



1875 Map of North Norwich

North Norwich

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North Norwich was formed from Norwich, April 7, 1849, and lies slightly northeast of the center of the county. It is bordered by the townships of Sherburne to the north, New Berlin to the east, Norwich to the south and Plymouth to the west. The town is drained by the Chenango River and its tributaries, Fly Creek and Cold Brook from the west and Whaupaucau Brook and Thompson Brook from the east.¹ Mead's Pond, a 90-foot deep body of water fed by many springs, is nearby to the south.

North Norwich is mostly high rolling uplands divided by the valley of the Chenango River. Summits of the hills are from 200 to 600 feet above the valleys. The soil is a gravelly and slaty loam, in some places mixed with clay.¹

North Norwich consists of most of township No. 10 of the Twenty Towns. Large portions of the town were purchased

by Nine Partners, Dutchess County. Members of this group were the first to settle in 1794. According to the *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Chenango County, New York (1869-1870)*, Lot No. 1 was the first settlement, in 1794, made by Joseph Lathrop and A. Mead.¹ However, Smith's *History of Chenango and Madison Counties*, lists the first settlers as Jonathan Dan, Jacob Grow, Jonathan Mead, Jonah Poyer, Abram and Edward Per Lee and Isaac Bockee.²

Within the Town of North Norwich boundaries are the hamlets of Plasterville, King's Settlement and a portion of Sherburne Four Corners.

¹ Child, Hamilton: *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Chenango County, N.Y.*, 1869-1870.

² Smith, James H.: *History of Chenango and Madison Counties, New York*, 1880.