

Taughannock Giant

This is a replica of the Taughannock Giant, made in 2019 by Ithaca artist Annemarie Zwack with The History Center of Tompkins County. The original giant was unearthed in July 1879, on the property of the Taughannock House Hotel near the Taughannock Falls Overlook (a sign marks the spot at the park.) Later revealed to be a playful hoax perpetrated by "mechanical genius" and Trumansburg resident Ira Dean, the Giant drew crowds for months after he was found. More information is available at the Farmers Market office; at the Ulysses Historical Society Museum on South Street; and at the Taughannock Falls Overlook Visitor Center in the State Park.



The Taughannock House Hotel, where the original Giant was buried.



Scan to locate where the original Taughannock Giant was buried in 1879!



Stereograph detail, W.L. Hall, Trumansburg, 1879. Courtesy of The History Center in Tompkins County.

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