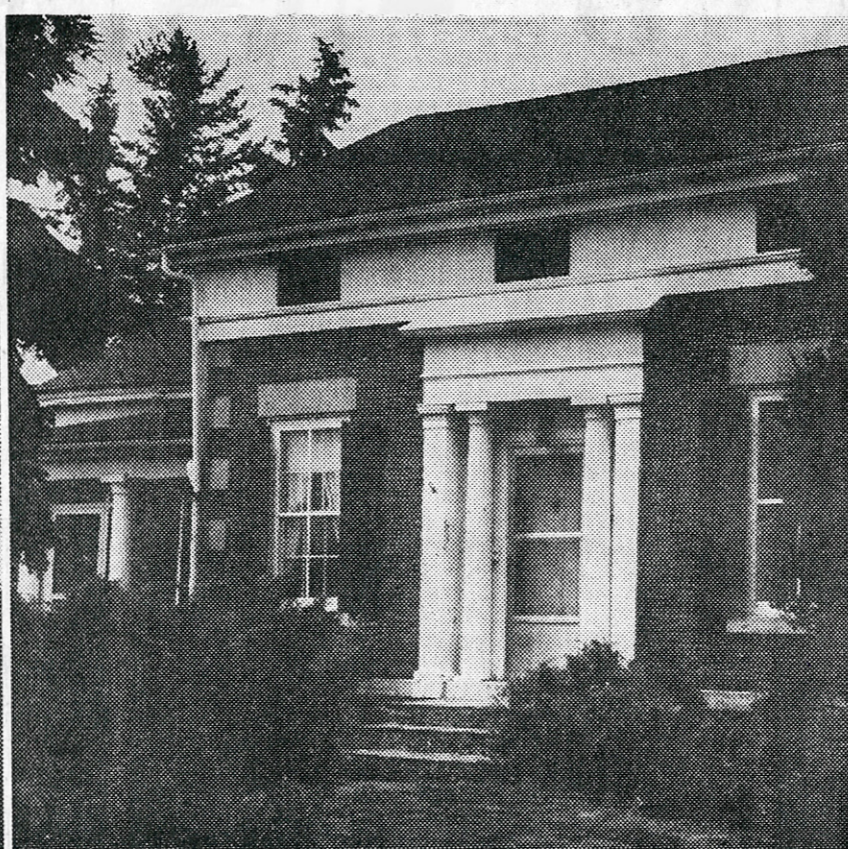




Among the historical cobblestone homes between Seneca and Keuka Lakes to be visited by the Cobblestone Society, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Harkness, at left, on Pre-Emption Road, south of Geneva. The mansion overlooks Seneca Lake and was built between 1835 and 1838 in the Greek Revival



Style. The residence has been occupied for more than a century by the Barnes family and a portrait of James Barnes, who came from Ireland in the 1700's, still hangs in the house. At center is the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Schulz on Alexander Road, west of Bellona. The perfectly matched



cobblestones, all of brown sandstone, were hauled by oxen from Lake Ontario beaches. The home was built in 1838 and claims a cobblestone smokehouse. At right is an 1844 cobblestone home on Rte. 14 in Yates County. The mansion's cobblestones were shipped by barge canal from Sodus Point on Lake

Ontario to Earl's Landing on Seneca Lake. The stones were then hauled by oxen or stone boat to the house site, a distance of 45 miles.

Cobblestone buffs visit historic homes in Geneva-Penn Yan area

Some outstanding examples of New York State's unusual cobblestone buildings were viewed by more than 100 persons participating yesterday in the annual cobblestone tour of historic homes in the Geneva-Penn Yan area.

Four of nine historic cobblestone homes set in the picturesque rolling Finger Lakes countryside between Seneca and Keuka Lakes were opened in the afternoon to guided tours of the Cobblestone Society.

The society, dedicated to the

preservation of cobblestone architecture, each year conducts what is believed to be the only tour of its kind through cobblestone buildings in different parts of the state.

Residences visited by the society during the afternoon were those of Dr. and Mrs.

Ernest R. Schulz, located on Alexander Rd., west of Bellona; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guyle, located in Penn Yan; Mrs. William Ryal, located south of Geneva near Dresden; and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Harkness, located on Pre-emption Rd., south of Geneva.

The Schulz home was built in 1838 of perfectly matched brown sandstone cobblestones hauled by oxen from Lake Ontario beaches. The Guyle residence was built in 1834, while the Ryal home was built with foot-thick walls in 1835. The

Harkness home is an impressive country mansion overlooking Seneca Lake.

The tour by the society is held in different parts of the state each year to draw attention to the state's wealth of interesting and historically im-

portant cobblestone buildings and to encourage the appreciation and preservation of the naturally beautiful structures.

Previous tours have visited buildings in Cayuga, Wayne, Niagara, Orleans and Monroe counties, all south of Lake Ontario.

Over a century ago, pioneers utilized the rounded glacial stones taken from their newly cleared fields to build America's first cobblestone buildings. During the 1830's, 40's and 50's hundreds of the structures were built in Central and Western New York.