

MILLS HOME

At the junction of the Norfolk-Haldimand town line and no. 3 highway there is 25 acres of land which was settled by Gideon Snyder in 1850.

The log house was situated on the west side at the top of the hill.

A tannery was built beside the creek, and did a large business in those days.

People from the surrounding country brought the hides from cows, dogs, horses, and sheep, to be tanned.

In the winter Mr. and Mrs. Snyder made fur gauntlets mitts, robes, etc. from the furs which they had tanned.

The price for fur mitts was \$2.00 and every Presbyterian minister was presented with a pair.

The bark used in tanning was ground all very fine.

The tan vats were horrible looking places, and their daughter, Lois, when very small fell into one of them, but was rescued before drowning.

On the east side of the creek they built their new house, which still stands.

The barn and house were built together, being connected by a wood shed, granary, driving barn.

The land surrounding the house was set out in cherry trees, and garden.

Mrs. Snyder grew all her own herbs for medicines, and always said if one didn't cure the other one would.

Mr. Snyder sold his vegetables from house to house, cabbage were sold at 25 Cents per dozen.

The broken cabbage was made into sauer kraut, and was sold during the winter.

Wallace Snyder carried on the tannery when his father died.

At his death it was sold to George Brock, Waterford, and is now the property of Mr Mills, who owns a garage in Jarvis.