

QUARTUS BARRON HOUSE (extant)
HISTORY SHEET
General Information

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Name of Structure: Quartus Barron House

Address: 43 East St, Nunda NY 14517

Parcel ID: (244001) 184.9-4-54

Atlas: 1852: "Dr. Warner"; 1858: "C.F. Warner MD";
1872: "J.Baker"; 1902 "A.Nettleberger"

When Built / Mason: ~1840

When Razed: Extant

Why: n/a

Original Owner: Quartus H. Barron

Subsequently: See "Atlas" above

Original Use: Residence

Subsequently: Residence

Photographs: Many

Description: See Schmidt's detailed description

Design Details: The front of this square house with hipped roof faces East St; it has 1 window to the left of the entrance and 2 to the right. The door is framed with glass-paned sidelights and transom. A narrow long slice of limestone, with tool-marked edges similar to that found on the quoins, frames each side of the door opening and the lintel has a raised area in the center, although no date has been etched there. A 1-story wing is attached to the rear of east side, the cobblestones are continuous with the main house. The field cobbles on the front elevation are 5/Q, on the sides 4/Q, on the back wall of the rear wing 4/Q. The sides are mirror images of one another, both having 3 windows. The wing has one window with a lintel of red bricks laid vertically. The cobbles on the rear wall of the wing are less uniform in color, size, and shape and less elegantly laid—although, as on the other sides, the joints are V'd.

Masonry details: Limestone quoins, lintels, sills throughout. Both vertical and horizontal joints are V'd on all four elevations.

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BACKGROUND

Quartus H. Barron was born in May 1810 and came to Nunda in 1824 with his father and lived several years on the Creek road and later built the cobblestone house. Quartus Barron and wife Sylvia went to Fox Lake, WS in 1844, and returned to Nunda village in 1885. He died in 1890 and is buried in Wisconsin.

RESOURCES

<https://fultonhistory.com/highlighter/highlight-for-xml?altUrl=https%3A%2F%2Ffultonhistory.com%2FNewspapers%25207%2FNunda%2520NY%2520News%2FNunda%2520NY%2520News%25201955%2520-1956%2520Grayscale.pdf%2FNunda%2520NY%2520News%25201955%2520-1956%2520Grayscale%2520-%25200494.pdf>
Nunda News, Thr 2/16/1956

Woman Says, by M.C.F.

"... Also at the canal meeting were two Barrons—Jonathan and Quartus H, father and son.

Jonathan Barron—who went by two titles, sometimes "Captain" and sometimes "Squire"—like Walter Whitcomb, was a Vermonter, coming here by ox team in 1824 to settle on the Creek road in the town of Mt. Morris, later purchasing a large farm on the same road in the town of Nunda. In 1837 he moved to the village and bought a new house in Church street built by the aforementioned B. P. Richmond and afterwards owned by Peter DePuy. Later called "Dormer Cottage," it was moved to East street where it is now the home of Ivan Warren and family. Moses Barron, who may have been the first schoolmaster in all of present Nunda—but certainly was one of the first—also was Jonathan Barron's son.

Quartus H. Barron, born in May 1810, came to Nunda in 1824 with his father and lived several years on the Creek road farm now owned by W.M. Blair, later engaging in the mercantile business in the village, where he built the cobblestone house owned by Fred Short in East street, and the Bonadonna store at the corner of State and East streets. He was a trustee of the Baptist church and played the bass viol in the old meeting house which had no pipe organ.

In 1835 he married Sylvia Ashley, daughter of Judge Daniel Ashley, another of Nunda's very early settlers, who built the house in East street—Mrs. Sarah Hinkley's—where Quartus Barron died in 1890. Mrs Barron commented that "the wing was added to the house especially for us by my father" when they returned here from Fox Lake, Wis., in 1885 to live with and care for his sister, Mrs. George Gilbert.

The Barrons had gone to Wisconsin in 1844. He was twice elected to the legislature in that state and held several other influential offices. ...

However, a pattern begins to emerge of sturdy, reliable New Englanders who became the leading citizens here. Their influence cannot be over-estimated, writes one historian

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adding, 'They formed for their day and generation a strong and united force in fostering a high type of life in this community.'

There are several descendants of Johnathan Barron now living in the area—Miss Cora Dowling, Mrs. D.F. Paine, Mrs. Merrick McMaster, Mrs. Walter Stamp and others—but we know of no one who is descended from Quartus Barron or any of the Whitcombs."

Nunda News - 9/20/1973

<https://fultonhistory.com/Newspapers%207/Nunda%20NY%20News/Nunda%20NY%20News%201973%20-1973%20Grayscale.pdf/Nunda%20NY%20News%201973%20-1973%20Grayscale%20-%200287.pdf>

Photo with caption: "... Link residence at 45 East street, shown in the photo, and the Beardsley residence at Oakland. ... The Link house was built by Quartus Barron about 1839 and the Beardsley house by Elias Fitch at about the same time. ..."

Note: Matthew Link is owner of record according to 2023 property records. The Link family owned it in 1973 according to this article.

Cemetery Information

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/61368234/quartus-h-barron>

Portrait: https://images.findagrave.com/photos250/photos/2020/121/61368234_4ea8770c-87e7-4278-bcf6-485293ca49bc.jpg

Riverside Memorial Park, Fox Lake, WS

Born: 26-May-1810 in Rockingham VT / died at Nunda, NY

Died: 2-Sep-1890 (aged 80) in Nunda, NY

His brother, Abel, rests in Oakland Cemetery, Nunda NY.

Quartus B. died at the home of his wife's sister in the village of Nunda. His widow died in 1904; she is also buried in WS.

Note: I have photographs (5/18/2003) showing perspectives not on InfoBase.

- Trim around door 100_0277.JPG shows tool marks
- Quoin tool marks and closeup stones and mortar treatment 100_0276.JPG
- Rear elevation 100_0265.JPG
- Cobblestone basement 100_0263.JPG
- Yellow hue of the stones 100_0278.JPG