

# The Alpaugh Townhouse



and  
The Astle-Alpaugh Family Foundation  
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## 150 Years of History



*Leigh Street farmhouse, 1906*

Built in 1861 by the Wilsons of Tewksbury, the townhouse was purchased in 1908 by Frank Alpaugh, a local peach farmer and investor. Frank and family - including parents Peter and Rebecca Jane (Anderson) Alpaugh, wife Lucretia (McPherson), and daughter Hazel - lived at their Leigh Street farm until 1925, when they moved into the townhome in the center of Annandale.

With Queen Anne, Italianate, and Colonial Revival influences and the details characteristic of Victorian homes, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Distinctive features include an octagonal spire-capped projecting bay at the home's south end, double glass and panel front doors, and "Chinese Chippendale" porch railing.



*Annandale townhouse, 1925*

## Hazel Alpaugh Astle

Frank and Lucretia's daughter Hazel, born in 1902, grew up at the farm and townhouse with all three of her surviving grandparents, gaining an appreciation for family and community history through their stories and memories.



*Hazel, age 4, 1906*

Hazel was valedictorian of Clinton High School's Class of 1920. Upon graduating, she attended Rutgers University and became an elementary school teacher. After the death of her parents, she married a fellow lifelong Annandale resident, Edward T. Astle. His own family had lived in the local area for nearly 200 years. Ed moved in at 24 West Street and the pair continued caring for the family home for the rest of their lives.

Read more about Hazel and Ed's family history at [www.taaffshowcase.org/family-history](http://www.taaffshowcase.org/family-history)

## A Family of Preservationists

Hazel loved relishing not only her family's stories, but also the antiques and artifacts they had saved over time. Her heirlooms include photographs, letters, Christmas cards, historic journals, financial documents, 18th-20th c. bartering records, dolls, quilts, clothing, and memorabilia.

Considered together, the many objects the Alpaughs lovingly saved provide a detailed account of hundreds of years of family life in Annandale, New Jersey, and the United States. And without Hazel's care for her family's belongings, so much insight into local history - and her own family, whose roots run deep in Hunterdon County - would be lost.



*China head doll from Hazel's collection*

Many of the Alpaugh heirlooms are available online at [www.taaffshowcase.org](http://www.taaffshowcase.org). Family photographs, vintage greeting cards, Hazel's china head doll collection, and the journal of her great-great-grandfather, an early Hunterdon County freeholder, are available to learn about and enjoy. The treasures of other local collectors are also occasionally featured.

## The Astle-Alpaugh Family Foundation



Hazel and her "adopted son", David Olekna, co-founded this 501(c)(3) in 1987. Originally the Edward Thatcher Astle Memorial Scholarship Foundation, it combined a tribute to Hazel's husband with her lifelong interest in education. In the 2000s, the mission expanded to honor Hazel's other passions: family, local history, and community.

## 30 Years of Community Impact

From 1987-2018, the Foundation has supported a variety of organizations, funding exhibits, restoration projects, volunteer trainings, senior outreach, and wellness programs, to name a few.

CATEGORY	SUPPORT GIVEN
YOUTH EDUCATION	\$27,000
SENIOR OUTREACH & SUPPORT	\$38,000
SUPPORT FOR AT-RISK COMMUNITIES	\$83,000
MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION	\$85,000
CANCER SUPPORT	\$110,000
HISTORIC PRESERVATION/ EDUCATION	\$67,000
SCHOLARSHIPS (1987-2006)	\$268,000
OTHER	\$130,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$808,000</b>

## Learn more:

### The Townhouse & Collection

Interested in seeing the townhome or some of the Alpaugh family's collections? Small tours are available by appointment only. Contact us online at [www.taaffshowcase.org/tours](http://www.taaffshowcase.org/tours)

View Astle and Alpaugh photographs, heirlooms, and antiques - a varied family collection that spans hundreds of years - online at [www.taaffshowcase.org](http://www.taaffshowcase.org)

### The Astle-Alpaugh Family Foundation

To learn more about our mission, the grant cycle and application requirements, and the projects and programs we support, visit [www.taaff.org](http://www.taaff.org) or email us at [taaff.org@gmail.com](mailto:taaff.org@gmail.com)



*Edward Thatcher Astle & Hazel Alpaugh Astle at home in Annandale*