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THE CALDWELL PLACE ON THE NEWARK\*MARION ROAD

The present owners of this place on the Newark-Marion Road in the town of Marion are the Rich's who use this building for a dairy cooler in which they preserve their milk. The cobblestone structure was built to be used as a well house. On the back and east side are wooden wings which were originally servant quarters showing the prosperity of the builders.

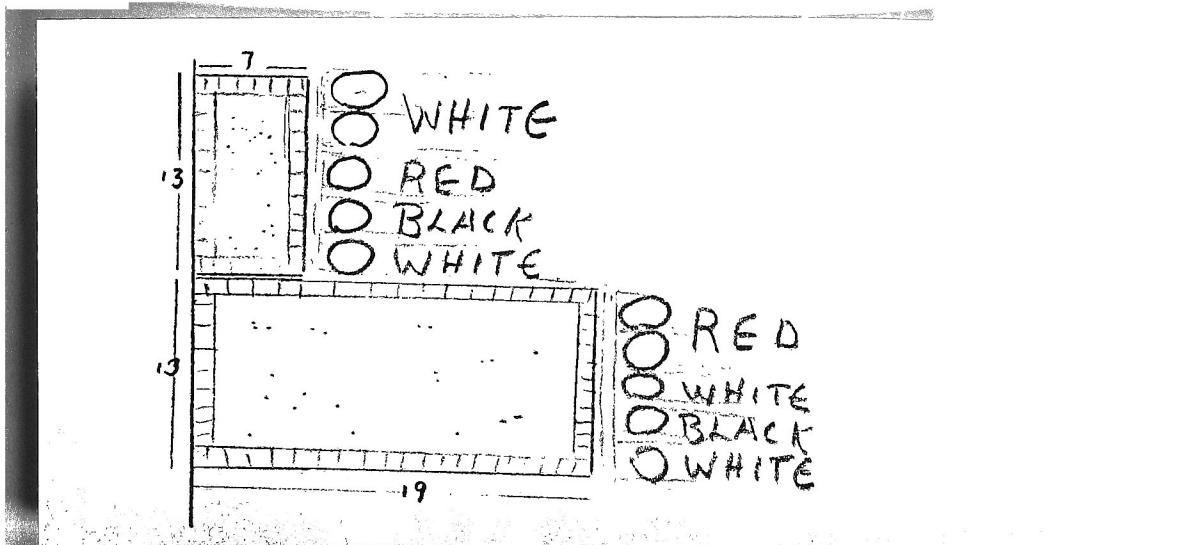
STONES: On the front, the stones are arranged in alternate bands of red, black, and white with the number of rows in any one color -band varying. The stones are small, measuring  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The stones on the sides are larger red lakestones.

JOINTS: Both horizontal and vertical joints are V's.

MORTAR: The mortar is rather coarse, hard, and light colored.

LINTELS: The lintels are wooden and in good condition.

QUOINS: Tooling shows despite the great degree of weathering, There are 5 courses per quoin on the front and 4 on the side.



One cannot help but notice the many lime-kilns scattered through the county; no doubt some of these furnished the masons of the cobblestone era with burned lime needed in their mortar. Each mason had his own formula and way of making mortar. That is why one sees a vast difference in color, texture, and hardness of mortar on different places. In the mortar of many of these fine homes one can see small lumps of white lime which wasn't thoroughly pulverized or dissolved when burned or mixed. Of course this detracts from the fineness but is an interesting feature nevertheless. Such examples are the Southwell House and the **Caldwell Place**. One also will find that the mortar of many houses has been colored, in most cases by the gradually fading in of the surrounding lake stone. However, there are some cases where the mortar has been colored by the mason, such as in the Winters Place. The mortar on each cobblestone house seems to have its own individual characteristics. Many are very sandy; in others, hardly a grain of sand can be noticed; few have large pebbles; while some are very fine. And as I have mentioned before, the coloring and the fineness of mortar used vary greatly. Also, some mortar has had a tendency to crumble and weather away while other types of mortar have stood like the Rock of Gibraltar. As one might guess, the mortar had to have

