

# The UNDERGROUND RAILROAD in CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, N.Y.

## SELECTED CONDUCTORS, AGENTS, OR STATIONMASTERS

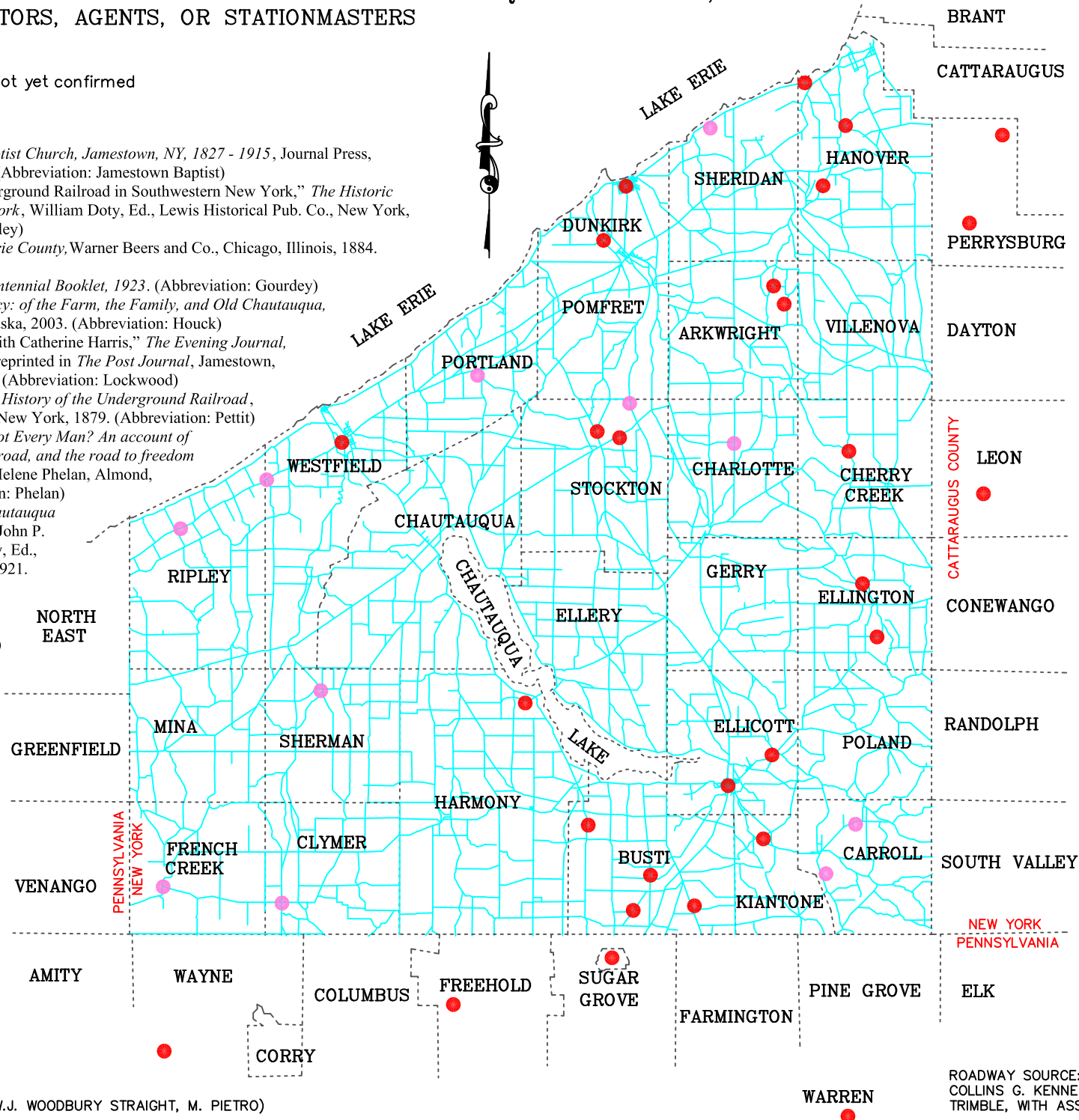
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Chautauqua County Conductors, Agents, or Stationmasters  
(Listed by township; source abbreviations in parentheses)

- Arkwright:** John Little (Pettit), Huyck or Houck family (Houck)
- Busti:** Dr. Stephen J. Brown (Lockwood), William Storum (Downs/Price), Levi Jones (Doty/Bailey), Squire Alvin Plumb (Doty/Bailey), Rev. John Broadhead (Doty/Bailey), Linus Humphrey Pratt (Doty/Bailey), Eleazar Green (Gourdey), Ransom Curtis (Gourdey), Norman Backus (Post)
- Carroll/Frewsburg:** George Washington Fenton (Phelan and not yet confirmed), Hiram Thayer (Richards)
- Charlotte:** Luther Webster (Phelan and not yet confirmed)
- Cherry Creek:** George H. Frost (Shults)
- Clymer:** Rev. John Amidon (not yet confirmed)
- Dunkirk:** T.R. Colman (Pettit)
- Ellicott/Jamestown and Falconer:** Catherine Harris (Lockwood), Silas Shearman (Lockwood), Dr. William Hedges (Lockwood), Phineas Crossman (Lockwood), Addison Price (Lockwood) and Wilson Price (Downs/Price), B. F. "Frank" Van Dusen (Lockwood), John C. Breed (Jamestown Baptist), Edward Work (Doty/Bailey), Clinton Windsor (Phelan and not yet confirmed)
- Ellington:** Joseph B. Nessel (Lockwood), "Surveyor" Page (Lockwood), Varanes Page (Doty/Bailey), the Ladies Antislavery Society (Doty/Bailey)
- French Creek:** The Durkee Inn (Whitney and Peterson but not yet confirmed)
- Hanover/Silver Creek and Forestville:** Silver Creek Depot (Pettit), "Farmer" William Cranston (Pettit), Oliver Lee (Phelan and not yet confirmed), Rev. Alonzo Frink (Pettit), Holman Vail (Phelan and not yet confirmed)
- Kiantone:** Henry H. Jones (Downs/Price)
- North Harmony:** Ed Wells (Gourdey)
- Pomfret/Fredonia:** Dr. James Pettit (Pettit), Luther Webster (Phelan and not yet confirmed)
- Portland:** Webster Road near Fay Street (*Republican* but not yet confirmed)
- Ripley:** Harvey Hall (Phelan and not yet confirmed), the Forsythe area (*Republican* but not yet confirmed)
- Sheridan:** Denny family (*Censor* but not yet confirmed)
- Sherman:** the Presbyterian Church (not yet confirmed)
- Stockton:** Benjamin Miller (Downs/Price), Joseph Sackett (Downs/Price), Aaron Lyon farm (Phelan and not yet confirmed)
- Westfield:** David Hall (*Censor*), Dexter Knowlton (Pettit), Rossiter Johnson (*Republican* and not yet confirmed)

Surrounding Conductors, Agents, or Stationmasters  
(Listed by township and county in NY, by township in PA; source abbreviations in parentheses)

- Leon, Cattaraugus County:** James Wells (Doty/Bailey)
- Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County:** Eber M. Pettit (Pettit), Hiram Chapman (Pettit), William Cooper (Pettit)
- Sugar Grove, PA:** Dr. Catlin (Lockwood)
- Warren, PA:** unnamed station (Pettit)
- Wayne (Beaver Dam), PA:** William Gray (Bates)
- Freehold (Lottsville), PA:** James Carter (Doty/Bailey)

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