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CHAZY PUBLIC LIBRARY, CHAZY, NEW YORK.

Was started by Edmund Seymour in memory of his mother, who was born in Chazy, and from the fact he found Clinton County one of the most illiterate counties in the United States, owing probably to large number of uneducated French Canadians living there. In beginning there were only 500 books. Incorporation papers were drawn by Judge John F. Dillon of New York, one of the foremost municipal lawyers in the country. Subject was carefully considered and decided to put library under state school system and turn it over absolutely to the community for their control, also for buying of books. Mr. Seymour was not even elected director. Library was made non-sectarian. The Catholic Priest was a director and consulted about purchasing books. Present site of library was Mr. Seymour's grandfather's old office where British stored their gold and powder when battle of Plattsburgh was fought. Land owned by Julius C. Hubbell of Ellenburgh, Washington; Mr. Seymour's cousin.

Letter from Mr. Edmund Seymour,  
dated March 6th, 1917.