

# **Civil War Era**

## **Taverns in Halfmoon**

**Board of Commissioners of Excise**

### **Innkeepers Bond**

**“Applied to the Board of Excise or intend to apply for a License to sell Strong and Spirituous Liquor to be drank on his premises and house known as the Saratoga House in the Village of Mechanicville to keep an Inn or Tavern or Hotel”**

**“Shall not suffer his place of business to become disorderly nor sell or suffer to be sold any strong or spirituous liquors or wines to be drank in his shop or house, or any outhouse, yard or garden belonging thereto”**

**Signed, George Tomins**

**Sealed & Delivered in presence of W.B.Harris**

**Sworn & Subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1860,  
W.B.Harris, Notary Public**

**May 10th, 1860 Erastus McKinney applied**

**William Vernon & H.I. Quackenbush signed & subscribed**

George Linnis  
Bend

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Green

Approved  
by Stewart

Thomas Green

Samuel Lewis

Handwritten text, possibly a signature or name, appearing in two lines. The top line is more legible and appears to read "L. J. ...". The bottom line is less legible but appears to read "L. J. ...".

Know all men by these presents, that  
George Tomms of Mechanicsville town  
of Calpurn County of Saratoga and  
William Clements & William Vermeire  
of the same place are heid and firmly  
bound unto the People of the State of  
New York, in the penal sum of five  
hundred dollars, lawful money of  
the United States, to be paid to the said  
People, for which payment we and truly  
to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and  
severally, and our & each of our heirs  
executors and administrators, firmly by these  
presents. Sealed with our seals, and  
dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1860.

Whereas the said George Tomms  
has applied to the Board of Commissioners  
of Excise, or intends so <sup>to</sup> apply, for a  
license to sell strong and spirituous  
liquors and wines in quantities less  
than five gallons, at his Grocery Store  
in the said town of Calpurn  
in said County.

Now, therefore, the condition of  
this obligation is such, that if the said  
~~license shall be granted to the said~~  
Applicant, and he, the said applicant,  
during the term for which his said license  
shall be granted, shall not suffer  
his place of business to become disorderly  
nor sell or suffer to be sold any thing  
or spirituous <sup>liquors</sup> or wines to be drunk in his  
shop or house, or in any outhouse, yard  
or garden appertaining thereto, and

that he will not suffer any such papers  
to be by virtue of such license, to be  
drawn in the shop or house or in any  
other place or garden belonging to the  
theater, the above obligation to be  
made, otherwise to remain in full  
force and virtue, George Denton, +  
The Company, +  
Wm. Denton +  
in presence of R. B. Harris

San Diego County, William Lewis Williams  
Not being being duly sworn doth each  
for himself say that he is a party to the  
forgoing bond, and that he is worth  
the sum of one thousand dollars and  
over above all debts & liabilities and  
several property, The Company, +  
Wm. Denton +

before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1860.  
R. B. Harris Notary Public

San Diego County, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1860 before me personally came George  
Lewis Williams to wit William Lewis  
to me known to be the persons aforesaid  
in and who executed the foregoing  
bond, and acknowledged that they  
are duly sworn to the same.  
R. B. Harris Notary Public

Lyanders Mc.  
Kinney & others

Band

In the People

Iron Keepers

Band:

Among

Howard

Parson Cook

Sam Lewis

To me well known, and known by  
me to be the persons described in and  
whom executed the foregoing bond  
and severally acknowledged to me  
that they executed the same. And  
I certify that the word "Stillwater" was  
erased, and "Keapman" inserted  
before signing.

Nathan Tabor Justice of the Peace

Know all men by these presents,

That Erastus M. Kinney of  
Hempstead in the County of Saratoga  
and William Berman & Herman  
S. Quackenbush of the same place are  
hereby bound unto the  
People of the State of New York in the  
penal sum of two hundred and  
fifty dollars, lawful money of  
the United States to be paid to  
the said People, for which payment  
well and truly to be made, the said  
aforesaid, jointly and severally and  
each and each of our heirs, executors  
and administrators jointly by these  
presents. Sealed with our seals, and  
dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1860

Whereas, the said Erastus M. Kinney has applied to the Board of Commissioners of Excise of the said County, or in terms so apply, for a License to sell strong and spiritous liquors and wines to be drunk on his premises and his house known as the Saratoga House in the Village of Mechanicville town of ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> ~~County~~<sup>County</sup> in the said County where<sup>he</sup> proposes to keep an Inn as Tavern or Hotel;

And therefore, the Condition of this obligation is such, that if the said License shall be granted



Whereas all men by Thomas Beards  
Shub Nicholas Little of the town  
of Newburyham County of Saratoga  
County New York. Sealed by and  
~~Charles H. King~~ of the same place  
are held and firm by bond unto  
the Receiver of the State of New York  
in the penal sum of five hundred  
dollars lawful money of the United States  
to be paid to the said Receiver, for  
which payment well and truly he  
he made, ~~and~~ he bind and  
seals jointly and severally, and  
are enforce each of our hands, executors  
and administrators jointly by their  
privies sealed with our seals  
and dated this 14th day of May  
1860.

Whereas the said Nicholas  
Little has applied to the Board  
of Commissioners of Excise, or  
intended so to apply, for a license  
to sell strong and spirituous  
liquors and wine in quantities  
less than five gallons, at his  
dwelling place in the village of  
Mechanicville town of Newburyham  
in said County.

And whereas the condition  
of this application is such, that if  
the said License shall be granted  
to the applicant, and he the said  
applicant ~~shall~~ during the  
time for which his license shall  
be granted, shall not suffer



Will Hornum & Associates and  
Sisters M. E. Finney are to me human  
in the presence of spiritual in and  
who represent the foreign land  
and necessarily acknowledge that  
the execution the same.

M. J. Davis  
Secretary Public

Nicholas Little  
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The People's  
Bank, Inc.  
Grant's Landing

Know all Men by these Presents, That *we, Isaac H Hawley Everett Hawley and Manly A Woodin*

of *Halfmoon* in the county of *Saratoga*, and *State of New York*

are held and firmly bound to the people of the State of New York in the penal sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said people, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, jointly and severally, and our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seal, and dated the *Eighteenth* day of *May* - 1860.

WHEREAS, the said *Isaac H Hawley*

has applied to the Board of Commissioners of Excise of the said county, or intend so to apply, for a license to sell strong and spirituous liquors and wines to be drank on *his* premises and in *his* house, known as *Crescent Hotel* in the town of *Halfmoon* - in said county, where *he* proposes to keep an Inn, Tavern or Hotel :

Now, therefore, the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said license shall be granted to the said applicant, and he, the said applicant, during the time that he shall keep such Inn, Tavern or Hotel, shall not and do not suffer it to be disorderly, or suffer any gambling, or keep any gambling table of any description, within the said Inn, Tavern or Hotel, so kept by him, or in any out-house, yard or garden belonging thereto; then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in presence of  
*W. Higgins*  
*John Knight*

*Isaac H Hawley*  
*Everett Hawley*  
*Manly A Woodin*

SARATOGA COUNTY—ss :

*Everett Hawley and Manly A Woodin*

being duly sworn, doth each for himself depose and say, and each for himself says, that he resides in the said county, that he is a surety to the foregoing bond, and that he is worth the sum of five hundred dollars over and above all debts, liabilities and exempt property.

Subscribed and sworn before me this }  
*21<sup>st</sup>* day of *May* 1860 }  
*John Knight*  
*Justice of Peace*

*Isaac H Hawley*  
*Manly A Woodin*

COUNTY OF SARATOGA—ss : On this

day of *May* 1860, before me appeared *Everett Hawley and Manly A Woodin*

each to me well known, and known by me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing bond, and acknowledged to me that they severally executed the same.

*John Knight Justice of Peace*

I H Hawley<sup>o</sup>  
Bond  
approved  
In Witness  
Whereof Cash