

*Hermon Historian Report
Hermon Town Board
May 14, 2024
Lenore Zaunere, Town of Hermon Historian*

*Hermon, organized as Depeau in 1830 by the NYS Legislature
renamed in 1834 to Hermon*

- Historical Fact: The year 2026 will mark the 250th (Semiquincentennial) anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America.

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate this monumental event.

- In celebration of June's Dairy Month, as requested by the St. Lawrence County Historian, I have submitted information about Hermon's creamery/cheesemaking activities of the past. Along with other Municipal Historians, Hermon's display will appear in the St. Lawrence County Courthouse's main hallway as part of the "History in the Hallway" celebration.

The "History in the Hallway Celebration" is presented periodically throughout the year to recognize various historical events, places, or people from St. Lawrence County's past. The exhibitions are open to the public and all are invited to enjoy whenever they happen to visit the St. Lawrence County Courthouse.

Please see the attached submission that I prepared for our wonderful Town of Hermon. I'd like to request, also, that if anyone has information about Hermon's cheesemaking or other "creamery" establishments of the past, please let me know and I will include it in future exhibitions.

I am available to be contacted by email at any time and we can set up a mutually convenient time to meet at the Hermon History Center. I would love to hear from you.

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"History in the Hallway"
Creamery Exhibit
St. Lawrence County Courthouse
St. Lawrence County Historian*

Hermon, New York –

Hermon Northern Condensed Milk Factory Steaming Equipment

The factory produced 25,000 cans in the morning and filled them in the afternoon. Pictured is the room where milk was condensed – steam cabinet on right, and canning equipment on left. Circa 1910-1920. Hermon, NY.

Hermon Exterior of Hudson Condensed Milk Company

Workers stand outside the Hudson Condensed Milk Company, which was located on Main Street near Hermon's Old Stone Bridge. Circa 1915. Hermon, NY.

Hermon Northern Condensed Milk Factory Tin Can Room

Interior shot of the Northern Condensed Milk Factory Company plant in Hermon. They made 25,000 cans in the morning and filled them in the afternoon. Pictured is the room where tin cans were manufactured with two employees posing with equipment. Circa 1910-1920. Hermon, NY.

Hermon Inspecting Cheese Inside the Hermon Dairy Company

Two unknown gentlemen in suits inspect wheels of cheese inside the Hermon Dairy Company in Hermon. Circa 1930-1940. Hermon, NY.

HERMON CHEESE-FACTORY:

The Hermon village cheese-factory was built by Charles Risley, its present proprietor, in 1868. Its annual average capacity is two hundred thousand pounds, and the average number of cows of which the milk is used is seven hundred and fifty. It is a very successful and important enterprise.

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