

# Erie County Trust Co. Lobby Clock

## **Seth Thomas Hall Clock No. 27, Thomaston, Conn., circa 1902.**

The First National Bank of East Aurora, chartered by the federal government under the National Banking Act, was built at the corner of Main and Church Streets in 1911-1912. It became the Erie County Trust Co. in May 1916, which it remained until 1961, when it was consolidated with Liberty Bank of Buffalo. After that, the bank changed names along with subsequent buyouts/mergers of Liberty Bank, which included Norstar, Fleet and Bank of America.

The clock located just inside the Historian's Office graced the lobby of the bank for many decades. It is pictured below in the bank at Christmas 1958. According to a family member, the clock originated at the East Main Street home of Abbott S. Griggs, who served as the bank's first president until his death in 1917, and it was

moved to the bank lobby after the death of his wife Evelyn Riley Griggs in 1956.

The clock was donated to the Aurora Historical Society in 2021, when the Bank of America closed its East Aurora branch.

The Seth Thomas Clock Co. was founded by Seth Thomas (1785-1859) in Connecticut in 1813. One of the most recognized and long-lived clock companies, it remained in business until 2001.

This clock is No. 27 in a series of "hall clocks" manufactured by the company at the turn of the 20th Century.

It chimes each quarter-hour. Take a listen!



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