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During the past year and a half this column has featured a series of articles entitled ARCHITECTURE DESTROYED. Over twenty architecturally significant buildings which no longer exist in Orleans County have been pictured. Many favorable comments about these stories have been received. Because of this, I have been encouraged to now compile all this material into a book. Therefore, I am very pleased to announce that the Cobblestone Society will publish such a book entitled ARCHITECTURE DESTROYED IN ORLEANS COUNTY, NEW YORK. This publication will illustrate close to forty destroyed buildings covering almost every township in the county.

This volumn will essentially be a picture book of old photos printed on glossy paper. Colored photographs of two destroyed buildings will adorn the front and back covers. The book will be divided into chapters according to architectural style. These chapters will include: Federal (Classical Revival), Greek Revival, Cobblestone Architecture, Gothic Revival, Italinete, Second Empire, Stick Style, Queen Anne, Victorian-Romanesque, Colonial Revival and finally, a chapter entitled Miscellany. Each chapter will be illustrated with the appropriate destroyed buildings. No present day on-site pictures will be included, however. This book should also be a good guide to identifying the various architectural styles of existing buildings.

Mr. Robert E. Waters of Medina will write the Forward and the chapter on Cobblestone ARchitecture will be written by Mrs. Delia Robinson, Research Director of the Cobblestone Society Resource Center. The book will be edited and proof-read by Miss Jane Pearce of Holley. Mr. Howard Bowen is working on promotion. It will be of large format and consist of at least forty pages. We can expect its release in late November for the Christmas market this season.

To date no price has been set.

This book should be of county-wide interest by showing a variety of buildings in various locations. Much of our significant architecture was wrecked long enough ago that the present generation has no idea of what once graced our landscape. We hope this book will serve to show other generations the foolish destructive mistakes perpetrated in the past and the importance of preservation.

How can you help? The Cobblestone Society will publish in the book, a list of Memorial Names, Individual Patrons, and Business Patrons. A donation of \$5.00 will cover a single name or a Mr. and Mrs. either on the memorial page or individual patrons page. Business Patrons will be included for a donation of \$15.00 allowing business name, address and phone. To become a patron make out your check to the Cobblestone Society and mail to C.W. Lattin, County Historian, Central Hall, 34 E. Park St., Albion, N.Y. 14411. All donations must be received by mid-October.