

## GREIG TOWNSHIP

On March 1, 1828 a new township was formed from Watson. This township was initially named Brantingham after a Philadelphia merchant, Thomas Hopper Brantingham. Brantingham, a major title-holder, was later discredited for untrustworthy business practices and the name was changed to Greig four years later for John Greig, a prominent lawyer of Canandaigua, NY. The southern part of Greig was annexed with the formation of Lyonsdale Township in 1873.

Since vast forests covered a large portion of Greig Township, nearly all of the early industries were connected with wood products. The soil was not very fertile, thus preventing farming from becoming a large economic endeavor. The village of Greig, situated on Crystalline creek, owes its existence to a tannery built in 1849.

Greig had the fortune of possessing several lakes, the largest being Brantingham Lake, which is about a mile long and has been a favorite recreation area since the mid 1800's. The Brantingham Inn was once a famous resort hotel, burning down in the 1970's.



Brantingham Inn