

COBBLESTONE STRUCTURES

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ONEIDA COUNTY

- 1 - Hop dryer, Rt. 8, N of Bridgewater
- 2 - . Stone House off Old Rt. 49, Marcy
- 3 - Rawson, South Main St., Holland Patent

ADDITIONS TO SCHMIDT'S LIST

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One - 2

This is a one and one-half story house on Stonehouse Rd., off old Rt. 49 in Marcy, and has brick quoins and the cobblestones are laid on a brick foundation. The front wall has the mortar flattened on its outer surface, and at each stone the mortar is separated from the stone so that the stone appears to protrude from a solid mortar box. On the unweathered side under the porch roof, the stones have a similar aspect, but careful observation reveals that the space between the mortar and stones is greater than it is in the front, thus making it look as if the stones are lying on the bottom of the mortar boxes. Thus the handling of the stones is similar in general, but it is probable that the walls were constructed by different masons. Window lintels and sills are gray limestone.

One - 3

There is a two story cobblestone house on Main St., Holland Patent, with four round columns almost 2 stories high. The corners of the building are pilasters made from thin gray manufactured stones. In some areas, the surface pattern on the stones is repeated, showing that they were cast in the same or similar molds. The cobblestones are of various colors and are smooth and rounded. They appear to be set in mortar like that described on the side of One - 2. In this building, the mortar shows more weathering than the house at Marcy, which is only 6 miles away. Window lintels are gray limestone. The columns on the front porch are outstanding features, but close examination suggests that they are not free formed, but that the stones have been placed around circular wooden columns. Stones are laid in different manners in each column, and in some instances it is apparent that they were not constructed at the same time. In some columns, it looks as if areas have been reconstructed, which does not appear to be possible unless the stones are veneered on wooden columns.