

G R E E N - P A I N E H O U S E (Site)

HISTORY SHEET

General Information

Name of Structure: Andrew Green - George Paine House

Address: 543 Birdsey Rd

Tax ID: (452400) 06-1-09.1 (southern part of parcel)

Atlas: 1852,1859,1874: "A.I.Green"

Junius Dist 8, Lot 19

When Built / Mason: Unknown

When Razed: Shortly after Glenn Hinckley's 1993 photo

Why: Taxes and liability due to it having become hangout for local kids

Original Owner: Andrew I Green

Subsequent: George Paine, daughter Edith Richmond —> sold to Ernest Kunes —> sold to John Nearpass (who tore it down)

Original Use: House

Subsequent: Storage; outbuilding

Pictures : Yes — Frasch, Peterich, Roudabush, Hinckley

Description:

Structural: Very simple, small 1½-story house (29 rows of cobbles), long side facing road, two windows on lower level. On the right gable end (south) a rustic rambling wooden addition obscured the entire area below the lower sill of the 6-over-6 paned window in the gable. Rear had similar gable window (4-over-4) with a door or window set below to the left of it (cannot discern details, photo shows only the corner of a lintel). Frieze consisted of little more than a narrow piece of molding.

Masonry: Multi-colored, sized, and shaped field cobbles laid in somewhat wavy rows to accommodate odd-sized cobbles. On the gable end some courses had rounded horizontal mortar joints, with straight vertical joints; no particular attention to mortar joints on the side facing the road, with stones sometimes appearing to have been pressed into already applied sheet of mortar. Cobbles were set all the way to grade. No quoins, instead wooden pilasters; lintels and sills were of wood.

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Background Story

No information was found about Andrew I Green, or when George Paine acquired the cobblestone house, when additions were made, and so forth.

George and Lillian Paine lived at the property until his death at age 84 in 1959 after which time Lillian went to live with her daughter in Wellsville, PA. She died in 1963. In 1974 the long vacant property was transferred to Ernest Kunes who owned the adjacent cobblestone house immediately to its north.

Per conversation on 9/5/2013 with Junius Town Historian, Ernie Brownell, in 1984 Kunes sold the entire parcel—including both cobblestone structures—to John Nearpass. They ultimately had this cobblestone house torn down because of the tax burden and liability issues by virtue of vagrancy by local youths.

Neighbor Doris Wolf recalls in 8/10/2013 email: "When we moved here in 1979, there was a small falling down cobblestone structure on the little strip of land south of the Nearpass cobblestone house. I do not know what it had been. I would guess it was an outbuilding for the Nearpass home next door."

Ownership Trace

Andrew Green

Southwick Cemetery

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/176751002/andrew-j-green> (1805-?)

wife: Sarah Severn Green (1809-1892) — Southwick Cemetery

Seneca County News, 3/8/1882: "Mrs Sarah Green, relict of Andrew Green, died in Junius, Sunday, March 6. Deceased was 83 years old."

No obit found for Andrew Green.

https://www.tcpl.org/sites/default/files/content/archive/Seneca_Directory_p112to166.pdf

Green, Andrew I., (Junius,) Waterloo, farmer 8.

<http://seneca.nygenweb.net/junius/1853juniusassess.htm> — Junius assessments

Green, Andrew — Military Lot 19 — 8 acres

George Paine

Maple Grove Cemetery (Paine) (findagrave doesn't list either of them)

Newspaper Obits

<Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1959 - 7622.pdf> (4/21/1959) (KC: born 1875)

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WATERLOO, April 21 — George W. Paine, 84, retired farmer, died today (April 20, 1959) in his home in the Birdsey Road, north of here, after a four months' illness. A lifelong resident of this area, Mr Paine was a member of Magee Grange and of the Methodist Church of Junius. Surviving are his wife, Mrs Lilla Paine; a daughter, Mrs Edith Richmond of Wellsville ... burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

A similar obit added: "Born in Junius, he was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a retired farmer."

Rochester NY Democrat Chronicle 1963 - 0215.pdf (1/4/1963) (KC: born 1874)

"Services for Mrs Lilla Paine, 89, widow of George W Paine and former resident of this area, who died Wednesday (Jan 2, 1963) in the home of her daughter, Mrs Milon Richmond in Wellsville will be conducted at 2 pm Saturday in the Genung Funeral Home here with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mrs Paine, who had spent most of her life in northern Seneca County, had been living with her daughter for the past four years. ... "

ALSO:

Geneva NY Daily Times 1963 Jan-Mar 1963 Grayscale - 0021.pdf (1/3/1963)

"WATERLOO — Mrs Lilla Paine, 89, died in Wellsville yesterday at the hot of her daughter, Mrs Milon Richmond with whom she had been residing the past four years ... Burial will be in Maple Grove Receiving Vault ... Mrs Paine was born in the Township of Varick and spent most of her life in Junius. She was the widow of the late George W Paine..."

Geneva NY Daily Times 1967 Jan-arp 1967 Grayscale - 0093.pdf (1/9/1967)

Deed Transfers Listed — JUNIUS — "Lilla Paine, deceased by sole distributed to Edith Paine Richmond."