Yates County Place Names

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Yates County was formed February 5, 1823 from a 310 square mile area taken from Ontario County, which included Penn Yan, Dresden, Middlesex, and Vine Valley. Three adjustments were subsequently made. On January 1, 1826 60 square miles of Steuben County was added to Yates County, which included Starkey, Dundee, and Lakemont. On April 15, 1828 10 square miles of Yates' forest lands were added to Seneca and Tompkins Counties. Finally, on April 18, 1946 10 square miles along Schuyler and Seneca County boundaries were added to Yates County.

Neighboring counties are the parent Ontario County, and Schuyler, Seneca and Steuben Counties.

Yates County Towns (called Townships in many other states)
Barrington
Benton
Italy
Jerusalem
Middlesex
Milo
Potter
Starkey
Torrey

Yates County Villages
Dresden – Town of Torrey
Dundee – Town of Starkey (originally called Harpending's Corners[1])
Penn Yan herein abbreviated PY – Towns of Milo & Jerusalem also the center of county government.
Rushville –Town of Potter, Yates County & Town of Gorham, Ontario County. The Rushville United Methodist and the Rushville Congregational Churchs are located in Ontario County. Rushville Road becomes NY State 245 as it departs Naples, Ontario County, NY, going in a northeastern direction toward Middlesex and Rushville.

Other Yates County Settlements (communities or places)
Angus – Town of Benton
Arnold Potter House[8] (Potter Mansion) – Town of Potter, 1445 Voak Road
Baker's Corners – Town of Milo (two miles west of Himrods[1])
Bare Hill -Town of Middlesex
Beartown[1] – Town of Starkey
Bellona -Town of Benton
Bellona Station -Town of Benton
Benton Center -Town of Benton
Benton Station -Town of Benton
Big Stream – Town of Starkey

Bluff Point -Town of Jerusalem

Branchport -Town of Jerusalem (originally called Esperanza[1]).

Camp Arey – Town of Barrington. Mobile home park on east side of Keuka Lake, NY Route 54.

Camp Corey – Town of Milo (YMCA Camp)

Camp Whitman Presbyterian Church Camp – Town of Torrey. 3.9 miles south of Dresden

Cascade Mills – Town of Torrey on Keuka Lake Outlet, started 1867[1]

Chubb Hollow-Town of Barrington

Cinconia[7] – Town unknown.

Cole Corners – Town of Potter

County House, County Home – Town of Jerusalem: County House Road (1830-1922); Esperanza (1923- 1948). See also Esperanza and entry under Yates County Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.

Cronk's Corners – Town of Benton (intersection of Lovejoy & Baldwin roads). Cronk Cemetery[6] is located nearby. See West Woods Cemetery in Cemeteries List.

Crosby -Town of Barrington

Crystal Springs -Town of Barrington

Crystal Valley -Town of Barrington

Darby Corners -Town of Jerusalem

Earl – Town of Benton.[1] Also Earl's Landing, Earls Hill, Earls Hill Road (County Route 6)

East Potter -Town of Potter

East Lake Road (along east shore of Keuka Lake - Towns of Milo & Barrington; continuing south through Towns of Wayne & Urbana, Steuben County.

Esperanza[8] - Town of Jerusalem, later renamed Branchport. Also Esperanza Road off State Route 54A, and what today is called Esperanza Mansion, which served as the County House 1923-1948 (See The County House under Yates County Nursing Homes & Care facilities below.

Eddytown -Town of Starkey. First settlers came in 1802[1], community founded 1807, this early community was located about 2 miles East of Dundee (renamed Lakemont sometime after 1894)

Ferguson Corners -Town of Benton (not to be confused with Fergusons Corners, Wayne County)

Flint Creek – Town of Potter[1]

Fox's Mill – Town of Milo on Keuka Lake Outlet

Friend -Town of Jerusalem

Gage -Town of Benton, in early 1900s, later known as Bellona Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad until 1950s when station was destroyed by fire. (Not to be confused with Gage, Oneida Co., NY)

Garrett Memorial Chapel[8] - Town of Jerusalem.

Glenora -Town of Starkey

Guyanoga -Town of Jerusalem

Havens Corner -Town of Benton

Himrod -Town of Milo (originally called Himrod's Corners, later Himrods[1])

Hopeton - Town of Torrey. First white settlement in what is now Yates County, near Dresden. Also Hopeton Corners.

Indian Pines – Town of Jerusalem. A housing development area outside the Village of Penn Yan on the northwest end of Keuka Lake. Indian Pines Park is on the shores of Keuka Lake.

Italy Hill -Town of Italy

Italy Hollow -Town of Italy

West Italy - Town of Italy

Keuka Lake Lodge – Town of Jerusalem, 9969 East Bluff Drive, not to be confused with Keuka Lodge on West Lake Road, Town of Pultenay, Steuben County.

Keuka Mills -Town of Milo on Keuka Outlet

Keuka Park -Town of Jerusalem. Norton Chapel is part of Keuka College which is in the community of Keuka Park, not to be confused with Keuka, Steuben County, NY on the east side of Keuka Lake.

Kinney's Corners – Town of Jerusalem (originally called Fox's Corners[1])

Lakemont -Town of Starkey (originally called Eddytown[1])

Larzelere Corners – Town of Jerusalem. Also Larzelere Hollow.[1] Larzelere Tavern[8], 3858 County House Road.

Leggs Corners – Town of Torrey[3]. Leggs Corners Cemetery is located near northeast of intersection of NY route 54 and Ridge Road.

Mays Mills -Town of Milo

Milo Center -Town of Milo (originally called Nichols' Corners[1])

Milo Station -Town of Milo

Milo Mills -Town of Milo

Nettle Valley[1] – Town of Potter. See also Nettle Valley Cemetery, this document.

Oakwood Estates MH Park -Dundee, Town of Starkey

Overacker Corners -Town of Middlesex

Pine Corners -Town of Middlesex (also Pine Valley)

Porter Corner -Town of Barrington

Potter Center -Town of Potter

Potter -Town of Potter

Randall Crossing -Town of Milo

Rock Stream -Town of Starkey (originally called Hurd's Corners[1])

Salvation Army Camp – Town of Torrey (100 Long Point Road)

Second Milo -Town of Milo

Seneca Mills -Town of Milo

Shannon Corners -Town of Starkey

Sherman Hollow -Town of Jerusalem

Six Corners -Town of Starkey

South Hill -Town of Middlesex

Starkey – Town of Starkey. Also Starkey Corners[1], Starkey Landing[1], Starkey Station[1,4]

Spencer's Corners – Town of Benton[1]

St. John's Mill – Town of Milo, about half-mile East from Penn Yan down the Keuka Outlet[1]

Thayer Corners -Town of Milo

Townsend Corners -Town of Milo

Valley View -Town of Potter

Vine Valley -Town of Middlesex

Voak -Town of Potter

Wagener Mansion (Abraham Wagener House)[8] – Town of Jerusalem, Bluff Point, Skyline Drive.

Warfield Corners[9] – Town of Potter

Warsaw -Town of Barrington

West Lake Road – Town of Jerusalem (Penn Yan & Branchport; also: Ontario Co. near Webster; Hammondsport, Steuben Co.; Canandaigua, Ontario Co.; Geneva, Ontario Co; Auburn, Cayuga Co.; Oswego, Cayuga Co.; Skaneateles, Cayuga Co.; & most likely others so be careful with this one. When in doubt leave Town & County blank)

West River -Town of Middlesex

Williams Corner -Town of Middlesex

Willow Grove -Town of Milo (also Cayuga & Rockland Counties. When in doubt leave county blank)

Yates Mills – Town of Milo on Keuka Outlet[1] also known as Shutts Mills.

Yatesville -Town of Potter

Yates County Point Settlements (often found on one of the Finger Lakes)

Baskin Point –Town of Starkey

Castle Point - Town of Starkey

Eggleston Point –Town of Barrington

Ferguson Corners -Town of Benton

Fir Tree Point –Town of Starkey

Hewitt Point -Town of Milo

Keady Point – Town of Starkey

Lewis Point – Town of ?

Long Point – Town of Torrey

Perry Point – Town of Torrey

Plum Point – Town of Torrey

Raymond Point – Town of Milo

Rock Stream Point – Town of Starkey

Ross Point – Town of Milo

Severne Point - Town of Milo

Squaw Point – Town of Starkey

Sunset Point – Town of Milo

Whiskey Point – Town of Middlesex

Willow Grove Point – Town of Middlesex

Willowhurst (3 miles from PY)

Yatesville – Town of Potter

Penn Yan and Nearby Churches [Google, 5]

Assembly of God, Gibbs Road, PY

Assembly of God, Main Street, PY

Barrington Community Church, Old Bath Road, Town of Barrington

Barrington Methodist[1] (1810-?), Warsaw, Town of Barrington

Bellona Memorial Presbyterian Church, Town of Benton

Benton Methodist, now United Methodist, Benton Center, corner of State 14A and Havens Corner Road, Town of Benton

Bluff Point United Methodist, Yoder Hill Road, Town of Jerusalem

Christian and Missionary Alliance (Christian Chapel), East Elm Street, PY

Emmanuel Baptist, 332 Main Street, PY
First Baptist, 224 Main Street, PY
First Presbyterian, 211 Main Street, PY
Friend United Methodist, corner of Friend and Comstock Roads, Town of Jerusalem
Keuka Lake Baptist, Crosby, Town of Barrington
Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnessess, 1600 State Route 64, PY
Nazarene, Brown Street, PY
Penn Yan Bible, Kimball Road, PY
Penn Yan Branch, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Flat Street PY
Penn Yan United Methodist, (Methodist Episcopal Church) 166 Street, PY
Second Milo Baptist, corner of State Route 14A and Second Milo Road, Town of Milo
St John's Lutheran, East Swamp Road, Town of Potter
St Luke's Episcopal[8], West Lake Road, County Route 54A, Town of Jerusalem
St Mark's Episcopal, Main Street, PY
St Michael's Roman Catholic, Keuka Street, PY
St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, Hamilton Street, PY
United Methodist, Milo Center Road, Town of Milo
Wesleyan Methodist (1842-1864), corner of Main and Court Streets, PY
Yatesville Methodist[8], Yatesville Road, Town of Potter

Other Yates places referenced in Swann Collection

Eckert Provision House – Penn Yan Market Place, reopened June 19, 1919
Hartshorn Road, Penn Yan RD 5 (unable to find on maps probably due to name change)

Yates County Nursing Homes & Care Facilities

Aged Ministers Home - Lakemont
Athawes – Penn Yan
Baird - Dundee
Best – Dundee
Blaisdell – Penn Yan
Castile – Dundee
Clinton Crest Manor – Penn Yan
Connolly – Dundee (Starkey)
The County House – Town of Jerusalem[2, 3] (originally called Yates County Poor House[1])
        located on County House Road 1830-1922; on Rte 54 Esperanza
        1923-1948
Duffy – Dundee
East Elm Street – Penn Yan
Eckert - Middlesex

Greatsinger – Penn Yan
Green Acres – Rushville, Ontario County
Griffith Home for the Elderly – Penn Yan
Griswold - Guyanoga
Guertha Pratt – Penn Yan
Guyanoga Health Home - Branchport
Habberfield – Dundee
Hall – Benton
Hatmaker Private Hospital – Penn Yan
Helen White's - Dundee
Hilligus – Dundee
Homestead – Penn Yan
Hopkins – Guyanoga
Houghtaling Rest Home – Penn Yan
Horka - Dresden
Karlnoski – Dundee
Kettle - Dundee
Keuka Comfort Care Home – Penn Yan
Knapton – Himrod or Town of Milo
Lathrop - Benton
Leavenworth – Dundee
Leo – Milo Center
Letts Memorial Home - Dundee
Louise Convalescent Home - Dresden
Manor Oak – Penn Yan
McMaster – Dundee
Mortensen and Kreiger (Mortensen Senior Citizens Center) – Benton Center
Smeal – Penn Yan
Smith – Potter Center
Sunset House – Dundee
Thomas - Rushville
Turner – Penn Yan
Tuttle – Guyanoga
Victor – Dundee
Yates County Home Health Agency – Penn Yan

Cemeteries (partial list of over 100) [6]

Some early 1800s Index Death cards contain multiple death records, showing name of cemetery but no place of death. For these cards (only) type cemetery location in the "Event City or Town" field.

Name of cemetery	Location	Notes.

Barrington Baptist	Barrington	
Baldwin	Benton	
Briggs	Benton	
Barkers	Italy	
Bellona	Benton	
Branchport Hill	Jerusalem	
Bitley	Jerusalem	
City Hill	Torrey	This is the oldest cemetery in Yates County and is probably the oldest in western New York. It was the burial ground for the Society of Universal Friends, and the first known burial took place during the terrible winter of 1788-89.
County House	Jerusalem	
Davis	Jerusalem	
Eddytown	Starkey	
Friends'	Jerusalem	This cemetery served the area surrounding the third and final home of Jemima Wilkinson (1752-1819) the Universal Friend. Only about 70 of her associates are buried here.
French	Potter	
Grove Mount	Milo	
Hillside	Dundee	
Hopeton	Torrey	Hopeton is the first white settlement in what is now Yates County, dating back to the mid-1788. Settled by the Quaker" Society of Universal Friends" under the leadership of Jemima Wilkinson, the settlement was located where the Keuka Lake Outlet drains into Seneca Lake near what is now Dresden.
Herrick	Jerusalem	
Italy Hill	Italy	
Italy Valley	Italy	
Johnson	Italy	
Keuka Park	Jerusalem	
Ketchum	Benton	
Lakemont	Starkey	
Luther	Jerusalem	
Lakeview[8]	Penn Yan	By far the largest of Yates 100+ cemeteries
Milo Center	Milo	
Mount Pleasant	Torrey	
Merryfield	Benton	
Middlesex Center	Middlesex	
Nettle Valley	Potter	Triangle of land bounded by NY State 364, Italy Valley, & Friend Roads
Old Baptist	Dundee	
Old Fort	Jerusalem	
Old Himrod	Milo	
Overackers	Middlesex	
Presbyterian	Dundee	
Porters Corners	Barrington	
Pine Corners	Middlesex	

Rapalee	Dundee	
Rapalee	Milo	
Rock Stream	Starkey	
Rushville	Rushville	
Segar	Italy	
Shuman	Potter	
Starkey Methodist	Starkey	
St Michael's	Jerusalem	Boarders on Penn Yan's Lakeview Cemetery
Second Milo	Milo	
Old St Michael's	Penn Yan	
St Michael's Records	Jerusalem	
Southerland	Potter	
Townsend	Benton	
Voak	Potter	
West River	Italy	
Wolven	Italy	
West Woods	Benton	Also called Cronk Cemetery, Crank Cemetery or Carroll Cemetery. Located on a knoll west of the intersection of Baldwin and Carroll Roads. Not to be confused with Cronk Cemetery located in the Town of Hector, Schuyler County.
Yatesville	Potter	

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