

SOME OLD HOUSES OF MONROE COUNTY ---TOWN OF CLARKSON.

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Old Crowell House - Present owner, Frank Petrie

Not much is known of the early history of this cobblestone house on the north side of the Ridge Road at the western end of the town. It may have been built as early as 1830, although most of the cobblestone houses were built at a somewhat later date, but its general effect and special features, such as the fireplace have a very old look. And it is unexcelled in quaintness and charm. It was described not so long ago in a newspaper article, as a "low, rambling, wistaria covered stone house--reminiscent of Shakespeare", for "One in-

stantly recognizes a similarity of outline and ivy grown chimneys to Anne Hathaway's cottage."

The first owner is believed to have been a Dr. Crowell, whose office was in the diminutive west wing. Some years later, there was a Peter Crowell mentioned in a letter as a resident of this section.

A journal or newsletter containing *news of local happenings* was written by an occupant of the house in the early days.

It was last seen in Holley. Can anyone give information concerning it?

*Here is some information in the form of tradition that should be added - It was said <sup>the house was</sup> modeled after an English cottage. The people who built it may have wanted their old home across the sea reproduced here as far as possible -*