

The Pardee Cobblestone House

Pioneer craftsmen gave Upstate New York a lasting and beautiful form of architecture, one that is unique to this region: the cobblestone house.

Irondequoit is fortunate enough to have two cobblestone houses which remain as a testament to this lovely form of architecture developed between 1825 and 1860.

Hiram Pardee, a Brooklyn carpenter, used his vacation to travel the new Erie Canal in 1825 searching for farmland to his liking. He found it in Irondequoit.

Pardee returned to Irondequoit the following year with his new bride and

bought a farm. At first the couple lived in an old house located at the top of the hill just south of Norwood Middle School, the highest point in Irondequoit.

In 1829, the Pardees moved the old house to the spot where in 1846 the hard-working couple erected the fine cobblestone house still standing at 180 Pardee Road.

Irondequoit's other cobblestone house stands at 2523 St. Paul Blvd. This quaint, one-story farmhouse was believed to have been built by a Mr. Langworthy sometime before 1840.



The Pardee Cobblestone, a historic Irondequoit home, was built in 1846 by a Brooklyn ship carpenter.
By Irondequoit artist Jeanette Musliner.