

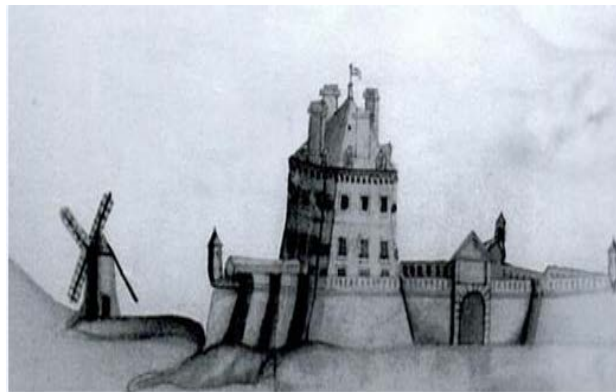
Anderson Falls Heritage Society presents

**Windmills and Garden Plots:  
Early French Settlement in the  
Champlain Valley**

July 19, 2017

7:00 pm

Town of AuSable Town Hall  
111 AuSable St., Keeseville



Abstract: French colonization of the valley began by the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century. Those early French settlers established a foothold at the northern end of Lake Champlain that was intended to blossom into a full scale occupation of the entire valley. Throughout the period between 1680 and 1760, the French expanded their settlements into the Champlain valley and their signature building became the stone tower windmills that functioned as grist mills, protection from Indian and English assaults, and military redoubts. The early settlement of the valley set the stage for later migrations into the area by French Canadians who provided labor for the industrial development of the region.

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