

## HARRISBURGH TOWNSHIP

Harrisburgh was formed from Lowville, Champion (Jefferson Co.), and Mexico (Oswego Co.) on February 22, 1803, and named in honor of Richard Harrison, of New York. Township 5 and 10 of the Black River Tract were embraced by the formation of Harrisburgh. It was later subdivided, and in 1808 formed with its present area of 23,585 acres. The post office responsibilities after the formation of the township were considered to be no more than that of a hamlet. Windecker and Bellwood were the post offices mentioned.

Settlements in Harrisburgh were mostly made under the agency of Isaac W. Bostwick, of Lowville. Schools were first legally formed under the statute in 1814, when John Bush, John Lewis, and Micah Humphrey were chosen first school commissioners. Harrisburgh was considered to be an excellent dairying town, and had eight cheese factories. According to noted historian Franklin B. Hough, Harrisburgh had no village, or other center of business. Trade was divided between Copenhagen and Lowville.



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