

BLUE BOOK

Change is one constant that can be depended upon in the study of any community. How the community adapts or does not adapt often reveals a great deal about its social, Economic and political structure.

Paul Johnson's book, *On a Shopkeeper's Millennium, Society and Revivals in Rochester, New York, 1815-1837*, is an excellent example of how these three aspects of community life interact with each other.

Rochester underwent great Economic Changes in the twenty two years covered by Johnson's book.

In 1812 Rochester's site was an unbroken wilderness. "The sequel of rapid urbanization, religious revival and political reorganization struck that community with uncommon force.