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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Jones, Samuel S., Cobblestone House

AND/OR COMMON
Cobblestone House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *E of Clinton on*
Milwaukee Road

CITY, TOWN
Clinton

STATE
Wisconsin

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

___ VICINITY OF
First

CODE
55

COUNTY
Rock

CODE
105

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
___ DISTRICT	___ PUBLIC	<u>X</u> OCCUPIED	___ AGRICULTURE
<u>X</u> BUILDING(S)	<u>X</u> PRIVATE	___ UNOCCUPIED	___ MUSEUM
___ STRUCTURE	___ BOTH	___ WORK IN PROGRESS	___ COMMERCIAL
___ SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	___ EDUCATIONAL
___ OBJECT	___ IN PROCESS	___ YES: RESTRICTED	___ ENTERTAINMENT
	___ BEING CONSIDERED	___ YES: UNRESTRICTED	___ GOVERNMENT
		___ NO	___ INDUSTRIAL
			___ MILITARY
			___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Bob Keefe & Associates

STREET & NUMBER
704 Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Lake Geneva

STATE
Wisconsin

VICINITY OF
53167

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Rock County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
51 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Janesville

STATE
Wisconsin

VICINITY OF
53545

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Rock County Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE
1975

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE X COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN
Madison

STATE
Wisconsin

VICINITY OF
53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jones cobblestone house is the largest Greek Revival cobblestone house still existing in Rock County and is distinctive because of the complex layout of its multiple cobblestone wings. The house consists of three intersecting 1 1/2 story wings, all with cobblestone exterior walls. Where the foundations of the main wing are exposed under the stone water table, they are also faced with cobblestone. The main (northwest) wing is approximately 19' (E-W) by 25' (N-S) in size; the entrance (northeast) wing, which is recessed slightly to the left of the main wing, is approximately 14' (E-W) by 18' (N-S). All three wings have gabled roofs intersecting with each other. The gables on the north and south ends of the main wing and the single (east) gable on the entrance wing have returned cornices, while the gables on the rear wing are plain.

The south wall of the rear wing has an asymmetrical profile because the east wall of the wing is not as high to the eaves as the other walls of the house. The second story windows on that wall are, of necessity, low or "frieze" windows. Both the east and south walls had doorways, but the former is now boarded up. Early in the 20th century a garage was added to the south and a lean-to on the west which provides access to the cellar. At or about the same time, the remaining exposed portions of the south and west walls of the rear wing were stuccoed or pebbled-dashed, as well as the lean-to which remains in place. The garage, now removed, may also have been stuccoed. When the garage was removed, it revealed the original cobblestones on the first story but also revealed that the rear gable was frame. This frame gable was the only exception to cobblestone construction in the exterior walls of the original building.

The stones on the front of the Jones house are well matched in size, with an even tonality resulting from a judicious mixture of browns and grays. On the sides and rear, there is a greater variation in size and color, with an addition of rose and gray-green tones. Grayish mortar with tiny pebbles is worked in raised horizontal "v" bands, and raised vertical joints are used as well. Because the stones are varied somewhat in size, the mortar does not align vertically. There is variation in patches of some small stones grouped together, then some larger stones, especially on the rear walls.

Quoins at the corners are limestone. The trim--straight lintels and a broad frieze--is white painted frame.

Most of the fenestration now consists of 2-over-2 window panes, with tall windows on the first stories, arranged in pairs on front and side. Second story windows do not appear on the west side of the main block. Smaller rectangular windows on the front do not align directly with those below but are closer together. Square windows are used over the entrance wing, on the second story.

Alterations to the exterior are not in character, but are few. A handsome wood veranda of Italianate character on the north entrance and a one story Italianate frame bay on the east wall have been replaced with a bad metal porch at the entrance and a simple pent roofed frame bay of no style.

While the stone walls are generally in good condition--only about three stones are missing on the rear wall--roof and trim and window frames are in relatively poor

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES (1847?) 1849 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Samuel S. Jones cobblestone house is significant for its material; it is one of 13 remaining cobblestone or part cobblestone houses in Rock County and is part of a vanishing breed, of which numerous examples were built in southeastern Wisconsin around the mid-19th century. It is a handsome example of a large and well built house of fairly complex design for a Greek Revival house; it consists of three intersecting gabled wings, all constructed of cobblestone.

Stucco or "pebble dash" wall surfacing, applied over the original materials, is a distinctive regional characteristic in the Clinton area from about 1900 to 1920. For this reason the application of stucco to a small portion of the original cobblestone does not constitute a major detraction from the structure.

According to tradition as related by descendants, the house was built by Samuel S. Jones.¹ Jones bought the farmstead from Wesley Carey for \$4500 and took out a large mortgage (for \$6,000) in 1849. Carey had acquired the land in 1841 from Jerome Yates, who obtained the land from the government in 1840. Carey had presumably built a house or buildings on the site in 1847 (with a mortgage to John Hackett of Beloit for \$837.50).²

It is not actually documented whether the cobblestone house was built by Carey in 1847 or by Jones in 1849, or whether the house was built all at once or in two or more stages. The stonework on the north facade of the northwest and northeast blocks is the most refined in size and color match, as befitting the front of a house. The other walls, on the side and back of the house, are very similar to each other in more varied treatment of the cobblestones. The house could well have been built within a short period of time.

Whoever was the builder, the farm was in the possession of the Jones family and descendants for about 3/4 of a century. Samuel S. Jones (1810-97) was born in Schenectady, New York of Welsh ancestry, and came first to Walworth and then to Rock County. He married Margaret Richardson (1812-1905) in the 1830's. They then "settled" and "made their permanent home" in Clinton Township on this site.³ Jones was a "general farmer and stock raiser." They had nine children, the youngest of whom, Samuel (born 1854) continued to own and operate the 200 acre farm, which stayed in the family through its daughter Rachel's marriage to Clayton Storey. It was sold in the 1920's.

1. Interview with Mrs. Donald Ryan, descendant of Jones, June 2, 1977, by N.B. Douglas Janesville.
2. Register of Deeds Office, Rock County Courthouse.
3. Brown, Wm. F., ed. Rock County. Chicago: Cooper, 1908, Vol. II, pp. 987-88.

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 pp. 15-16, 182-3. (illus. p.1.3 f).
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.575
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	3,5,0	8,2,5	4,7,1,3	9,8,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C						D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is located in the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 3, T-1-N, R-14-E. It is approximately 200' south of State Trunk Highway 15 and occupies a parcel roughly 250 feet deep by 100 feet wide. The highway is the northern boundary; there are no distinctive features demarcating the east, south and west boundaries.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Nancy Belle Douglas

ORGANIZATION

Rock County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 896

CITY OR TOWN

Janesville.

DATE

June 14, 1977

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STATE

Wisconsin 53545

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Perry

TITLE Director

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE 9/16/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF HISTORIC AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 2 23 78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

Charles Adams

DATE 2-22-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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7. Condition, with some roof leakage, according to the present tenant. The second story on the rear wing is not in use. The Jones cobblestone is presently a tenant house on a still-active farm (of which the farm buildings all appear to be of the 20th century). The present owner, who recently acquired the property, wishes to insulate the house if possible and maintain it in its present use.

Threat. The house is threatened in that the cost of heating it has become prohibitive. If this problem cannot be alleviated, the utility of the house for residential purposes will be lost and the owner may choose to demolish it.

11. Donald N. Anderson, Historian and Registrar, Historic Preservation Division

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

August 17, 1977

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