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General Information

Name of Structure: Site of William Wadsworth House

Address: NW corner Avon-Geneseo Rd at Nations Rd,
Tax Id: (242689) 72.-1-53 (Lot 85); 114.7 Ac

1852: "J.S.Wadsworth"; 1858, 1872: "Mrs W.W.Wadsworth"; 1902: "Wm A Wadsworth"

When Built: Unknown

Original Use: House, later as a tenant house (Frank DiFranco)

When Razed, Why: Late 1950s or 1960s — heavy truck traffic on Rt-39 was rattling it apart per then owner William P Wadsworth who had it torn down. (He was father of Sally Wadsworth Wood and Martha Wadsworth Heen—who provided information for this document and who were owners who sold to the present owners of the property.)

Original Owner: J.S.Wadsworth (1852 map)

Ownership: This property is owned by Jeremy B & Anna H Grace. They purchased property on Nations Rd (14454) on 6/27/2002 for \$14,000 from Martha Wadsworth Heen. (<http://rochester.nydatabases.com/database/real-estate-database>)

Geneseo	NATIONS ROAD	14454	14,000	06/27/2002	HEEN, MARTHA WADSWORTH	GRACE, JEREMY B & ANNA H
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Description:

"Cobblestone on Avon Rd, now gone— Nancy O'Dea (1998) says that Bill Wadsworth owned the house. He had it torn down because the vibration from the cars on Rt39 was destroying it anyway. Locals still call it the Cobblestone House Lot. It is now owned by Sally Wadsworth Wood."

Per 3/2/2015 Holly Watson, Deputy Livingston County Historian email—I called Sally Wadsworth Wood this afternoon and here is what she told me:

The lot called 'the Stone House Lot' indeed once had a cobblestone on it; she thought that Frank DiFranco—who once owned Leg Up Stables across the road from the lot—used the building and shed at one time. Thus, the probability of the Stone House Lot and the DiFranco house being one and the same is quite good. It was located on the north side of Rt. 39 just north of Nations Road, on the corner; an old shed still remains on the lot though it is now in sorry shape. The house was back a bit off the road, between the shed and the ditch. The Kingston family

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lived there for a time, according to Sally, and not long ago a man wanted to salvage a few of the cobbles from the house to place on his grandfather's grave, as his grandfather had lived there. Sally reiterated her father's (William P Wadsworth) reason for its demise as being the traffic, specifically large trucks, wobbling it to pieces slowly. Sally was not in the area around the later 1950s and 1960s but thinks it was probably around then that it was demolished.

(William Perkins Wadsworth) ... W P Wadsworth married Martha Doty Scofield of Geneseo in 1929. They had four children: Winifred Perkins Wadsworth, Martha Doty Wadsworth, William Austin Wadsworth, and Sarah (Sally) Youngs Wadsworth. The daughter Martha Doty Wadsworth married Helge Heen.

Sally Wadsworth Wood is also daughter of William P Wadsworth (the owner).

References:

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(TH, 7/25/1957)

Captioned picture: "QUICK ACTION by Geneseo's firemen prevented serious damage to tenant farm house on William Wadsworth property, Avon Rd, Saturday afternoon. Farm is rented by Frank DiFranco, and blaze in shed at rear of house was discovered by Mrs Frank Sikorski whose husband works for DiFranco. Shed was a total loss, but tanker truck saved house and other adjacent buildings.

***** 72.-1-53 *****									
72.-1-53	Avon-Geneseo Rd			AG DIST C	41720	0	129,377	129,377	129,377
Grace Jeremy B	105 Vac farmland			COUNTY	TAXABLE VALUE		50,423		
Grace Eric W	Geneseo 242601	179,800		TOWN	TAXABLE VALUE		50,423		
3273 Nations Rd	Cobble Stone Lot	179,800		SCHOOL	TAXABLE VALUE		50,423		
Geneseo, NY 14454	ACRES 114.70			AG002 Ag District #2			179,800 TO		
	EAST-1360066 NRTH-1031533			FD261 Geneseo Fire 1			179,800 TO		
	DEED BOOK 913 PG-250								
MAY BE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT	FULL MARKET VALUE	179,800							
UNDER AGDIST LAW TIL 2018									

Sold by Martha Wadsworth Heen on 6/27/2002 for \$14,000 to Jeremy B and Anna H Grace (Roch D&C)

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