

Pillar reminds us of years gone by

History — it's everywhere in Cobourg.

One of the nicest features around Cobourg is the traces of history which have been left to fend off the elements among the newer structures.

The pillar which stands on King Street East in front of the King Apartments is a fine example.

It's all that's left of the front gates to one of the town's grand homes of the last century.

Heathcote was built in 1884 by Agnes Heath. Mrs. Heath lived north of Toronto, but when her daughter Emily married D'Arcy Boulton of The Lawn, she built in Cobourg.

The Lawn, now apartments, stands along D'Arcy Street just south of King Street. Heathcote and it shared a common boundary line.

These estates were typical examples of the huge homes built by wealthy Americans attracted to

Peggy Wright

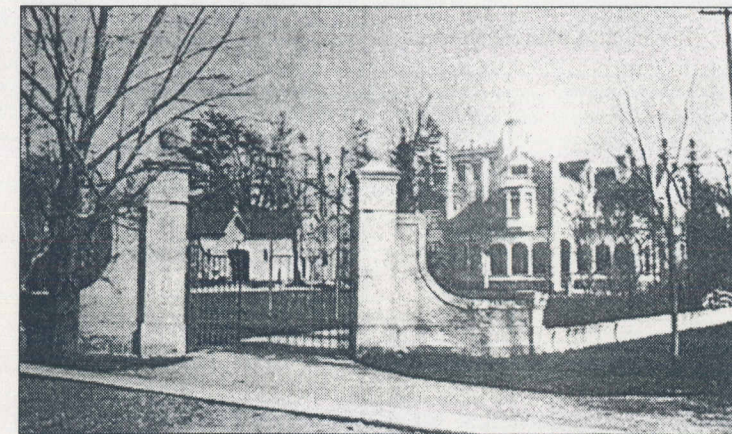


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Cobourg for its healthy 'ozone.' At that time, King Street was lined with vast homes on immense estates. Although many were just summer homes, these particular two were constructed to live in year-round.

Mr. W. F. Ladd, a wealthy Texas businessman in the cotton industry, bought Heathcote in 1893. He enlarged the house to the way it looks in the old photograph.

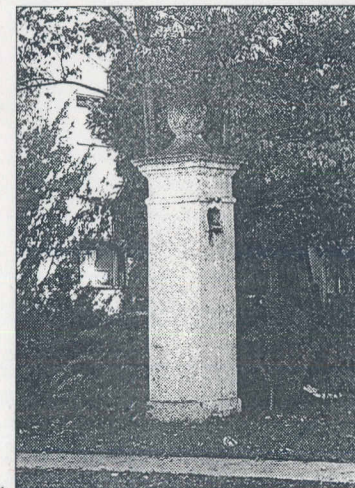
It was sold again, a few years later, to Frank Hess, a businessman from Philadelphia. Mr. Hess was



known locally as 'Pop.' One of his daughters, Ann, lived for many years in one of the oldest houses in Cobourg - the house at the corner of King and Church Streets which burned down two years ago.

Pop Hess in turn, sold Heathcote to Mrs. Dumble, now owner of The Lawn, in 1920. Mrs. Dumble demolished Heathcote and made its grounds part of her lawn in 1930.

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