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3/5 GREEK REVIVAL (1830-1860)

There is hardly a road in Orleans County on which one can't find an example of Greek Revival architecture. This large Greek Revival Cobblestone residence, for sale, on Main Street in Lyndonville is owned by Mrs. Joe R. Billingsley. Built by the Blood Family in 1846 of very small, carefully sized water-rounded stones it remains as one of the best examples of the ninety-three cobblestone buildings in Orleans County. Unmistakable Greek Revival features of this home include the massive cornice or entablature, low-pitched roof, frieze windows above the porch and columned entrance with narrow rectangular side lights. The grouping of masses with a large two-story portion and a lower side wing is typical of many wooden and brick Greek Revival homes in our area. The brick DAR Chapter House on North Main Street in Albion is a notable example of Greek Revival detailing. The Billingsley home is the only cobblestone house in Orleans County located within a village limits. Its dark wooden trim blends richly with the cobbles and Medina Sandstone used for sills, lintels and the very unique stone arch in the pediment. Skill and care in assembling this home and its restoration by the Billingsleys several years ago make it one of Orleans County's most remarkable and historic residences.