Among the prominent attorneys who early settled in Cooperstown was Robert Campbell, who located in 1802. A daughter, wife of the late Levi C. Turner, resides in the village.

Of Cooperstown, a man of great purity of character, was unquestionably the most learned and industrious lawyer at that time in the district. I do not know whether he would have accepted the appointment (for judge of the Supreme Court of New York State) if it had been tendered to him; but there were two objections against him, had he been a candidate. The one was, although I believe he was a Jackson man, he had until recently acted against the democratic party, and the other that he did not live in the valley of the Chenango canal.

Hist. of the Political Parties in the State of New York p. 348
Jabez D. Hammond
Syracuse
1852.
CLASS OF 1899

ROBERT CAMPBELL

Robert Campbell was a graduate of Union college, and one of the oldest members of the Otsego bar. Unassuming in deportment, a man of few words, seldom addressed the jury upon facts in the case, but his opinion upon questions of law as held to be final and conclusive, and his opinion was frequently asked by the court in the trial of causes. He was a man of strict integrity, and was held in the highest estimation, especially by the younger members of the bar. He was familiarly called "honest Bob."

From History of Otsego County p-29
Everts & Fariss, Philadelphia, 1878.
1799

ROBERT CAMPBELL:

Elected director of the Otsego County Bank on June 23, 1830.
On July 5, 1830, Robert Campbell, who was a lawyer and a member of the Campbell family of Cherry Valley, was elected president and held that office until his death in September, 1847.

FROM: "Coperstown's First Bank"
By Waldo Ellsworth
In New York History, Oct. 1941
Robert Campbell was born in Cherry Valley in 1782, was a graduate of Union College, became a resident of Cooperstown in 1802, built the house in which Theodore C. Turner now resides, in 1808, living in same until his death, August, 1849. For more than a quarter of a century he was popularly designated far and near as the "Honest Lawyer" and his legal opinions and advice among his professional brethren were highly appreciated and regarded as the end of the law.

He was the first president of the "Old Otsego County Bank" now the First National Bank of Cooperstown, of which his grandson, T. C. Turner, is now cashier.

The Cooperstown Centennial Celebration
p. 173
1907.

ROBERT CAMPBELL, Esq., of Cooperstown, N.Y., 1799, was a member of the Adelphic Society. (Died: 1847)

Adelphic Catalogue 1850
ROBERT CAMPELL

Among the most distinguished lawyers of Otsego county, the name of Robert Campbell should be mentioned. He was born in Cherry Valley in 1782, was a graduate of Union College, became a resident of Cooperstown in 1802, and resided here until his death. For more than a quarter of a century he was popularly designated far and wide as the honest lawyer, and his legal opinions and advice among his professional brethren were highly appreciated, and were regarded as the end of the law.

The following tribute of respect is from the pen of the late Hon. John H. Prentiss:

"Mr. Campbell had been in the practice of law here about 45 years during all which time he maintained a high character for integrity and ability in his profession and in the relation of citizen and neighbor he secured the respect and esteem of all, by an exemplary deportment, and rendered himself useful as a member of society by a ready participation of his mind and means for benevolent and other commendable objects, connected with the improvement of the social condition of the village of his residence."

Condensed History of Cooperstown, N. Y. p. 152.
Rev. S. T. Livermore
J. Munsell
Albany
1862.
Campbell, Robert
From: Cherry Valley, N.Y.
Last residence: Cooperstown, N.Y.

Records show one
Robert Campbell
Pvt. in Capt. Jonathan Bigelow's Co.,
36th Regt. (Miller's) N.Y. Militia.

Commencement of service: July 30, 1813
Discharged: Aug. 1, 1813.
Commencement of service: Sept 4, 1814
Expiration of service: Sept 13, 1814.