

Monroe Chapter D.A.R. Brockport, New York  
SOME OLD HOUSES OF MONROE COUNTY - TOWN OF CLARKSON  
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Old David Moore House - Present owner, Emery Cowan

This old cobblestone house east of the Ladd Road, about two miles south of the Ridge Road, is supposed to have been built at least a hundred years ago. A noticeable thing is that it is set so far back from the road, and it is like a number of other of the oldest houses on this road in that respect. Some explain it

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by saying that the pioneers selected their home sites with relation to the water supply; they wanted to be near springs and running water; another explanation is that the road was a morass a good part of the year and they built their log cabins a long distance back to keep out of the mud. Later, when they built of frame, brick or stone, the mud was still there and they chose to stay out of it.

David Moore, son<sup>s</sup> of one of the pioneers, was the first owner of this house. It is said that he built it, and this may be taken literally or in the usual way. Certainly, to assemble the materials for a cobblestone house was, in itself, quite an undertaking. And this is a large house, too.

David had four sons and as many daughters, and the young people had numerous cousins living across the road and north and south of them. There was great excitement in this locality many years ago when a blazing meteorite whizzed into the cornfield of Wilson Moore across the road. It happened rather early in the summer about nine o'clock in the evening and the meteorite plunged into the ground the other side of the creek. Everyone around was so scared they thought the world might be coming to an end. The green corn was burned to cinders within a radius of ten feet of where it fell. This fragment of a star, a twisted lump of metal, white in color, is now to be seen under a locust tree at the side of the old

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cobblestone house.

David had two sons and a nephew who died for their country at Gettysburg and he made a journey South to bring back their remains so that they could be buried in the little family cemetery across the road. When David died, late in the seventies, his youngest son, William bought out the other heirs and was the next owner of this house, but he did not live long and the mother bought it back. After living there some years she died and her daughter Anna who had married a Northrup was the next owner. Another son-in-law succeeded Anna as the owner of the place. He was George Arnold and for some years this was known as the Arnold farm.

