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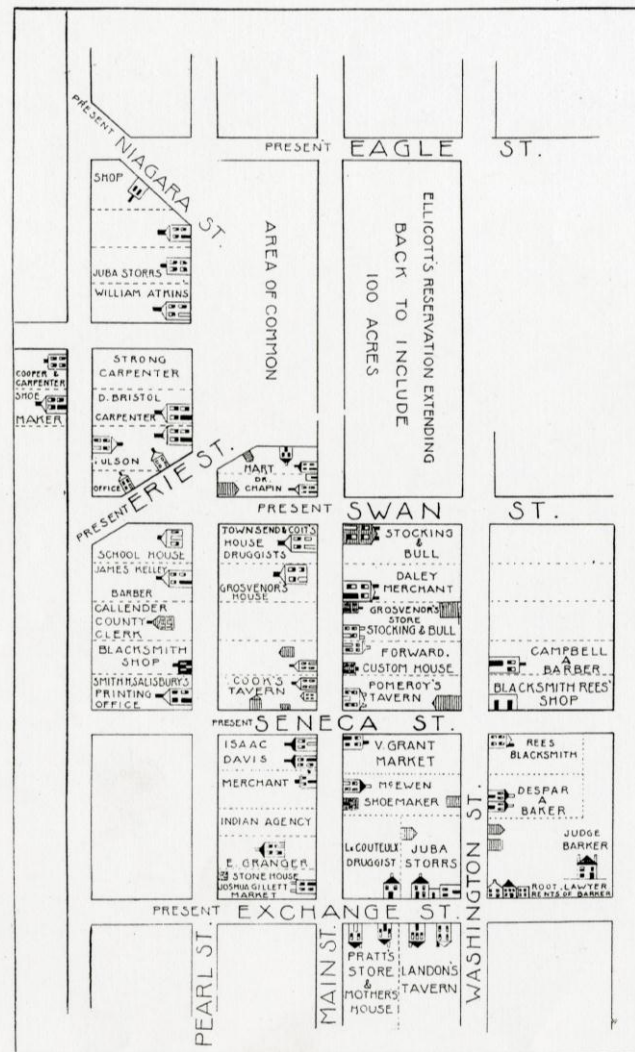
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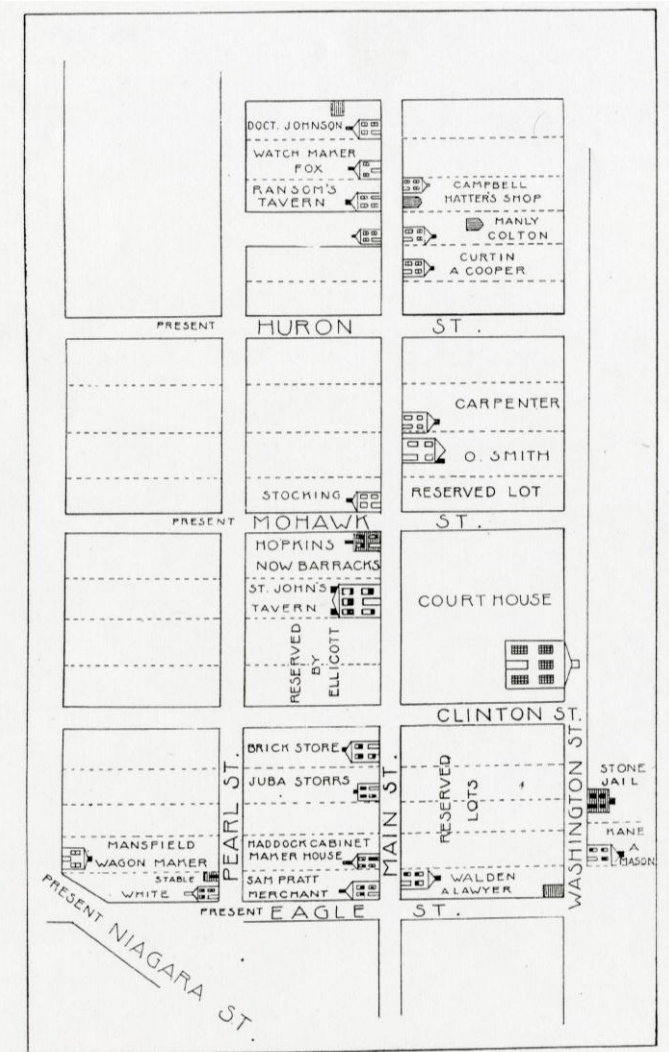
Severance, Frank H., ed.
Picture Book of Earlier Buffalo,
 pp. 58-59
 Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Historical Society,
 1912

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THE BUFFALO THAT WAS BURNED IN 1813.
 REDRAWN FROM JUBA STORRS' SKETCH MADE IN APRIL, 1813.



NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF MAP ON PRECEDING PAGE.
 BUILDINGS AND BOUNDARY LINES ARE SHOWN AS IN THE ORIGINAL.

**Civilian dead during the Burning of Buffalo,
Dec. 30, 1813 – Jan 2, 1814**

This is list of known civilian dead, pulled from various sources:

Glenn R.P. Atwell, "The Burning of Buffalo as experienced by three Buffalo families," *W.N.Y.G.S. Journal*, Vol. XL No. 3 (Dec. 2013): 100 – 110
Letter and correspondence of Mrs. M. St. John Skinner
Second Session of the Eighteenth Congress, *Register of Debates in Congress*, Vol. I (1825)
Buffalo Gazette, January 25, 1814
Mrs. Jonathan Sideway, "Recollections the Burning of Buffalo and Events in the History of the Family of Gamaliel and Margaret St. John," *Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society*, Vol. IX (1906): 311 – 336

Village population: ca. 400 - 500

Name	Residence	Occupation, if known
Baker, Newman	Hamburg	
Brackett, Dennis	Chautauqua	Lawyer
Chaseman, William	Hamburg	
Fenn, Moses	Clarence	
Franklin, Robert	Buffalo	
Friskett, Mr.		
Helms, Samuel	Buffalo	Market Gardener
Hillard (Hill) Robert	Black Rock	
Hoisington, Job	Buffalo	Carpenter
Keane, Robert		
Keep, N.D.	Buffalo	
Lawfer, Adam	Black Rock	
Lindsley, Mr.	Livonia	
Lovejoy, Mrs.	Buffalo	
Martin, Bethel		Transient
Moffat, Parley	Hamburg	
Myers, Mr.	Buffalo	
Nash, Aaron	Hanover	
Nesbit, James	Buffalo	
Reed, Israel	Willink	
Roop, John	Buffalo	Teamster
Similie, Mr.	New Chautauqua	
Trisket, John	Buffalo	
Wilson, Mr.	Bloomfield	

Also from local newspaper:
"42 bodies laying, which were found after the battle, all of them scalped."
Western New Yorker (Warsaw, NY), September 2, 1856

**Military dead during the Burning of Buffalo,
Dec. 30, 1813 – Jan 2, 1814**

This is a list of the military dead, pulled from various sources:

Glenn R.P. Atwell, "The Burning of Buffalo as experienced by three Buffalo families," *W.N.Y.G.S. Journal*, Vol. XL No. 3 (Dec. 2013): 100 – 110
Mrs. Jonathan Sideway, "Recollections the Burning of Buffalo and Events in the History of the Family of Gamaliel and Margaret St. John," *Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society*, Vol. IX (1906): 311 - 336
Buffalo Gazette, January 25, 1814
Bilow, Jack, *A War of 1812 Death Register: Whispers in the Dark*, Self-Published (2011)
Manlius Times, January 4, 1814
Buffalo Courier Express, December 29, 1963, pg. 3 – B

There are numerous sources which give wide-ranging numbers for the military dead during the burning of Buffalo. Below are officers who were killed in action (KIA) or prisoners of war (POW). Verification of each name was attempted.

Adams, Alexander (KIA)
Cheesman, William (KIA)
Cury, Calvin (KIA)
Doughton, S. (KIA)
Dudley, William (KIA)
Harman, Capt. (KIA)
Hoffman, Peter (KIA)
Smiley, William Jr. (KIA)
Tottman (Tatman), Joshua (KIA)
Wells, Charles C. (KIA)

Brown, William (POW)
Hodge, Benjamin (POW)
Hoyt, Joseph D. (POW)
Ormon, William (POW)

One newspaper states: 30 Killed, 40 Wounded, 69 taken Prisoner and a second source lends credence to these numbers

Another newspaper states: 40 – 50 Killed, 90 Wounded

Another newspaper states: 300 Killed or Wounded

As with much of history, the truth may be somewhere in the middle.
