

S.A. Cook's Cottage

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Bethinking of Olde Orleans

This column contains a photo of the S.A. Cook cottage which was located on Lakeside Bluff at the mouth of Johnson's Creek in the Town of Carlton.

It was built around 1890 by S.A. Cook of Medina who was a prominent business man and at one time mayor of that village. The cottage which was a wooden extravaganza in the Stick Style boasted a four-story attached gazebo or tower.

Buildings in the Stick Style typically display high-peaked roofs and exposed beam work which form decorative elements. This mode of construction was particularly used for resort buildings during the last three decades of the 19th century.

During 1923 several



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cottages caught fire on Lakeside Bluff and burned to the ground. At that time nearby Kuckville had a fire department in the form of one Model-T fire truck. It was the pride of Kuckville and was used many times to put out fires.

However, on this

occasion the Model-T would not start and remained in the firehouse at Kuckville while the cottages burned. The Albion Fire Department responded, but the distance involved caused so much delay that the Cook cottage was lost.