

# **NSHA's 40th Anniversary Tour of New Scotland 2011**

N.B. This is an extract from the full tour guide. It includes the introduction, table of contents, and full town map. The tours listed in the table of contents are grouped by map (A, B, C, D) and can be downloaded individually.



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# The New Scotland Historical Association presents this tour of the town in conjunction with our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Eastern New York State possesses a treasure trove of historically significant and interesting structures and sites that rival those in New England. The Town of New Scotland is no exception. Within its borders are structures and sites of local, regional and national significance that span close to three centuries of American history. These structures can be viewed within the town's magnificent natural setting that includes the Helderberg Escarpment.

Remember as you explore the town, that the first European settlement occurred in the mid 17<sup>th</sup> Century. In 1629, a patroonship was granted to Killeen VanRensselaer by the Dutch West India Company. Descendants of this patroon continued to influence our history until the late 1800's.

Our first settlers came from Holland, Scotland and England with the early economy based on agriculture. After the Revolution small communities began to grow. Churches were built and became the center of social activity for each hamlet. After the Civil War, improved communication and transportation had a large influence on the country and our town. When the railroads came to the town, it opened markets for farmers and businesses began to grow, resulting in a rapid expansion of economic activity. It also created a thriving tourist industry. Suburban development started in the town in the 1960s and 70s.

We encourage you take the tour in manageable segments, rather than try to do the whole thing in one day. If you are from the northern end of the town, try doing the southern half first, and visa versa. This way you can become familiar with sites of the entire town. While this tour encompasses about 40 miles, there is still so much more to see. Not on the tour are Five Rivers Environmental Center, Thacher Park, Holt Preserve, Bennett Hill Preserve, Whitbeck Preserve, Black Creek Marsh, New Scotland and Feura Bush Town Parks—all wonderful places to explore.

Please note that *H/M* denotes sites with Historic Markers.

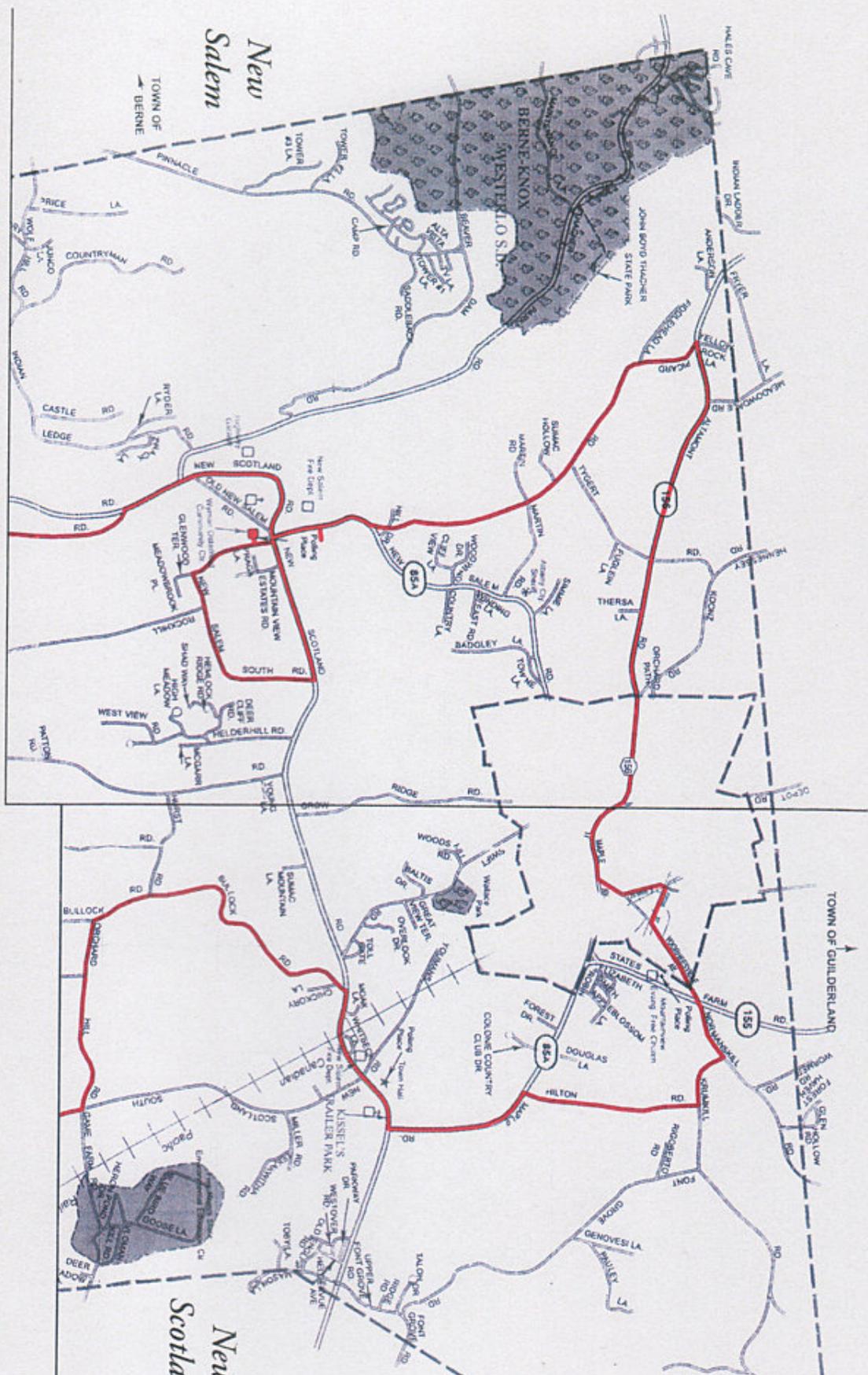


**New Salem Schoolhouse 1969**

**We've come a long way!** Last used as a school in 1960, the Voorheesville School District allowed the Senior Citizens to use the building after the school closed. The building was deeded to the Town in 1970 and in July 1971 Supervisor Willis MacIntosh, Jr. announced that the building would be renovated for use by the Seniors and NSHA.



# Town of New Scotland Historical Tour Key Map



New Salem  
Town of Bernice

New Scotland

Town of Guilderland

*Clarksville*  
*Onesquehaw*

