

Members of the Reed family posed in front of their cobblestone home on the Gaines-Waterport Rd., now Rt. 279, north of the Ridge for this photo circa 1910. In 1842 Abner Reed, then 40, with his wife Maria and three children moved to the Town of Gaines from Rensselaer County. By the mid-1840's Mr. Reed had, according to family legend, hired a Mr. Fox to build a cobblestone house.

The same year that the Reeds moved to Gaines, 1842, John H. Ross, age 34, moved to Carlton from Ontario County with his wife Nancy and two children. In Landmarks of Orleans County, Judge Signor describes Mr. Ross as a farmer and practical stone mason. Mr. Ross remained in the Carlton-Albion area for the next 20 years. Mr. Ross's only daughter Ellen married A. G. Fox.

If there is a link between these three families in Orleans County it could well be cobblestone.

Editor's Note: Circa 1910 photograph not included.