

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

The Tully mudslide

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

21 years ago: The Tully Valley Landslide engulfed three homes along a hillside in LaFayette near Route 11 and forced the evacuation of four more. Twenty-two acres of farmland were destroyed and Tully Farms Road was completely covered in places.

The cause of the slide was thought to be the result of nearly 8 inches of rainfall during April, in addition to the melting snowpack. It was declared one of the worst slides in New York state history and the largest in the past 75 years.

Geologists believed that a similar slide hit almost the same area 200 years earlier.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*