



Moulinette Train Station

The Moulinette Station was erected c.1910, through the lobbying efforts of Mr. John G. Snetsinger, Member of Parliament for Stormont County, 1896-1900. The station was erected on the east 1/2 of Lot 31, Concession 1, Township of Cornwall, on property purchased by the Grand Trunk Railway from Rev. Stephen Brownell in 1854. The station served passengers on the Grand Trunk/Canadian National Railway at Moulinette, Ontario. It received passengers, mail, and goods via the Moccasin train on its runs between Brockville and Montreal. The station would have been vital not just to Moulinette but also to the people from the outlying areas and from the nearby hamlets and villages that did not have a station of their own.

The station was moved by Moulinette resident Elgin Alguire to his farm south of Avonmore, Ontario, in 1957, prior to the inundation in 1958. There, it was used for a number of different purposes. At one time it was a hen house, a horse stable, a garage for the storage of an antique Model T-Ford, and a bicycle repair shop.

In 1995, the station was moved to The Lost Villages Museum site in Ault Park, and restored to its original look as a rail depot. The frame structure, with clapboard and vertical pine siding, has a gabled hip roof, with asphalt shingles. The roof was refurbished through the careful study of old photos by a local architect. The interior is mostly original, with tongue and groove elm wall boards, and the original floor boards. A central brick chimney has been removed, although the chimney opening still exists in the ceiling.

The Moulinette Train Station was one of the earliest buildings at the museum site and is a proud symbol of a bygone era.. This station and the Aultsville Station located just outside of Upper Canada Village are the only stations which were saved from the inundated villages.

The Moulinette Station was donated to The Lost Villages Historical Society by Mrs. Olive Alguire, widow of Elgin. She cut the ribbon to open the building on July 1, 1995, thirty-two years after Moulinette went under water along with the five other “lost villages”.