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Albion, New York 14411

8 Mix Place
Batavia, New York
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Mr. Robert W. Fraisch
Museum of Arts and Sciences
Rochester, New York

Dear Mr. Fraisch:

I understood some time ago that you had decided not to have the cobblestone tour in Genesee County, this year. I think this is a wise decision.

I inclose a list which I think includes all cobblestone buildings remaining in the county. While there is much that is of interest, I doubt that there is enough of high quality now to draw a large group just to see cobblestone structures.

Perhaps a later version may give more details. But this will be enough to indicate the sort of things we have and do not have.

It is not easy to accomplish what we should in this county, and you probably understand this. But I am certainly sorry to have been this long in sending this. It just took all winter to get the last of the information included.

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Osborn

Mrs. Edward L. Osborn

Chairman, Historic Sites Survey
and

Chairman, Landmark Society Architectural
Survey Committee

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COBBLESTONE BUILDINGS IN GENESEE COUNTY

List compiled by S. Osborn, Chairman, Survey Committee
of Landmark Society of Genesee County

ALABAMA, TOWN OF (Also various foundations, one at least quite distinctive)

1. Oakfield-Alabama Baptist Church: Partially cobblestone in that the lower wall, more than usually high for "foundation" is laid this way. Main part of building is frame.
2. Gerald Scarborough's house, 74⁹⁵ Maple Road, opposite ^{eastern} end of Ledge Road. Modified by dormers, etc., in frame, but still a complement to the landscape. Not pretentious.

OAKFIELD, TOWN OF

0. The cobbler's shop in the village was demolished overnight, probably three years ago.
- *1. Mrs. Dorothy Hammond -- 10 Forest Avenue -- Small, attractive
2. Jack Martin's home -- Next to gypsum plant on Judge Road
3. Dickens' farm building on Lewiston Road, as in Carl Schmidt's book. Not quite an ordinary barn. Still trying to find original purpose of this.

ELBA, TOWN OF

1. Blacksmith shop on Mechanic Street.
2. Route 262, the Ford-Graham house. Porch with fine detail has been torn off. Entrance has also lost its best details. Owner, Roy Graham
3. Hartman house on Maltby Road, South side. Unsympathetic porch; fine woodwork inside
4. Crudely built house of Fred Barber's on Edgerton Road and visible from Transit Road appears an attempt at cobblestone.
5. Quaker meetinghouse at Quaker Hill. The site reduced by highway cut. In private ownership. Robert Eppolito,

BYRON AND BERGEN -- A number of stone houses, but no cobblestone listed

PEMBROKE: None reported by town historian or Miss Read, county historian

BATAVIA: Wis

1. Wiswall house on Oakfield-Batavia Townline Road, South side. Very good with excellent entrance. Restored and cared for.
2. Star Dry Cleaners-- nearest to cobblestone in the city of Batavia. This house has been denatured not only by the obliteration of the lower facade for commercial plate glass, but also by a disguising coat of paint over the side walls. Entrance to the house used to be at the front at the second floor level. A real loss to "historic architecture"

STAFFORD:

1. Hanson's on Fargo Road as in Cobblestone Masonry
2. Trietley's on Fargo Road as in Cobblestone Masonry (though one ^{of these two} is not listed there for this township) with cobblestone smokehouse

LEROY:

1. Angelo Barone's home on Route 5 just west of village, north side

DARIEN

1. House on Harper Road, Darien City Alexander Tinline Rd
2. Clifton Bailey's house in S. E. corner of Town of Darien on Darien/Road, E. side

Alexander: Town hall

1. Town hall-Museum
2. Stuccoed cobblestone house on Dodgson Road ^{5. Leibingees' - w side of Sandpit, 2nd place n of Spring - former schoolhouse}
3. Norm Brown's on Route 98 opposite (ALEXANDER RD)
4. "Earthquake" cobblestone house, plastered over after earthquake damage

5 → on Chaddock Road

BETHANY: E. Rumsey-Loyd on Bethany Center Road

PAVILION: James Putney's home at corner of River Road & River Road Extension