



Parkman Historical Society Presents Old Parkman Post Office

The Parkman Post Office has operated in the community since 1806, serving as a historic hub for the township.

Robert Breck Parkman: Founder of the town in 1804, who served as an official for the Connecticut Land Company and was Parkman's first postmaster. After he retired, Edward Blake Parkman served as postmaster from 1849–1854.

The original 1840s brick building served as the post office until April 2018, when lease issues forced a temporary closure and relocation of services to Middlefield, before a new location opened in May 2021.

Today, the "Old Postal Cottage" (the original 1840s brick building) was renovated by owners Joe and Dorrie Keough into a bed and breakfast known as the Old Postal Cottage.



You can find many indoor photos and info on this renovated piece of Parkman history on the AirBnB website:

https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/27691031?source_impression_id=p3_1778795959_P3NnPhBfvy3wf_9m

Many have found Parkman quite delightful, in fact, because they get to stay in this very comfortable and cozy one-bedroom cottage.

You won't find a mailbox inside the old post office – or a stamp for that matter. Just a lot of modern touches wrapped up in a vintage shell. But before they could get to this, the couple had to save a very old building, so it was stripped it down to the bare walls.



“The building itself was in dire need of major repairs,” Joe said. “One of the major things we did is we had to frame it, there was no internal frame, the walls are very thickly insulated now.” They also redid all the electric and plumbing, added windows and new doors, and recreated a nostalgic tin ceiling above. The bathroom, which was sort of an afterthought in the original building, is modern with a shower. But they still kept many things to let you know that this was a post office, including an old cabinet used to house a hidden TV. There are vintage clocks and scales and bits of things that remind you that this was the place where folks worked getting out the mail across the township. But it's also a place that's very modern, but out of the way in a quiet corner that's about a half hour away from wine country, Amish country, Lake Erie and Cleveland. For Dorrie and Joe, making sure that people find a clean and comfortable space near everything is a source of pride.

“I'm going to mention this since Dorrie won't,” Joe said. “She was the 2023 AirBnB Most Hospitable Host in Ohio.”

But good reviews aside, Joe and Dorrie are just glad that not only are people happy with the place, but that the place is still here. A lot of historic Parkman buildings have gone from the area, but this one still remains and has found a new life.

Special thank you to both Joe and Dorrie Keough for keeping a historic Parkman building still an active part of our community.