



## NORTH GREENBUSH NOTES

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### Wynantskill's "White House"

Did you know that Wynantskill has a "White House"? No, the President hasn't moved from Washington to North Greenbush, but we do have a house on Whiteview Road which was occupied by the White family for many years. Now this house sports a Historical Marker commemorating Peter White and his descendants.

The house, a two story brick Federal style residence was built by the Koons, a prominent Wynantskill family. Henry Koon was a large landholder whose property stretched from Pawling and Pinewood in Troy, east to Wynantskill. One of his sons, John or Alfred built the house around 1820-1830.

How does Peter White fit in? To use the familiar phrase "he married well." In 1863 he married Mary Koon, daughter of Alfred who employed his son-in law as an overseer of his many properties. Peter must have done well. According Alfred Koon's ledger book, Peter earned over \$2,700 in 1869 from rent collections-a substantial sum for those days.

Alfred Koon died in 1872. A year later, his widow Delia Sharpe Koon deeded 102 acres and the house to Peter White for \$18,360. They had lived there previously, but now they owned the home. It now truly could be called "the White House."

Peter and Mary's son Alfred Henry White was born in the house and lived there his entire life. He was a deacon of the First Reformed Church for over 30 years. He married Nellie Dodds and when he died in 1941 two children Alfred E. White and Mary Mittelstadt survived him.

This son Alfred died in 1982 and, according to a 1966 deed his widow Helen B. White was the last White to own the property.

So, if you drive along Whiteview Road (guess where that name came from), glance over at the Historical Marker and see Wynantskill's "White House."