

A Tour: Geneva's Cobblestones

the house. In the dining room, which has just been given its third ceiling, the Banfields removed 13 coats of wall paper, and in some other areas of the house removed as many as 23 layers of wall paper.

The home furnishings include many of Mrs. Banfield's family pieces brought from Massachusetts, including a Victorian style bedroom set made of hand-grained wood over pine.

THE RIPPEY-BANFIELD

House, built in 1854, is located on the western side of Route 245 at the corner of Leet Road, and is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Banfield.

The only house on the coming tour that is not Greece Revival in architectural style, it is cobblestone in the style of the Italian villa which was popular in the 1850s. It has another distinction of being one of the last homes to be built in the "cobblestone era."

The builder, J. Rippey Jr., used heavy eaves brackets with hand-carved acorn-shaped pendants. They are a distinguishing feature of the exterior.

Viewers will find the entrance hall graced by a stairway of rare beauty, with walnut and mahogany railings curving up and continuing around the second floor hallway.

The Banfields are in the process of remodeling

The kitchen combines the original wood work with modern conveniences and is decorated with a collection of antique kitchen utensils.

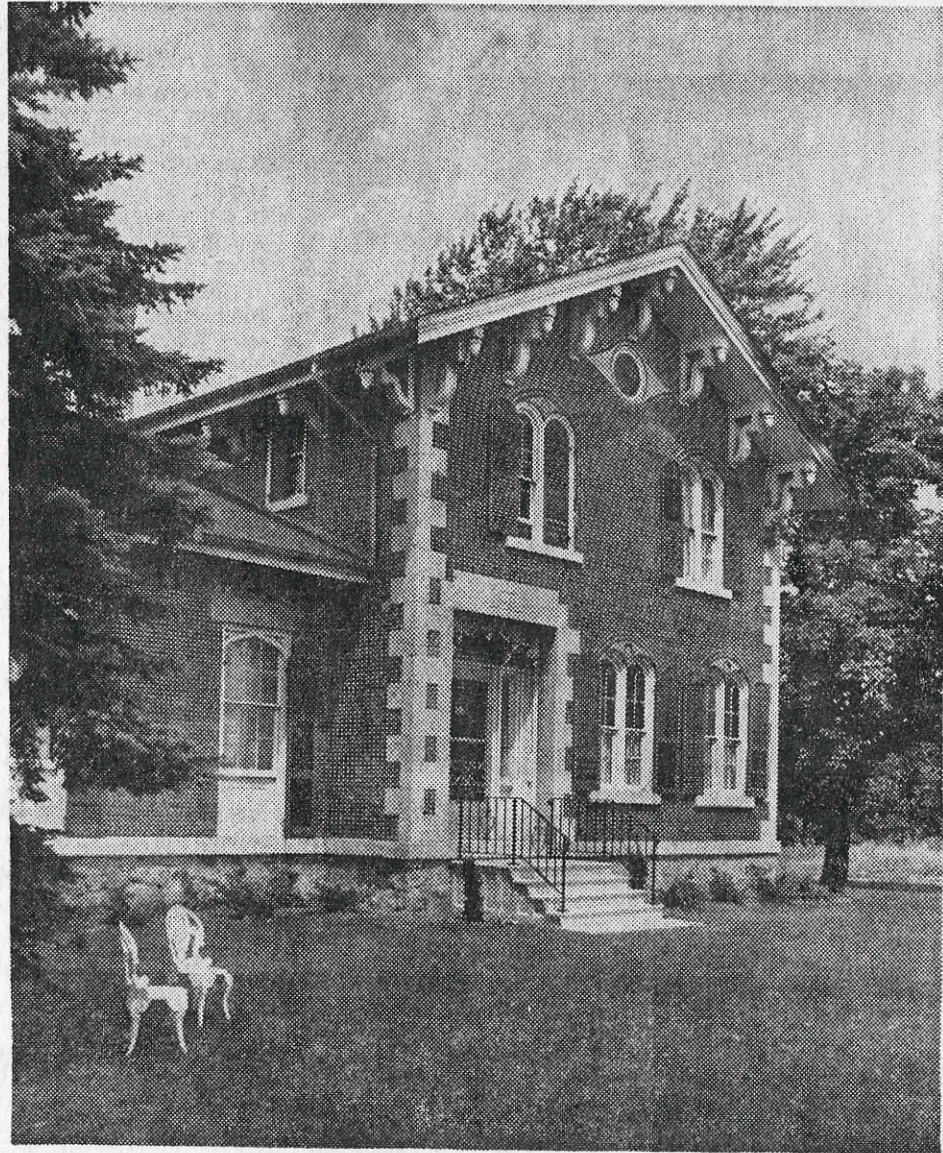
The living room, which has not yet been remodeled, has the elaborate acorn molding that matches that of the exterior.

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THE TYPICAL cobblestone

farmhouse on the tour is that owned by the head of the mathematics department at Hobart College, Dr. John Klein, and Mrs. Klein. It is located on West Swamp Road, south of Route 245 in nearby Gorham.

The Kleins are among the tour homeowners who also have furnishings that will be of interest to antique lovers. The dining room is furnished with antiques from Pennsylvania, including a Hepplewhite table that is an old Quaker family piece and an antique stu-



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of the Italian villa, and is one of the last of the era. It's on Route 245.

dent desk. A dry sink sits under the mantel.

In two bedrooms are distinguished antique beds.

The roof of the farmhouse is made of Victorian multi-colored slate shingles.

Members of the Cobble-

stone Society and the Geneva Historical Society will assist the home-owners as hosts and guides.