

TREAT - WARRICK HOUSE (Site)  
HISTORY SHEET  
General Information

Name of Structure: Moses Treat - Raymond Warrick House

Address: 3209 Route 89

Parcel ID: (544000) 77113-00-293813

Dist 12, Lot 12

Atlas: 1853:; 1858:; 1874:; 1904: "M Treat"

When Built / Mason: Unknown

When Razed: Early 1960's

Why: Eroded away after years of abandonment

Original Owner: Moses Treat

Subsequently: William Hughes (1951), Raymond Warrick, Homer Acker

(Unknown when abandoned; Warrick and Acker undoubtedly lived elsewhere but farmed the land)

Original Use: House (and farm)

Subsequently: Same, until abandoned

Pictures: None known

Description: Carl F Schmidt, "Cobblestone Masonry", © 1966, p 181

1½-story, unoccupied and rapidly deteriorating at the time of CFS' survey. Owned by Raymond Warrick at that time. Oval lake stones of various colors, predominating with red; laid on the diagonal. Horizontal and vertical joints were Vd. Quoins squared gray limestones; lintels and sills of wood.

Historic Context:

Nothing found about "Moses Treat" other than he was a deacon of the church. Unknown where he is buried or any of his family members.

References:

Email 6/4/2012 to John M Spellman, Savannah Historian

Looking for information about cobblestone house that once existed on Rt 89, west side of road, north of Cotton Rd. Verlyn Klahn, 1955 Hoffman Essay "Wayne County Cobblestone Structures" shows a spotted map noting this location but has no photograph or information.

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Response Email 7/5/2012: As I recall, in the late 50s and early 60s the cobblestone house was falling apart from years of being abandoned. The west wall was half fallen in, the north wall was intact, the front of the house and south wall was in the basement. The roof was on top of the rubble. It was removed by Homer Acker for a double wide mobile home that is still there. No pictures have been found. Yes, Moses Treat did own the property.

John M. Spellman

Savannah Historian

KC NOTE: West was the rear of the house; north wall was the gable end of the right side of the house; the other walls had completely caved in with the roof collapsed on top of them—in other words, it was a ruin in the late 50s and 60s.

I visited the site and discovered a long "fence" of piled cobbles on the south edge of the property with the mobile home (1.64 acres) separating it from farmland (25.93 ac surrounding it). Didn't inspect the stones to see if any were in a mortar matrix—maybe leftovers from the cobblestone house; maybe not.

Ruth and Jim Chatfield, very knowledgeable historians from Wolcott, each descended from pioneer families in this area, responded to a similar email request for information:

Response Email 3/14/2014: Regarding Moses Treat house—We contacted Ruby Breen Hughes of South Butler. She and her family moved on the farm in 1951. She believes the house fell in about 1958-59. As you know, it was located where the double wide is now located, just south of the well that is now capped off. She doesn't know where the stones came from in the stone fence and doesn't know of any one who might have pictures.

Ruth and Jim Chatfield

Not documented by Dorothy Wells Pease in her 1940-41 survey of "Cobblestone House of Upstate New York".

Verlyn Klahn: Book IV; Savannah spotted map, p.250; "1. No Picture, Route 414"

**KC:** Working from VK's spotted map, we can trace back to Moses Treat. From CFS we can identify Raymond Warrick, but no details on the interim. Also, no details on a Moses Treat who appears to have lived here in the 1850s (ie South Butler) but the Moses Treat we found had several children all of whom lived in Cayuga Co; in fact Moses Treat is buried there. No Moses Treat is found in any of the Wayne County cemeteries of the towns neighboring Savannah. Likewise Raymond Warrick was not noteworthy from the perspective of newspaper reports. No references to cobblestone house (or stone house, or any house for that matter).

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<https://wayne.nygenweb.net/gazetteer/butlergaz.html>

Directory of the Town of Butler 1867-1868

Treat, Moses (Savannah), farmer 142

Treat, Sylvester W. (Savannah), farmer 107

1850 Census: Moses Treat, 42y, Savannah

Both these guys are interred in Weedsport Rural Cemetery—along with many, many members of the Treat family. Unable to track down whether or not they are similar-named members of the larger Treat clan, most of whom settled in Cayuga County, or if they are different people who lived and died in this area of Wayne County. Either way, Moses Treat is not listed in any of the cemeteries in Savannah or the adjacent Wayne County towns.