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Allison Regner Balcom Memorial Library

This room on the second floor was completely renovated by Charles Balcom of Pulaski from 2012-2016 in memory of his first wife, Allison (1964-2000) a former county nurse who died in a tragic car accident on her way to see a patient. Chuck took this room, which was once the library for the old Richland School, and stripped the floor to ceiling cabinets of 80 years of lead-based paint, and completely refinished the wood. The room was gutted otherwise, insulated and rewired. New hardwood flooring was installed also.

Furniture in the room includes a ten-foot-long mission bench and six chairs manufactured by J. L Young and son of Camden designed in the style of Mr. Young's good friend Gustav Stickley. An original teacher's table from the school, manufactured in Richland by Curtiss Brothers Furniture factory is in the center of the room.

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A large wood piped organ donated in 1898 to the Redfield Presbyterian Church stands on the south wall and is currently in the midst of restoration.

Other small pieces of furniture with history line the walls of this room. The collection of this room ranges from original bound copies of the proceedings of the NYS legislature and the Oswego County Legislature from the early 1800s to the present on the upper shelves, and the Half-Shire family bible collection on the lower shelves.

**This inventory is being perfected and will be published here later.*

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