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“ARCHITECTURE DESTROYED IN ORLEANS COUNTY, NEW YORK”

It is with pride and pleasure that I now announce the release of my forthcoming book “Architecture Destroyed in Orleans County, New York”. This volume which has been published by the Cobblestone Society will be formally released at an author’s night reception on Friday November 30 between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. in the Swan Library at Albion. The book which measures 11 x 14½ inches, has forty pages with seventy-six illustrations (mostly old photographs), all of significant destroyed buildings. There are over fifty such structures shown which include at least one destroyed building from each township in Orleans County.

The book has been divided into eleven chapters according to architectural styles. These are: I Federal or Classical Revival, II Greek Revival, III Cobblestone Buildings, IV Gothic Revival, V Italianate, VI Second Empire, VII Stick Style, VIII Queen Anne, IX Victorian Romanesque, X Colonial Revival and XI Miscellany (or oddities). The text of every chapter consists of a general architectural analysis of each style, while the specific caption with an individual picture describes the historical highlights of the building.

Full color pictures decorate the front and back covers of the large-size book which has been designed as a coffee table art book rather than one specifically on local history. Although soft bound, these books have a very attractive quality, being printed on fine glossy paper.

Many individuals have helped in the production of the volume which is being printed at the Lake Country Pennysaver. Avis W. Lattin typed all the manuscript and captions. Della Robinson, Director of the Cobblestone Society Resource Center has written Chapter III on Cobblestone buildings; Robert E. Waters has written the Foreword, Louis Monacelli has done much of the photographic work and Jane T. Pearce has edited the work. Many other people who have helped in numerous ways are mentioned in the acknowledgment section of the book. I know the Cobblestone Society wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to all the patrons of the book who are listed on the last four pages.

“Architecture Destroyed in Orleans County, New York” is to be a limited edition of only 1000 copies. Many long-forgotten buildings will be pictured such as the one of the Lakeside Hotel shown above. This photo which was taken around 1890, shows that the hotel was in the Stick Style, a popular mode of construction during the 1880’s and 90’s for resort architecture. The Lakeside Hotel was built in 1882 by Bruce S. Hoag and torn down around 1935. It was located in Lakeside Park overlooking the mouth of Johnson’s Creek at Lake Ontario in the Town of Carlton.

Many local historical facts are included in this book as well as architectural information. The book could easily serve as a guide to identify various architectural styles even though all the illustrations are of destroyed buildings. It is intended that this attractive and unique volume will make cherished Christmas gifts. It will be available beginning November 30 at 7:00 P.M. in Swan Library, and on December 1 at Holley Community Free Library, Lee Whedon Library and Curvin’s in Medina, the H & A Superette in Childs and Barnyard Calicos in Gaines. Each copy will sell for \$6.50 including tax and \$7.50 each post paid by sending directly to C.W. Lattin, Central Hall, 34 East Park Street, Albion, N.Y. 14411. Make checks payable to the Cobblestone Society.