

TIMELINE **of the** **“Village of Charlotte”**

1612- Etienne Brulée maps Genesee country for the first time

1669- Explorer Robert de la Salle visits Irondequoit Bay

1792- William & Mehitable Hinchey settle on the west bank of the river

1800-1850

1805- MARCH 3, 1805 President Jefferson establishes the “Customs District of the Genesee”

1811- The name “Charlotte” first appears on a deed and a map

1812-1814 The Port of the Genesee at Charlotte is visited four times during the War of 1812

1815- The street along the waterfront is named “River Street”

1820- 316 ships visit Charlotte, Port of the Genesee

1822- Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse is built

1829- The U.S. Government erects two parallel piers out into the lake

1849- Plank road is built from Ridge Road to Charlotte

1850-1900

1852- 1st village church is built- Lakeside Presbyterian Church

1853- Railroad arrives at Charlotte, Port of the Genesee

1853- Methodist church built on Lake Avenue

1854- First grain elevator is erected

1863- Brick residence replaces the original two-room keeper’s house

1863- Holy Cross opens as a satellite church of Our Mother of Sorrows

1868- The blast furnace begins operation

1869- June 14, 1869 Charlotte is incorporated as a village in the Town of Greece

1875- 1st railroad Swing Bridge built for the “Hojack” line

1876- Life Saving Service opens a station in the village (later merges with the Coast Guard)

1883- Upton and Craig grain elevator is built at the foot of Petten Street

1884- Ontario Beach Park opens

1889- **July 1, 1889** 1st trolley run from the city to the village of Charlotte

1889- Village firehouse is built on Stutson Street (later became the 1st Charlotte library; torn down in the 1950's)

1891- St. George's Episcopal Church built- corner of Lake and Stutson

1900-2008

1905- 2nd swing bridge built by the King Bridge Company

1905- The historic Dentzel carousel is installed at Ontario Beach Park

1908- First high school is built at the triangle of River St. and Broadway

1914- Brick Village jail is constructed on Stutson Street

1916-- **January 1, 1916**-Charlotte is annexed by the City of Rochester as its 23rd ward; the "Village of Charlotte" ceases to exist

1916- Firehouse on Stutson Street built by the City of Rochester

1917- Stutson Street Bridge opens

1919- **September 5, 1919** Charlotte library opens in the old firehouse

1926- The "Port of Charlotte" becomes the "Port of Rochester"

1933- Present Charlotte High School is built on Lake Avenue

2004- **June 17, 2004** "Premier Passage" of the fast ferry

2004- **October 1, 2004** Col. Patrick O'Rorke Memorial Bridge opens

2005- The Bill Davis Overlook is installed at the site of the old Stutson Street Bridge and becomes part of the Genesee Riverway Trail

2006- Genesee Riverway Trail-Turning Point Park to Petten Street opens