

Registered 2001 Ward / Gasch Property circa 1786 - 1794



This colonial home is believed to have been built in 1794 by Loyalist James Ward. During the early 1800's James Ward and John Ward lived here. In 1866 Alfred Ward, son of John, lived in the home for a further 55 years. The Wards finally gave up the title for the first time in 1919 when Alfred sold the home to Frances Boutillier. Frances operated an inn called the "Wayover Inn" on the premises during the first half of this century. In 1962 Manning Gasch Sr. purchased the home and he and his family have used this home as a summer residence for the past 37 years. The building stands as one of the oldest and most unique properties in the district. Its combination of locally crafted brick and wood combine to give it a distinctive character. Manning Gasch Sr. and Jr. have taken great pride in the home and restored much of the interior to its original state. Some of the more interesting interior features are: the Count Rumford fireplaces that were state of the art at the time of construction; the two front lower windows have sills made of sandstone quarried from the sandstone cliffs at Seawall. Ghost stories and hauntings are associated with the home that has witnessed triumph and tragedy over the years. This grand old home stands majestically on a hill far from the main village road and is truly an area landmark.