

SODUS DISTRICT #14 SCHOOLHOUSE "Granger Schoolhouse" (Site)
HISTORY SHEET
General Information

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Name of Structure: Sodus Dist #14 SH, "Granger Schoolhouse"¹

Address: 6977 Maple Ave, opposite Mud Lane (43°15'06.7"N 77°03'49.2"W)

Parcel ID: (544289) 69118-00-233524

Atlas: 1853: "School"; 1858 "S.H. N^o 14"; 1874: "S.H."; 1904: "S.H."

When Built / Mason: 1831

When Razed: 1878

Why: New replacement school

Original Owner: School Trustees

Original Use: School

Subsequently: Cobblestone used as a schoolhouse until it was torn down

Pictures: No known photographs or renderings

Description: Unknown. There is one newspaper that reports this stone schoolhouse was torn down and a replacement school was built on the site. This is the only known written record of the existence of the stone schoolhouse.

Synopsis:

This schoolhouse was locally known as the "Granger Schoolhouse", so-called in honor of superintendent F.H. Granger (Francis Hayden "Frank" Granger) who died the same year the new schoolhouse was built.

References

This is the sole written material found that substantiates the schoolhouse on the property just prior to the new one being built in 1878 was a stone school—no mention of cobblestone.
http://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/viewer/?i=f&d=01011850-12311878&e=school%20district%20no%2014&m=between&ord=e1&fn=wayne_county_alliance_usa_new_york_sodus_18780814_english_4&df=1&dt=1 Wayne County Alliance, Wed 8/14/1878

¹ This History Sheet has been written because there is ambiguity as to whether this was a cobblestone building or not, as explained in the last section.

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"As we go to press we regret to learn of the sudden death of F.H. Granger, Esq, a prominent and well-known citizen."

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"School District No 14 — The new school house a mile north of the village is one of the best, in proportion to its size and cost, that can be found for miles around. **By its erection one more stone school house has disappeared** ... The new building is of wood and was erected ... under the superintendence of F. H. Granger, trustee; the latter having given to the work his close personal attention ... The school house is placed farther back from the road than the old."

"... The above article with its incidental tribute and worth of Mr Granger possesses now a special interest from the sad fact of his sudden death announced elsewhere."

<https://waynehistorians.org/Places/site.php?site=675&image=1071>

"According to NYGEN, this school was originally built in 1831 and was rebuilt in 1878. This single-room schoolhouse closed in 1946. ... The deed to the property is circa 1837. It is believed that the first schoolhouse was a cobblestone school. This was torn down and the wooden schoolhouse was built in 1878. Former students say as many as 60 students attended in three terms. According to Clark's *History of Sodus Churches*, it was the location of Baptist Church Services."

Or was it a stone building, not a cobblestone?

In 2014 I spent an afternoon at the Sodus Public Library doing research. Bette Bugni, then the librarian there, asked if I knew about the cobblestone Granger School. No, I had never heard of it. Unfortunately she had no pictures, but assured me that it was a cobblestone. I asked to look through the files to find out more. She directed me to an area with several file drawers of various local information, but I found nothing there about the schoolhouse (and very little about cobblestone buildings in the town). The upshot of this is that Bette Bugni is the local expert on the schoolhouses of the town, and she has done in depth research on them. As she has not been able to cite specific reference material or other evidence to verify this was an actual cobblestone schoolhouse, thus we will have to take her at her word.