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OLD TIME VIEWS



I am pleased to announce that the Cobblestone Museum has just published a set of post cards using old photos. This series of 15 different old-time views is now available through the Swan Library and the Cobblestone Museum. Pictures which have been selected were chosen mostly because they related either to the Cobblestone Museum or the Historic Court House District. Because these are areas which are focal points for tourists and local people alike, the cards will serve as souvenirs. For the most part, the pictures are of familiar scenes of long ago which are still recognizable. Some of the pictures do however, include unusual subjects. A title and other brief identification along with the picture appear on the front of the card while the back includes a short historical write-up about the subject plus writing space and a spot for address and stamp.

Indeed, there is a goodly amount of local history through these cards. They are as follows:

No. 1 The Cobblestone Church at Childs, circa 1895 — the oldest cobblestone church in North America.

No. 2 The Pullman Memorial Universalist Church, circa 1895, with horse and buggy in front of it.

No. 3 Swan Library, circa 1902, showing Main Street before the Odd Fellows Temple was built in 1907.

No. 4 St. Joseph's School, Rectory and Church, circa 1906 before alterations were made to the rectory.

No. 5 The Village Inn, circa 1875 when it was known as the Fair-Haven House, compliments of Tom and Mark Tillman.

No. 6 The Cobblestone School, Dist. No. 5 of Gaines circa 1880, showing teacher and pupils in front of the building.

No. 7 The 1939 WPA mural in the Albion Post Office showing the Barge Canal and lift bridge.

No. 8 An early truck circa 1915 parked at the Court House Square from the Barre Town Historian.

It is the truck which is shown above. The post card includes the following information: This early truck was owned by the Orleans County Independent Oil Corp. Note there is no windshield or doors on the cab. It has hard rubber tires on wooden spokes, is chain driven and one set of headlamps are for acetylene gas. In the background we see a portion of the Orleans County Clerk's Office which was erected in 1882-83. It was designed in the Eastlake Style by Isaac Perry a noted architect. The building now also houses the Orleans County Legislature chambers.

No. 9 A horse-drawn hearse pictured at the historic Court House District circa 1905. Compliments of Merrill-Grinnell, Inc.

No. 10 A horseless carriage in 1899 in front of the Village Inn. This same picture recently appeared in this column Vol. XV No. 14.

No. 11 The Albion Police Department in 1925. The picture shows Ed Hazelbaker at the handle bars of a Harley Davidson Motorcycle with Police Chief Horace Kelsey seated in the side car.

No. 12 The Effigy of Hitler which appeared on the Court House lawn in 1943 with the scrap metal pile.

No. 13 The 1898 AHS Football Team (integrated) showing a mascot dog.

No. 14 Albion Fire Fighters in 1912 showing the chief's car and Dye Hose and Chemical Truck.

No. 15 The County Court House with Clerk's Office in 1895, from Main Street.

For out-of-towners these cards may be procured by sending a SASE to the Cobblestone Society, Box 363, Albion, NY 14411. Indicate which numbers you desire and how many. The cost is 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. In time more old time scenes may be reproduced.