Yates County Place Names

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 Corners⁴)

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 Churches 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 House⁴ (Potter Mansion) – Town of Potter, 1445 Voak Road
Baker’s Corners – Town of Milo (two miles west of Himrods⁵)
Bare Hill -Town of Middlesex
Beartown¹ – 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 Esperanza1).
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 18671
Chubb Hollow - Town of Barrington
Cinconia7 – 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 Cemetery6 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 & Steuben County.
Esperanza8 - 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 18021, 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 Potter1
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 Chapel8 - 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 Himrods1)
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

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 Corners¹)

Lakemont - Town of Starkey (originally called Eddytown¹)

Larzelere Corners – Town of Jerusalem. Also Larzelere Hollow.¹ Larzelere Tavern⁸, 3858 County House Road.

Leggs Corners – Town of Torrey³. 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’ Corners¹)

Milo Station - Town of Milo

Milo Mills - Town of Milo

Nettle Valley¹ – 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 Corners¹)

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 Corners¹, Starkey Landing¹, Starkey Station¹,⁴ Spencer’s Corners – Town of Benton¹

St. John’s Mill – Town of Milo, about half-mile East from Penn Yan down the Keuka Outlet¹

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 Corners⁹ – 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' 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**
Assembly of God, Gibbs Road, PY
Assembly of God, Main Street, PY
Barrington Community Church, Old Bath Road, Town of Barrington
Barrington Methodist¹ (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, 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, 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 Jerusalem²,³ (originally called Yates County Poor House¹)
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)  
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.

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