

JOHN -- 2nd generation -- eldest son of James Lee.

John, born June 17, 1784, married Mary Moore, born June 15, 1789, and on their wedding day, James Lee (her father-in-law) presented her with the Deed, in her name, to the Crown Land, Lot 17, Concession 4, Saltfleet, later to become known as "Edgemont".

This property ran along Ridge Road to Tappleytown and from Mountain Brow Road to the back Concession.

John built a log cabin just west of the driveway of the present home. This log cabin was built on Mountain Brow Road (presently called Ridge Road). In the early days Ridge Road was the one now called Lime Ridge Road, the concession back to the south. Mountain Brow Road was an Indian trail, then Lee Mountain Road (called DeWitt Road at the bottom of the mountain) went down to the Indian Road which is the present King Street, or No. 8 Highway below this property. The DeWitt's lived at Tappleytown, and Jacob DeWitt married James Lee's daughter, who died at her first childbirth. She is buried in the Stoney Creek Cemetery.

Later John built the low-ceilinged frame house which forms the nucleus of the present-day apartment. There were 3 rooms, and the 'pioneer kitchen' of today was the front part of that house and used as the dining room. It extended the full length east to west, and on the west wall a large pine



cabinet was built by his father, James Lee. It reaches from floor to ceiling with glass doors above and cupboard space below. It still remains in the house in its original place. It is virgin pine from the farm.

A stairway led out of this dining room to the 5 bedrooms above, and there was an old fireplace by this stairway used only by the earlier generations.

The original door locks and handles are of hand-wrought iron and can be seen on the doors today.

Beside and to the front of the "old house" was a smoke-house where the home-killed meat was cured over the burning maple logs. The outdoor oven was nearby where baking was done during the hot weather particularly. Behind the smokehouse was the ice-house.