



## PITTSFORD LIBRARY – EARLY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

*Information from an undated article by Pittsford Community Library founder Una Hutchinson:*

### OFFICERS

**Major Ezra Patterson** – Treasurer and librarian. Major in Revolutionary War; fence viewer for town government in 1796; supervisor from 1800-1813.

**William Griffin** – Secretary. Lived in region called Johnny Cake Rd. (now East St.), so called as it was believed fitted only to grow corn. In 1799 Griffin and his neighbor, William Agate, cut a road through the woods to Stone Mills (now Jaeschke Mills), to grind that corn.

### DIRECTORS

**Noah Norton** – Norton settled here in 1794 on a hill two miles south of Pittsford on the Mendon Center Rd. He built a frame house in 1795, now owned by Irving Hopkins. Norton was town assessor in 1796.

**Nathan Nye** – Came to region in 1793; supervisor in 1815; school commissioner in 1814; town clerk, built first distillery.

**John Ray, M.D.** – Arrived in 1792; first physician. Attended patients in scattered settlements west of the Genesee River when he was “in greater danger of drowning than his patients were of disease.” Town clerk, 1796. Owned one of the few slaves in town. He gave the slave to his sister, Alice, when she married Oliver Culver.

### INSPECTORS

**Glover Perrin** – Assessor in 1796. Pioneer landlord on the corner where the Pittsford Inn (Phoenix Hotel) now stands. Sabbath Day master in 1798; function questionable as there was no church or preacher. Overseer of poor, 1814.

**Amos Stone** – One of the famous Stone family, purchasers of the first land in the section from Phelps and Gorham. Known as “Squire Stone.”

**Jared Barker** – Settled south of Pittsford in 1800; early school commissioner. Founded large family, which developed many farms in the region.

**Silas Nye** – First supervisor of Northfield 1796-1799, Captain in Revolutionary War.

**Oliver Culver** – Settled in Brighton section. Ran a distillery behind his tavern. In real estate and trading business; built and ran a packet boat on the Erie Canal. Married Dr. Ray’s sister, Alice. Romance may have entered into his literary visits to Pittsford.