

Cyr Farm



This house comes from Madawaska, more precisely from Saint Basile. It was built by Laurent Cyr, the son of Michel and Madeleine Thibodeau, married to Angélique Raymond.

Some time before his marriage, Laurent leased then bought the land owned by Simonet Hébert. Laurent was probably the one who built the house in which he resided afterwards. Possibly before his marriage, Laurent purchased part of the household

implements and furniture he could not make himself. He also got a wood stove required by the house apparently built without a fireplace. During the 1820s, Madaska Acadians traveled more and more to Quebec or the Saint Lawrence towns to buy the goods they deemed necessary.

Around 1850, Laurent whitewashed the east outer wall of the house, the one facing the road. A gallery is built on the side towards the river, as traffic on the river was still considerable. After 1860, a gallery is built on the side towards the road. In addition, that same year, at the time of an agricultural fair, “Lawrence Cyre à Michael” won first prize for the best yearling colt.

Laurent and his wife Angélique had seven children and Laurent’s heir is his youngest son, also named Laurent. The time of the elder Laurent’s death is not known, but we know that the younger Laurent married Édith Daigle in 1872, in Saint David, United States.

Before the 1872 wedding, the indoor walls of the house, having been left unfinished, were covered with newspapers. The small summer kitchen appears to date from this period, though we are unable to include it with certainty in the general remodeling.

The younger Laurent only had daughters. In 1905, Agnès, Laurent’s daughter, married Bélonie Thibodeau, and the couple inherited the farm. Around 1910, they had a new house built. The family of Agnès Cyr and Bélonie Thibodeau moved in the new house around 1914. From then on, the old one served as a storage shed.



On May 22, 1973, the Village Historique Acadien purchased from Camille Thibodeau, son of Agnès and Bélonie, the old house of Laurent Cyr, son of Michel. Originally, the house was believed to date from 1780, but

following research, it was found that the house was built at a later date, in fact around 1830. However, using new dating processes, it is possible that it was built as late as 1852.

Finally, the Cyr farm includes a house, a barn, a shed and a pigpen.

Specifics of the house:

- Outdoor cellar entrance
- Makeshift stairway
- Indoor finishing simple and practically nonexistent
- Numerous 20-pane sash windows.
- Outdoor clapboard siding
- Structure en pièce sur pièce à coulisse.

Barn and shed Arthur Soucy, reproduction

The barn and shed located on the Cyr farm complex are reproductions of those belonging to Arthur Soucy of Lac Baker. Both buildings have been built on the site in 1975.

Specifics of the barn:

- Open frame with beams and girders
- Vertical plank siding
- Wide central doors on front and back walls

Specifics of grain shed:

- Outdoor walls covered with vertical planks
- Sharp angled two slope roof
- Wide entrance door and window in the front gable

