



Norway Historical Society

The former Norway Baptist Church Placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

**Norway History Center
1067 Newport Gray Rd.
Norway, NY 13416**

**Open: Sunday and Tuesday
1pm – 4pm
June 1 – October 15
Telephone: (315) 845-6650**

The former **Norway Baptist Church** was placed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places in the early summer of 2007. The Historic Registers are official listings of buildings and districts of historical, architectural and cultural significance.

The church, built in 1831, was cited as a “rare surviving example of Federal period religious architecture, retaining many of its original design and construction elements.”

The 65-by-45-foot building was built by Robert Crandall in 1830-31 for \$2100. It has been remodeled several times, most recently in the 1970's. The church served Baptist worshippers from 1831 through 1997 and was acquired by the Town of Norway in 2001.

The building and grounds were deeded to the town in 2001 and was dedicated as the **Norway History Center** in November of 2002.



Norway was first settled in 1787 by the Potter brothers from Rhode Island. Soon after, settlers arrived in large numbers and by 1800 there were nearly 1000 inhabitants. The Town of Norway was organized in 1792 by an act of the state legislature. It encompassed an area 50 miles from east to west and 150 miles from north to south and, bordering the St. Lawrence River on the north. Soon other towns (Fairfield, Newport, Russia, Ohio) and counties (Hamilton, parts of Oneida, Clinton, Lewis) were taken from this large area and by 1823 its present boundaries were established.



Visit our first floor research area.

Here you will find many records from the early days of Norway. Birth, death and marriage statistics have been cataloged and are available for those doing genealogy research. You will be able to view maps and census information from the early 1800's.

Tour the second floor sanctuary.

This is available for weddings or other family services



The Norway Historical Society is a chartered Historical Society

The Board of Regents of the State of New York voted to grant a **provisional charter** to the Norway Historical Society at its March 2007 meeting. The provisional charter is valid for a term of 5 years and incorporates the set of first trustees and their associates and successors as a corporation under the corporate name of **Norway Historical Society**. The provisional charter will be made absolute if, within the five year period, the corporation “shall acquire resources suitable for its chartered purposes and shall maintain an institution of educational usefulness and character satisfactory to the Regents”.

Improvements made to our building since 2001

1. The exterior of the Church was scraped and painted.
2. The windows have been repaired.
3. The shutters on the belfry have been restored, some totally replaced.
4. The belfry has been repaired and painted.
5. A sign board has been installed at front of the center.
6. The ceiling of the sanctuary has been repaired and painted.

Our chartered purposes

1. Maintain and preserve the Norway History Center
2. Collect and maintain historical records and artifacts of the town of Norway
3. Provide genealogical information and assistance to members of the public
4. Communicate the society’s work with the residents of the town and schools
5. Maintain liaison with the Town Board of Norway concerning the activities of the Society
6. Work cooperatively with the Kuyahoorra Valley Historical Society on matters concerning local history, projects and programs.

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Interested in the History Of the Town of Norway?

Want to learn more?

**Become a member of the
Norway Historical Society!**

Membership Form

Dues: \$5 annually; **student membership** (ages 10-18) -\$3 annually

Name _____

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Mail this form along with a check to:

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