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Did you know...



The Onderdonk house—the judge used the structure on the right, which has been demolished, as his office.

The House of Justice Horatio Gates Onderdonk

At the entrance to the North Strathmore development on Northern Boulevard stands the four-columned Greek revival style house that Justice Horatio Gates Onderdonk built in 1836. Horatio married his cousin Elizabeth, daughter of George Onderdonk, and lived at this house with their six children, farm laborers and servants. Elizabeth died in 1857. Two years later, in 1859, Horatio married Anna Kouenhoven Cortelyou and had two sons.

The house was sold in 1932 to “Levitt and Sons Builders” who were responsible for the Strathmore development. They, in turn, gave the mansion to the Strathmore Association, who have been responsible for its upkeep. The house was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 and was designated as a historic site by the Manhasset Town Board in 1985.

The History Center at the Manhasset Public Library houses material relating to Justice Horatio Gates Onderdonk and his family and serves also as the archival repository for the records of the Strathmore Association.

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