



Local educator George W. Jonson kept a journal, from which we know details about East Aurora's Independence Day celebration in **1830**. It took place on July 3 because the Fourth was on a Sunday. East Aurora did not have its first newspaper until five years later, so Jonson's diary is the only way we know what happened. Likely the first newspaper account of an Independence Day celebration in our community was published in the July 6, **1836** issue of the *Aurora Standard*.

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