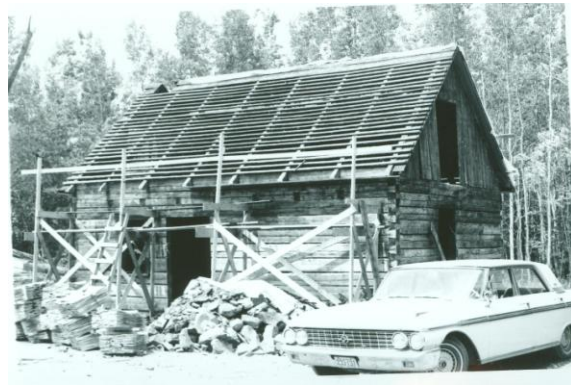


Mazerolle farm

The history of the Mazerolle house begins with the builder's father, Joseph Mazerolle. Joseph was born in 1739 in Grand-Pré, was deported to Boston where he married in 1764 Rosalie Thibodeau, moved to Quebec City and finally settled down by the Saint John River about 1776-77. Several of his children were born during this period. His wife Rosalie Thibodeau died in June 1815, Joseph himself passing away in June 1818. His son Louis-Joseph (or Joseph-Louis), born in Quebec City in 1767, was most probably the one who built the house found on the grounds of the Village Historique Acadien. We know that Louis-Joseph had been living for a long time on the Saint John River, since in 1797, in a petition, he mentions having lived in the area for 20 years.

In 1831, he obtains land in the area of Mazerolle Settlement, which he sells in 1839 to his son Pierre. We believe that Pierre, upon the final sale of his father's land, moved the house to this land granted by the government in 1842. Having received his land in 1842, Pierre Mazerolle, as well as his family and offspring, took root for good at Mazerolle Settlement, near Fredericton.



In 1851, we notice that Pierre lives with his second wife Marie-Anne and the seven children from his two marriages. In addition, his father Joseph, his mother Françoise and his sister Marie live with him. Quite probably, when his father sells him the house, they all lived in the same house in Mazerolle Settlement.

Louis, a son from Pierre's first marriage, inherited the house and abandoned it in 1895, intending to build a new home. Louis had only two children, including John-Lewis. John-Lewis is the father of Bernard-Franklin, the one who ceded the Mazerolle house to the Village Historique Acadien. John-Lewis's children were the last to be born in this house. At the opening of the Village Historique Acadien in 1977, Bernard was present for the first visit of the donating families.

Built on a base of field stones, the walls are of square-hewn logs, resting on a footing (10" x 10") of pine and with dovetail joining at the corners. On a level with the lower footing, six floor joists (with fairly regular spacing) giving the house a perimeter of 26'4" by 20'2".

The Mazerolle farm house at the Village Historique Acadien, as well as a pigsty, a barn and articles of furniture built by the former owners, were purchased in 1973. A crew from the Village undertook the moving process the very year of its purchase. However, the law stated that no load over 14 feet wide was allowed to travel on the roads. Thus, the movers had to wait for some time before transporting the building to the historical site.

In short, the Mazerolle farm includes a house, a barn, a grain shed and a pigsty.

Particularités de la maison:

- Square-hewn log construction with dovetail assembly
- Maison pièce-sur-pièce équarries et assemblées à queue d'aronde
- Sash windows
- Large stone fireplace
- Two-sided steep-slope roof

Thomas Thériault barn

This barn was the property of Thomas Thériault. The Village Historique Acadien purchased this barn in October 1974. It was located in Bertrand, close to the owner's house. This barn is nevertheless part of the Mazerolle farm unit and is interpreted as 1842. It should be noted that the architecture of barn was

Cette grange fut la propriété de Thomas Thériault. Le Village Historique Acadien achète cette grange au mois d'octobre 1974. Elle était située à Bertrand, tout près de la maison du propriétaire. Cette grange fait quand même partie du complexe fermier Mazerolle et est interprétée 1842. Il faut comprendre que l'architecture des granges s'est peu modifiée au cours des ans.

Distinctive features:

- High gable with steep slope
- Large double door on the front wall
- Outside walls covered with vertical boards
- Open frame of square-hewn beams

John Frenette grain shed

Distinctive features:

- Wide entrance door
- Hand-made shingle siding
- Indoor stairs to the loft

Mazerolle pigsty

Distinctive features:

- Unhewn-log construction
- Sharp-notch log assembly

