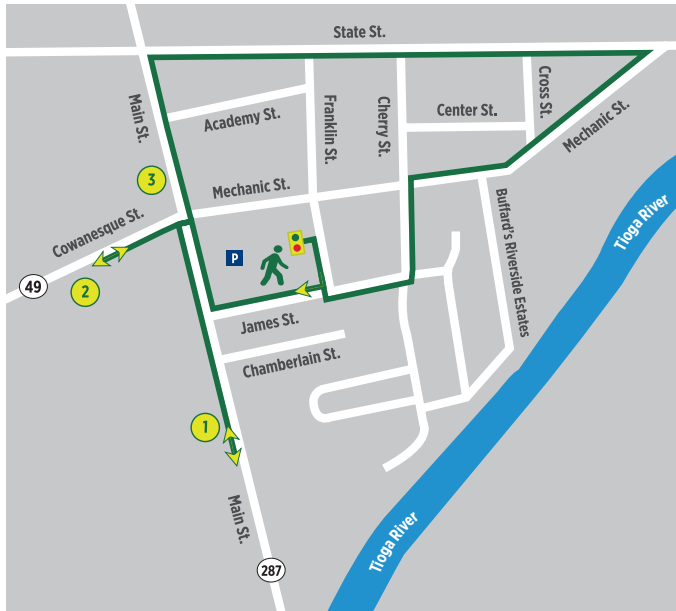


Lawrenceville Route



- 1** Judge John Ryon House
- 2** James Ford House
- 3** Lawrenceville Post Office
- P** Parking
- Start/Stop

..... Distance 1.8 Miles

Lawrenceville

Route

1

Judge John Ryon House

Built in 1840, this is a two-story Greek Revival style house with portico and four fluted Ionic columns. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as of 1977, the Ryon House is now occupied as a residence.

2

James Ford House

Constructed in 1831, this 2 ½ story late Federal style brick house was built by Congressman James Ford as a gift to his son. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. The James Ford House is now a residence.

3

Lawrenceville Post Office

Both the Township and the Lawrenceville Post Office were named Lawrenceville, by the Honorable James Ford, in honor of Captain James Lawrence of the popular naval battle cry, "Don't give up the ship." Ford, an early business man of the area and the first Postmaster of Lawrenceville, admired Lawrence – who fell in action between the USS Chesapeake and the HMS Shannon in a naval engagement of Lake Erie during the War of 1812 between the British and the new Republic. Ford placed the name of his hero at the junction of the Cowanesque and Tioga Rivers during a house raising in the summer of 1816. The junction has since been known by the hero's name.

It might be a more interesting beginning if the story of Lawrenceville began with its first settlers. However, the Indian and his stone-age predecessors left no records except in stone. It is known that at least five distinct races lived in what is now Lawrenceville and the earliest of men may have been there shortly after the last glacier some 2,500 years ago.