

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLARKSON**

**The area known as Clarkson was part of the original parcel known as the Triangle Tract and extended from the area later known as Sweden and the shore of Lake Ontario (The area later known as Hamlin was separated in 1852) The original area of Clarkson consisted of approximately 47,161 acres, 74 square miles. The original parcels sold were 120 acres. General Matthew Clarkson for whom the town was named was one of the Triangle Tract owners who contributed 100 acres for the formation of the town.**

**First to purchase land located 2 ½ miles north of what is now 104, was Moody Freeman in 1803. In 1804 James Sayers and Elijah Blodgett purchased land. Mr. Sayers purchased land on the north east corner of 104 and opened a store. Mr. Blodgett's son, John, built a home (still standing) and a grist on Lake Rd. toward what is now Brockport.**

**Many settlers moved into the area but settlement was stalled during the War of 1812. Captain Haskell and his Clarkson company of Militia were present during conflict at Fort Erie. After the war many people purchased land including many 1812 Veterans.**

**The town was incorporated on April 2, 1819. The original houses were built of Clarkson bricks and cobblestones throughout the town in the 1820's through 1850's. Many are still standing in the Town Preservation district.**