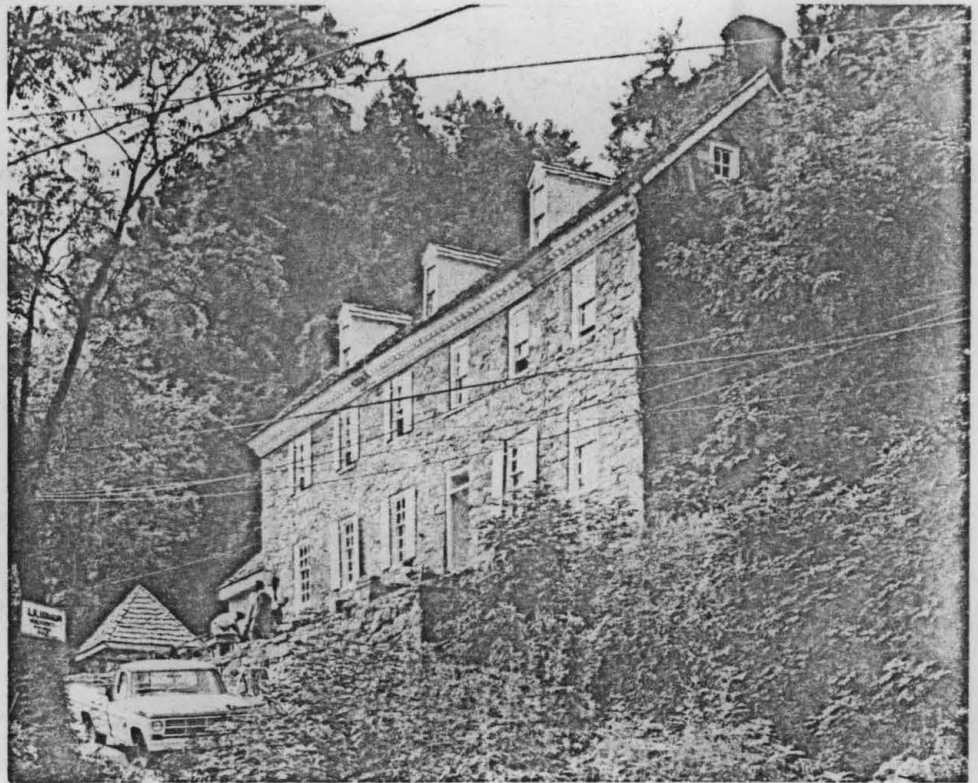


**ROCKLEDGE IS BEING RESTORED.** Built in 1758 by John Ballendine, Rockledge was lived in by five families from 1758 to 1960. The Janney family lived there from 1829-1929. The last resident owners were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Almon Barnes. They departed in January 1960, feeling it no longer safe to live there because of the blasting in the quarry across the river. John E. Woodall has owned it since 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sonners, owners of Blackbeard's Inn in Occoquan, Va., are the new owners of Rockledge. They are in the process of restoring it to its original state, as nearly as possible. Starting from a totally vandalized skeleton, they have already accomplished miracles, as the October 1974 picture testifies. Only minor cracks were found when the interior was stripped down to the bare stone walls. The original mantles, removed by the Barnes' were later destroyed by fire. (Photo by Wm. Edmund Barrett)



The Arcade, Madison, Va. Madison House (hotel) adjoined it on the south side. On the night of December 26, 1919, a fire started in the post office which was next to the hotel on the south. This picture graphically illustrates how the Arcade building, itself severely damaged by the fire, acted as a shield against the destruction of the buildings to the north. (PAS photo/HHD, Nov. 7, 1974. See *Echoes of History*, July 1974, p. 53.)

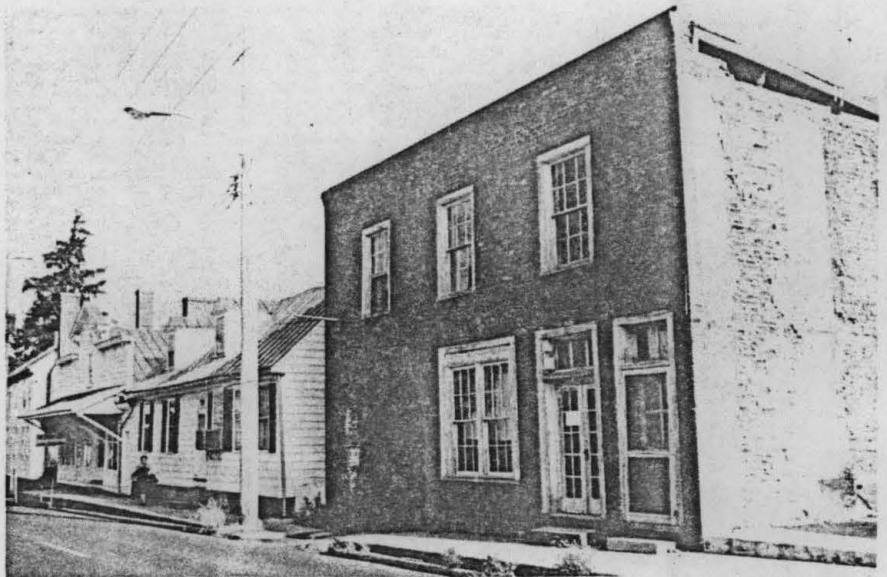
## EASTERN HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION

The Spring meeting of the Eastern Historical Geography Association will take place on March 21 and 22 at Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass. Information may be obtained from Dr. Martyn J. Bowden, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Worcester, Mass. 01610.

Without attempting to define differences and similarities, it can be said without fear of contradiction, that the interests of the EHGA and the PAS, academically at least, have many common interests.

Some of the papers to be presented are: "Notes on Fence Types and Patterns in Revolutionary New Jersey," "Early Industrial Architecture in New England," and "Archaeology and Rural Architecture in Southern Maine."

Anyone able to attend will be more than rewarded by the experience of visiting Old Sturbridge Village, and especially at a time when the tourists have not started to come.



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