

THE CARRIAGE STOP RESTAURANT

Not Open

5393 W. Henrietta Road, West Henrietta, N.Y.

As the inn is open for business, town patrons who wish to dine here will be welcomed.

In 1835 Joseph Williams, a Henrietta blacksmith of 15 years experience, purchased this large cobblestone structure just north of the village of West Henrietta. Throughout the nineteenth century, it was a prosperous carriage shop.

The first story of glacial cobblestone is 50 feet wide and 116 feet long. The second floor and loft were wooden framed, supported by 15-inch thick oak beams. Imagine horses and oxen being shod around seven open forges on the earthen ground floor. Above, on the second floor wagons were built, painted and fitted, then rolled down a ramp when finished. In later years, Joseph enlarged the building to house a foundry, steam saw mill and farm implement factory and fine carriages. An 1865 census records Joseph Williams production for that year as, "25 buggies, 50 lumber wagons, 13 rollers, plows and 25 sleighs."

At one time the carriage shop employed over 50 men including farmers, apprentices, wagon makers, blacksmiths and laborers.

It continued in use as a blacksmith and wagon repair shop from 1900 to 1922 under the ownership of William Smith. A decade of inactivity followed until it reopened from 1930 to 1962 in the automotive age as the "Cobblestone Garage" service and gas station.

In 1968 the former carriage shop was imaginatively transformed into the "Carriage Stop Restaurant" under the ~~new ownership of~~ MANAGEMENT OF MR ARMAND LANUTTI AND MR CARL TORREHI.

The original cobblestone walls remain and many original hand hewn beams, fastened with wooden dowls, spikes and ring hooks where smiths hung their tools, are still intact.

An old forging pit has been converted into a side board for waitresses. Antiques, such as horse collars, pewter ware, earthen jugs, and an old gramophone deck the walls and corners. Leaded, stained glass Tiffany shades and windows further enhance the charm. A sweeping stairway winds up to the mezzanine.

In 1960, the County of Monroe placed a historical marker in front ^{DESIGNATING} ~~of~~ the building as a landmark.