

16.- CONGDON HOUSE, MARION

The house situated on the Marion - East Williamson road just south of the White Road was at one time in the Congdon family. Ida Schultz now has it, though it was once on the farm owned by Sidney and Bertha Lockup. A deed was given by Lyman Congdon whose family were the founders of the Lima Seminary. It has a dutch oven and a large fireplace in the center of the house which opens into the living room and kitchen. The glass in the windows of the kitchen and the living room are hand blown. Tradition says this was a station of the Underground railroad. There is a concealed cupboard near the fireplace big enough to hold a person, where it is said slaves were hidden until they could be conveyed to the next station.

STONES: The field stones are of all colors with mostly sandstones measuring 2 - 2½ x 3 in.

JOINTS: The horizontal V is 1 inch high and the vertical joints are pyramids. A course is 3 inches.

MORTAR: The mortar is hard and pebbly.

QUOINS: These are rough cut red stones.

LINTELS: These are vertically laid limestones.

SIDES: Larger field stones are on the sides.

