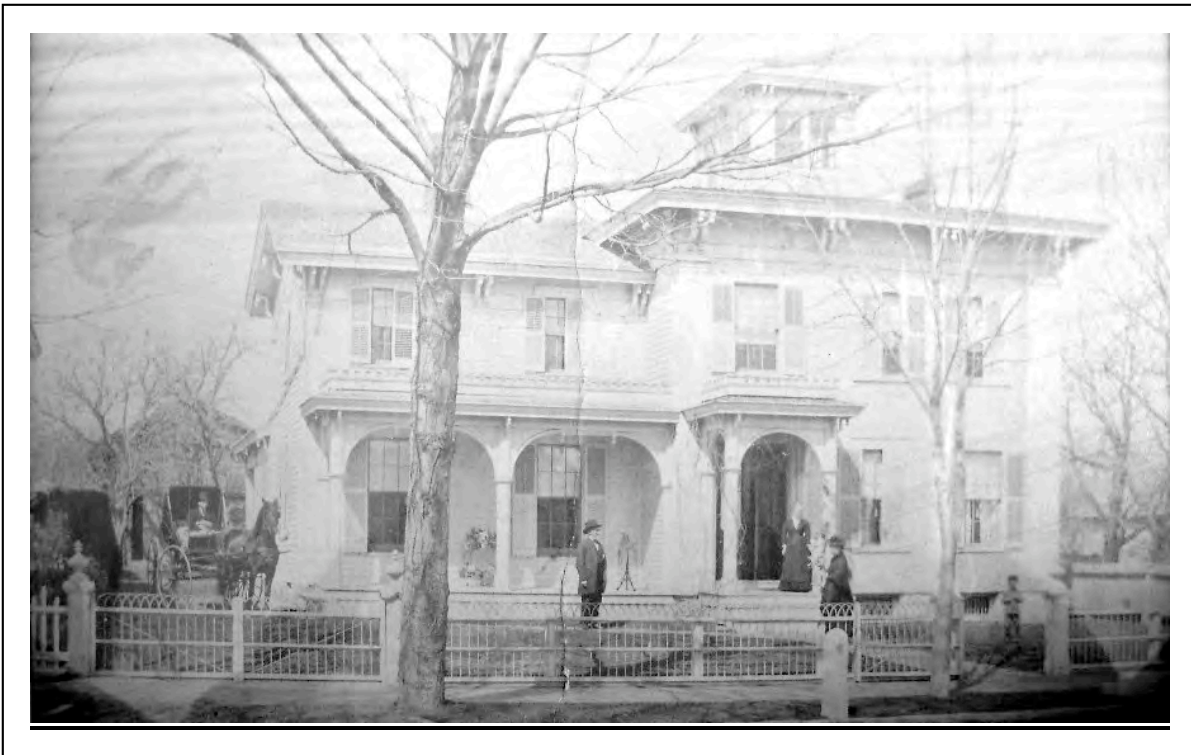


Significant Points of Historical Interest
Relevant To
70 South Main Street, Fairport, New York



Bill Poray

9 Misty Pine Road, Fairport, NY

Main Points of Historical Significance Related to Property
Owners of 70 South Main Street, Fairport, NY

- John E. Howard, who owned the house in the second half of the nineteenth century, was elected as trustee in the first election held in the Village of Fairport in 1868
- Mr. Howard was a significant business and social leader within the community, and a pillar of the Congregational Church
- Howard's daughter, Sophia, attended Philadelphia Medical College in the 1870's, and became a practicing physician, primarily in Canandaigua and Auburn
- Dr. Frances Hulburt began her medical practice in Fairport in 1896
- Dr. Charles E. White and Dr. Francis Hulburt married, purchased the Howard house at 70 South Main Street in 1901; she lived and worked in the house until 1939
- Dr. Charles E. White was for many years the appointed Health Officer for Fairport
- Dr. Francis Hulburt White's career as a physician in Fairport spanned 47 years
- Dr. John N. McEachren purchased the White's home in 1939 and continued the practice of utilizing it both as a residence and physician's office for 46 years, until his retirement in 1985. Overall, McEachren's career spanned 52 years, including a few years in the early 1930's at 84 South Main Street, prior to its ownership by Doctor Kraai.
- It is of historical significance to note that the structure at 70 South Main Street functioned not only as a home, but also as a physician's office, continuously from 1901 until 1985, a period of 84 years.

Chronology of Events and People Associated with 70 South Main Street, Fairport, NY

1830's

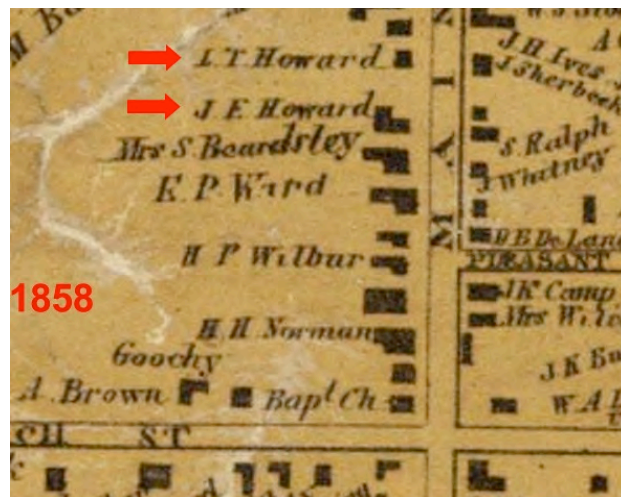
Members of the Howard family first arrived in Perinton from Bridgewater, Massachusetts in the 1830s. Five brothers (Ansel A., Daniel J., Lorenzo T., Marshall G., and John L. Howard) eventually came to Perinton. Their elderly father, Ansel Sr., moved with his sons to Perinton. The Howard family were makers of wagons in Belchertown, Massachusetts. Lorenzo and John stayed in Belchertown building "Democrat Wagons", and shipped them by packet boat to Perinton, where their older brother Ansel sold them at his store. A few years later, John and Lorenzo also came to Perinton, bringing their wagon manufacturing operation with them.



Brothers John Howard, Daniel Howard, and Ansel Howard (1882 photo)

1858

Gillette's 1858 map of Monroe County indicates that John L. Howard and Lorenzo T. Howard had houses next door to each other on South Main Street, at approximately the area where the current entrance to the Village Landing is today. See below:



The 1976 Landmark Society Survey identifies the house owned by EP Ward (above) as 70 South Main St.

1860

The Federal Census of 1860 indicates that John E. Howard was a carriage maker. The value of his real estate was \$2,000. The value of his personal estate was \$11,000. His brother, Lorenzo, is also listed as a carriage maker.

John E. Howard	46	m	Carriage maker	\$2,000	\$11,000
Louisa	35	f			
John	15	m	Child		
William	16	f	Dom. Servant		
Samuel Brown	62	m			

1867

In 1867 the Village of Fairport was incorporated. In 1868 the first village elections were held. August Hill was elected village president. Village trustees were O.P. Simons, J.Y. Parce, John E. Howard, Levi Jones, T.L. Hulburt and J.M. Swimmerton.

1870

The Federal Census of 1870 lists Sophia Howard as a teacher at the Howland School in Springport, Union Springs, New York. The school was built in 1862, specifically as a school for Quaker girls.

Post Office: *Union Springs*

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7
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Description entered in this order of columns.		The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Age at last birthday, if under 1 year give months in figures, then "y."	Sex—Males (M), Females (F)	Color—White (W), Black (B), Red (R), Chinese (C), Indian (I), Mixed (M)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.
198	208					
2		George Cook	44	M		Teacher
3		Mary Ann	28	F		"
4		Levina Charlotte	39	F		"
5		Howard Sophia	26	F		"

Sophia Howard subsequently left the Howland School to pursue an education in medicine, attending the Philadelphia Medical College, a renowned school specifically for female students. After graduation, Miss Howard worked for a time in the hospitals of Boston, gaining experience in her profession.



This 1872 map of Fairport shows the home of J.E. Howard on South Main Street, across from Pleasant Street.

1880

The Federal Census of 1880 lists the John E. Howard family, including 36 year old Sophia Howard. Her occupation is listed as physician.

Howard John E	W	M	66		1	Gentleman
— Louisa B	W	F	54	Wife		Keeping house
Robinson Jane	W	F	21	Servant	1	Servant
Howard Sophia E	W	F	36	Daughter	1	Physician
Howard William	W	M	34		1	Gentleman

1884

Sophia Howard, MD, left Fairport to pursue her career in Auburn, NY. She also was engaged for a period of time as the physician at the Granger Place School, a school for teenage girls on the Granger Homestead in Canandaigua. The school was founded in 1876. Newspaper accounts indicate she continued to function as a physician in Auburn until at least 1891.



The John E. Howard home at 70 South Main Street, Fairport (1880's)

1890

John E. Howard died in his home at 70 South Main Street, Fairport. The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle referred to Mr. Howard as “one of the pioneers of Fairport, one of the most valued citizens of the town”. The newspaper also stated that “Fairport Congregational Church loses one of its real pillars.”

1893

Doctor Sophia Howard died at the family home in Fairport. Her obituary in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle is a lengthy detailed tribute, detailing her contributions in education, medicine, and society.

1896

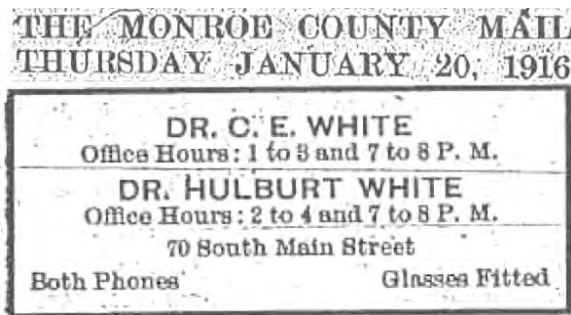
Doctor Frances Hulburt graduated from Michigan University with a degree in Medicine in June of 1896. In October, she came to Fairport, setting up a practice in the large house later razed to build the Post Office on South Main Street, the building now occupied by RC Shaheen’s paint store.

1900

Doctor Hulburt married Michigan University classmate Doctor Charles E. White in August of 1900. For over a year they operated their medical practices from the former home and office of Doctor J. F. Tubbs, on the corner of Pleasant Street and South Main.

1901

The Whites relocated their offices and living quarters across the street to 70 South Main, having purchased the property from Louisa Howard, the widow of John E. Howard. As a condition of the sale, the Whites took care of Mrs. Howard until her death in 1908. When the Whites purchased the house, it had no furnace or indoor plumbing.



Advertisement for the husband and wife team of White and White, at 70 South Main Street

1923

The Whites were respected physicians in the village of Fairport and the surrounding area. Dr. Charles E. White held the position of Health Officer in Fairport for many years.

THE HERALD, FAIRPORT, N. Y., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1923

Annual Report of Village Treasurer
ANNUAL REPORT OF W. H. SALENO, VILLAGE TREASURER, FROM MARCH 1, 1922, TO MARCH 1, 1923
DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
TAXES

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH		
Health Officer		
Compensation		
March 6, Dr. Charles White	\$231.30	
Oct. 3, Dr. Charles White	281.30	
Traveling expenses		
March 6, Dr. Charles White	20.00	
Oct. 3, Dr. Charles White	35.00	
Office and other expenses		
March 6, Dr. Charles White	3.20	
Oct. 3, Dr. Charles White	4.79	
Dr. White total	\$526.69	526.69



1923 Treasurer’s Report, Village of Fairport

1924 Fairport map. Note property of C.E. White



1933

Dr. Charles E. White passed about a week after receiving a severe shock while driving his car on West Church Street in Fairport. Until his death, he had practiced medicine for 33 years in Fairport. His wife, Doctor Frances Hulbert White, would continue her medical career in Fairport for another ten years after her husband's death.

THE HERALD-MAIL, FAIRPORT, N. Y.

Thursday, November 23, 1933

Dr. C. E. White Dies

Dr. Charles E. White died at his home in South Main street this morning at 9:15. The funeral will be held Saturday at 2:30 p. m., burial in Mount Pleasant cemetery. He suffered a shock while driving his car in West Church street Saturday and has been in a very serious condition since.

THE HERALD-MAIL, FAIRPORT, N. Y.

Thursday, November 30, 1933

**Death of Dr. White
Shock to Community**

The death of Dr. Charles E. White, which was briefly mentioned in last week's Herald-Mail, as he passed away at 9:15 the morning of publication, was a shock to the community. The doctor had been ill but a few days, having suffered a shock while driving his car on the Saturday previous.

1937

During the Great Depression, many Fairport homeowners found it necessary to rent rooms or apartments in their homes.

THE HERALD-MAIL, FAIRPORT, N. Y.

Thursday, May 19, 1938

FOR RENT—5-room heated apartment at 70 South Main street, phone 48. 7t1

Doctor Frances Hulbert White ran several advertisements seeking to rent out a portion of her home and offices at 70 South Main Street.

1939

The Fairport Herald-Mail

FAIRPORT, N. Y., NOVEMBER 2, 1939

Practiced Medicine Here 43 Years



DR. FRANCES H. WHITE

Dr. Frances Hulbert White, who has practiced medicine in Fairport for 43 years, is moving her office to her new home, which was formerly the Frank Bown house, 126 South Main street. The White home at 70 South Main street will pass into the ownership of Dr. J. N. McEachren in the middle of November.

Dr. White, the only lady physician in Fairport for several years, came to Fairport in October, 1896, a graduate of the June, 1896, class of Michigan university. She first started practicing on the site of the new post office, remaining there for four years. Then in August of 1900 she was married to Dr. Charles E. White, a classmate of hers in the university. They practiced together in the Dr. J. P. Tubbs house on the corner of South Main and Pleasant streets for over a year and then purchased the present home across the street where they practiced jointly until Dr. Charles White's death six years ago.

Dr. White plans to move about the middle of the month, but until then will continue practicing where she is. The exact date of moving will be given later. Fairport and surrounding vicinity have found Dr. White a competent, trustworthy physician and a true and understanding friend during

these many years. Their best wishes go with her in whatever she undertakes. In return, Dr. White thinks a great deal of Fairport, so she told the Herald-Mail reporter. Dr. White said concerning 43 years ago when she came here. "I liked Fairport the minute I saw it and I made up my mind that here's where I wanted to practice, here's where I wanted to live, and here's where I want to die."

A 1939 feature story in the Fairport Herald-Mail covered the 43 year medical career of Doctor Frances Hulbert White in Fairport. She would go on to practice medicine for another four years, for a total of 47 years at her profession, all in Fairport.

1939

Doctor Frances Hulbert White sold the house at 70 South Main Street to Doctor John N. McEachren in November of 1939. She moved her office and home down the street to 126 South Main, the former Frank Bown house, and prior to that, the parsonage for the Fairport Free Will Baptist Church. She continued her practice in this location for another four years.

1943

Fairport Herald-Mail
FAIRPORT, N. Y., JANUARY 7, 1943

Dr. Frances H. White

The funeral of Dr. Frances Hulbert White, who died suddenly at her home Sunday evening, Jan. 4, 1943, was held yesterday at the Emery funeral chapel. Interment is to be made at the convenience of the family. Rev. R. O. Ficken, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated.

Her death followed an illness of but a few hours at her home, 126 South Main street. Dr. White was the widow of the late Dr. Charles E. White, who died some years ago. She was 73 years of age and practised medicine here 47 years. She was born in Sheldon, Vt., and completed her medical education in the University of Michigan, and began her practice here in 1896. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Hubbard of Fairport, and one son, Charles H. White, who is in the service of the USA.

Dr. White was a member of the Congregational church and of Fairport Chapter No. 444, Order of the Eastern Star. Also she held membership in the Monroe County Medical society and in the medical society of the state.

On January 4, 1943, Doctor Frances Hulbert White fell sick in her home, and passed away a few hours later. She was 73 years old, and practiced medicine in Fairport for 47 years.

1950s

The photo below was taken in the 1950's, when Doctor John N. McEachren had his practice and his family home in the house. In this picture, the home retains its original narrow clapboards and window shutters. Dr. McEachren made his residence and practice at this location from 1939 – 1985.



1976

This photo was utilized in the Landmark Society of Western New York's 1976 Structures Survey. The following ratings were assigned to the property:

High historical significance

Excellent architectural significance

Great importance to the neighborhood

Highest color ranking - Red



Note that in the 1976 photo (left) the house is sided with wood shingles, rather than the original clapboards. The north entry door used for the physician's office is still functional. The house retains its original double brackets and paneled corner pilasters. The Landmark Society survey has indicated that the house may have been Greek Revival or Federal in design, prior to being rebuilt as an Italianate in the 1850's.

2009



The building has functioned as the Fairport Federal Credit Union since the 1980's. The owners undertook a significant rehabilitation a few years ago, and were successful in maintaining the architectural integrity of the structure. Some of the cornice double brackets were lost to deterioration, and as a result single brackets are now utilized. A north entry door was impractical for the building's current use; however the owners wisely chose to retain the look of an entry door by maintaining the small porch on the north wall.