

This wording of this original document of incorporation also lists its founding men. I wondered who those “founding fathers” were and their role in the community. Their obituaries explained their accomplishments and I included their residences.

Dr. Joseph Breloff

Certificate of Incorporation

We, the undersigned all of full age, residents of the United States and the State of New York, desiring to form a membership corporation, under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 559 of the Laws of 1895, as ascended, make this certificate.

The name of the corporation shall be The Town and Country Club.

The purpose of its formation is the establishment and maintenance of a house and grounds in the County of Niagara, State of New York, for the use of, and the promotion and cultivation of social and athletic games and exercise among its members.

The number of directors of said corporation shall be five; the names and places of residence of the persons to be its Directors until its first annual meeting are as follows,

<u>Names</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>
Wallace I. Keep	Lockport, New York
William W. Storrs	Lockport, New York
Albert D. Pomroy	Lockport, New York
F. Howard Balliett	Lockport, New York
Harry J. Fenton	Lockport, New York

The principal office of said corporation shall be in the City of Lockport, Niagara County, New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at Lockport, New York, this 6th day of November 1905.

Wallace I. Keep

From his obituary on his death on May 9, 1945:

“Few men in the history of Lockport have done as much for their city as Wallace I. Keep. He was an outstanding example of the native son who put his time, his talents and his money to beneficial use for his community.

He was active in making Lockport a better city in many ways. Through the years he had helped support practically every worthwhile project of community or national benefit. There is no yardstick by which his contributions in money, time and effort can be measured.

Mr. Keep’s action in giving away \$75,000 on his 75th birthday probably drew the most attention, but his other contributions spanned many years.

During World War I, Mr. Keep headed the Liberty Loan drives, which raised thousands of dollars in Lockport for the war. For 20 years he was a director of the YMCA and upon retirement was made an honorary life member of the board. He was chairman of the finance committee in the raising of \$350,000 for the new “Y” building.

...He was chairman of the board of directors of the Niagara County National Bank & Trust Company. He was a member of the Tuscarora Club, the Lockport Town & Country Club, and the Buffalo Country Club.

For many years, until his retirement in 1928, he was president of the Lockport Paper Company, founded by his father, which he joined soon after his graduation from Harvard.

Mr. Keep was the type of man, unassuming, who sought no spotlight and did what he did without fanfare. He earned during many years of service and giving, the right to be called Lockport’s leading citizen.”

Wallace I. Keep was a financial backer of Herbert Harrison in the formation of the Harrison Radiator Company.

Mr. Keep was secretary of the First Board of Directors of the Town & Country Club in 1902. Wallace I. Keep lived at 305 High Street, the site of current First Presbyterian Home.

Article from Lockport Union Sun & Journal on August 16, 1913

The new golf course at the Lockport Town and Country club on Chestnut Ridge will be opened Tuesday. Wallace I. Keep, one of Lockport's best players, will drive the first ball on these beautiful links. Six holes will be ready for use Tuesday. The remaining three will be opened in the spring. Niagara Falls will send its country club golf and tennis teams to Lockport on this opening day to match sticks and racquets with the experts of the local club.

William W. Storrs

From his obituary on his death on January 1, 1935:

"William W. Storrs, whose death came with startling suddenness yesterday, was, in point of active service, one of the oldest members of the practicing legal profession in the city at the time. He was, as a result of this long service, one of the best-known men in this part of the State.

Mr. Storrs entered the legal profession in January 1888. He was the last surviving member of one of the oldest and most prominent law firms in this end of the State. It exercised a powerful influence in politics and in business, and won and retained a high regard wherever known.

Mr. Storrs had no taste for public office and he never sought political favor for himself, but he served the community well in other directions and made for himself a place which will not really filled by another."

William Storrs had his home at 244 Locust Street, Lockport, NY.

Albert D. Pomroy

From his obituary on his death on December 7, 1937:

"Albert D. Pomroy, retired U. S. Treasury agent and well-known Lockport resident, died at 4 o'clock this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. William R. Keenan, 433 Locust Street. He had been in failing health for several years.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah C. Pomroy, Mr. Pomroy was educated in the public schools and in the old Lockport Union School. As a young man he was associated with his father in the hardware business here. Later he was appointed a U.S. Treasury agent and served in that capacity on the Niagara Frontier, until he resigned about 15 years ago.

Mr. Pomroy married Mrs. Frances Holtenhouse of this city and after her death made his home for a number of years in the Tuscarora Club, where he was a prominent member. He was also a member of the Lockport Town & Country Club and the First Presbyterian Church.....

Albert D. Pomroy lived on 121 Locust Street. His father's hardware business, was called "H.C. Pomroy" and was located at 64 Main Street.

Harry J. Fenton

From his obituary on his death on August 6, 1943:

Harry J. Fenton, 76, former proprietor of the Harry H Moore Tobacco Company, in this city, died April 6 at his home in Pasadena, according to word received here today.

Mr. Fenton was born in New York City, March 3, 1867, son of the late Benjamin Julia A. Fenton and as a young man was associated with a food preserving business in Erie and Niagara Counties, established by his father. He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution.

After his marriage to the late Emma Moore in Lockport, he became associated with her father, the late Harry H. Moore in the tobacco business here. He left Lockport about 30 years ago..." Harry J. Fenton lived at 225 High Street here in Lockport, NY.

F. Howard Balliett

From his obituary on his death on August 29, 1958:

“F. Howard Balliett, who died on Friday night, had a long and fruitful life.

Many Lockport residents will remember him as personnel manager of Harrison Radiator Division of General Motors Corp., a position which he held for years.

During World War II he served in various capacities on the Lockport War Price and Rationing Board of which he was chairman when it ceased operation in 1946. In 1947 during President Truman’s Emergency Food Conservation Program, Mr. Balliett served as chairman of the Lockport Citizens Food Committee.

A member of the Grace Episcopal Church, he sang in the church choir for 25 years. He was a member of the old Wheelman’s Club in the days when bicycling was the rage. He became a charter member of the Tuscarora Club. He was also a member of the Lockport Town & Country Club.

Advancing age and poor health curtailed his activities in the last few years but he maintained an interest in the affairs of the community until his end.”

F. Howard Balliett initially lived on 326 Locust Street. Later he lived at 589 Locust Street

Submitted by Dr. Joseph Breloff

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Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jessie L. B. Fenton of Pasadena; his son, Harry Moore Fenton, who is a major in the United States Army; a sister, Mrs. Paul Voorhees, Little Neck, N. Y. and a brother, Benjamin W. Fenton, Los Angeles.

Harry J. Fenton lived at 225 High Street and died on April 6, 1943