

310 Harris Street has been my home in Rockwood for over a decade and I adore the place. The charm of an older home along with the spectacular  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre lot and privacy make this place a nature (and dog) lover's paradise. The neighbourhood is filled with wonderful people and the short walk to the Rockwood Conservation area gives one access to a bit of wilderness (not to mention the canoeing or kayaking and hiking) nearby. The orientation of the house on the lot brings in beautiful sunlight all times of day. 310 Harris is a wonderful family home with room for all in the various different "areas" of the house. The ravine at the back of the house is very private and I have made my own walking trail down there along the little river.

The house was first built as a small cabin by a carpenter named Thomas Corner. Thomas had purchased the lots from the Harris family who settled Rockwood in 1878. I presume that is also the date of the original central part of the house, which was a simple carpenter's cottage. It shows up in the tax rolls as a house in 1879. In 1887 Thomas and his wife sold the property to the trustees of the Methodist Church. It is my understanding that the east wing of the house was added around this time in (1891?) order to attract a Methodist minister to Rockwood. In 1918 the tax rolls show that G. Smitherman, a Methodist minister lived in the property with his wife and three children. I think the ladies of the church must have planted the periwinkle border that is on all sides of the boundaries along with the gardens and many lilac trees. An addition was put on the west side of the house around 1940 or so (sorry I don't know the exact year) to accommodate more relatives of the family that were occupying the property.

Rockwood is a fantastic family oriented village that is growing leaps and bounds these days with lots of services and shops. It is not unusual to make a run to the bank and post office and be back home in 15 minutes. The school has an excellent reputation and the local families are all very involved with the school and making Rockwood a great place for children. Many active seniors are also moving into the area to enjoy the peace and beauty of this little village.