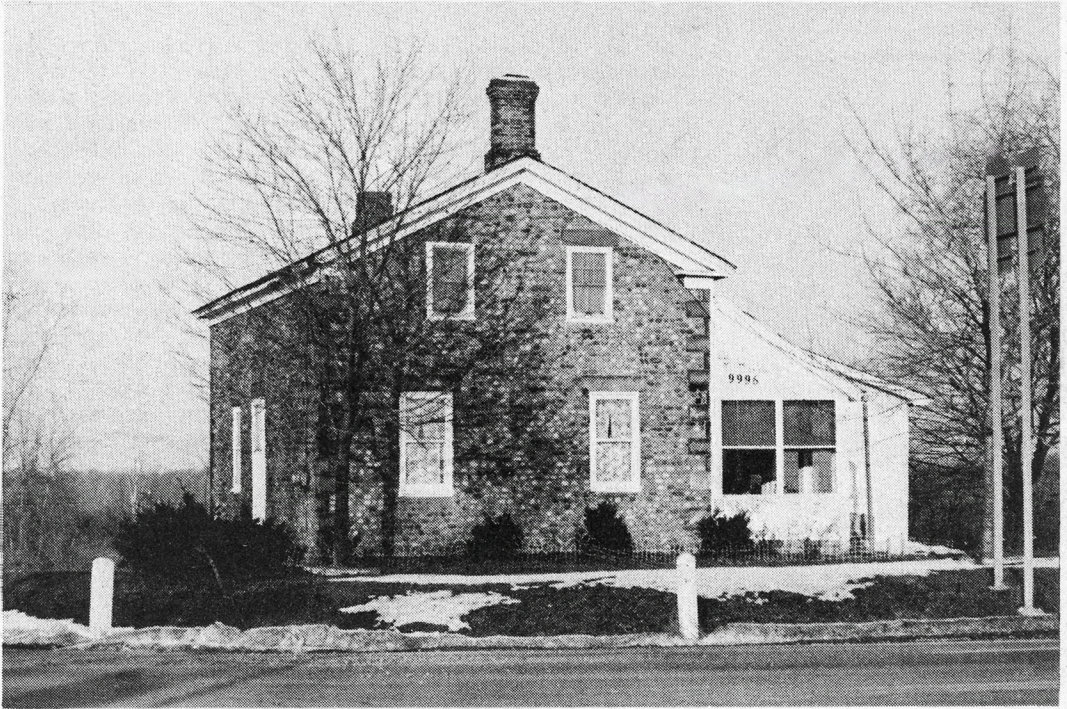


Cobblestones Along The Ridge

Cross The Line, And You Enter 'Cobblestone Country'

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LAST HOUSE IN THE COUNTY--The Blacklock house is the last cobblestone in Monroe County. Located just east of County Line Rd., it is an example of middle period cobblestone.

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At the County Line Road, locally referred to as "the Troutburg Road," the old Ed Blacklock cobblestone facing west, browses at the northeast corner of the crossroads in Monroe County.

Immediately across the way are orchards of the Hurd Fruit Farm, Murray Township, Orleans County.

From Parma (excluding the only cobblestone building on the Ridge in Greece) we'll have visited 12 cobblestone buildings within a 15 mile drive to the county line. By rough count, Monroe and Orleans Counties each have around 100 early, middle, and late period examples of cobblestone architecture with Niagara County adding over 20 more.

Although individually, Wayne County has the largest amount of these phenomenal buildings, by using the old Ridge as main thoroughfare to the Niagara Frontier, one will find the greatest cluster (on all points of the compass) westward from the Genesee River to Lewiston.

Without a doubt, -- this is Cobblestone Country!

The Blacklock cobblestone, 9996 West Clarkson on the Ridge is a rough form of middle period workmanship with story and a half made up

of water rounded and field-stone material.

One characteristic of the building is the original owner's preference to front on the Troutberg Road. This frontage has but one window and door.

There is a similar example of West frontage about three and one half miles further on, but the house is on the north slope of the Ridge and has

many more windows plus an east wing facing the road.

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Old timers in the area can't recall the Blacklock place ever being a part of a farm, but folks say Mr. Blacklock (now deceased) used to press a lot of apples for cider. He was also employed by the State Highway Department (riding the truck) repairing and maintaining roads.