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Fairport has been prominent in Perinton history

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Last week, I let you know about Perinton's upcoming bicentennial, so all of you should know that in 2012, Perinton will turn 200 years old!

The residents of Perinton/Fairport are being sought-after to help plan the festivities. The steering committee will meet to begin preparations at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 2, in room 209 of the Perinton Community Center, 1350 Turk Hill Road. I have already let you know about the history of Perinton in the early years, so today I'll finish the lesson.

In the 1820s, the village of Fairport really began to take shape and become an economic force for the town of Perinton. The creation of the Erie Canal drained the town's unhealthy swamps, and the new route through the village served as a highway for farmers to ship produce on the canal. The result was a booming municipality that eventually eclipsed the hamlet of [Egypt](#), as well as the popular Bushnell's Basin.

Hotels and stores rose along the canal, especially in the village. Political power moved to the village as town meetings were held starting in 1827. In 1829, the post office moved from Fullam's Basin to Fairport. From the 1850s to the 1950s, Perinton's history was primarily Fairport's history.

The village also developed into a booming industrial town. By 1850, as a result of inexpensive and easy transportation, the railroad and the canal caused companies such as DeLand Chemical and Cobb Preserving to grow and thrive. DeLand produced baking soda. It was succeeded by the Fairport Vinegar Works, which developed pectin, sold as Certo, used in the jelling process. Cobb Preserving, the predecessor of American Can Co., was one of the first corporations to perfect the use of the open-top sanitary can. Another [business](#) that thrived was Trescott Co., which developed fruit grading and packing systems that revolutionized the wholesale grocery business.

Crystal Rock Mineral Water Corp. and Taylor's Oil of Life, which catered to the late 19th century demand for cure-all "patent medicines," produced their wares in Perinton and shipped them across the country. Some of the names that you will recognize from modern-day buildings and streets are DeLand, Taylor and Potter, which contributed to the coffers to help build [schools](#), churches, a fire department and even a public library.

A historic preservation ordinance passed by Perinton in 1987 exists to protect many of those historic areas and buildings. But in the late 1960s and early 1970s, some of the old canal town buildings were torn down and replaced with the Village Landing and Packett's Landing complexes.

The town outside the village remained mostly rural until the 1950s. Maps of the late 19th and early 20th centuries show many family farms with names such as Sunnycrest and White Brook. In the suburban boom of the 1950s and '60s, the farms began to disappear. Today, the former

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