

WHO BUILT THE COBBLESTONE HOUSE AT HARFORD, N.Y.

THE COBBLESTONE SOCIETY

Ridge Road  
Albion, New York 14411

1824 NATHAN HEATON bought two parcels of land in the Town of Virgil, N.Y. (later Town of Harford) located on Lot 71. One parcel was 50 acres beginning at the southeast corner of said Lot 71 being the same 50 acres where the cobblestone house now stands. He was married at the time, his wife being SUSAN LUANA <sup>HART</sup> (will in ~~will~~ ~~W.~~) with at least one child, a son, born about 1818 named, JAMES HART HEATON and a daughter Caroline O. Various items which follow

1828 NATHAN HEATON purchased additional 30½ acres on Lot 72 across the Owego-Cortland Road which formed the eastern boundry to his initial purchase. (now known at the Daisy Hollow Road) Cortland Co. Clerks Office Deed O-390

1829 Purchased another 3 acres - Lot 71 adjoining. Deed P-137

1841 On April 19, 1841 NATHAN HEATON died leaving his wife and four children; son JAMES H. and three daughters, Caroline O., Luana Lowly and Adaline M. *6. 1825* Cortland Co. Surrogate File X-9386

In early June his widow relinquished right of administration (NATHAN HEATON died without a will) to her late husband's estate. JAMES H. HEATON and a nearby neighbor, Daniel Phillips filed for and were granted full power to properly apply and dispose of personal property of NATHAN HEATON. An inventory was taken totaling about \$900.00 in value which, it was found was insufficient to pay his debts. In addition to crops, farm vehicles and implements, 250 sap buckets,

Widow Heaton had since remarried a man named Giles Gill.

1852 SUSAN L. (Heaton) GILL leased her interest in the Heaton estate to her son except her interest in 'the house...' Cortland Co. Clerks Office Deed 21-439

1853 SUSAN L. (Heaton) GILL of Harford sold her entire interest in 'the house...buildings...all wood and timber trees on the farm now occupied by JAMES H. HEATON in the Town of Harford' for \$150.00 to Edward Mulks. Cortland Co. Clerks Office Deed 21-441

JAMES HART HEATON, at this time, disposed of the balance of the property (103 acres on Lot 71 & 72, buildings and appertenances) 'being the same farm NATHAN HEATON died seized' to Edward Mulks for \$4,000.00. Cortland Co. Clerks Office Deed 21-441

1855 The Town of Harford, N.Y. census indicates that dwelling #144 was constructed of "cobblestone" and was the only such structure so composed in that town being the residence of Edward Mulks. Noting an 1855 Cortland County, N.Y. map with names of residents we find Mr. Mulks' residence located on the west side of the Owego- Cortland Road, Lot 71, Town of Harford, N.Y. Adjoining property is occupied by persons noted in close proximity to Edward Mulks in the census including Daniel Phillips, A. Purvis and several Browns. Cortland Co. Clerks Office 1855 N.Y.S. Census Cortland County Historical Society

I conclude from the aforementioned information that  
 [REDACTED] that NATHAN HEATON BUILT  
THE COBBLESTONE HOUSE [REDACTED] Co. 1825-1830

(see additional information - Pg 4)

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1841 the livestock included cows, heifers, calves, sheep, Cont'd lambs, hogs, pigs, ~~oxen~~. Household items included clothes, a few articles of furniture, clock, cradle and a 'house organ'.

Authority was requested and granted to deal with the real estate as necessary to pay debts. The real property included a 'dwelling house', barn, well, apple orchard, seventy one (71) acres of land on Lot 71 and 32½ acres on Lot 72. The lots were valued at \$2,000.00.

A certain agreement of dower was arrived at between Widow Heaton and her son, James H. granting her natural life right and use to twenty five (25) acres of land, one barn, seven (?) apple trees and privileges to 'said house and use of well'.

Cortland Co  
Clerks Offic  
Deed 21-435

The daughter's of NATHAN HEATON married and signed off their interest in their father's estate to their brother JAMES:

1844	Caroline O. (Heaton) Richardson for \$100.00	Deed 8-86
1845	Luana L. (Heaton) Messenger for \$100.00	Deed 10-3
1850	Adaline M. Heaton (Brown) by John Knapp, Guardian for \$100.00	Deed 16-196

1844	The land transaction between Caroline O. and her brother James indicates that he was residing in Owego, Tioga County, N.Y. where he probably was receiving his 'law' training. He had married and his son was named after his father, Nathan. Another son was to receive the name Nathaniel. By 1850 he had returned to Harford to practice his profession and he subsequently moved to the cobblestone house not far from town after spending some time living with John Knapp, a young 'physician' and his family.	Tn. Harford, N 1850 Census
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Additional items located at Cortland County Historical Society

1807 ... other settlers in the town were ... Stowe, Frances I  
 NATHAN HEATON, Levi Moore and Theodore E. History of  
 Hart in 1807. (The latter is determined to Harford ca 192  
 be the brother of Susan Luana Hart, wife Pg. 2, 4, 5  
 of Nathan Heaton). He settled in Harford Mills  
 (then Town of Virgil) and built the first grist  
 mill in that place in about 1814. He later  
 sold the business and moved (in 1824) a few  
 miles farther up the road to Harford where  
 he built the cobblestone house.

1833 Three religious denominations joined forces " "  
 and appointed ... NATHAN HEATON (among others) Page 17  
 to buy land and erect a building ... this was  
 dedicated in 1833.

1841 NATHAN HEATON was a member of the N. Y. S. Smith, H.P.  
 Assembly in 1841 but died in April of that History of  
 year at his home while on a visit to his Cortland Co. NY  
 family on a temporary leave of absence from 1885  
 the legislature... Pg. 91 & 446

THIS INFORMATION LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE  
 COBBLESTONE HOUSE MAY HAVE BEEN BUILT AS EARLY  
 AS 1825 - 1830 BY NATHAN HEATON.

Hon. Nathan Heaton and his wife, Susan Luana Hart  
 (who died in 1877) are buried beside each other  
 in the cemetery at Harford, N.Y.

## ***I. Population.* CENSUS of the Inhabitants in the**

**Election District of the Iron Ridge Road  
Albion, New York 14411 of**

## Ridge Road

~~Albion, New York 14411~~

Harford in the County of Cottam

taken by me on the Eighteenth day of June, 1855.

Horatio N. Watterson

—Marshal.