

## ANGELICA FREE LIBRARY

By Lucile Newman

In 1831 at Angelica there was a Lyceum which debated questions of the day—and by 1859 there was a Literary Association. During the 1880's a group of women worked for a library and in 1895 the first catalogue of books was published in connection with the school. During the 1890's lawn fetes were held to raise money for the Library and the Progress Club organized in 1893 had its main object working toward a Library.

The Lawn Fete held on August 8, 1900 was particularly memorable—lasting all day with bands and fire men from Wayland, Canaseraga and Angelica. The first horseless carriage in Angelica—plays, drills and parades, took places throughout the day and evening. For the evening profuse numbers of fairy lamps were used, and three hundred Japanese lanterns. The net proceeds for the Library were \$377.58.

The laying of the Corner Stone of the Angelica Free Library given by Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith took place October 17, 1900. Frank Harrison Higgins laid the corner stone in memory of his grandmother Lucretia Haggood Higgins.

The beautiful stained glass window on the stair landing is a copy of a window in Florence, Italy. It is of Melborne glass, and according to information obtainable was brought from Italy.

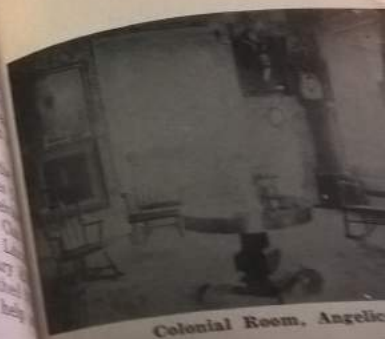
The books were moved into the Library building in July, 1901—and on July 20th—a reception was held for all the village.

In 1901, Mr. Walter Church presented the Library with three hundred and sixty volumes from the old library of the Church Family of Berlin.

The Travelers Club and the Camera Club during those days also made contributions to the Library.

Miss Emma Whitmore left the Library \$1000 in her will, and Mrs. F. S. Smith bequeathed \$1000. The income from these bequests help support the Library.

The town promised when Mrs. Smith gave the building to give a certain amount yearly and now puts \$300 in its budget every year. The village board this year has put \$100 in its budget. It is to be seen that the library is run on a very small budget—and it is to be hoped there will be more gifts and bequests. Certainly the town and its residents are proud of their Library and will adequately maintain it. All of the work of ordering, cataloguing and getting books ready for use




Colonial Room, Angelica

is done by volunteers. The Librarian gets a small salary.

Since the beginning of the library books have been accessioned, or been weeded out; there are no old books. The library has an excellent rating from the State Library Commission. It is open to the public.

There is a five member board of trustees. President; H. Haggstrom; Secretary; Thornton McMahon, Sec



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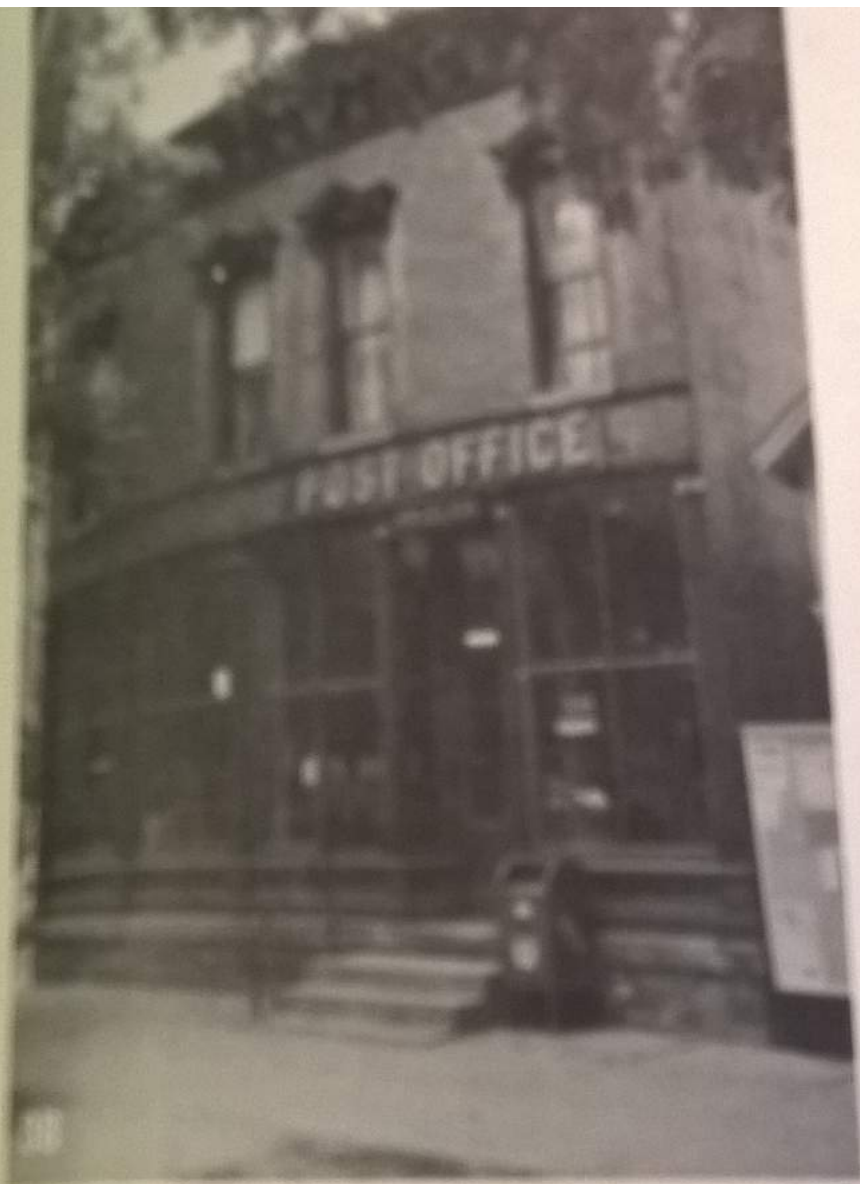
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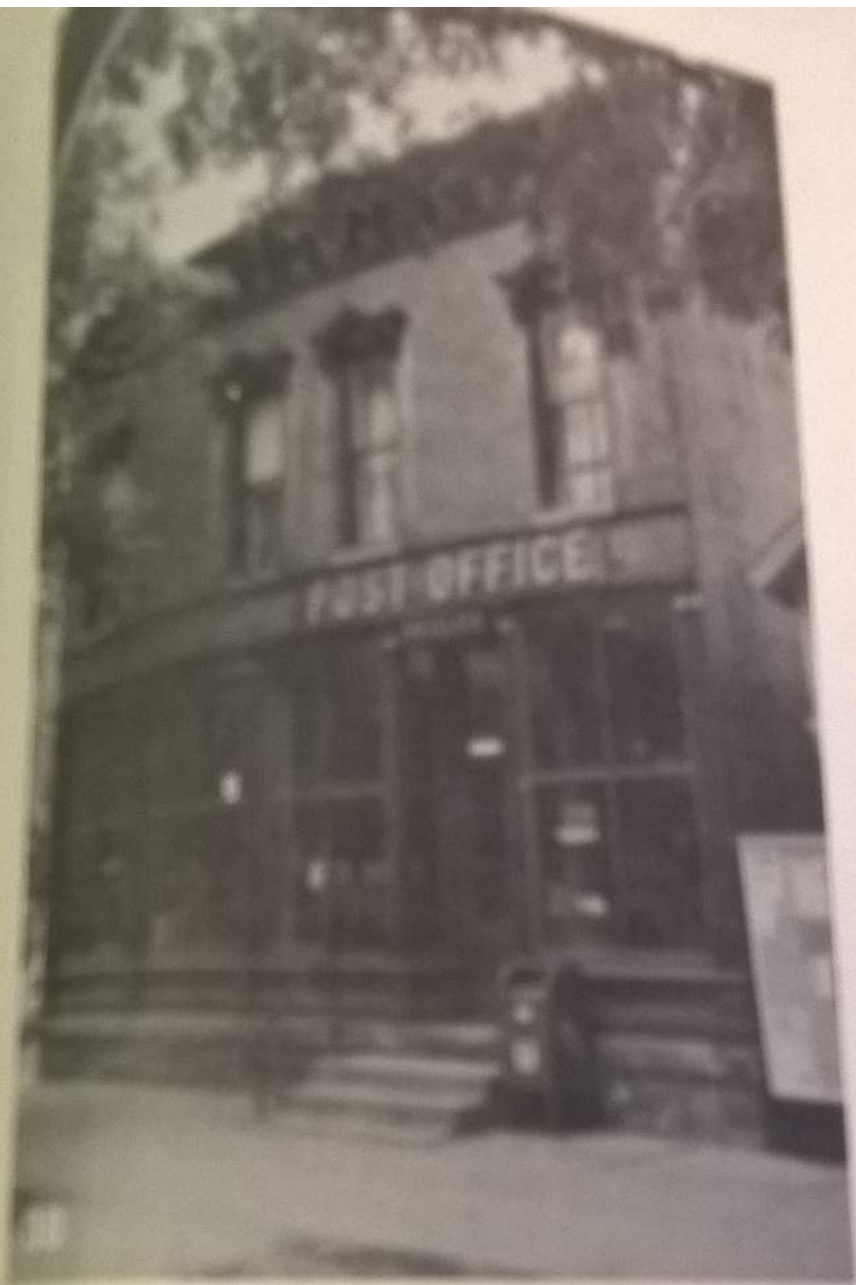
There are 26 rooms and 13 fireplaces in the house as well as a large attic. The basement contains eight rooms which were used as kitchen, laundry, larder, wine cellar and storage.



## POST OFFICE

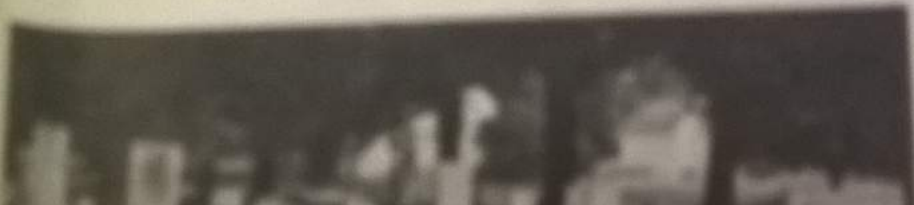
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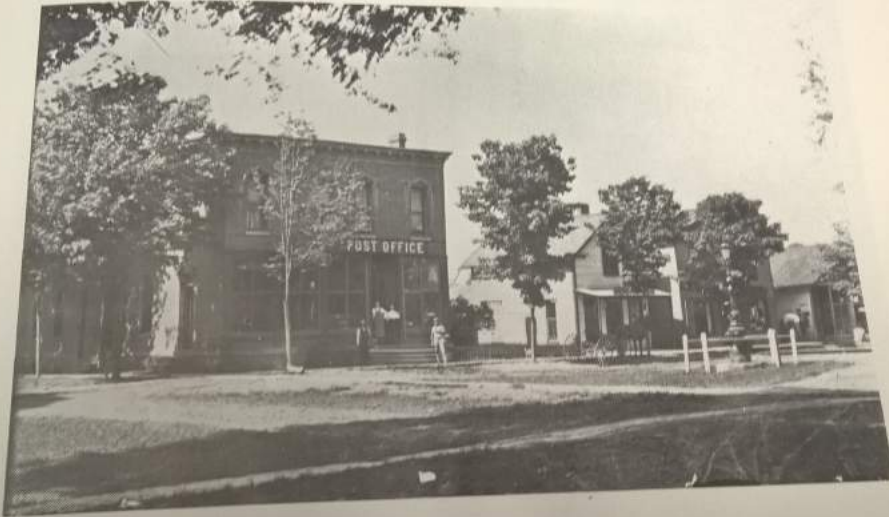


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ANGELICA N.Y.



Post Office and Fountain in Center of Main Street

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Goat cart on Olean St. - Kiddie transportation

