

COBBLESTONE STRUCTURES

ALBANY COUNTY

- 1 - Schoolhouse, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center Dist 6
- 2 - Receiving Vault, Osborn Corners Cemetery, S of Guilderland Center
- 3 - Schoolhouse, Ostrander Rd., W of Grant Hill Rd., Guilderland Dist 1

+ Site - Dist #9 - Osborn Corners

+ Cemetery Receiving Vault near
RT 20. Prospect Hill, Chartered
1854, Receiving Vault, 1863"

ADDITIONS TO SCHMIDT'S LIST

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Alb - 1

On Route 146 in Guilderland Center, there is a schoolhouse built in 1860 by R. E. Zeh. The quoins are gray limestone, and are elongated in length and variable in height. The door and windows have quoin-like cut stones on their sides. The windows have lintels of gray limestone, while the door has an arch of blocks of cut stones. The cobblestones are smooth and rounded and are of varied color. Mortar surrounding the stones is tan in color and is spread with a fairly flat surface from which a portion of the stones protrudes. The mortar surface shows slightly wavy areas where it was worked around the stones. Because of the variable height of the quoins, the number of rows of stones is variable. Stones in the front wall are smaller than those on the sides. In some areas, the line where work was interrupted for a time is easily seen.

Alb - 2

In Guilderland Center, at the corner of Rt. 146 and Osborn Rd., Osborn Corners, a right turn brings one to the entrance to Guilderland Cemetery. Beside the entrance road is a receiving vault built in 1872. A marble tablet and the keystone in the arch over the door both are inscribed with that date. The quoins are fairly uniform square cut blocks of limestone and occur at the sides of the door as well as the corners. Stones are round and smooth and are of various colors set in a matrix of mortar in a manner identical to Alb - 1. In spite of the fairly uniform quoins, the number of rows of stones per quoin varies from 4 to 5 in the front wall, while on the sides where the stones are larger, there are 3 rows per quoin. Here again, the interruption of work is marked by a line of incomplete fusion of the upper or later layer of mortar with the lower or earlier. This building appears to have been constructed by the same mason as Alb - 1.

Alb - 3

In Guilderland, on Ostrander Rd., west of Grant Hill Rd., a schoolhouse has fairly regular limestone quoins at the corners, windows and doors. Stones and mortar are like Alb - 1 and 2, and this schoolhouse was no doubt constructed by R. E. Zeh. The number of rows of stones per quoin varies with the size of the stones, which are smaller in the front than in the back.