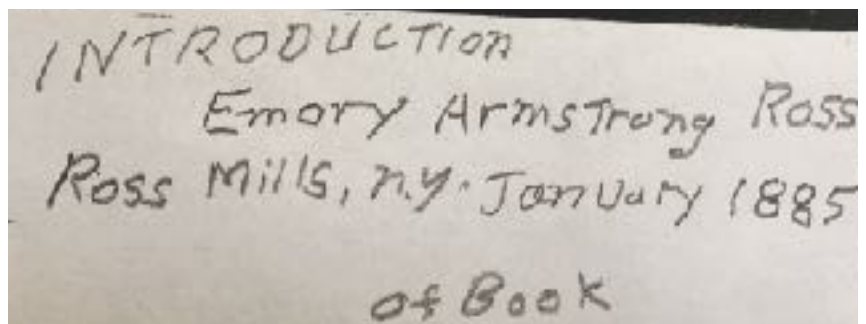
Sister's Restaurant on Rt. 380

Sunday thru Saturday 7am - 2pm

Fridays 7am - 2pm and again later for dinner 4pm - 8pm

** If you have any stories you would like to share, please send them our way. Emory is always looking for stories. You can email them or send them to him.

Gail Mc Chesney Machemer, passed away July 15, 2017. They lived over on 380 and she attended our school.



INTRODUCTION
Emory Armstrong Ross
Ross Mills, N.Y. January 1885
of Book

Our local Creeks

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE PIONEERS OF CASSADAGA AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

(1820) perhaps a little earlier, and for a succeeding period, the available mill-sites were rapidly taken up; the excellent pine timber skirting the streams and covering the table-lands and hillsides adjoining, being the main inducement although a few were already looking to agriculture as a means of support.

The names of the first owners and locations of the first mills on the Cassadaga and its tributaries, I will give as far as possible; not expecting to make a complete or accurate list as I have to depend upon my memory partly, and that does not reach back quite far enough, and partly upon what I learned from my parents and others and have incidentally treasured up in my mind, merely as interesting incidents of the time, not expecting to have occasion to use them as a matter of history.

This is Wilson Hollow

The Chautauqua Outlet is at Levant

The first stream tributary to the Cassadaga above its mouth on which mills were built (except the Chautauqua Outlet, a full history of which would furnish ample matter for an article of itself) was on the eastern side and known as the Russel Run, and, emptied into the Cassadaga about two mile above the mouth of the Chautauqua Outlet. The first mill built on this stream was by Thomas Russell in 1816, located one and one-half mile from the mouth. It was owned and operated by Russell for a number of years and until about worn out. It was later owned and rebuilt by E. W. Scowden, who kept it running as long as there was any timber to cut. It still stands a mouldering monument, I think, the only one left to mark the original site of any of the mills on these small streams.

The next was built by Charles and James McConnell, one-half mile above the Russell mill, operated by them for a number of years, and sold to Cyrus and Artemas Fish.

The third was built by Elisha Hall about one mile above the preceding one; was run but a short time by him, when it passed into other hands.

The fourth one built and the lower one on the stream was built by Gideon Gilson and afterward sold

to Elisha Hall. It was located about one mile from the Cassadaga, near the public highway and the residence of the late William Clark, one of the old settlers, who in later years bought and moved onto the property, now a fine farm in possession of his grandchildren.

The lumber from these mills was of fine quality, was hauled to Gilson's Landing at the mouth of the run where it was rafted to run down the river.

The next mill stream up the Cassadaga was the Folsom Run which empties in the Cassadaga a short distance below Ross Mills. This stream had four mills on it. The first and lower one was built by Elijah Aiken, afterwards owned by Cyrus and Artemas Fish, and lastly by Anson Chamberlin. This mill was located on land now owned by Nelson Chamberlin.

The next one built and third one up the stream was built by Joel Tyler; owned by other parties for a time and again by Tyler, and sold by him to John Cobb, afterward owned by Jos. Darling, who I think, was the last owner and who cut the last lumber. This was a double mill and was capable of cutting and did cut the most lumber of any mill on this, or any other, of the small streams.

The next mill built on this stream was between the two last described and about one mile from either and was probably built by Nathan Cheney, as he was the first owner of whom I have any knowledge. It was afterwards owned by Adolphus Hooker, who after operating it for some time, built another one a short distance above and ran them both till the timber ran out and the mills ran down. When I say the timber was all cut, I mean the pine timber, for that was the only timber worth cutting at the time.

The Cheney mill was supposed to be owned by a Mr. Luther at one time. These mills cut a large amount of lumber for mills on dry or thunder shower streams—as they were sometimes called.

Run by Knight Rd
and crosses
Gerry Levant Rd.

