

Counting down to Lewiston's bicentennial

Sage Tavern could be Lewiston's oldest home



Pictured is the Sage Tavern then ... and today.



Over the next six months, the Historical Association of Lewiston and Lewiston Bicentennial Committee will team with Niagara Frontier Publications to highlight news, events and features commemorating Lewiston's first 200 years. These exclusive pieces will count down to a grand celebration, scheduled to take place July 1-4, 2022.

1443 Ridge Road: The Sage Tavern

Many Lewiston residents enjoy stopping by the Hill-vue Restaurant on Ridge Road just east of Model City Road for a tasty meal. Next time you go, take notice of the building immediately east of the parking lot, because that is the topic of today's article.

In contention for the oldest house in Lewiston is the Sage Tavern. This building was constructed by Sparrow Sage, who bought large acreages around Lewiston. He constructed his log cabin and tavern along the Niagara Road, or the "Great Ridge" as it was called. When the British came in late 1813, local lore tells us they spared the tavern despite direct orders to burn everything because they helped themselves to drinks in it. If they didn't burn it down, then this is Lewiston' old-

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