

## Perinton's Long Lost Landmarks

*The Second in an Occasional Series by Bill Poray*

### The Home of Hiram and Claramond Hayes

*"Hiram Hayes, of Connecticut, came in 1817, and purchased his farm. A carpenter by trade, he has followed the business many years, and has been very popular. He is now eighty-two years of age."*

McIntosh's History of Monroe County,  
published 1877

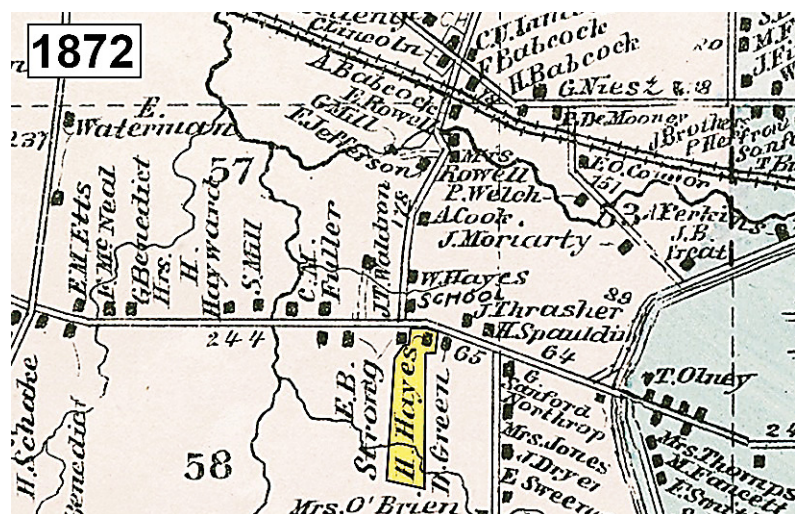
Born in December of 1793, Hiram Hayes spent his early years in Fairfield County, Connecticut. Like so many, he yearned to establish a new home in the west, where opportunity and fertile land were an irresistible combination. When still a young man of about 24 years, he embarked on the challenging 350 mile journey to Perinton, established just five years prior, in 1812.

The work of genealogists reveals that Hayes did not bring a wife with him on his journey. Four years after his arrival in this town, he married a young woman from Pittsford, named Claramond Winslow (1799-1892). Her family, from Hampshire County, Massachussets, settled in Pittsford in 1816, the year prior to the arrival of Hiram Hayes in Perinton.

Hiram Hayes was a man with two occupations. Like most of his neighbors, he was a farmer. In addition, Hayes, was a skilled carpenter, a trade that quickly became in great demand, as the growing prevalence of saw mills allowed our earliest towns people to abandon their primitive log cabins in favor of more weather-tight, dignified homes. He undoubtedly built his own home, which, if it existed today, would qualify as one of Perinton's oldest structures. Located on "the Rochester Road" as it was long known, 1239 Fairport Road is where the



Photo from the archives of the Perinton Historical Society



The home of Hiram and Claramond Hayes is shown in the 1872 map of the area. The property was slightly east of the intersection of Fairport Road and Baird Road.



~Vicki Profitt~

## From your President

**M**y husband and I have three children. As each of them reached the age of 16, we took them on a trip, just the birthday child without their siblings. Toronto was the destination for our oldest daughter, Katie, because she likes quirky



Sky-high view of Montreal as photographed from a Ferris wheel by our traveling PHS president

shops. William's deep booming voice was the impetus for our trip to Salem, Massachusetts, because he is interested in anything horror related, including witches. Our youngest, Alison, selected Montreal as her special birthday place. We recently returned from there, where we spent a wonderful five days eating crepes, visiting bookshops and attempting to speak French. The architecture was amazing, with exquisitely ornate vintage buildings and sculptures surrounded by modern glass and steel structures. Somehow, the dichotomy works. It was such a memorable trip and a wonderful way to spend time with our youngest child.

We returned to gorgeous weather and I got right to work planning some fun PHS events—the June open house at the museum and the *Colonial Belle* cruise in July—with our committee chairs.

PHS is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who make these events very special for our members. If you are interested in helping out, I'd love to hear from you. Email me at [Director@PerintonHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:Director@PerintonHistoricalSociety.org).



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## Upcoming Programs & Events

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am–12:00 pm**

**at the museum**

Event: Greenbrier Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the museum**

Program: White Haven Virtual Cemetery Tour

Host: Suzanne Lee

**Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–8:00 pm at the museum**

Event: PHS Members Only Open House

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:30–5:30 pm**

**at Packett's Landing**

Event: PHS Cruises the Canal on the *Colonial Belle*

Tickets on sale May 1<sup>st</sup>–June 25<sup>th</sup> at the museum

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## How You can Support the Perinton Historical Society

- Become a PHS member / give a gift membership.
- Volunteer your time as a museum volunteer or on a committee.
- Donate artifacts to the museum that pertain to Fairport and Perinton.
- Purchase unique gifts from the Fairport Historical Museum gift shop.
- Donate gift cards and gift baskets for Yuletide Traditions silent auctions.
- Donate to the PHS through estate bequests, planned giving, IRA charitable giving, memorial and honor gifts, employer matching contributions and ROC the Day.





This view of the east side of the Hayes home, once located at 1239 Fairport Rd., was taken in about 1960. The photo on page 1 shows the front of the house, which is visible on the right side of the above image. The house was razed about five years after this photo was taken. *Photo from the town of Perinton archives*

home of Hiram and Claramond Hayes would be found today.

Hiram Hayes died in November of 1882. Four months later, the family sold the homestead to the West Shore Railroad. The company was buying up land to lay tracks from Fairport to Pittsford. The Hayes property was located precisely where the tracks diagonally cross Fairport Road. The large railroad trestle bridge installed over 80 years ago is directly in front of the former Hayes property. Eventually the ten acre property and house went back into private ownership, and was the home of Burt and Hattie Sutton for decades, until a developer purchased the property in 1964. The house was razed in 1965 and in time, the Terrace Villas townhome complex, accessible from Jefferson Avenue, consumed most of the property.

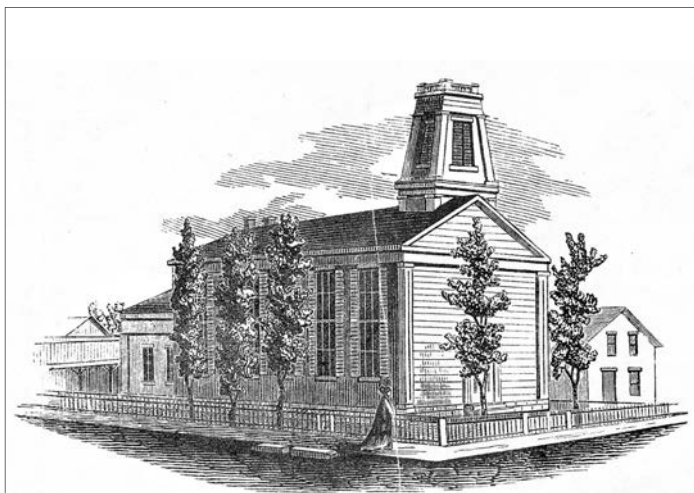


*Left:* Early 1900s photo of the rear of the Chadwick block (building to the right), corner of West Avenue and South Main Street. The building, which fronted on both Main Street and the canal, was erected by Hiram Hayes in the 1850s or earlier. After a devastating fire, the structure was rebuilt, and moved to 38 West Avenue when the canal was widened in 1913. The front of the building was eventually finished in brick.

*Photo from a glass plate negative, town of Perinton archives*

## ***Hiram Hayes*** **One of Perinton's Earliest Carpenters**

There is no comprehensive list of the early wood frame homes and buildings crafted by Hiram Hayes. Along with his own home, he no doubt built others along Rochester Road. A few of those remain, while others have long since been replaced by more modern structures.



The Fairport First Baptist Church, constructed in 1842 by Hiram Hayes. The church stood on the northwest corner of South Main Street and West Church Street, and was replaced by the current brick church, built in 1876–1877. This image is from a 19th century church publication.

We know with certainty that Hiram Hayes built some notable structures in this community. Those include the predecessor to the current brick Congregational Church, a wood frame church built in 1844. It was later relocated to West Avenue and served as Shaw's Hall, and later, a movie theatre, and finally, the hardware store of Jerry Williams. Hayes also built the original Fairport First Baptist Church in 1842, also of wood frame construction. He almost certainly had a hand in the construction of several mills on Irondequoit and Thomas Creeks. One has been attributed to him, the Jefferson Mill on Thomas Creek, near Baird Road. Finally, Haye's obituary identified him as the builder of the Chadwick block, which once stood on the northwest corner of South Main Street and West Avenue.





*By Jane DeMeis*

The Village of Fairport Tree Board and Historic Preservation Commission invite you to participate in the third annual Tree and Historic House Scavenger Hunt, which will take place May 14<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>.

This year's family-friendly scavenger hunt will search for eight trees and 10 historic structures, each marked with a sign or green ribbon. When you find one, use the information cards to learn more about the trees and houses, and get a clue for the crossword puzzle game. Submit your answer via email or drop off at the Village Hall or Fairport Historical Museum. Two winners will be drawn from submitted answers: One winner will have a tree planted in the village in their honor; the other winner will receive a one-year family membership at the PHS. More information is available online at [www.fairportny.com/scavengerhunt](http://www.fairportny.com/scavengerhunt).

## Relive the '70s on the *Colonial Belle*!

*By Kay Joslyn*

What do tie-dye shirts, Bruce Springsteen and the boat *Colonial Belle* have in common? How about the Rolling Stones, bell bottoms and the Fairport Historical Museum?

Join us for a ride on the *Colonial Belle*—Saturday afternoon, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:30–5:30 p.m., for a '70s theme trip from Fairport to the Pittsford lock and back. We will have refreshments and live music provided by local artist Andrew Young. In addition, Perinton Town Historian Bill Poray will recap some of Fairport's history from that time span.

This is the perfect opportunity to connect with your past, break out the old outfits and reminisce as we cruise along on the historic Erie Canal.

Tickets are \$55 per person and will be on sale at the museum at 18 Perrin Street, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. The museum is open Tuesdays and Sundays from 2–4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Please join us on the afternoon of July 15<sup>th</sup> for a memory-filled canal cruise.



View from the east side to the Ayrault Road bridge during the late summer of 2010, Photo by Keith Boas







## White Haven Cemetery Tour

Our 2023 cemetery tour highlights the only burying ground in Perinton that has not yet been featured in a PHS tour—White Haven Memorial Park. Join host Suzanne Lee on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as she introduces the audience to Perinton business owners, former town supervisors and even a town historian. This presentation will take place in person at the Fairport Historical Museum. The event is free and open to the public. No registration required.



## New in the Museum Gift Shop

Last month, we introduced the mule and lift bridge garden flags to the gift shop. The month of May is all about the trains. Check out our selection of train-related items, including engineer caps and bandanas, building block sets and caboose banks. The four-tone train whistles are imprinted with the PHS logo and the large-sized plush bears are wearing PHS bandanas around their necks.

There is something for everyone at the museum gift shop, which now accepts credit cards.







Some of the displays and activities from last year's second annual Open House

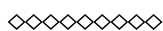
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Keith Boas

## Celebrating Our PHS Members

**P**HS members are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for the third annual PHS Open House. Drop by the Fairport Historical Museum between the hours of 6:00–8:00 p.m., when you will have the opportunity to enjoy light refreshments, while strolling the beautiful museum gardens, listening to the melodies of Fairport's only organ grinder, Tim Wagner, and meeting representatives from local organizations and some of our first responders.

Displays will feature photos and information about Greenbrier Garden Club, the July 15<sup>th</sup> *Colonial Belle* cruise, and the October 1<sup>st</sup> PHS House Tour. Hear about volunteer opportunities. Learn about museum items from the past at the *What is It?* table. Ballots for the PHS budget and board of trustees will be accepted on this evening, as will membership renewals. Peruse the newest offerings in the museum gift shop. Bring your friends! If they aren't members already, they can join PHS at the door (front sidewalk).

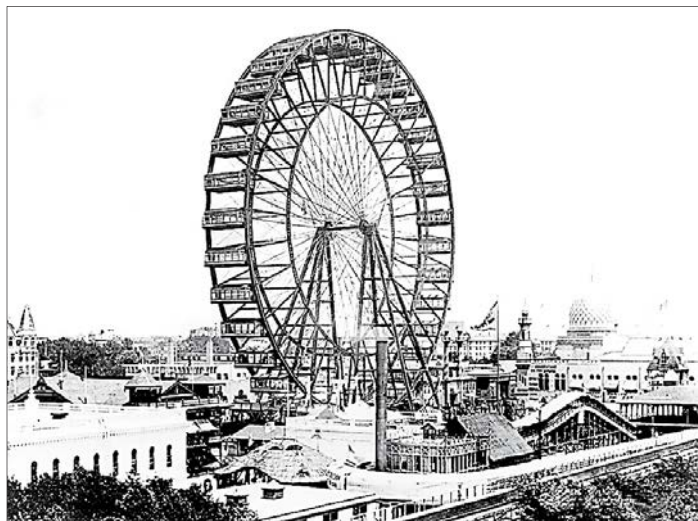
Perinton Historical Society has flourished since its founding in 1935 thanks to your support. We hope you can join us for this special event celebrating our members.



## Original Ferris Wheel was Literally One of a Kind

*By Bill Poray  
Perinton Town Historian*

**A**s noted in her column on page 2, PHS President Vicki Profitt recently experienced the thrill of a Ferris wheel ride while visiting Montreal. She followed in the somewhat queasy footsteps of millions of others, who since 1893 have ridden Ferris wheels big and small around the world.



A bridge builder from Pittsburgh designed and built the very first Ferris wheel. It should come as no surprise that his name was Ferris; more specifically George Washington Gale Ferris Jr.

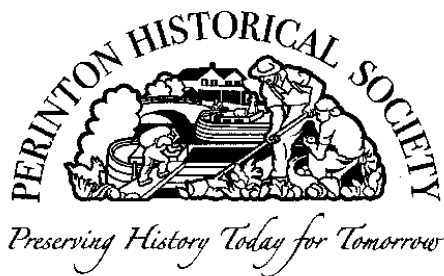
*Photo from the Library of Congress*

The Eiffel Tower was built to be the centerpiece of the 1889 World's Fair. At 1,083 feet, the French icon easily surpassed the Washington Monument as the tallest structure in the world, and held the title until 1930, when it was eclipsed by New York's Chrysler building.

In an effort to steal the Parisian thunder created by the unveiling of France's Eiffel Tower, a challenge was issued to American engineers by the organizers of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. The design by Ferris was monumental; his spinning wheel was 264 feet in height, with forty revolving passenger cars. Each car had a capacity of 60 people, for a total of 2,160 passengers.

The phrase "Ferris wheel" is universally understood. That has been the case ever since George Washington Gale Ferris Jr.'s masterpiece first lit up the sky in spectacular fashion in Chicago 130 years ago. That the name stuck, and we still refer to these spinning contraptions as Ferris wheels, is all the more surprising considering this fact: The amazing wheel designed and built by Ferris for the 1893 World's Fair was both his first, and his last. He died of typhoid fever in a Pittsburgh hospital in 1896.





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*This is Rosalie Bartolotta's 1962 portrait by photographer John North, and an excerpt from her Chamber of Commerce Profile, published in the Fairport Herald-Mail. Rosalie resides in Perinton, and recently enjoyed celebrating Easter dinner with beloved members of the Bartolotta family.*

"As the attractive lady depicted above is in the beauty business she makes a fine advertisement for her shop – the Miss Rosalie Beauty Salon, 7 No. Main Street. Born not too many years back as Rosalie Bartolotta she is a graduate of FHS and the Culver Academy of Beauty and Hairdressing. Before opening her shop in 1959 she was employed at the Salon of the Ritz in Rochester.

She thinks her business is one of many gratifications. "It is a rewarding experience to make a woman both look and feel her best" says Rosalie. "Nothing gives the fair sex a moral boost like a few hours in a beauty parlor."

Rosalie's avocations are golf and dancing. She admits that in the former she has yet to break a hundred, but being a lady of determination will keep her trying. While she favors the more restrained type of ball room Terpsichore she confesses that she can do the twist with the best of them.

Rosalie, single and charming, says that her present ambitions are to keep at her work. Rumors have it however that there is a big moment in her life that resides not too far from Fairport, thus local eligibles are at a disadvantage."



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

The museum is open during the following hours: 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. Please call and leave a message at **585-223-3989**. [www.PerintonHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PerintonHistoricalSociety.org)