Schuylerville Owes Its Fame to Battle, its Growth to Champlain Canal

Introduction. In 1602, the Dutch explorer Henry Hudson sailed his ship, the Half Moon, up the river now known as the Hudson. He named the river after his ship, and the river's name has stuck ever since. Schuylerville, New York, sits along the north end of the Hudson River, about two miles downstream from the site where Hudson's ship landed.

Colonial Home. The John Nelson house, which is said to have been built in 1720, was once home to the oldest known family in America. The house is now a historic site and is open to the public.

Schuylerville's Canals. Schuylerville's growth is largely due to the Champlain Canal. The canal was built in the early 19th century and linked the Hudson River to Lake Champlain, making it easier to transport goods from the east coast to the west. The canal was later abandoned, but its legacy lives on in the town's name and in the memories of its residents.

1941. Earl Ricketts, 1941. Earl Ricketts, owner of the Ricketts Hotel, was a well-known figure in Schuylerville. He was known for his hospitality and his love of the town. He was also a frequent guest at the Annual Meeting of the Town's Board of Supervisors.

The Corner Drug Store. The Corner Drug Store, located on Broadway, was a popular spot for locals to gather. It was owned by Mr. Charles E. Goodwin, who was a respected member of the community.

Don Nadeau. Don Nadeau started his business in Schuylerville with the idea of giving the public a better service in the cleaning and dying business. He opened his first shop in 1932 and quickly built a loyal following. He was known for his friendly service and his commitment to quality. He passed away in 1954, and the business was later sold to his daughter, Mary Nadeau. She continued the family tradition and kept the business running for another 30 years.

It has been our pleasure. Thank you for visiting Schuylerville, New York. We hope you enjoyed your stay and will return in the future.