

COBBLESTONE STRUCTURES

Oct. 11, 1978

YATES COUNTY

- 1 - Abbott, Old State & Earl's Hill Rds.
- 2 - Jensen, 612 Geneva-Watkins Rd. (Rt. 14)
- 3 - Harris, Geneva-Watkins Rd. (Rt. 14) (1835)
- 4 - Leach, Geneva-Watkins Rd. (Rt. 14)
- 5 - Spence, Himrod-Lakemont Rd. (Co. Rd. 806)
- 6 - Beattie, Alexander Rd.
- 6A - Out house, " "
- 7 - Parker, 2492 Ferguson Corner Rd. (1843)
- 7A - " , Antique Shop
- 8 - Bates, Town Line & E. Lake Rds.
- 9 - Easling, 4420 Himrod-Dundee Rd.

ROBERT L. ROUDABUSH
709 LANDING ROAD NORTH
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14621

ADDITIONS TO SCHMIDT'S LIST

YATES COUNTY

YAT - 3

Schmidt records that the stones are laid four to a quoin, but photographs of the front wall show the number to be variable. Some quoins have three rows with a half row at the top and bottom. Others have only $3\frac{1}{2}$ rows. The quoins therefore appear to be uneven in size, as Schmidt records with the statement, "Corner quoins are from eleven to fifteen inches high".

YAT - 5

The front wall has horizontal joints with 5/8 inch wide beads, as described by Schmidt. However, this treatment occurs in only the bottom rows and extends only to a point opposite the third quoin. From this point up the horizontal joints are flatter, and so do not project from the wall surface like the lower joints do.

YAT - 6

The one and a half story house on Alexander Road has a front wall constructed of small rounded red sandstones laid six courses to the quoin. The quoins are uniform square cut gray limestone, and the ^{window}lintels are constructed of the same material. It has a porch attached to the west wall.

YAT - 6a Just west of the porch is what appears to have been an outhouse. The construction is of irregular stones and the door is placed toward the north end of the east side, making it possible for the seats to have been placed on the south end, so that occupants would not be visible through the door if opened. High in the south wall, a small grindstone is set with the central hole serving as a ventilator. Stones around the grindstone are set on radii, adding to the decorative appearance. Stones in rows are set in a herringbone pattern.

YAT - 7

At 2492 Ferguson Corner Road, the large two story house has square cut quoins of gray limestone and window lintels of the same type of stone. Stones are irregular and rough, although some have rounded edges, and are laid four courses to the quoin in the front wall (south) and the east wall. There are three courses per quoin in the west side. The vertical joints are pronounced, but are cut off so they do not touch the horizontal joints.

YAT - 7a

On the same property, just west of the house, is a one story cobblestone building used as an antique shop. The stones and handling of mortar are like the house, except that it lacks quoins and has a wooden column on the southeast corner. No photograph of the corners on the west side were taken, and their structure is not known.

YATES COUNTY

- 2 -

YAT - 8

Schmidt's description does not mention that the bottom quoins at the southeast corner are darker than the others and show signs of splitting off layers like the "bluestone" found on some Wyoming County houses.

Schmidt lists a Noble-Preston House on Canandaigua Lake, just south of the Ontario-Yates County Line. This apparently refers to the house in Gorham, Ontario County, and is in these records as GOR - 5.

YAT - 9

The so called Supplee-Green House at 4420 Himrod-Dundee Rd. (about one mile north of Dundee) is a two story house. The front wall has stones laid four rows to the quoin, while there are three rows to the quoin on the side walls. The quoins and lintels are square-cut limestone. Stones are not rounded, but are irregular and smoothed as though from glacial action. Mortar has been handled with less finesse than many other houses, and gives the appearance of being crudely constructed.

YAT - 7a

The west side was examined later and found to contain quoins.

ROBERT L. ROUDABUSH
709 LANDING ROAD NORTH
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14625