1863 (150 years ago) Provided by Dennis Connors, of the Oriondaga Historical Association, in commemoration of its 150th anniversary.

■ New commander: After the disaster at the Battle of Fredericksburg and the failed "Mud March," President Abraham Lincoln replaced Gen. Ambrose Burnside with Gen. Joseph Hooker as commander of the Army of the Potomac.

ALSO THAT WEEK:

A cruel deception: A woman from Cazenovia was set to marry a man from Syracuse, but the groom never showed up. Later, the woman learned he had married another woman at the exact time he had set for the marriage at Cazenovia.

Caught: Henry Sedgwick, former postmaster of Syracuse, was accused of embezzling \$4,544.68 while in office.