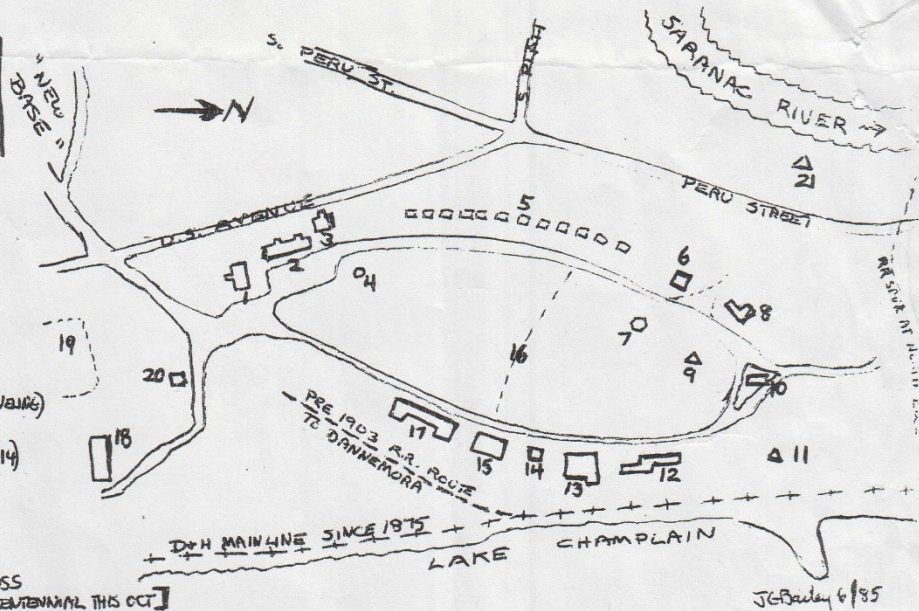


CITY HISTORIAN'S
1985 WALKING TOUR #5
Around BICENTENNIAL PLATTSBURGH

SUN JUNE 16TH, 1-3 PM
PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE
OLD BASE SECTION
including the MILITARY MUSEUM

FROM A 1980 PAFB
HISTORICAL SKETCH

1. REGIMENTAL HQ.; blt 1893
2. ENLISTED MEN'S BARRACKS, blt 1893:
FROM WHENCE TERM "PLATTSBURGH BARRACKS"
3. GUARD HOUSE, blt 1893
4. FLAGPOLE ERECTED 1894 BY
ONE-NAMED JOE FORKEY, NEAR GATE
5. TAD FAMILY OFFICERS HOUSES, blt
1893-97. USED BY SUCH AS
D. MACARTHY, TEDDY ROOSEVELT
6. COMMANDING OFFICER'S QTR.: 1895
7. OCTAGONAL GAZEBO FOR 1890'S CONCERTS
8. BACHELORS OFFICERS QTRS.
9. SITE OF FORT MCGRAW (25 SKELETONS
FOUND HERE DURING 1892 PARADE GROUND LEVELING)
10. OLD BASE CHAPEL, blt 1893
11. SITE OF FORT SCOTT EARTHQUAKES (1814)
12. ENLISTED MEN'S BARRACKS, 1934
13. BASE GYMNASIUM, BUILT 1932
14. POST SERGEANT MAJOR QTRS
15. POST HOSPITAL, blt 1895
16. DR. WM. BENVENIENT FOOTPATH ACROSS
PARADE GROUND [BENVENIENT BIRTH BICENTENNIAL THIS OCT.]
17. ENLISTED MEN'S BARRACKS (REFURBISHED 1990)
18. OLD STONE BARRACKS: OLDEST BUILDING - 1838
19. POST CEMETERY - DEAD FROM BATTLE OF PLATTSBURGH
20. ORDNANCE STOREHOUSE, 1898, NOW MILITARY MUSEUM
21. FORT BROWN (CITY OWNED) KEY DEFENSE IN SEPT 11 1814 BATTLE



PLATTSBURGH'S U.S. MILITARY
HISTORY OUTLINE

- 1776 (OCT 11) BENEDICT ARNOLD'S FLEET BATTLES BRITISH FLEET OFF VALCOOR ISLAND, 6 MILES SOUTH OF PRESENT BASE.
- 1812-14 U.S. TROOPS STATIONED @ PLATTSBURGH + VICINITY TO COUNTER BRITISH + CANADIAN TROOPS ACROSS BORDER AS WAR WITH IS.
- 1814 EARTHQUAKES DUG AT 3 SITES (A). ON SEPT 11, BRITISH ASSAULT FROM OCCUPIED VILLAGE NORTH OF RIVER IS REPULSED.
- DEC 30, 1814 U.S. GOVERNMENT BUYS 200 ACRES: MILITARY RESERVATION, EVOLVING TO P.A.F.B., IS BORN.
- 1838 FIRST PERMANENT BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED. ONE STONE BARRACKS REMAINS.
- 1814-46 TRAINING AND MANEUVERS OF U.S. ARMY HERE.
- 1846-48 2ND INFANTRY BATTALION DEPARTS PLATTSBURGH FOR MEXICAN WAR.
- 1848-61 PLATTSBURGH BARRACKS (PB) AGAIN OCCUPIED.
- 1861-65 ARMY TROOPS LEFT FOR CIVIL WAR DUTY.
- 1865-98 ARMY AGAIN OCCUPIES PB.
- 1898 21ST INFANTRY LEFT PB IN JUNE FOR SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER.
- 1899-1902 21ST INFANTRY LEAVES PB FOR DUTY IN PHILIPPINES.
- 1914-42 26TH INFANTRY REGIMENT OF "IRON FIRST" DIVISION IS STATIONED HERE.
- 1915-39 "PLATTSBURGH IDEA" OR CITIZENS MILITARY TRAINING CAMP (C.M.T.C.) CARRIED OUT SUMMERS... FORERUNNER OF ROTC.
- 1942-43 P.B. WAS TRAINING SITE FOR COMBAT ENGINEERS.
- 1944 ARMY TURNED PB OVER TO NAVY - BECAME CAMP MACDONOUGH, A CONValesCENT HOSPITAL.
- 1945 NAVY TURNED IT BACK TO ARMY - BECAME ARMY AIR FORCE CONValesCENT HOSPITAL.
- 1946-53 U.S.A. RELINQUISHED USE OF ALL FACILITIES TO N.Y.S. FOR CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE, A 2YR. VETERANS COLLEGE.
- JAN 29 1954 GROUND BREAKING FOR P.A.F.B., A STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND BOMBER BASE, USING ALL EXISTING SITES.
- 1956 380TH BOMBARDMENT WING ARRIVES TO OCCUPY NEWLY CREATED FACILITIES AS WELL AS OLD BUILDINGS.