

CATON'S HISTORY

Caton's Population

Year	Citizens
1840	796
1850	1214
1860	1550
1870	1554
1880	1634
1890	1642
1900	1445
1910	1078
1920	688
1930	915
1940	976
1950	1359
1970	1747
1980	1847
1990	1888
2000	2097

- 1700 - Caton was the hunting grounds of the Seneca Indians.
- 1788 - Massachusetts sells what is now Caton to the Phelps and Gorham land group, they survey the land into Township #1, Range #1.
- 1801 - The land is transferred to the Pultney Association whom sell the land to settlers.
- 1810 - The 1st settlers come into what is now Caton.
- 1825 - More settlers arrive in Caton which at that time was called Wormley, after Samuel Wormley who was the Towns 1st Post Master, Tavern and Innkeeper.
- 1832 - The Baptist Church of Caton formed, Breese grist mill built and L. Barnard builds a sawmill in West Caton.
- 1833 - Methodist Church of Caton formed.
- 1835 - The 1st Gridley families arrives in Caton
- 1840 - The name of Wormley is changed to Caton after Richard Caton.
- 1840 - There are 219 farms in Caton.
- 1861 -1865 Caton has 175 men fight in the Civil War, this is more men than any small Town in New York State.
- 1870 - Caton has three resident physicians.
- 1875 - Caton Grange established.
- 1879 - Caton has a Jewelry Store.

1888 - West Caton Post Office established.
1890 - Caton Center has plank sidewalks.
1891- A wheel maker and Blacksmith establishes in Caton
1898 - Caton has 12 Schools with 12 teachers. Many of these schools are now
Private homes.
1900- The Caton Rural Telephone Company was established.
1902- Caton has a Jail located on the banks of Caton Creek. One person spent the night
in the jail.
1912 -1960 Harrison Meat market in Caton Center.
1916 - Flash Flood washes out bridges.
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1936 - Serious flooding with roads and bridges washed out.
1951- Caton Fire Company formed. Prior to the formation many members had
donated their own money to purchase fire equipment.
1955 - 1956 Caton School built, all 12 local school building closed.
1972 - Serious Town Garage fire destroys the garage and burns part of the Town Hall.
1973- New town Garage built on Riff Road, Town Hall rebuilt.
1973 - Flash floods wash out roads and culverts.
1982- Caton School closes.
1985- Caton School sold to Pathways.
1997- Caton Town Hall Meeting room refurbished.

The above data was taken from several old publications about the Town of Caton.

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