

Herkimer Home State Historic Site

Situated overlooking the Mohawk River, this Georgian-style mansion was home to General Nicholas Herkimer. Construction of his residence on the colonial frontier was completed around 1764.

General Herkimer's place in history was assured in 1777 when he assembled 800 militiamen, supported by 60 allied Oneida warriors, and marched to defend Ft. Stanwix against a British siege. Considered to be a significant turning point in the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Oriskany, fought on August 6, 1777, has been described as one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Although wounded in the leg, Herkimer kept command during the fierce combat. After the battle he was carried home where he died 10 days later from complications following the amputation of his leg.

Herkimer's estate was home to many over the years, including his family, enslaved people who helped run the estate, soldiers encamped during the war, and neighbors seeking refuge from the fighting in the Mohawk Valley. During the 1800's the property saw much change as the first the Erie Canal, and later the railroad, cut across it.

Today, the site can easily be reached from the highway, river or Canalway Trail. Visitors are invited to tour the mansion and view the visitor center exhibits; and explore the grounds to discover General Herkimer's final resting place, a recreated kitchen garden, remnants of an Erie Canal lock, and scenic views of the Mohawk River."

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Patriots Day Herkimer Home State Historic Site Saturday, May 17, 2025



Little Falls Historical Society
"Where History Lives"

Patriots Day

Patriots Day is celebrated each year in most of New England to commemorate the April 15, 1775 Battles of Lexington and Concord which marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

The first Patriots Day was declared in 1894. In 1938 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts established the third Monday in April each year as Patriots Day and it has become a civic holiday. Lexington and Concord have battle re-enactments and the City of Boston swells with activity and celebration.

At the urging of the Little Falls Historical Society, the City of Little Falls established a local Patriots Day in 2010 to be celebrated each year on the third Saturday in May. This is in recognition of our ancestors' contributions to America's quest for independence.

Each year, the Little Falls Historical Society honors Patriots Day by hosting an event at a local historical site that played an important role in our colonial and Revolutionary War eras. We have commemorated Patriots Day at Yellow Church Cemetery, Herkimer Home, Fort Herkimer Church, Indian Castle Church, Snells Bush Church, Little Falls Masonic Temple, Historic Dutch Reformed Church at Historic Four Corners in Herkimer, Historic Trinity in Fairfield, Paines Hollow Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Little Falls, Norway Rural Cemetery, and the John Bellinger home.

PATRIOTS DAY 2025 PROGRAM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Anita Dulak

PREVIOUS PATRIOTS DAY EVENTS Michelle Baum

1754 ORDERS TO CAPTAIN MARCUS PETRIE Nicholas Petrie

GENERAL NICHOLAS HERKIMER FAMILY Edward Heinrichs

MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE Pat Stock

VOLUMES IN 52 WORDS Pat Frezza-Gressler

WILLIAM MURRAY FRAKTUR Laura Laubenthal

OBSCURER GENERAL HERKIMER FACTS Louis Baum

IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY DUALITY Jeffrey Gressler

CLOSING REMARKS Jeffrey Gressler

WREATH PLACEMENT Daughters of the American Revolution

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT Robert Schmelcher

18TH CENTURY MUSKET SALUTE Herkimer Home Volunteers

PLAYING OF "TAPS" Dr. Oscar Stivala

GENERAL NICHOLAS HERKIMER HOME BUILDING IS OPEN FOR TOURS. OTHER LIVING HISTORY EVENTS ARE ALSO TAKING PLACE TODAY.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

