

ABOUT CHATEAUGAY's History...

Did You Know:

- Chateaugay was the first town settled in Clinton and Franklin Counties that was not on the banks of Lake Champlain.
- A Lieutenant Governor of New York graduated from Chateaugay High School.
- The young lad who led Colonial troops during the taking of Fort Ticonderoga in 1775 later became one of the founders of Chateaugay.
- The Chateaugay Chasm was once as big an attraction as Ausable Chasm.
- Earlville was first known as "Church's Mills".
- Chateaugay once had a covered bridge.
- Chateaugay was the staging area for thousands of troops during the War of 1812.
- The largest leather tannery in New York State was in Chateaugay.
- A world renowned miller and millwright who lived in Earlville once built a steam powered car and drove it up into the village during the 1870's.
- Chateaugay was originally called "Four Corners".
- A world famous orthopedic surgeon once practiced here.
- A tornado once struck here causing almost total devastation to the village.
- Chateaugay was once home to three hotels.
- There was once a fairgrounds in Chateaugay, complete with racetrack and grandstand.
- Chateaugay once had two weekly newspapers.
- The oldest house in Chateaugay was built between 1800 and 1805 and was the birthplace of Admiral Theodorus Bailey, a hero in the capture of New Orleans during the Civil War.
- For a short time, Chateaugay had an Episcopal Church
- A plank road once extended from Chateaugay all the way to Chateaugay Lake
- Teddy Roosevelt once campaigned for the Presidency on the front steps of the Union House

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- A local Doctor's daughter was married to a US Supreme Court Justice?
- Chateaugay once had a roadside restaurant called the "Tea Kettle Inn"?
- The Chateaugay Ponies once had an infielder who went on to become one of the best college football coaches in the country?
- Chateaugay was once in Clinton County?
- There are two communities called "Chateaugay, New York"?
- Chateaugay has been the home of at least three members of the NYS Assembly?
- Chateaugay was almost the home of a major firearms company in the 1920's?
- Chateaugay had its own Agricultural Society that was forced into bankruptcy as the result of a \$20,000 horse race?
- A Revolutionary War Army officer buried in Chateaugay was a member of a select military order presided over by General George Washington?
- There was a seasonal Native American village on the Sand Bar on Chateaugay Lake?
- Chateaugay was the site of the first butter factory in the United States?
- There were once two pulp and paper companies in Chateaugay?
- The first crossing of the Chateaugay River that allowed settlers to travel west was at Brayton Hollow?
- One man's visit to Chateaugay in 1881 was recounted in great detail in an article written for an issue of *Celtic Monthly*, a Scottish magazine?
- The first automobile to appear in town was on its way to Chateaugay Lake in June 1902.
- The first automobile owned by a Chateaugay resident was Luke Jenkins' "Rambler" in 1904 or 1905.
- Chateaugay was one of the area's major hop growing areas in the late 1800's.