



Marker #21

Hendrick Apple's apple toddy made him locally famous in the late 1700s. His toddy and the inn he served it from are noted in the tales of Guilderland's most distinguished son, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft. The ancient inn and landmark also became historically noteworthy when the first Guilderland Town Meeting was held there on April 5, 1803.

By an act of legislation on Feb. 26, 1803, the Town of Guilderland was formed apart from the Town of Watervliet and the following town officials were named: Nicholas V. Mynderse, supervisor; Peter G. Veeder, town clerk; Frederick Crounse, highway commissioner; Walter Vrooman, overseer of highways.

The first Board of Commissioners of Excise were Peter VanPatten, Evert VanAernam and John Schoolcraft. Schoolcraft was also named county justice of the peace. One of the first acts the new Tax Department did was to issue a license for the George Severson Inn. The regulations stipulated that "no unlawful games permitted, nor any gaming table or shuffle board be kept within the same (inn), or within any out-house, yard or garden belonging thereunto."

The Appel Inn with its six-pillared loggia sits on 36 acres of land at Osborn Corners in Guilderland Center. (Appel is the original spelling; it is believed that tavern-owner Hendrick Apple preferred to Americanize his name). The original house was one room deep and three across. There was no kitchen; cooking was done in an out-building. The present day living and dining room still feature an immense, brick-hearthed, limestone fireplace. Historic Black Creek winds about the back of the inn.

Hendrick Apple came to Osborne Corners as a young man and built the rugged structure he occupied with his family. He served in the Albany County Militia. Hendrick Apple now rests in the old Dutch Cemetery across the road from his house. He would approve that the inn still provides bed and breakfast for today's travellers on the road once called Schoharie Road. However, Hendrick's recipe for his famous toddy remains with him.

A faded blue and gold historic marker stands on Route 146 at the front entrance gate to the Appel Inn to remind one of its historic significance.