

Canonchet Brook Site 16

Enos Farm

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General Comments

This is a preliminary report based upon a walk over of the property in October 2016. A few structures were documented to assess the types of structures present. Additional stone cairns were noted in passing but not documented. The structures were found in three groups. No deed search has been done yet. The 1855 Walling map lists A. Enos as the farm owner. The 1870 Beers Atlas map shows A. Enos. 1895 map lists Amos Palmer. This site is discussed in *Land of a Thousand Cairns* (2017) by Mary Gage and James Gage

Group 1

#1 Vertical Walled on Ground with Stone Fill

All of the structures in group 1 are either inside or just outside of a small walled pasture or paddock. Some are attached to / integrated into the wall dating them to historic period. The structures are interpreted as ceremonial based on the diversity of designs and small size of stone in the cairns (too small for field clearing)



#2 Small Mound on Ground with tree growing in it



#3 Small Mound on Ground



#4 Vertical Walled cairn attached to interior side of stonewall

The stone fill includes stones less than 4 inches in length. These are too small for field clearing activity



#5 Mound on Ground Attached to exterior of stonewall



#5A Corner Wall Cairn on exterior of pasture wall (no photo)

#5B Single Stone on Boulder (no photo)

#5C Mound on Ground (no photo)

Group 2

This is a group of cairns and propped stone slabs in a rocky wetlands area with a seasonal stream. The area is not suitable for crop or hay crops. With the exception of the water source, the rocky wet conditions make it unsuitable for pasture. The diversity of cairns observed and propped stone slabs suggest a ceremonial function.

#6 Multi-Stone, Non-Mound on Top of Boulder cairn



#7 Propped Stone Slab on Top of Boulder cairn in seasonal stream



#8 Propped Stone Slab and Single Layer of Stones on Top Boulder cairn



#9 through #14 not used with this site (They go with site 15)

Group 3 (single structure)

#15 Enclosure

Retaining wall of the structure (dark gray in illustration) was constructed of granite stone blocks split with the plug and feather method of splitting. This dates the structure to after 1820. The stone fill has little insulating value and therefore any type of root cellar or ice house explanation can be ruled out. An elaborate landscape feature would seem out of place on a rural subsistence family farm. The presence of two cairn groups with a diversity of structures suggests a ceremonial function. The house shields it from view from the main road providing a certain level of privacy for any activities which occurred within it.

Passageway 3' H x 3' W x 10' L

Interior 3' H x 8'3" W x 10'9" L

Front Exterior 24'7" W x 24' L (front to back approximate)

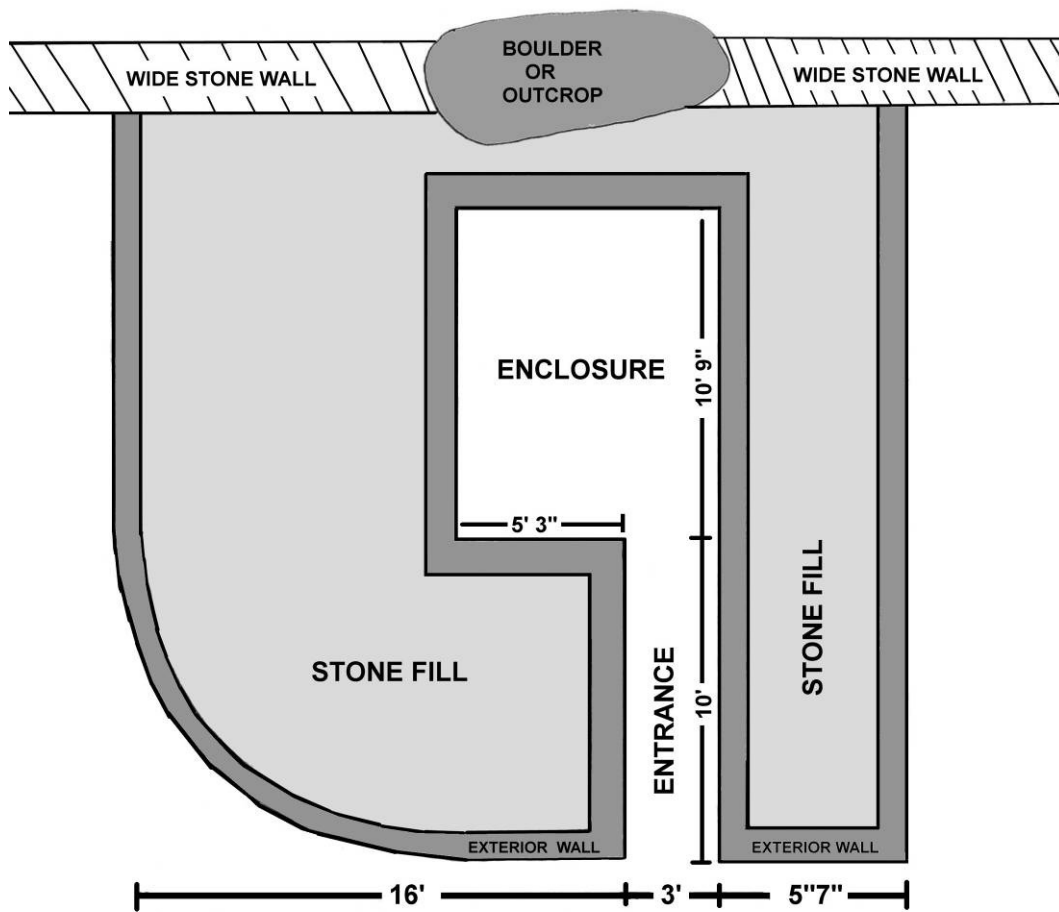


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Left side curved front wall



Right side with straight front wall



Quarry tool marks from plug and feather method



Stone interior fill



Interior of enclosure



From inside looking out passageway