

Little Journeys Along the Old Mohawk Turnpike

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The Fourth Day's Journey

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On our little journeys along the Mohawk Trail, we have reached Canajoharie which seems to have been spelled Can-a-jor-ha. We have often been confused by confounding the Indian town of Can-a-jor-ha with the Canajoharie of the present day.

All the land on the south side of the river from the Nose below Sprakers to the highlands of Little Falls was known as the land of the Can-a-jor-ha's and when Canajoharie Castle is referred to, it means the Indian settlement in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, and is now known as Indian Castle, which we will come to later. The first name given to the present village of Canajoharie was Schembling, named from a tavern kept by Henry SCREMBLING and was just opposite Frey's. Among the fortified dwellings that were used as places of defense during the Revolution (but not really forts) was the old Van ALSTYNE house built in 1730.