

OHA AT 150**The draft riots**

The Onondaga Historical Association is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Here's what was going on in 1863:

The first draft in U.S. history, which produced riots in New York City, reached Onondaga County without incident. The results are below. None were drawn from Syracuse because it had already met its quota of volunteers.

Several mutual insurance associations formed on account of the draft. A group of 30 LaFayette men decided to buy insurance against the draft at \$50 each. On draft day, five members of their group were drawn and there was exactly enough capital stock for each to pay the \$300 commutation fee to escape service.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*