

THE WEEK IN HISTORY**The birth of
Syracuse University**

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

144 years ago: Syracuse University was chartered on March 24, 1870. The original endowment was \$500,000, with \$100,000 of that coming from the city. The Rev. Jesse Peck was elected president of the Board of Trustees and donated \$25,000 of his own money. He was also responsible for suggesting the purchase of 50 acres of farmland in the southeastern part of the city as the site for the university. Alexander Winchell was selected as the first chancellor and the first building, The Hall of Languages, was completed in 1873.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*