

Kopitoski's Rock (or Kapitovskie)

There are two spellings for Jack, Kopitoski, the English spelling, or Kapitovskie, the Polish spelling. The runway Kopitoski's Rock is located near the 'highway', just west of the Old Number 2 watch and the first one east of the present-day dinnering place. While there may be a rock somewhere at the 'highway' location, the reference is actually to a rock in the river, just upstream from the Three Islands. In the old days, the hunters along the river had their favourite watches; for example Tommy Ryan liked to watch at the old dinnering place on the river, and Jack Kopitoski had his preferred runway, one that came out near a big rock in the river. Jack used to even say, "I'll watch at my rock," and so it got its name. The runway up at the 'highway' comes out on the river at Kopitoski's Rock. They say if a deer gets across at the watch near the highway, nine times out of ten, it will take to the river at Kopitoski's Rock.

Jack (born in Grattan Township, Renfrew County, July 22, 1877) and his wife Annie were good friends of Tommy and Margaret Ryan and that is probably the reason he was hunting with the Snake Rapids gang. Jack's old homestead was the farm that is currently (2012) that of Bruce Junop's. As a young man he bought the old Summer's farm, just up the road from the aforementioned Junop farm. He married Annie Bimm and they had only one child who died shortly thereafter. The child is buried in the graveyard up at the Rosenthal Church.

It's reported that Jack couldn't read; "couldn't even read his own name", but Annie could, and between the two of them they were able to keep up with the news in the Eganville Leader and successfully carve out a living on their little farm.

In the fall of 1960 Jack sold the farm and shortly thereafter suffered a stroke and, in his 84th year, died in May of 1961.