

## NYS Veteran's Home at Oxford, NY

**Vicky House**, Oxford Town Historian, was the speaker at the Smithville Historical Society's annual meeting on November 18, 2018. In honor of our nation's veterans, Ms. House presented a Powerpoint program on the history of the **NYS Veterans Home at Oxford**. Although the home is in Oxford, it was built to serve all of New York State. It was originally built for Civil War veterans, their wives, widows, daughters, and Army nurses. Through the years, changes were made, veterans from other wars were eventually admitted, and a fight to prevent the home's closure ensued. All were part of the story.

Ms. House, an active member of the Smithville Historical Society, researched the home's history and gathered images, both inside and out, for her program. Her knowledge of the home complements her special interest of documenting and recognizing the lives and service of local veterans.



The "Soldier's Home" as it appeared near the turn of the century