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## Gouverneur Unique to NNY

The village of Gouverneur was named for Gouverneur Morris, a statesman, U.S. senator, signer of the Constitution and minister to France.

Nicknamed the Marble City, Gouverneur is the only United States community with that name. The settlement was once known as Cambay.

Among the area's first settlers were Pardon Babcock, Willard Smith, Eleazer Nichols and Isaac Austin. The village was incorporated in 1805.

The area is best known for farming; Gouverneur Marble, which

was in operation from the 1800s to the 1940s, and zinc, iron ore and talc, which are still being mined.

Gouverneur is noted for its Memorial Arch, which is built of Gouverneur marble. The town was also the boyhood home of Edward John Noble, philanthropist and developer of Life Savers candy; home of Jay Corbin, inventor of the disk harrow farm implement still used by today's farmers, and home of Rhoda Fox Graves, first female state senator.

Somerville, Richville, Hailesboro and Natural Dam are nearby.

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