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TOUR OF HOMES

The Cobblestone Society has announced that it will have a tour of historic homes in the Albion Area on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 1-5 p.m. Tickets for the tour at \$10.00 each will be on sale that day beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Cobblestone Museum Church in Childs (rts. 104 & 98) and the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church in Albion at the corner of Main and East Park Street. The above map shows the route for the self-guided driving tour and a thumbnail sketch of each building which will be open.

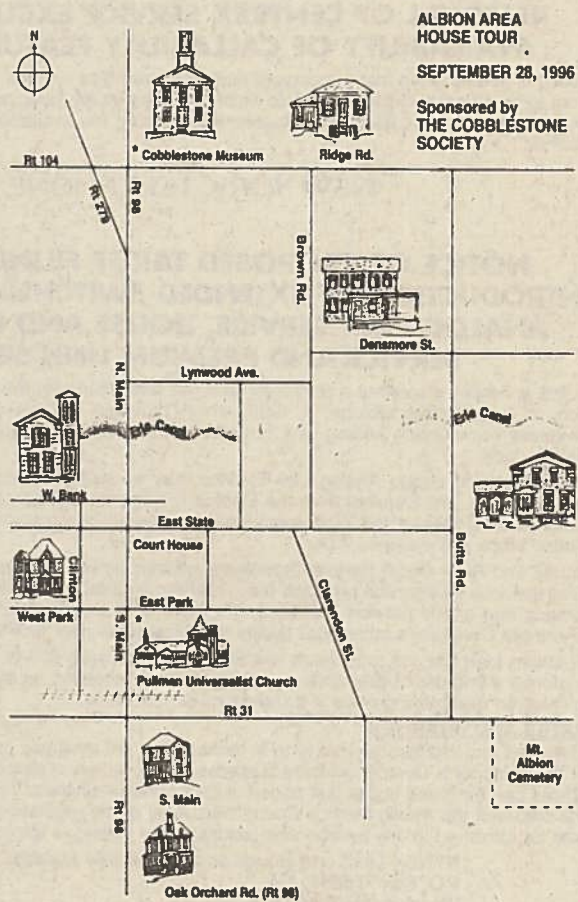
Two of the private residences on the tour are cobblestone. One, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Braunbach, was built in the 1830's of fieldstone. It has been extensively restored and enhanced with a modern, yet compatible rear wing. The other cobblestone home, once known as Lake Manse, was built in 1846 by Nathaniel Lake of lakewashed cobblestone. Several different patterns of stone are used, including the herringbone pattern in the cellar foundation. This Greek Revival home is now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lyman and family and it is situated in an estate-like setting with beautiful lawns and shrubs.

The home of Mr. Ray Corbin, the only frame dwelling on the tour, is an Italian Villa presumed to have been designed by Wm. V.N. Barlow around 1870. It was once the residence of former Village of Albion Mayor, Donna Rodden. It features a three-story tower and a magnificent winding staircase. Mr. Corbin has undertaken extensive restoration work to enhance the architectural features.

The other three residences on the tour are of red brick. Tour goers will be delighted to see the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garlock. It is one of the best examples of the Eastlake Style in Albion. It was once the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garrett and later, the home of Dr. and Mrs. John McKenna. The house features an unusual roof line and two original stained glass side lights at the front door.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, better known as Friendship Manor, will also be a tour stop. Built by the Hart Family in the 1880's, this large dwelling is a dominating landmark near the Village of Albion limits.

Just south of Albion, the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Nicholson will also be open for visitors. This elegant residence was built in 1879 for Steven Hallock. It was designed by Wm. V.N. Barlow and like the Corbin residence, features a dominating tower as a center piece. Barlow was known for designing buildings with towers or cupolas which earned him the nick name of "High Rickety." This evidentially came about because he worked off



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high rickety scaffoldings. At any rate, the Nicholson's have faithfully restored their home with fine antique furnishings and authentic wallpapers which emulate the 1880's time frame.

Along with the private residences, tour goers will also have the opportunity to see at Childs, N.Y., the oldest cobblestone church (1834) in North America and a small cobblestone house museum once owned by Horace Greeley. It seems that Greeley co-signed for his aunt and uncle who lived there in the mid-1860's, but when they defaulted on the mortgage payments, Greeley as cosigner, was obligated to buy the house. He never lived there. It too, is decorated in period furniture.

The Pullman Memorial Universalist Church will be open for visitors. Built in 1894, it was designed by Solon S. Beman of Chicago in the style Old English Gothic. It contains many Tiffany windows and architectural integrity. It was a gift to local Universalists from George M. Pullman as a memorial to his parents. It essentially took the place of the old Cobblestone church at Childs.