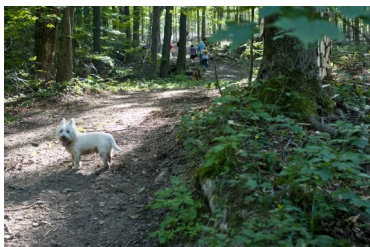


## 2016 BICENTENNIAL HIKE SERIES SCHEDULE

All hikers are invited to join our monthly Bicentennial Hikes on the third Sunday of each month. These free hikes are being led by Springwater Trails to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Town of Springwater. The June, July and August hikes will start at 4:00PM. The other six hikes will start at 2:00PM. Additional hikes near Springwater are held on Sundays throughout the year. Hikes are subject to change due to weather. Always check the website\* for details.

Apr 17	The Springwater Hamlet
May 15	Cemetery Hike
Jun 19	Webster Crossing Hamlet
Jul 17	Springwater to Hemlock Lake
Aug 21	The Railroad in Springwater
Sep 18	School House Hike
Oct 16	Farm to Farm Hike
Nov 20	East Springwater Hike & Bike
Dec 18	Livingston County High Point

\*Details and updates available at  
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*Exploring the  
forests of Spring-  
water*

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*Looking from the All Western Tree Farm  
toward East Springwater*

*Come explore Springwater with us*

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To create, identify, protect and promote hiking trails in the Springwater area.

To increase awareness and enjoyment of Springwater's unique geographical features, natural resources and open spaces.

Announcing a monthly series of hikes in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Town of Springwater, NY.



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1. Weekly email notices of the upcoming hikes sponsored by Springwater Trails.
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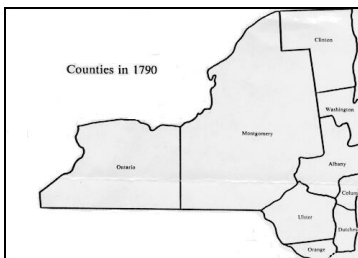
## THE WESTERN EXPANSION OF NEW YORK STATE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPRINGWATER, NY

To understand the creation of the Town of Springwater in 1816, it helps to look at a timeline of the political divisions in this part of the state. The creation of various counties and towns began in 1683 with the creation of Albany County<sup>5</sup>. Over the next century and a half, many changes were made to the area originally called Albany County in the Province of New York, providing a graphic image of the exploration and settling of Europeans across New York.



1772—Tryon County, in red, also included all the western Indian lands.<sup>1</sup>

Between 1683 and 1772, various lines were drawn defining the north and east boundaries of Albany County. Of interest to us was the creation of Tryon County in 1772 with the county seat in Johnsville, and containing all of the land in New York west of the new Albany County. The county was named after the last provincial governor of New York, so the name was changed to Montgomery County after the Revolution.



Ontario County to the west - 1790<sup>3</sup>

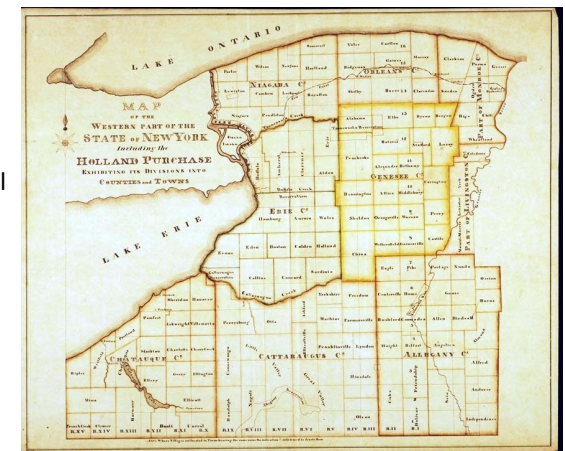
Following the creation of the United States, both Massachusetts and New York claimed the western lands of New York. The Treaty of Hartford, in 1786, established the current shape of New York. A north-south line (the Pre-emption Line) was drawn west of the current city of Geneva. All lands west of the line were considered part of New York.

They were owned by the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Indians and Massachusetts had “pre-emption” rights to purchase the land from the Haudenosaunee. In 1788, Massachusetts sold their rights to Phelps & Gorham. In 1789, the land west of the Pre-emption line was removed from Montgomery County and became Ontario County<sup>6</sup>.

In 1803, Genesee County was created from Ontario to handle the lands in the Holland Purchase. The map to the right drawn in 1825, shows the land in the 1803 Genesee County. Note that the town of Sparta remained as the westernmost town of Ontario County. On April 7, 1817<sup>7</sup>, five and a half miles were taken from the town of Naples, and 3 miles were taken from the town of Sparta to form Springwater. Finally, in 1821, the counties of Monroe and Livingston were created from Ontario and Genesee Counties. Since that time changes to Springwater have been minor.



Pre-emption line (green), the Morris Reserve (Red line) and the Holland Purchase (Orange line)<sup>2</sup>



The Holland Purchase<sup>4</sup>