

Erland Lee Homestead

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This property is known as Edgemont, crown grant 1801, to John and Mary Lee on their marriage. The first home was a log cabin. A frame house replaced it and in the 1860's the present house was built in front of the older part, by John's son Abram.

Erland Lee, son of Abram, attended a meeting at the Agricultural College, Guelph, in 1896, where he heard Adelaide Hoodless speak on the need for education for girls to better fit them to be homemakers. As a result of this meeting, other meetings were held and a group was formed known as "The Women's Department of the Farmers' Institute of South Wentworth" The constitution was written by Mrs. Erland Lee (formerly Janet Chisholm) on a table which she brought as a bride to Edgemont and which is still in the home. This home became the property of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario in June 1972.



The Erland Lee Home



Pine Cupboard built by James Lee in 1900.



★ Walnut dining room table on which the Women's Institute Constitution was hand penned in 1897



Parlour featuring original cranberry hanging lamp of the 1850's