

NEW BREMEN TOWNSHIP

On March 31, 1848, New Bremen was formed from Watson and Croghan as the 14th township in Lewis County. The first town meeting was held at the house of Charles G. Loomis. Dayanville, situated on Crystal Creek about one and a half miles from Black River, was so named by LeRay in compliment to his agent, Charles Dayan of Lowville. One of the first businesses erected there was a sawmill and later a gristmill and a rake factory, which was built about 1840 and ran several years.

A tannery built by S. Branaugh & Co. in 1853 produced around 35,000 to 40,000 sides of sole leather annually. Many other businesses followed. In 1860, the village had a Methodist church, a large two-story schoolhouse and about 30 dwellings. The post office was moved from Dayanville to New Bremen in 1848. It is believed that the only distillery in the county was located about two miles from Dayanville and a potato distillery was located in the north part of New Bremen, near Beaver River.

Thomas Puffer built the bridge near Illingworth place about 1833 and a bridge has since been maintained. The bridge resulted from collaboration between the New Bremen Township and Lowville Township.



New Bremen Hotel and Store