

Seventh Home: McGhee Building



After Mrs. Netter took a position with Mid-Hudson Library Systems in 1965, it was decided that perhaps it was time to start looking for another home for the library.

In 1968, in a strange twist of fate, a capital fund allowed for the library to purchase what was then called the McGhee Building, the showroom for the late Kenneth McGhee's former business, Poughkeepsie Roofing Company. This was the same location of the library almost 100 years previously, when it was the post office!

In 1973, the library gifted the building to the town.

The initial excitement over the library having its own dedicated home for the first time in its existence did not last very long, however, as it became apparent almost from the start that its new quarters did not allow any room for growth.

By the 1990s, the library was cramped for space and sorely equipped to bring the library into the 21st century. Yet, in spite of its physical limitations, in 1996 it became the first library in Dutchess County to have a web page!



**Rear of building with garden
by Pine Plains Garden Club**

In 1997, the town formed the Library Building Search Committee to begin the process of finding another home for the library. The construction of a new building for this purpose seemed the most viable option.

Since the library was the last tenant in the former McGhee Building and ended up being here for forty-one consecutive years, this building is now called "The Old Library".