



A FINE EXAMPLE of a cobblestone house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith on Dublin Rd.

Stephen Smith home —

One of best cobblestone houses

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JUNIUS — To many people, reference to old houses means just one thing, cobblestone. This house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith on the Dublin Rd. is one of the best examples of the beauty in cobblestone houses. It is probably one of the largest in the county. In addition to the main part of the house, there is also a wing made of cobblestone.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had title of the house since 1963. Apparently the builder and first owner of the house was John Carman. No mention is made of when the house was built but in June

1876, John Carman in his will left the property to Townsend Carman.

It was the will of Thurston Carman, issued in 1895 and recorded 1903 which creates a historical background for this particular house.

In his will Townsend Carman noted, "I bequeath to my wife C.M.T. Carman one sorrel house with hay and grains for the horse. Also a buggy, cutter and harness. I leave her my household furniture, the use of the parlor, sitting room, bed room, the room over the parlor, bed and clothespress. I also leave her privileges in the cellar, the

carriage room in the barn and one stall for her horse. She is to receive garden and all the fruit on the farm except the apples."

To his son John W. Carman, he left the remainder of the property with the exception of \$250 for each of his two grandsons.

In 1919 the house became the property of Oswald J.C. Rose, in 1928 through Jonas Hulse it was owned by the National Bank of Geneva and was sold to John Yates in 1928.