

History of the Log Cabin on the Northville Downs Racetrack Site

The log cabin on the Downs site was built by Miss Mary Gilbert. The contractor that built the cabin in 1936 was P.L. Mott from Detroit. The cabin was built during the Great Depression. There's a uniqueness and 1936 patent of the Air-lock logs, that this may be the first home built with these newly patented logs, these logs are no longer produced today,

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**FOUR ROOM COTTAGE
IS BUILT HERE FOR
MISS MARY GILBERT**

The first cottage built of air-locked logs to be constructed in the village has just been completed at 318 River street by P. L. Mott, Detroit contractor.

Completing a four-room lodge to meet the specifications set forth by the owner, Miss Mary Gilbert, the contractor unlocked the door Wednesday morning for a final inspection before Miss Gilbert takes up a permanent residence there.

A feature of the new house is a large stone fireplace which occupies practically an entire end of the living room. Light fixtures are of wrought iron in rustic style to fit in appropriately with the natural charm of the "backwoodsman" type of architecture.

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