

Utica “Boilermaker”?



Why do we
celebrate
and call this
Utica race the
“Boilermaker”?



A great story that started in
Downtown Utica!

At left is a Carton boiler, which
was produced in Columbia
Lafayette Neighborhood during
the 1800's.

Shown below is a current-day
Utica Boiler...

Utica, NY, June 10, 1898 - The
International Heater Company was
organized by merging five firms:

- Russel Wheeler & Son, est. 1842
- The Carton Furnace Company, est. 1847
- J. F. Ease Furnace Company, est. 1870
- Howard Furnace Company, est 1888
- Kernan Furnace Company, est 1890

At the time Utica was said to be the
largest producer of heating equipment
for homes and businesses.



Today's Boilermaker runners...



Started with yesteryear's "boiler makers"...



Boiler & furnace makers, casting brass parts here near the banks of Eire Canal in the Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood.

Fires, Forges & Furnaces Create the Utica Boilermaker 15K

Indoor heating dates back more than a million years. Campfires in caves and huts, then in homes as stones were fashioned into makeshift hearths. Around 2500 BC central fireplaces were developed in Greece. In 1300 BC, a Turkish King was likely the first person to effectively use under-floor heating in a castle.

Romans made more advances, one by moving heating systems into a building's walls. Chimneys appear after the 14th century. In the 1600s a French inventor created a circulating fireplace. The 1600s and 1700s offered many fireplace improvements. In 1652 Dr. John Clarke of the Massachusetts Bay Colony introduced his heating invention, a cast-iron box stove.

The Industrial Revolution provided more advanced warm-air systems. In England around 1805 a warm-air furnace made of riveted, wrought iron, air chambers encased in brick was invented. Innovations continued. In 1854 patent no. 11,411 was issued for the "Carton & Briggs Hot-Air Furnace", by the inventors John Carton and Joseph Briggs of Utica.

An 1885 advertisement by The Carton Furnace Company



THE CARTON LOW, GAS-TIGHT, SELF-CLEANING WARM-AIR FURNACE.

Utica, N. Y., June 30, 1880.
I have had in use one of Mr. Carton's Furnaces in my house during the past six or seven years. It has proved to be most satisfactory in all respects. It gives out heat with regularity. Is easily regulated, and during this time has required no repairs. HONATIO SKYMOUN,
Ex-Governor of the Empire State, (N. Y.)

Boston, March 31, 1883.
GENTLEMEN.—Enclosed find check in payment for bill for Furnace. It has been in and working now about four weeks, and a better or more satisfactory one I never saw. It does the work for me in every way, burns less fuel for the amount of heat given than any furnace I ever used, and I have had experience with no less than six different makes personally. An easier Furnace to control would be hard to find. One or two of my neighbors have seen it and have talked of throwing out their furnaces and getting one similar to mine. Send three or four of your books, and also state your price for one like mine. Permit me again to thank you for your courtesy to me, and to say that I owe you "one" on demand. I hope to meet you some day and "shake."
Yours truly,
E. O. GARFIELD.

AGENTS WANTED IN EVERY CITY. Our 56-page Illustrated Catalogue sent free on application, which contains exceptionally good instructions on setting a Furnace, giving the size of hot-air pipes and registers to be used in different sized rooms, and an Excellent Essay on heat and ventilation, well worth reading. This cut does not show the late improvements we have added to our Furnaces.

THE CARTON FURNACE COMPANY, 32 Fayette St., Utica, N. Y.

During the 1900s many versions of cast iron furnaces and boilers were offered. Manufacturers located in Utica had a mayor advantage over rivals, this was the recently completed Chenango Canal, which connected Utica factories to the coal fields of Pennsylvania - and the booming Erie Canal! At the time Utica was home to massive factories producing furnaces and boilers. The brick factories lined the banks of the Erie Canal, and the large piles in their coal yards fed the casting operations. Finished boilers shipped easy along the canal to distant customers. (continue, please turn to page 6)

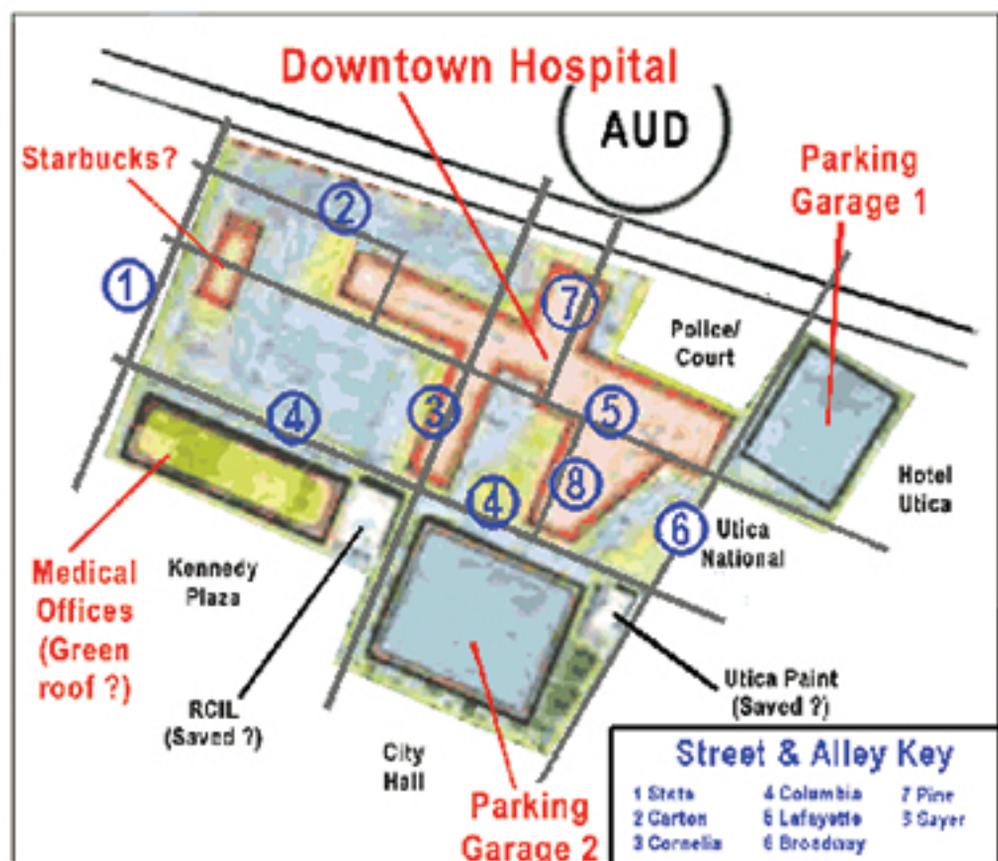


Left: Complex of buildings bordering the Erie Canal are The International Heater Company, Carton Plant.

Carton Ave is a cobblestoned road. Numerous buildings remain today, see next page.

Above, Historical 1899 Map: Downtown Utica; canals, historic buildings, streets and allies. Plenty remain! We say restore, reuse, and preserve with creative “green” in-fill. Make a better downtown by protecting 40+ businesses! Visit: BetterUticaDowntown.com

Below, MV500 Hospital: Secret 2015 concept was discovered, a huge hospital would wipe-out 40+ businesses, buildings, and streets.



442 Lafayette Street



The Columbia, Bar & Apartments



**** See more search YouTube, "Historic Buildings, Streets, Utica NY" ****

**RCIL Building, 401
Columbia
Street**



458-464 Columbia Street



Old "Utica Paint", 301 Columbia Street

Fires, Forges, Furnaces (continued from page 3)

Eventually cast-iron radiators appeared. By the 1880s these radiators filled homes and businesses with excellent heating. One radiator line was produced by the The Utica Radiator Corporation, forerunner to ERC (see below).

1898 brought The International Heater Company's formation by merging five companies; Russel Wheeler & Son, The Carton Furnace Co., J. F. Pease Furnace Co., Howard Furnace Co., and Kernan Furnace Co. Offices were established on Genesee Street. A remodeled Coles Hotel created the "I-H" showroom at 94 Fayette Street in the Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood.



Utica Radiators are outstanding in their pleasing design and efficient performance.

Reducers Boilers are specially built for a lifetime of economical heating.

By the 1920s most homes had automatic heating systems and newer "blower furnace" came into use in the 1930s. Today ERC International continues producing Utica Boilers, and it was in 1978 that they founded the 1st Utica Boilermaker 15K!

Coles Hotel and the I-H Warehouses

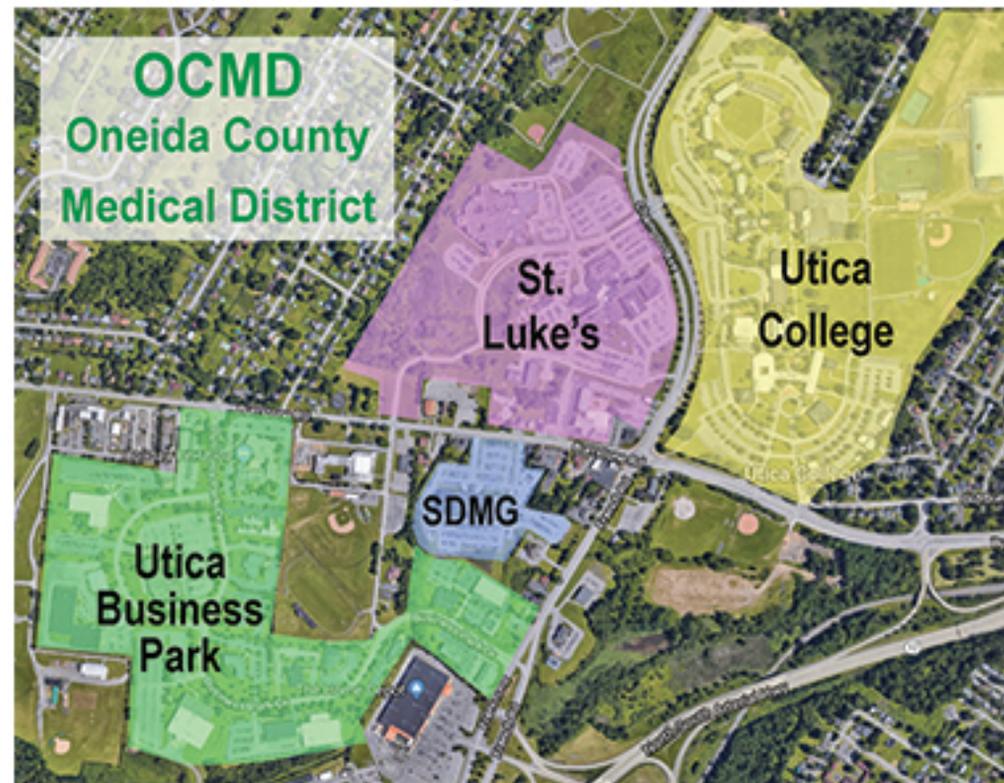
Fayette Street was renamed in honor of General Lafayette's 1825 Utica visit. Street numbering changed and the modest Coles Hotel still stands at 418 Lafayette near Carton Avenue. Carton is an original Erie Canal-era cobblestone road, named in honor of John Carton of The Carton Furnace Company.

Today, these buildings nestled on Carton Avenue are home to Citation Services who sells and repairs office equipment. The business, buildings, and historic Carton Avenue are threatened by a huge, out-of-scale, hospital. When owner Joe Cerini purchased the buildings in 2001 they had leaking roofs, broken & deteriorating brick walls. Now stable and very solid, these buildings stand as testament to many small businesses having invested in them for their unique opportunities Downtown Utica offered; lower costs, very plentiful space/room to grow, and a huge opportunity for future returns - not to mention a chance to take their place into Downtown Utica's Erie Canal heritage. This brochure and effort comes to you care of Joe and other property owners who've been battling for three years to place the new Oneida County hospital at St. Luke's.

Find Joe Cerini, Citation Services, #NoHospitalDowntown, and BetterUticaDowntown on social media. Together we'll save the Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood - keeping Downtown Utica's neighborhoods better connected, authentic, and walkable!

A Better Place for a Hospital

The City of Utica is already home to Oneida County's largest medical district; the area surrounding Utica College, St Luke's, the Utica Business Park, and the substantial Slocum-Dickson Medical Group (SDMG) facility...



Together, along with medical facilities up-and-down the French and Burrstone Road corridors, they create the Oneida County Medical District, or OCMD.

As Buffalo has the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC) 1-1/2 miles outside of center city Buffalo; Utica's OCMD is 1-3/4 miles from Downtown Utica. Utica's OCMD offers 300 acres of very significant and synergistic investments; numerous medical, doctor, lab, and other healthcare-related offices. All properly and strategically positioned, with plenty of space for a \$300M Oneida County Healthcare Facilities Transformation.

Likewise, the Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood is perfectly positioned so downtown can reach a wonderful finish line. Just as many other cities are finally seeing new waves of downtown redevelopment and residents, Utica will too!

With both our OCMD and the historic Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood, there is no need to bulldoze downtown... 'Have it both ways!'- expanded healthcare and regional medical campus, plus authentic, livable, and connected downtown neighborhoods!

Together we're saving Downtown Utica's Columbia Lafayette Neighborhood; home to 40+ businesses, wonderful and historic buildings, streets, and alleys. Yes, some need restoration, but that's what we'll do - just as others have been doing!



The neighborhood opposite the AUD has been targeted for a huge hospital district. Located between Genesee and Varick Streets, and between MWPAl and the AUD, would all be erased... For 80,000 ER visits a year? 20-acres of surface parking? A 1,650-car parking garage? Maybe a 2nd garage? We say "No!"

You can help! First understanding we love Downtown Utica and our goal is to preserve it. Yes, healthcare is vital, but better accomplished at Utica College and St. Luke's - see page 7. An inner-city hospital district would destroy our small-scale city- just as our downtown neighborhoods are returning to life! The New Downtown Utica brand has companies - people - families returning to work, relax, shop, to call downtown home. An out-of-place, huge box, and sea of hospital parking will not help!

On Facebook? Please join our group **#NoHospitalDowntown**. We're also on other social media platforms along with "Better Utica Downtown". Many have called and written letters to the Utica Observer-Dispatch, perhaps you will too?

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