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"HISTORIC LANSINGBURGH," A SLIDE PRESENTATION UNDERTAKEN AS A BICENTENNIAL PROJECT BY THE LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, IS AVAILABLE NOW, AND THROUGH THE YEAR 1977 FOR SHOWING AT HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS.

LANSINGBURGH, ON THE EAST BANK OF THE HUDSON RIVER IN RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, WAS FOUNDED AS A VILLAGE IN 1771, BEFORE THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, BY DUTCH SETTLERS. MANY MEN LEFT FROM LANSINGBURGH TO FIGHT IN THE REVOLUTION, AND FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AFTER THE WAR THE VILLAGE WAS AN IMPORTANT RIVER PORT AND COMMERCIAL CENTER. LANSINGBURGH WAS THE FIRST INCORPORATED VILLAGE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, INCORPORATED BY AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE APRIL 5, 1790. LANSINGBURGH HAD MANY EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE LANSINGBURGH ACADEMY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1795. ITS SECOND BUILDING, NOW OWNED BY THE LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS USE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES SINCE ITS CONSTRUCTION IN 1820--LONGER THAN ANY OTHER BUILDING IN THE STATE. MANY WELL KNOWN PERSONS, INCLUDING THE AUTHOR HERMAN MELVILLE, FUTURE PRESIDENT CHESTER A. ARTHUR, INVENTOR HORATIO GATES SPAFFORD, BALLOONIST JOHN LAMOUNTAIN AND MUSIC COMPOSER GEORGE R. POULTON WERE ONCE LANSINGBURGH RESIDENTS.

THIS PROGRAM OF 200 SLIDES WITH COMMENTARY COVERS THE ARCHITECTURAL, GEOGRAPHICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE AND TOWN; AND THE COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT INTO THE PRESENT CENTURY. ART OBJECTS, PORTRAITS, NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, BROADSIDES, ADVERTISEMENTS AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AS WELL AS BUILDINGS. THE PROGRAM IS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE OF THE LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT NO CHARGE. IT RUNS ABOUT ONE HOUR, BUT BECAUSE OF THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE COMMENTARY, THE TIME PERIOD CAN BE LENGTHENED OR SHORTENED TO SOME EXTENT.

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