

- tember the second census of the village was taken; population 1049 — First Sunday School organized — First Baptist Church was organized, consisting of 72 members.
- 1819.—Atwater, Andrews and Mumford, built a toll bridge over the Genesee River, a short distance above the Falls — The name of the village was changed to Rochester — A route for the Erie Canal was surveyed through the village.
- 1820.—By the U. S. census in August, the population was 1502 — St. Luke's Church was erected — First Methodist Church was organized; the Trustees, Frederick Clark, Abelard Reynolds, Elam Smith, Dan. Rowe and Nathaniel Draper — A Catholic Society was organized; meeting at the Mansion House; Rev. John Farnham presided, who was called "Pastor of the District."
- 1821.—A law passed in the State Legislature erecting the county of Monroe from parts of Ontario and Genesee — Courts were organized in May. The Bench consisted of Elisha B. Strong, First Judge, Timothy Barnard, Judge, Joseph Spencer Assistant Justice. Enos Pomeroy, Joseph Spencer, Ashley Sampson, were appointed to draft rules of Court; No issue was tried; Court convened again in September — James Seymour was Sheriff — The Aqueduct was commenced.
- 1822.—Oct. 29th, the first Canal Boat left the village for Little Falls, laden with flour — Census, September; population 2,700; including laborers on public works, 3,130.
- 1823.—In this year Canal navigation was opened from Albany to Rochester — Oct. 7th the Aqueduct was completed, and the event of the passage of boats over it celebrated by a procession of military companies, Masonic societies and citizens of the village.
- 1825.—Census of the village in February; population, 4,274 — Census of the village in August; population, 5,273. — In this year Canal navigation was extended to Lockport.
- 1826.—On the 26th day of October, the Canal was finished in its whole extent, and the passage of a fleet of Boats from Lake Erie to Sandy Hook, commemorated by succession of celebrations throughout the entire distance. There were days of rejoicings, public receptions, processions, cannonading, music, dancing, and joyous hilarity. Never upon any occasion has all this been excelled. Commencing at Buffalo, a boat having on board Gov. Clinton, and other State officers, committees, delegations from many counties of the State, &c., started off followed by a fleet of boats. The departure was announced by a signal gun, and carried along from gun to gun, stationed throughout the entire distance; *in one hour and twenty minutes* the news was received at Sandy Hook, that a boat had started from Lake Erie, and was on its way, "traversing a new path to the Atlantic Ocean." Then commenced a long series of receptions and celebrations along the whole line. Rochester, then a young, aspiring village of less than 8,000 inhabitants, as if some inspired prophet had foretold that it was the dawning of her already largely realized destiny, caught the spirit of the whole thing! In their own locality, at Buffalo, and at other places along the line; and at the grand finale upon the waters of the Bay of New York, they were "present and assisting." When the fleet from the west arrived at their village, there were under arms, eight uniform companies, and an immenso concourse of citizens. Jesse Hawley made an address which was replied to by Gov. Clinton and John C. Spencer; exercises were had at the Presbyterian Church — the Rev. Mr. Penney officiating; Timothy Childs delivered an address; Gen. Matthews presided at a dinner at the Mansion House, assisted by Jesse Hawley and Jonathan Childs; in the evening there was a ball and a general illumination. Those who come after us may consummate achievements of greater magnitude than the Erie Canal, but none of more practical diffusive utility; and never in all probability will there be another such a "PEOPLE'S JUBILEE!"
- 1837.—Rochester was incorporated as a city in the spring of 1834. The first officers of the city were as follows: — Jonathan Child, Mayor; Erasmus D. Smith, Abraham M. Schermerhorn, Supervisors elected by general ticket; the Aldermen were, Lewis Brooks, Thomas Kempshall, Frederick F. Backus, A. W. Riley, Jacob Graves; Assistants, John Jones, Elijah F. Smith, Jacob Thorn, Lansing B. Swan, Henry Kennedy. Jacob Gould, A. M. Schermerhorn, Thomas Kempshall, Elisha Johnson, were Mayors in succession.