

Fine Groceries, Pondfield Road —  
Tilly Tyler and Anna Tyler Smith  
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Pondfield Road, about 1900. "Fine Groceries," probably the only store in Bronxville at this time, was run by Ann Matilda Tyler, called Tilly, and her sister, Anna Virginia Tyler Smith, who was Bronxville's postmaster from 1896 until 1906. The photograph shows Anna standing at the left on the store's porch, then, sitting, her and Tilly's mother, and, standing on the right, Tilly. Tilly apparently read as much of other people's mail as she could, earning the nickname "Tilly the Tattletale."

The house to the left of the store is the Tyler family home. If you were today able to drive a car through the front door of the house, you would be driving down Park Place, which at the time was a narrow lane called "Tinker's Alley."