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SMALL BUT HISTORIC

Gov. Rutus Brown Bullock 1834-1907 depicted in photo No. 1 grew up in Albion, N.Y. In the late 1850's he went south as a telegrapher for the railroad. He joined the Confederacy and was with Gen. Lee at Appomattox. Following the Civil War during the Reconstruction Period he helped organize the Republican Party in the State of Georgia and became a two-term Governor of that state. In 1870 he returned to his family home diagonally across from the Baptist Church on West Park Street which is now the Noon residence.

In 1920 E. F. Fancher purchased the Bullock house and installed inside plumbing. The Bullock privy which stood in the back yard was carted off by Fernando Fancher to a tenant farm located on Lime Kiln Road. In 1923 he gave the privy to an in-law, Nelson Welch who had it moved to his home on Ashwood Road west of Waterport. Photo No. 2 shows how he attached it to the rear of his house.

Recently the privy has been given to the Cobblestone Museum at Childs by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Cooper of Ashwood Road (Mrs. Cooper is the daughter of Nelson Welch.) On Saturday, June 2 it was moved to its new location in back of the Cobblestone Church. Photo No. 3 shows it in the moving process. Equipment and help for this moving venture was contributed by A. J. Roth, Bruce Sartwell and Jerry Monagan. Photo No. 4 shows the privy in its final resting place ready for restoration which includes a new wood shingle roof, patching the plaster inside and painting. When complete it will function solely as an historic building exhibit which Gov. Bullock once used.