

LOWVILLE TOWNSHIP

Formed from Mexico (Oswego Co.) on March 14, 1800, Lowville Township embraced, besides its present limits, the part of Denmark south of Deer River, which was taken off in the formation of Harrisburgh in 1803. It also embraces No. 11 of the eleven townships and at an earlier date, was known as Number Eleven.

Lowville, with Adams and Watertown, fell to the share of Nicholas Low in the division between the four proprietors of the Black River Tract of August 5, 1796. This tract has been known as Stow's Square, since it was later deeded to Silas Stow.

Mr. Low, having confirmed the title and caused the survey of this town, appointed Silas Stow, a young man twenty-four years of age, who had previously been employed in the settlement of Leyden, as his agent, and in 1797 the lands were opened for sale. About 75 families took up farms in this town during the first four years of its settlement.

Daniel Kelly built a sawmill in 1798 on the south side of the creek, in Lowville village, and his first log hut was built the same year. In the following year, a gristmill was raised with the aid of settlers, summoned from the entire county.

Moses Waters, who came on with a back load of provisions and stayed while this lasted, cutting off a small clearing, began the first settlement upon Stow's Square in the fall of 1797. A store, church, inn and post office subsequently gave the settlement upon the state road the appellation of a village, but the loss of all these buildings caused the locality to be regarded as only a thickly settled farming neighborhood.



Franklin B. Hough House