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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  
Haseltine Cobblestone House (preferred)  
AND/OR COMMON  
Patt Cobblestone House

2 LOCATION

N of Big Bend on  
STREET & NUMBER  
W230 S8235 Big Bend Drive  
CITY, TOWN  
Vernon  
STATE  
Wisconsin  
VICINITY OF Big Bend  
CODE  
55  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
9th  
COUNTY  
Waukesha  
CODE  
133

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Edwin Patt  
STREET & NUMBER  
W230 S8235 Big Bend Drive  
CITY, TOWN  
Vernon  
VICINITY OF Big Bend  
STATE  
Wisconsin 53103

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Waukesha County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
515 West Moreland Boulevard  
CITY, TOWN  
Waukesha  
STATE  
Wisconsin 53186

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places  
DATE  
1978  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
State Historical Society  
CITY, TOWN  
Madison  
STATE  
Wisconsin 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Haseltine House, a 2 story vernacular fieldstone structure faced with cobblestone, is situated on a spacious lot in a predominantly rural area. The house is rectangular in plan with a gable roof. A one story frame addition at the northwest corner, used as a summer kitchen and garage, is sided with weathered cedar boards and has a shed roof.

The exterior walls of the structure are faced with multi-colored round and oval cobblestones. The smooth cobbles are laid in courses separated by horizontal V-shaped mortar joints. Individual cobbles are also separated by vertical mortar joints. Quoins of larger cobbles accent the corners of the house. The gable roof features cornice returns and is covered with cedar shingles. A skylight has been added in the west roof slope. Two brick chimneys protrude through the roof at the gable ends.

Symmetrically placed sash windows with massive oak lintels and sills surround the building. The east wall, or facade, has four windows at the first story and five at the second. The west wall has four windows at the first story and three at the second. Both the north and south walls have two windows at the second story and one in the gable. The south wall has two windows at the first story; the north wall has one. A datestone centered above the south gable window reads "1842!"

The house has four very simple entrances, each with an oak lintel and a stone sill. The main entrance is centered between the first story windows of the east wall. The west entrance, similarly placed, leads to the summer kitchen. The south entrance, centered between the first story windows of the south wall, is no longer in use. The north entrance, located near the northwest corner, is also no longer used.

A variety of materials, shapes and textures combine to make the Haseltine House a highly decorative and handsome structure. Smooth oval and round cobbles placed with little regard to either shape or color create a pleasing contrast with the uniform joints of coarse mortar. The play of light and shadow over the richly textured surface gives the house a charm unique to cobblestone structures.

The interior of the house was entirely remodeled in the 1960s. At that time all existing interior walls were removed, floors were leveled and wiring and plumbing were replaced. Attic rafters and floor beams are all original, clearly showing the mortise and tenon construction. One of two exposed beams in the first floor living room is also original. The west wall of the second story has been left in fieldstone. Other interior walls are finished in plaster and drywall.

At present the site of the Haseltine House retains much of its integrity. The surrounding land is mainly agricultural and, to a lesser extent, residential. The exterior of the house is virtually unchanged since its construction in 1842. The frame addition detracts very little from the overall appearance. Power lines to the house have been buried; telephone lines will soon follow.

# 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 1842<sup>1</sup>

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Haseltine House is significant as a well preserved example of those cobblestone buildings found throughout the southeastern part of the state. The technique of laying cobblestone walls with a distinctive embellishment of horizontal and vertical mortar joints was developed in New York and transplanted to Wisconsin by Yankee immigrants of the mid-nineteenth century. Twelve of the thirty-four cobblestone structures identified in the state are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was built in 1842 by Col. Orien Haseltine, the patriarch of a family notable for its role in the settlement of Vernon Township. Haseltine left Andover, Vermont and arrived in Vernon in 1838. There he settled on land claimed by his sons, Curtis and Orien, two years earlier. Accompanying Haseltine and his large family was J.H. Stickney, a carpenter who built log houses and barns for the settlers. Stickney later married one of the Colonel's daughters and erected a cobblestone homestead, very similar to the Haseltine House, near Big Bend. This house no longer stands.

Haseltine's stay in Vernon was short but prosperous. In 1859 he sold his substantial home to move onto south central Wisconsin. Since then the house has had many owners, none staying longer than 15 years.

1. Datestone in south gable.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Palmer, Virginia A., The Octagon House and the Cobblestone Building in Wisconsin.  
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**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.15  
 UTM REFERENCES QUADRANGLE NAME Muskego, Wisconsin QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:2400

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

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Town 5 North, Range 19 East, in the Town of Vernon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

## 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  
 Patricia Mueller, Preservation Assistant

ORGANIZATION  
 State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE  
 May 16, 1979

STREET & NUMBER  
 816 State Street

TELEPHONE  
 608/262-8904

CITY OR TOWN  
 Madison

STATE  
 Wisconsin 53706

# 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 Mawey* DATE *10/16/79*

TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

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

*Charles D. Shell* DATE *1-15-80*  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *Emma Joe Saxe* DATE *1/14/80*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 Regional Coordinator