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# MACEDON



PROSPERITY IS IN THE AIR  
WE ARE WORKING NIGHT AND DAY  
10000 DRILLS WE GOT TO MAKE A  
THE BOOKS ARE ALWAYS TEDDY'S GOT TO STAY  
OPEN VOTE FOR HIGGINS AND BRUCE



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## MACEDON, NEW YORK

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Early Macedon's shops, streets, and people come to life in this selection of photographs from the town's historian, the Macedon Historical Society, and private collections. Macedonians have been at the center of important national social issues for most of the town's history, as when individuals from Macedon signed the Declaration of Sentiments in Seneca Falls that led to women's right to vote. In the late 1800s, the village of Macedon was a manufacturing center for agricultural equipment. The Bickford & Huffman Company, known locally as the Drill Works, was a major local employer, and the Erie Canal, built in the 1820s, had an enormous influence on the growth and history of the town. Macedon's agricultural machinery and produce were shipped all over the nation from its busy terminal on the canal. Macedon Academy was founded in 1841 and served the surrounding area for 50 years. Its outstanding curriculum and reputation brought in students from a wide area. The building still stands, and today it is the home of the Macedon Historical Society. *Macedon* shows how far the town has come and celebrates its rich history.

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