

B Davis Noxon House
Buckley Rd (west) and Seventh North Rd
Liverpool, Syracuse, NY 13211
General Information

In Glenn Hinchey's four page list of cobblestone structures published in 1993, on page 4 he lists "Lost Examples". His #39 on that list is "B. Davis Noxon House, Buckley Rd, Salina, Demolished." He cites no references and provides no information other than this simple statement.

There are, in fact, two houses on Buckley Rd, essentially across the road from one another (one north and one south of 7th North St)—one labeled 'B D Noxon', the other "B D Noxon Jr". Which of these two might be the referenced cobblestone is unknown.

Extensive research has yielded absolutely nothing to substantiate the alleged cobblestone ever existed. Lacking evidence, I consider this to be a red herring until something is found to prove otherwise. I list it here to indicate that it has been researched¹.

Name of Structure: B Davis Noxon House
Address (BDN, Sr): Buckley Road— south of 7th North St (Lot 125)
Address (BDN, Jr): Buckley Road— north of 7th North St (Military lot #17)
Hinchey's list does not specify whether the house belonged to the father or the son.
Buckley Rd aka "the Green Point road"

Atlas: 1852: 'B D Noxon'(s) and 'B D Noxon Jr' (n); 1859: 'BDN' (both)
1874: "Powers & Nutting"; "B. Gare"? ²

When Built/Mason: No information found
When Razed: No information found

Original Owner: Unknown (possibly the Noxon family is the original owner)
Subsequent owners: Unknown
Other than wall maps, there are no references to their residences

Original Use: Unknown
Subsequent Use: Unknown

¹ Glenn Hinchey email, 11/5/2017: My old 3x5 note cards give the reference for this house as "cobblestone society". Back in the early 1990s when I went there to do research, this house was on their list, but I do not remember what their source was. Most of my information about BDN comes from the newspaper sources that you gave me, and the rest from [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). This one may also be on Richard Wright's handwritten research list. I need to check on that at OHA. I wish I had more confirmation that this was a cobblestone, but so far none has turned up. OHA: Onondaga Historical Association

² Unable to track down "Powers & Nutting" or "B.Gare" (or sound alike strings)

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Pictures: None

Description:

Design details: Unknown

Masonry details: Unknown

Bartholomew Davis Noxon, Sr.

Oakwood Cemetery and Obituary Notices

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71590351/bartholomew-davis-noxon>

Born: 21-Apr-1788; Died 13-May-1869 (age 81)

Parents: Dr. Robert Noxon and Hester Davis

Son of a physician. Prominent lawyer in Central New York, located in Onondaga Hill. Had no peer in real estate law. Moved to Syracuse in 1829 and formed the law firm of Noxon & Leavenworth, the leading law firm in the village for several years.

His namesake son was also prominent in law and politics and also rests in Oakwood Cemetery.

[Newspapers Syracuse NY Daily Courier 1869 - 0521.PDF](#) (5/25/1869)

Remarks of Hon. C. B. Sedgwick — ... After reciting the end manner of Mr. Noxon's death, the speaker gave a brief sketch of his life of which the following are the most salient points. B. Davis Noxon was born at Poughkeepsie in the year 1788. His father was a practicing physician in that beautiful village. He received a good academy education and afterwards studied his profession. At that time Onondaga was a part of the far west and hither Mr. Noxon came about the year 1809, and first settled in Marcellus. Not far from this time came other young men, full of promise and glowing with ambition, who attained a high scale in their profession. Soon after his removal to Marcellus, Mr. Noxon was married to a young lady from Poughkeepsie who still survives him and is justly entitled to the love and veneration of a large circle of children and grandchildren who survive.

After a few years' residence in Marcellus Mr. Noxon moved to Onondaga Hill, then the county seat, and for many years the chief center of business and political influence. Then his professional life really began, and great victories were achieved in the important litigation that grew out of the military land grants made to the soldiers of the revolution. ...

In 1829 when public improvements had changed the business centre at the county to this place and a new Court House was built, Mr. Noxon came here from Onondaga and formed, with General Leavenworth, the law firm of Noxon & Leavenworth. For several years it was the

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leading law firm in this then growing village, and Mr. Noxon's services as counsel were sought in all the important trials in the county.

Mr. Sedgwick would sum up the character of Mr. Noxon in the language of one of the most accomplished judges of the district (Wm. F. Allen):

"He was a great man, worthy of all admiration; he was strong in his nature, good sense and sound judgement; strong in a knowledge of the law, in the rudiments and principles of which he was thoroughly rooted and grounded; strong in his knowledge of human nature and his ability and tact in the use of that knowledge; strong in his self-reliance; strong in his affections and social ties, drawing to himself with the cords of love, respect, and affections all who came to know him; strong in his love of right and justice, truth, and equity."

The Syracuse Daily Journal (Friday, May 14, 1869)

DEATH OF B. DAVIS NOXON. - B. Davis Noxon, Esq., one of the oldest and worthiest residents of this city and county, was killed yesterday afternoon, by being struck by a locomotive of an Oswego Road freight train. He was at the time walking on the track, at the outer bounds of the city, and when the signal whistle blew, half turned around for a moment, then moved ahead again, and was in the act of stepping off the track as the locomotive struck him. He was thrown several feet, receiving a scalp wound, but not otherwise disfiguring him. But the shock was sufficient to end the life of one of his years and condition.

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The link to the above is no longer available.

See [Newspapers Syracuse NY Daily Courier 1869 - 0489.PDF](#) (5/15/1869) "The Death of Hon. B. Davis Noxon" for a similar reporting of his fatal accident

[Syracuse NY Daily Standard 1869 Grayscale - 0487.pdf](#) (5/25/1869)

This is an exceptionally long article, with fond remembrances by his fellow associates in the court about his integrity, etc. I picked out a couple passages, but definitely is worth the time to read the entire four column article.

"He was passionately fond of agriculture and horticulture... I should do injustice to Mr Noxon's character if I omitted to state that one of his noticeable points was a love of nature. He took the greatest delight in his garden. I think in the height of his fame as a lawyer he was more gratified to raise a good seeding plum, which should bear his name, than to win the weightiest cause in court. His hours of leisure and relaxation were spent in his garden... never had any enjoyment more than he found in his orchard and garden at Green Point.

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He was always a keen sportsman. There was no end to his anecdotes on dogs, no limit to his enthusiasm over a new and ingenious fly which would attract a wary and lurking trout from his hiding place."

[Hudson NY Daily Star 1869 - 0469.pdf](#) (Friday, May 14, 1869)

Fatal Accident — Syracuse, May 12

B. Davis Noxon, Sr., was killed at the freight yards in this city this afternoon by a freight train. He was 80 years of age, and one of the oldest lawyers and most prominent men in Central New York.

(Identical verbiage in [Buffalo NY Daily Courier 1868 - 1869 Grayscale - 0673.pdf](#))

[Geneva NY Gazette 1866-1869 Grayscale - 0653.pdf](#) (Friday evening, May 21, 1869)

Hon. B. Davis Noxon, a distinguished lawyer and politician of Syracuse, was killed by the cars in that city on the 13th inst. He was 85 years old.

[Palmyra NY Courier 1865-1869 - 0998.pdf](#) (Friday, May 28, 1869)

Hon. B. Davis Noxon, of Syracuse, who for many years occupied a high position at the bar of Central New York, was killed by the cars in Syracuse on Thursday last. He was walking on the track at the time of the accident. He was an old man and became quite feeble both in body and mind.

[Syracuse NY Daily Standard 1870 Grayscale - 0142.pdf](#) (Feb, 11, 1870)

Valuable Farm For Sale.

FOR SALE, at Low Price, the Valuable Farm situated near Syracuse, at Green Point, in the town of Salina, lately owned by B. DAVIS NOXON, deceased, consisting of 107 acres, with an excellent House and Good Outbuildings. The land is in Two Parcels of nearly equal size, and the whole will be sold together or either parcel by itself to suit purchasers. Terms Easy.

SALLY ANN NOXON, Syracuse, Nov. 30, 1869 — (she was wife of BDN, Sr)

Bartholomew Davis Noxon, Jr.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72279662/bartholomew_davis_noxon

Born: 6-Jan-1827; Died 20-Apr-1881 (age 54)

Excellent lengthy obituary is posted here.

[Syracuse NY Daily Standard 1881 Grayscale - 0364.pdf](#)

Another long and interesting article—but nothing about any cobblestone

The Standard, Thursday Morning, April 21, 1881

B. DAVIS NOXON DEAD, Jr. - A Sketch of His Life and Usefulness in Onondaga County

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LOST EXAMPLES:

26. Jerome L. Briggs House, 100 Buckley Rd., Salina, Demolished.
27. District # 14 School, Oran-Gulf Rd., Oran, Collapsed.
28. Elijah Clark House, 1024 Court St., Syracuse, Built 1852, Absorbed into the Maria Regina College Complex.
29. Stone Arabia School, Route 31, Cicero Center, Demolished.
30. Merriman House, Vine St., Liverpool, Demolished.
31. A. Strail Blacksmith Shop, North St., Tully, Demolished.
32. House, 310 E. Willow St., Syracuse, Demolished.
33. Sidney Smith House, Lake Rd., Tully, Built 1846, burned 1933.
34. Milk-house, Harrington Farm, Sheets Rd., Memphis, Collapsed.
35. Jabez Hawley House, Pearl St., Syracuse, Demolished.
36. Mills ~~XXXX~~ house, Route 370, west of Baldwinsville, Demolished 1980.
37. District # 8 School, Thompson Rd. & Grove Rd., Cicero, Demolished.
38. Patrick Molloy House, Molloy Rd., Salina, Built 1850, burned 1954.
39. B. Davis Noxon House, Buckley Rd., Salina, Demolished.
40. J. W. Pennock House, E. Genesee St., near Allen St., Syracuse, Demolish

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