

Willis Farmhouse

384 Lake Avenue West

Part NE Half Lot 12

By-law 2-80



This log house was built c. 1820 and is likely the oldest residence within the Carleton Place town limits. It was built by George Willis on part of his 100-acre land grant. The land remained in the family until 1871 when George Willis Junior sold all but the two acres around the house and a right of way. The Willis family cemetery was originally located across the road in what is now Riverside Park. A memorial stone marks its location.

For many years, the Willis men worked as river men, towing log booms for the Caldwell Sawmill, originally located on the shore of present-day Riverside Park and owning the last of the many steamboats that plied the Mississippi Lake and River.