

## The Potter Memorial Story

*By Bill Poray*

*"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Village of Fairport, in memory of my family, the Potter homestead, No. 53 West Church, Fairport, N.Y., including all buildings and all of the land on the east side of Potter Place and south side of West Church Street, to be held in trust, for the purpose of a public playground or park or whatever other public use said village shall determine and to be known as Potter Memorial."*

So stated the will of Frederick Thayer Potter, whose death occurred in May of 1943 at the age of 72. He spent virtually his entire life in Fairport at the longtime Potter home at 53 West Church Street. The property was purchased in about 1872 by his parents, Alfred Benedict Potter (1833–1896) and Huldah Thayer Potter (1843–1925).

### Potter's Gift to Fairport

As reported in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle of June 12, 1943, the death of Fred Potter, "last of the wealthy Fairport family, left his home, five acres of land and \$50,000 for a playground or park to the village." The newspaper reported that "up to \$5,000 of the cash may be used to alter and landscape the premises, and the remainder is to be held in trust, the income to be used for maintenance of the memorial."

### The Early Years

Fred Potter was born into a wealthy family. His grandfather, Henry Sayer Potter (1793–1884) was a successful merchant in Pittsford. After relocating to Rochester's affluent 3rd Ward in 1851, he involved himself in the creation of the New York & Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company. As the first president of the venture, he oversaw the conquest of many other enterprises, leading to the exponential growth of the establishment, renamed The Western Union Telegraph Company in 1856. Henry Potter and other well-known Rochesterians, including Hiram Sibley, made their fortunes as a result of investments in the fledgling telegraph industry. As a consequence, there was no real need to work for a living for the next two generations of the Potter family.

Born on September 24, 1870, in the Monroe County



Fred Potter, pictured here with his 1938 Buick Century convertible. While Potter was a lifelong auto enthusiast, there is no indication he actually drove any of his cars himself. The wealthy bachelor left the driving to his chauffeurs, William Beeton, and in later years, Earl Jacobs.

town of Sweden near Brockport, Frederick Thayer Potter was the second of three children of Alfred B. Potter and his wife, Huldah Thayer Potter. The newborn baby's father, just 37 years old, was already a man of leisure. The 1870 census report listed his occupation as "retired farmer." His wife, 27 years old, had the help of a domestic servant.

Fred Potter was 14 years old when his wealthy grandfather died. His will laid out a complex maze of trust funds for his children and grandchildren, including some bizarre stipulations to be discussed in further detail in a subsequent article. Suffice to say, Fred Potter and his two sisters were financially set for life.

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## Greetings from your President

*August 15, 2021—  
From my basement office  
at 44 Georgetown Lane*

~ **Bob Hunt** ~

In July of 2021 I finished my article for the August *Historigram* and submitted it, only to receive a nice note back from the editor: “Thanks, but we do not have a *Historigram* in August.” Wow, after struggling hours on the keyboard. The article does not work this month, so back to the grind. What do I write, what do I write? But, as president I should have known the publishing schedule. Maybe it’s time for a more aware and younger president.

On “What do I write?” I find out from Cindy that her friends tell her that they know our life history and monthly activities from my articles in the *Historigram*. I must be careful in the future regarding comments about our life, and hide the silver and other non-valuables.

In my last comments, I mentioned I would tell you a bit more about Robert Todd Lincoln. He was the first born of President and Mary Todd Lincoln and the only one of four children to reach adulthood. As the oldest he did not spend a lot of time with his father and consequently did not form the normal father-son bond. He left at an early age to attend prep school and Harvard, eventually receiving a law degree from the University of Chicago. He served in the Civil War as an aide to General Grant and also served as Secretary of War (today’s Secretary of Defense) under President Chester Arthur. As a lawyer, he was retained as the corporate counsel for the Pullman Corporation in Chicago. When CEO George Pullman died, Robert Todd Lincoln eventually became president. This was the primary source of his fortune, and thus, made the summer estate at Hildene possible.

As I mentioned in my last comments, his wife Mary loved peonies and planted thousands at their summer home. It is a sight to see them in bloom.

Sadly, the Lincoln family tree has ended, as Robert and Mary had three children, they never had offspring. So the family tree of President Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln is at an end. A visit to Hildene is a must see, so put it on your bucket list.

Let me tell you, the Fairport Historical Museum is beautiful and ready for visitors, so please plan a visit. Since the pandemic, the visitations are down, which is understandable. But we are open and ready for visitors, research, or just hellos. The backyard gardens are in bloom, so come by and

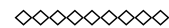
sit on the purple bench, relax, reflect and feel rejuvenated. The gardens are nature and as my granddaughter would say, “Let’s get some vitamin N” (Nature). And guess what? I’ve tried it and it works.

We had our grandkids for a few days this past week and they told me the highlight was a visit to the Strasenburgh Planetarium at the Rochester Museum and Science Center and viewing the show, “Black Holes Revealed.” I have to agree it was beautifully presented and educational. Is a black hole in our future? You better see the presentation to see if you feel safe or maaaybeee not.

The Perinton Historical Society is entering our new fiscal year (September to August) and our membership is down a bit. Our funds come primarily from our membership dues, so please renew, and encourage your friends, neighbors and even non-friends to join a great museum. This is a great community with wonderful history, so become involved.

Thanks for your continued support. It is appreciated.

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## Looking Back

Fairport Packets Landing under construction, September, 1982

*Photo by Keith Boas*

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***Coming Soon to an Electronic  
Device Near You:***

## **Perinton Historical Society's Virtual House Tour 2021**

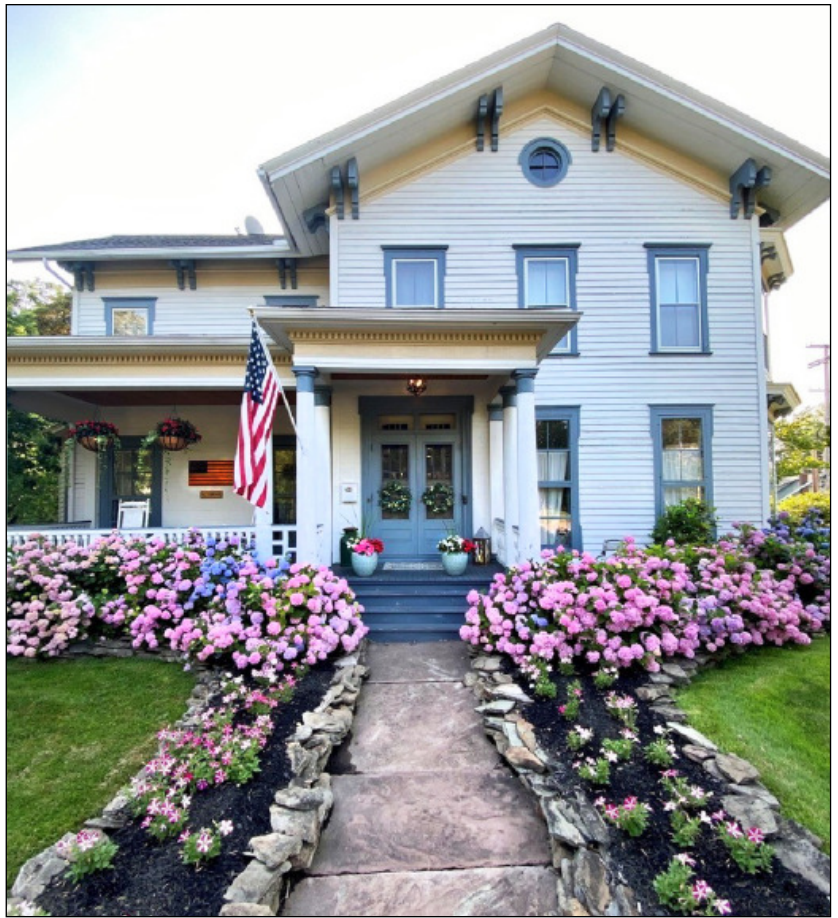
***By Lucy McCormick  
—House Tour Committee***

The House Tour Committee has been busy—very busy. We have met with homeowners of six charming homes throughout Perinton to showcase unique properties with an array of architectural styles, including Federal, Colonial Revival, Greek Revival, Italianate, a log cabin, and several types of barns. We have researched these properties, discovering many historical and quirky facts, and have written scripts detailing each home's story.

In addition, the House Tour Team has enjoyed the delightful experience of working with Noah Lucia, founder of Sidekick Films, a talented young media professional. Noah captured the essence of these properties with a drone-mounted video camera, added current and historic still photos synched to our narrated scripts with the visual component. He is creative and energetic—a joy to work with. From the moment he launches his drone and winds his way around a home and through yards and gardens, the excitement of seeing a property from all angles builds. He creates dramatic shots and highlights features that could easily be missed. The fact that this year's tour is virtual allowed the committee to feature homes far and wide in Perinton.

Tour goers will first stop at 185 North Main Street, a home built for Daniel DeLand, the founder of the DeLand Chemical Company. They will move on to 2187 and 2381 East Whitney Road, homes owned by the prosperous Talman family, who farmed extensively and propagated the famous Talman sweet apple in orchards on their land. Next, they will view the home at 1120 Turk Hill Road, where an early inhabitant of this property owned Perinton's first threshing machine, a device for separating grain from husks and stalks. The next stop will be a home at 425 Aldrich Road, whose former address was 7752 Pittsford-Palmyra Road. This home was not moved. It was built on a toll road that charged \$.06 for a horse to pass through and \$.25 for a stagecoach. Finally, they will visit a contemporary log cabin at 344 Loud Road, with its tranquil setting of a pond and gardens.

The House Tour is a membership-only event available for online viewing during the entire month of October. Members will receive a link to the tour in September. For members without online access, the tour will be shown at the museum on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 pm, and on Sunday, October 24, at 2:00 pm.

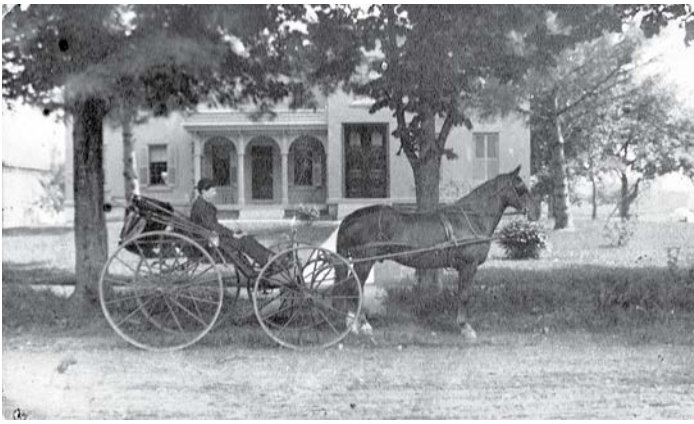


Hydrangeas flank a classic North Main Street home  
*Photo by Laura DiCaprio*



Noah Lucia of Sidekick Films, launches a drone camera.  
*Photo by Lucy McCormick*





Young Fred Potter (1870–1943) is seen here in a horse-drawn buggy. The house in the background is the Potter home at 53 West Church Street in Fairport, prior to modifications made by his parents in 1889, and again in 1893.

About two years after his birth, the parents of Fred Potter relocated from the town of Sweden to Fairport. They purchased a brick house of Italianate design, with acres of village land, fronting on West Church Street. This was the only home Fred Potter knew for the rest of his life.

Along with Fred, the two other children in the family were Alice, born in 1869, and Bertha, born in 1873. Both of his sisters died in 1935, eight years prior to Fred's death.

Fred's education is a bit of a mystery. In parts of 1890 and 1891, Fred and his sister Bertha attended the Lima Seminary. About 21 miles southwest of Fairport, the school was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. However, there is no indication that Fred graduated from high school, and the 1940 census lists his highest completed schooling to be eighth grade.

In March of 1892, after his time at the Lima Seminary, Fred Potter, now 22 years old, had the opportunity to embark upon an adventure with Reverend Frederick Henry Cowman (1859–1927) of the First Methodist Church of Fairport. The two Fairport men boarded the steamer *Noorland*, of the Red Star Line. Departing from New York City, the ultimate destination of the three-month expedition was the Holy Land of Palestine. Unconstrained by the presence of a work schedule or financial concerns, this journey began a lifetime of travel for Fred Potter.

## A Love of Cars and Travel

Although there is no evidence that Fred Potter ever learned to drive, he loved his automobiles. His first car was a Ford, purchased in 1905. Among his many other autos were a 1911 Winton and a 1921 Marmon, maker of what was considered to be the fastest production car manufactured in the United States. Fred had attended the Indianapolis 500 race in 1915, which may have exposed him to the Marmon automobiles, manufactured in that city. A Marmon Wasp won the very first Indianapolis 500 race, held in 1911. Later cars

owned by Potter included a 1935 LaSalle, a 1937 Cadillac, and a 1938 Buick convertible.

For many years Fred Potter traveled extensively, first with William Beeton (1858–1951) behind the wheel, and later with his live-in chauffer, companion and friend, Earl Jacobs (1905–1975). Early destinations included a trip to New York City to attend the 1916 World Series, where the Brooklyn Robins lost to the Boston Red Sox in a five game series. In late 1926 to early 1927, Potter traveled to Pasadena, California, where he likely attended the Rose Bowl football game and parade. From 1935 until his death in 1943, Potter and Jacobs traveled extensively. From 1936 to 1938, they spent a total of 38 weeks traveling by auto, with multiple trips to the west coast, New England, and the southern states. And like millions of others, in 1939 the traveling companions visited New York City for the World's Fair.



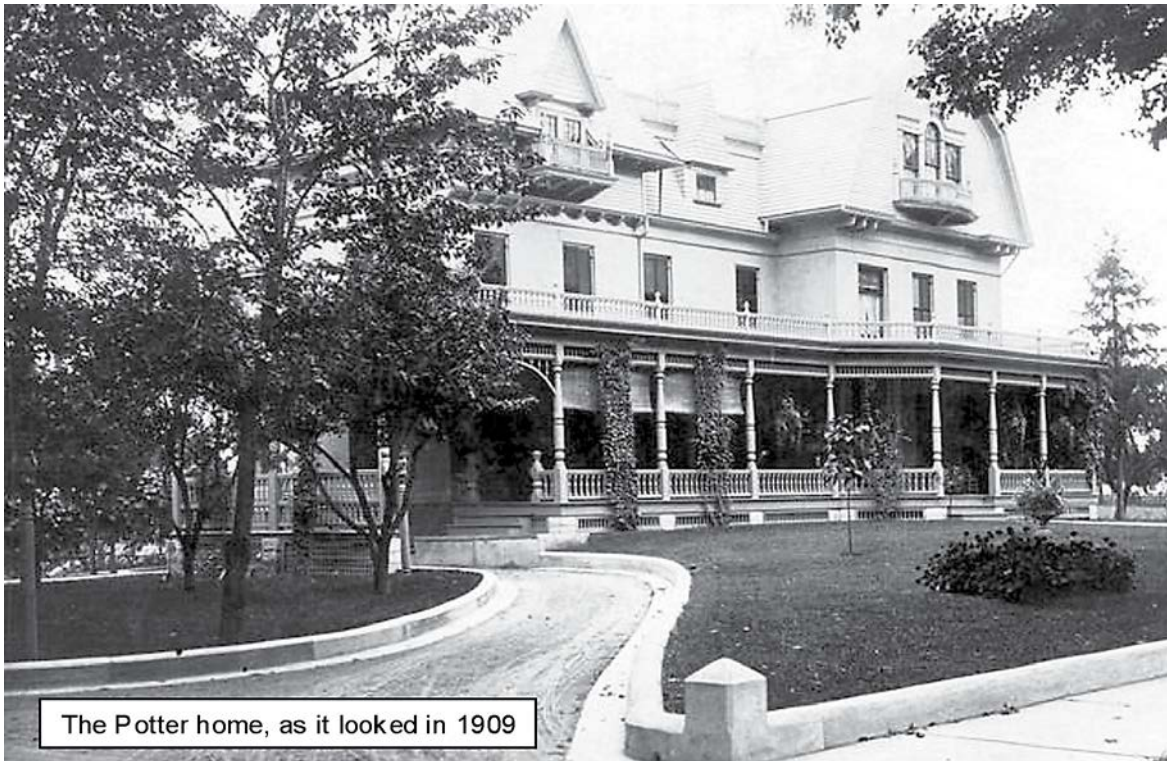
A note accompanying this photo indicates the car is a 1905 Ford, driven by William Beeton (left), and owned by Fred Potter (right). It was one of Fairport's early automobiles.

## A Rich Man with Frugal Tendencies

Growing up as an heir to his grandfather's fortune, Fred Potter was destined to be a wealthy man. Still, other than his passion for cars and travel, he seems to have lead a rather frugal life. He lived virtually his entire life in the Potter family home, although he didn't own the property until age 64, after his sister Bertha's death. He never married, and therefore incurred none of the expenses that a family naturally brings. There is no evidence he owned any real estate other than his home, or was a collector of fine art or antiquities.

He probably gambled a bit, as he occasionally traveled to Atlantic City and the horse races at Saratoga. He might have even visited the dog races on his trips to Florida. Still, there is no evidence that he gambled to excess. For a man of his wealth, Fred Potter lived an economically prudent life.

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### Gifts to his Church and the Community

While Fred may have been thrifty with his inheritance, he was willing to provide financial support for a number of local institutions. In 1896, the young man of just 26 years provided significant funding to the First Methodist Church of Fairport. A few months later, Fairport's Y.M.C.A. baseball team was formed, and Fred Potter was elected president of the club. Although he was an avid baseball fan, Potter was never listed among the players on the roster. His involvement appears to have been limited to an inspirational role, as well as the team's financial supporter. Fred's backing of various Fairport baseball teams continued for many years. The only indication that the team's great benefactor ever took the field was to throw out the first pitch.

Fairport's public library and fire department also benefited from the generosity of Fred Potter. He supported each during his life, and left funds for both in his will, as well as his large personal collection of books to the library.

As food shortages grew more critical during World War II, Potter made a significant portion of his West Church Street property available to community members, to be used for planting victory gardens. In the last years of his life, Fred Potter's donation of land helped to put food on the tables of Fairport and Perinton citizens when they needed it most.

### The Lasting Impact of Fred Potter

Having never married, and after outliving his siblings, Fred Potter had no close relatives. When it came time to draw up a will, the recipients of his estate were very close to home. The village of Fairport benefited from the gift of his home and grounds, to be used as a community center and playground for local children. Potter's will also allocated

funds for several local institutions, including the Fairport Public Library, Fairport Fire Department, First Congregational Church of Fairport and First Methodist Church of Fairport.

Longtime Potter family employee William A. Beeton received \$5,000, and each of Beeton's three children were given \$3,000. Gladys Wachner, Fred Potter's nurse, received \$1,000. The largest sum, \$25,000, was reserved for Earl B. Jacobs. The husband to Ethel Salmon Jacobs of Penfield, Earl Jacobs was described as Fred Potter's "constant companion" and for many years was a resident at the Potter mansion.

It has been over three quarters of a century since the village of Fairport accepted the gift of the Potter home and grounds. Since willed to Fairport upon Fred Potter's death in 1943, much has changed. Other community centers were established which provided alternatives to Potter Memorial, including the former Crosman Center on East Avenue, and later, the thriving town facility at 1350 Turk Hill Road.

Changes lie ahead for Potter Memorial. There is reason to believe that Potter's park grounds, the Lion's Den youth facility, and certainly the memorial to veterans will continue to be an asset to the area. However, the former Potter mansion is on a path which will likely lead to it once again being a residence, this time not just for one family, but perhaps for a few. The building is a designated Fairport landmark, and is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In particular, the local historic designation will help to provide some insurance against physical changes to the exterior of one of Fairport's most beloved structures.

In the next issue of the *Historigram*:  
**Old Money—Fairport's Potter Family**







Bev Crawford at the museum's pump organ on June 25th

## Correction

In the July issue of the *Historigram*, we printed the wrong name in the caption of the photo showing a person playing the organ. Her correct name is Bev Crawford. We sincerely apologize for the error, Bev. And thanks again for your participation at our open house. Your music was much enjoyed.



## Volunteer Voices

Did you ever wonder who does the work on the exterior of the museum? The village of Fairport cuts the grass and the Greenbrier Garden Club maintains the flower beds. But what about the shrubs? PHS member Mike DeGoey began trimming the museum's hedges when his son was in high school as a way to spend time together. Though his son has long since graduated, Mike continues to trim the hedges. We are so appreciative of Mike's time and skills.



PHS member Mike DeGoey.  
Photo by Jane DeMeis



## We Need Your Help

Are you looking for a way to become involved with the PHS? We have lots of opportunities for you! Please contact Vicki Masters Profitt (Director@PerintonHistoricalSociety.org) and let her know of your interest in any of the following committees:

- Scarecrow Festival Committee (September–October)  
–Conceives a theme and decorates the PHS Scarecrow for the Scarecrow Festival in early October.
- Yuletide Traditions Committee (August–December)  
–YT is the PHS annual fundraiser in which items donated by individuals, organizations and businesses are placed in silent auctions. All proceeds from the auctions benefit the PHS. The committee plans and implements special events during YT to draw in visitors; accepts, tags and displays donations for the auctions; oversees the auction event from set up to the finale in December.
- Property Committee (all year)  
–Cleans the museum on a regular basis, checks on issues pertaining to the building and its grounds.
- Tech Support (February–December)  
–Our tech team records presentations, uploads videos to YouTube and updates the computers at the museum.

# 2021–2022 Special Recognition Level Memberships

*As of August 15, 2021*

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None this month

### Perrin (\$500 and above)

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## Perinton Historical Society

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# More About Mules

*By Keith Boas*

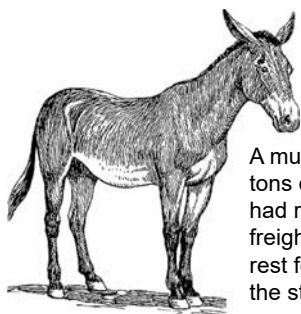
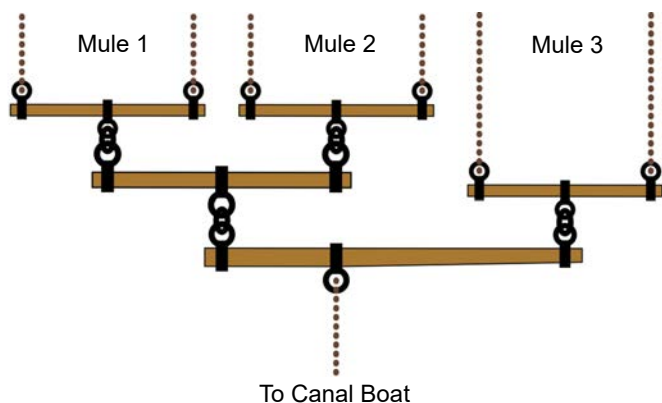
*In our July issue, we published an article about mules, mud and how they affected the history of the Erie Canal in Perinton. Since then, additional bits of information have come my way, trivia that I present here now as sidebars to the original “Mules” article:*

*From the Monroe County Mail, July 5, 1900*

## Valuable Team Drowned

A \$100 team of three canal mules fell into the Erie canal and were drowned last Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock. The driver had just changed teams east of the Deland chemical works, and the new team was just even with the pop factory, when the middle mule took fright and kicked over the whiffletrees\*, scaring the others so that they shied into the canal. The driver called for help and a number of persons living along the towpath rushed to the scene of the accident, but too late to save the animals. The driver said that the middle mule was calloused on the breast and whenever he started up he became unruly and often kicked and the other mules had become afraid of him and shied to avoid his heels. In the morning the boat started on its eastward journey minus the valuable team, which they left in the canal, after the harnesses were removed.

\*A whiffletree, or whippetree, (part of the mules' harness), is a mechanism to distribute force evenly through linkages. It's also referred to as an equalizer, leader bar, or double tree.



A mule team on the canal could pull about 20 tons during an on/off work day of 18 hours. They had rest breaks at locks and village wharfs while freight was being loaded and unloaded. Main rest for the mules usually came at night at one of the stables every few miles along the way.

*From the Palmyra Courier via the Fairport / Monroe County Mail, February 4, 1909*

## Will Miss the Mule

When the new barge canal goes into operation, if it ever does, the canal mule will be only a memory. The towpath will be done away with, it is said, as all boats will be operated by steam. Fifty years ago the Erie Canal was a thing to boast of—a thing to be proud of. But its usefulness has passed away and very few care what becomes of it. We shall miss the mule, however.

— Palmyra Courier

## Posted on Facebook

“When I was 16, I led a pack-mule train thru the mountains in New Mexico for two weeks. They are surprisingly agile even when fully loaded. But when they are standing still, it is nearly impossible to get them moving, and when moving—it is nearly impossible to get them to stop.”

*Fred Wehner*

“Speaking as a child who grew up driving equines: You ride or drive horses. You negotiate with mules.”

*Rosemary Nichols*

## From various locations on the Internet

A mule is a cross between a female horse and male donkey. They are not able to breed. The reverse combination of parents, a male horse and a female donkey, is called a Hinny. Hinnies are rare and also unable to breed.

Mules are smaller than horses and are more surefooted. Mules also live longer than horses. The average life of a horse is 30 years; a mule—nearly 40 years.

Mules on the towpath could be fooled. A driver (hoggee) would sometimes jump onto his moving boat for a lunch break, leaving the team to walk alone on the towpath. The mules would think the hoggee was still behind them and continue pulling the boat with no encouragement.

Mules are fussy about the water they drink. Canal water was generally **not clean!** If mules didn't like the taste and/or smell of the water, they reportedly wouldn't drink it. So my question is this: How did they quench their thirst? I'm still looking for the answer.



The Erie Canal has a Captivating Connection to Fairport.

Photo by Bill Poray

## Upcoming Programs & Events

We are delighted to return to in-person programming beginning with our season opener on September 21st. All program attendees will be required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.

**Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.**  
at the museum

Program: **The Seven Cs of Fairport**  
(See article on this page.)

**Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the museum**  
PHS Members Only Event

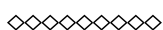
Program: **2021 Virtual House Tour**  
Although you may have already viewed the virtual house tour from the comfort of your living room, the virtual tour will be on the large screen in the museum program room.

**Sunday, October 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the museum**  
PHS Members Only Event

Program: **2021 Virtual House Tour**  
A daytime showing of the virtual house tour

**Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.**  
at the museum

Program: **Old Money—Fairport's Potter Family**  
Speaker: Bill Poray



## The Fairport Historical Museum is once again open to visitors!

Stop by to see our new exhibits. The museum is open Sundays and Tuesdays from 2:00–4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

## Don Shilling to Present *The Seven Cs of Fairport*

On Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm, PHS members can commit themselves to an unusual evening of colorful electronic slides

documenting the curious conclusion that Fairport can boast of counting at least seven Cs in its community's citizen names, its churches, commercial buildings and their consumable products both today and in the past century. Please come and comment!

Fairport native and retired educator Donovan A. Shilling is the author of more than a dozen books about local history, including *A Towpath Tale* and *They Put Rochester on the Map*.



## Yuletide Traditions 2021

After a pandemic break in 2020, this year marks the seventh annual Yuletide Traditions (YT) silent auction fundraiser in which individuals, organizations and businesses donate gift baskets, wreaths, tabletop trees and decorative items to the PHS to be auctioned off during a multi-week time frame in November and December.

Since the inception of Yuletide Traditions in 2014, nearly 300 items have been donated and proceeds have exceeded \$12,000, all of which benefit the PHS, its operation of the Fairport Historical Museum and acquisition and care of artifacts related to Fairport and Perinton.

The YT committee is in the early stages of planning the event, which may look different than past years due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. If you are interested in joining our committee, donating or becoming one of our guests at an YT special event, contact Vicki Masters Proffitt (Director@PerintonHistoricalSociety.org).





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# Support the Perinton Historical Society With Your Membership

If you haven't already renewed your annual membership in PHS, or would like to join for the first time, please fill in the form below and send it in now. Please note that increasing operating costs have prompted the Board of Trustees to raise dues for the first time in eight years, as shown in the form below.

**Special Recognition Levels:** Our membership form includes special recognition levels authorized by the Board of Trustees. Business memberships will be acknowledged as supporters of the Perinton Historical Society in each issue of the *Historigram*, on the PHS website and at the museum. The DeLand, Potter and Perrin memberships acknowledge greater monetary contributions. These members will be recognized once in the *Historigram* and listed on the website and at the museum unless they prefer to remain anonymous.

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The success of PHS programs depends on the gifts of time and talent. Consider volunteering by serving on a committee or project.

## Check areas of interest:

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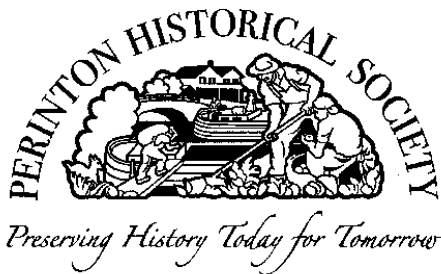
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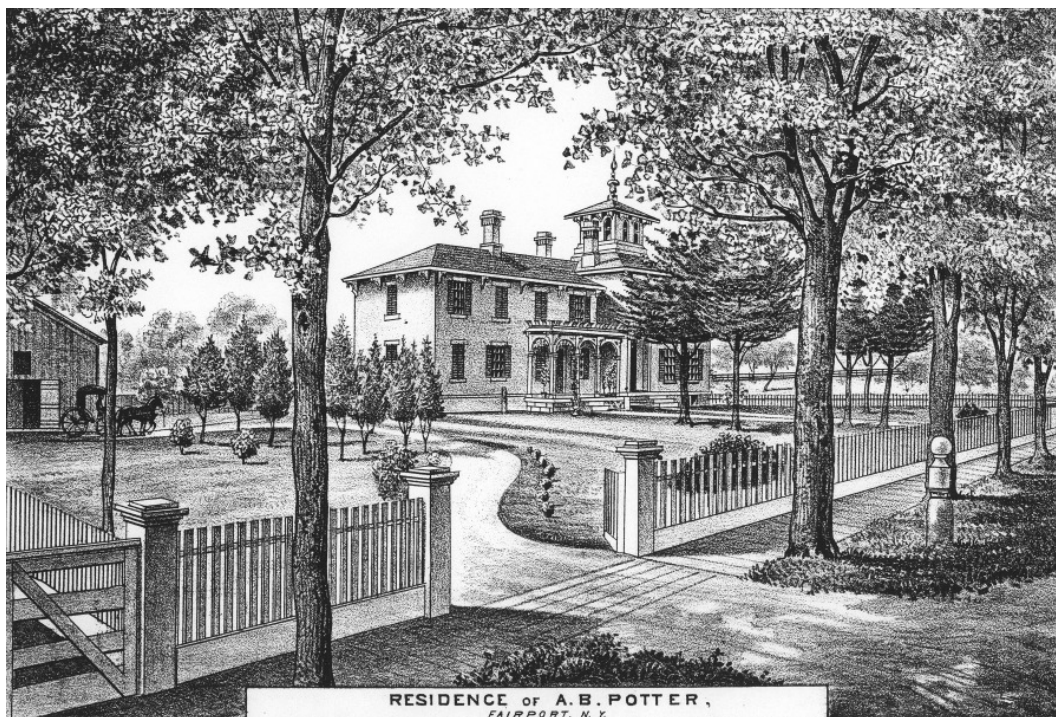
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### Old Money— Fairport's Potter Family

On Tuesday, November 16th  
(7:00 p.m. at the museum),  
Bill Poray will give a program  
on Fairport's famous Potter  
family—and their money.

#### Illustration:

The Potter house, from the book,  
*1877 History of Monroe County*, by  
W.H. McIntosh

**Fairport Historical Museum, 18 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450**

The museum hours are Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and Sundays and Tuesdays from 2:00—4:00 p.m. Free admission.

Group tours, presentations and special projects are by appointment.

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