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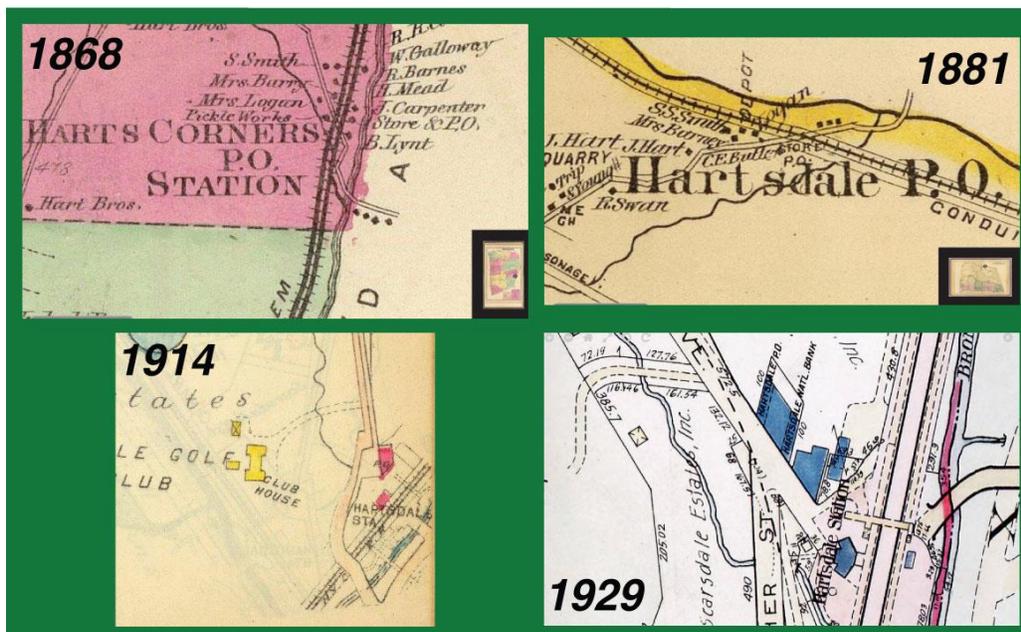


*Oh, The Places Your Mail has Gone: A  
History of The Hartsdale Post Office*

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Neither, rain and sleet nor snow will get in the way of delivering the mail to the residents of Hartsdale, but, depending on what year it was, you may not have known where to pick up your mail. As shown on the first map of Westchester

County prepared in 1835, the original Hartsdale Post office resided in a building constructed in 1712. The building was located at Hart's corners near the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and Washington Avenue. The name of this post office was Morningville and it operated from 1840-1861 (Leviness 1975, p.87). At this time many buildings in the area were named for either John Hart or his brother Robert Hart. However, the reason the post office was given the name Morningville and not named after the Hart family, was because since the Hart family was one of the richest in the area, many other families were jealous of their wealth. Therefore, it was given this name because jealous citizens didn't want yet another building named for the Hart family (Leviness 1975, p.87). In 1870, the original train station became the post office. At the time the Station Master, John Morse, was also the Post Master (Leviness 1975, p.87). It served as the post office, until 1898 when it burned down. Then it moved into a house across the street (Greenburgh Bicentennial Commission, 1998, p 52). This House served as the post office from 1908 until July of 1926 (Leviness 1975, p.87). In July of 1926 its new home was 207 East Hartsdale Ave, then the address of Frank H. Assenbeck's Grocery Store with which it shared a residence. It stayed there until April of 1952 (Hartsdale News September, 11 1952).



Its Current location is 441 Central Park Ave, Scarsdale, NY 10583

([https://tools.usps.com/go/POLocatorDetailsAction!input.action?&radius=20&locationType=po&locationTypeQ=po&locationID=1366391&utm\\_source=google-my-business-url&utm\\_medium=search&utm\\_campaign=yext](https://tools.usps.com/go/POLocatorDetailsAction!input.action?&radius=20&locationType=po&locationTypeQ=po&locationID=1366391&utm_source=google-my-business-url&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=yext)). It's been there for more than 45 years.



OOPS, in our last article, Greenburgh Under the Hollywood Lights: The TV shows, and movies Filmed in Greenburgh Part I, we made a mistake about what was filmed at Lyndhurst. That paragraph should actually say this:

The gothic-style mansion, Lyndhurst, the home of: Former New York City Mayor William Paulding, from when it was constructed in 1838 until 1864, the merchant George Merritt from 1864-1880, and railroad tycoon Jay Gould from 1880-1892 is located on 635 South Broadway, in Tarrytown. It was built by Alexander Jackson Davis (<http://lyndhurst.org/about/history/>). In 1970, the Dan Curtis movie *House of*

*Dark Shadows*, based on the 1966-1971 hit TV series “Dark Shadows,” which Dan Curtis created and Lela Swift and Henry Kaplan directed, was filmed here. The movie followed a rich and powerful family living in Maine, the Collins Family. When vampire Barnabas Collins escapes from his tomb, he goes on a blood thirsty rampage, killing all in his path (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0065856>).

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About the Authors:

We are both Assistant Town Historians at Greenburgh Town Hall and we are engaged to be married and are currently looking for permanent employment.

**Riley Wentzler:**

I was born and raised in a small rural town in central Pennsylvania. In high school, I took every honors course available including four years of Spanish. I received A's in all of them. I graduated third in my class of 146 students. This brought me to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Once there, I continued my trend of academic excellence. I graduated summa cum laude in Political Science with a minor in Spanish and a Master's in Communication Studies, with a G.P.A of 3.94. It was also there that I met my lovely fiancée, Felicia Barber. My Master's in Communication has promoted public speaking, teamwork, and customer service. My Political Science degree has developed my research skills using computer-based tools and provided me with experience using the Microsoft Office products. My minor in Spanish has facilitated my bilingual capabilities. During my internship at Greenburgh, I created the petition for the State Roads project using website tools. My diverse education and areas of interest have provided me with a wide range of skills. I look forward to finding a career opportunity in business or government. **To suggest a topic for next week's article, you can contact me at [assistanthistorian@greenburghny.com](mailto:assistanthistorian@greenburghny.com), or to help me find employment, you can contact me at [rjwentzler413@gmail.com](mailto:rjwentzler413@gmail.com)**

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