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## Wayne County, New York History *The Wayne County Sheriff's Office*



**Lyons, NY** – When Wayne County was established by an Act of the State Legislature in 1823, so too were provisions for keeping the peace. The Office of Sheriff and provisions for a local “gaol” were included in the founding document. Recently retired Sergeant Steve Sklenar has researched the long and varied history of Wayne County sheriffs and the Sheriff’s Department and created a website with a plethora of historical content at <http://sklenarvineyard.com/index.html>. This site, along with the Wayne County Historical Society and Museum of Wayne County History, located at the old jail house on Butternut St. in Lyons, are filled with interesting facts about our collective history, as a county and as a nation.

When considering this long history, Sheriff Rob Milby stated, “Some of our staff and I brainstormed and did a little research. We decided that we could show our support every day with a celebration badge to honor our beginnings.” The Bicentennial Badge will be worn by County Road Patrol, Corrections and Court Security Staff through 2023 to celebrate and observe the 200th birthday. “The design was made to honor the traditional badge, to recognize the 200th Anniversary of Wayne County’s beginnings, and to remind us of what was near and dear to our county founders and what is still near and dear to us all, our American Flag,” Milby said.

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*About Wayne County’s Bicentennial* - On April 11, 1823, by act of the New York State Legislature, Wayne County came into existence. It was the last county to be "set off" from portions of Ontario and Seneca Counties. Wayne County is composed of 15 towns (Arcadia, Butler, Galen, Huron, Lyons, Macedon, Marion, Ontario, Palmyra, Rose, Savannah, Sodus, Walworth, Williamson, and Wolcott) and seven villages (Clyde, Newark, Palmyra, Sodus, Sodus Point, Red Creek and Wolcott) with nearly 90,000 residents. Please visit [www.waynecounty200.com](http://www.waynecounty200.com) for more details about the Wayne County Bicentennial.