

~~House built by~~ Peter Sheffer, one of the first pioneers in Monroe County west of the Seneca. He arrived about 1790 purchased the land and built saw mills, flour and grist mills and a brewery. The cobblestone house was built by Otis Ligg for Frank Sheffer.

? Carl Schmidt says Frank Sheffer was builder. Mr Bean says Peter Sheffer was and Frank Sheffer was born and died (75 yrs) in the house burning room (now laundry and bath on first floor)

1. Property remained in Sheffer family until 1940
2. Mark Clark owned in 1942 (V. Pres of Rch Telephone Corp.)
 1. Clark turned stair around, formerly entered from family room (kitchen). Bedroom 1st fl was converted into laundry and bath.
3. 1943. Mr. Mrs. Frederic R. Bean acquired property and partly restored it under Carl Schmidt's supervision.
 removed wooden shed addition on N side and built portion of ~~the~~ Pennsylvania bluestone ~~with~~ large windows designed by Schmidt was added to replace former door to wing. Some plaster on outside was removed ~~showing the masonry~~ was. Front steps are Ohio Sandstone copied from the Cox - Resch house on West River Road.
 The central room was enlarged to its original size.
 Library paneled in solid cherry and mahogany by Eric Johnson of Caledonia N.Y.

The interior has some changes. The central rectangular block has three rooms, ~~added~~ down. The living room ~~and~~ has been enlarged and includes the original parlor. The library was recently paneled in cherry. A rear bedroom was converted to laundry and bath.

~~The wing to the rear includes~~

~~The family room~~

The stairs were turned around in the 1940s and now are entered from the living room. Second floor rooms have remained and retain their buttonwood or poplar floors.

The stone wing to the rear includes the impressive family room with its central hearth and built in cupboards. The beehive over, now bricked up, has another entrance to the rear (from the kitchen). Hemlock floors are old and hard. The new window to the north ~~is~~ replaces a door to a former wing added later in the c19 and removed by Mr Bean for a patio.

Beaumont College Handicraft reproductions have been collected by the Bean family including chairs carved in hick and a solid cherry corner cupboard.

The kitchen has three layers of floors. The original was 8" lower than the family room. A second floor was added 8" above and a third maple floor on top.

The fireplace was recently copied by Carl Schmitt for ~~for~~ a reproduction in a restored house at the Seneca County Children's Museum Village. Mr. Schmitt also designed the window on the N wall.

The kitchen includes a trap door to a well 26-28' deep, still used, with a rounded enlarged bottom wider than the shaft.

A wooden way extends to the rear and is now a garage and ~~light~~ connected outhouse.

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Ridge Road

Albion, New York 14411

Outbuildings include
stone smoke house - gone
ice house - gone

~~large house~~

Carriage house used as chicken coop recently
SW of house

Shop across road

Dairy barn built by John Wells the
famous barn builder of Scottsville.
with arch trusses of split rock elm
seasoned in place. 1880's to
enlarge the original hand hewn beam.

House now 11 rooms

Front ~~part~~ part removed by Bear

Roof in attic is remarkable for
trusswork beams, extremely strong

Shutters are all original, were restored
by Mr. Bear and a new one hand made by him to
complete set. Each has 129 parts



