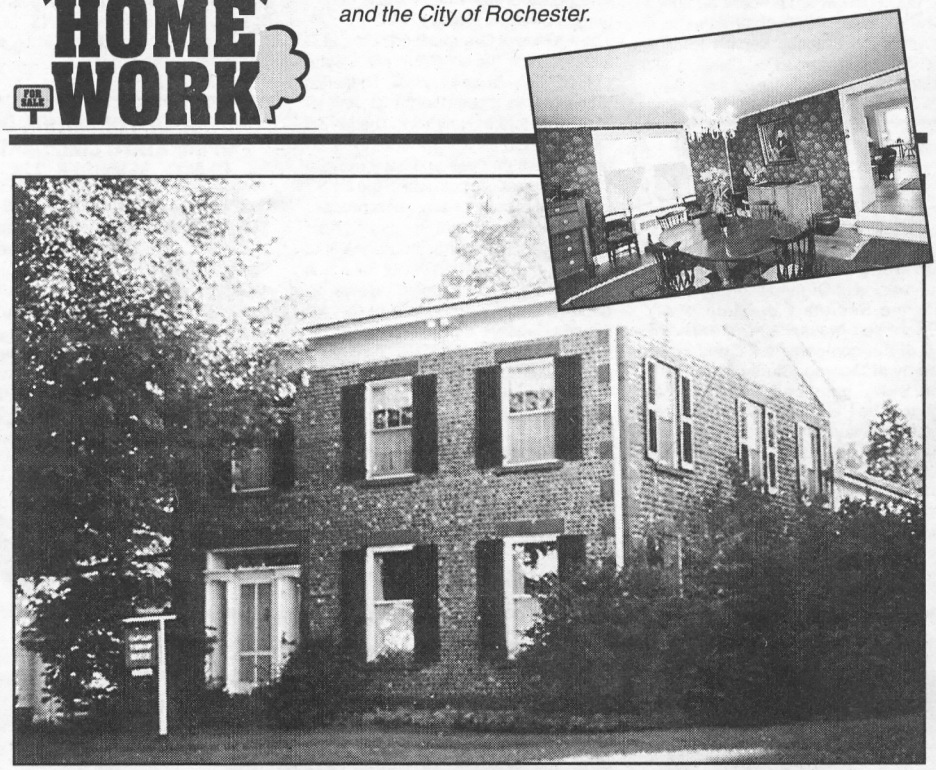
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Take the Captain's Seat in Historic Pultneyville

Did you ever dream of owning an historic house in a quaint, coastal New England village, perhaps, the home of a ship captain; or a cobblestone house; or a bed and breakfast? Well, the cobblestone Captain Throop House, located in the picturesque hamlet of Pultneyville on the shore of Lake Ontario, may be *your* dream house.

Built in 1832, this handsome structure is notable for its cobblestone construction, elegant Federal-style entrance, and historic significance as a monument to its builder/owner, Captain Horatio Nelson Throop (1807-1884). Captain Throop built and commanded lake vessels, including schooners, yachts and steamers. Prior to the Civil War, Throop ran the American line that took passengers and freight between Lewiston and Ogdensburg. The house remained in the Throop family until 1928, and a number of the Captain's possessions, including furniture, portraits, and maritime memorabilia are still displayed in the house. The property's second owners, the Graper sisters, operated a public tea room.

The third and current owners purchased the house in 1992 and opened it as a bed and breakfast in 1993. They have preserved and restored its many fine architectural features, including the beautiful woodwork, plank floors, and the unique, corked "witches bottles," which are located in the ceiling of the first floor library. To find out more about these intriguing items, you must visit the house!

The spacious, 3700-sq.-ft. interior includes the main cobblestone house and a frame section in the rear. The cobblestone portion currently serves as the public rooms of the bed-and-breakfast operation and features a front parlor/tea room, library, dining room, and kitchen on the first floor and three bedrooms on the second floor. Off the dining room is a delightful screened-in porch. The owners' private quarters are located in the frame portion and consist of a downstairs bedroom suite and kitchen, and a second-floor office and workshop.

In the pleasant backyard are perennial gardens, a small herb garden, and an outdoor, wood-burning bread oven for cooking picnic pizzas or other baked items. A two-story barn will answer anyone's storage needs. The deep, half-acre lot stretches back to "Pig Lane," a charming walkway through the hamlet that parallels Salmon Creek.

The Captain Throop House at 4184 Washington Street is just one of 35 historic properties that contribute to the 19th century ambiance of this hamlet, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Once a thriving port of entry and commercial village, Pultneyville is now a quiet residential and summer tourist community and only a 30-minute drive from Rochester. The property is available for $279,900. Taxes are $6,514. The house is just coming to market and will have its first open house this Sunday, April 17, from 1-4 p.m. Or, contact Diana Boucher of Re/Max Realty Group at 249-0250.

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