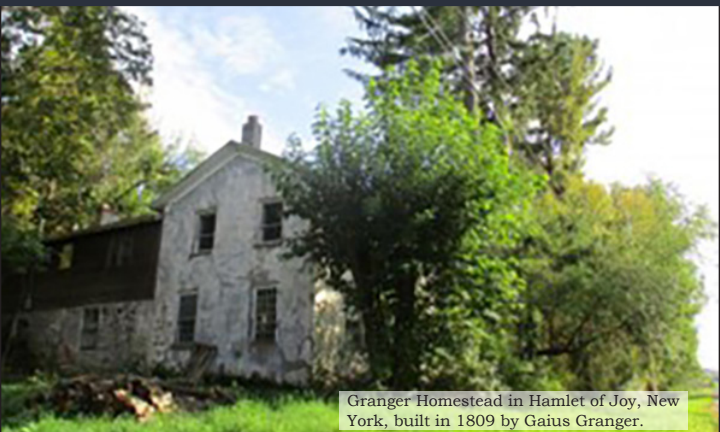


GENERAL GORDON GRANGER

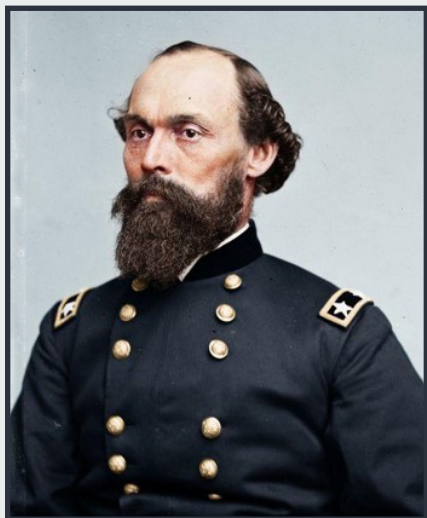


Granger Homestead in Hamlet of Joy, New York, built in 1809 by Gaius Granger.

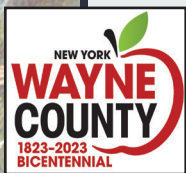
Wayne County, New York
“Historic to the core!”

Born in Sodus, N.Y.

1821-1876



General Gordon Granger is remembered as the “Savior of Chickamauga” and the officer who delivered General Order #3 to the citizens of Texas on June 19, 1865, otherwise known as Juneteenth.

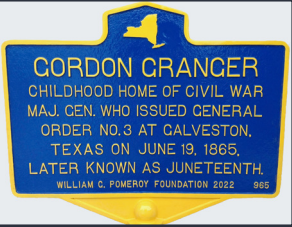


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Wayne County's 200th Birthday

Gordon Granger was born Nov. 6, 1821, in the hamlet of Joy, New York. When he was a small child, his mother died giving

birth to his sister, and he was raised by his grandfather Elihu Granger in Phelps, NY. After a common school education, he was the first teacher at Sodus District #16 School, located on Pre-Emption Road. In 1841, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated in 1845. Granger's most significant service occurred on Sept. 20, 1863, during the Battle of Chickamauga, where his heroic action saved the Union forces from almost certain disaster. Immediately after the war, Granger

received command of the District of Texas. It was that position that led him to Galveston on June 19, 1865, where he read General Order No. 3. It read, in part: "The people of Texas are informed that...all slaves are free." This was the birth of the National Holiday, "Juneteenth."



Dedicated June 19, 2023



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