

A piece of history



Ye old smoke house

**SMOKE HOUSE
EARLY CANADIANA
BUILT BY
JOHN S. BOSWELL
BRICK BY
JOHN F. WAKELIN
1878-1978**

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CANNINGTON—Something from an earlier era is located near the home of Mr and Mrs. Wesley Hodgson in Cannington --an old fashioned smoke house.

The smoke house was first owned and built by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Boswell in 1878. exactly 100 years ago. Since then, it has been passed through three other sets of owners: Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kift (nee Jane Wakelin daughter of the late John F. Wakelin) and finally to its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hodgson (nee Lila Wakelin granddaughter of the late John F. Wakelin).

The purpose of the Smoke House was to cure fish, ham, bacon, and other types of meat by means of smoke.

The interior of the Smoke House was lined with a cement plaster material and the brick used on the exterior was from the brick yard of Mr. John F. Wakelin from the 13th Concession of Brock.