

Byrnesville.

This district of Fishkill is now better known as Tioronda. From the county records it appears that William Byrnes bought a tract of land comprising 274 acres from Isaac DePeyster Teller in June, 1792, and soon after entered into a partnership as millers with Cyrus Newlin, to whom, in September of the same year, he conveyed an undivided half interest. The deed described the property as beginning at "Fishkill Bay, adjoining the land of William Allen" (who then lived on Denning's Point) and running up the Fishkill on each side about half a mile, together with the mills and other water rights. In 1811, the partnership seems to have dissolved, for in that year the property was partitioned between its two owners, Cyrus Newlin taking the lower mill property with fifty-one acres and other land adjoining consisting of forty-seven acres more, excepting a small lot of one-half acre reserved by the Tellers for a burial place. Cyrus Newlin, in the deed, is described as "of the county of Newcastle and the State of Delaware." He never lived in Fishkill, though he often came there to visit his son Robert, who was the manager of his interest in the partnership and succeeded him after Cyrus died in 1824.

Both William Byrnes and Cyrus Newlin were of the "Society of Friends," commonly known as Quakers. The house where Cyrus Newlin's sons Robert and Isaac made their home was built by Madam Brett for her sister who married a DePeyster. The Newlins enlarged the house, each brother with his family having separate apartments, and there they lived until Isaac died. Robert Newlin's daughter Anna married the late William S. Verplanck. The Newlin homestead with the adjoining land passed temporarily into the possession of the Boston, Hartford & Erie Railroad, a company which was organized shortly after the Civil War. A deep cut was made across the property close to the house, making it undesirable for a residence. This company failed before rails were laid to Denning's Point, and later was reorganized under the name of the New York & New England Railroad Co., and the terminus changed to Fishkill Landing.