

## Pen Rock - the Eastmure / Pratt Cottage



*This photograph hangs over the dining room table in the Pratt cottage and features Gerry and Wyburn Eastmure on the dock.*

**Wyburn Eastmure** was gassed at Passchendaele in WW1. Back in Toronto, his doctor suggested he take a long canoe trip in Algonquin Park - it would help clear his lungs. With his army buddy Toag Ogle he paddled through the park, down the Oxtongue River into Lake of Bays, then portaged into Penlake to visit Toag's mother on Isle Donelg, now called Hill's Island.

That evening, Mrs. Ogle suggested the boys paddle over to the Brown's where the pretty American daughters were having a party. Of course, they did! Wyburn, being a polite fellow, remarked to Mrs. Brown, What a beautiful part of the Lake for a cottage. Mrs. Brown replied, Well if you are interested you should meet with Tom Shaw. He farms the property with waterfront on Wolf Bay next to ours. The meeting was arranged and on July 23, 100 years ago, Wyburn signed the papers to purchase waterfront property in lovely Wolf Bay.

Wyburn Eastmure left a wonderful legacy to his descendants of which there are many - children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren - spending their summers around the Lake that they love.



*The shoreline on a cold Thanksgiving morning*



*Great grandkids riding a little low in the G.G. Boat*



*Eastmure / Pratt cottage at sunset*