

Cemeteries

■ Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery

Corner of Asbury and N. Triphammer Road.

■ Lake Ridge Cemetery

Route 34B intersection with Lake Ridge Road.

■ Lansingville Cemetery

Lansingville Road between Fenner and Jerry Smith Roads.

■ Ludlowville Pine Grove Cemetery

Ludlowville Rd. near the intersection of Salmon Creek Road.

■ North Lansing Cemetery

Route 34 across from Grace Baptist Church.

■ More information on Tompkins County cemeteries: www.nytomпки.org/tcem

For more local history:

- lansinghistory.com
- thehistorycenter.net
- tomпкиcountyny.gov/historian

Census

Lansing's population rose in the early 19th century and then declined. The population did not recover until after World War II and was later spurred by improvements to Routes 13 and 34 that sparked suburban development. The town's population has more than doubled in the past 40 years.

Town of Lansing	Tompkins County
1840: 3,672	32,296
1920: 2,380	35,285
1960: 4,221	66,097
2010: 11,033	101,624

Residents of Note

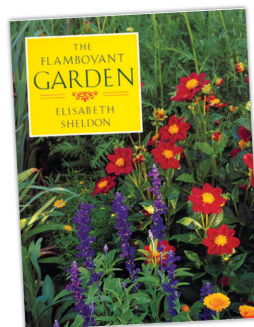
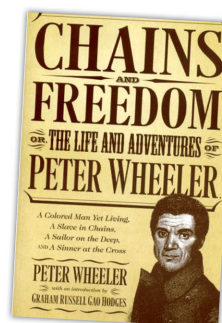
■ **Andrew Myers** arrived from Maryland in 1792 to settle at the mouth of Salmon Creek at what is now called Myers Point. He built a small cabin and mill at the site and also built boats called bateaux which could carry six to eight tons of freight.



■ **William Goodwin** came to Lansing in 1793 and settled at a site near the Asbury Church. He gave the land for Asbury Cemetery when his daughter died in 1794.

■ **Brigham Young** in his boyhood, lived near Lansing Station. After his mother's death he and his father moved to Auburn. He was baptized in the Mormon Church in 1832 and became a famous leader of that church.

■ **Peter Wheeler** was a black man whose life as a slave and his escape to freedom from a farm in what would become Lansing is detailed in an 1839 book, *Chains and Freedom*. Wheeler was born into slavery in New Jersey in 1789, and at the age of 11 separated from his family and sold to Gideon Morehouse. Around 1800 Wheeler was taken to Ludlowville by Morehouse. With the aid of his owner's relatives, Wheeler fled first to Albany, and then as a sailor out to sea.

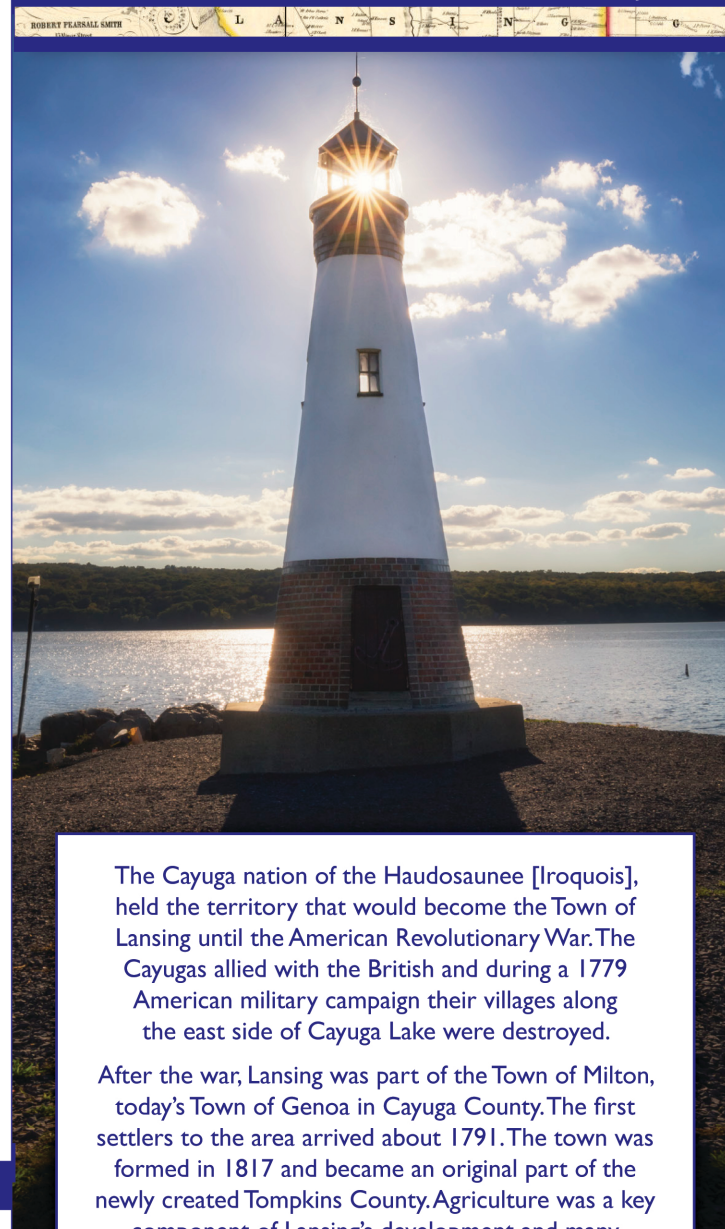


■ **Elisabeth Sheldon** created a beautiful garden in North Lansing where she grew and sold plants until her death in 2013. She lectured extensively on gardening, wrote articles for horticulture magazines, and produced three books - *A Proper Garden*, *The Flamboyant Garden*, which both won Garden Writers of America Association awards, and *Time and the Gardener*.

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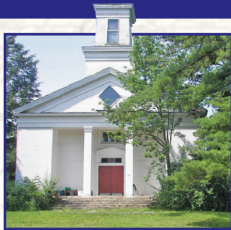


The Cayuga nation of the Haudosaunee [Iroquois], held the territory that would become the Town of Lansing until the American Revolutionary War. The Cayugas allied with the British and during a 1779 American military campaign their villages along the east side of Cayuga Lake were destroyed.

After the war, Lansing was part of the Town of Milton, today's Town of Genoa in Cayuga County. The first settlers to the area arrived about 1791. The town was formed in 1817 and became an original part of the newly created Tompkins County. Agriculture was a key component of Lansing's development and many dairy farms and a growing number of organic farms still operate today.



Lansing Points of Interest

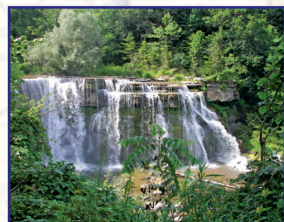


Asbury Church
2978 N. Triphammer Road. Named for Francis Asbury, an early bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. He preached at this church in 1811.

Myers Park
International Salt Co. donated the land in 1959 to Lansing for use as a town park on Cayuga Lake. It now offers picnic areas, seasonal swimming, a bird observation site, a walking area, rest-rooms, boat launch and camping. A "Music in the Park" series is offered in the summer.

The Federal House
175 Ludlowville Road. Built about 1813 for Abijah Miller, a prominent lawyer and the village's first postmaster. The elaborate entry features a leaded glass fanlight and sidelights. Today the house is a B&B.

Rogue's Harbor Inn
2079 E Shore Drive. Built between 1830 and 1842 by Daniel D. Minier, was also known as the Elm Grove Inn and Central Exchange Hotel. Grace Miller White (1868-1957) used the inn as the setting for her 1918 novel *Judy of Rogues Harbor*. It continues to operate as an inn and restaurant.



Salmon Creek
This scenic creek meanders 25 miles on its way from Cayuga County to Myers Park. It is a popular trout fishing stream and hiking area featuring a falls at Ludlowville.

The Townley House
Corner of Van Ostrand and Peruville Road. The only Second Empire house in Lansing was built in 1876. Today, it is a private residence.

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Yellow Warblers
nest in Lansing.
Photo by Cameron Rognan/Cornell Lab of Ornithology

1806 First post office opened at Fiddler's Green near Ludlowville.



1830
Daniel D. Minier built a hotel that became known as Rogues Harbor.

1827 Lansing Town Temperance Society founded.

1921 Rock Salt Mine on Portland Point Road opened.

1935 Major flooding swamped the region; four people drowned when bridge at Myers collapsed.



1948
Cornell University opened airport off of Warren Road. The airport was transferred to Tompkins County in 1956.

1955 Milliken power generating station opens in North Lansing.

1970 Cargill Deicing Technology purchased Cayuga Rock Salt.



1974
The Village of Lansing was incorporated.

1996 Cayuga Medical Center's Convenient Care broke ground on Warren Road in the Village of Lansing.

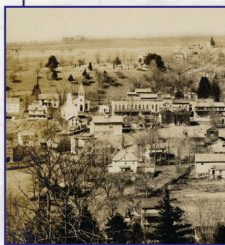
2016 The elevator taking miners into the Cargill Salt mine got stuck 900 feet below the surface on Jan. 7; all safely rescued by next morning.

New York State Public Service Commission rejected a plan to convert the coal-fired power plant in North Lansing to natural gas. The Cayuga Operating Company plant was sold to Riesling Power LLC, a NY City investment group.

1817 Town of Lansing was formed as an original part of the newly created Tompkins County. The town is named for John Lansing Jr., a New York delegate to the 1787 Constitutional Convention.

1884 South Lansing Brass Band formed. Later called the Lansing Cornet Band.

1891 Cayuga Lake Salt Company drills salt well in Myers Point.



1907
Ludlowville circa 1907

1951 Cornell University and General Electric established what will become the Cornell Business & Technology Park at the Cornell Airport.

1948 13 school districts in the town become the Lansing Central School District.



1959
Land for Myers Park was given to the Town of Lansing by the International Salt Plant in Myers.

1975 Borg-Warner Morse Systems opened on Warren Road. The Lansing plant employs about 1,500.

1976 Pyramid Mall opened in the Village of Lansing. It was the first suburban shopping mall in Tompkins County. Its development sparked community opposition. Renamed the Shops at Ithaca Mall in 2007.



2004
Historic Rose Inn destroyed by fire in March. It was partially rebuilt in 2006 as the John Joseph Inn and Elizabeth Restaurant.