

Historic Mendon Cobblestone is for Sale

The c. 1833 Milton Sheldon House, 21 Mendon-Ionia Road in the town of Mendon, is for sale. The historic Greek Revival cobblestone is located just south of the four corners in the hamlet of Mendon opposite the Mendon Academy cobblestone school.

The National Register listed property is a two-story side-gabled, Federal-style stone structure with cobblestone wall-facing, and quoins decorating the corners. The foundation is elevated. The entrance door features side and transom lights.

Attached to the side of the house is a gabled one-and-a-half story frame wing with clapboard siding. This section is believed to be older than the cobblestone section. A two-car garage has been built on the side of the frame addition.

Although there are no records for the first 50 years, deed and mortgage papers tell the story of its occupants since 1873.

The house has a unique historic inscription. On the upstairs door of the cobblestone house, these words are written in pencil: *"The wooden part of*

the house was built in 1820; the stone part in 1883 by a man named Sheldon." The words were signed by D. Allen and Maude Tomlinson and dated 1898. Over the years when the door has been painted, no one has painted over these important words. The writer, D. Allen, was Daniel Allen, a justice of the Peace and caretaker of the cemetery. Maud Tomlinson, the daughter of John and Effie Tomlinson lived in the house after her father bought it in 1891. Many people occupied the cobblestone.

In 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Acquadro and their children bought the house. They enlarged and remodeled the kitchen using the old woodshed. A storeroom, once in front of the cobblestone structure, is now a bedroom.

Cynthia Howk, Landmark Society architectural research coordinator, said, "This distinguished cobblestone in a picturesque setting with mature trees is one of Mendon's important early 19th-century homes. It has been featured on area house tours and is in very livable condition."

For more information on the Milton Sheldon House, see listing under *Mendon* in the Landmark Exchange, page 15.

