

Renovations at Chiefswood, home of poet E. Pauline Johnson, have come to a halt for lack of money.

In addition to being the home of Pauline Johnson, Chiefswood was built in an extremely rare fashion, Ms. Tanner said. Instead of having framed walls, like most homes, the walls are solid, constructed by stacking planks flat on top of each other.

Only a few homes were ever made this way, Ms. Tanner said. The others are in New York State.

Chiefswood was built in 1853 by confederacy chief George Johnson as a wedding present to his English bride, Emily Howells.

Pauline Johnson was born in the mansion, located on the corner of Chiefswood Road and Highway 54, in 1861. She is seen by many historians as one of the first poets to celebrate Canadian heritage.