

PERMANENT FILE OF COBBLESTONE STRUCTURES

1. Exact location and type of building: 2 Home _____ Blacksmith Shop
County Genesee _____ School _____ Barn
Town Elba X Church _____ Store
Road Quaker Hill, Elba, N.Y. _____ Carriage Shop _____ Smoke House
(Please sketch map on back)

2. Present owner and mailing address:
1. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hartman, Elba, N.Y.
2. Miss Myrta Ford & Sister, Elba, N.Y.

3. Present Occupant and mailing address:
(Posted)

4. Present condition - check appropriate blank:
A. _____ Restored to original condition
B. X In good repair though slightly modified (Hartman's)
C. _____ Greatly changed or modified
D. X Needs minor repairs (Ford's)
E. _____ Neglected by salvageable with major repairs
F. X Ruin (Church .. Will check further)
G. _____ Other (specify)

5. History
A. Date constructed 1836 (Begun .. Took 2 years to complete)
B. Cost
C. Name of mason
D. Original owner Moses True
E. Did the original owner have an account book?
F. Any historic event connected with building? (What?)
G. List of subsequent owners and dates:
See Below)
H. Any verification of above information? (Written proof if possible)

6. Photograph (please include negative)

7. Signature and address of recorders Blanche Roda, Historian, Byron
Charlotte M. Read, Co. Hist.

A Scotchman, Moses True, and a Clan of Scotchmen started to build the house in 1836. Two years were required as most of the stone came from Lake Ontario, and it took 3 to 4 days to haul it up here into Genesee as it was done with oxen and ox-carts. On December 28, 1859 Moses True sold the house to Nathan S. Godfrey. From then on it was known as the Godfrey Estate.

On March 2, 1906, Mr. Godfrey's son, Andrew B. Godfrey, and his daughter Malvina E. Pease, sold the Estate to Elmer E. Norton. Then in April 20, 1909 Elmer Norton sold it to Albert Burr. In April 1933, Mr. Burr sold the farm to F.M. Russell of Washington D. C. Then on April 10, 1944 Mr. Russell sold the farm to Howard Hartman, the present owner.

The woodwork inside the house is hand-carved cucumber wood. The windows set in the wall and the sills are 12 1/2 inches wide. The window panels extend to the floor and are all natural wood. The house is made of "three thicknesses of Cobblestones". (Data supplied by Mrs. Howard Hartman.)

** The late Supervisor Harold C. Test of Elba, a relative of Mr. Russell, lived in the home while it was owned by Mr. Russell... Data on "Cobblestone Church" coming up! C. M. Read