



from one end of **Canal Street** to the other. William A. Tochterman, postmaster from 1983 to 1988, can take pride in having replaced modern lighting fixtures with more appropriate period fixtures, and returning the lobby to a more open, welcoming appearance.

The next time you are in **Liberty Square** or at the **Ellenville Post Office**, be sure to spend a few minutes appreciating Louis Bouche's 1942 mural, a "jubilant painting celebrating the establishment of Ellenville's post office in 1823." (see photo, previous page, bottom)

The scene centers on the **Hartshorn & Rockwell** store, a log cabin. The painting captures the moment a cry goes up when Hartshorn returns with the news that newly named Ellenville will have a post office. The mural is high on the wall to your right as you enter the building, over the Postmaster's office door. Put a little history in your life, every day.

The **Ellenville Post Office** is a perfect "photo op" with its trim landscaping, square cupola, bell and pierced weather vane. Post cards of the building are collectible and available (see photo of card from 1950s above), and the **Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee** has note cards featuring the post office, with a brief history on the back. It is both a building and a service to applaud.

As always, thanks to the **Ellenville Public Library & Museum** for its extensive files of local history clippings, mementos, and pictures, and to our departed Katharine T. Terwilliger, historian extraordinaire. 🍷

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