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The Sixth Annual Cobblestone Tour, Saturday, June 11, 1966

The Cobblestone Society, Albion, New York

On Saturday, June 11, the sixth annual cobblestone tour will visit fourteen cobblestone buildings in Niagara County, New York. Just a short drive from famed Niagara Falls and Old Fort Niagara, the 1966 tour will open five cobblestone homes, two churches and an inn. In addition, six other homes will be passed along the route between Middleport and Wilson, New York.

Each year on this unique tour the Cobblestone Society of Albion, New York opens a new group of upstate New York's historic old cobblestone homes. Built by the early settlers between 1825 and 1860, these century old homes are found by the hundreds along Lake Ontario's southern shore and thirty to forty miles inland.

Special features of the 1966 tour range from charming farmhouses to handsome country homes such as Cobblehurst (1836), and Parmalee Hall (1835). Many are furnished with family heirlooms and antiques. Visitors will see the 1841 Universalist Church in Middleport, built of cobblestones collected by its members on Sunday picnic-work bees along the shores of Lake Ontario. In North Ridge a handsome country church of cobblestone will also be opened. Along the route visitors will pass over the Erie-Barge Canal and drive along the historic Ridge Road.

Tickets at \$2.00 per person are available after 11 A.M. on June 11 at the First Universalist Church, Main Street in Middleport; or in Lockport at the Niagara County Historical Society, 215 Niagara Street. At these places visitors will obtain their motor tour guide booklets with maps of the route. From 1-5 P.M. hostesses will be stationed at each of the buildings which are to be opened.

Save Saturday, June 11 for a rare view of the York State Countryside.

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