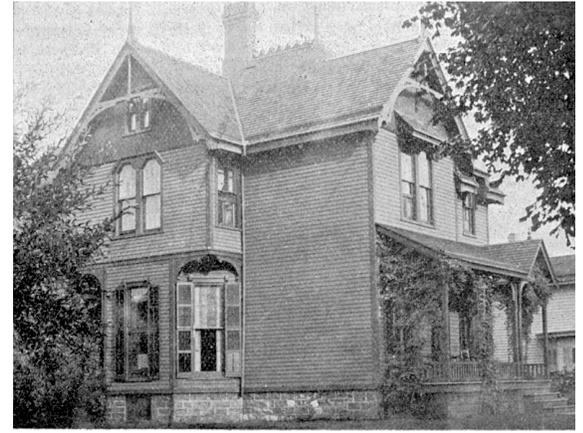


THREE GENERATIONS OF CHARLES HOWES

Charles Howe was a Perinton name for three generations. The first Charles Howe was born in 1777 in Florida, New York, where he grew up. Ordained as a Baptist minister, he married Sarah Overbaugh and they raised a large brood of ten (or eleven, depending on the source,) children. In 1834, the family moved to Perinton, purchasing a farm several miles south of the village of Fairport at the corner of Pittsford-Palmyra and Turk Hill Roads. The Rev. Howe preached in Amsterdam as well as his home town and was a regular preacher at Pittsford, Mendon and Fairport Baptist churches after moving to Perinton.



26 Perrin Street

The second Charles Howe was the fifth child in the family and was born in 1806 in Florida, New York. Because of his father's limited income and the necessity of working on the family farm, Charles II had a limited education, but a seemingly unlimited ability to seek out opportunities. As a teenager he was earning wages as a farm hand, threshing grain for 18 cents per day and then moving up to a salary of \$100 for a year's work. Married to Jane Pettengill in 1833, they had three children and soon thereafter followed the elder Howes to Perinton, a trip by sleigh that took five days. According to information from the 1877 McIntosh history of Monroe County, Charles and his family purchased 60 acres of farmland in the western part of Perinton and proceeded to build a house. Shortly before the house was complete, Jane died, leaving Charles and the three children. By 1835, Charles had married Ailse Slocum, daughter of Perinton pioneer Amasa Slocum and his wife Anna. Together they added five children to the Howe family, one of whom was named Charles.

Apparently the family moved to the Pittsford-Palmyra homestead in the 1840's, probably to care for aging parents – the Reverend Charles died in 1849. Charles II lost his second wife, Ailse, in 1853, but then married Mrs. Lucy Butts of Albion in 1854. They were parents of two sons. Charles II lived until 1879, devoting time to his community, his family, and his church. He was a founding member of the First Baptist Church of Fairport, serving for a time as deacon.

The third Charles was born in 1846 on the family homestead, where he lived for his first twenty years. He did not continue the family farming tradition, but moved to the village of Fairport and worked for a time in the furniture manufacturing business. His next venture was as a traveling salesman for the DeLand Chemical Company. He worked in sales for twenty-seven years, the last seven of which were with the J.Hungerford Smith Company of Rochester. He traveled the country, visiting every state, becoming well known and respected. At the same time, Charles was part of the firm of Todd & Howe who operated a general store in Fairport. He also had an interest in a manufacturer of window screens, baking powder, and spices. Not content with those business ventures, he also served as Vice-President of the John F. Bauer Company of Mount Morris, manufacturers of Mo-Ko, a cereal coffee, and a line of patent medicines. Charles Howe was a busy man.

He and his wife Ella and their two children, Mabel and Burton, lived in a fine house at 26 Perrin Street, which he built. (The house still stands and retains much of its original detailing.) Not content with only one property, Howe also owned a large brick building in the center of Fairport village and a productive farm in Nebraska. He believed that because of the many opportunities for enterprising individuals in Fairport that western New York was the best place in the country to live. Charles died in 1903, Ella in 1932. Both are buried in Greenvale Cemetery.

