
Bethinking of ⁷⁻⁷⁻⁸² Old Orleans

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THE COBBLESTONE RESOURCE CENTER

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This week I have invited Mrs. Della Robinson who is Deputy Town Historian in Gaines and also librarian of the newly established Cobblestone Resource Center to share some facts and tell us about it. The Resource Center along with the Cobblestone Museum Complex at Childs will now be open daily except Mondays through Labor Day and thereafter on Sundays in September and October. The following material is from Mrs. Robinson!

This cobblestone blacksmith shop, which once stood in Millville was destroyed by workers trying to dry dynamite by "Warming it".

Cobblestone was sold by the "cord" as contested to by an advertisement in the Canandaigua Messenger, January 9, 1850.

Chester Clark who was a stone mason in Wayne County, New York was also the mason for several of the buildings in Beloit, Wisconsin.

When the first long distance telephone call was made from Brantford to Paris, Ontario, Canada, Alexander Graham Bell was residing in the cobblestone house at 22 Church Street, Paris with his father, Professor Melville Bell.

Pyrus Smith, who was the mason for the Howard House in Aurora, Ohio died in a Texan prison camp in the Civil War.

Documented buildings in the Brighton, England, vicinity indicate conclusively that exact prototypes of American cobblestone masonry construction (c. 1825 - 1860) were built along the English Channel in and near Brighton in the eighteenth and early nineteenth century.

These facts and many more can be found in the new Cobblestone Resource Center at the Cobblestone Museum this season. The collection will be the most complete resource for any researcher, historian, cobblestone homeowner or interested public.

The collection will contain pictures and histories of the nearly 800 cobblestone buildings which were constructed in North America. In addition it will include: information on the masons, mortar, lime kilns, stone quarries, period landscaping, preservation and restoration, data from 19th century publications, studies done by students and professionals; individual county and historical society cobblestone publications, studies of prototype flint buildings in England and history of the Cobblestone Society.

Orleans County and the Cobblestone Society not only preserve history but they make history with the opening of the Cobblestone Resource Center - the only collection of its kind in the world!