

Permanent File of Cobblestone Structures

1. Exact location and type of building:

State New York County Oswego Township \_\_\_\_\_

Road Route #3 (Sketch Map on Back)

House X School \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ Store \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Present owner and mailing address:

Mr. & Mrs Francis Balcolm

RD, Pulaski, New York

3. Present occupant and address if other than 2:

same as above. (Property is for sale)

4. Present condition:

Restored to original condition \_\_\_\_\_

In good repair yes \_\_\_\_\_

Greatly changed or modified \_\_\_\_\_

Needs minor repairs Needs a little around cellar windows. The back of house is rough stone, no cobblestones.

Neglected but salvageable with major repairs \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin \_\_\_\_\_

5. History:

Date constructed 1845 \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mason Daniel Pratt \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Daniel Pratt. He came from Brattelboro, Vermont.

Any documents on construction Landmarks of Oswego County. Published 1895 by D. Mason & Co.  
(account book, diary, letters, etc.)

Any special features of note or interesting events connected with this building?

"composed of cobblestones, none of which is larger than a turkey egg".

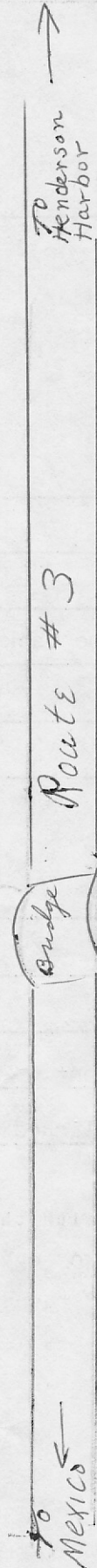
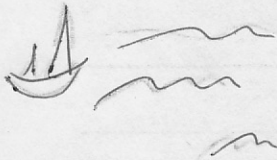
See attached letter from Mrs Sylvia Kinney, granddaughter of the builder.

6. Photograph or 2x2 slide Attached.

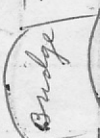
7. Signature and address of person reporting:

Richard & Elinore Horning  
6025 Main St., Mexico, N.Y.

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Route # 3



Balcolm  
House

4 miles north  
of Port Ontario  
bridge.

PORT  
ONTARIO

Route #13      To  
Pulaski      →

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Pulaski, New York  
5-9-1964

Dear Mr. & Mrs Horning.

I have found the reference to the Cobblestone House. It is on page 45, of section 3, Family Sketches, in Landmarks of Oswego County, published by D. Mason and Co., 1895 (Syracuse). It reads as follows: "Mr. Robinson now owns the homestead of Daniel Pratt, on which is standing and in use today one of the most unique houses in the county, having been built by Daniel Pratt about 1845, and is composed entirely of cobblestones, none of which is larger than a turkeys egg." Probably that date is more accurate than the one I gave you.

Daniel Pratt was born in 1795, in Brattleboro, Vermont and came to what is now Oswego county about 1817. My name was Sylvia Pratt, child of Charles A Pratt, who was the child of Charles B. Pratt, who was the child of Daniel Pratt, referred to above.

William Coleman, Pulaski, N.Y. has a "New Topographical Atlas" of Oswego county, published by C.K. Stone, Philadelphia, 1867, which shows the cobblestone house occupied by "Mrs Pratt" and the next farm north (still in the Pratt family and occupied by Don Pratt) as being occupied by C. B. Pratt. I assume the Mrs Pratt was the mother of C.B. Pratt and widow of Daniel Pratt.

If I ever get any more information I will pass it on to you.

Sincerely  
S/Sylvia Kinney

The house has been owned by three families. The Pratts, the Robinsons and the present owners, the Balcolms. The sunporch was added by the Balcolms.