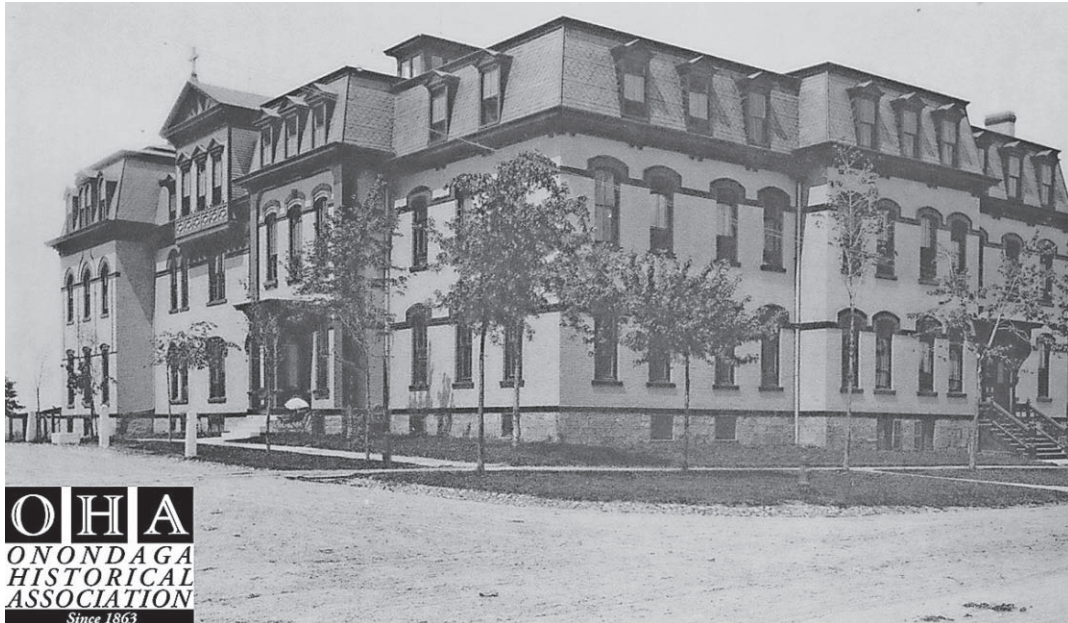


LOCAL HISTORY

148 Years Ago: On May 7, 1869, Saint Joseph's Hospital was opened on Prospect Hill by the Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order. The property, which was formerly an old saloon and dancing hall, was purchased for the sum of \$12,000 (roughly \$200,000 today). The hospital's charter stated that care would be provided to any person regardless of race or creed. Saint Joseph's originally had just 15 beds, a staff of five sisters, and treated 123 patients the first year. In 1870, Sister Marianne Cope (who was can-

onized in 2012) was placed in charge of the hospital and served as head administrator for several years. The school of nursing opened in 1898 and the first class of seven nurses graduated in 1900. Today, Saint Joseph's Hospital has over 400 beds, employs more than seven thousand people, and treats hundreds of thousands of patients each year.

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Saint Joseph's Hospital as it appeared in 1890. *Onondaga Historical Association photo*