

Historic Buildings

Many of the historic buildings in Enfield are located north of the Enfield Main Road and Enfield Center Road. Notable buildings include:

■ Enfield Community Building

182 Enfield Main Road. The 1948 two-story cinderblock building originally housed the town's first fire hall built in 1948. It is now used by community organizations and the town government.

■ Enfield Grange Hall

178 Enfield Main Road.

The second floor auditorium of the hall has a mural of Enfield Glen that was painted by E. David Hemminger for a federal



program to employ artists during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

■ Enfield Center Hotel

186 Enfield Main Road. Operated from the 1850s through 1922 and is now a private home. Used as a hotel, dance hall and rented by the town for public meetings and elections. It was sold about 1875 and renamed Harvey Hotel and became Teeter Hall in the 1890s.

■ First Baptist Church of Enfield Center

174 Enfield Main Road. The Baptist congregation organized in 1817 and met in private homes until the church was built in 1842. It was originally located on the eastern side of road, moved to its present location in 1881. Now privately owned.

■ Wortman's Hall

Enfield Main Road. Site of the original Presbyterian Church built 1835-36. The church was disbanded and in the mid-1870s the building was purchased by John Wortman and moved to its current location. It has been a store and later an undertaker's business. It is now a private home.

■ Stone House

Stone House Road. Built in 1822 by Charles and Keturah Woodward. It is the oldest remaining stone building in Enfield.



Residents of Note

Sarah Graham Palmer Young (1830-1908)

Palmer left Ithaca on Sept. 3, 1862, and was assigned to the 109th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Known as Aunt Becky, she nursed Union soldiers during the Civil War.



Nora J. Dodd (1894-1990)

A life-long resident of Enfield and a licensed practical nurse, Dodd opened a nursing home that she operated from 1950 until the 1970s.

Nina Crandall Linton (1910-1992)

She taught in one- and two- room schools including those at VanDorn Corners and Bethel Grove. Nina Crandall Linton is remembered throughout the community for her quilts, always hand stitched, and hand pieced. She started the "quilt" fundraiser for the annual Community Council Harvest Festival in the early 1970s.

S. Harvey Stevenson (1889-1976)

A life-long Enfield resident and dairy farmer who held elected positions in town and Tompkins County government. He was town supervisor from 1933 to 1961, served as Enfield Justice of the Peace and Chairman of the Tompkins County Board of Supervisors for 12 terms.

Robert Howard (1924-2008)

Elected and served as Tompkins County Sheriff from 1962 through 1990 to become one of the county's longest serving sheriffs. He established the Junior Deputy Program, allowing local at-risk youth to have a summer camp experience.

Cemeteries

■ Budd Cemetery - Gray Road

■ Christian Cemetery- Enfield Main Road

■ Presbyterian Cemetery - Enfield Main Road

■ Rolfe Cemetery - Applegate Road

More information on Tompkins County cemeteries:
<http://www.nytopkpi.org/tcem.htm>



For more local history:

■ townofenfield.org

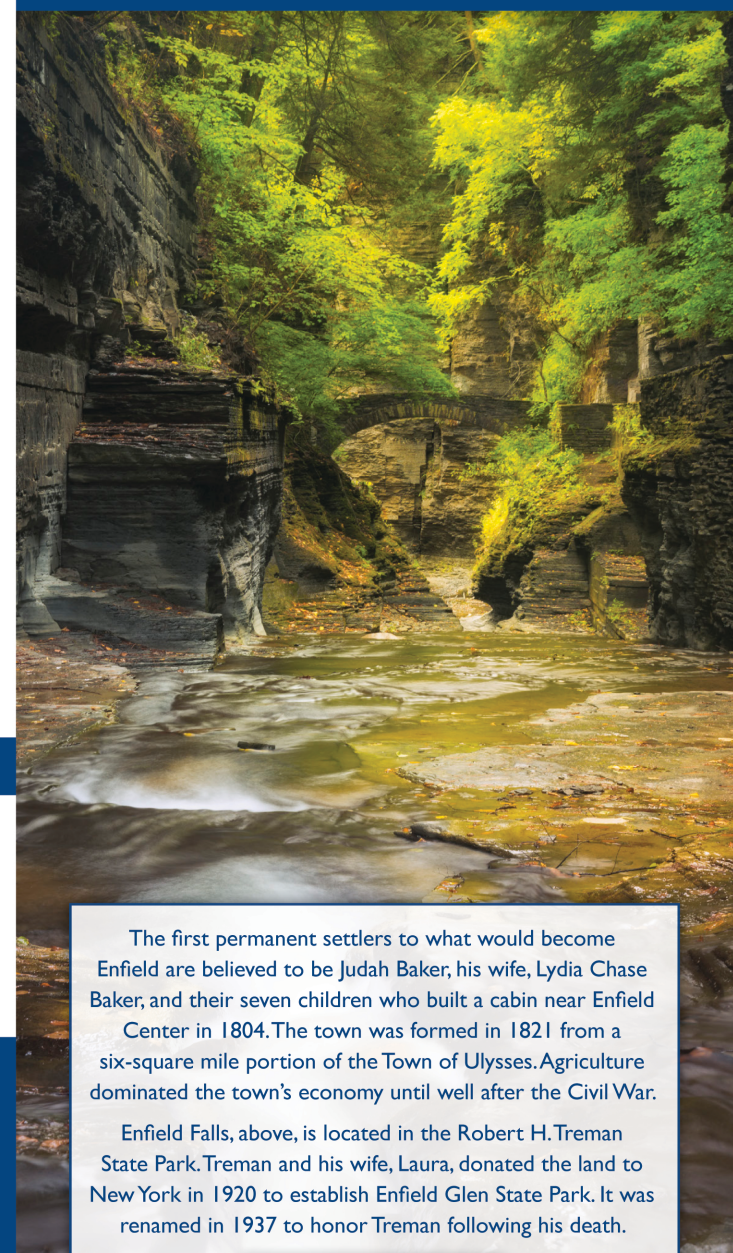
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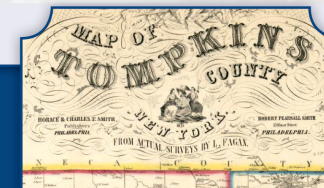


Town of Enfield



The first permanent settlers to what would become Enfield are believed to be Judah Baker, his wife, Lydia Chase Baker, and their seven children who built a cabin near Enfield Center in 1804. The town was formed in 1821 from a six-square mile portion of the Town of Ulysses. Agriculture dominated the town's economy until well after the Civil War.

Enfield Falls, above, is located in the Robert H. Treman State Park. Treman and his wife, Laura, donated the land to New York in 1920 to establish Enfield Glen State Park. It was renamed in 1937 to honor Treman following his death.



Enfield Points of Interest

Iroquois Trails

A number of Iroquois trails leading from Cayuga Lake crossed Enfield. Two roadside markers on Route 79 near the town line at Schuyler County note sites occupied by early Iroquoian people.

Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area

Connecticut Hill Road. The hill was named for early land developers from Connecticut who invested in the Watkins & Flint Purchase. Today, the wildlife management includes 11,645 acres and is the state's largest wildlife refuge.

Bock-Harvey Preserve

150 Rockwell Road. The 48-acre preserve includes a grove of maples estimated to be 300 years old. In the early 1800s, Samuel Harvey purchased the land. The property then was passed on through generations in the Harvey and Bock



families who donated the land to the Finger Lakes Land Trust in 2012.

Upper Robert H. Treman State Park

Located off Route 327. From the upper entrance, winding trails of the Enfield Glen follow the gorge past 12 waterfalls, including the 115-foot Lucifer Falls. The park contains two historical sites: a Civilian Conservation Corps camp and the Old Mill that also includes the Miller's Cottage, which is listed on state and national registers of historic places.

Stevenson Preserve

Trumbull's Corner Road. The 83-acre preserve includes old growth forest with some trees estimated to be 200 years old. Elizabeth Stevenson Bennett and Percy Browning donated the land in 1995 and 1997 to the Finger Lakes Land Trust. The Finger Lakes Trail runs through the preserve.



1806 Catskill Turpike, today's Route 79, extended from Ithaca to Bath over Mecklenburg Road in Enfield.



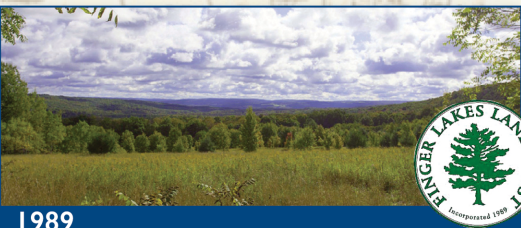
1925

Grange Hall built. Still used by No. 295 Grange organization.

1956 There were seven one- and two-room schools in the town when Enfield residents voted to consolidate into the Ithaca City School District.

1962

Early development of the Finger Lakes Trail. The 549-mile trail runs through Enfield and is home to a wide variety of bird species in the summer, including the Blackburnian Warbler. Photo by Luke Seitz.



1989

Finger Lakes Land Trust formed to protect forests, farmlands, gorges, and shorelines in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Two tracts are in Enfield, the Bock-Harvey and the Stevenson Forest preserves.

1809 First school house was reportedly built; the location is unknown.



1838 - 1839

Grist mill built at Enfield Falls by Jared Treman, grandfather of Robert Treman. The mill was in use until 1916.

1948 Fire hall built; later remodeled to become current community building.



1966

Current Enfield Town Hall built.

1988 New fire hall built.

2013 Black Oak Wind Farm sought approval to build a seven-turbine wind farm in Enfield to generate 16.1 megawatts of power. The project's future remains uncertain.

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