

NOTES ON THE LOG HOUSE AT KLIENBURG

The log building is still standing on its original site near Klineburg, Ontario. It is a large building by log house standards - 28'x34'4"x2 full storeys tall - almost 2000 square feet. A more complete description follows. It will take two trailer loads to transport this building. The building is \$135,000 including delivery, repair, reassembly on your foundation, and the supply of additional secondary materials so as to complete the floors, roof boards, and interior doors and hardware, as original.

The logs are eastern white pine. They are typically 8" thick. Some have faces up to 24" high. The exterior of the log walls was originally covered with horizontal siding. The roof trim is stepped out to accommodate the siding. A purist would want the building reconstructed with siding. Many practical advantages to that also. The siding was removed in the 1960's and 3" of cement poured against the exterior walls. This was not good. Surface rot resulted. In addition the cement exacerbated the effects of rising damp on the lower rounds. On three walls there is damage to the logs. All of this is repairable. It is a big job but I have much experience in museum quality restoration. The interior surfaces of the log walls are amazing. They appear not to have been originally covered. This is unusual and I will study that further. They have an exceptionally rich patina. The repair process will be such that all interior surfaces will be saved - even on the badly damaged lower rounds.

The second floor joists are 8x10 hewn pine timbers on approximately 36" centers. The attic floor timbers are of lesser dimension but still substantial. There are also 1st floor joists which are similar to the wall logs - flattened on two sides with large faces. The better of these I intend to use to repair the log walls.

The roof rafters are 4x5 hewn pine. They are nicely lapped and pegged at the tips. The roof boards are wide pine and are dry and sound. They have been nailed for wood shingles as one would expect and there are the usual stains and such. They are very reusable. We will number them. The roof trim is complete and looks to be in good condition. There will likely be some water damage. We will tag these pieces also.

The flooring is very good. The first floor boards are narrow - about 6" - which is typical of 'better' mid century country houses. These boards (with the exception of those in the kitchen area) have a wonderful surface. Lightly painted and worn with great depth. The kitchen flooring is overlaid and heavily nailed. It may not be salvageable. I will replace with similar as required. The second floor boards are also in good condition. The undersides of these boards, which form the 1st floor ceiling, are hand planed with a beaded edge. There is no attic flooring.

The beaded board partitions are amazing. They are original and complete. Downstairs there is a partition that runs the length of the building and another that runs the depth. Upstairs there are two partitions running 2/3 of the length (each side of a hall) and shorter walls running in the other direction defining four rooms. I have not calculated the total area of these partitions. The board partitions are painted but for the most part only one coat. In addition to the beaded board walls the second floor ceiling is paneled with beaded boards. The few that I have uncovered are 20" wide.

Most of the original doors have survived - a few with original hardware. All of the baseboard and window and door trim survived. The window sash have been changed and most of the window frames have suffered damage.

There is a large fireplace downstairs with a good surround. We will salvage the bricks. (I have removed fireplace assemblies - some with multiple fireplaces or even bake ovens - intact. Thus one may not be a candidate for that approach. To remove and transport it in one piece would add to your cost. There is a corner staircase behind the fireplace. The staircase and fireplace are enclosed with beaded boards.

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