



This picture of G. Howard Goold and his wife Charlotte – who lived in our house on Elsmere Avenue from the late 50s until their deaths in 1976 and 1973 respectively – was snapped by Times Union photographer Jack Pinto at a retirement dinner in his honor on May 17, 1970.

The Goolds were fairly well-known in Bethlehem. Howard was executive secretary of the NYS Teachers Association (now NYSUT essentially) for 20 years, and chaired the building committee that oversaw the construction Delmar Presbyterian Church in 1961 (the congregation previously met in the Masonic Temple on Kenwood). Charlotte regularly hosted the Women's Association of Delmar Presbyterian in our living room, and the couple's three daughters – Kate, Karen and Corliss – attended Bethlehem High School in the early 60s.

Our upstairs master bedroom was a walk-up attic before Delmar contractor Frank Denson converted it into bedroom space for the girls. As an aside, Frank lived in the Hamagrael neighborhood and his daughter Norma took piano lessons from a woman named Vivian Granato, who became my music teacher at Forest Park Elementary in Colonie 20 years later! Now in her 90s, she still plays the piano in the house her father built off Elsmere Avenue.

The Spotlight referred to their 5+ acre property as "The Goold Estate" and when he died, the home was sold to Lou & Brenda Unright, who lived there until selling it to us in 2013.

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