

Sodus Center Cobblestone Schoolhouse (Site)  
HISTORY SHEET  
General Information  
This is more likely NOT a cobblestone

Name of Structure: Sodus Center Schoolhouse<sup>1</sup>

Address: ~ 7788 School St (S side, near corner)

Parcel ID: (544289) 70116-00-570681

Atlas: 1853: "School"; 1858 "SH N<sup>o</sup> 9"; 1874: "SH"; 1904: "School"

When Built / Mason: As it cannot be verified as cobblestone or "just" stone—Unknown

When Razed: Unknown

Why: Unknown

Original Owner: No information found

Subsequently: 1921 "has not been used for school purposes for some time"

Original Use: No information found

Subsequently: n/a

Pictures: No known photographs or renderings

Description: Unknown—local newspapers are our only source of information about this schoolhouse. It is most often referred to as "stone school", just once as "cobblestone school". There are, however, numerous cobblestone houses in Sodus Center village itself, along with the now razed 2-story cobblestone barn. This gives some credence to the claim that the schoolhouse may have been of cobblestone. Some references throw that into doubt.

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<sup>1</sup> This History Sheet has been written because there is ambiguity as to whether this was a cobblestone building or not. The last section strongly suggests that it was not. Its purpose is to document what has been found for use by other researchers.

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*Sodus Record* 7/16/1920

Bernhard Josefson, a Swede, was brought to the village lock-up by Officer Williams Saturday night, on complaint of residents of Sodus Centre. Josefson had taken up his residence in the **cobblestone school** house near that village which has not been used for school purposes for some time. His peculiar actions made the residents of that locality uneasy and they decided it was best to have him looked after. He remained in the village lock-up over Sunday, and the fore part of the week was placed at work under observation, after which further disposition of his case will be made.

Note: This is the sole reference to this schoolhouse as being cobblestone. The following references all come from Harry Messinger, who was correspondent for the *Sodus Record* for a number of years.

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4/28/1933 — OUT OF THE MAILBAG - Harry Messinger

"Received word of Fred Sucher's death recently. He lived at Lyons. I went to school with him at Sodus Center over sixty years ago, in the little **stone school house** on the hill. He was one of the best boys in school."

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10/5/1928 — OUT OF THE MAILBAG - Harry Messinger

About 57 years ago Mr Fuller taught the Sodus Center school. My three brothers and I lived in that district at the time and went to the little stone school house on the hill (all taken away years ago). He was a young man at that time and had some pupils older than he was. About 70 attended school that winter.

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6/11/1936 — OUT OF THE MAILBAG - Harry Messenger  
Morris Tower was a schoolmate of my father's many years ago in the little stone school house east of Sodus Center.

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11/7/1935 — OUT OF THE MAILBAG - Harry Messinger  
David Shepherson and I were school mates for a long time in the little stone school house on the hill east of Sodus Center.

## Or was it a stone building, not a cobblestone?

Is this the same building?????

If so, the year 1817 would pretty much rule it out as being a cobblestone building.

<http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/search?co=1546&t=27981&i=t&d=09/01/1922-9/01/1922&bcn=1&e=old%20stone%20school%20house&m=between&ord=e1> Sodus Record, 9/1/1922

"Do you remember the old stone school house with its seats and desks running around the outside of the room that stood on the site of our present modern school building? How many now living who read this item were students in the old building? The old building was erected in 1817. The school district officers at that time were Samuel Rositer, Henry H Peeler, and Ruloff Butler trustees, John Taylor Jr clerk, and Augustus Hess collector. The meeting at which these officers were elected was held January 11th, 1817, at the home of Samuel Rossiter, now the residence of Mrs Elizabeth Walhizer. The first district meeting held in the old—then new—house was on December 23d, 1817, at which time Daniel Arms was elected trustee in place of Henry H. Peeler, deceased. It was also "Resolved that two hundred thirty-five dollars and twenty-five cents be raised, levied, and collected on the inhabitants of the ninth school district" to pay for the schoolhouse. The locality was then known as Rossiter's Corners, and Sodus Centre was not so named until several years later."

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"SODUS CENTRE... John D Alden, now a prominent resident of the county seat, and your correspondent were seat mates in the old stone school house on the site of which our present village school building stands ..."