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TO BE ON COBBLESTONE TOUR

Let me begin the story of this cobblestone house pictured above by quoting from Copeland's Clarendon 1889 by David Sturges Copeland. "Beyond is a lake-stone house, where Orson Butterfield lately resided.....The material for building was brought from the shores of Lake Ontario in 1849 and these stones were nicely joined by Thompson & Steele, the cut stone all hammered out by D. R. Bartlett, the stonecutter of Clarendon. This is the only lake-stone house in town, and presents a fine appearance at this day. The woodwork of the house was fashioned by D. F. St. John of Clarendon."

Built one hundred thirty years ago by Orson Butterfield and documented ninety years ago by Copeland it still "presents a fine appearance at this day". Located at 4690 Bennett's Corners Road, this handsome cobblestone house in the Creek Revival Style is now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Spencer. The date of the house is incised in a stone set in the front gable while Mr. Butterfield's initials are incised on a stone in the rear gable. The cobbles are water rounded stone of various color with limestone being used for lintels and sills. Protected from the weather by the porch roof, the cobblestone detailing there still retains its original crispness with the horizontal and vertical beaded joints still showing.

On Saturday, June 9 this home will be one of six open from 1-5 p.m. on the 19th annual Cobblestone Tour of homes sponsored by the Cobblestone Society. Tickets are now available at the Swan Library for \$3.00 or may be purchased the day of the tour from 11-3 at the Clarkson Town Hall at Routes 19 and 104.