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**1 JOHNSON HALL.** Baronial home of Sir William Johnson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the British Crown. Listed as a National Historic Landmark. Prior to the Revolutionary War, the home was a Native American trade and negotiations site. Period exhibits open to the public seasonally— 1763

**2 THE DRUMM HOUSE.** Oldest dwelling in Johnstown. Only survivor of six similar structures built by Sir William for his staff. Here lived Edward Wall, schoolmaster of the first free school in the colony of New York— 1763

**3 COLONIAL CEMETERY.** Many notables of Colonial and Revolutionary days are buried here, including Colonel James Livingston and Washington Irving's sister.

**4 ST. PATRICK'S MASONIC LODGE #4.** Established by Sir William Johnson, its first Master. In 1794, the first official meeting house was constructed at 12 W. Montgomery St., where meetings were conducted until 1887. The home was then purchased by William Hartman and moved to 104 Persse Ave. where it stands to this day. Today members meet on North Perry Street.— 1766

**5 TRYON COUNTY COURTHOUSE .** Only Colonial courthouse still in use in NYS. Bricks used to build the courthouse were shipped from England, arrived by boat in Albany and traveled to Johnstown by wagon. First court general sessions, Tryon County, September 8, 1772.

**6 FORT JOHNSTOWN.** Built by Johnson to fortify the village, used by loyalists during the Revolutionary War as civil and military prison. Inspected by Washington in 1783. The cannon and balls were placed as a memorial in 1900. Later the cannonballs had to be welded together to prevent pranksters from rolling them down Perry Street hill— 1744

## **7 HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD.**

Battle of Johnstown fought October 25, 1781 —last battle of the Revolutionary War— fought six days after Gen. Cornwallis surrendered to Gen. Washington at Yorktown.

**8 JAMES BURKE'S INN.** Built in 1765 for Johnson's surveyor, Robert Picken. The inn originally stood at 4 S. William St. and was moved to its present site in 1788. It is the current home of the Johnstown Chapter of the D.A.R.— 1788

**FIRST JOHNSTOWN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED—** 1796

**9 UNION HALL INN.** Post-Revolutionary War tavern resort of Nick Stoner. Erected by Captain Jean Baptists Voumane de Fon Clair, officer in the French Army of King Louis XVI— 1798

**GLOVE MANUFACTURING.** Introduced to the area— 1803

**AARON BURR.** Tried case in Colonial Courthouse— 1812

**10 BIRTHPLACE OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON.** Historical marker is located at site of birthplace and home— 1815

**11 MRS. HENRY'S BOARDING HOUSE.** Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony stayed here while they penned the third of four volumes of their book, History of Woman Suffrage.

**12 HISTORIC HOME.** Built in Federal style by Benjamin Chamberlain, lawyer. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places— 1816

**13 COLONIAL LITTLE THEATRE.** Building originally stood at 21 S. Market St. as a church dating to the early 1800's. Moved in 1963 to current site. Plays presented throughout the year.

**14 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Building completed in 1865 at a cost of \$33,000. It was the family church of Judge Cady, father of Elizabeth Cady Stanton— 1865

**FJ&G RAILROAD.** Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville RR completed— 1870

**FIRST HORSE RAILROAD—** 1874

**ELECTRIC LIGHTS.** Introduced in Johnstown— 1887

**15 JOHNSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Museum covers 300 years of local history, housing the cradle for the children of Johnson & Molly Brant, snowshoes of Nick Stoner, & Elizabeth Cady Stanton's piano— 1892

**16 THE KNOX MANSION.** Home of Mrs. Rose Knox. After the death of her husband Charles in 1908, she took over management of the business— Knox Gelatine. In 1922 she was listed as one of the six leading business women in the nation and in 1937 was honored as Johnstown's foremost benefactress & industrialist— 1898

**17 JOHNSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY.** This Andrew Carnegie endowed library was chartered in 1901. It opened in 1902 with a total of 4,736 books— 1902

**18 MONUMENT TO SIR WM. JOHNSON.** Life size, full figure of marble on granite risers with bronze placque. Erected by the Aldine Society in 1904.

**19 CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS & SAILORS MONUMENT.** Dedicated to the memory of soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War. Plaques have been added to honor soldiers who have fought in wars since that time— 1910

**20 D.A.R. MONUMENT.** Large pink granite boulder with bronze placque of colonial soldiers, in relief, honors our heroic dead.

**21 SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON PARK.** Grave of Sir Wm. Johnson is in the park plus commemorative plaques and memorials to Sir William, the first Veterans of our Nation, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The Charles E. Jenner Memorial & Bandshell also located in park.

## **22 ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

Sir William Johnson sponsored the construction of a stone church at this site. His remains were buried under the altar area. When the current structure was built, his burial site ended up being outside.

## **23 JOHNSTOWN CITY HALL.**

Constructed after a great fire destroyed government offices in the old building in 1925— 1927

**24 KNOX FIELD.** Johnstown Board of Education purchased 16 acres for \$18,000 in 1927 to construct a new school. Mrs. Rose Knox donated \$200,000 to the project of developing an athletic field adjacent to the school for local children— 1930

**#1 IN WORLD.** World leader in glove production during World War II— 1940's

**25 SCHOOL MUSEUM.** Opens in the former Knox Field House, unique school archives provide a window to the past.— 2003