

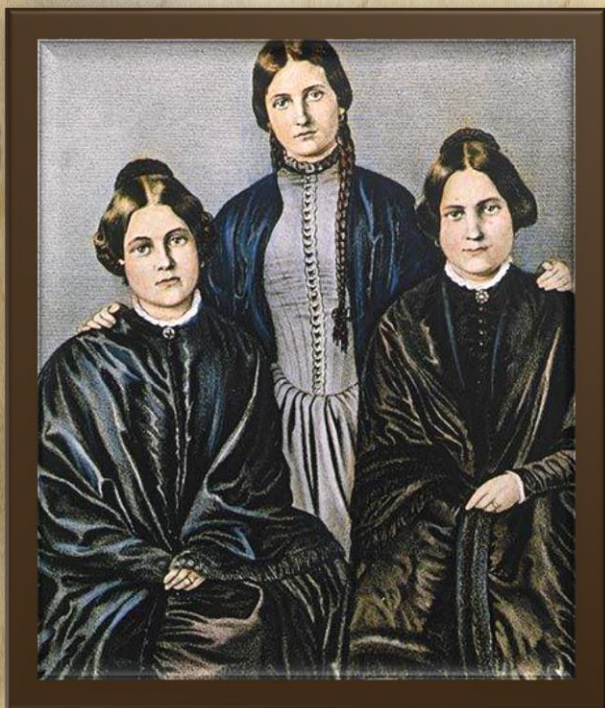
Wayne County, New York
"Historic to the core!"

The Fox Sister's Home

Photo by L.H. Wheat,
"Newark, New York, Souvenir"
Circa 1904

Found in Arcadia, NY:

The Fox Sisters
and
Modern Spiritualism



The Fox Sisters
- Margaretta, Katherine, and Leah

On March 31st, 1848, 2 young girls by the name of Maggie and Kate Fox communicated with a spirit of a murdered peddler. They went on to become famous mediums, traveling the world.

According to the information passed down, that night, as the girls lay in bed, they heard a rapping noise. Katie called out to the "rapper," clapping her hands, and said, "Do as I do." The rapping noise was heard in reply. Maggie called out the same, but instead of clapping she simply gestured, her hands never touching. And yet the rapping noises were heard again to which she said, "They can see as well as hear."



**Excerpt from pg. 47 of "Hydesville In History,"
by M.E. Cadwallader:**

"Another investigation was held at the home of Rev Rufus Greswold [*sic*] by a number of the most eminent gentlemen of New York City... They had a long session during which Cooper and Bryant, the novelist and poet, received satisfactory evidence. The others could not detect any fraud..."

Before March 31st 1848, Spiritualism was already a major religion in the UK. Following the experiences of the Fox sisters, this date became known as the birthdate of Modern Spiritualism.

Visit the original foundation where Maggie and Kate communicated with spirits at Hydesville Memorial Park.

1510 Hydesville Road, Newark, NY 14513.

Call to make an appointment: **(315) 879-8804**

For more information on the Fox Sisters visit:

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