

## **Gazetteer of the State of New York**

The following piece from the Gazetteer of the State of New York suggests that Albert Bohannan, along with Nathan Wilcox, two of the three first settlers of Richland New York, came from Rome, New York in 1801. This information appears to be supported by the 1800 census which lists one Albert Bohannan as living in Rome New York.



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**RICHLAND**—was formed from Williamstown, as part of Oneida co., Feb. 20, 1807. Orwell was taken off in 1817, Sandy Creek and Albion in 1825, a part of Mexico in 1836, and a part of Orwell in 1844. It lies upon the shore of Lake Ontario, *n.* of the center of the co. The surface is generally level or gently rolling, broken by the deep ravines of the streams. The *e.* part is 250 feet above Lake Ontario, and Pulaski Village is 131 feet above,—giving to the town a decided westerly inclination. The principal streams are Salmon River,<sup>1</sup> Deer and Sandstone Creeks; and upon each of them are falls, furnishing a large amount of water-power.<sup>2</sup> Spring Brook is a small stream flowing from several large springs in the *e.* part of the town, and in the course of 3 mi. falls 150 feet. The springs are perpetual, and rather increase than diminish in summer; so that the power furnished is abundant and constant. The mouth of Salmon River furnishes a good harbor. The underlying rock is the Lorraine shales; the soil is a sandy loam, with some clay in the *s. w.* part, and is generally fertile. **Pulaski**, (p. v.,) on Salmon River, about 3 mi. from its mouth, is the half shire of the co. and was incorp. April 26, 1832. It contains 4 churches, a courthouse, an academy,<sup>3</sup> a newspaper office, a bank, and several manufacturing establishments.<sup>4</sup> Pop. 1,168. **Port Ontario**, (p. v.,) on Salmon River, near its mouth, contains about 50 houses; and **Holmesville** (South Richland p. o.) 1 church and 20 houses; **Selkirk**, at the mouth of Salmon River, contains a church, a U. S. lighthouse, and 30 dwellings. **Richland Station**, on the W. & R. R., is in the *e.* part of the town. The first settlement was made near the mouth of Salmon River, in 1801, by Nathan Tuttle, of Canada, and Nathan Wilcox and **Albert** Bohannon, from Rome.<sup>5</sup> The first church (Cong.) was organized Jan. 22, 1811; and the Rev. Oliver Leavitt was the first settled pastor. There are 7 churches in town.<sup>6</sup>

Drake, Eli Strong, Benj. Austin, Samuel Brooks, Eliakim Simonds, Nathan Cook, Ebenezer Chamberlain, David Harmon, and Ellhu Ingraham. The first birth was that of Ezra L. H. Chamberlain; and the first death, that of an infant son of Dr. Alden, in 1801. The first saw and grist mills were built in 1801; and the first inn was opened the same year, by David Butler. The first school was taught in 1802, by Rev. Joshua Johnson.

<sup>1</sup> At the mouth of Salmon River is a harbor admitting vessels of light draught.

<sup>2</sup> There are 19 sawmills, 8 shingle mills, 6 flouring and grist mills, 2 cotton factories, 2 paper mills, a tool factory, and several other manufacturing establishments in the town.

<sup>3</sup> The Pulaski Academy was organized June 4, 1853.

<sup>4</sup> 2 paper mills, 4 flouring and grist mills, 3 sawmills, and 3 tanneries.

<sup>5</sup> Among the early settlers were Hugh Montgomery, in 1801; John Ingersoll, Benj. Bull, Israel Jones, John Farnham, and — Johnson, in 1804; Jeremiah Matthewson, in 1807; and Ephraim and Justus Fox, in 1808. The first birth was that of Benj. Ingersoll, Aug. 28, 1804; the first marriage, that of Saml. Crippen and Ruth Tuttle, the same year; and the first death, that of a child of Nathan Tuttle. The first inn was kept by

Benj. Winch, in 1806; and the first store, by John Meacham, in 1810. The first sawmill was built by John Hoar, in 1806; and the first gristmill, by Jeremiah Matthewson, in 1808. Milly Ellis taught the first school, in the summer of 1808.

<sup>6</sup> 3 Bap., 2 M. E., Cong., and Prot. E.

<sup>7</sup> There are 11 sawmills, 2 shingle mills, 2 gristmills, and 2 tanneries in town.

<sup>8</sup> In 1805 Asel Hurd and 5 families from Vt., by the name of Meacham, settled in town. The first sawmill was built by Wm. Skinner and Joseph Hurd, in 1804; and the first gristmill, by James Hinman, in 1806. Simeon Meacham kept the first store and tavern, in 1806; and the first school was taught at the house of George Harding, by his daughter, in 1807-08. The first birth was that of Laura Hurd; the first marriage, that of Henry Patterson and Lucy Meacham, in 1806; and the first death, that of Mrs. Elias Howe, in 1807.

<sup>9</sup> Presb., M. E., and Bap.—all at Washingtonville.

<sup>10</sup> Pronounced scruple; named from Henry W. Schroepel. His father, Geo. C. Schroepel, purchased the whole of Township 24 and a large part of 16, of George Scriba. Henry W. settled in the town in 1819, and is still a resident.

<sup>11</sup> Named in honor of Alex. Phenix.