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PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

44. Blood House. Postcard Picture in black and white.
A very old photograph of the cobblestone house in Lyndonville, N. Y. showing this home before trees surrounded it. (H)
45. Cobblestone House Entrances. Pen and Ink Sketches by Carl Frederick Schmidt. 10" by 13"
A portfolio of seven sketches of entrances to cobblestone houses in Western New York. (RA)
46. Cobblestone House Prints. Mounted photographs in black and white by Carleton Burke. About 16" by 24".
This collection of thirty-nine recent photographs of cobblestone houses in the Rochester area includes:
- (1) Dan Bidwell House
 - (2) P. P. Bonesteel House (several views)
 - (3) Lovejoy House
 - (4) Macomber House
 - (5) Octagon House
 - (6) Tracey House
 - (7) Blodgett House
 - (8) Conesus House
 - (9) Mile Square Road House
 - (10) Bouckville Store
 - (11) Schoolhouse on Ridge Road (MAS)
47. Cobblestone Houses. Transparencies in color by Bertha Guptil. 60 slides in the collection.
These demonstrate architectural styles and actual details of cobblestone construction. (BG) *
48. Cobblestone Inn. Photographs in black and white. 8" by 10"
Two recent photographs showing this very large cobblestone house as it looks today. (S)
49. Cobblestone Inn. Photograph in sepia tint. 8" by 10"
A very old, faded picture of the above house at Oak Orchard, N. Y. On one of the sandstone corner blocks the probable building date, 1817, is visible. (S)
50. Group of three photographs in black and white by Cary Lattin. 5" by 7".
Recent photographs of three cobblestone houses located near Albion, N. Y.
- (1) Entrance to I. V. Saunders house built in 1844 on Ridge Road.

- (2) Starkweather House built in 1847 on Allen Bridge Road.
- (3) Foster House built 1840-1850 on Tuttle Road showing unusual V of white cobblestones near the roof on one end of the building. (L)

51. John Hunn House. Photographs in black and white. 5" by 7"
Recent photographs of two elevations of this old cobblestone house located in the Town of Murray, Orleans County, N. Y. (R)

52. Lanson House. Photographs in black and white by Walter Cassebeer for Historic Buildings Survey, Aug. 1937.
5" by 7"
A group of five photographs of the Lanson House in Albion, N. Y. showing east front elevation with later wing and without it, and the details of the front and south elevations. (R)

MISCELLANEOUS

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(L)
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(R)
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A handwritten record of the financial dealings of the Pardee family. Listed here are the costs of materials (including hauling of lake stones) lumber, paint and oil and the labor costs for building the cobblestone Pardee House near Irondequoit, N. Y. (R)
58. Personal Letter from Robert S. Anderson, Tacoma, Washington, to Cary Lattin, Albion, N. Y. 1955.
In this letter to his cousin Robert Anderson tells of the building of the Anderson House (cobblestone) on Ridge Road, Orleans Co., N. Y. (L)

59. Personal Letter from Sterling A. Callisen to Eloise B. Oakes October 22, 1959.
In this letter Dr. Callisen states that "this use of stone as an outer skin of the main structure is still employed in Southern England around Brighton ...which explodes the theories propounded by amateur art historians concerning the origin of 'the lost art' of cobblestone structure. I suspect that it was introduced into Southern England by the Romans." (O)
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This set of five blueprints shows quite exactly the details of cobblestone construction in this house. (R)
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At this meeting voters began discussion of a new school house for the district. (L)
63. Voters of School District no. 11, Town of Gaines, Orleans Co., N. Y. Minutes of Special Meeting, May 12, 1846. Signed by Amos Kelsey, Moderator. (handwritten)
It was voted to build a cobblestone schoolhouse from stones drawn from Lake Ontario at a cost of \$350. (L)
64. Voters of School District no. 11, Town of Gaines, Orleans Co., N. Y. Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Sept. 5, 1846. Signed by Samuel Hill, Moderator. (handwritten)
At this meeting more resolutions were passed concerning the cobblestone schoolhouse to be built by the district. (L)