

On May 21, 2007, Barbara and I toured the Gatineau looking for Lac Cullen and Petite Lac Cullen. These lakes are a little south east of Lake St. Charles on Lot 8, Range 11 of Wakefield Township. They are located on crown land in the middle of four 340 metre high 'hills'. The terrain is steep and wild and the few rough roads with access are private and gated.

We stopped at the Carroll homestead and met Lois and Basil, two children of Joe Tom Carroll who live on the property with sister Audrey and brother Hayden. Lois was shy, but Basil was very open and generous with his time. He showed us his vast collection of farm antiques which he has collected over the years. They are housed in two out buildings and run the gamut of early Gatineau farm life. he presented Barbara with a chamber bell used with cattle by earlier Carroll generations.

The Carroll house is Keiran's original homestead. It's of log construction with added wood siding. The house has been raised and a basement added. The house is at least 150 years old.

Lois told me that Kieran came to Canada with his sister and brother, but they both died in Quebec City. This was probably in 1835-1840.

Re Lac Cullen, Basil strongly advised us to forget about hiking in to the property. The hike would be difficult and there were black bears in the area. He recommended we visit Thurlow Canavan down the road to get more information.

We did so and met Thurlow and his wife Colette. We stayed for 3 hours and joined them for lunch. Their hospitality was unique.

Thurlow confirmed Basil's views re Lac Cullen. The lakes are part of a private fishing club.