

MARTINSBURGH TOWNSHIP

Established from Turin on February 22, 1803, Martinsburgh originally embraced townships 4 and 5 of the Boylston tract, or *Cornelia* and *Porcia*. The act took effect on March 1, 1803, with Harrisburgh and Ellisburgh as towns created by the same act. By a law passed on April 2, 1819, the portion of Turin north of a line passing nearly east and west through the point of intersection of the state and West Roads, was annexed to this town.

Martinsburgh was named for the proprietor under whom the first settlement was made, General Walter Martin. A tract of 8,000 acres, to include the east subdivision of township five of the Boylston tract, was deeded to General Walter Martin of Salem, N. Y. on June 17, 1801 for \$12,000.

Purchase of this town was made through an agent of William Constable and the early settlers knew the tract as “the Triangle.” Mr. Martin came on with a company of men to make a clearing and erect a sawmill, and as soon as it was surveyed, the land was opened for sale in farms at \$5 per acre. In less than a month, almost the whole of it was under contract to persons intending to settle. Prior to the harsh winter, Martin would build a log house and sawmill, establishing his presence in the community. Mr. Martin would bring his family in March of 1802, and during this season additional families established themselves in this settlement.



General Walter Martin Mansion also known as the Greystone Mansion