

# THE WHITE PILLARS

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The White Pillars, a landmark on the County House Road in the Town of Albion, is undergoing extensive restoration by the current owners. The stately residence I judge was built in the 1870s mainly in the Italianate style. However, one of two cupolas has a mansard roof. The noteworthy porch on the house and white pillars were added in 1914 in the Colonial Revival style.

The house was built for Arthur C. Howes, whose father, Samuel R. Howes, originally owned the property.

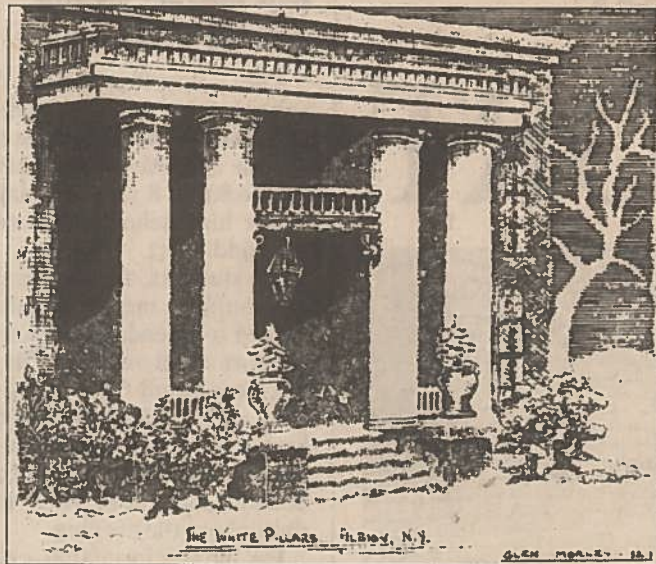
One legend passed down is that A.C. Howes was so impressed with the interior plaster work and woodwork that he refused to have the walls frescoed or papered. The family simply lived with bare plaster walls. Dark woodwork and inside folding shutters spoke for themselves.

When Bill and Myrtie Carr acquired the home it was completely decorated for the first time. After Myrtie died in 1943, Bill Carr remarried and it was Pat, the second wife, who named the residence "The White Pillars."

Our illustration done by a commercial artist in 1952 is probably taken from a Christmas card Bill and Pat Carr sent out under the name "The White Pillars Albion, NY."

As we all know, names change.

The 1913 Orleans County Atlas gives the following interesting information



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about the farmstead:

"The Hickories' owned by Arthur C. Howes (County House Road), address, Box 125, Albion, N.Y., contains 162 acres in Lot 24, Township 14, Range 2, of the Holland Purchase, and partly in the town of Barre on the Maple Ridge Road, three and one-half miles southwest of Albion, which, with the City of Buffalo, are its principal markets.

"Fruit culture is a special feature, there being an apple orchard of twenty-one acres which include the following varieties: Maiden Blush, Kings, Baldwins, Greenings and the Twenty Ounce. The remainder of the farm is devoted to the raising of hay, corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, cabbage, etc.

"Otter Creek, springs and four fine wells furnish an abundance of water. It's name was suggested from the hickory trees adorning the lawn.

"Buildings are of a high

class consisting of a modern frame residence, 36x69, lighted by acetylene gas and heated by a combination hot water and hot air system; a general barn, 30x72; horse barn, 18x72; carriage house, 37x33; one sheep barn with hay loft, 30x90; a sheep shed and grain barn, 57x70; pig sty, 21x27 and two tenant houses, also with necessary out buildings. The barns are supplied with water pumped by windmill power.

"The surface is generally rolling, its soil a gravelly loam, with a natural and an under drainage.

"The original purchase was from the Holland Land Co. by Stephen A. Knapp, January, 1832; thence to Samuel R. Howes, father of the present owner, in 1849. Arthur C. Howes purchased stock during the fall, which he conditions for spring sales, also is a specialist in raising Berkshire swine, Hampshire lambs and German Coach horses."