subdivision of the eleven towns, by ballot, and was surveyed by
Benjamin Wright in 1796, into 56 lots, numbered from west to
east, and from north to south, commencing near Henderson Bay,
and ending on the line of Lorraine. Mr. Wright complained
of local attractions, that rendered it impossible to run straight
lines. The lots varied in contents from 240 acres to 676 acres,
and the whole made an aggregate of 26,505 acres.

In June, 1799, a company consisting of Nicholas Salisbury,
Robert Fulton, Caleb Ellis and son Daniel, Joel Guile, Abram
Wilcox, John and Gideon Howard, and Elihu Phillips, fallowed
up the creek from Ellisburgh, through this town and Rodman,
and the former was so struck with the probable fertility and
value of the town that he went to New York the same fall,
and purchased a tract one mile below the village. About a dozen,
whose names are given in the following list, took up lands the
same fall. This list is taken from the land books of Nicholas
Low, in the hands of I. W. Bostwick, Esq., of Lowville, the agent
under whom the town was mostly settled. 1798, Elisha Phillips;
1799, Oct. 29, Stephen Shippey, Enon D'Estainff, Nicholas and
Alex. Salisbury, Solomon Smi h, Daniel Comstock, David Smith,
Abram Ripley and Jonathan Cable; Nov. 6, Eliph't Edmonds,
Alexander Dewey; Nov. 14, Geo. Cooper, Jehoida Page, Solomon
Truman, John W. Smith, Francis McKee, Robert My rick; Dec. 1,
Squier Read, Daniel Fox, Zaccheus Walworth; 1800, Josiah'God-
frey, Jenks Seaman, Simeon Forbes, Ebenezer Lazell, David and
Stephen Grummons, Isaac Baker, Samuel Fox, Geo. Houseman,
Peter Dockstader, Paul Stickney, Elias Avery, James McCumber,
Russell Smith, Eben'r Brown, Amos Claffin, Joshua Comstock,
Matthew Wilkie, Consider Law. In 1801, Abijah Miller, John
Freeman, Josiah Godfrey, Daniel Talcott, Hezekiah Tiffany,
Joseph Cook, Phineas Rose, Robert, Solomon and Asher Rob-
bins, Simeon Meacham, Timothy Pond, Barnabas Wellman, Wm.
Thomas, Abel Hart, Henry H. Walrodh, Chauceny and Roswell
Mills. In 1802, Nathan Loveland, Cornelius Hinds, Sylvanus
P. Daggart, Abel Loveland, Roswell Taylor, Roswell Coe, John
Richard, David Higgens, Aaron Farr, John C. Toll, John C.
Scott, James Streeter, John Kudder, Joseph Landon. In 1803,
Truman and Theodore Bunce, John Jones, John Wentworth,
Sylvanus Barney, James Randolph, D. G. M. Gaylord, James
Henderson, Thomas James, Absalom Price, David Gardner. In
1804, Job Taylor, Eliphalet Adams, Abel Myrick. Darius Mark-
ham, John C. Dickinson, John Weaver, Aaron Webster, and
subsequently many others. Although in the fall of 1799, many
parties were in looking for lands, yet (no settlement was made
until April 16, 1800, when Nicholas Salisbury,* from Western,

*Mr. S. died in town, Dec. 11,1834, aged 71.