

White Lake M-Nat Park.

NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 8 Con 3 M-Nat Township

In 1834 Chief M-Nat arrived in White Lake. A few acres were instantly cleared, and a small stone house with parabolic roof was erected, which he named Waba Cottage. In 1836, 120 acres of Crown Land was granted to Allan M-Nat in July 1836. It was designed after the stone cottages of Scotland, it had thick stone walls and two stories and like other homes of the time was heated with fireplaces.

After Chief M-Nat left the township about 1843 the house was still occupied for some years.

Finally it was abandoned and like other vacant houses it soon deteriorated. The roof opened up, the woodwork rotted and the stone walls began to crumble.

Nevertheless it had a certain attraction for the public. Visitors came and poked around, depositing trash, leaving gates open and making a general nuisance to the displeasure of the owners.

There was also a certain hazard^{ed} because of the unsafe condition of the building, there was a danger of someone getting hurt should an old floor give way or old stonework topple.

Although the old house was too far gone for practical restoration there was still talk of ~~steaking~~ ^{over for} it into a museum.

To settle it all the owners resolved that the building would be better down.

1936 In early April 1936, down it came. There was always a certain amount of question as to just what had happened. Some thought an explosion had been used but the owners claimed the walls had been undermined and were easily pushed down.

No effort was made to repair the damage or restore the building and the ruins remained until 1967.