

Excerpt from thesis Nineteenth Century Cobblestone Structures in Madison County, New York by Ruthanne Mills, 1972

Research and interviews, owners of buildings mentioned: 1970

Introduction entirely extracted from Carl Schmidt, even to the point of making copies of his photographs. All text in connection based on Carl Schmidt's theories. A basic understanding of architectural styles and of masonry rather poor. Judgments based almost entirely on present day exterior appearance.

Excellent maps (2), carefully worked out method of surveying with architectural check lists and work sheets. Far too elaborate for practical purposes, but worth looking at. Bibliography (not very useful). Readable photographs, all 1970.

Cobblestone Structures near Bouckville

Pine Woods Store

Location: Routes 20 and 46

Date: 1844 Datestone

present owner: Mrs. Lillian Shoemaker
who gives following information: built in 1844 for C.T.Howard,
manufacturer of carriages and wagons until 1860. Entrance on Rt.20
has double doors to let completed vehicles out. - After Civil War
tavern. 1915 - 1922 building vacant. Then converted by Matthew Krebser
into general store. 1950 left to present owner (daughter-in-law of
Krebser).

Gable end is facade. 12 over 6 windows.

Masonry: In renovating workmen found 2x8' boards laid flat in the
walls approximately every four feet.

Texture: stones rather flat, no mortar joint embellishment.

Bouckville Store

Location: Route 20, west side of Bouckville, east of Chenango Canal.

Date: approximately 1847 - no date stone

First owner: Dr. James Coolidge

Present owner: Andrew Hicks

Plan: 4 connected stores, wedge shaped interiors. Of interest is a
concealed space behind fireplace large enough to hold 2-3 persons.
This gave rise to the legend of an underground railroad station
before Civil War.

Texture: smaller stones than Pine Wood store, but also no mortar
joint embellishment.

Madison Octagon, village of Madison, north on Route 20

Owner since 1946 James K. Gerow, feels house was built in 1836.
Information on this building is useless.

Peterich-Klehamer thesis: "Built about 1840 by Dr. James Coolidge. Date recorded at New York State Historical Association and published in the New York State Historical Association Quarterly, April 1952. Materials and masonry technique identical with polygonal block in Bouckville.... Because of the early date of this octagonal house it may be well to mention that the interior does not have the enclosed stairwell typical of Orson Fowler's octagonal residences."

It should be kept in mind that this is an incomplete octagon, showing only 6 sides while the other two sides give way to a contemporary cobblestone annex. (G.P.) Federal doorway. Greek Revival cornice. Small brackets under (probably later) roof.

Howard-Edgerton House

Location: Bouckville-Solsville Road

Date: 1842, according to family tradition. No date stone.

Present owner: Elbert M. Edgerton, grandson of James Howard who built the house.

Texture: Rectangular stones, horizontal and vertical mortar embellishment form a rectangular recess for cobblestones.

G.P.: Federal doorway, Greek Revival cornice.

Phelps-Carney House

or Indian Opening Rd. ?

Location: Bouckville-Solsville Road, north of Howard-Edgerton House

Date: Date stone: "Built in 1842 by Capt. Williamson for Burton and Phelps"

Present owner: Since 1960 David Carney. Prior to that owned by Mr. Babcock, great-grandson of Elias S. Phelps, one of the original owners of the house. (Information from Miss Marian Phelps.)

Texture: Wavy rows, slightly V'd. Stones flat.

G.P.: Federal doorway, similar to Edgerton House.

Plan: *One story and one half with wing.*

Phelps Barn

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Phelps-Carney house. In poor condition.

Ruins

Completely erased: Round hop kiln on Rt. 46; south of Munnsville;
Tool makers shop in Eaton; barn and hop kiln on Rt. 46;

Sufficient remains to study masonry: Barn on Cole Road;
Hop Kiln on Eaton-Randallsville Rd.

I will take photo.

Buildings near Cazenovia

Hancock House

Location: Route 92 north of Route 20 (West Lake Road)

Owner since 1970: Stewart Hancock

No date

G.P. "Upright and wing". Federal doorway in "upright", Greek Revival columns on porch of wing. 6 over 6 window panels. Interesting wooden slats louver.

Texture: Relatively small oblong stones, "V'd" mortar joints, pyramidal verticals.

Smith House *Owner Barrett Smith.*

Location: Route 20, less than 2 miles into Onondaga County, just south of Rt.20

No date

Almost identical to Hancock House. Exception: small recessed porch, no columns. No doorway in "upright".

Conclusion

Madison Octagon, Bouckville polygonal store and Pine Woods store similar in texture.

Madison Octagon, Edgerton House and Phelps-Carney house almost identical doorways with heavy lintels above, flat stairs leading to entrance.

Hancock and Smith House almost identical. *Both finer textures than Madison - Bouckville Hqs.*