



Biographies

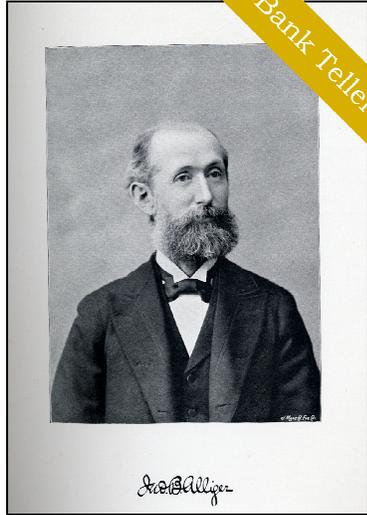
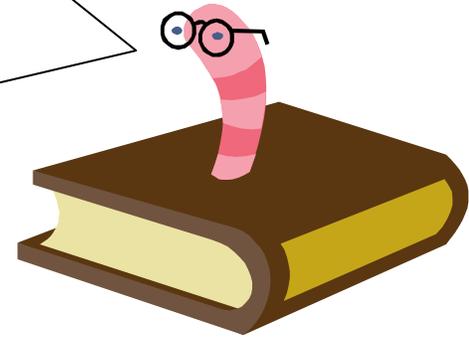
for Kids

In this fun book you will learn all about biographies and autobiographies with a very special helper!

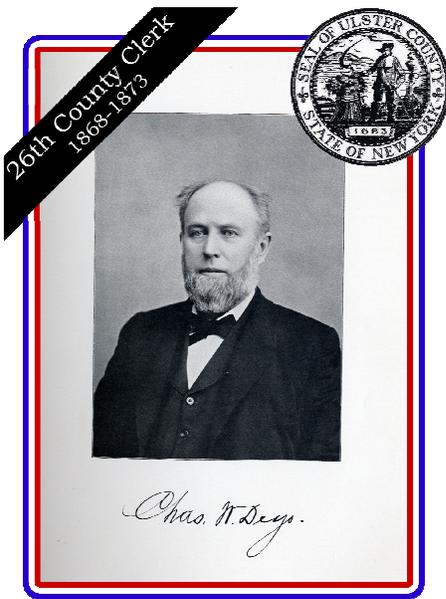
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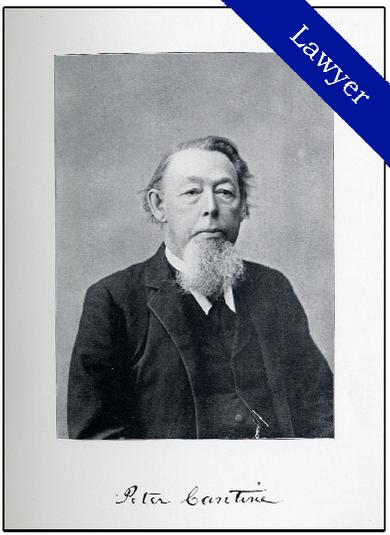
Hi! My name is Betsy Bookworm and I will be your helper. I can help you learn all about biographies and why they are important. Here in the Ulster County Clerk's Archives, we have a book of biographies from 1896. That's over 100 years ago! I wonder what life was like in 1896. What did people do? Where did they work? I can show you some of the pictures in our book. Do you think people in 1896 looked and dressed the same as people do today? Did they have the same kind of jobs?



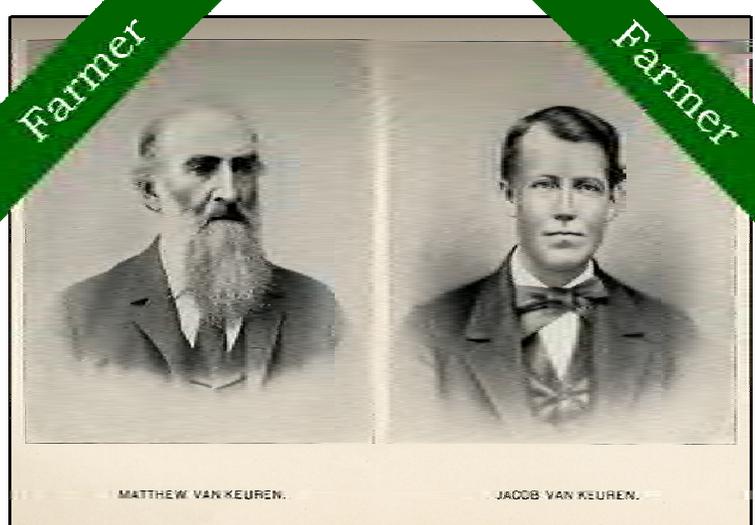
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1868-1873

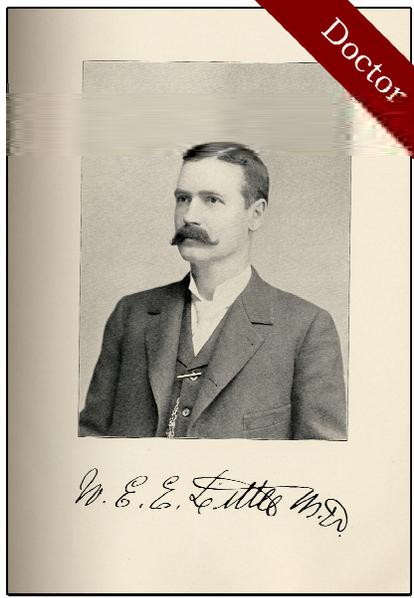


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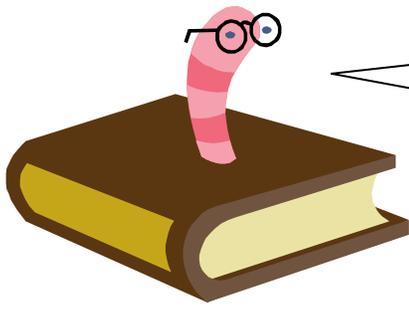


Farmer

Farmer



Doctor



I can give great tips on how to write biographies about the people in your life. I also know a lot about myself....so an autobiography is my specialty!

What is a Biography?

The story of a person's life written or told by another person

What is an Autobiography?

The story of a person's life written or told by that person

I can write a biography all about you,
or

I can write an autobiography all about me!

My Autobiography

by Betsy Bookworm

Full Name: Elizabeth Ann Bookworm

Nickname: Betsy

Date of Birth: August 29, 2000

Place of Birth: Kingston, NY

I live in: Kingston, NY

My School: Bookworm Academy

My Story: I have lived in Kingston my whole life. I live with my mom, dad, brother Bobby and Uncle Bart. My grandma Beth lives down the street and I get to spend the night with her anytime I want. My brother Bobby is 2 years older than me and he thinks he is so cool....but he's really not. At least I don't think he is! Uncle Bart is a lot of fun. He tells funny stories and always makes me laugh. Mom reads to me every night before bed and Dad takes Bobby and me to the bookstore whenever we want to go!

I like reading, writing stories, listening to music, playing with my friends and singing in the choir at school. My best friend is Belinda. She likes the same things I do and we have fun together. In the summer we love to play in the backyard or at the playground by our school. Blaire, Brenda and Becky are some of my other friends. We have a great time when one of us has a sleepover. We watch movies and play hide-and-seek.

Now it is your turn
to write your own
autobiography!



My Autobiography

by _____

Full Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____

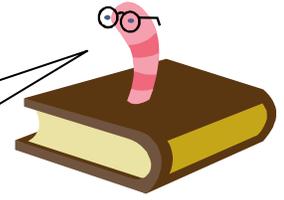
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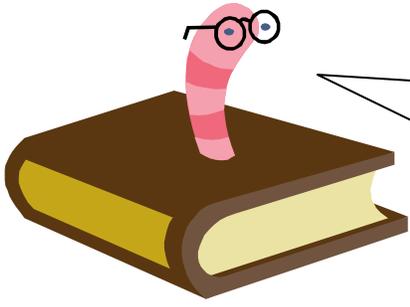
My School: _____

My Story:

A picture of me



You can draw a picture of yourself or paste a photo here.

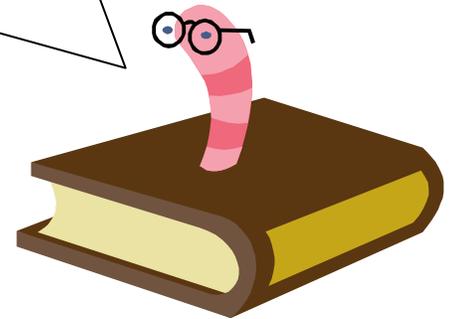


Now that you have told your own story, let's tell the stories of other people in your life! Below are some great tips for writing biographies about other people.

1. Make a list of the people who are important to you and write a biography about each person. You could write about your family, friends, teachers, neighbors...anyone you want!
2. Before you write someone's biography, ask lots of questions. You can sit down with each person and write down all the important details.
3. Take a picture or make a drawing of each person to add to their biographies.

People I want to write about:

Here are some sample questions you might want to ask or you can make your own list of questions! There is room in this book to write 6 biographies. If you would like to write more than 6 biographies, ask an adult to make copies of the blank pages in this book or you can use a pad of paper to make your own book.



Where did you grow up?

What do you do for fun?

Who is your best friend?

What is your favorite food?

When is your birthday?

What is your favorite game?

What are your parents & grandparents names?

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

How do you spend your free time?

What sports do you like?

Do you have a favorite movie?

What kind of music do you listen to?

Other questions I want to ask:

A Biography of _____

by _____

Full Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

A picture of _____

A Biography of _____ by _____

Full Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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A Biography of _____ by _____

Full Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

A picture of _____

You are now a fully trained writer of biographies and autobiographies! Maybe you could mark a day on next year's calendar to pull out this book and see if you want to add anything. Did you make a new friend? Do you have a new brother or sister? Are you in a new club at school?

Once you fill up this book and any more books you create, put them in a safe place. Pick someplace that is dry and will protect your book. That way your autobiography and the biographies of the people in your life will be safe from damage. At the Ulster County Clerk's Archives, we keep our books in a safe room on shelves so we can look at them any time!

Would you like to see our records and how we keep them safe? You can come visit the Ulster County Clerk's Archives any time! All you have to do is ask your parents or teacher to call us. We will show you our records and you can bring your records to show us!

Thank you for spending time with me and learning how to write a biography and an autobiography. It has been fun getting to know you and the important people in your life!



Your Friend,
Betsy Bookworm

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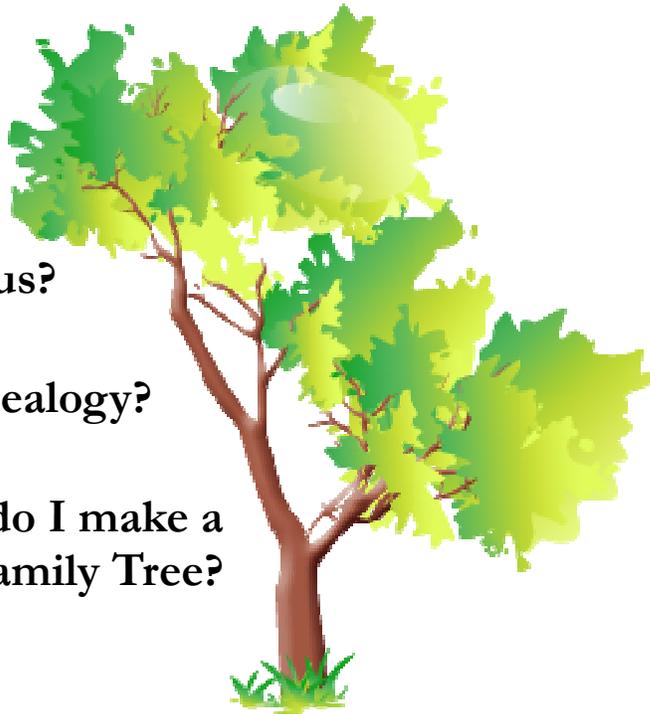
GENEALOGY

for Kids

What is the Census?

What is Genealogy?

How do I make a
Family Tree?

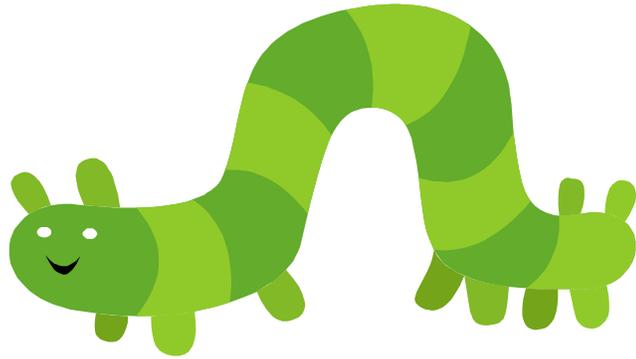


Answer these questions and more in this fun and fact-filled activity booklet presented by the Ulster County Clerk's Records Management Program.

Nina Postupack
Ulster County Clerk

Hi! I'm Christopher Caterpillar and I am going to be your guide. Together we will learn all about family history and genealogy. Your family history tells the story of every person in your family—when they were born, where they lived, and lots of other interesting information. Do you know the names of your great-grandparents? What about where they were born? You might even be related to someone famous and not even know it! That's the fun of making your own family tree.

But first let's answer a couple questions...



What is Genealogy?

Pronounced [jee-nee-ol-uh-jee]

Genealogy is a record or account of the ancestry and descent of a person, family or group. Genealogy can also be the study of family ancestries and histories.¹

In other words, genealogy can be two different things.

1. Genealogy is a family's history...everyone in that family, when and where they were born, and other important information about each person.
2. Genealogy is the research done to find everyone in that family and the information about them.

What is the Census?

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

"The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of 10 years, in such manner as they shall by Law direct." -- Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States²

The Ulster County Clerk's Office has Census records ranging from 1850 to 1925. The 1905 Ulster County Census is in two handwritten books. Each book weighs about 25 pounds and has over 900 pages! Genealogists use our Census records to find family members from long ago.

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Enumeration of the Inhabitants living in Second Election District, Town of Shandaken, County of Ulster, State of NEW YORK, on June 1, 1905.

Name of Institution _____

RESIDENCE	NAME	RELATION	COLOR, SEX AND AGE			NATIVITY	CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION	POP. INDEX
			Color	Sex	Age				
	Wright, Mrs. J.	Head	W	F	38	United States	Ch	Farmer	01
	Wright, John	Wife	W	F	32	United States	Ch	Farmer	02
	Wright, William	Brother	W	M	16	United States	Ch	at school	03
	Wright, Elizabeth	Sister	W	F	14	United States	Ch	at home	04
	Wright, John	Head	W	M	48	United States	Ch	Farmer	05
	Wright, William	Brother	W	M	22	United States	Ch	Farmer	06
	Wright, Catherine	Boarder	W	F	44	United States	Ch	Housewife	07
	Wright, James	Boarder	W	M	19	United States	Ch	Farm laborer	08
	Wright, John	Head	W	M	44	United States	Ch	Farm laborer	09
	Wright, John	Wife	W	F	38	United States	Ch	Housewife	10
	Wright, Elizabeth	Sister	W	F	18	United States	Ch	at home	11
	Wright, William	Brother	W	M	16	United States	Ch	at home	12
	Wright, John	Head	W	M	44	United States	Ch	Farmer	13
	Wright, William	Boarder	W	M	20	United States	Ch	Housewife	14
	Wright, John	Head	W	M	44	United States	Ch	Farmer	15
	Wright, Elizabeth	Sister	W	F	16	United States	Ch	Housewife	16
	Wright, John	Head	W	M	44	United States	Ch	Farmer	17
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	Wright, Elizabeth	Sister	W	F	16	United States	Ch	Housewife	20
	Wright, John	Head	W	M	44	United States	Ch	Farmer	21

CITY OF KINGSTON
DENNING
ESOPUS
GARDINER
HARDENBURGH

CENSUS
1905
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PART I.

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MARBLETOWN
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NEW PALTZ
OLIVE
PLATTEKILL
ROCHESTER
ROSENDALE
SAUGERTIES

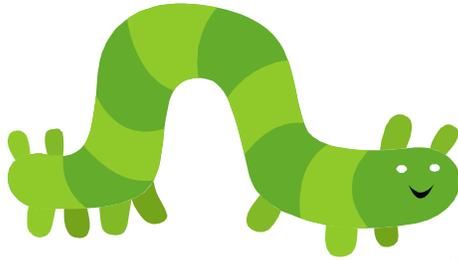
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SHAWANGUNK
ULSTER
WARWARSING
WOODSTOCK

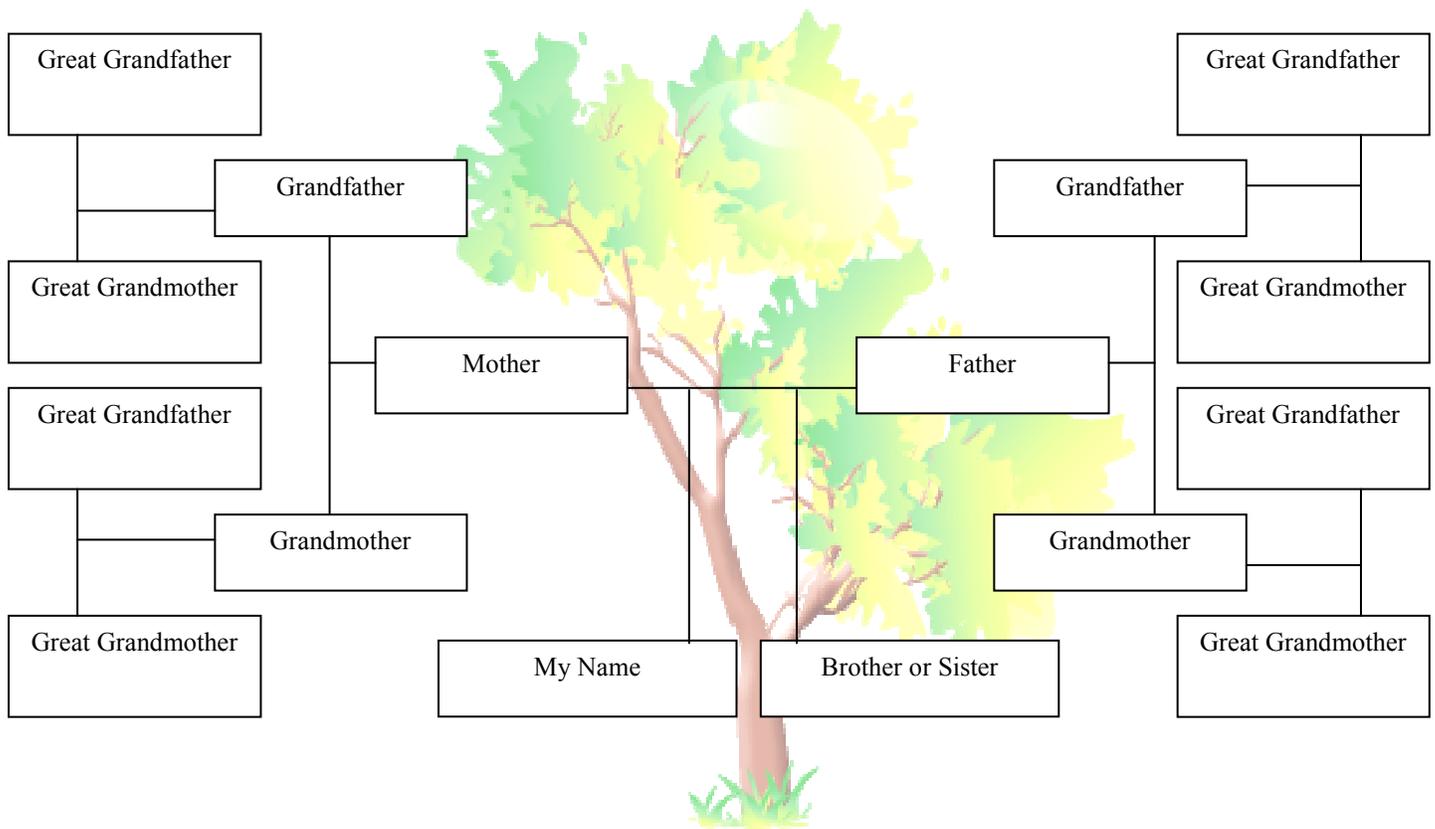
What is a Family Tree?

A Family Tree is a chart showing the ancestry, descent, and relationship of all members of a family or other genealogical group.³

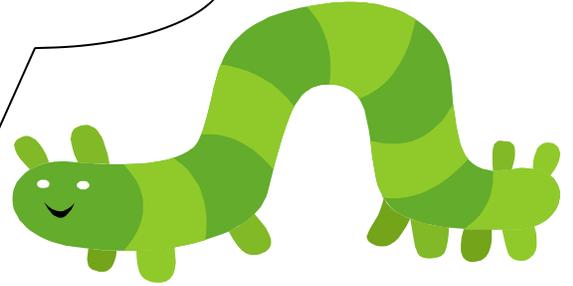
In other words, a Family Tree is a chart or drawing that shows how every member of a family is related to each other.



Here is what a family tree might look like. All you have to do is fill in the names. The bigger your family, the more branches on the tree!



Start with everything about you. Then we need to list everyone you live with and how they are related to you. What other information do we need? How about the address where you live? What about each person's birthday and where they were born? I will fill out my card first, then you can do yours. Once we have all our information, we can make a family tree!



My Census Information Card

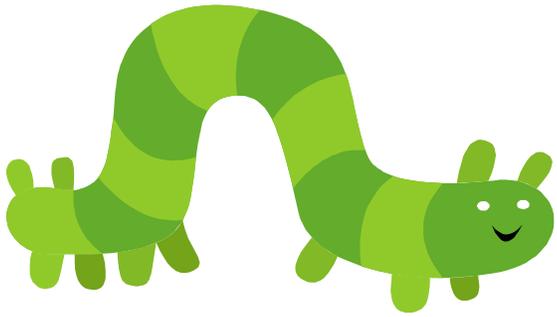
My Name: Christopher Caterpillar **Today's Date:** 03/29/2010

Address: 123 Old Oak Tree, Kingston, NY

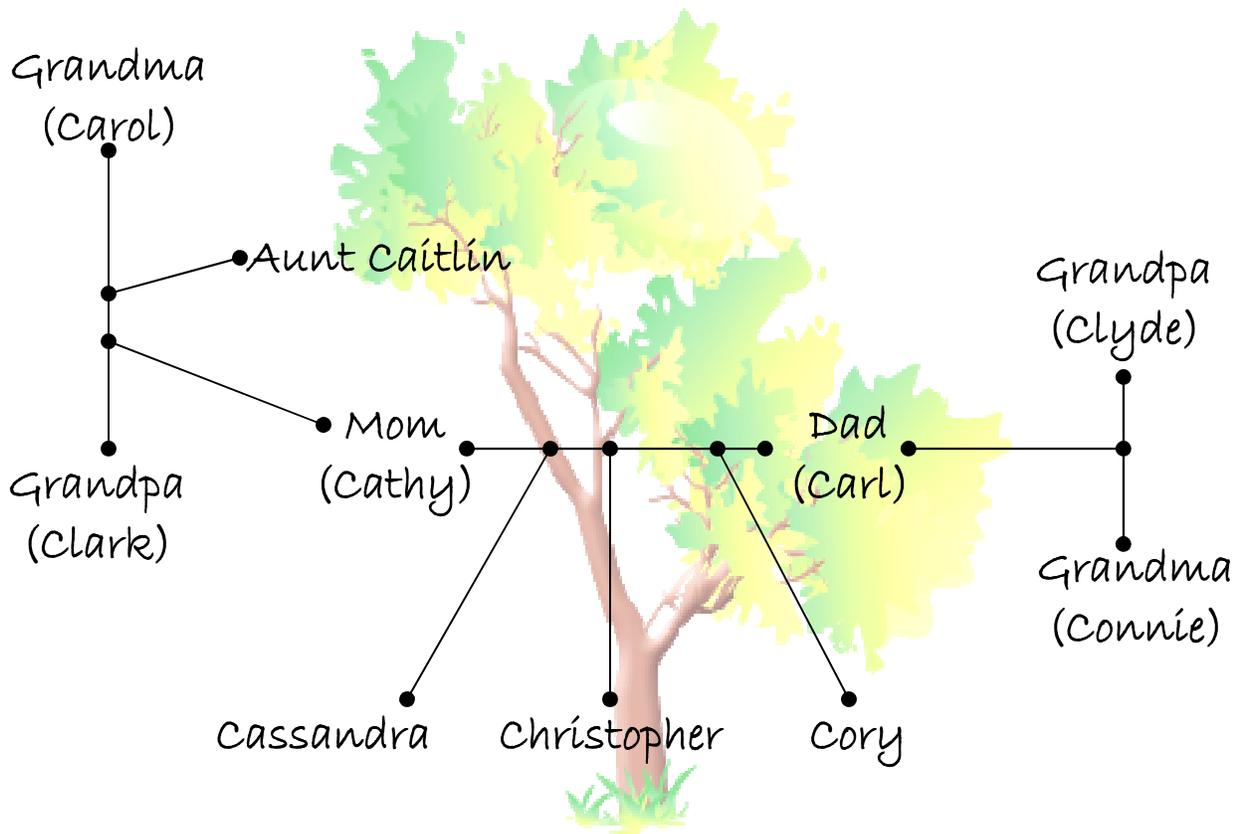
My Birthday: 01/02/2003 **I was Born in:** Kingston, NY

Other Members of the Household:

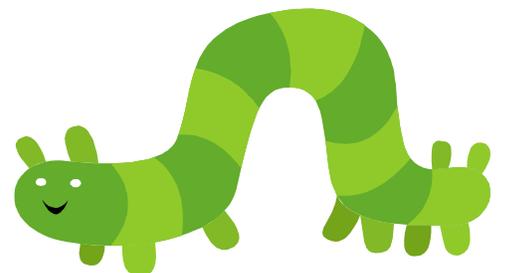
Name	Relation	Birthday	Birthplace
Carl Caterpillar	Father	02/03/1980	Kingston, NY
Cathy Caterpillar	Mother	03/04/1980	Ellenville, NY
Cassandra Caterpillar	Sister	12/11/2001	Kingston, NY
Cory Caterpillar	Brother	08/09/2005	Kingston, NY
Clyde Caterpillar	Grandfather	06/07/1955	Toronto, Canada



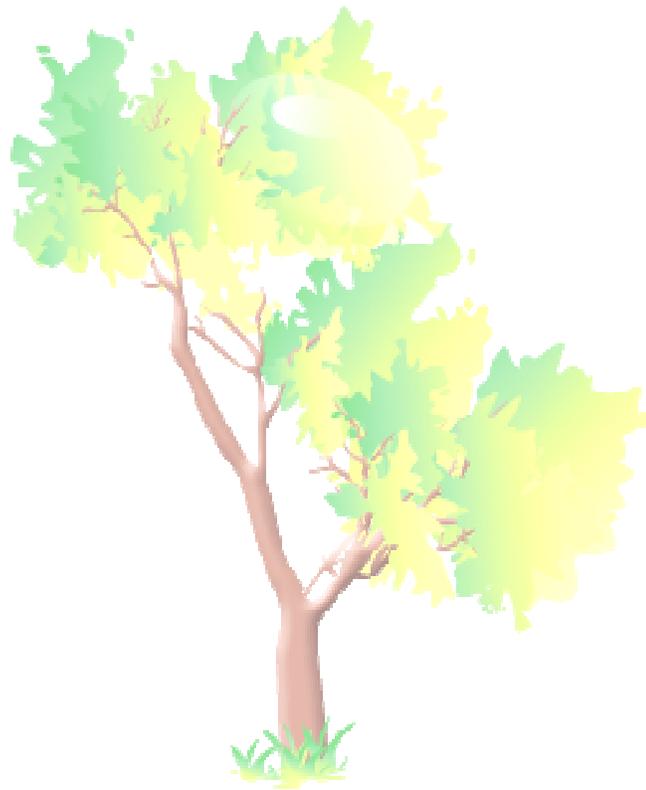
Now that we've collected all our family information, we can make a family tree! I'll make one for my family then you can make one for yours!



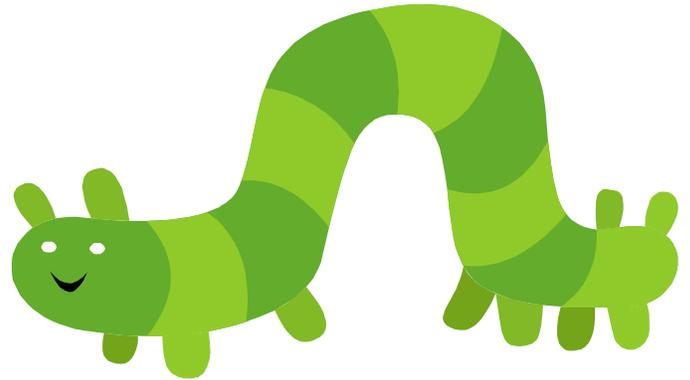
I filled out some more census information cards so I could make my tree bigger. Maybe I'll get even more information so I can add all my cousins!



My Family Tree



Congratulations!



You are an official genealogist! You researched your family history, collected information and made a family tree. Did you find someone you didn't know you were related to? How about someone famous? Now that you have all the tools, you could find all kinds of information! Make sure to keep this booklet in a safe place. That way you can look back in 10 years and see if there are any updates. Good luck!

Your Genealogy Buddy,
Christopher Caterpillar

Glossary

Ancestor—one from whom an individual, group, or species is descended

Ancestry—line of descent; one's ancestors

Descent—one's line of ancestors

Enumerate—to find out the number of; to count; to list one after another

Genealogist—a person who studies family lines or ancestors

Subsequent—following in time, order or place

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MAPS

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Why are maps important?

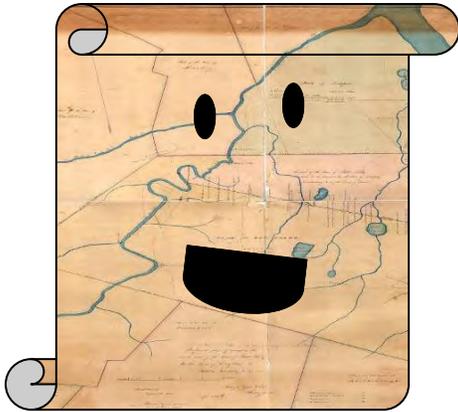


Where can you find maps?

What can you do with a map?

Discover the answers to these questions and more in this fun, fact-filled activity booklet from the Ulster County Clerk's Records Management Program!

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk



Hi! My name's Marty Map, and I'd like to tell you about how cool maps can be. We can help you find things, or show other people how to find places that only you know about—we can even help you learn about history, which I think is prrrretty neat! Do you want to find out more? Keep reading! There are also some fun activities which will help you discover more about how you can use maps today!

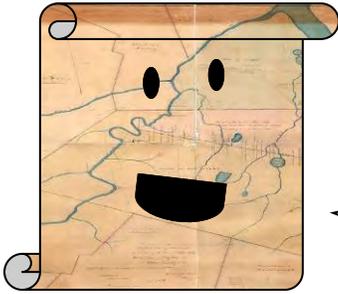
Think about all of the places you usually go in a day. Do you go to school? Do you go to a friend's house? You probably don't need a map to find places you go everyday—but if you want to go someplace and you don't know where it is, maps can be really helpful. Maps tell you exactly where to find places.

Did you know that maps can help you learn about history too? Old maps can show us where to find places that may not even exist today. Maps can also tell us about what KINDS of places existed in the past...like blacksmith shops, or poorhouses. If you want to find old maps, a very good place to go is the Ulster County Clerk's Office. Their job is to file maps so that people can keep discovering cool stuff from them for years to come!

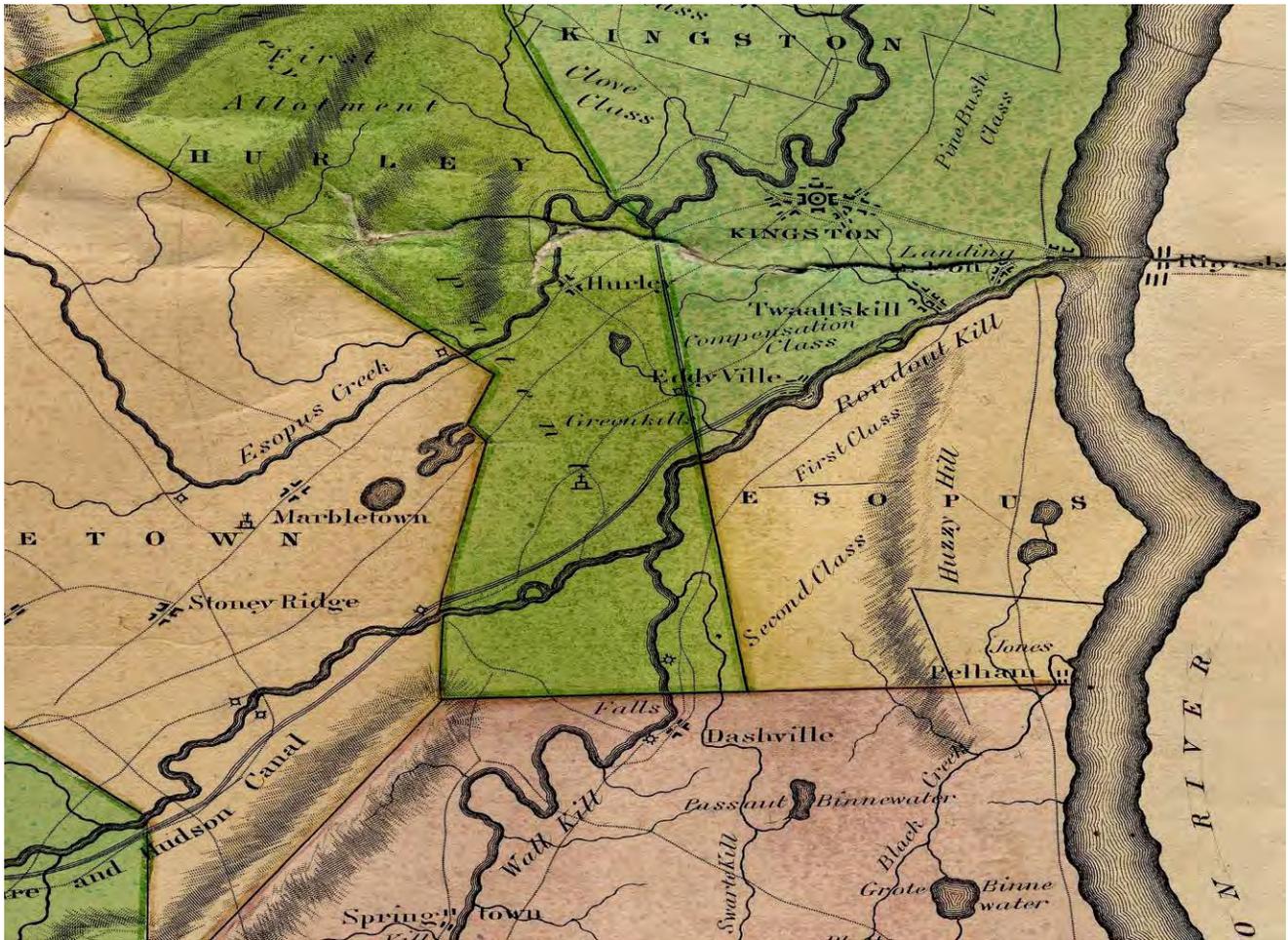


MAP FACT: The County Clerk's Office has over 28,000 maps on file!!!

What are some different kinds of maps?



The Ulster County Clerk's Office has many different kinds of maps. Here are some pictures of just a few of them.

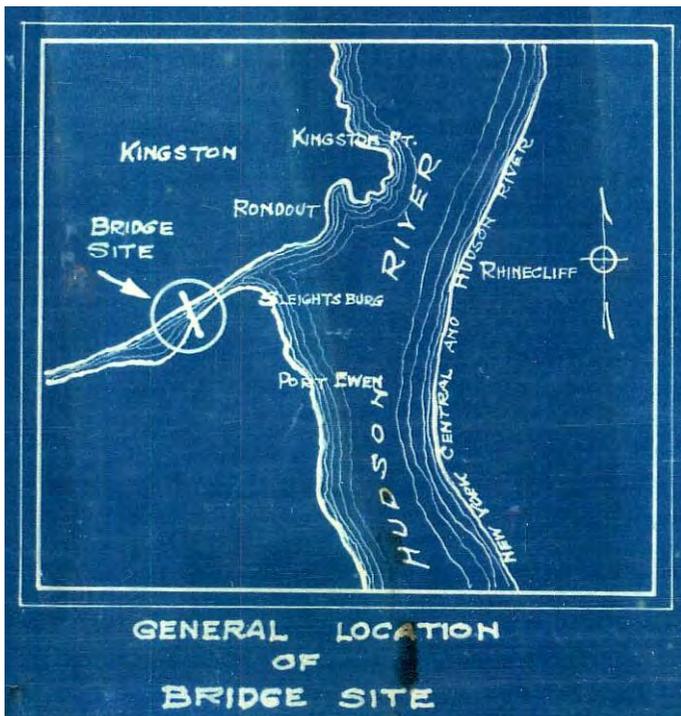
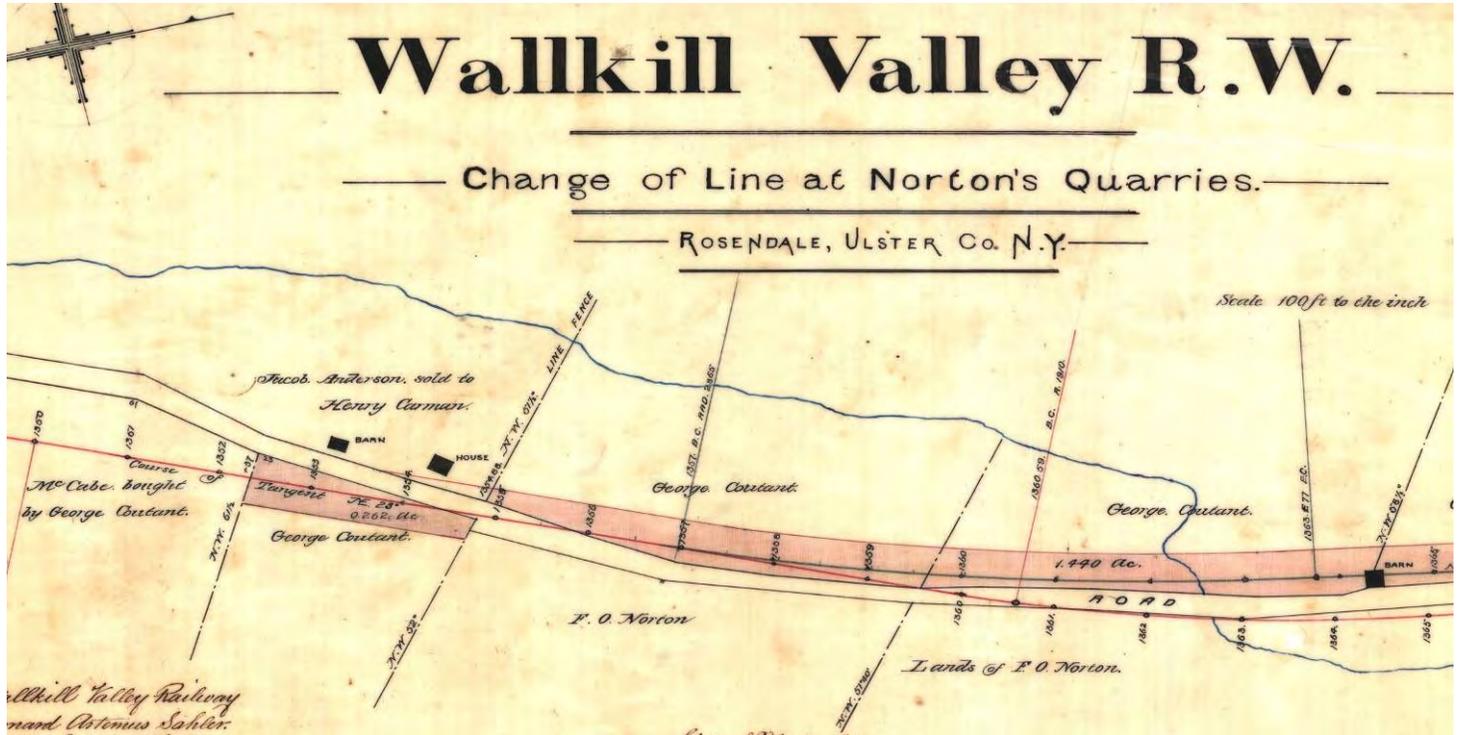


This is part of a map of Ulster County in 1829. Do you see the town you live in?



MAP FACT: Ulster County covers approximately 1,160 square miles: 1,126 square miles of land and 34 square miles of water. That's a lot of space!

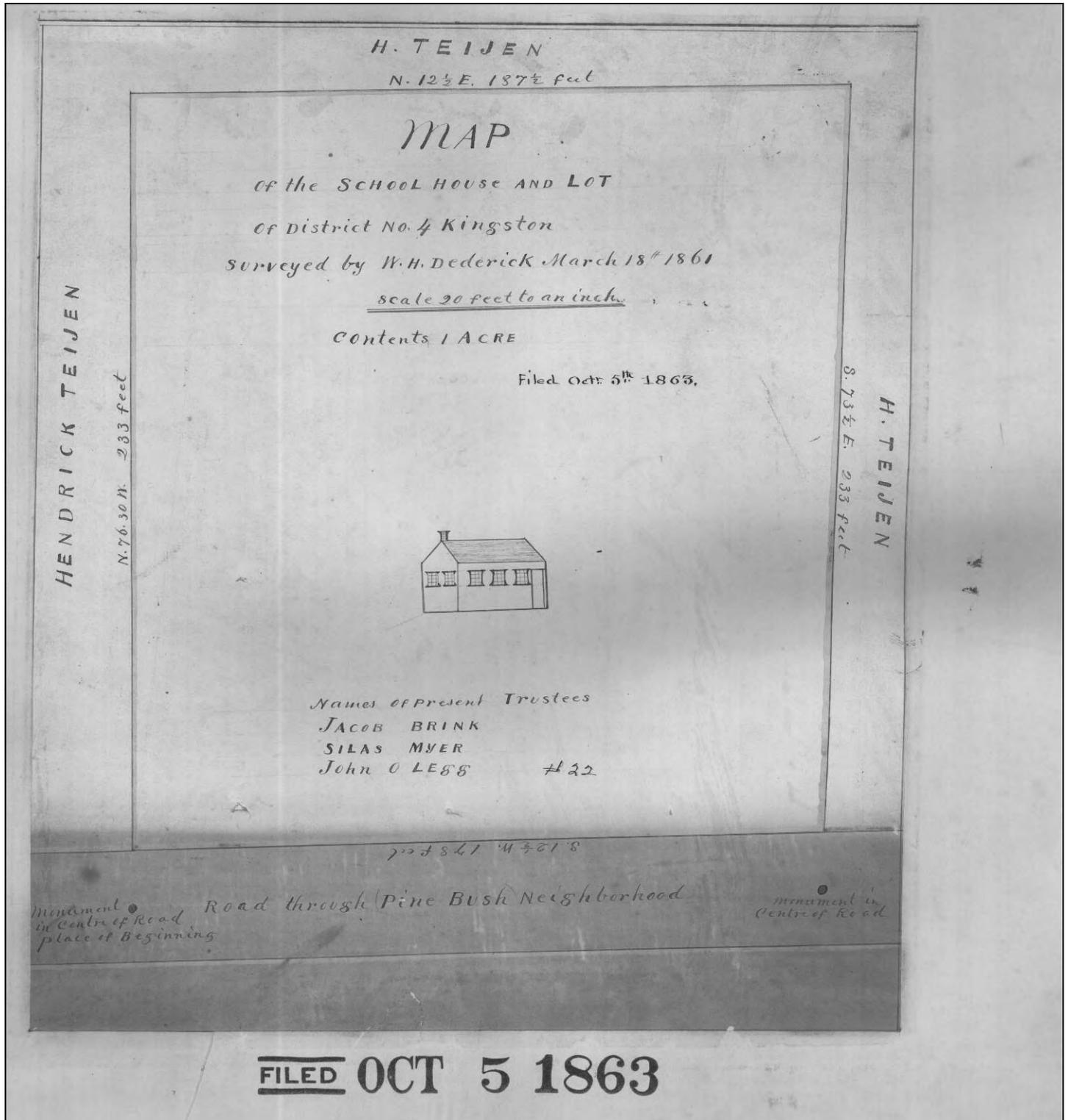
This is a section from a map of the Walkill Valley Railroad. That pink line down the middle shows the path the trains took. If you look closely, you can see two barns labeled along the tracks—I wonder what the animals thought of those loud trains speeding by?



This map shows the “General Location” of the site of the Rondout Bridge. It was built in 1921 and is still standing today!

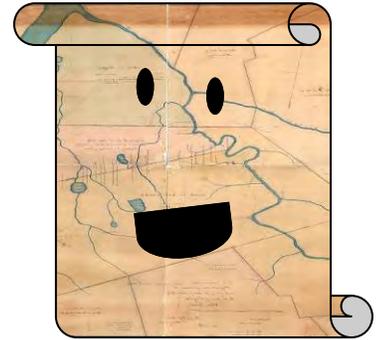


Another kind of map...



...And a few facts

Here's a really cool picture I just had to show you. It's a map of the School House and Lot from District Number 4 in Kingston. It's from 1861—that's over 150 years ago! What do you think of that school? Does it look anything like the school you go to?



Have you ever watched all the names at the end of a movie? Or looked at the first page of a book where it lists things like the author and publisher? These are important because they give credit to the people who made the projects, and they also give us useful information. Did you know that maps have information like that too? Look at the map on the left. It tells you things like who surveyed it (a surveyor is someone who measures the land for a map, so people know how big the property is), the date the map was made, and when it was filed at the Ulster County Clerk's Office.

This map also tells you the names of the trustees for the school. What are their names?



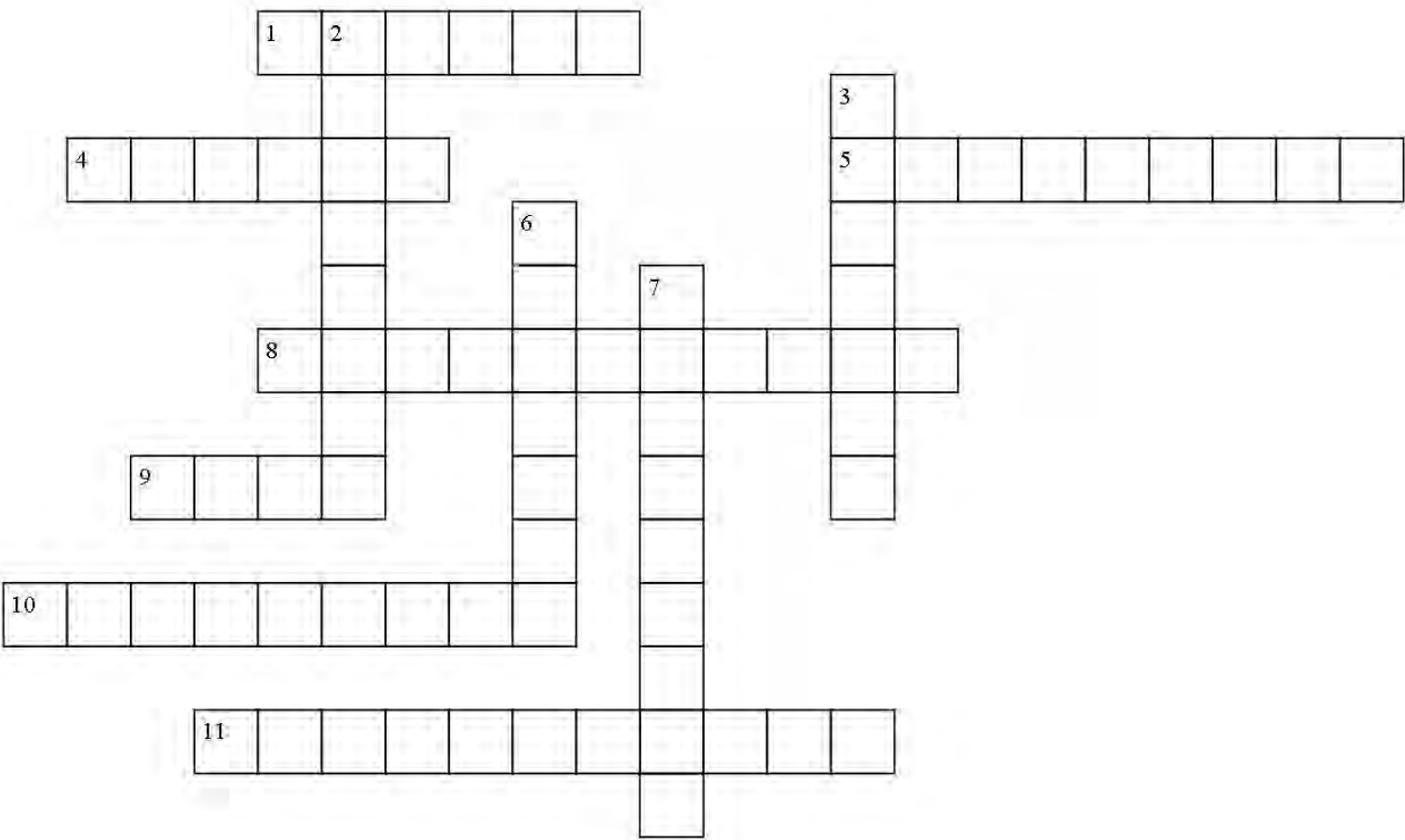
MAP FACT: The County Clerk's Office has a wide variety of maps, and they range in date from the 1700's to today!



Pssst, it's me again! Can you help me solve these puzzles about maps? The puzzle below tells you more about the many kinds of maps there are, and the word search on the right lists some of the different things you can find on them.



CRISS-CROSS MAPS



This is a list of some different kinds of maps. Can you fit these words into the puzzle?

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|------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Bridge | Elevation | Highway | Hybrid |
| Population | Property | Railroad | Road |
| Satellite | Topographic | Weather | |



WHAT'S ON A MAP?

N	S	E	T	G	B	N	D	K	A	M	M	J	K	B	S	A	R	U	D
F	G	C	L	R	T	Y	I	W	R	O	I	T	M	Y	N	D	Y	K	F
I	X	X	I	Q	A	P	Q	K	U	A	C	D	F	I	B	W	V	I	I
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Airport

Bridge

Highway

Historic Site

Industry

Island

Lake

Landmark

Mountains

Parks

Railway

Reservoir

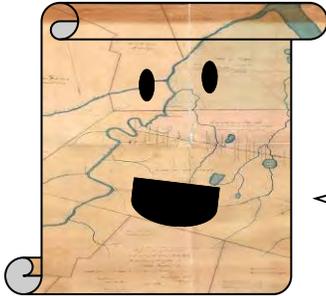
River

Street

Volcano

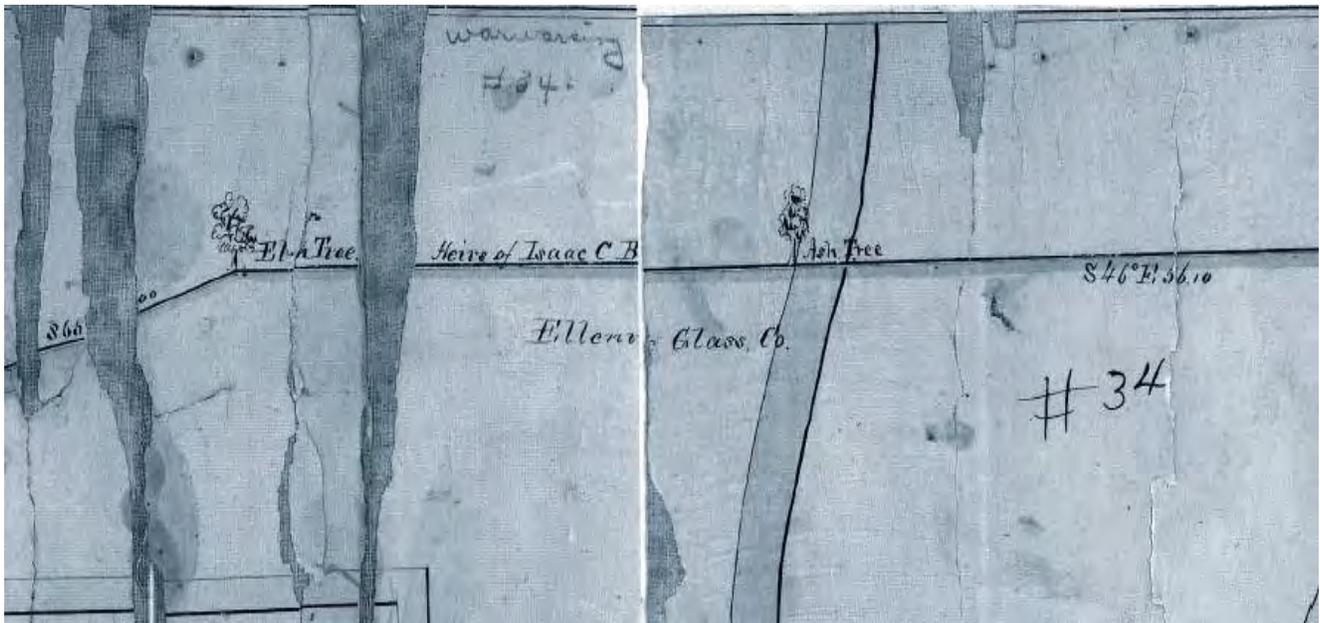


What can you do with a map?



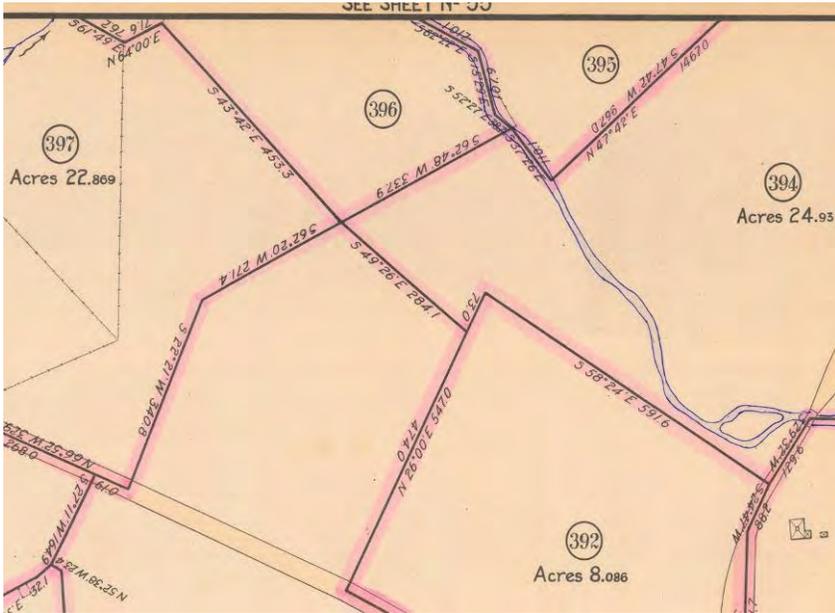
Now that you know a bit about the different kinds of maps kept by the County Clerk, maybe you are wondering what you can actually do with those maps? Well, besides looking at them—I think they look kind of neat—you can use them to learn about history. Read below to find out more!

Did you know that maps are important historical and legal documents? Maps provide us with a picture of the world that people lived in ten, fifty, even a hundred years ago! Take a look at this map of the Village of Ellenville, in 1853, below.



What can we learn from this map about what life was like for people back then? Well, let's think about this for a minute. See that place right in the middle of the map, labeled "Ellenville Glass Co."? If there was a factory, there had to be people to work in it—so that tells us a bit about some of the jobs people who lived there might have had. And do you see those two trees? Nowadays, we may not think it's important to include specific trees on a map, but in 1853, people used trees sometimes as boundary lines to show where one person's property ended and another person's began.

FINDING FUN



PARCEL No.	NAME OF CLAIMANT
379	Libbie Burton
380	Clifton H. Smith
381	Ermie C. Elmendorf
382	Cemetery
383	J.J. Boice
384	Roadway
385	Susan M. Preston
386	Ruth Bloom
387	Virgil Merrihew
388	John I. Boice
389	Cemetery, John Ennist
390	Greer
391	Ruth Bloom
392	Evergreen Cemetery
393	John J. Boice
394	Oscar Rider
395	Oliver Davis
396	I. Weeks
397	Maynard
398	Caleb S. Maltby

Maps help us learn about history by preserving records of the past. We can learn things from maps about how life used to be for groups of people, but maps can also tell us things about the lives of specific people. Some maps show us who owned what properties, and where those properties are.

The picture above shows part of an index map of Section 9 from the Ashokan Reservoir Department. Look at the numbered portions in the picture on the left, then find them on the list to the right. Can you figure out who all of the claimants are?

Who is the claimant for Parcel No. 397? _____

Who is the claimant for Parcel No. 396? _____

Who is the claimant for Parcel No. 395? _____

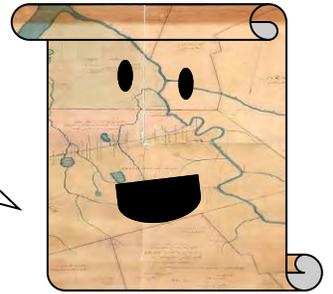
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Who is the claimant for Parcel No. 392? _____



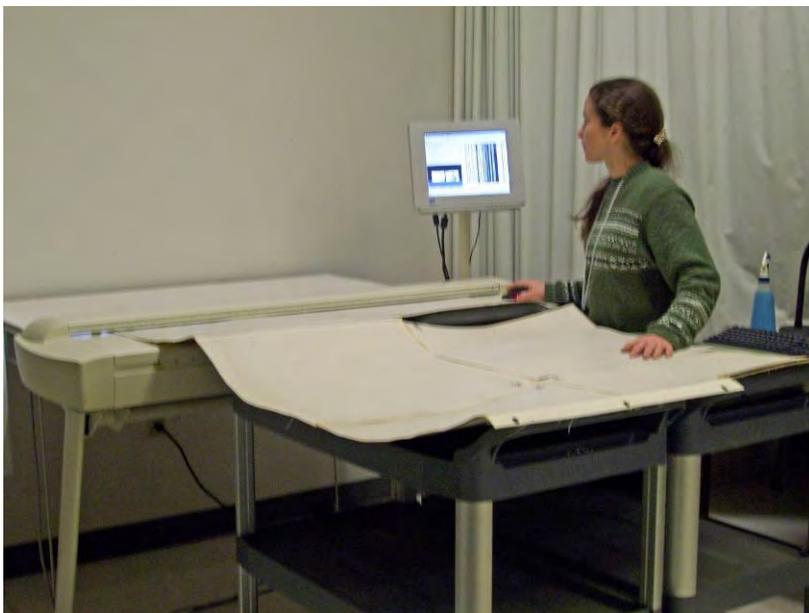
Where can you find maps?

When I'm not having fun with cool people like you guys, I like to spend time with my fellow maps. Want to know where we hang out? There are a lot of great places in Ulster County where maps like to go, including the library, the County Clerk's office, and even online! One of my favorite spots, though, is the Ulster County Records Center. They really like us there, and they take great care of us. Want to find out how? Keeeep reading!



PRESERVATION

Maps, especially old ones, can be really fragile—that means they could easily tear, or get wrinkled, or dirty, for instance. Since maps are so delicate, special care needs to be taken to protect them. As maps are filed at the Ulster County Clerk's Office, they are scanned to create a digital image. Then, once a week, the images are put on microfilm for permanent storage and backup.



Here's a picture of someone scanning a map, so it can be accessed on a computer. This is very important, because making information accessible to people is what the Ulster County Clerk's Office is all about!

STORAGE



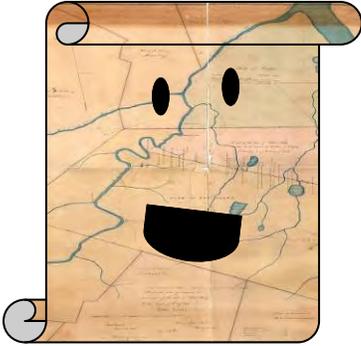
Look at all those maps! Since maps are so important, the Ulster County Clerk's Records Management Program takes special care to store them safely. Basically, there are two ways that maps are stored, depending on their size. Smaller maps are wrapped in acid-free paper on flat boards. They are on the lower shelves to the left in the picture above. Longer maps are wrapped in acid-free paper and rolled into special tubes. You can see them in the shelves above and to the right.



MAP FACT: One of the longest maps on file in the Ulster County Clerk's Office is an 1891 map of the New York Canadian Pacific Rail Way from Saugerties to Rosendale. It is 55 feet long—that's longer than a humpback whale!

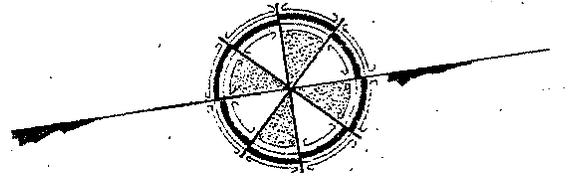
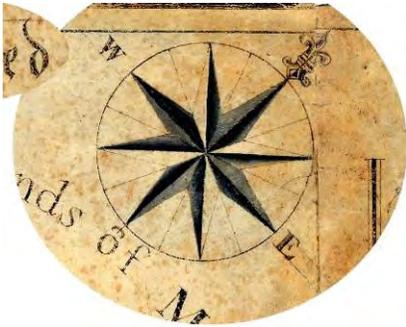


A few more facts about maps...



Hey! What do you think about how the County takes care of maps? Pretty neat stuff! There are just a few more things I'd like to share with you about maps...then I have some more fun activities for you!

Roses on Maps?



See those three things above? They are called “Compass Roses”. The Compass Rose is a fancy but functional element found on most maps that points out which way is north. Contemporary maps often have a Compass Rose showing both the true geographic direction, as well as the magnetic direction (as found in a compass).

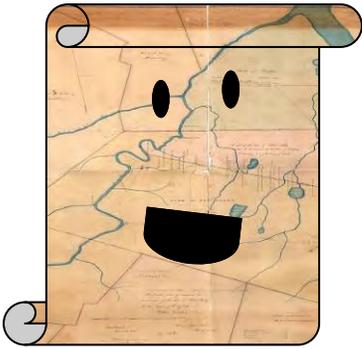


More facts...and fun!

Scales and Feet

What is really colorful and has scales and feet? No, it's not a sea monster—it's a map! Ok, maybe sea monsters have scales and feet too—but I've never seen one, anyway!

Check out the pictures and description below and on the next page to find out more about the kind of scales and feet that maps have—and why they're so important!



The length of the pen in this picture is the same as a pen in real life—it is about 5 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long.

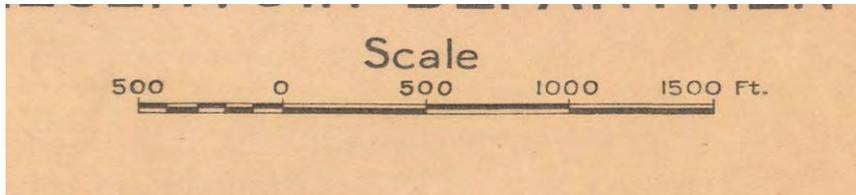


This is a picture of the same pen, but the length of this pen is half the size of the pen above—it is about 2 and $\frac{7}{8}$ inches long.

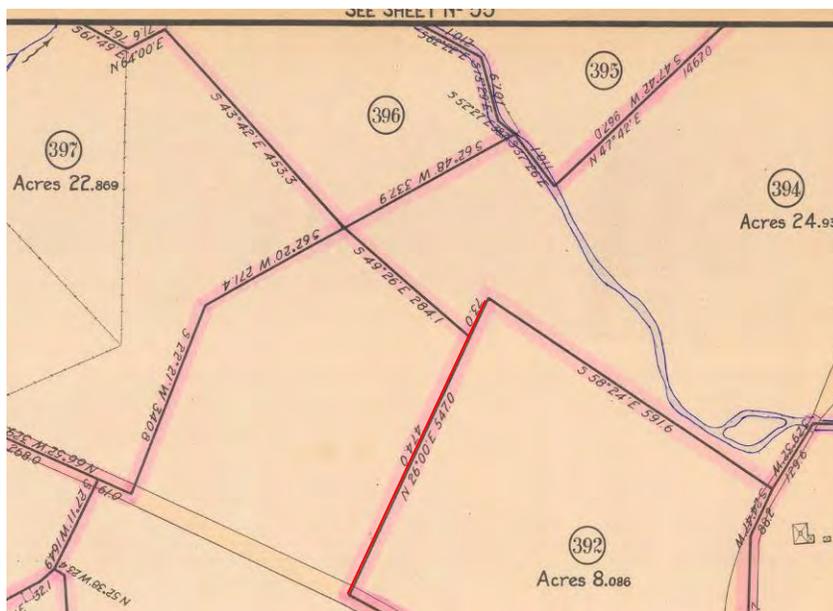
Hmm...it's the same pen—but the pictures are two different sizes. How can that be? It is all because of something called scale. When someone draws a map, are things on it the same size as they are in real life? Nooo. Imagine how big a map of a street would be if all the houses on it were the same size they are in real life!



Ok, we know that everything on a map cannot be the same size as it is in real life...so how can mapmakers show people how big things actually are, and the distance between them? Well, they use something called a scale. Take a look at the picture of one below. It is taken from another part of a map you used earlier in this booklet—remember “Finding Fun” on page 7?



See the bar above? It is three inches long, and it is divided into four sections. Each section is $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. The numbers along the top of the bar show us how many feet each section represents. Want to see how this works? Grab a ruler!

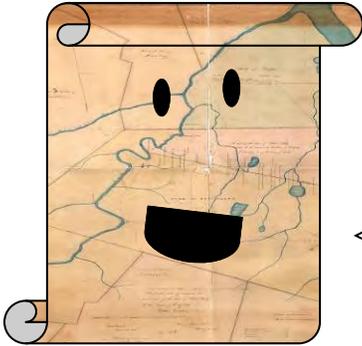


First, measure the red line. It should be about 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, or two and $\frac{1}{3}$ sections, long. Now look at the scale. How many feet are in two sections? That’s right! There are 1,000 feet. That’s only two sections, though—we still have $\frac{1}{3}$ of a section to add. How do we find out what $\frac{1}{3}$ of a section is equal to? We take the length of a section (500 feet) and divide it by three! (You can do this on a calculator—if you round the answer, it comes to about 167).

Remember, that line is the same length as two and $\frac{1}{3}$ sections, so what do you think we do now? I’ll give you a hint: the word AND means that we ADD. So, add the length of two sections (1,000) to the length of $\frac{1}{3}$ of a section (167). Did you get 1,167 as your answer? Then you’re right! In the picture, that line is only 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, but if you were looking at that property in real life, it would be 1,167 feet long—that’s longer than three football fields!



Making maps of your own!



Now that you've discovered some of the ways that you can learn about history from maps, how about making a map of your own? That way, you can show people where things are now...and also save it to show people in the future, like maybe your kids, or grandkids! Don't forget, maps are historical records. People can learn a lot from them about where things were and what your life was like. So what would you like to make a map of? Your classroom? Your bedroom? A special place that only you know about? Use your imagination!

When you make your map, remember you can include some of the things you've learned about in this booklet—for instance, try creating your own Compass Rose, or a legend that shows people what the symbols and colors you used stand for. Maybe you'll even want to include some "scales and feet" so other people can figure out the correct size of things! Whatever you choose to do, do your best and have fun!



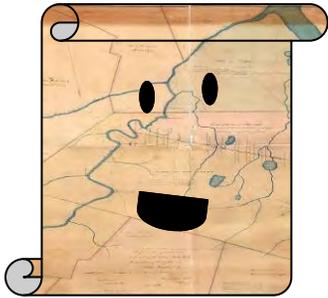
Here's a hint: use a photocopier to make copies of the next page so you can make a bunch of maps!



My Map of _____

My Map of _____

"Maptivities"



Aww, somebody told me you're gonna have to go soon. Before you leave, do you want to have fun with a few more "maptivities"?

WHAT IS A CARTOGRAPHER?

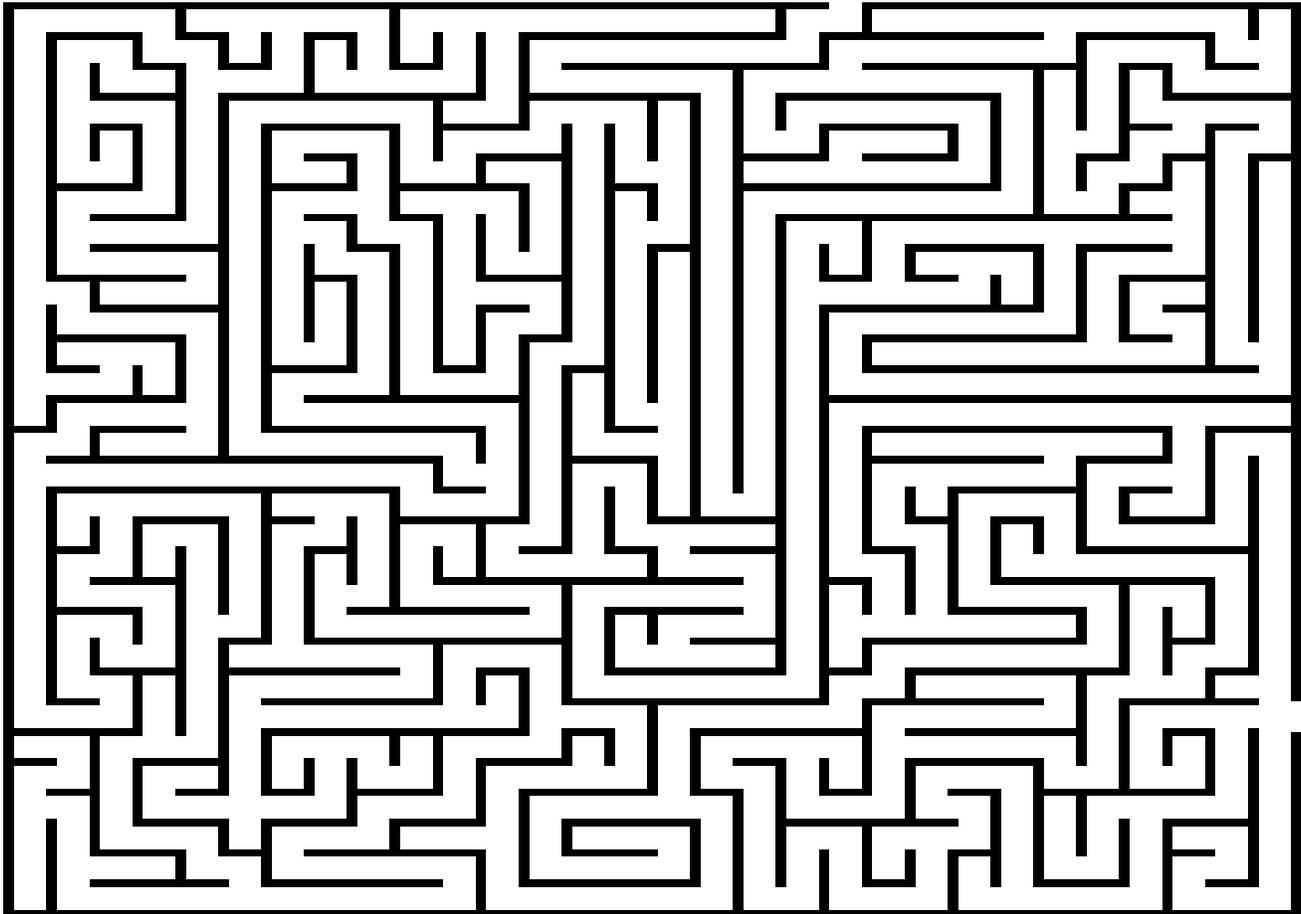
Unscramble the tiles to answer the question!

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MAP MAZE

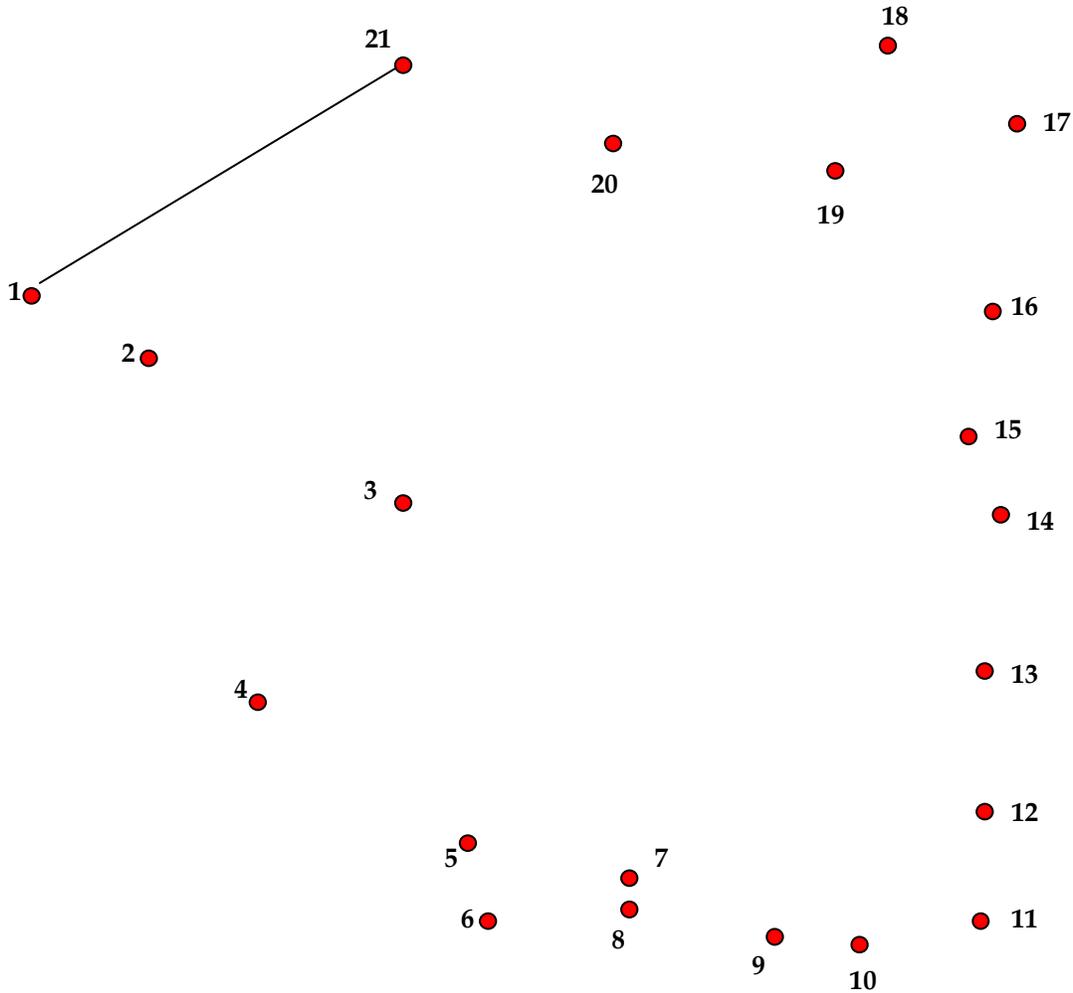
Maps have lines all over them! There are lines for roads, and boundaries, and all kinds of things. Can you find your way in this Map Maze?



MAP FACT: With so many maps on file, the Ulster County Clerk's Office has approximately 1,413,800 inches of maps! That is equivalent to 22.31 miles, or 212 Washington Monuments stacked end-to-end! WOW!



CONNECT THE DOTS



This is a map of:

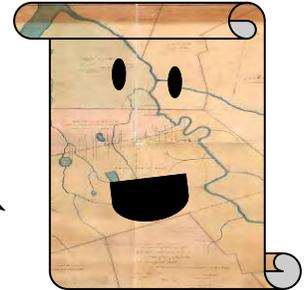
(a) Village of Ellenville, (b) Ulster County, (c) New York State

What kinds of things would you find on this map? Draw them in!

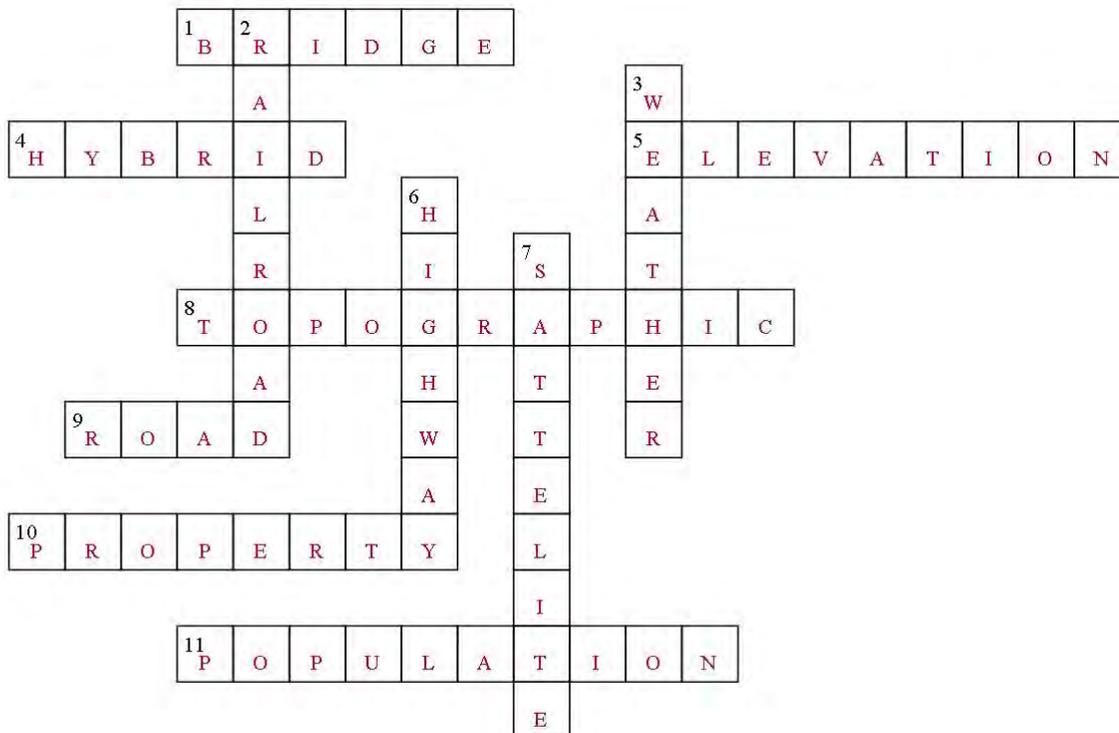


Psst!

Hey, you guys! I uh...had a little trouble solving some of the puzzles in this booklet. But I found the answers! They're right here! Just **don't peek** unless you've really, really, *reeeally* tried to solve the puzzles—or if you did solve them and just want to know if you're right.



CRISS-CROSS MAPS



Across

- 1) Bridge
- 4) Hybrid
- 5) Elevation
- 8) Topographic
- 9) Road
- 10) Property
- 11) Population

Down

- 2) Railroad
- 3) Weather
- 6) Highway
- 7) Sattelite

WHAT'S ON A MAP?

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FINDING FUN

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Who is the claimant for Parcel No. 396? [I. Weeks](#)

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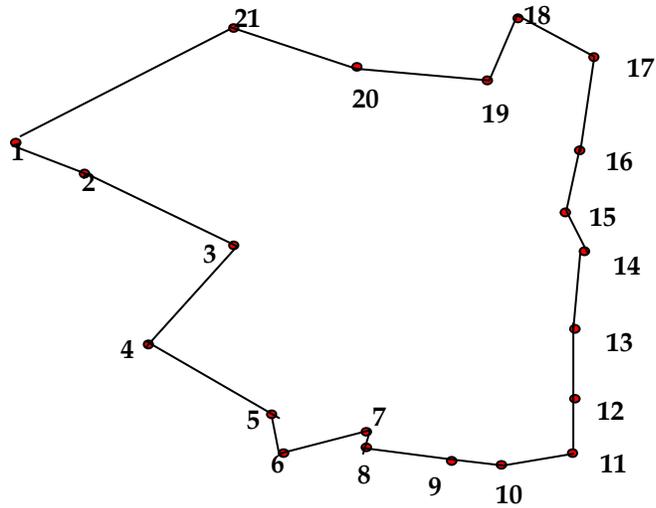
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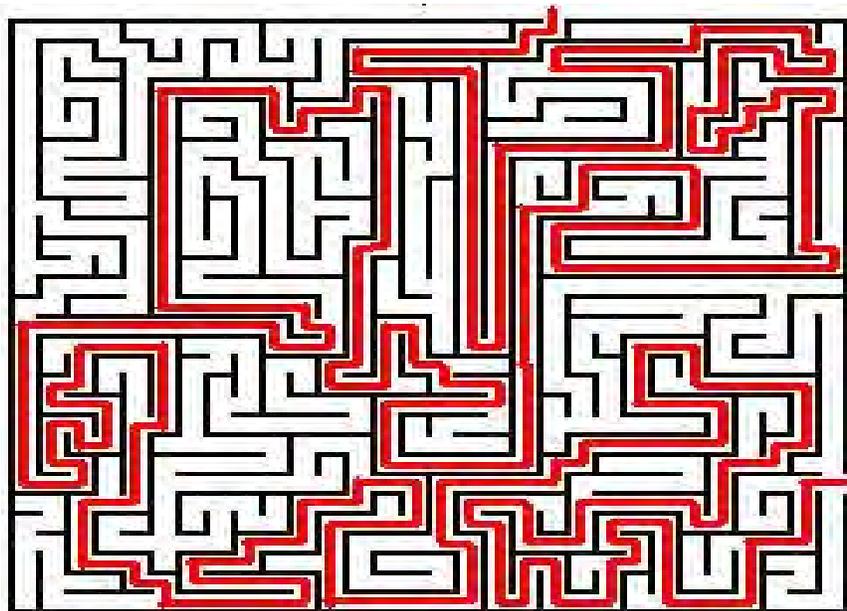


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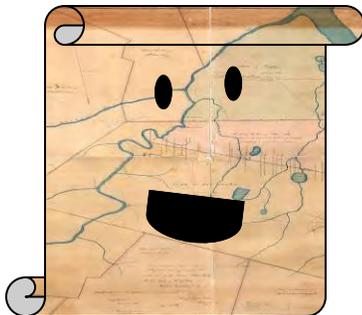
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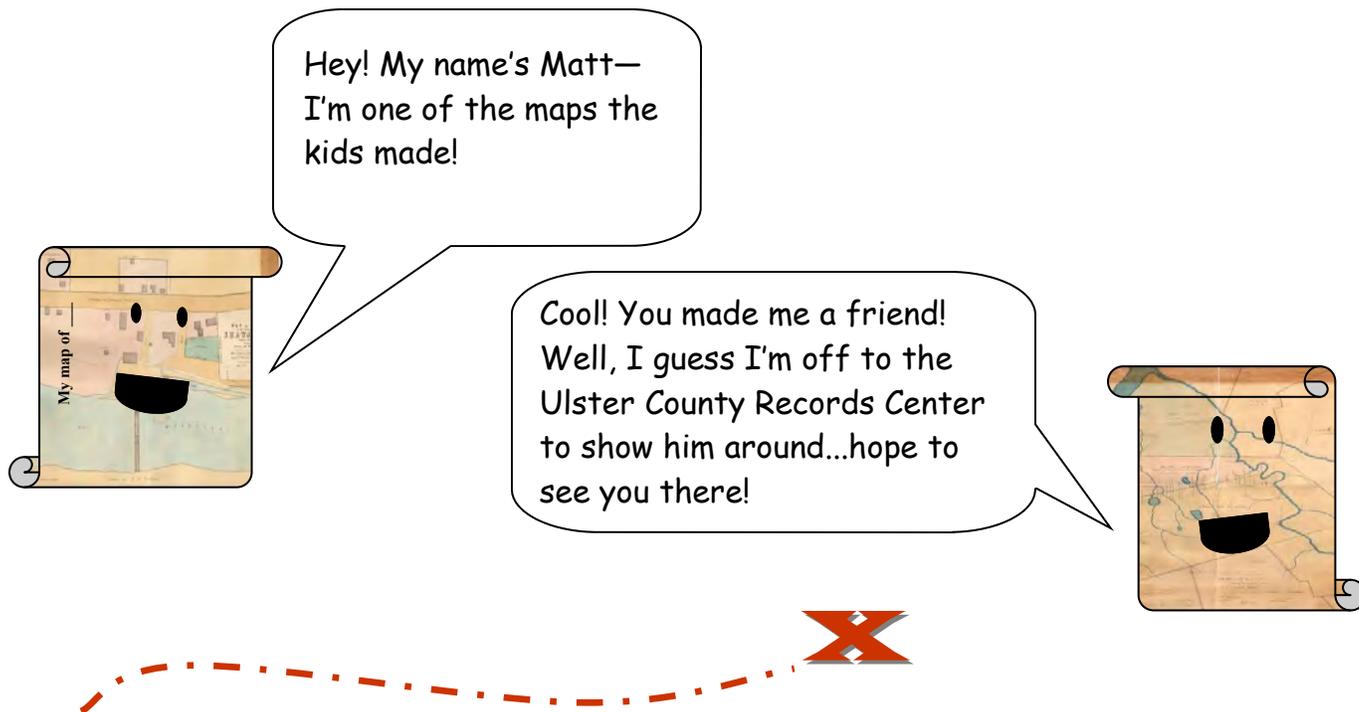


Congratulations! You are now a genuine cartographer! Hopefully by now you've seen some of the many ways that maps are interesting—and important. Current ones help you find places you want to go, and old ones show you places people have been. Tools like GPS's or the internet can help you find where you want to go, but once you use their directions, they disappear. Maps are important because we're records—when taken good care of, we can last for hundreds of years, and our information can be preserved and made available to people for generations to come! See, I told you us maps were pretty cool...what do you think?

If you ever want to see some more maps, you can come and visit us at the Ulster County Records Center! There are some really interesting ones on display for you to look at, and you can talk to people who can tell you more about us awesome maps! Just ask your parents or teacher to call them up! (The number is on the back of this booklet.)

It was really great getting to know you, and I hope you had as much fun as I did!





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Matthewis Persen House

(The oldest house in Ulster County c.1661)



74 John Street, Kingston, NY 12401

**Hours: 10am-2pm Tuesday-Saturday
(Memorial Day to Labor Day)**

**Hours: Saturdays 10am-2pm
(Labor Day to Thanksgiving)**

Or By Appointment

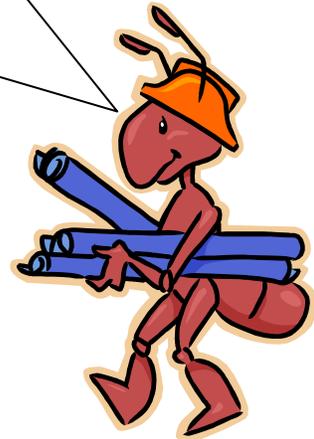
I'm Archie the Ant and I am here to guide you through the Persen House for Kids. If you haven't been to the house for a tour we welcome you to go, don't worry it's FREE!

The house is located on the corner of Crown and John Streets, and did you know that it is the ONLY intersection in the United States with four pre-revolutionary stone houses? This packet will include all the information you need to complete the activities inside and give you some background information on the oldest house in Ulster County.



Background

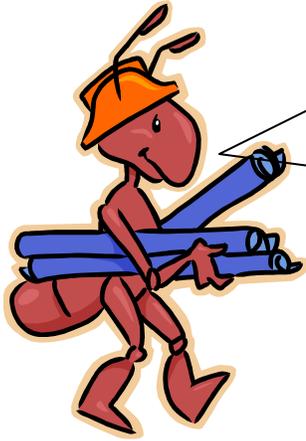
The Matthew Persen House was built in 5 phases. Phase 1 started in 1661 and Phase 5 was completed in 1999. The house was built of wood in 1661. It was a small house with an attic and a basement. The first person to occupy the home was Gysbert Van Imbroch. Gysbert was a barber and a surgeon. He lived in the home with his wife, Rachel, and their three children. In 1663 the house was burned in a Native American attack, this was the first of two burnings the house has been through. The house was then rebuilt of stone.



The house was built inside the stockade. The stockade was a big wooden fence that surrounded a part of Uptown Kingston. It was used to keep the settlers safe.

Around 1669, a new stone addition was added to the house. It made the house twice as big! Then, in 1698, a barn was added. What kind of animals do you think they would have had? Cows, chickens, horses, goats, or other animals? Later, they turned the barn into a kitchen! Isn't that crazy? The stone wall in the kitchen was crumbling, so to preserve it they numbered each stone and put it back exactly as it was. I hope they learned to count and number in school!





In 1735, the big room in the house was added. Here two brothers, Adam and Cornelius Persen, had a tailor shop. A tailor shop was where you went to get clothes made or fixed. Cornelius had a son and named him Matthewis. The house was named after Matthewis because he was the longest living resident; he lived to be 80 years old. Wow, that's impressive! Matthewis opened a tavern in the house. The house must have been very noisy then.

In the mid 1800's, a man named Dr. John Goodwin owned the house. He had a drugstore also known as an apothecary and a grocery store in the house. He must have been very busy. Dr. Goodwin installed wallpaper in this part of the house and a piece is still there after 200 years. The company that made the French wallpaper still exists and you can buy the same pattern.



Ulster County bought the house in 1914, and added a brick addition in 1922. The house was then used for offices, like the County Nurse, 4-H, and Cornell Cooperative. In 1999, they had to move everyone out of the building, because it was about to fall down! They then restored the building, and made it safe. They did an archeological dig where the kitchen was and found over 20,000 artifacts! Wow, that's a lot! One artifact they found was a bodkin and there are only two in New York State. A bodkin is an ornamental hair piece.



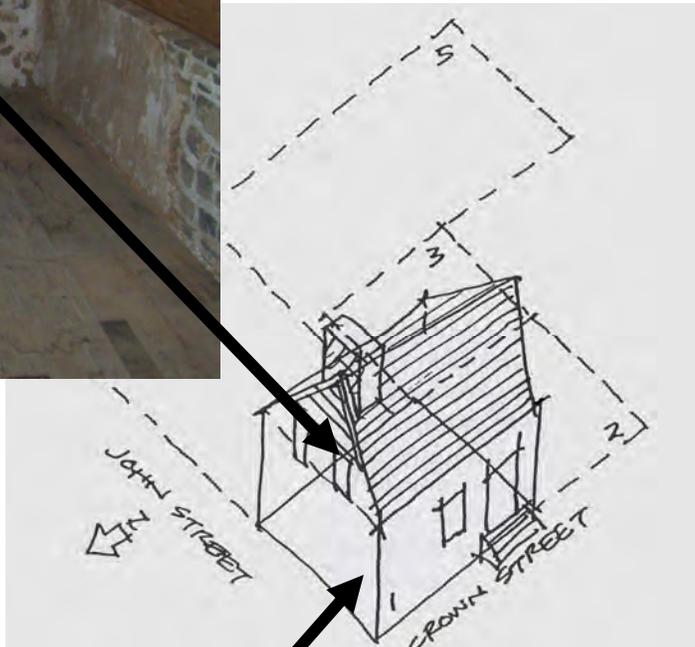
Bodkin

Archie has been working hard to get through each of the 5 phases. While preparing this packet he seems to have gotten stuck on some pages.

Can you find 32 Archie the ants throughout the packet?



**Phase 1
Upstairs**



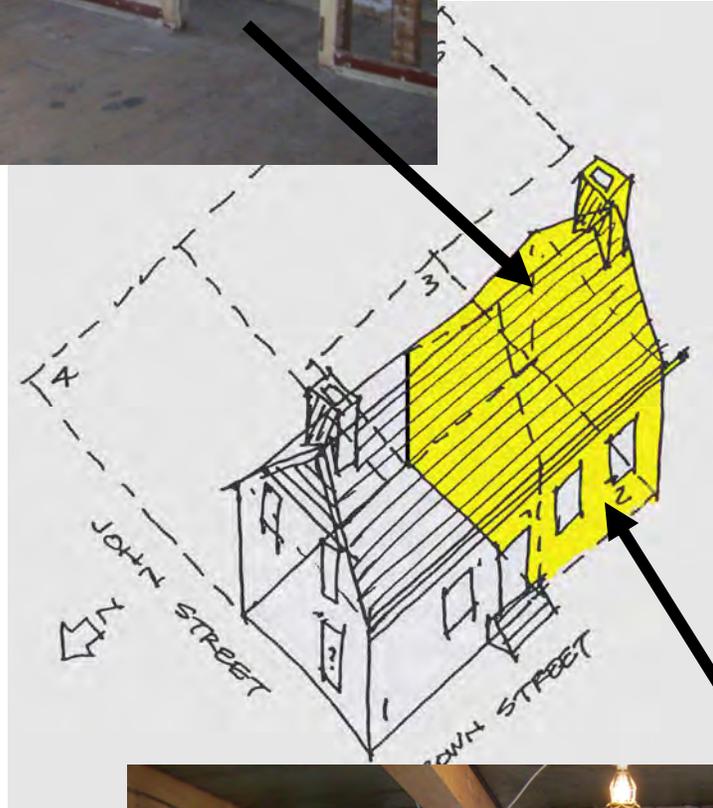
**Phase 1
Downstairs**





Phase 2 Upstairs

This was Matthewis' bedroom

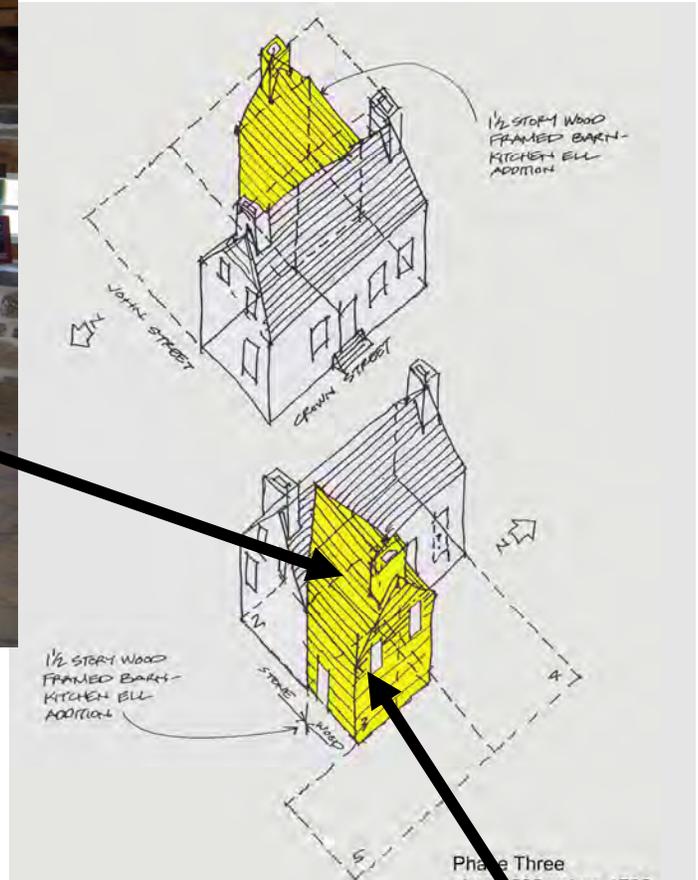


Phase 2 Downstairs

Dr. John Goodwin had a grocery store and apothecary here



Phase 3 Upstairs



Phase 3 Downstairs

This is where they did the archeological dig and found over 20,000 artifacts

They also found a stockade post hole here, but it is now covered by a temporary floor.



Artifacts

These are just a sample of the 20,000 artifacts they found in Phase 3.



Cannonballs

Native American projectile points



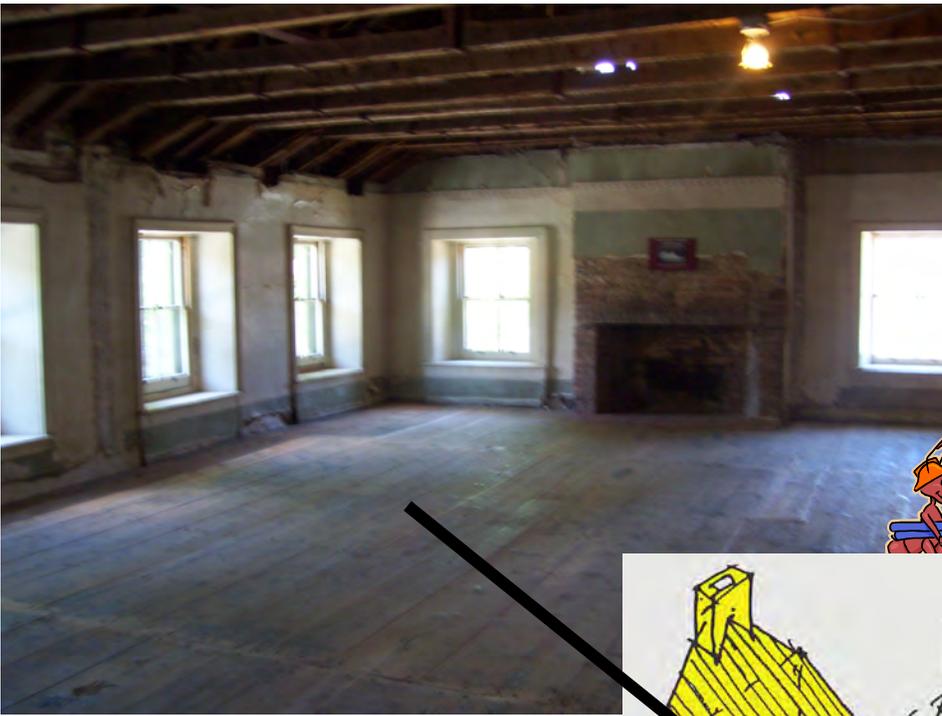
Archaic (All Pre-Contact) can category was found in all the archaeological excavations, and is present in the group. This is due to the substantial wall structure built on the fact that the earliest groups already existed, in the soil that contains Native America.



Delft Tiles

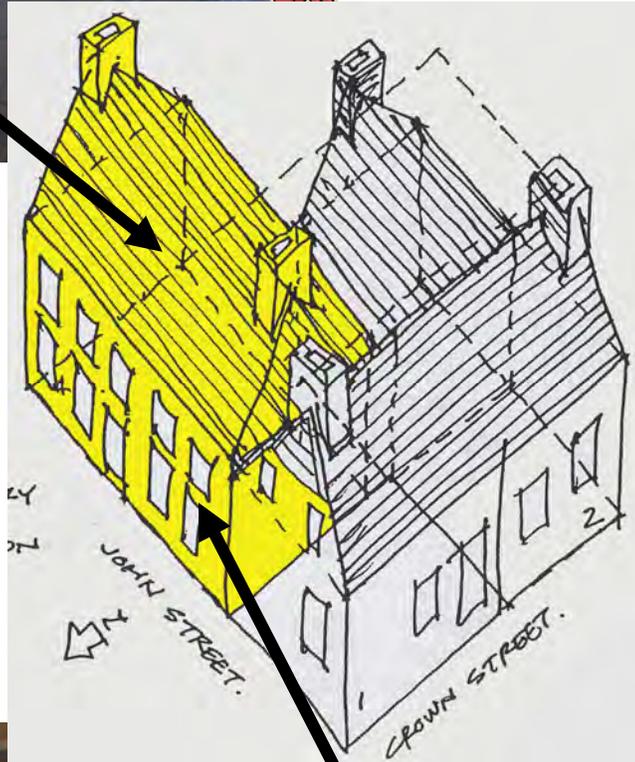


Domino



Phase 4 Upstairs

This was the main room
for the tavern



Phase 4 Downstairs

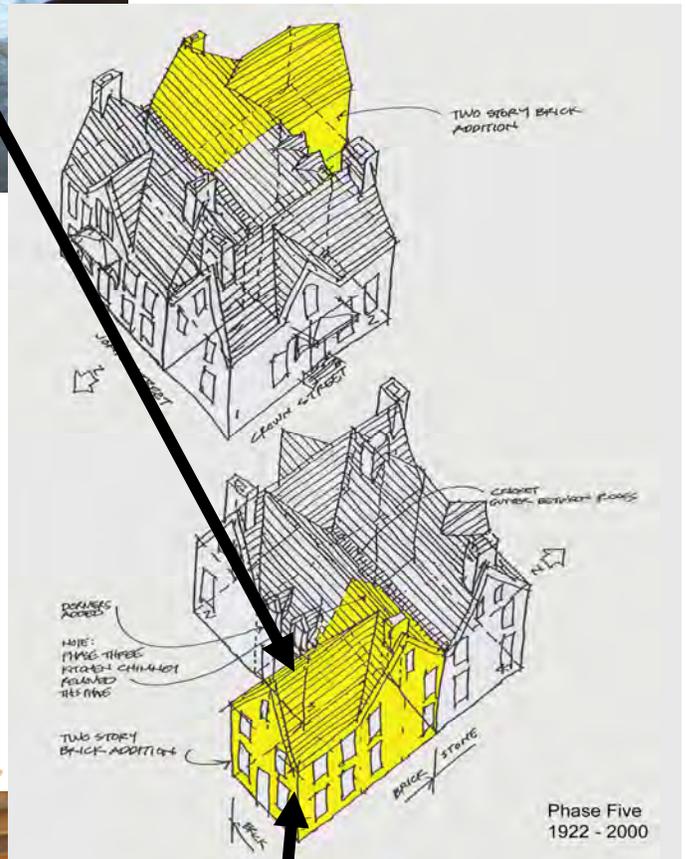
This area was the
tailor shop for
Cornelius and his brother
Adam





Phase 5 Upstairs

Ulster County added this phase in 1922.



Phase 5 Downstairs



See the discoloration?
This is where we believe a shed was once attached, and the darker stone was exposed to the elements of the weather as well as smoke damage.



Archie the Ant here, and I am going to march through the events of the Persen House

Timeline of the Persen House

- 1661 The house is built. Gysbert Van Imbroch and wife Rachel live in the house with their three children; Lysbet, Johannes, and Gysbert
- 1663 House burned in a Native American attack
- 1666 The Van Imbroch children live in the house with their guardian
- 1669 Phase 1 completed and Phase 2 starts
- 1688 Robert Bickerstaff owns the property
- 1689 Robert Bickerstaff and his wife Elizabeth transfer the property to Thomas Hall, Elizabeth's eldest son from a previous marriage
- 1698 Phase 2 completed and Phase 3 is started and Thomas Hall transfers the property to Teunis Tappen
- 1724 Teunis Tappen's will dated June 12, 1724
- 1728 Christopher Tappen (brother of Teunis Tappen) transfers property to Anthony Slecht
- 1734 Cornelius Persen marries Catharina Dyrk Oosterhout
- 1735 Anthony Slecht transfers property to Cornelius Persen and Phase 3 completed, Phase 4 begins
- 1737 Adam Persen marries Catalyntje Swart
- 1739 Matthewis Persen is born
- 1735-1769 Families of Cornelius and Adam Persen (both tailors) live in the house
- 1769 Cornelius Persen's will dated August 8, 1769, wherein he leaves his house and properties to his four children
- 1770 Matthewis Persen buys out his brothers' and sister's shares of the house. He is now the sole owner, and begins to operate a public house or tavern

- 1777 One house and one barn belonging to Matthew Persen are listed as having been destroyed in the burning of Kingston by the British
- 1778 Phase 4 completed (modified 1778-1850 and again 1850-1922)
- 1819 Estimated date of death of Matthew Persen (80 years old)
- 1820 Dr. John Goodwin has a grocery store and apothecary in the wing on John St.
- 1830 Hiram Radcliff is granted a grocery license for the house on the corner of John and Crown. He is most likely renting the building
- 1837 Henry Myer, John Van Buren and others (many married to nieces of Matthew Persen) transfer the property to Hiram Radcliff
- 1914 Charles Romeyn, who lives on 64th Street in New York City, transfers house to County of Ulster
- 1922 County adds brick addition (Phase 5). Farm and Extension Services as well as the local 4-H club, and later the Cornell Cooperative Extension occupy the building
- 1964 Persen House is the subject of a Kingston Board of Supervisor's meeting. Renovations discussed as well as the option of moving the Agricultural Extension into the new County Building
- 1999 Cornell Cooperative Extension is relocated for emergency roof stabilization
- 1999-2003 Archeological dig recovers over 20,000 artifacts
- 2000 Historic Structures Report prepared to establish basis for restoration of house
- 2007 Opened for public tours



Gothic Revival

C. 1850



This window located in the upstairs of Phase 4 is known as a gable. It was added around 1850 during the Gothic Revival.

This picture shows the outside of another gable located between Phase 1 and Phase 2



Activities

True or False

Trivia

Word Scramble

Word Search

Crossword Puzzle

Critical Thinking



TRUE or FALSE

1. The Persen House was built in 1662.
True False
2. The first family to occupy the Persen House was the Persen family.
True False
3. The archeological dig recovered over 20,000 artifacts.
True False
4. Matthewis Persen lived to be 80 years old.
True False
5. The Persen House was burnt more than once.
True False
6. The house was originally built of stone.
True False
7. The company that made the french wallpaper still exists?
True False
8. The stone wall in the kitchen was restored by taking each stone out and numbering them to be put back exactly as it was.
True False
9. The Persen House is located at an intersection, which is one of two with 18th century stone houses on all four corners.
True False
10. Matthewis Persen was the first of the Persen family to occupy the house.
True False



I'm getting antsy let see what you've learned by answering these trivia questions.

1. Who was the longest resident of the Persen House?
2. The Persen House was built in phases how many were there?
3. What is the most interesting personal artifact recovered from the Persen House excavations? Hint: there are only 2 in New York State.
4. How many years after the house was built in 1661 was the house burnt in a Native American attack?
5. What was Gysbert Van Imbroch besides a surgeon?
6. What were 2 businesses the Persen House used to be?
7. How many artifacts were recovered from the archeological dig?
8. What year did the Persen family start living in the house?
9. What did Dr. Goodwin leave behind?
10. In what phase is a stockade post hole located?

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A**



I seem to have misspelled these words; can you unscramble them and help me figure out the fun fact below?

1. **tgiknnso**

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2. **ryGtsbe**

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3. **leapawrpl**

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4. **estMhawti**

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5. **rsleut yucton**

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6. **dnokbi**

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7. **ticsaatf**

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8. **alonbc anl**

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Hint: It was once an Apothacary

Word Scramble



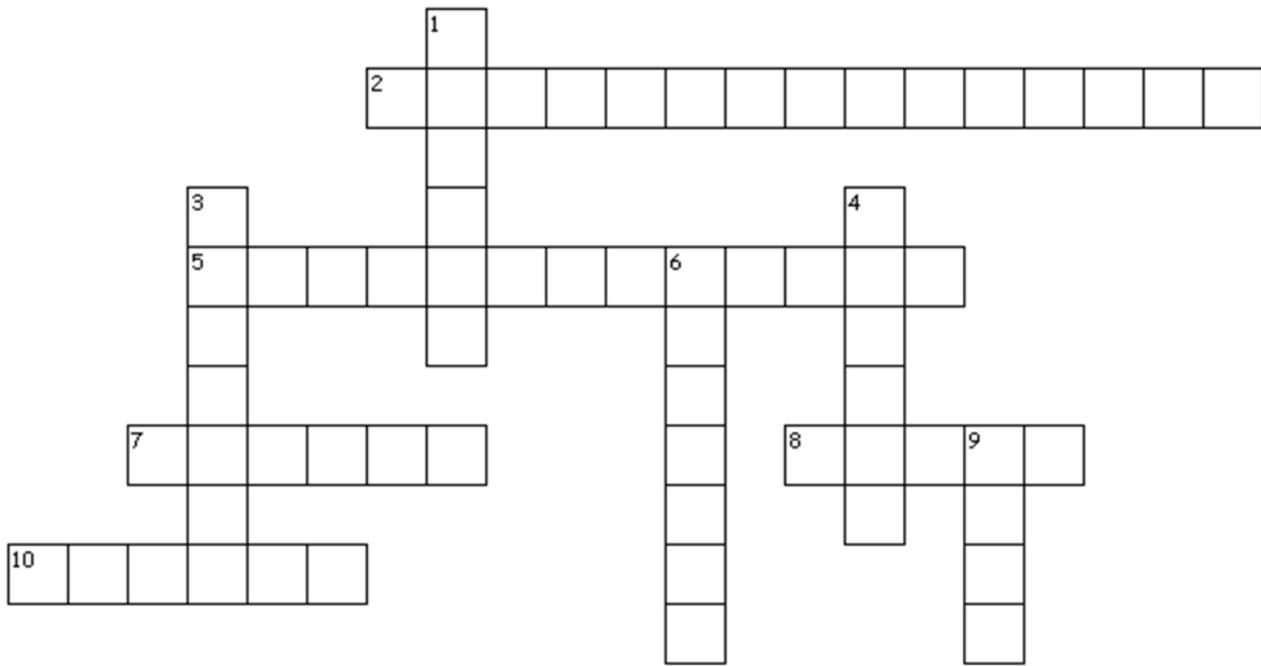
FIND THE ARTIFACTS

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U S I A K V A A H K L S N I P
C J C E D S E S K Z C L E C A
C L Y C S S U J V W G L S Q B
N S A W A R R O W H E A D S D
M O A Y B P E Z X J W B G L E
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S E O N I M O D S T X A T P I
Y B T C D L C N U A U C T X L
P B T G G B X N M S H B O T E
C I M J W I S B W J T W P A L

ARROWHEADS
BEADS
BODKIN
BONES
BUTTONS
CANNONBALLS
CLAYPIPES
DELFTTILE

DOMINOES
GLASSWARE
HAIRBRUSHES
KEYS
PINS
POTTERY
SPOONS

Crossword Puzzle

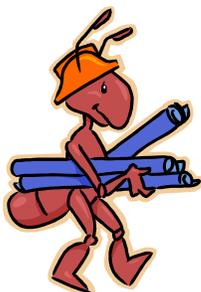


Across

2. The house is named after this person.
5. An _____ dig recovered over 20,000 artifacts
7. An ornamental hair piece
8. The house is located on John and _____ Streets
10. The house was built in 5 _____

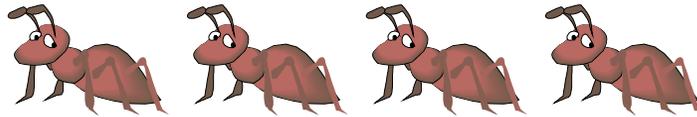
Down

1. These were added during the Gothic Revival
3. Cornelius Persen and his brother were _____
4. Matthewis turned the house into a _____
6. Name the person to occupy the house in 1661
9. The Persen House was originally built of _____



Shhhh...

Don't tell, but here are the answers to check your knowledge.



True/False

1. **False:** It was built in 1661
2. **False:** The first family to occupy the house was the Van Imbroch family.
3. **True**
4. **True:** Matthewis Persen was the longest resident of the house, which is where it got its name from.
5. **True:** It was burnt in 1663 by a Native American attack and then again in 1777
6. **False:** It was originally built of wood. After the Native American attack it was built of stone
7. **True:** The company still prints the same pattern. It is a high end paper
8. **True**
9. **False:** The intersection at Crown and John Streets is the ONLY intersection in the United States with four 18th century stone houses on each corner
10. **False:** Cornelius Persen was the first of the Persen family to occupy the house. Matthewis was born in 1739.

Trivia

1. Matthewis Person. He lived in the house from 1739-1819, 80 years.
2. There were 5 phases. Phase 1 started in 1661 and phase 5 was completed in 1999. 338 years.
3. A Bodkin. There are 2 in New York State. One is located in the Persen House which is metal and the other is located at the museum in Albany, that bodkin is wood.
4. 2 years. The house was burnt in a 1663 Indian attack.
5. Gysbert Van Imbroch was a barber and a surgeon.
6. The Persen House was at one time a tavern, drug store or an apothecary, a grocery store, as well as many offices, such as the 4-H Club, the Agricultural Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and County offices (prior to the county office building on Fair St.
7. Over 20,000 artifacts were recovered.
8. 1735
9. The French wallpaper located in phase 2 above the door.
10. Phase 3. The Kitchen

Word Scramble

1. Kingston
2. Gysbert
3. Wallpaper
4. Matthewis
5. Ulster County
6. Bodkin
7. Artifacts
8. Cannonball

Final Solution: Persen House

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+ L Y + S S U + + + + L S + +
+ S A W A R R O W H E A D S D
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+ R + R P S N + + + + N + + L
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+ A + + K S P O O N S N R + T
H + + D + + + E T + + N E + T
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SPOONS

Word Search

Crossword puzzle

Across

2. The house is named after this person. **Matthewis Persen**
5. An **Archeological** dig recovered
7. An ornamental hair piece **Bodkin**
8. The house is located on John and
10. The house was built in 5 **Phases**

Down

1. These are added during the Gothic Revival. **Gables**
3. Cornelius Persen and his brother were **Tailors**
4. Matthewis turned the house into a **Tavern**
6. Name of the person to occupy the house in 1661.
Gysbert
9. The Persen House was originally built of **wood**.

Critical Thinking

1. In 1735 Cornelius Persen and his brother Adam were tailors and had a tailor shop.
2. The discoloration on the stone. The stone work not covered by the shed is darker.

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