

Nellis Tavern Timeline

- 1725 – Christian Nellis, Sr. obtained 640 acres, Lot #12 of Harrison Patent; built log cabin & Ft. Nellis near Mohawk River.
- 1734 – Christian Nellis, Jr. was born. He became a grist miller, member of NYS Assembly, Judge in Court of Common for Montgomery County, pvt in Tryon County Militia, Ranger in Revolutionary War, Battle of Oriskany.
- 1747 – Nellis Tavern building built by Christian, Sr. – Georgian Period.
- 1767 – Christian Sr. deeded much of his share of Klock and Nellis Patent to Christian Jr.
- 1771 – Jacob Christopher Nellis born. Christian Sr. died.
- 1777 – Christian Jr. fought in the Battle of Oriskany.
- 1783 – Christian Jr. started Tavern before this date.
- 1785-1790 – Tavern renovated. (1792, 2nd story was added.)
- 1801 – Store was added to Tavern.
- 1808 – Christian Jr. died; buried in cemetery across road, to the west. He deeded land to Jacob C. and John C. Nellis.
- 1811 – New Turnpike legally established, from Johnstown, to end at home of John C. Nellis, St. Johnsville.
- 1812 – Jacob as captain and John also an officer, served in War of 1812.
- 1815-1820 – Tavern renovated. Two-story wing was added to east.
- 1834 – Railroad bought land from John C. and Jacob C. Nellis.
- 1835 – Date chosen for present restoration** – post Revolution – Federal Period.
- 1838 – Fulton County was formed from part of Montgomery County and Town of St. Johnsville was split off of Town of Oppenheim.
- 1845 – Jacob C. Nellis died.
- 1870 – James G. Nellis born to Alpha Nellis.
- 1887 - Alpha Nellis (descendant of William) bought Tavern.
- 1913 – Alpha Nellis died and left tavern to son, Jimmy Nellis.
- 1945 – Jimmy Nellis died and left Nellis Tavern to his niece, Aleda Mary Nellis Weaver.
- 1960's – Department of Transportation condemned building when they prepared to widen NYS Route 5, and evicted Aleda Weaver.
- 1969 – Stenciling discovered in vacant tavern.
- 1978 – Palatine Settlement Society formed.
- 1984 – Elizabeth Bilobrowka donated \$1200 for purchase of Nellis Tavern.
- 1985 – Palatine Settlement Society bought Nellis Tavern and 8 acres of land. Tavern open for tours; 112 total memberships in PSS, 20 local.
- 1987 – Spammable red 'cheese' house (1810-20) donated.
- 1988 – Archeological dig over 2 acres. Current President – Elizabeth Bilobrowka.
- 1989 – PSS received \$14,000, State and County grants for emergency repairs to the Tavern.
- 1990-1991 – Nellis Tavern placed on State and National Register of Historic Places.
- 1993-1994 – North façade porch and entrance were finished. Trees, brush cleared to east.
- 1995 – Tavern refurbished and open for tours.
- 1997 – Tavern outside east, north and west walls were renovated and painted yellow.
- 2003 – Jim Nellis and Microsoft donated a total of \$20,000 for renovations. The south side, entrance and porch were constructed, painted; other improvements made.
- 2007 – Slate roof was replaced with asphalt shingles that look like weathered cedar shakes.
- 2009 – Outside east, north and west walls were renovated and painted yellow.
- 2010 – A well was dug and water piped into the tavern. A bar was built in the tavern room and the neighboring fireplace front and mantle were rebuilt.
- 2012 – Paneling under stairs was rebuilt and replaced; red 'cheese' house was moved to back of property.
- 2014 – Basement pillar reconstructed; Technical Assistance Grant received for stenciling conservation needs assessment, prepared; Nellis quilt square dedicated on Fulton–Montgomery Quilt Barn Trail.
- 2016 – First floor addition, stenciling reproduced.
- 2018 – Second floor addition, stenciling reproduced. Grants were received from Mohawk Country and Friends of Historic Central Mohawk Valley. We started to refurbish Schoolhouse on New Turnpike.