

**OHA AT 150****Weigh locks  
on the canal**

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

The Rochester Weigh Lock on the Erie Canal was out of service. The one in Syracuse did double duty, weighing the boats that would normally be weighed there. There were once five weigh locks on the canal, in Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Albany and West Troy. You can visit the only remaining weigh lock building at the Erie Canal Museum in downtown Syracuse.

Also this week: A small wooden dwelling near Fayetteville was burned. The occupant, a woman, narrowly escaped from the building. A faithful dog woke her by howling and jumping on the bed where she was sleeping, and she was thus aroused just in time to get out of the burning house.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*