

WOODSIDE HALL /a residence/
East end of Main Street
Cooperstown, Middlefield Township
Otsego County, New York

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Street Address or Location: East end of Main Street, Cooperstown,
Middlefield Township, Otsego County, New York

Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Stokes
Main Street, Cooperstown, New York

Brief Statement
of Significance: This house was erected in 1829, and
President of the United States Martin
Van Buren was entertained here ten years
later.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Eben Morehouse,
Samuel W. Beall, Eben Morehouse, Hon. Joseph L. White,
John F. Scott, Walter C. Stokes
2. Date of erection: 1829
3. Notes on alterations and additions: 1895 the owner,
W. C. Stokes, made extensive additions and repairs.
Most of the changes and improvements were interior.
4. Important old views and references: Local History File in
New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, New
York. Photographs: 2 early exterior photographs of
Woodside Hall.

- B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure:
Birdsall, Story of Cooperstown, page 228-229: President of
the United States Martin Van Buren was entertained at
Woodside Hall in 1839.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement: Greek Revival Architecture in America, by
Hamlin, 1943, page 263, "In Cooperstown, New York area a more
imaginative or eccentric architect-builder seems to be at work
using Benjamin-inspired details."
1. Architectural character: This two-story stone residence
has a front facade featuring four reeded Ionic columns.
 2. Condition of fabric: Good

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Foundations: Stone
2. Wall construction: Stone, cut from a local quarry
3. Chimneys: Three
4. Doorways and doors: Front entrance has side lights and fanlight. Facade is featured by four Ionic columns, reeded. Has an extension doorstep.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: Two stories
2. Flooring: Finished hardwood
3. Wall and ceiling finish: Walls are papered; ceilings are plastered.
4. Lighting: Electricity
5. Heating: Central heat. Fireplaces (double fireplace in dining-room)

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: Set on a hillside with a background of pine forest. Standing at the head of the road which continues the main street of the village of Cooperstown, New York. The house faces west.
2. Outbuildings: Tenent house and Egyptian gate-tower.
3. Landscaping: Old-fashioned gardens - terraced lawn

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