

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 Cortland Co.
Town of Virgil, N.Y. (later Town of Harford) Clerk's Office
located on Lot 71. One parcel was 50 acres Deed K-400
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 ^{HART} ~~HEATON~~ (~~possible maiden~~
~~name~~) with at least one child, a son, born Various items
about 1818 named JAMES HART HEATON *and a daughter* which follow
Caroline O.
- 1828 NATHAN HEATON purchased additional 30½ acres on Cortland Co.
Lot 72 across the Owego-Cortland Road which formed Clerks Office
the eastern boundry to his initial purchase. (now Deed O-390
known at the Daisy Hollow Road)
- 1829 Purchased another 3 acres - Lot 71 adjoining. Deed P-137
- 1841 On April 19, 1841 NATHAN HEATON died leaving his Cortland Co.
wife and four children; son JAMES H. and three Surrogate
daughters, Caroline O., Luana Lowly and Adaline M. File X-9386
6. 1825

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 ~~it is reasonable to assume~~ that NATHAN HEATON BUILT THE COBBLESTONE HOUSE ~~ON THE SITE OF THE COBBLESTONE HOUSE~~. 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, ⁴oxen ~~and horses~~. House-
 hold 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 (7) apple trees and
 priviledges to 'said house and use of well'.

Cortland Col
 Clerks Office
 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. Tn. Harford, N
 1850 Census
 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.

Additional items located at Cortland County Historical Society

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| 1807 | ... other settlers in the town were ...
NATHAN HEATON, Levi Moore and Theodore E.
Hart in 1807. (The latter is determined to
be the brother of Susan Luana Hart, wife
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. | Stowe, Frances I
History of
Harford <u>ca</u> 1921
Pg. 2, 4, 5 |
| 1833 | Three religious denominations joined forces
and appointed ... NATHAN HEATON (among others)
to buy land and erect a building ... this was
dedicated in 1833. | " "
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| 1841 | NATHAN HEATON was a member of the N. Y. S.
Assembly in 1841 but died in April of that
year at his home while on a visit to his
family on a temporary leave of absence from
the legislature... | Smith, H.P.
History of
Cortland Co. NY
1885
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

Town

of

Harford

in the County of Cottland

taken by me on the Eighteenth

day of June, 1855.

Norrie & Watson

Marshal.

Dwellings numbered in the order of visitation.	Of what material built.	Value.	Families numbered in the order of their visitation.	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June was in this family.	Age.	Sex.	Whether black or mulatto.	Relation to the head of the family.	In what county of this State, or in what other State or Foreign Country born.	Married.	Widowed.	Years resident in this city or town.	Profession, Trade, or Occupation.	VOTERS.		Persons of color not taxed.	Persons over 21 years who cannot read and write.	Owners of land.	Deaf, Blind, or	Dumb, Insane, or Idiotic.
														Native.	Naturalized.					
22				George A. Higgins	24	M		Grand Child	Township	1		2								
23				Mary P. Higgins	10 1/2	F		Grand Child	Township			2								
24	142	Frame	350	147	Abraham Briggs	64	M		Mass	1		18	Surveyor	1				1		
25					Hugh Briggs	64	F		Wife	1		18								
26					Isaac Whiton	32	M		Child		1	2						1		
27					Abraham J. Briggs	25	M		Child	1		18	Farming	1						
28					Emily E. Briggs	24	F		Sister-in-law	1		24								
29					Stephen H. Briggs	19	M		Child			18	Farming							
30					Benjamin A. Briggs	1	M		Grand Child			1								
31	143	Frame	50	148	Lyrence Frey	28	M		Germany	1		1	Farming			1				
32					Catherine Frey	25	F		Wife	1		1				1				
33					Alice Frey	2	F		Child			1								
34					Henry Frey	1	M		Child			1								
35					John Frey	1 1/2	M		Child			1/2								
✓ 36	144	Cobble Stone	600	149	Edward Mulke	35	M		Township	1		1	Farming	1				1		
37					Eliza Mulke	31	F		Wife	1		1								
38					Frank Mulke	5	M		Child			1								
39					Martha D. Mulke	1	F		Child			1								
40	145	Frame	400	150	Daniel Phillips	66	M		Mass	1		39	Farming	1				1		
41					Lordia C. Phillips	54	F		Wife	1		32								
42					George B. Phillips	39	M		Child	1		3 1/2	Farming	1				1		
43					Marion L. Phillips	25	F		Child			25								
44					Mary E. Phillips	22	F		Child			22								
45					Oliver Phillips	11	M		Child			11								