

## Cobblestone Museum opens for summer

It was just 30 years ago that this picture was taken for the 1971 opening of the Cobblestone Museum at Childs.

Pictured here is Homer C. Brown who is standing next to yours truly, C.W. Lattin. Brown was one of the founders of the Cobblestone Society Museum in 1960 and served on the board of directors.

It was my first season as museum director when the picture was taken. Brown died later that summer. He had for years acted as the caretaker of the Cobblestone Church when still held by Universalists. This picture was taken in what is now the Proctor Room in the basement of the Cobblestone Church. This area at the time was being used for various historical exhibits.

Thirty years ago the Cobblestone Museum simply consisted of two cobblestone buildings, namely

the church and school house. Since that time several other historical buildings have either been purchased or moved on to the grounds.

The last was in 1999 — a voting house now used for an ongoing book sale next to J.P.'s Market at Routes 104 and 98. With this addition, a garden court was created which has since been made a memorial to Homer C. Brown and his daughter Marcia Brown Hart.

Thirty years ago it would have been hard to imagine the growth which has since taken place and the interest which has developed surrounding the Cobblestone Museum. As in the past, the museum is open daily (except Mondays) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m., until Labor Day.

Check out the daily book sale or take an hour or so for a guided tour of the Cobblestone Museum buildings.

