

SAMUEL F. B. MORSE HOUSE

370 South Street, Poughkeepsie

Samuel Finley Breese Morse purchased “Locust Grove” in 1847, three years after transmitting his famous telegraphic message, “What hath God wrought!” from Washington to Baltimore. He engaged architect Alexander Jackson Davis to transform the house into a Tuscan villa and used it as his summer home until his death in 1871. Along with his telegraph, Morse invented the Morse code, and he is also recognized as an important 19th-century American artist. The Huguenot Historical Society acquired the property in 1975, and it is open as a historic house museum.