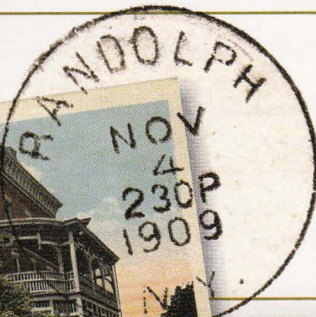


# A WALKING TOUR of CENTURY HOMES



## Randolph

*A Step Back in History*

The Town of Randolph was created in 1826 when it was split from the Town of Conewango. Early settlers bestowed its name in honor of their native place, Randolph, Vermont. Randolph was incorporated by a special act of the Legislature in 1867.

Early settlers were mainly farmers. As waterpower was harnessed from the Little Conewango Creek and Mill Creek, Dry and Rodgers Brooks, industries began to develop. Initially East Randolph was larger than Randolph because of its superior water power. When the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad was built, it went through Randolph and bypassed East Randolph completely. Randolph flourished as a result of its shipping ability. Saw mills were the first manufacturing enterprises to be established. Other businesses were tanneries, foundries, milk plants and machine shops.

Randolph was the home of the first institute of higher learning in Cattaraugus County when the Eclectic Medical College opened in 1848. It was very prosperous, but a misconception about the purpose of the school caused it to move to Syracuse. The Randolph Academy was then opened and later the name was changed to the Chamberlain Institute in honor of Judge Benjamin Chamberlain who donated land and buildings to the Institute.

The Randolph Children's Home was founded by Rev. Charles Strong. He was concerned about the welfare of children of criminals and wanted to provide a home for them. It is still in operation today although much has changed.

Of major importance to any community is a bank. In 1838 the State Bank of Randolph was organized and started business in 1874 when it was built. It cost about \$10,000 to build and furnish with fire-proof vaults and safes. Today we know it as Community Bank.

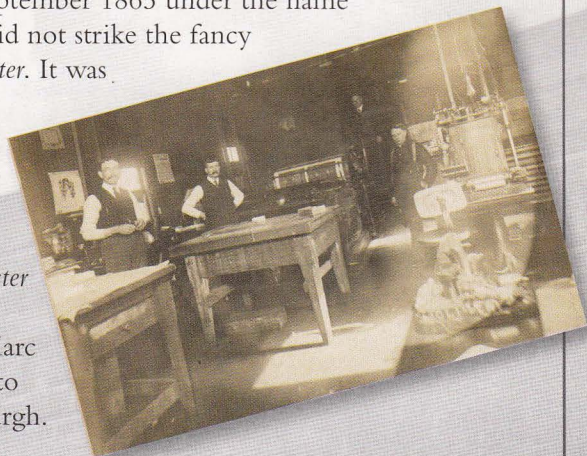
Pioneers, risk-takers, entrepreneurs, and visionaries can best describe the early settlers and businessmen of Randolph. Edmund Fuller made the first settlement. Benjamin Clark, Joel Scudder, Timothy Torrence, Benson Archer, Benjamin Chamberlain, Addison Crowley, Chauncey Helms, Joseph Weeden, Fred Larkin, Albert Dow are a few of the people who believed in Randolph. These names and many others are still in evidence in Randolph today.



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## HISTORY of THE RANDOLPH REGISTER/ REGISTER GRAPHICS

**T**he *Randolph Register* appeared for the first time in late September 1865 under the name of *The Randolph Rural City Budget*, but since the name did not strike the fancy of the public, it was soon changed to *The Randolph Register*. It was not the first newspaper in Randolph, having been preceded in 1842 by *The Randolph Herald* and *The Randolph Reporter*, both publications disappearing or moving from the area by 1853. The newspaper had several short-time owners until 1886 when ownership was assumed by a 19-year old apprentice named Marc Johnson. Mr. Johnson was owner and editor of *The Randolph Register* for 60 years until his death in May, 1946. Mr. Johnson's partner, Francis Dexter assumed ownership of the "Register", purchasing Marc Johnson's interest from his estate. In 1960, the "Register" was sold to Raymond Wilson who was an experienced journalist from Pittsburgh. His ownership continued until 1966.



In 1966, the "Register" was sold to Theodore Ehmke of Hamburg, NY. Since he had business interests in Hamburg, the business was managed by Robert Beach, the printer at the time and Dorothy S. Hillard who was named Editor. In 1976, Ehmke sold the business to Robert and Jean Beach. By this time, the commercial printing side of *The Randolph Register* had grown, especially with the advent of offset printing. As emphasis on the newspaper diminished, growth of the printing business necessitated relocation in 1985 from the small building at 147 Main Street which has originally housed the A.G. Dow Bank, to a new building at 220 Main Street, just west of the railroad tracks. Since the growing emphasis was now commercial printing, the company name was changed to Register Graphics, Inc.

Weekly publication of *The Randolph Register* was changed to monthly in 1991. Sandra Simmons assumed editorship when Dorothy Hillard retired. Elise Gorth became editor of *The Randolph Register* in 2002 and is the current editor. As the printing business grew, additions were added to the original building in 1989, 1996 and 2003 bringing the present building size to 13,500 square feet with 26 employees.

Register Graphics has continued to grow under the leadership of Timothy Beach, Mark Hinman and Robert Beach and they credit the talent and dedication of the Company's employee team. Register Graphics produces books, booklets, magazines, brochures, newsletters and a variety of printed material for industry, schools, universities, camps and organizations throughout the United States.



# RANDOLPH AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (RACDC)

The Randolph Area Community Development Corporation has been recognized as one of the most active and effective development organizations in Cattaraugus County. Its mission to facilitate:

- our community in the growth and development of our Retail and Downtown Business Sectors,
- in the growth and development of our Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural business sectors,
- in the enhancement of the general quality of life and appeal of the Randolph area, making it a very desirable place to live.

RACDC strives to accomplish this mission with the involvement and close cooperation of local businesses, the municipalities and the community in general.

RACDC is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that works diligently in our community. Pride is taken in preserving what makes Randolph unique; we are a very special and desirable place to live. This is because of our abundant natural resources, the beauty of our community, our attractive community life, our superior school system and our geographic location. Under the direction of a diverse Board of Directors, yearly special events are planned, programs for business owners are conducted, activities for our residents including free picnics, summer camp, and programs that are designed to enhance the lives of others, including ToyMakers and Making a Difference in Randolph. Through Character Counts in Randolph, programs are brought into our schools and community to develop a mindset where "doing what is right" is the norm.

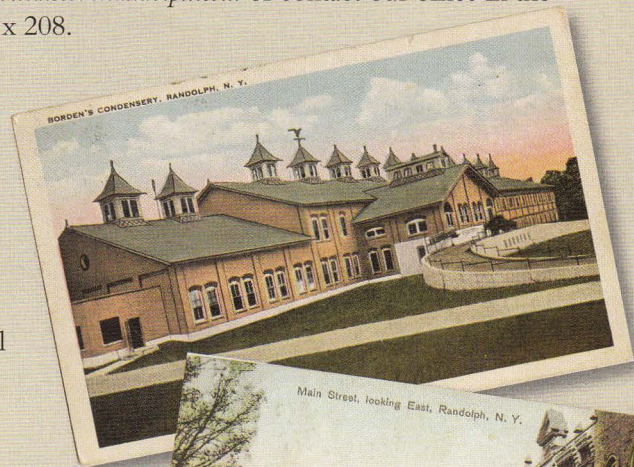
For more detailed schedules and information go to [www.discoverrandolph.com](http://www.discoverrandolph.com) or contact our office in the Randolph Area Municipal Building at 716-358-9701 x 208.

## Yearly scheduled Randolph Activities include:

- Arts and Crafts Festival ~ June
- Cruise-In and Shop Hop ~ July
- Harvest Fest ~ October
- Country Christmas Extravaganza ~ December
- Home Sweet Home Business Expos ~ Spring and Fall

## Special Acknowledgements

- ☞ Our gracious homeowners who allowed us to use their homes in this brochure
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- ☞ Tonia McAlister ~ RACDC Director
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## HISTORY of the RANDOLPH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In January of 2004, a group of residents interested in preserving the history of Randolph and East Randolph, New York met to form the Randolph Historical Society. Started at the instigation of Dr. Dixon Stevens of East Randolph, the idea of a local Historical Society quickly took hold.

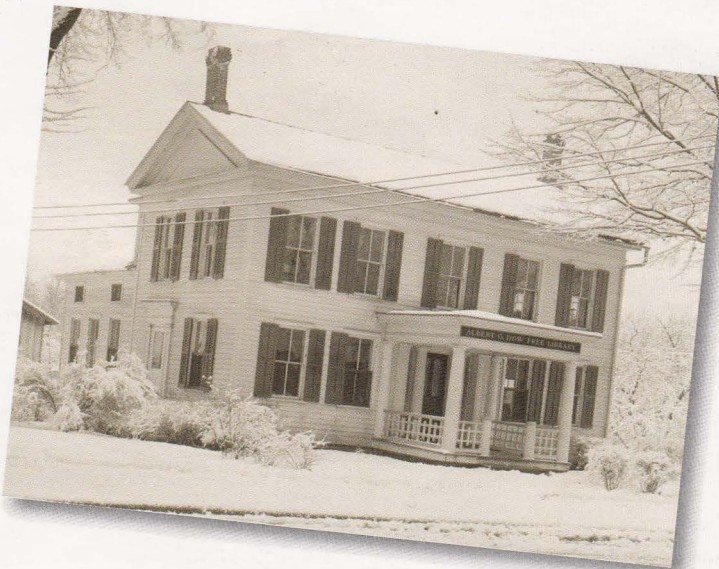
Dennis Conklin, a former resident of Randolph sent a check of \$250.00 with an offer of a second check in the same amount if a local resident would match his contribution. The challenge was quickly met by a local couple, so Mr. Conklin issued another challenge for the same amount. That challenge was met by another former resident, Marlynn McNallie Olson Ray. As a result, the Randolph Historical Society was off and running.

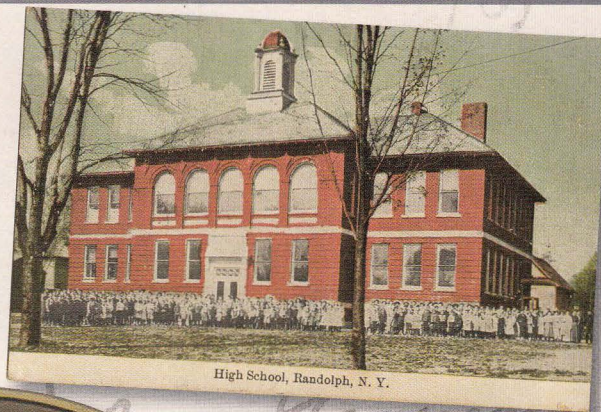
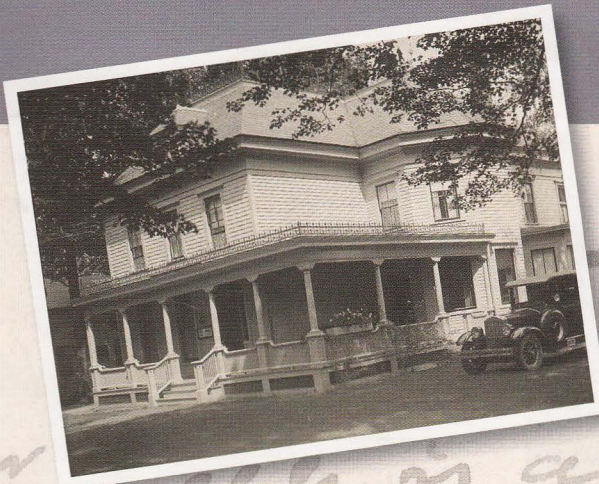
The Randolph Historical Society boasts 154 Charter Members who joined the first year. Since that time the Society has dedicated itself to the organization of the history of Randolph and East Randolph. The Century Homes Project is documenting local homes built over 100 years ago. Owners of each verified Century Home are issued a certificate of verification and the opportunity to purchase a custom plaque noting the approximate date of construction. To date we have 37 verified Century Homes. Another ongoing project is the Oral History Project. Members record interviews of lifelong residents of Randolph and East Randolph to preserve their precious memories of local people, places and events.

The Randolph Historical Society is also organizing the many donations of Randolph and East Randolph artifacts, documents and memorabilia that have been given to us. Ms. Vickie Hitchcock was the first person to donate to the Randolph Collections with information on Otis and Sarah Delano Hitchcock who settled in Randolph in 1823 and many more wonderful people have donated fantastic items. A database comprised of information found in our Collections on Randolph, East Randolph and other local areas is being organized to facilitate the genealogical and other research requests we receive.

The Randolph Historical Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except the months of July and August). The Society enjoys informative programs on area history, residents and events given at the meetings and participates in many local community events.

The Randolph Historical Society has many plans for the future. We are in the process of obtaining access to the Dow Building in Randolph for the display of our Collections and as our regular meeting place. Future plans include publications based on information from our Collections and conducting educational programs to benefit the public. We hope to see you at our meetings!



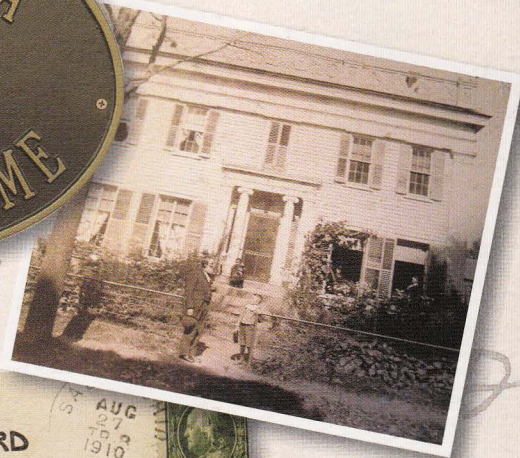


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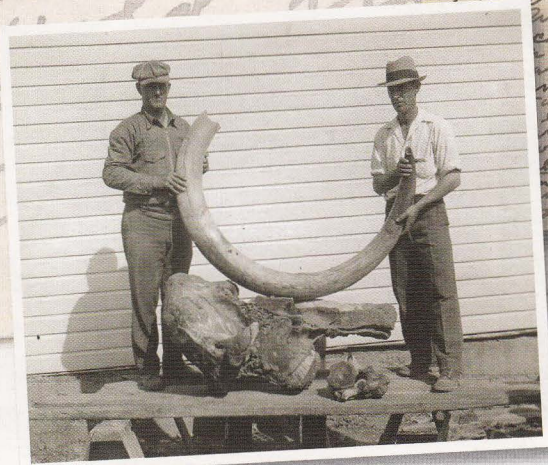
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Dear Brother,  
 Randolph is a  
 village of room  
 and inhabitants.  
 But with  
 electricity, gas  
 and water, a  
 bath, it is  
 a very nice  
 place to live.  
 I am a very  
 glad to hear  
 that you are  
 well and hope  
 you will be  
 soon.  
 Yours truly,  
 Charles Miller

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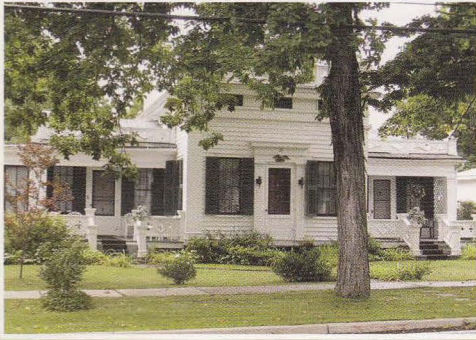


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*Dear Randolph is a village of room and inhabitants. But with electricity, gas and water, a bath, it is a very nice place to live. I am a very glad to hear that you are well and hope you will be soon.*



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## 1 THE JANISH HOUSE

35 Jamestown Street ~ circa 1850

This home was built by Amos P. Jones, M.D. as a wedding present for his second wife. It was built in a combination of the Greek and Gothic Revival styles and was modeled after her Fredonia home. The doctor's office was located in the right wing of the house.



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## 2 JEFFERY GREELEY HOUSE

50 Jamestown Street ~ circa 1855

Marcus M. Jones constructed this wood frame home. It is built in the Greek Revival style. The garage was moved to the side of the house and a breezeway added to connect the two.



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## 3 THE BRACE HOUSE

52 Jamestown Street ~ circa 1835

This home was built by William P. Barnes in the Victorian style. Extensive remodeling was done to the exterior in the early 1900s. An interesting feature is that for the last 154 years only three families have owned the house: 1854-1905 the George Fox family, 1905-1948 the Charles Woodruff family and 1948-the present the Eddy Brace family.



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## 4 GEORGE SEE HOUSE

57 Jamestown Street ~ circa 1865

William Shean was the first owner of this home. It is of wood plank construction built in the Dutch Colonial style.



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## 5 RAYMOND LEAHY HOUSE

64 Jamestown Street    *~* circa 1865

This home was built by E. S. Ingersoll who designed several other houses in the area. The house is a wood frame built in the Victorian style. In 1980 it was converted into a duplex by the present owner.



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## 6 THE MEACHAM HOUSE

12 Chestnut Street    *~* circa 1891

This house was built for Anna Hale. In Libre 168 we find the following quotation: "that the party of the second part shall quietly enjoy the said premises." The house is of wooden frame construction.



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## 7 THE RAY HOUSE

30 Washington Street    *~* circa 1870

The house was built of wood frame construction for Eliza Griswald. In the late 1930s the house was owned by John Kruse and his wife. They had the house turned on the lot in preparation of building a second house on the property. They both died before the second house was built.



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## 8 THE STILLMAN HOUSE

28 Washington Street    *~* circa 1870

This house was built for Susan Fosdick. It is of wood frame and clapboard construction. It is a two story, one family home built in an Early American style.



## 9 THE PERRYMAN HOUSE

52 Center Street      ~~~~~      circa 1835

The earliest occupants found for this house were James and Clothilda Powell. It is a wood frame house with a stone foundation built in the Victorian style.

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## 10 MARY L. JAQUAY HOUSE

250 Main Street      ~~~~~      circa 1868

This home was built by Ebenezer and Sarah Fisher in an Early American style. The house was at one time a two family home, but has since become a one family.



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## 11 THE LETRO HOUSE

14 Washington Street      ~~~~~      circa 1845

The earliest occupant found for this house was M. Johnson Crowley. The house is of wood frame construction with a metal roof built in an Eclectic style.



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## 12 THE ANDERSON HOUSE

13 Washington Street      ~~~~~      circa 1850

This home was built by Josiah Wiggins. It is of wood frame construction, built in the Eclectic style.



### 13 TOM CONGDON HOUSE

15 Washington Street    *circa 1899*

This residence was built for Lydia Trowbridge. It is of the Victorian style. When owned by Walter Valeski, his wife, Viola, had a beauty shop in a front room. A large kitchen was added at the rear of the house in 2002.



### 14 TIM BEACH HOUSE

11 Center Street    *circa 1840*

This home was built by Joseph Weeden, in the Victorian style, of frame and plank construction. The house was well-maintained into the 1950s and then was let go. By 1984 it was condemned and vacant for three years. The Beaches have done much renovating and restoring since purchasing the house.



### 15 THE FREEMAN HOUSE

9&7 Center Street    *circa 1855*

Chester T. Merchant built this residence of timber-frame construction. It was originally built in the American Gothic style. Now it is a one and one-half Colonial.



### 16 THE VAN RENNELAER HOUSE

14 Church Street    *circa 1855*

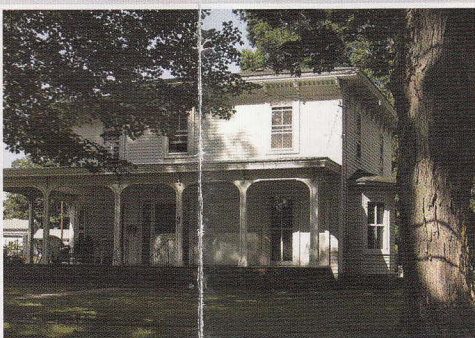
This home was built by Timothy A. Everett in the Georgian style. This residence is also the Van Rensselaer and Son Funeral Home. It began in this capacity in May 1931 when the Myers and Myers Funeral Home was moved from a building on Jamestown Street.



## 17 THE KIBBE HOUSE

3 Church Street      *circa 1865*

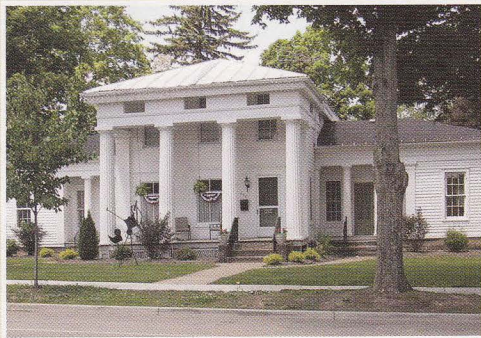
This home was built by E. Delano Draper. The house is of wood frame construction in the Italianate style. It is interesting to note that the house was purchased by Owen McLarney in 1924 and was owned and occupied by the McLarney family until purchased by the present owners in 2004.



## 18 THE BECK HOUSE

170 Main Street      *circa 1849*

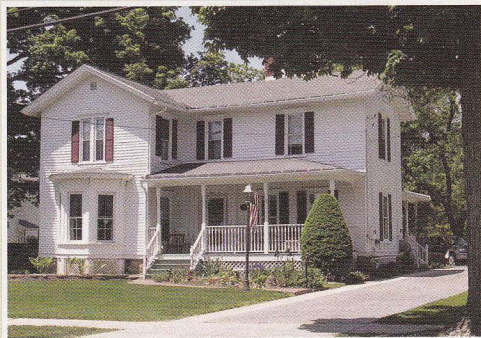
This residence was built by Asahel Crowley in the Greek Revival style. Asahel and his brother Addison Crowley built a business house on this site in 1836. On July 10, 1846 the store burned and three years later Asahel built his home on the site. When Donald Lawson owned the house he had his dentist office in the rear of the house.



## 19 THE SENN HOUSE

150 Main Street      *circa 1850*

This house was built in the Greek Revival style by Dr. Alexander H. Davis. The twin of this house is found directly behind it on Jamestown Street. When the Senns purchased the home they did extensive restoring and remodeling and the property is now the home of Sennsations Salon and Day Spa.



## 20 THE KARTMAN HOUSE

36 Main Street      *circa 1865*

Biron Helms built this house. It is of wood frame construction built in an Early American style. Two additions have been added to the original main house.



## 21 THE MACKEY HOUSE

326 Main Street E.R. ☞ circa 1863

This house was built by Daniel Dixon for William M. Brown Jr. It is built in the Italianate style of brick and limestone. The second owner was Minerva Burt, a niece of Governor Fenton. Her daughter left the house to the Randolph Children's Home. They maintained the house for many years as the Superintendent's residence.

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## 22 THE BOWERS HOUSE

264 Main Street E.R. ☞ circa 1896

William Bagg built this house of wood frame construction. It was built in the Victorian style.

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## 23 KENNETH SMITH HOUSE

256 Main Street E.R. ☞ circa 1826

**This house was originally built by Albert Helms. This is the oldest**

house found so far in the Randolph area. It is a wood frame structure. Mr. Helms also erected a store behind the house where he was one of the first sellers of "goods" in the Randolph area.

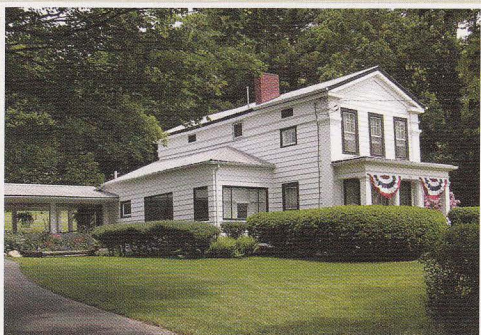
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## 24 THE LUENSMANNETT HOUSE

236 Main Street E.R. ☞ circa 1850

Ruel Cooley built this Greek Revival style house of wood frame construction. Marion and Addie Rich McNallie who once owned the home ran the McNallie Hardware on Main Street in Randolph.





## 25 THE QUATTRONE HOUSE

228 Main Street E.R. ~ circa 1850

This residence was built by Merrick Nutting. The house is of plank construction with a stone foundation built in the Colonial style. At one time there was a gravel pit in the back yard.



## 26 THE ZIERES HOUSE

194 Main Street E.R. ~ circa 1855

This residence was built by Dr. Andrew B. Parsons in the Colonial style of post and beam construction. Ernest A. Reynolds who at one time owned the house sold lighting rods and had three mortgages on it, one of which was to the St. Louis Lightning Rod Company.



## 27 JOHN LOCKWOOD HOUSE

289 Spring Street ~ circa 1850

This residence was built for Frank C. Hovey in the Second Empire style. It is of wood frame construction.

## 28 THE GROVER HOUSE

285 Spring Street ~ circa 1850

**This house was built by Henry C. and Emily Walker. The home is of**

wooden construction in the Greek Revival style.



## 29 THE DORNSIFE HOUSE

167 Main Street E.R. ~ circa 1852

This home was built for Trumbull Huntington. It is of wood construction in the Greek Revival style.



## 30 FREDERIC NAGLE HOUSE

160 Main Street E.R. ~ circa 1864

This residence was originally built by Norman G. Otis. The house is of the Greek Revival style and is of wood frame construction. The Nagles have added a large addition to the back of the house.



## 31 RANDY LUCE HOUSE

156 Main Street E.R. ~ circa 1860

Horace H. Hunt built this house in an Early American style. It still contains many old latches, push button light switches and the old staircase.



## 32 THE STAHLEY HOUSE

132 Church Street E.R. ~ circa 1850

This house was built by Enoch Holdridge in the Colonial style. An interesting coincidence is that Enoch Holdridge was appointed postmaster of East Randolph in 1861. Richard Stahley, present owner of the house, served as postmaster of East Randolph from 1945 – 1983.





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### 33 THE NEAL HOUSE

123 Elm Creek Road ~ circa 1868

This residence was built by Johnson Goodwill. The house is of wooden construction build in the Victorian style.



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### 34 THE WAITE HOUSE

131 Elm Creek Road ~ circa 1851

This house was built in the Victorian style by Ralph Williams. It has been operated for many years by the Waite family as "The Seven Gables Bed and Breakfast."



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### 35 VIOLET JAQUAY HOUSE

3991 Route 394 E.R. ~ circa 1866

Nelson Woodford built this house of wood frame construction. It is built in the Colonial style.



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### 36 DUROW-ARCHER HOUSE

11350 Archer Hill Rd. ~ circa 1856

This house was built of wood frame and brick construction. It was built in an Early American style. The house was occupied by the Archer family from its construction in 1856 until purchased by Michael Durow in 1999.



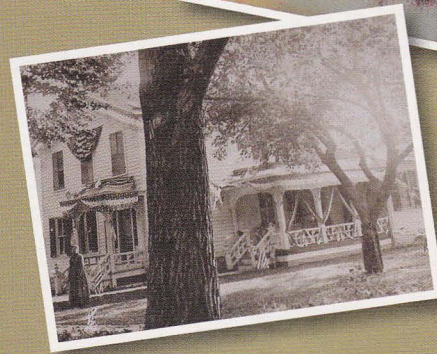
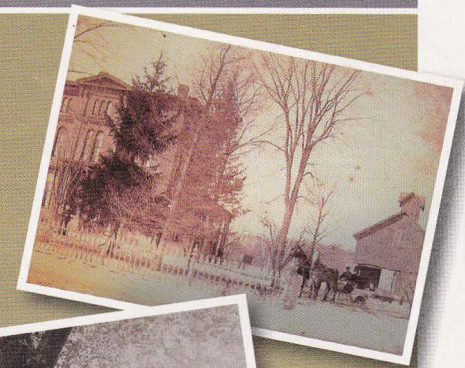
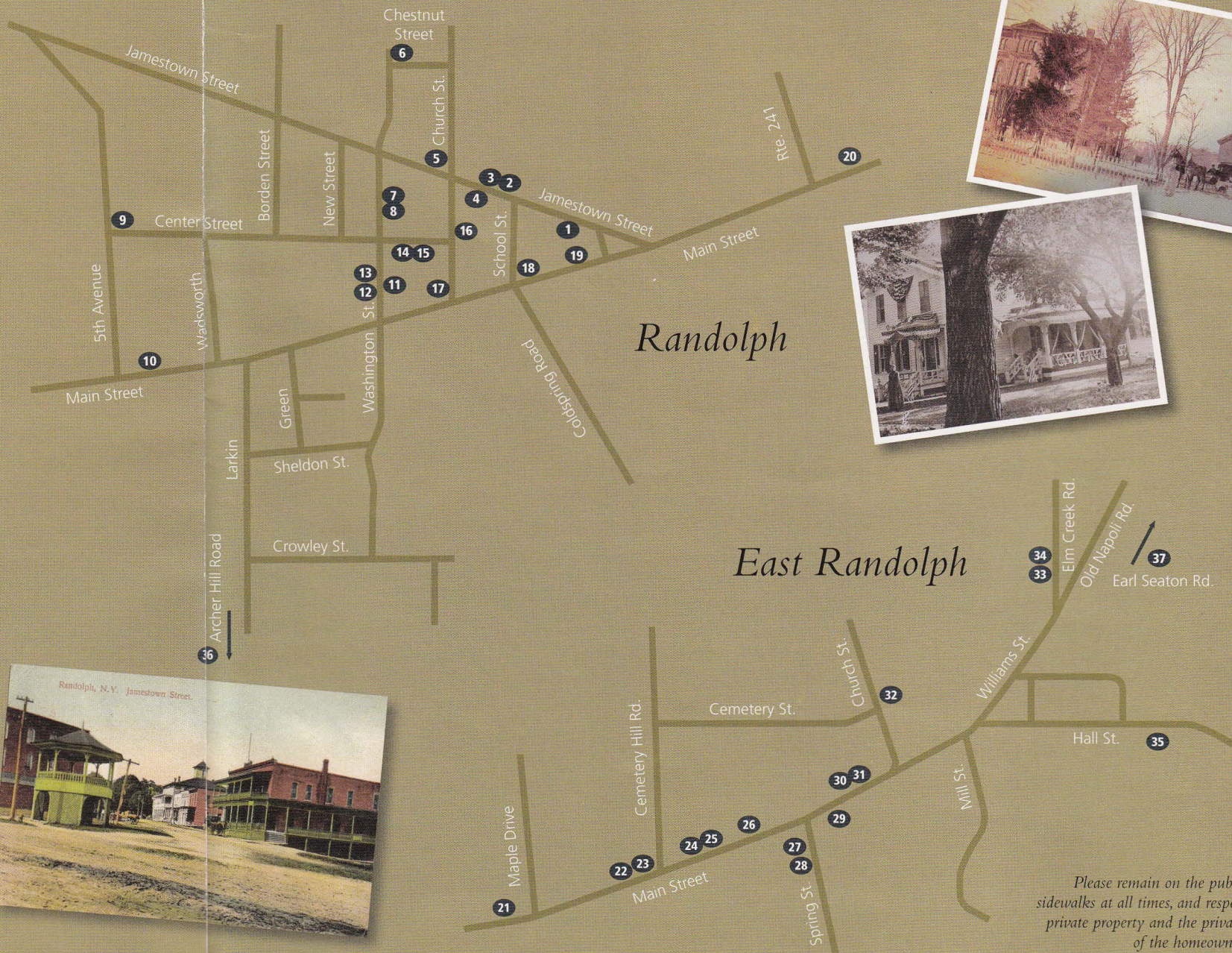
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## 37 THE LOCKWOOD HOUSE

*10387 Earl Seaton Rd. ~ circa 1880*

This house was built for Anna Bliss in the Colonial style. The maple grove where the sugar bush is located used to be called "Bliss's Grove" and was the location of many church picnics in the Napoli area.

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