

COBBLESTONE STRUCTURESLIVINGSTON COUNTYCaledonia

- 1 - Root, 2 miles E of town on Route 5
- 2 - Clements, W. River Rd. & Route 20

Conesus

- 1 - Watkins, Federal Rd., just N of Crocketts Corners. Same mason as Con-2
- 2 - Pavlove, Sliker Hill Rd., W of village. Same mason as Con-1

Geneseo

- 1 - W. P. Wadsworth, S end of Main St., inside stone wall. (1912)
- 2 - Adair, 770 W. Lake Rd. at Long Point (1849)
- 3 - School #5, Livingston Historical Museum (1838)
- 4 - Hertford House Ground, Route 39, just N of County Court House

Groveland

- 1 - West side of Norris Rd.

Leicester

- 1 - 2049 Coverdale Rd.

Livonia

- 1 - Holland, 2534 East Lake Rd. (1831)

Lima

- 1 - Schoolhouse, 6679 Jenks Rd.
- 2 - Williamee, Poplar Hill Rd.
- 3 - Knop, 6870 Route 20 & 5, 1 mile W of village (1835)
- 4 - Erson, 7192 (Route 20 & 5) Main St. (1836)
- 5 - Yorks, 6857 Markham Heath Rd. (1800)

Nunda

- 1 - Short, 45 East St. at Fair

Portage

- 1 - Beardsley, 9269 Fitch St.

York

- 1 - Abbey of the Genesee, River Rd.
- 1A - " " " " " " " " , Smoke House
- 2 - Parnell, Garage at Crossroads in Greigsville
- 3 - Apartment (?), York Rd. & Main St.

ADDITIONS TO SCHMIDT'S LIST

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GEN - 1

This house is on the W.F. Wadsworth property at the south end of Main St. The house is to the right of the entrance, south of the stone wall. Built in 1912, it is a cobblestone facing over hollow red tiles - according to the woman who lives in it. Stones are somewhat smoothed and are irregular in both shape and size. They are embedded in a mortar matrix without horizontal ridges of mortar between roughly defined rows. The front wall has 3 rows of stones between quoins, while the other walls have 4 rows.

GEN - 4

The Hertford House grounds gate is off Route 39, just north of the Court House and Sheriff's office. Inside the gate is a gatehouse. Driving down the road takes you past the main house to the barn. The road continues through the barnyard and turns left, bringing into sight a small cobblestone house. The quoins are irregular in size and thus the number of rows of stones per quoin varies. Stones are slightly smoothed field stones of variable size and shape.

GRO - 1

On Morris Rd., off Maple Beach Rd., there is a two-story cobblestone House with regular quoins. Stones are smoothed, but are irregular in shape but fairly uniform in size. There are 5 rows per quoin in the front and 4 rows on the sides. Mortar is raised in wide vertical stripes between stones. Mortar contains coarse sand, some pieces being about the size of a dime.

LIM - 5

This large house is owned by Robert York and is located at 6857 Markham Heath Rd. According to Mrs. York, the house was added to on two occasions, the front or oldest section being built in 1800. The additions are added to the back, making the additions greater in square footage than the original section. The west side of the addition has a long enclosed porch. Quoins are regular and the rows of stones in the front are 4 per quoin while there are 3 rows per quoin on the sides. Stones are smoothed but are irregular in both size and shape. Between stones the mortar is raised. Both doors and windows are framed with blocks of squared stones.

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A 2½ story house at 2534 East Lake Rd., Livonia, appears to be one of the earliest in the county, being built in 1831. Quoins and lintels are of gray limestone, which has been square-cut, but not smoothed. The number of rows of stones per quoin varies from 3 to 5, with 4 being the usual number. Stones are irregular in size, shape and color and are laid without embellishment between the stones. Between rows the mortar is extended into a longitudinal strip which is v-shaped in cross-section. The mortar shows interruptions at the top of the stones in some rows, marking work stoppage for a period of time.

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Carl Schmidt describes the mortar of the Wadsworth-Adair house (GEN-2) at 770 West Lake Road as being "made from a very coarse gravel". In addition, he describes the vertical joints as being unusually wide, $1\frac{1}{4}$ -2 inches. The statement of mortar size must be in error, since the stones on the front and sides range from $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height and thus the vertical mortar would be equal to the height of the rows. Photographs show the ratio of height of stone to width of mortar to be about 2:1.

The coarse gravel mortar was found to be present in other houses, namely the house on the west side of Norris Road (GRO-1) and the Abbey of the Genesee, River Road (YOR-1). Both of these houses have thicker than usual mortar, which may indicate a relationship between builders -- either the same mason or masons from the same "school".

The smokehouse (YOR-1a) on the Abbey grounds does not contain mortar made from coarse gravel

The 3 structures with coarse gravel mortar are all within a radius of about 5 miles from Geneseo.