

TURIN TOWNSHIP

Formed from Mexico (Oswego Co.) on March 14, 1800, Turin embraced the part of Lewis County lying west of Black River and Inman's Triangle, and south of the south lines of Lowville, Harrisburgh, and Pinckney. This was later sub-divided until 1830, when it was formed into its present area of 18,772 acres, the smallest town in the county. Named for the capital of Sardinia, Italy and settled by the agent and proprietor Nathaniel Shaler, Turin was situated near the south line of the town and was the only incorporated village.

Martinsburgh, or Townships 4 and 5 of the Boylston Tract, was taken off in 1803, another part annexed to that town in 1819, and West Turin was taken off in 1830, reducing it down to its present limits. Turin embraces parts of Township 3 and 4, or *Pomona* and *Lucretia* of Constable's four towns. Settlement was begun at No. 4 in the village of Constableville in 1796. Mr. Shaler's mills, house, and agency were located there. Settlement upon Township No. 3 was delayed until October 1798.

Schools were first established about 1801, in 1813 a special town meeting organized the schools under the law, and the town was divided into eight districts. The Turin Social Library was formed under an act on June 14, 1814. Turin Township was noted for the excellence of its farming land, which had scarcely any waste, and was particularly well adapted for dairying. There were six cheese factories.

Turin Village, formerly known as "Turin Four Corners," lies on the southern edge of this town. It was incorporated under the general act on November 29, 1873. Houseville was a quiet hamlet and owes its name to Eleazer House and his descendants, who were owners of most of the farming lands adjacent.



Earlenback Blacksmith Shop