

Leonardsville Manufacturing Co.

By Bob Betz

(Leonardsville, NY – July 19, 1852) The Leonardsville Manufacturing Co. was formed in 1852 by 10 individuals in the Brookfield area. The following is a copy of their formation document.

State of New York-Madison County

We whose names are hereto annexed do hereby certify that we have associated together as a manufacturing corporation to continue in existence till the first day of August Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Two for the purpose of carrying on and conducting the manufacture of all kinds of farming tools and implements and all kinds of tools and implements for the carrying on of any kind of work or labor. That the corporate name of the said company is the Leonardsville Manufacturing Company, that the amount of capital stock thereof is Twenty Thousand Dollars and is divided into Forty shares of Five Hundred Dollars each, that the number of trustees of the said company is five and that the following are the names of the trustees who will manage its concerns for the first year, to wit; Luke Hoxie, Nathan Brand, John Babcock, **Zalmon Hubble**, and Milton St.John.

And whereas individuals observing the seventh day of the week and other individuals observing the first day of the week as their respective Sabbaths or days of religious worship propose to be associated in said company, now therefore for the purpose of guaranteeing to each the privilege of enjoying their respective religious principals or views; it is agreed that the property now owned by L. & T.Hoxie and the property now owned by N.Brand & Co. and about to be deeded to said company may continue in operation and do business on the seventh day of the week called Saturday and shall close and suspend all business on said premises on the first day of the week called Sunday and it is further agreed that the property now owned by John Babcock and the property now owned by M.W. & H.C. St.John and about to be deeded to said company may continue in operation and do business on the first day of the week called Sunday and shall close and suspend all business on the said premises on the seventh day of the week called Saturday. This article of association may be altered or annulled at any special meeting called for the purpose due notice being given according to law by a unanimous vote of all stock holders attending such meeting.

And we do further certify that the manufacturing operations of the said company will be carried on at the village of Leonardsville in the town of Brookfield in the county of Madison and the State of New York aforesaid.

Dated at Leonardsville
This the 19th day of July 1852
E.S.Babcock Thomas Hoxie
W.S.Green **Zalmon Hubble**
W.M. St.John Morris Babcock
Luke Hoxie H.C. St.John
N. Brand John Babcock

Signed and acknowledged before me by the said E.G. Babcock, W.S. Green, Luke Hoxie, M.W. St.John, N. Brand, Thomas Hoxie, **Zalmon Hubble**, Morris Babcock, H.C. St.John & John Babcock.

Each and every of them this 24 day of July 1852

Nathan T. Brown Justice of the Peace