

14.- ERVIN DUSTE HOUSE ON MASON ROAD, MARION

This house on Mason road in the town of Marion is believed by its present owner, Ervin Duste, to have been built in 1833 or a few years after because his uncle's grandfather who was born in that year could always remember the house being there. Duste's uncles lived here for 38 years, before him Wally Morris for seven, Alvert Wells for 40, and Wells father before him. Therefore, it is altogether possible that a Wells was the man who had the house built.

Part of the house was built on later. The walls of the earliest part are 16 inches and those of the addition are 19in. The bands of red, white, and black make a colorful house.

STONES: Lake stones averaging 2-3 x 2 in. are arranged in alternating rows of red, black and white.

JOINTS: The horizontal 1 inch V is tooled, the vertical joints are V's and pyramids. A course is from 3-3½ inches.

MORTAR: The mortar is red and pebbly.

LINTELS: Roughly cut stone at the front and vertically laid stones are used.

SIDE: The different colors are interspersed.

BACK : Large (11-6 x 6-5 in.) stones--many of them cut--are used.

