

Saratoga County Poorhouse Cemetery

Prior to the passage of the 1824 law that states all New York State counties must build a poorhouse, each town was responsible for the care of their poor and disabled residents who had no family able to assist them. The Saratoga County Poor house was opened in 1827. Though there are no records, we can assume that burials of poorhouse residents began at the same time. If no family claimed the deceased, they were buried at the county farm. Burials at the County Farm ceased in 1916. Rather than continuing burials at the farm, the County Board of Supervisors decided to have the poor in the Ballston Spa Village Cemetery, and are referred to as county lots, located along Garrett Road near the entrance to the cemetery.