

Built:	1888	Current Owner:	David Jones
Built By:	William John Jones	Present Use:	Dwelling
Structure:	Frame Farm House	Original Use:	Dwelling
Exterior Wall:	Buff Brick	Address:	1796 Rumney Rd
Style:	Typical Farm House – Victorian features		

Architectural

The house was built in 1888, although a log cabin existed on the property as early as 1876 and was used for living while the farm was being developed. The present house was built in stages, the original structure is the east part of the house (Fig 3). A summer kitchen was added shortly after and all were bricked with the rare buff brick from Beaverton. The house contains Victorian features such as the decorative trim on the eaves (Fig 1). The house sits on a fieldstone foundation that was carried throughout the additions of the house (Fig 2). A newer addition was added in the 1990's to the north-west corner of the house. The newer addition from the 1990's was sided in white vinyl siding.

The barn and sheds were built about 1884 and are still original in features. Compared to the house, the barns are very plain as there was no decorative trim or features added and they were originally not painted. The barn was originally built on the ground without a stable beneath it (Fig 4). Once a stable was built underneath the barn, it was moved to its present location. The barn was originally a standard structure of about 40 x 60 with three bays; however, the barn was enlarged in about 1900 when it was moved to have a stable. Another two bays were added along with a second thresh floor. The barn originally had cedar shingles and has been changed to a steel roof over the years.



Fig 1: Decorative eaves

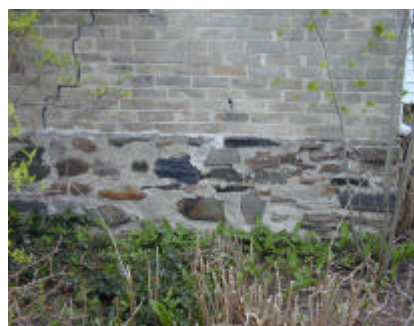


Fig 2: Original field stone foundation



Fig 3: East part of house (original section)



Fig 4: Barn



Fig 5: Original homestead

Historical

William John Jones built the present house in 1888. For the first 12 years, a log cabin was built and used for living in while clearing the farm. William John Jones did not live on the property for several years after owning the property but rather lived at the Mark Vasey farm. The present house was not built until 1888 because William John Jones did not buy the property on which it is situated until 1881. The log cabin stood until around 1900 and was used for family members to live in until their homes were ready. The house was originally a frame house and was bricked in the buff brick in 1892 or 1893. The bricks came from a brickyard near Beaverton and transported by boat or train to Port McNicoll and then teamed to the Fourth Line. Since the erection of the homestead, the property has not left the Jones family line but has been passed on to sons and cousins.

The barn and sheds on the homestead were built in 1884. The barn was not originally built where it is located today. The barn was built on the ground without any stables beneath it. It is believed by family members that the barn was situated in the flat of the field, just south of its present location. The barn was moved and enlarged in 1900. Once the barn was moved further north, the sheds were also moved north to allow room for the barn.

Previous Owners:	Date:
Edwin Meeking	1868
William Jones	1876
Lewis Jones	1907
Levi Jones	1914
Earl & Rita Jones	1947
David Jones	1979



Fig 6: House after being bricked