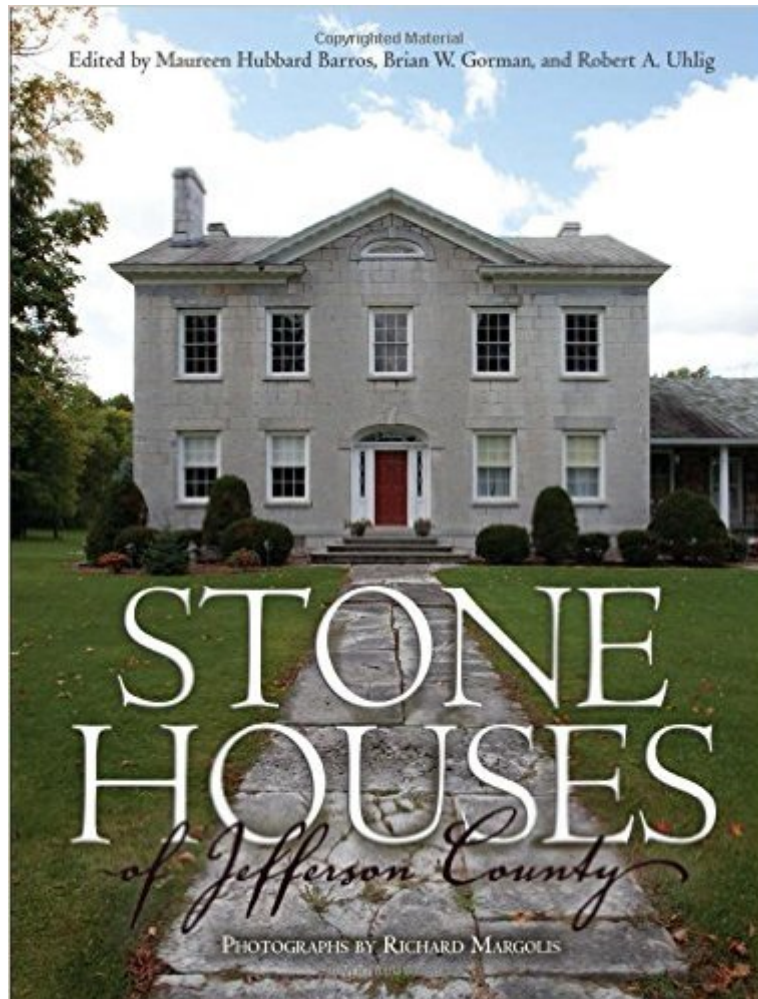


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# Stone Houses Of Jefferson County (New York State Series)



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Jefferson County, New York, has one of the richest concentrations of stone houses in America. As many as 500 limestone houses, churches, and commercial buildings were built there before 1860. Some of the buildings are beautiful mansions built by early entrepreneurs, and others are small vernacular farmhouses. Some are clustered together; others dot the countryside near limestone outcroppings. Embedded in the fabric of each building are the stories of its location, its maker, and those who have lived there. Lavishly illustrated with almost 300 photographs, this volume highlights eighty-five stone houses in the region. The editors explore both the beauty and permanence of the stonework and the courage and ambition of the early dwellers. They detail the ways in which skilled masons utilized local limestone and sandstone, crafting double-faced stone walls to protect against fire and harsh winters. The book includes detailed discussions of the geology of the region, the stone buildings that have been lost, and the preservation and care of existing structures. *Stone Houses of Jefferson County* provides a fascinating look at the intrinsic beauty of these buildings and the historical links they provide to our early settlement.

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Superb. This is what the very best publications in architectural history look like. The building sample here is surprisingly rich for such a small geographic area. The Federal style, executed in grey stone, dominates here. In fact, I was amazed to see how conservative the stylistic developments were in

this part of the country. The quality of the book, like the buildings it describes, is very high. The chapters are arranged by town and rural district, and the most excellent examples of the stone-built Federal style are included. Color photography is also of high artistic quality, and the essays which frame each entry are written by insightful experts in the field. The photography is comprehensive, so related hand-drawn architectural plans, elevations, and details are few. This is a book not only for people who love old houses, but is also for architects, historians, restorationists and craftsmen with an interest in this style and location. The book is handsomely printed and bound with the highest quality book-making materials by Syracuse University.

Great book, well worth it for the photos and the history of the houses featured. Now I drive by other stone houses that weren't in the book and wonder about their history, too! (This book is local to me.)

My brother is Brian Gorman, one of the editors, and the house on the cover is the house we lived in for part of our childhood. Therefore I am a biased critic! I think it is very well done and I know the work that went into it.

I love the book for the Jefferson County history, architecture and photography . It has given me clues to find more information about the daily life of my elusive ancestors. There is quite a lot of information here and it would make a great gift!

So happy I bought this book! We vacation in the 1,000 Islands (St. Lawrence County) and travel through Jefferson County..I count all the stone houses we pass every time..often wondering what they look like in the inside. Would love to own one! I wonder if you are adding a sequel..the stone houses of St. Lawrence County..as there are several there, too!

Beautiful, beautiful book! I am not from the East so I have never been to that area before, but this is a wonderful book filled with pictures, facts on how a restoration is done, etc. I have a friend that is from Boston and I showed it to her and she loved it. Would be a great gift for someone who is from the area or someone who is planning on visiting the area.

Wonderfully descriptive with lavish photos and full of detailed history, Stone Houses of Jefferson County transported me back to one of my favorite places in the worldâ and helped me remember why it was so. I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review from Net Galley

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