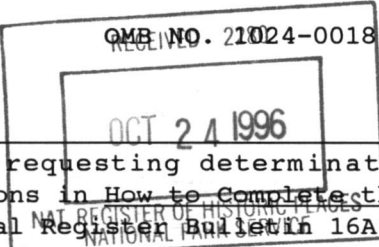


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cole Cobblestone Farmhouse

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 933 Mile Square Road [] not for publication

town Mendon [] vicinity

state New York code NY county Monroe code 055 zip code 14467

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J.W. Agnew

16 Oct-96

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

Date

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official
State or federal agency and bureau

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:
[] entered in the National Register.
[] See continuation sheet.
[] determined eligible for the National Register. [] see continuation sheet.
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.

for
Edson H. Beall

Signature of keeper Date of Action

11-29-96

Entered in the
National Register

[] removed from the National Register.

[] other: _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property/Category of Property/Number of Resources within Property
(Check as many boxes as apply) (check box) (do not include previously listed resources in the count)

[x]private [x]building(s) Contributing Noncontributing
[]public-local []district 1 buildings
[]public-State []site sites
[]public-Federal []structure structures
[]object objects
1 Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM:

COBBLESTONE ARCHITECTURE OF NEW YORK STATE (National Register: 1992)

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

Current Function

DOMESTIC; single dwelling

DOMESTIC; single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC; Federal

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation cobblestone
walls cobblestone
roof modern shingles
other _____

Narrative Description

See attached continuation sheets.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Cole Cobblestone Farmhouse
Mendon, Monroe County, New York

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Description

The Cole Cobblestone Farmhouse is located on the east side of Mile Square Road in a predominantly rural section of the town of Mendon in southeast Monroe County. (Mendon, once a sparsely populated rural agrarian area, has recently gained popularity as an upscale, bedroom community for the nearby city of Rochester.) The farmhouse occupies a 2.6-acre lot, a small fraction of the once extensive (approximately 76-acre) farmstead owned by a succession of families during the nineteenth century. The nominated property is surrounded by several large operating farms; hence, the former farmhouse retains its original rural, agrarian setting. There is one small barn located on the nominated property; no other farm-related support structures survive. Although the extant barn appears to be relatively old, it has been altered; by itself and due to its lack of integrity, it does not adequately reflect farming practices in Mendon and, therefore, cannot be considered eligible for its association with the history of agriculture in either the town or the region.

The farmhouse (ca. 1832), a late Federal style residence constructed of variously colored and shaped field cobbles, is a large and fashionable, two-story, five-bay, center-hall building resting on a cobblestone foundation and surmounted by an asphalt shingle-clad roof. Fenestration is regular, and original 6/6, double-hung sash survive intact with stone sills and flat-arched stone headers. The slightly recessed front entrance is distinguished by a plain, flat-arched stone lintel and a modern, non-contributing stoop.

All walls of the building are constructed of irregularly shaped and sized field cobbles. The house is very unusual in its use of relatively small, irregular and undressed stone quoins at the corners of the structure; most cobblestone buildings in the area (and in the entire state) feature carefully cut quoins measuring 8" x 12" x 6," i.e., the standard size for quoins during the period for cobblestone construction. The use of these irregular quoins is a rather unsophisticated, vernacular technique, and provides an interesting contrast to the otherwise quite large and imposing cobblestone building.

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The asymmetrical, three-bay deep side elevations feature irregularly spaced, 6/6 double-hung sash windows and small, paired, square windows in the gable ends. A secondary entrance with a non-historic paneled door is located on the south side. A modern, one and one-half story wing is attached to the rear the main block; although built on the footprint of a former kitchen wing and carefully crafted of high quality materials, this wing does not contribute to the significance of the building for National Register purposes.

On the interior, very little historic fabric survives intact in the cobblestone portion of the farmhouse. When the present owners acquired the property in the early 1980s, the house was virtually nothing but a cobblestone shell. The interior has been totally recreated with carefully crafted, high quality materials, all of which evoke an early nineteenth century feeling. However, for National Register purposes, these features are not considered contributing elements of the nominated building.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

Criteria Considerations: NA

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location.
[] C a birthplace or grave.
[] D a cemetery.
[] E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
[] F a commemorative property.
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

See attached continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Mendon, New York. Mendon Historical Society. Research files.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data:

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by Historic American Building Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering
[] State historic preservation office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[x] Other: Mendon Historical Society

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Blank lines for entering area of significance categories.

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1832

Significant Dates

ca. 1832

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

na

Cultural Affiliation

na

Architect/Builder

unknown

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Statement of Significance

The Mason Cole Cobblestone Farmhouse is an architecturally significant example of the cobblestone method of construction in Western New York and is a representative example of Federal style domestic architecture in the town of Mendon. Built ca.1832, the building retains a high degree of integrity of setting, design, materials and craftsmanship and remains one of the finest examples of cobblestone architecture in Mendon.

The farmhouse embodies the distinctive characteristics of the cobblestone method of construction as discussed at length in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form Cobblestone Architecture of New York State (NR: 1992) in the use of medium sized field cobbles (2" to 2 1/2") laid in horizontal rows and bonded with limestone mortar, the use of limestone quoins to decorate and stabilize the corners of the building and the use of stone trim to ornament and reinforce the door and window openings. The building is fairly typical of the early period of cobblestone construction (i.e., ca. 1825 - ca. 1835) in its use of relatively large and irregular cobblestones. Unlike many cobblestone buildings in the region - most of which feature rectangular, standard-sized (i.e., 8" x 12" x 6") stone quoins, the builder of the Cole house used relatively small, irregularly shaped (although basically rectangular) stone blocks to stabilize the corners of the building. Like many cobblestone buildings in the region, the Cole house features plain stone lintels and sills around door and window openings.

The farmhouse is one of only ten surviving cobblestone buildings in Mendon, most of which, according to a comprehensive level survey prepared by the Mendon Historical Society in 1995, appear to survive with a relatively high degree of physical integrity. Most of the other cobblestone buildings in Mendon are, like the nominated property, rural domestic buildings, although there are several intact cobblestone buildings in the village of Mendon. Including the nominated property, Mendon's seven most notable cobblestone buildings are as follows: the Adsit house at 3871 Clover Street (One Dixon Woods), the Cole house at 933 Mile Square Road, the Gates/Livermore house at 4389 Clover Street, the former Mendon Academy at 16 Mendon-Ionia Road, the Sheldon house at 21 Mendon-Ionia Road, the Stewart house on Douglass Road in Mendon

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Ponds Park and the Whitcomb house at 437 Pond Road. (Three additional extant buildings, none of which appear to be eligible for the National Register, include the Foote house at 1312 Pittsford-Mendon Road, the Hubbell house at 683 Quaker Meetinghouse Road and the former District #12 Schoolhouse in Sibleyville at 7027 Rush-Lima Road.) In addition to the ten that survive, at least two have been lost - a church and a farmhouse.

Although cobblestone buildings are fairly common in Monroe County (there are approximately 130 known to survive), the Cole house is nonetheless an impressive example in the larger region due to its comparatively large size and high level of physical integrity - particularly in terms of its cobblestone method of construction. In addition to its significance as a cobblestone building, the former farmhouse is also architecturally significant as a representative example of Federal period domestic architecture in Mendon; characteristic features include its rectangular, gable-roofed form, its two-story, five-bay, center-hall plan and its regularly spaced, 6/6 double-hung sash windows.

According to extensive historical information gathered by Diane Ham of the Mendon Historical Society, the house is believed to have been built ca. 1832 by Mason Cole. The property was owned and operated as a working farm by a series of farmers during the nineteenth century. The barn (and related outbuildings) no longer survive; thus, the property is not significant for its relationship to farming practices in either Mendon or the region, despite the fact that the nominated building and its 2.6-acre lot are still surrounded by scattered working farms. The building remains one of Mendon's finest local landmarks and one of the town's best examples of the cobblestone method of construction.

Cole Cobblestone Farmhouse, Mendon, Monroe County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.6 acres

UTM References

A. 18/296568/4765241

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides with legal lot lines of the nominated parcel as identified by county tax map 205.04-1-7.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to encompass the two acres presently associated with the nominated farmhouse and represents only a small portion of the once much larger farmstead, which has since been subdivided and partially developed.

11. Form Prepared By: Diane C. Ham, Mendon Town Historian

contact: Nancy L. Todd, Program Analyst
organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date July 1996
street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643
city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Cole Cobblestone Farmhouse

MULTIPLE NAME: Cobblestone Architecture of New York State MPS

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Monroe

DATE RECEIVED: 10/24/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/05/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/21/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/08/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96001394

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11.29.96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



7 Mason Cole house
Mill Square Rd Mendon
Mendon, Monroe Co.

Photo & neg: E. Malin, 1996

Mendon Historical Society

View from southwest

5901 N-1 NN2



#8 Mason Cole House
Mile Square Rd Mendon
mendon, Monroe Co

Photo & Neg: E. Malin, 1996

Mendon Historical Society

Front (west) facade

5901 N-1 NN2



Cole Cobblestone farmhouse
Mendon, Monroe Co

Photo & Neg: N Todd, OPRHP, 1996

Recreated interior fabric



Mason Cole Cobblestone House
Mendon, Monroe Co.

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Zone 18; 1:24,000

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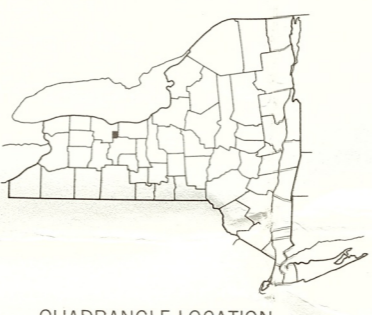
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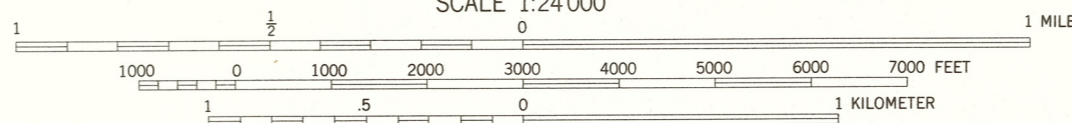
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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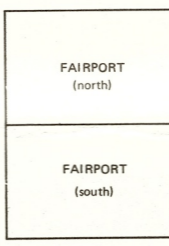
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Magnetic declination for 1980 is approximately 10° West

SPECIAL TOPOGRAPHIC EDITION
Contours, at 5-foot intervals, shown unrevised from 1971 U.S. Geological Survey map. Datum is mean sea level.

INDEX TO
1:6000 (1" = 800')
MAP COVERAGE



BOUNDARIES:

State.....
County.....
Town or City.....
Incorporated Village.....

ROADS:

Touring Route markers:
Interstate..... (I)
U. S. (U.S.)
State..... (S)
State Highway number and limit..... (SH)
County road..... (CR)
Interchange number..... (I.C.)
Divided highways and streets:
Wide mall..... (W.M.)
Narrow mall or barrier..... (N.M.)
Undivided highways and streets:
4 or more lanes..... (U.H.)
Less than 4 lanes..... (L.H.)
Vehicle track; trail..... (V.T.)