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UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE FREE SPIRIT

EMILY CAROLINE PULLMAN
1888-1954

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Robert Hoyck, Chair, Dorothy Pratt C.W. Latins Sara Pulman, Executive Secretary, Joanne Chapman Christine Less, Secy. Richard Hoffman, Tres.

CENTENNIAL ORGAN CONCERT - SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH
4:00 P.M. Rev. Robert Hoyck in a recital of works by the Victorian era

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A TOAST
Always given before the Luncheon at the Annual Meeting to Charles A. Dansdill who conceived the idea.

This property was placed on the national register of historic places by the United States Department of the Interior.
-August 31, 1979. It is a unique and outstanding architectural landmark.

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SOUVENIR
Published in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church. Designed by C.W. Latins and built at the Lake County Penitentiary, Albion, N.Y.

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NOTICE OF FOUNDERING & INCORPORATION
A meeting was held at the Court House Aug. 1880, a further meeting being held the same year to incorporate the society according to the laws of the State of New York.

The incorporation consisted of C.W. Latins, John Dibble and J.W. Wright. Mr. Wright was empowered to present an act of laws and cause to be printed the same.

The committee reported that the name of the organization shall be known as the Pullman Memorial Universal Church, of Albion, N.Y., and submitted the following named persons as officers: Trustees; C.W. Dansdill, John Latins, Mrs. Joseph Hart, Sheldon Warner, Mrs. S.S. Spencer, W.A. Tanner, J.D. Billings, Addieh Chapman, Mrs. E.K. Tipton, Treasurer; George J. Retel, Clerk, E.K. Tipton. The report of the committee was adopted and the above named officers duly elected.

WHAT'S IN THE CORNERSTONE?
At the Masonic corner stone laying ceremony for the Pullman Memorial Universal Church, May 19, 1880, Acting Grand Secretary George A. Newell read the list of articles included in the cornerstone. Thereon, it is believed, is a negative relative to the building of the church and the guarantee fund, copy of act of incorporation and last constitution of the church, list of officers of the church association and membership of the Ladies Aid Society, list of officers of the ladies association and their names, etc., as follows.

A TREAT
Charlés A. Dansdill 1818-1899 of Eagle Harbor, N.Y. was a cobbler in the historic Cobblestone Church and a life long friend of G.M. Pullman.

This 1890's photo shows the historic Cobblestone Society Museum. Once known as the Church of the Good Shepherd when Child was built for Furnaceville, it is the oldest Cobblestone Church in North America. The date on the lower right states: Erected by the First Universalist Church of Cobblestone, A.D. 1834 GOD BLESS YOU. In 1985 it was made a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service through the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. 

EXCERPTS FROM AN HISTORICAL SKETCH BY REV. CHARLES FLETCHER PULLMAN

The history of Universalism in the vicinity of Albion began in the latter part of the 19th Century. In 1872, the Rev. J. B. Lenard, Universalist minister at Geneva, New York, secured a lot for the church and laid out the street. The church was known as Cobblestone Church, and as the Ridge Road was at that time a great highway from East to West, it grew into various forms of the church's organization. In 1873, the church purchased land in that vicinity the present stone church was built and dedicated in 1874. As years passed and newspapers, new Albion, grew to become the more populous town, the name of Fuller House held occasional service here. From 1845 to 1850 there were meetings in the Court House, Revs. Moser B. and J. Smith, Wm. C. Cook and B.R. Pullman conducting the services. It was probably through the solicitations of Revs. Lewis Lathwell, Nelson, Oates, Hopkins, and other devoted friends of our cause here that these services were held. It cannot be said, however, that any great organization was effected at that time, so the record has been lost.

Rev. J. B. Lenard was a resident of Albion for fourteen years and during that time preached at Clarendon, South Berne, Barre Center and Barre. In 1080 he held services in Albion, which continued for a period of six months and with considerable promise of permanent success, until the approaching Civil War turned the popular mind to entirely different direction. Lenard reported that another attempt was made to establish our cause in Albion about 1883-4, and either at that time or in 1860 there was a small Sunday School, but these, like other previous efforts, proved spasmodic and temporary in their nature.

A long blank followed until 1890, from which time we must date a new area of Universalism in this place and vicinity.

The Pullman Memorial Universalist Church is available for weddings, christenings (dedications) and memorial services no matter what religious principles you have.

Our church is a Liberal Church, we believe your religious convictions are your own personal concern.

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