

later eventuated in the bloody scenes of the French revolution, we cannot certainly say, but it is a well-known historical fact that then and soon afterward there was a very considerable French immigration to this and other points contiguous to the St. Lawrence. De Chaumont became a proprietor of extensive tracts of land in Jefferson County, and it was under his auspices that this town and others were first permanently settled. He gave his name and the names of various members of his family to many towns and villages, among them that of his son Alexander to Alexandria. He was long known as a very popular and public spirited citizen, who



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not only encouraged settlement and improvement upon his own lands, but identified himself with all the interests of the country of his temporary adoption, but finally returned to his estate in France about 1810.

Alexandria Bay was chosen as the most feasible locality along this part of the river for a port of entry for a considerable section of the adjacent country. being, in fact, the only good harbor easily accessible between Clayton and Morristown, a distance of about thirty-four miles. In the very early settlement it had a considerable trade in timber and staves, of which vast quantities were collected every season in the sheltered waters near