

Virtual Tours of Edgar Allan Poe Cottage and The Valentine-Varian House are now available!

The Bronx County Historical Society is pleased to announce that we are now offering virtual tours of our two historic houses, The Edgar Allan Poe Cottage and The Valentine-Varian House.

The Edgar Allan Poe Cottage, built in 1812, is a historic delight and treasure of the borough. The cottage is a New York City and State landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic house museum is famous as the final home of the writer.

The Valentine Varian House, which is also the Museum of Bronx History, is a pre-revolutionary house, built in 1758. During the Revolutionary War (1776-1783), the Valentine home was occupied by British, Hessian, and American troops. Except for 11 months between 1775-1776, Valentine and his family remained in the house throughout the war. The house, close in proximity to cannons clustered on a nearby hill, miraculously survived several fierce battles. Financial ruin forced Isaac Valentine to sell the home and the 260-acre property to Isaac Varian, a successful butcher and farmer, in 1792. The Varians kept the house for three generations; one of Isaac's grandsons (also named Isaac) served as New York City's 63rd Mayor, from 1839-184.

Virtual tours are \$5 for adults and \$3 dollars for students, children, and senior citizens.

Contact The Bronx County Historical Society's education coordinator, Roger McCormack, to set up a tour. He can be reached at education@bronxhistoricalsociety.org and at 718-881-8900 ext.

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