

THE STONE HOUSE

The Stone House has been a prominent feature of 46th Street since 1913. The house was built by Mr. Auguste Loquet, known locally as “Lucky”. He and his sister immigrated from France in the early 1900’s. He purchased a homestead in 1904 at Third Point on Sylvan Lake where he obtained material for the building. He was a handyman, carpenter, trapper and amateur taxidermist. He and his sister tried to live off wild animals and birds of the area. It was rumoured that Mr. Loquet was not fond of crow.

The next owner was Pete Olson, then the Rousseau family who lived in the house from 1935 to 1953. They described it as a beautiful old-fashioned house with hard wood floors, coal and wood heating. Water was hauled from a well two blocks away near Varsity Hall (now Raccoon Lodge).

The Watella family lived in the Stone House for over 25 years after that. In 1980, the family came close to losing the house when the Fire Marshall condemned the building. The nine children of Ethel Watella’s raised \$1,350 to have the original wiring updated, which staved off demolition.

In 1992 Jack Smalley, a local artist, purchased the old house for a framing shop called “Small ‘e’ Framing” and renovated the interior including deepening the basement to install a furnace. A lot of bones were found but on further investigation they were chicken bones dispelling any rumours of ghosts. The fact that the Watella family kept chickens answered that question.

Cynthia Leah Giguere purchased the Stone house in 2008 after her Sylvan Steam Bath building burned down on December 25, 2007. A spa was operated until 2017 follow by a number of other retail businesses. Today the Stone House is the home of “The White Frog Café” since 2020. They specialize in coffee beans raised on the owner’s family farm in Columbia.



Small “e” Framing, 1992 – 2008



White Frog Coffeehouse & Roastery, 2023

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