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COBBLESTONE STRUCTURES

CORTLAND COUNTY

- 1 - First Universalist Church, Church & Elm Sts., Cortland
- 2 - Harmony Grange, Blodgett Mills
- 3 - Takaph, 3121 Clute Rd., Blodgett Mills

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ADDITIONS TO SCHMIDT'S LIST

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COR - 2

Harmony Grange on the northwest corner of the crossroads at Blodgett Mills has a one story section extending across about two-thirds of the front wall. The left side is cobblestone, as is part of the back wall. The remainder of the building is covered with simulated yellow brick siding. Only two corners have quoins, which are large thin blocks of square cut brown sandstone or gray limestone. At the back corner, the quoins are more irregular than those in the front. Stones are laid irregularly in 3 Or 4 rows per quoin. Window lintels are gray limestone.

The rear wall has an area with hexagonal mortar surrounding the stones. This type of mortar handling occurs in only one other county -- Orleans. In that county, 29 buildings show this type of mortar, usually on a back wall, and of this number, 14 are in the town of Gaines, which is 50% of the structures in Gaines.

COR - 3

At 3121 Clute Road, Blodgett Mills, there is a house, the first floor of which is cobblestone. Visible quoins are square cut red sandstone. Stones are relatively large and are of various colors. The vertical mortar is raised in ridges which are truncate at the top and bottom. Horizontal mortar is depressed, apparently by pressing a tool in the soft mortar, which produced a groove with a ridge just beneath the upper row of stones and another ridge just above the lower row. The window lintels are made of wood.