

# Hamlets of the Town of Milton

Beginning in the 18th Century, the economic and social growth of the Town of Milton was intertwined with the development and evolution of mills and factories in the area. These mills were powered by the flow of the Kayaderosseras Creek and its tributaries. For example, in 1813 the Town of Milton maintained 8 gristmills, 14 sawmills, and 9 woolen mills, but by 1875, there were 5 grist mills, 3 sawmills, 1 woolen mill, 3 cotton mills, 12 paper mills, 2 tanneries, and several tool factories. Several small communities, or hamlets, around these production centers dispersed around the town. The hamlets of Milton included Bloodville, Craneville, Factory Village, Milton Center, Rock City Falls, Rowland's Hollow, West Milton, and the Village of Ballston Spa. In 1896, the construction of the first rail line in the Town of Milton also served to connect the different production centers and the surrounding communities. The Kaydeross Railroad, earlier known as the Eastern New York Railroad, and the Ballston Terminal Railroad, was an electric-powered trolley line that served industries and communities in the town of Milton. This railroad was unique for being one of the few trolley railroads in the country to have a primary function of hauling freight cars. Freight cars could be hauled by the electric trolley to the Delaware and Hudson Railway interchange track in Ballston. Many residents of the town who rode the line fondly referred to the trolley line as the PB and J, or the "Push, Pull and Jerk"

