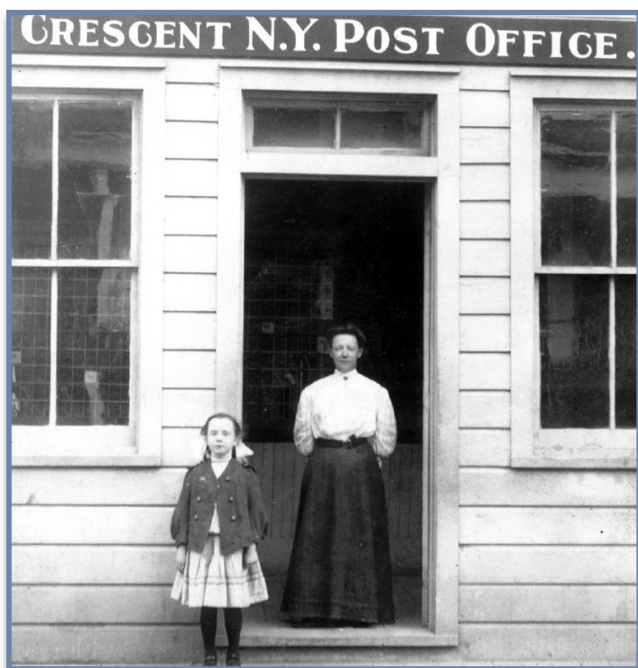




## HISTORIC SITES



*Photos provided courtesy of the  
Halfmoon Historical Society.*



CLIFTON PARK  
HALFMOON  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

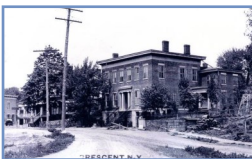
## **Anthony's Spice Mill, Farm to Market Road, ¼ mile from Route 9**



The large brick buildings of Anthony's Spice Mill housed a small factory between 1859 and 1920, producing baking powder, spices, and extracts.

Founder Joshua Anthony was instrumental in bringing the D&H Railroad, post office, and telegraph to the nearby hamlet of Ushers.

## **Noxon Bank Building 9 Terminal Road**



Local entrepreneur Alfred Noxon built the Farmer's Bank in 1850 in the hamlet of Crescent, once a bustling port on the Erie Canal. Photographs and information

about Crescent can be viewed at Crescent Park, just across Route 9 from this building.

## **Lighthouse Park and Brookwood Manor, Routes 4 & 32, opposite the end of Brookwood Road**



The Greek Revival architecture of the park buildings echo the style of Brookwood Manor, just to the north.

Here, the Peebles family entertained many famous guests, including George Washington and Alexander Hamilton in 1783 and Thomas Jefferson and James Madison in 1791.

## **Halfmoon No. 9 (now Sorrentino's Delicatessen & Market) 241 Grooms Road**



This is Guideboard School, one of the few one-room schools that remain in Halfmoon. Now located on Grooms Road, it was once the American Legion.

A photo of one of the classrooms is on the wall behind Sorrentino's cash register.

## Champlain Canal Lock 2

Routes 4 & 32, ¼ mile south of the intersection with Route 146



The lock, on an island in the Hudson River, is sandwiched between a dam and spillway on the east and a hydroelectric power plant. Designed by Charles Steinmetz, this is still generating electricity after more than 100 years.

## Mott's Apple Empire

Started on Pruyin Hill Road in 1795 with first deed holder Zebulon Mott walking through his orchards with his grandson John, teaching him the fermentation process of the apples. John started selling his vinegar to his neighbors in 1842 and that date is on every Mott's label to this day.

## Halfmoon Academy

11 Church Hill Road, Middletown



The most notable of Halfmoon private schools still stands as a home in the hamlet of Middletown. This school was built in the 1820s and was operated until 1880. Public school education stopped at the 8th grade for most of the 19th century and these such schools were the only means of continuing education.

## Near Old Stone House site, intersection of Towpath & Clamsteam Roads



The Old Stone House, where the first meeting for the Town of Halfmoon took place in 1788, used to stand near here. Built in 1718, two stones from the building are on display at the Halfmoon Historical Society, along with more information.

## The Old Clifton Park Hotel

### Route 9 & Old Route 146



This building from the 1820s is located in both Halfmoon and Clifton Park. It was the site of early town board meetings and has functioned as a jail, dance hall, courthouse, stagecoach stop, a stop on the Underground Railroad, and also as a hotel.

## CHURCH HILL ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT

### Taylor House

#### 57 Church Hill Road

Irving Taylor was a farmer, merchant, and owner of the family-operated sawmill on this property. The 21 acre property has changed very little in 225 years. To the left of the home is the old Taylor Barn built in the 1840s, which still exists today.



### Octagon House

#### 66 Church Hill Road

In the late 1800s the cupola was removed but the porch remained, which extended along five of the eight sides. The main entrance faces the Mohawk River and Erie Canal.



### Oakcliff House (now Oakcliff Bed & Breakfast)

#### 78 Church Hill Road

This lovely white Greek Revival building is just one of the elaborate homes overlooking the Mohawk River built as summer homes during the days of the Erie Canal. Oakcliff has hosted four presidents as guests: Ulysses S. Grant, Chester Arthur, Rutherford B. Hayes, and James Garfield.



### Noxon-Van Hoesin House

#### 90 Church Hill Road

Alfred Noxon built this home with a beautiful view of the Mohawk River. Later, Alice Van Hoesin, a New York City teacher bought it as her summer residence.



## HALFMOON HAMLETS

**CLIFTON PARK VILLAGE:** Old Route 146 that goes by the Clifton Park Hotel and Snyder's. A bustling intersection in the 1800s with a jail, dance hall, stagecoach stopping point between Waterford and Ballston Spa, and a stop on the Underground Railroad.

**COONS:** A hamlet near the northern town line, west of Mechanicville, also known as Coons Crossing (by the railroad).

**CRESCENT:** The hamlet of Crescent was the focus of economic development in the 1840s-50s along the Mohawk River. The Erie Canal brought heavy commerce to the area in the early 1800s, including supply stores, hotels, taverns, and a bank.

**GREY'S CORNER:** In West Crescent at the intersection of Crescent and Dunsbach Roads, owned by James and Gitty Gray.

**MIDDLETOWN:** This hamlet was the area going toward Waterford (Guideboard Road turns into Middletown Road). It is the home of the newly designated Church Hill Historic District and first post office in Halfmoon.

**NEWTOWN:** This hamlet is located in the Pruyn Hill and Farm to Market Road area that boasted the First Baptist Church built in 1790, a school (the Quonset Hut), and the Newtown Cemetery that still exists at the four corners. This is also where the Mott's apple empire started in 1842.

**SMITHTOWN:** This hamlet is located in the area behind New Country Toyota, a former community south of Newtown. They had a one-room schoolhouse and a church that still exists and is used as a business.

**USHERS:** Located in the northern section of Halfmoon around Ushers and Tabor Roads. Joshua Anthony developed his famous spice factory on Anthony Road and was instrumental in bringing the D&H Railroad (1882), post office (1883), and telegraph to Ushers during the 19th century.

**WEST CRESCENT:** This is the hamlet located in the southwest section of Crescent where W.K. Mansfield had his brickyards. Further up the road is the W.K. Mansfield (West Crescent) Fire Company, named after him.

---

*The Town of Halfmoon was founded in 1788 and is a scenic community with a current population of over 20,000 residents. For more information about the history of Halfmoon, please visit the Halfmoon Historical Society website:*

**[townofhalfmoon-ny.gov/historical-society](http://townofhalfmoon-ny.gov/historical-society)**