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Larry, for an accident happened - Father mailed, and Mother debated, and I guess I cried, have forgotten about that, but anyway I move different parts - now for the building of this stone house. - Father had accumulated a large quantity of stone and lumber, including one very large whitewood tree - about 4 feet in diameter, and thousands of feet of bass wood and hemlock, and had carefully piled it up with sticks between each board and built a shed over it that it might be thoroughly seasoned, and on the last clearing that spring had a "bee" and drew a large pile of sand from back of the woods, (where Mr Farnsworth's barn now stands) it being the first ever taken from there: It kept one or two men shoveling snow on the bare spots by its burning so fast. Had 2 or 3 loads of "cobble stones" from the lake for the facing of the wall: The "cut stones" (cape and sills) came from Phelps (then Vienna) - The front door cap stone and sill each made nearly a load - The job was let to a Mr Skinner, not including the inside work - have forgotten the price, but think it was less than \$200 - They came and laid the cellar wall, then went away and did other jobs to let this garden, then returned and laid the first story, then went away again for several weeks and so on until it was finished - Meanwhile the carpenter prepared the window and door frames - the rafters and joists as the walls were ready for them, planing and matching the flooring

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every board in the house being planed by hand, and nearly all but the floor was sand papered -- while they were about he would have to draw more stones from the fields and from the lake and out stones from Phelps, beside a little farming and all the other work and business accompanying such building: He also went with 2 teams out to Italy Hollow, south of Geneva and got about 2000, lb. of pine lumber, for about \$10 per thousand, being about all the pine used in the house. The first stones he drew from the lake he took a man with him and team and went to the Bar off the bluff across the bay on ice -- I went with him, we reached home about 1 o'clock in the morning -- Father went about twenty times, but some times, being rainy would get only part of a load, and often reached home ten or 12 o'clock at night -- Mr. Perkins, the carpenter, only did the work until it was enclosed, which was late in the fall; One of our jobs was to flatten the nail heads as there were no finishing nails then, also had to putty the nail heads after being driven.

In laying the wall after getting out of reach above ground, there were poles set about 10 or 12 feet apart all around the house about 6 or 8 feet from the wall and about as high as the walls were to be, then long poles lashed to them with hickory with an inch or an inch and a quarter in diameter, and 6 to 8 feet long, and then scantling laid across from them to the wall and plane

laid on them making a scaffolding all around the house,
 then a crane and tackle and rope were fastened to the
 north east post, being larger than the rest with buckets a
 little larger than a molasses cask cut in two would be —
 would fill one of them with either mortar or stone and
 hoist it up with a horse to the scaffold and distribute it with
 a wheelbarrow. Then when they were above reach from the
 scaffold, the staging would be raised again. The inside work
 was done by Ruel Taylor and his men — they worked evenings,
 were here all winter — The doors were all made ^{here} by hand.
 Father went out south west of Newark and bought a button-wood
 tree for the stair railing and all connected with it — the house
 was not ready for occupancy until May the next year — the frame
 part was not moved until fall — the crane and tackle were
 used in digging the well in the fall which was in 1845 — In
 1847 having finished the house Father turned his attention to
 beautifying the place by setting out trees and shrubbery — 2 Pine,
 1 Fir tree, a Tulip, 4 Cherry trees, several Lilac bushes in front
 and a Button wood and Sassafras tree in rear of house, of
 which there yet stands 1 Pine, 3 Cherry trees in front, and a
 Button wood and Sassafras tree in rear, also the grape vine
 in the lane — The first I know about the school, there was
 a little school house on the Shorman farm (near W. Ryder's) on the
 west side of the road, next to the Pligher farm, then, there was