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## PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

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The propriety of celebrating, in a suitable manner, the one hundredth anniversary of the Settlement of the Town of Rutland, was the subject of frequent conversation for some time before any formal action was taken in the matter. Finally, in the month of July, the following notice, signed by several gentlemen, appeared in the Rutland Daily Herald:

### THE CENTENNIAL OF RUTLAND.

The undersigned hereby invite the citizens of Rutland to meet at the Opera Hall this (Tuesday) evening, the 12th July, at eight o'clock, to consider the propriety of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the first settlement of our town, to appoint a committee of arrangements, etc.

The growth of Rutland, during the last one hundred years, from the wildness of nature to its present prosperity, the liability of losing much of the materials of our yet unpublished, early history; our own satisfaction, a regard for those who shall come afterwards, all suggest the eminent fitness of our appointing a family gathering of the sons and daughters of the town, when reminiscences of the past bubbling up from living memories, and culled from rare old books and manuscripts, shall cheer, thrill and delight alike the young and the aged; those whose homes are now here, and those whose homes are far, far away.

Let us leave our occupations for that evening, hear and confer together about that which arouses our memories of the past and our hopes of the future.

In response to this call, a large number of gentlemen assembled at the Opera House at the time designated, and organized by choosing William Y. Ripley, Chairman, and Chauncey K. Williams, Secretary.

The subject of an appropriate celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Settlement of Rutland was freely discussed, and a committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements.

The Committee of Arrangements, as finally constituted, consisted of—

William Y. Ripley,	H. H. Paine,	Luther Hayward,
Chauncey K. Williams,	Chauncey Thrall,	Henry Hayward,
Henry Hall,	G. C. Hathaway,	Z. V. K. Wilson,
J. W. Cramton,	H. H. Baxter,	Charles Clement,
Henry Clark,	Francis Slason,	B. H. Burt,
John Cain,	Nahum Johnson,	Albert Landon,
Dr. L. Sheldon,	F. Chaffee,	Edward H. Ripley,
T. J. Ormsbee,	H. R. Dyer,	P. K. Osgood,
J. L. Billings,	William Gilmore,	Reuben R. Thrall,
A. H. Post,	B. R. Grecco,	Augustus Reed,
J. A. Salisbury,	B. F. Blanchard,	Azor Capron,
B. K. Chase,	Dennis Smith,	James Barrett,
J. N. Baxter,	J. M. Mend,	William Y. W. Ripley,
M. Goldsmith,	J. McConnell,	Charles H. Joyce,
R. Barrett,	L. Chatterton,	Jared Long,
G. A. Merrill,	Porter Howe,	Moses Hayward,
J. B. Page,	Moses Hawkes,	Jirah Vaughn,
R. R. Mend,	W. G. Veazey,	Amasa Pooler,
John H. Hazleton,	Alonzo Kelley,	John Strong,
Evelyn Pierpoint,	Joseph A. Deland,	S. W. Rowell,
Horace H. Dyer,	Luke Ward,	H. F. Field,
J. M. Hall,	E. Boardman,	Eli Farmer,
L. G. Kingsley,	Judson Gotham,	Isaac C. Reynolds,
Chester Kingsley,	Jacob N. Bailey,	Erastus Wells,
M. G. Everts,	J. G. Griggs,	John Engram,
Charles Sheldon,	Franklin Billings,	James B. Porter,
John A. Sheldon,	James L. Gilmore,	George Graves,
B. W. Marshall,	Walter C. Landon,	Alanson Dyer,
J. C. Dunn,	John Landon,	Judah Dana,
	Harry Mussey,	

This Committee organized by the election of William Y. Ripley, Chairman, Chauncey K. Williams, Recording Secretary, and Henry

Hall, Corresponding Secretary, and appointed from their own number an Executive Committee of thirteen, to whom they committed all the details of the celebration.

The Executive Committee consisted of William Y. Ripley, President; Chauncy K. Williams, Recording Secretary; Henry Hall, Corresponding Secretary; John Cain, Lorenzo Sheldon, Ben K. Chase, Horace H. Dyer, John M. Hall, Levi G. Kingsley, Geo. C. Hathaway, Henry R. Dyer, William Gilmore, and William Y. W. Ripley.

The Executive Committee, at one of their earliest meetings, appointed the following Sub-Committees:

*Finance*—John W. Cranston, Levi G. Kingsley, William Gilmore, Horace H. Dyer, John M. Hall, Henry F. Field.

*Invitation and Reception*—Henry Hall, George A. Merrill, Henry Clark, Edward H. Ripley, Charles Sheldon. To which were subsequently added, to assist in reception of guests, George A. Tuttle, William A. Burnett, Gershom C. Ruggles, Geo. H. Cheney, J. Grafton Griggs, William Y. Ripley.

*Order of Exercises*—John B. Page, William Y. W. Ripley, John N. Baxter, Charles Clement, Wheelock G. Veazey.

*Relics*—Lorenzo Sheldon, Ben K. Chase, James C. Dunn, R. R. Mead, Henry R. Dyer, Alpha H. Post, Albert Landon, Thos. J. Ormsbee.

*Decorations*—George C. Hathaway, Edward H. Ripley, B. W. Marshall, Frederick Chaffee, Henry F. Field, Chester Kingsley, R. M. Cross.

*Salutes*—Henry R. Dyer, Franklin Billings, Martin G. Everts, Chester Kingsley, Charles H. Joyce.

*Music*—John N. Baxter, Henry F. Field, John Strong.

*Location of Tent, etc.*—George C. Hathaway, Henry R. Dyer, Horace H. Dyer.

*On Trades*—N. L. Davis, N. F. Page, Newman Weeks, Albert H. Tuttle.

*To Prepare Posters, etc.*—Ben K. Chase, Chester Kingsley.

The Executive Committee met once each week, and some weeks twice, from the time of their appointment until the day of celebration, for the purpose of making and perfecting arrangements.