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A TOUR OF HOMES

Mark the date of Saturday, June 3, 1989! At that time the Cobblestone Society has scheduled a tour of historic homes in Albion and vicinity from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tickets (booklets and maps) on the day of the tour may be purchased beginning at 11:00 a.m. either at the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church in Albion where members will be serving a light lunch, or at the Cobblestone Museum Complex in Childs. Included in the price of the tour will be all seven buildings at the museum complex which will be open for viewing beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The Cobblestone Society has not held a tour of homes since 1980. The purpose of such a tour this year is two-fold. First, it has been designed for a money-making project and second, it has been arranged as an educational event whereby tour participants can see and learn about local history, architecture, antiques, art and ultimately aesthetics. Eight beautiful residences have been selected for their artistic interiors, four of which are cobblestone construction while the other four are either frame or brick.

The two interior views which accompany this article, show the dining room in the cobblestone home of Roger Washburn on Marsh Creek Road in the Town of Carlton. This house, which will be on tour, was constructed in the early 1840's of lake-washed stone for William Henry. After being uninhabited for several years, it was rescued by Jerim Klapper in the mid-1960's and restored. More recently it was owned by Dr.

Rogers and now Mr. Washburn, who has carefully decorated the home in a true country flavor of the early 19th century. You will notice in these dining room pictures a simple dropleaf table, Windsor chairs and an old pine cupboard filled with Ironstone china. A corner fireplace adds a cheery focal point and a sense of hospitality to the entire room.

A dark red paint is used on the woodwork, which is Greek Revival in style and original to the dwelling. The other three cobblestone homes, which will be included on this self-guided tour are "The Tinkers Dam" on Route 98, which was built in the late 1830's, the Lattin residence on the Gaines Basin Road, built in the mid-1840's and "Lake Manse" as it was once known, or the Hume residence built in 1846 on Butts Road.

To give variety and interest in the tour, other forms of architecture have been included. The Dudwick-Monica residence with the Albion Antique Shop in the adjoining carriage barn, will be one stop in Albion. Also in the village, will be the mid-19th century residence of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lyman. In the hamlet of Gaines on Route 104 the Madaferi residence will also be shown. The newest residence on the tour will be the large brick house just south of Albion on Route 98, built by Stephen Hallock in 1879 and now owned by Dave and Sue Nicholson.

Briefly, this gives you a rundown on what homes are on the tour. In other articles to follow, you will see glimpses of some of the other aforementioned dwellings and read about their history.