

Lake of Bays Heritage Register



Pine Twig Cottage

Address:	1206-1 Dwight Beach Road
Original Owner:	Peggy and Gordon Stewart
Builder Name:	Cottage: Edgar Bernice
Architectural Style:	Ontario Vernacular
Year Built:	Icehouse: 1917, Cottage: 1959
Designated:	Yes
Designation Date:	October 12, 2010
By Law Number:	By-law 10-114
Legal Description:	Part Lot 12, Concession 10, RP 35R6763 Parts 2 and 3, Franklin



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Pine Twig is a unique example of historical associative value and readaptive use. The heart of the cottage is the master bedroom, which was originally the icehouse for the Pine Cone cottage built in 1917. In 1959 the icehouse was relocated and attached to an additional cabin via breezeway that allowed for increased accommodation as the Stewart family grew. Since then the breezeway has been enclosed, completing the cottage in its readaption.

Eclectic in nature, the Pine Twig is representative of the Stewart family development in its earliest stages; the icehouse is still in its original state and home to the ice tongs and hooks used by some of the earliest Stewart generations. The mix of late era Victorian furniture, photographs and artwork of the Stewarts span decades of the growing family and truly represent the spirit and historical value this cottage possesses.



The Pine Twig displays contextual value, which is apparent when taking in the exterior appearance with its surroundings. The Pine Twig reflects the design of the Stewart family cottages as part of a family development that stretches back to 1883 when the first Stewart arrived in Dwight. The cottage was built without any intrusion to the built or natural environment in which it rests; a 120 year old tree towers over the cottage only a foot away from the back wall.

Overall, the Pine Twig captures a glimpse of the life of early settlers as well as assists in painting an overall picture of the Stewart family development and their impact within the community of Dwight.