

[Nunda, Livingston Co. NY]

NUNDA THEATRE

Nunda Theatre began existence as a meeting house, became an opera house, then made the natural transition to a movie theatre. The building, erected by the Universalist society in 1841, originally was a frame structure about 36 x 44. It was moved to its present site in 1871 when the Universalists built a new brick church. A 36-foot addition was built and the building was dedicated as "Union Hall" on Christmas night that year. The name was changed to "Academy of Music" two years later. It was the scene of countless home talent shows and concerts, lectures, stock company shows, and even roller skating rinks. Many of the earliest, movies were exhibited there, and it has been a movie house at least 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Shute are its present owners, and they present the best and latest in movie entertainment four times weekly, with extra shows on special occasions. The theatre is completely equipped with wide screen, modern projectors and sound equipment.

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