



Phelps Community Historical Society Newsletter



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Howe House Museum

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Museum Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday
10am-4pm
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The beautiful summer weather we enjoy in The Finger Lakes Region inspires people to go on the road and visit places they have never been before. The Howe House Museum is a destination chosen for the oddity of the two-story outhouse, an attraction on the way to another town or out of curiosity by those who have “passed by” and wondered what it was like inside. This past month twelve tours were conducted and our guest book signed by visitors from down the street and from the other side of the world!

Heather has been giving most of the tours, including one to Lynette from Fairport, NY and her brother Kerry, visiting from Tasmania, Australia! I gave a Saturday tour to two special guests in town for a weekend: my sister Linda drove up from Hillsborough, New Jersey and her son Stras who was in Newark on business. The comments we receive from our visitors usually include “interesting”, “did not realize what you have here”, “great tour” and “we will stop back again sometime”.

We are looking forward to seeing the PCS Alumni at our Open House on Friday August 5. PCS memorabilia and photos, and items from the 1940s-1960s are on display for the trip down memory lane.

Hope **you** have a chance to stop in and visit!

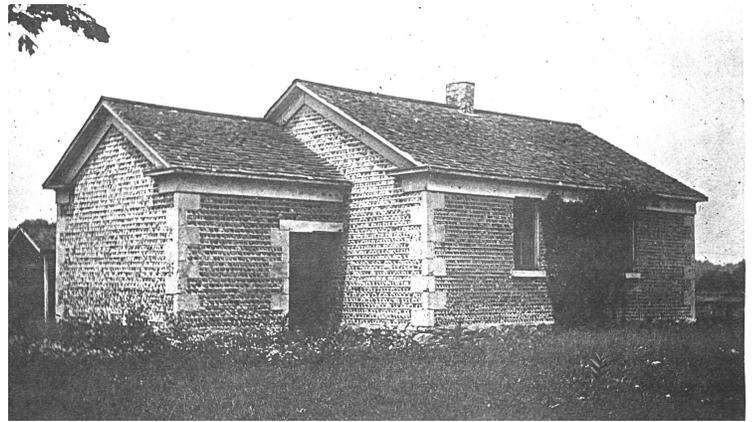
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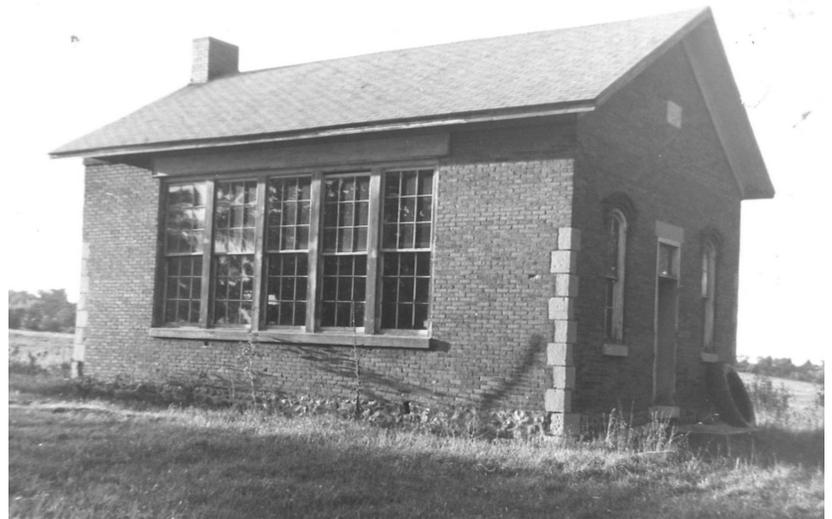
From our postcard collection - 1950s Main Street, Phelps NY



#15 Hoppel-Knickerbocker District
School building is located near the southwest corner of Rtes 96 and 488. It is now a private home. This district was later numbered #3



#16 Maryland District
Built in 1830, the 1078 Maryland St home at the northwest corner of Maryland and Gifford Roads was the original schoolhouse.



#17 Taney School District
Photo taken September 1958
The brick schoolhouse is at the corner of Cedar Swamp and Neider Roads.

#17 Taney School District
Class photo



Did you know...

High School subjects were only taught at the Phelps Union and Classical School and the Union Free School in Clifton Springs. The rest of the districts only covered the first eight grades. Students from the outlying (country) districts desiring to complete a high school education had to find their own transportation to either the Phelps or Clifton Springs Village schools.

**Source: Don Tiffany
PCHS files**

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Welcome New Members!

Steve Darrow Penn Yan, NY
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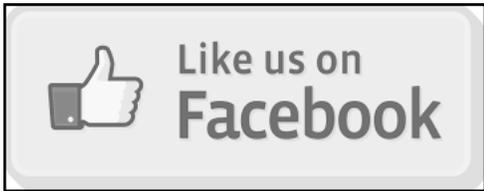
Dorothy Alcock
Fred Finewood Farm Auction Poster

Phelps Central School
Middle School Yearbook

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2022 Sauerkraut Weekend

Thursday–Sunday

August 4th-7th

Parade Saturday at 4PM

From Our Email Inbox— feedback and photos are always appreciated!

We received the following email from PCHS member **Lois Main** in regard to the article about Stephen Anagost, proprietor of the Phelps Candy Kitchen, that appeared on the front page of last month's newsletter:

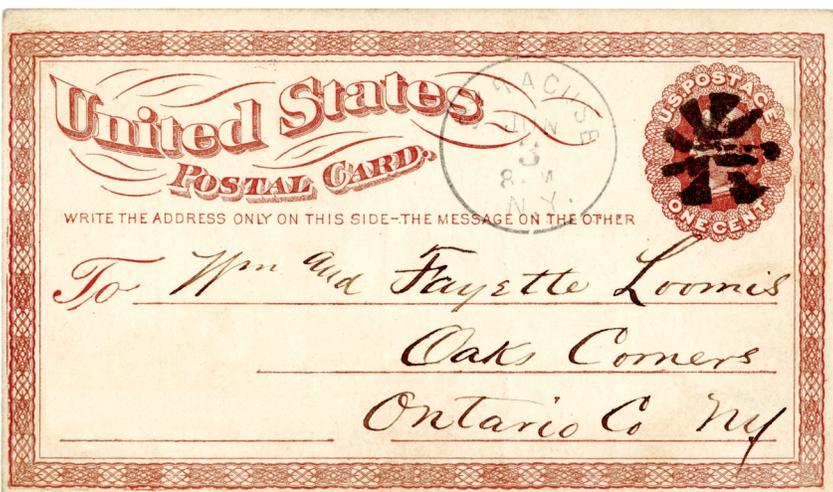
There was a repeat of June 8, 1922 article about Stephen Anagost. He was my uncle, married my Dad's sister Emma. I knew he had had a restaurant in Phelps but by the time I was born and knew him he had a restaurant in Auburn. My cousin Nadine wrote a small book about him called Steve, My Daddy. She never had it published as far as I know. She had copies xeroxed for family members. He was a wonderful man that emigrated from Greece. Thanks for info I did not know.



Train station at its original location on Pleasant Street



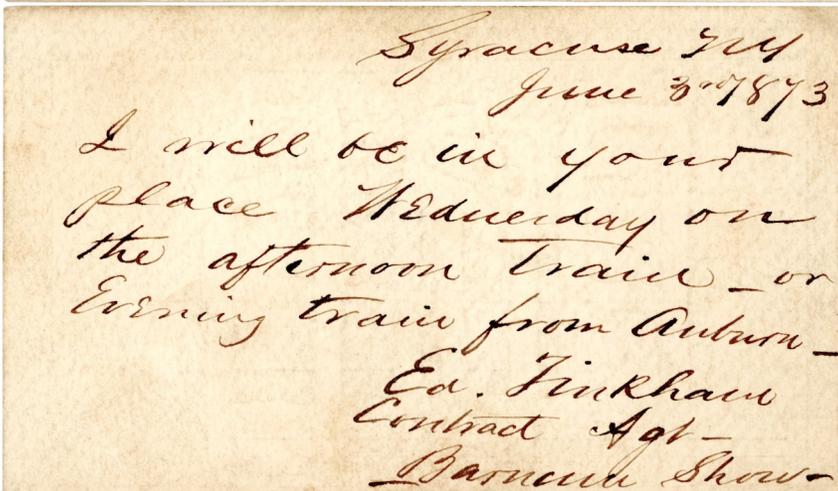
Photo above provided by Richard Palmer: In 1974 the station was disassembled, transported to the Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumford and reassembled. It now serves as their café, the Depot Restaurant.



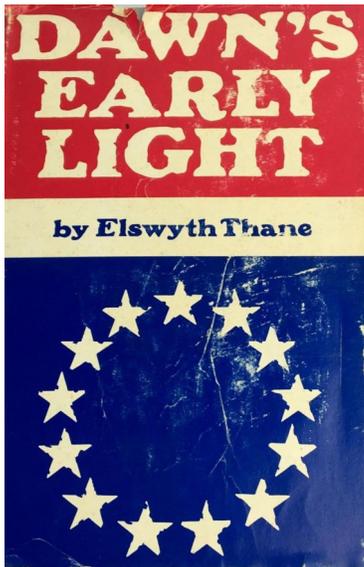
Postcard left (front and back): Recently acquired by **Neil Keller**, a native New Yorker developing a book on postcards of New York. Dated June 3, 1873 and addressed to William and Fayette (Lafayette?) Loomis of Oaks Corners, it is signed by Ed Tinkham, contract agent for the (P.T.) Barnum Show.

Neil asked if it was possible Ed Tinkham was going to be in Phelps to talk about the show setting up on a Loomis family farm in Oaks Corners, perhaps the Maria Loomis farm.

While we were not able to establish the purpose of his visit, research found that the Barnum Show was in Syracuse, Auburn and Canandaigua in June of 1873 (Source: Illinois State University, Milner Library digital library), so perhaps Oaks Corners was being considered as a location for 1874.



Message reads: *I will be in your place Wednesday on the afternoon train - or evening train from Auburn.*



In 1774, Colonial Williamsburg is a city of charming quiet streets and seething rebellion. Julian Day, just off the boat from England, stands alone on the dock. A new day in a new world. St John Sprague introduces himself, and learning that the Professor has died during the voyage, offers Julian lodging and will find out what the College wishes to do. Julian has no money, so will have to find a job to earn a living and save for passage back to England.

The story had you living in the moment, with all the good characters that were part of these early years in America. Julian Day had heard about 'fireflies' from Ben Franklin, a good friend of his father while in England. Found it hard to believe that flies light up until seeing them in Virginia. When Julian Day said he hoped to do some tutoring while his father worked at the College, the need for a teacher for the younger boys was offered and accepted.

Williamsburg comes alive with Thane centering the novel around four major characters: the Aristocratic St John, who becomes George Washington's aide; Regina Greensleeves, a Virginia beauty who is spoiled by a season in London; Julian Day who initially thinks of himself as a Tory; and Tibby Mawes, one of his less fortunate pupils, saddled with an alcoholic father and indigent mother.

But we also see Washington, Jefferson, Lafayette, Greene, Patrick Henry, Francis Marion, and the rest of that brilliant group, playing their roles as the American Revolution heats up and fought with courage. We see DeKalb's cavalry charge at Camden. Penetrate into the swamp-encircled camp that is Marion's stronghold on the Peedee. We watch the cat-and-mouse game between Cornwallis and Lafayette which ends at Yorktown. Also letters from home keep us tuned into how family and friends are doing while colonials fight for freedom.

Early on as Julian Day spent time with several of the locals he thought, "How kind people were in Virginia, simple, leisurely and open-hearted; like friendly children, well mannered but intensely personal. There was absence of British reserve, of French indifference and of German arrogance, Virginia thought objectively from the heart outwards."

Another passage in the book: "The new flag recently authorized by Congress and first under battle fire at Brandywine - thirteen stripes alternately red and white with thirteen white stars on a blue ground. Very handsome and distinctive. There was nothing like it in the world. The stars and stripes made a flag as charming as a woman's gown, with which to clothe the new nation in its care."

The first in a series of seven novels, Dawn's Early Light (Williamsburg #1) is the human story behind our first war for liberty.

Thank you to all for your Time and Talent!

**Billee Altman
& Dorothy Colvin**
PCHS gardening

**Barb Brennessel
Bonnie Dixon
Marcia Maslyn**
Newsletter

Andy Mattoon
*Mulching & garden
work at CLO*

Doris Spink
Scrapbook Indexing



Photo of front garden at Howe House by Heather Olander

Dave Pulhamus
Assist with Model T

Chris Mix
*Providing transport &
storage for Model T,
during Carriage House
repairs*

**Spencer Helstrom
& Cliff Olander**
*Assisting with
Model T transport*

Gary Jones
*1924 Essex care &
transport for repairs*

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