

The Old Photo Album

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Photos from the Western New York Heritage Institute collection.



Engine #69 yard goat switcher. East side DL&W yards in Cheektowaga looking west near the current Harlem Street Bridge where the Thruway (I-90) crosses.



*The Bergen N.Y. Railroad Station on the West Shore Rail Road, 1914, with a funeral hearse and casket just barely visible behind the hearse. This is a picture postcard view that was mailed to Ossining N.Y.
One has to wonder if the sender had a double meaning.*



2564. HAULING $\frac{1}{2}$ YARD GRAVEL TO LARD IN GARDENVILLE SUB STN. NOV. 2, 1906

Double team hauling gravel to build the new power substation in Gardenville, N.Y. November 2, 1906.

Note the farmhouse in the distance at upper right.

It appears below in the upper middle of the photo near the N.Y. Central tracks.



The famous Gardenville Junction showing the substation fully developed at center of the photo. To the top of the picture would be West Seneca, East Aurora to the left and Buffalo to the right. The N.Y. Central RR track is at left (diagonal) with two F7 locomotives and a caboose. A huge centipede from the Pennsylvania Rail Road is at right center, also with a caboose. The N.Y. Central track to the North is gone, as is the curving North bound track at top right of the Pennsylvania line.



Hertel Avenue looking from Elmwood Avenue to Delaware Avenue, April 6, 1931.

At right is the newly opened Colonial Ford dealer and service station. A number of businesses were clustered on either side, such as the Standard Foundry at #743, Hertel Garage at #742, and the Buffalo Pattern Works at #830.



137 West Genesee Street, June 8, 1942. On the right is the Iroquois Gas Company (later National Fuel). At left is the Great Bear Spring Co. building, long since gone to make room for the Route 190 North ramp. The old Buffalo Gas Works complex still survives.



795 Snow conditions along Military Rd 3-24-16

Recent heavy snows sent us into the archives to find examples from days gone by. Here we see a team of horses struggling through drifts along Military Road, March 24, 1916.



January 1941, Cazenovia Creek ice jam along Legion Drive. This past winter once again showed the same conditions despite man's best attempts to alleviate the ice backup in the creeks that flow through populated areas.