

A Sullivan County Timeline

Based on Quinlan's *History of Sullivan County*

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1524

Area named as New France

1609

Henry Hudson departs Amsterdam

1610

Hudson's Bay discovered

1614

Dutch trading post established at Esopus

1617 - 1620

Beginning of settlement at Esopus

1626

Peter Minuit arrives

1631

Dutch West India Company establishes settlement on the Delaware

1638

Swedish colony established on Delaware River

1650

Iroquois conquer Lenape tribes

1657

Settlers return to Esopus

1658

Esopus lands demanded by Governor

1660

Renewal of hostilities

1663

Massacre at Kingston

Second Esopus War

1664

Dutch surrender to English

1665

Treaty with Esopus Indians

1682

Penn's purchase from the Lenapes

1682 - 1755

Period Lenapes were at peace

1684

Peace established with Esopus Indians

Year of Dongan purchase

1685

New Amsterdam passes to English rule
1686
Huguenots flee from France
1687
Dongan report regarding border with Pennsylvania submitted
1694
Schuyler visits Minisink country
1697
Patent granted to Schuyler
1703
Beekman obtains Rochester Patent from Queen Anne
Year of Wawayanda Patent
1704
Year of Minisink Patent
1706-7
Year of Hardenbergh purchase
Year of land sale by Nanisinos
1708
Year of Hardenbergh Patent
1720 - 50
Years of Chief Tammany's reign
1724
First of Lenapes move to Ohio
1728
Year of execution of Weeqyehelah
1729
Pennsylvania law regarding Indian purchases passed
1740
Lenape complaints about land sales begin
1742
Col. Joseph Brant born
1743
First settlement of Neversink
Mamakating organized as a precinct
1749
Partition of the Hardenbergh Patent between its owners
1754
Susquehanna Company purchase
1755
Braddock defeated
Purchase of land by Pennsylvania from Onondagas
War breaks out
1756
Conference with Shawnees and Lenapes
French and Indian War; Six Nations intervene
1757

- Delaware Company founds settlement at mouth of Ten Mile River
- Devens fort built in Mamakating
- Fort William Henry surrendered to French
- 1758**
 - Death of Manuel Gonsalus
 - Incident of Sam's Point
 - Mengwe/Lenape conference
- 1759**
 - Lenape case to King's Privy Council
- 1762**
 - Minisink Patent surveyed
- 1763**
 - Cushetunk defeated by Teedyuscung; massacre at Ten Mile River;
 - Willis killed by Indians at the Cushetunk blockhouse
 - Year of death of Teedyuscung
 - Year of Pontiac's conspiracy
- 1764**
 - Lenape and Shawnees crushed by Mengwe army
- 1766**
 - King's Highway laid out in Mamakating
- 1768**
 - Lenape territory conveyed to whites by Mengwe
- 1769**
 - Resolution of controversy between New York and New Jersey
- 1770**
 - Dr. Tusten commences inoculating for smallpox
- 1774**
 - Battle of Point Pleasant
 - Mamakating begins to elect town officers
- 1775**
 - Hog yoke ordinance in Mamakating passed
 - Provincial Convention in New York City
- 1776**
 - Mamakating votes not to permit non-resident cattle on commons
- 1777**
 - Fort Montgomery captured by the British
- 1778**
 - Year of "celebrated massacre"
- 1779**
 - Battle of Minisink
 - Sullivan's expedition against the Six Nations
- 1780**
 - Brant attacks Delaware County
- 1781**
 - Moravian Lenape removed to Sandusky River
 - Wawarsing invaded

- 1782**
Census of Ulster County
- 1783**
Town election held in Mamakating
- 1785**
First church organized in what is now Sullivan County
- 1788**
Mamakating made a town by act of Legislature
- 1789**
Settlers arrive in Rockland
- 1790**
School opens near Wurtsborough
Tory Eleazer Larrabee settles in Neversink on Thunder Hill
- 1791**
Non-resident woodcutting ordinance passed in Mamakating
- 1792**
Ram ordinance passed in Mamakating
- 1794**
Tom Quick reportedly discovers mine
- 1797**
Aviar Whipple starts first school in Liberty
Great Windfall in Neversink
- 1798**
Beginning of lumber trade in Rockland
First tavern in Thompsonville
Lumberland taken from Mamakating
Neversink taken from Rochester, made a town
Pintler family settles Bethel
Separation of Callicoon from Mamakating
- 1800**
Road opened between Neversink and Westfield
Sackett Road cut as far as Cohecton
- 1801**
Newburgh & Cohecton Turnpike chartered
- 1802**
First significant white settlement of Bethel
- 1803**
Town of Thompson created by act of Legislature
- 1804**
Beekman begins White Lake improvements
- 1805**
Founding of White Lake Presbyterian Society
- 1806**
Murder of Gross Hardenbergh
- 1807**
Bridge at Bridgeville completed

Liberty established as a town by legislature; first town meeting held
School opened in Town of Thompson
Callicoon separated from Lumberland

1809

Act erecting Sullivan County passes legislature
Rockland removed from Neversink by state legislature
Town of Bethel created

1810

Narrowsburgh Bridge Company chartered
First town meeting in Bethel held

1811

Post Office established at Monticello

1812

First Reformed Church built in Mamakating
Mount Hope & Lumberland Turnpike Company incorporated
War of 1812

1814

First permanent white settlers arrive in Callicoon

1820

Founding of the *Sullivan Whig* newspaper, first in Sullivan County

1821

Republican Watchman newspaper established

1822

Liberty Post Office established

1823

Delaware River bridge rebuilt

1824

Benjamin Wright reports D&H Canal is practicable

1826

D&H Canal construction commenced
First town meeting in Fallsburgh
Year of erection of Town of Fallsburgh

1828

Cochecton taken from Bethel
D&H Canal construction completed
First Post Office in Neversink and Thompsonville

1829

First town meeting in Cochecton
Railroad through Sullivan County first proposed

1830

Name of Mamakating Post Office changed to Wurtsborough

1831

Commencement of era of tanning industry in Sullivan County
Monticello incorporated
Post Office established in Fosterdale

1832

- Lightning strikes district school in Thompson
New York & Erie Railroad chartered
- 1833**
Village of Bloomingburgh incorporated
- 1834**
Post Office established at Gales
- 1836**
Thompsonville tannery destroyed by fire
- 1837**
Act of Legislature creating Forestburgh; first town meeting held
- 1839**
Class of Methodists formed at Narrowsburgh
- 1840**
Baptist Church of Ten Mile River organized
Commencement of German settlement of Callicoon
Murder of Hasbrouck
- 1842**
Separation of Callicoon from Liberty; Callicoon made a Town
- 1843**
Year of geological survey
- 1844**
Courthouse and County Clerk's office destroyed by fire
- 1845**
Forest fire near Ten Mile River
New courthouse completed, with problems
- 1846**
Big Eddy bridge destroyed by flood
First summer hotel in White Lake
New York State's new constitution adopted
- 1847**
Liberty Normal Institute established
Mongaup Mill becomes Mongaup Valley
Laborers riot in Narrowsburgh
- 1848**
Road opened as far as Narrowsburgh
- 1849**
Plank road project originated in Monticello
Post Office established at Callicoon Depot
Timetable issued for Erie passenger service
- 1850**
Bush family tannery established at Bushville
- 1851**
Post Offices established in Youngsville and Pike Pond
Fremont removed from Callicoon
- 1852**
Post Offices established in Bushville and Town of Fremont

Erie Railroad opened to Dunkirk
Further division of Lumberland proposed
Monticello Academy opened

1853

First exploration for railroad route across central Sullivan County
Town of Highland taken from Lumberland
Tusten created from Lumberland
Lotan Smith write manuscript history of Sullivan County

1855

Floods in Callicoon and Liberty
Post Office established at Long Eddy

1857

Beginning of Beech Woods fair
Floods in Callicoon and Cochection
Whirlwind in Town of Thompson

1858

Erie Depot at Hankins destroyed by fire

1862

Fire in Cochection

1865

Company formed to seek petroleum at Big Eddy
First organizational meeting for railroad across Sullivan County

1866

Delaware Bridge Company chartered
Train wreck at Narrowsburgh

1867

Douglass incorporated
Great oil-accident on Erie Railway

1868

Groundbreaking for New York & Oswego Midland Railroad
Town of Delaware created from Cochection

1869

First town meeting of Delaware
Flood in Callicoon
St. Paul's Lutheran Church formed

1871

Mansion House hotel destroyed by fire

1872

Mansion House hotel rebuilt
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1873

Last spike driven for New York & Oswego Midland Railroad