

OHA AT 150**Strategic salt works**

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

Union soldiers destroyed two different salt works in the south, one in North Carolina and one in Georgia. During the Civil War salt was extremely important to both armies, and because it was the main method of preserving food at the time, salt manufacturing often became military targets. It was so important that men working in the salt industry around Onondaga Lake were exempt from the draft. Salt production in Syracuse during the Civil War secured the North's supply of this vital commodity.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*