HERITAGE INVENTORY FOR THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

Areas One and Two

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1.1 Background

During the spring of 1991, the Planning Department of the Corporation of the City of Brantford in cooperation with the Brantford Heritage Committee commissioned a heritage inventory for part of the downtown core of Brantford. The area included in the study can be described approximately as the blocks of Colborne and Dalhousie Streets from King to Market.

The chief objectives of the study were:

- 1. To conduct a critical analysis and evaluation of buildings within the study area in order to determine which structures are of historical and architectural significance; and
- 2. To prepare an information base regarding the heritage resources in the study area that will be of assistance in the preparation of municipal planning policies regarding the downtown.

1.2 Methodology: Data Collection in the Study Area

A working data sheet for each of the properties was prepared to assist in recording the information collected. These working data sheets contained information on municipal address, history and architecture.

Address

Accurate municipal addresses were identified for all properties within the study area by comparison to current assessment material. Using unregistered plans provided by the City the municipal addresses were correlated to legal lot descriptions. Secondary or convenience addresses were also noted. Vacant lots were identified.

History

Each of the properties within the study area was researched archivally. All of the following sources were examined.

Atlases: Goads's 19\878, Goad's last revised to 1951
City Directories: 1951, 1934, 1925, 1902, 1895-6
Brantford building permit files and plan files
Brantford Expositor files, library, and special editions
Municipal Assessments: 1899, 1891, 1885, 1880, 1876, 1867, 1860
Brantford Municipal and Ontario Provincial archives (photographs)
Provincial Archives - Horwood Collection
Architectural index for Ontario (Archindont)
CIHB listings and previous municipal inventory (ACO)
Corporate archives (for the banks)
FHBRO (Public Works Canada and Parks Canada for the Federal Building)

On the working data sheets the building name, original owner/occupant, building, date(s) of construction, and information regarding later alterations was noted. Careful attention was paid to recording the reference source for the historical data information collected, so that the research could be followed-up, or supplemented at any time.

Architecture

Each of the buildings within the study area was described architecturally - by height, exterior construction materials, use type, and architectural style (where appropriate). This information was collected by a visual on-site survey of the primary facades of each of the subject properties.

The properties were photographed by the staff of the Brantford Planning Department within their urban context.

1.3 Methodology: Data Analysis and Evaluation

Computerization

All information which was collected on the individual properties was recorded using a dBase III Plus software programme according to standards established in conjunction with the Planning Department. This included a listing of the data and brief architectural and historical summaries of each of the buildings. Key references for future historical research were included on this database. This database will serve as a model for property data collection when other areas of the City are studied.

Evaluation

Evaluation of heritage buildings within the study area was undertaken using a numerical evaluation system based on the accumulated research and visual survey. The purpose of such a system is to instill a standard, simple method of grading the buildings so that it is possible to determine which buildings are most likely to be more significant than others - architecturally and historically.

Standard evaluation formats have been developed by numerous agencies. Parks Canada developed its standard in 1980, and many municipalities have subsequently developed their own formats, made specifically to suit the goals and objectives of their own studies.

For this inventory the City of Toronto's criteria for heritage evaluation became the adopted model based on its comparable municipal system and the fact that its standards had recently been reviewed and modified. Three distinct categories of evaluation were determined to be crucial to the assessment of the buildings in Downtown Brantford:

Historical significance - the architectural importance of the building to this history of Brantford

Architectural significance - the importance of the building, architecturally

Appearance - does the present appearance of the building detract from or contribute to the significance of the building?

By distinguishing these categories, it is possible to ensure that each is given due consideration and, particularly, that the historical importance of buildings is given an equal weighting to the more visually obvious characteristic of architectural quality.

Historical Evaluation

Under history the subjects for evaluation were:

- 1. Person: associated with the life or activities of a person, group or organization that has made a significant contribution to Brantford, the province or the nation.
- 2. Event: associated with an event or events that have made a significant contribution to Brantford, the province or the nation.
- 3. Patterns: associated with significant patterns of cultural, social, political, military, economic, industrial history or urban development.

Each property was a given a rating of low to high for each of these subjects (1 to 3) with a possible high score of 9 and possible low score of 3. Properties which scored from 6 to 9 tend to reflect the most significant historical properties in the study area.

Architectural Evaluation

Under architecture the subjects for evaluation were:

- 1. Style: significant as a notable example of a particular architectural style, type or convention.
- 2. Construction: significant as a notable example of a particular material or method of construction.
- 3. Architect/Builder: designed or built by an architect or builder that has made a significant contribution to Brantford, the province or nation.
- 4. Design: architectural composition, detailing, originality, and craftsmanship having regard also to interior arrangement and finish were applicable.
- 5. Context: contributes through its built form to the continuity or dominant character of the street.

Each property was given a rating of low to high for each of these subjects (1 to 3) with a possible high score of 15 and possible low score of 5. Properties which scored from 11 to 15 tend to reflect the most architecturally significant properties in the study area.

Contributions to the downtown urban form are considered within the architectural subject of "Context", and partly under the category of condition. It should be strongly noted however that the structure of streets and blocks, the development of lanes and lot divisions are as much a part of the history of an area as are the individual buildings. The recognition of patterns created by prominently located buildings and groupings of buildings and the recognition of important views of vistas form an important aspect of urban design analysis. This analysis is shown in the form of a series of maps developed in conjunction with the Planning Department attached to this report.

Heritage Appearance Evaluation

This category was developed specifically to avoid having the present condition of the building affect the inventory's main considerations of architectural and historical value. The condition of a building will change and the score for "appearance" represents a flexible variable which can incorrectly bias an inventory unless it is continually updated.

Under appearance the subjects for evaluation were:

- 1. Present appearance of the original fabric is:
 good (3)
 average (2)
 poor (1)
- Conservation/Restoration potential for improvement of the building through the restoration of heritage features:
 high potential (3)
 average potential (2)
 irreversible alterations limit the potential for conservation/restoration (1)
- 3. Alterations: retains most of the original integrity of materials and design features. unchanged/sensitive intervention (3) changed but character retained (2) little original character retained (1)
- 4. Environment:
 in a sympathetic context (3)
 neutral context (2)
 isolated/non-sympathetic context (1)

Each property was given a rating of low to high for each of these subjects (1 to 3) with a possible high score of 12 and possible low score of 4. Properties which scored less than 7 indicate that the present appearance of the building would seriously affect attempts at restoration. It should be stressed that evaluations in this category were established by an exterior visual inspection; such a cursory evaluation does not satisfy the needs of a thorough architectural condition assessment. The individual appearance scores should be reviewed at regular intervals on a building by building basis to monitor change in the subject area.

1.4 Using the Heritage Inventory

Intent

The intent of this inventory is to provide a comprehensive database which can be used by the City of Brantford in the consideration of one of its most important resources: its historic buildings. The ranking of the heritage properties by architectural and historical significance is the tool by which comparative evaluation of the subjects within the resource may be made.

Historic buildings strengthen both the quality of life and the quality of urban form in their community. They help to establish a sense of place, contributing an increased awareness and identification which adds to civic pride, and which potentially attracts to tourist dollars.

Municipal planning policies can foster an interest and a recognition of significant historic buildings. Such policies are prepared by the Department of Planning with input from the local Heritage Committee and public consultation. Municipal planning policies can vary substantially for example they can lead to the mounting of identification plaques at historic sites; the creation of walking tours; the inclusion of heritage information in tourism publicity packages; the development of grant incentive programs; or the recommendation of individual property designations. A number of these procedures are already in place in Brantford.

Format

The inventory is recorded on a dBase III software package on the enclosed disc. It may be added to in this format at any time for the updating of information, or for the addition of information. For the purpose of preparing a hard copy of the inventory information, a one page summary of historical and architectural data has been compiled for each property within Area I and Area II and also recorded on an enclosed dBase III system.

1.5 Mapping

Attached to this report are a series of maps which help to illustrate the results of the study.

Map 1 - Study Area Boundaries with Street Addresses

This map shows the boundary of the study area. A municipal address is listed for each of the properties. This address is the address which is confirmed by the current assessment records. Additional addresses, called convenience addresses, are listed in the inventory for the individual properties for which they apply. As an example the municipal address, 29 King Street, has a number of secondary addresses on both King and Darling Streets, including 27-35 King, and these other addresses are included on the individual property data sheet.

Map 2 - Age of Building Map

This map shows the age of buildings for several important periods: pre-Confederation buildings (pre-1867); buildings constructed between 1868 and 1892 (one hundred year old buildings); and buildings constructed between 1892 and 1942 (fifty year old buildings). This grouping by periods illustrates the large number of buildings of considerable age within the study area. It also demonstrates the evolution of the area - with the gradual shift of development from Colborne to Dalhousie by the end of the nineteenth century. Properties which have been significantly altered are noted on this map in order to make note of the fact that the actual age of a building may not be readily apparent.

Map 3 - Properties which Received a High Grading for Architectural Significance

Properties which were evaluated and received high gradings for their architectural significance are shown on this map. These properties had scores of 11 to a maximum score of 15. The mapping indicates that many architecturally significant buildings are located at the west end of Colborne Street, and that prominent individual buildings are located on Dalhousie and Queen.

Map 4 - Properties which Received a High Grading for Historical Significance

Properties which were evaluated and received high gradings for their historical significance area shown on this map. These properties had scores of 6 to a maximum score of 9. Although there is some correspondence in scoring between the properties included on Map 3 and Map 4, it is important to note that some properties should be acknowledged purely for their historic merit. For example, two buildings of little architectural merit are significant because of historic events such as the first long distance telephone call, and the presence of one of the business telephones in the nation.

Map 5 - Urban Characteristics

Properties of historical and architectural distinction contribute to the creation of a City's sense of place in the form of landmarks, prominent corners and streetscapes. This map identifies heritage buildings which contribute specifically to the creation of strong grouping of buildings or to the clear definition of a street intersection. There are many ways in which urban form can be analyzed - the configuration and size of lots; the structure of blocks, streets and lanes; or the relation of buildings to open space. Further analysis of urban form should be undertaken using the study data to establish the importance of the heritage, architectural and historical components in the City's approach to its municipal planning goals.

1.6 Report Appendices

The following Appendices describe the method and format of the investigation and should be used in any further historic inventory work:

Appendix 1.0 Recording Form

Appendix 2.0 Appearance Assessment Form

Appendix 3.0 Historical Assessment Form

Appendix 4.0 Architectural Assessment Form

Appendix 5.0 Key to Abbreviations Used in Inventory

Brantford Heritage Inventory

RECORD FORM

1.0 PROPERTY DATA

legal municipal address:

other addresses:

optional block/lot number, map number of other municipal code:

building status: structure on site

no structure on site

2.0 HISTORY

original building name:

original owner:

original occupant:

original architect/engineer/builder:

date(s) of construction:

alterations:

other building names:

owner/occupant for alteration:

architect/engineer/builder for alterations:

date(s) of alterations:

comments:

sources:

3.0 ARCHITECTURE:

building type:

architectural style (if applicable):

height in storeys:

principal construction materials

exterior:

structure if known:

alterations:

building type:

building style (if applicable):

height (N/S/E/W facade):

principal construction materials

exterior:

structure if known:

comments:

interior:

exterior:

site:

landscape:

ancillary structures:

archaeology:

4.0 RECORDING INFORMATION

date of record:

name of recorders

photographic reference:

APPENDIX TWO

HERITAGE APPEARANCE RECORD

MUN	TICIPAL ADDRESS:	RAYENG
1. 1%		
1.0	Present condition of the original fabric and structure of the building is:	- good (3) - average (2) - poor (1)
	Comments:	- primary involutions (3) - secondary concentrate (3) - tref- involution (1)
2.0	Conservation/Restoration: potential for improvement of the building through restoration of heritage features.	 high potential (3) average potential (2) irreversible alterations have occurre which limited the potential for restoration/conservation. (1)
	Comments:	
3.0	Alterations: retains most of the original integrity of materials and design features (alterations and additions that are sensitive and compatible should be considered on their own merits as integral parts of the building.)	 unchanged/sensitive intervention (3) changed but character retained (2) little original character retained (1)
4.0	Environment: how sympathetic is the present siting of the building to the building's original design and historic environment.	 in a sympathetic context (3) neutral context (2) isolated/non-sympathetic context(1)
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5.0	Recording Information	
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APPENDIX THREE APPENDIX FOUR

Brantford Heritage Inventory

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT FORM

MUNICIPAL ADRESS:			
HISTORY	RATING		
1. Person: associated with the life or activities of a person, group or organization that has made a significant contribution to Brantford, the province or the nation.	- primary importance (3) - secondary importance (2) - little importance (1)		
2. Event: associated with an event or events that have made a significant contribution to Brantford, the province or the nation.	- primary importance (3) - secondary importance (2) - little importance (1)		
3. Patterns: associated with broad pattern of cultural, social, political, military, economic, industrial history or urban development.	primary importance (3)secondary importance (2)little importance (1)		
ARCHITECTURE	RATING		
1. Style: significant as a notable example of a particular architectural style, type or convention.	- primary importance (3) - secondary importance (2) - little importance (1)		
2. Construction: significant as a notable example of a particular material or method of construction.	primary importance (3)secondary importance (2)little importance (1)		
3. Architect/Builder: designed or built by an architect or builder that has made a significant contribution to Brantford, the province or nation.	 prominent in Brantford & elsewhere (3) locally important (2) relatively unknown (1) 		
4. Design: architectural composition, detailing, originality, and craftsmanship having regard also to interior arrangement and finish, where applicable.	- primary importance (3) - secondary importance (2) - little importance (1)		
5. Context: contributes through its built form to the character of the street. of the street, or through its built form or	- primary importance (3) - secondary importance (2) - little importance (1)		

APPENDIX FIVE

Key to Abbreviations Used in Heritage Inventory for the City of Brantford:

1.0 TYPE

- COMMERCIAL C RESIDENTIAL R

 COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL
 COMMERCIAL MOVIE THEATRE CR C-MT

C-B COMMERCIAL BANK INS.

- INSTITUTIONAL
- COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL C-I

VACANT

2.0 STYLE

G-COMM -GEORGIAN

GEORGIAN COMMERCIAL

N-CL -S-EMP -NEO-CLASSIC SECOND EMPIRE

I - ITALIANATE

RR - RENAISSANCE REVIVAL

V-COM - VICTORIAN COMMERCIAL

E-COM - EDWARDIAN COMMERCIAL E-COM -EDWARDIAN COMMERCIAL

MODERN COMMERCIAL

M
M-COM - MODERN.
M-M - MODERNE
M-D - MODERN: ART DECO
- POST MODERN
- WIKNOWN

3.0 **MATERIALS**

В **BRICK** W WOOD G **GLASS** S STONE C CONCRETE UNK UNKNOWN ALUM ALUMINUM STUC **STUCCO** VIT VITROLITE UNK -UNKNOWN

4.0 ALTERED TYPE

N/C - NO CHANGE C - COMMERCIAL R - RESIDENTIAL

CR - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

IND - INDUSTRIAL
INS - INSTITUTIONAL

5.0 ALTERATION

ADD - ADDITION

ALT-GR - ALTERED GROUND FLOOR

ALT-SG - ALTERED SECOND AND GROUND FLOOR

ALT-FC - ALTERED FACADE

N/C - NO CHANGE

N/A - NOT APPLICABLE

6.0 ANCILLARY BUILDINGS

N/A - NOT APPLICABLE

G - AUTOMOBILE GARAGE

ST - STORAGE

2.0 HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SCORES

2.0 HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SCORES - COLBORNE STREET, BRANTFORD

Address	Appearance (out of 12)	History (out of 9)	Architecture (out of 15)
35 Colborne	9	6	11
40 Colborne	0	0	0
41 Colborne	9	4	9
43 Colborne	9	4	9
44 Colborne	0	0	0
45 Colborne	11	4	12
46 Colborne	9	8	12
48 Colborne	9	8	12
49 Colborne	8	4	10
50 Colborne	6	8	12
53 Colborne	10	4	11
57 Colborne	6	4	6
59 Colborne	9	5	9
60 Colborne	10	7	12
63 Colborne	10	5	11
64 Colborne	10	7	12
65 Colborne	7	5	9
66 Colborne	10	7	12
68 Colborne	10	7	12
70 Colborne	10	7	12
71 Colborne	11	5	12
73 Colborne	10	5	12
75 Colborne	10	5	12
76 Colborne	11	9	12
77 Colborne	10	. 5	12
78 Colborne	4	4	5
79 Colborne	9	5	11
80 Colborne	8	4	8
81 Colborne	9	4	11
83 Colborne	9	5 5	11
84 Colborne	5	5	5
87 Colborne	8	6	11
90 Colborne	9	7	11

2.0 HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SCORES - COLBORNE STREET, BRANTFORD

Address	Appearance (out of 12)	History (out of 9)	Architecture (out of 15)
Auuless	(out of 12)	(out or))	(000 01 -0)
91 Colborne	5	4	7
95 Colborne	8	4	10
99 Colborne	9	4	10
101 Colborne	9	5	10
103 Colborne	9	5	10
104 Colborne	9	5	10
107 Colborne	9	5	10
111 Colborne	9	5	10
112 Colborne	4	4	5
113 Colborne	9	4	10
114 Colborne	5	4	5
115 Colborne	9	8	11
118 Colborne	5	4	5
119 Colborne	6	4	8
120 Colborne	8	5	9
121 Colborne	9	7	10
122 Colborne	8	5	9
123 Colborne	9	4	10
124 Colborne	4	4	5
125 Colborne	9	4	10
127 Colborne	9	4	10
128 Colborne	0	0	0
129 Colborne	9	6	10
131 Colborne	9	6	10
135 Colborne	9	6	10
136 Colborne	7	4	5
137 Colborne	9	6	10
139 Colborne	9	5	10
142 Colborne	4	4	5
143 Colborne	11	6	12
146 Colborne	8	6	9
149 Colborne	4	4	5
150 Colborne	5	7	5
151 Colborne	10	4	11
154 Colborne	9	4	8
156 Colborne	9	4	9
160 Colborne	5	4	6
162 Colborne	4	3	5
171 Colborne	10	3	8

2.0 HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SCORES - DALHOUSIE STREET, BRANTFORD

Address	Appearance (out of 12)	History (out of 9)	Architecture (out of 15)
34 Dalhousie	0	0	. 0
40 Dalhousie	8	5	9
41 Dalhousie	0	0	0
44 Dalhousie	5	4	7
48 Dalhousie	6	6	8
50 Dalhousie	11	5	9
51 Dalhousie	11	7	8
51 Dalhousie (ADD: 1952)	12	8	12
55 Dalhousie	7	3	5
59 Dalhousie	5	5	7
60 Dalhousie	12	9	14
63-65 Dalhousie	5	5	6
69 Dalhousie	0	0	0
76 Dalhousie	9	9	11
88 Dalhousie	12	7	15
92-94 Dalhousie	5	4	7
95 Dalhousie	11	7	12
97 Dalhousie	5	5	6
100 Dalhousie	6	4	6
102 Dalhousie	12	7	13
102 Dalhousie (ADD: 1955)	10	6	5
112 Dalhousie	12	6	11

2.0 HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SCORES - DALHOUSIE STREET, BRANTFORD

Address	Appearance (out of 12)	History (out of 9)	Architecture (out of 15)
34 Dalhousie	0	0	. 0
40 Dalhousie	8	5	9
41 Dalhousie	Ö	0	0
44 Dalhousie	5	4	7
48 Dalhousie	6	6	8
50 Dalhousie	11	5	9
51 Dalhousie	11	7	8
51 Dalhousie (ADD: 1952)	12	8	12
55 Dalhousie (ADD: 1952)	7	3	5
59 Dalhousie	5	5	7
60 Dalhousie	12	9	14
63-65 Dalhousie	5	5	6
69 Dalhousie	0	0	0
76 Dalhousie	9	9	11
88 Dalhousie	12	7	15
92-94 Dalhousie	5	4	7
95 Dalhousie	11	7	12
97 Dalhousie	5	5	6
100 Dalhousie	6	4	6
102 Dalhousie	12	7	13
102 Dalhousie (ADD: 1955)	10	6	5
112 Dalhousie (ADD: 1955)	12	6	11
112 Daniousic	12	-	

2.0 HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Address	Appearance (out of 12)	History (out of 9)	Architecture (out of 15)
5 King	10	7	12
23 King	11	3	8
29 King		4	5 5 5 5
29 (31) King	5 5 8	4	5
29 (33) King	8	4	5
29 (35-37) King	8	4	5
4 Market	11	3	7
16 Market	5	. 6	5
28 Market	5	3	5
30 Market	12	3	8
38 Market	12	7	13
40 Market	11	6	8
41 Market	6	4	5
42 Market	9	4	11
44 Market	9	4	12
45 Market	6	4	5
46 Market	4	4	5
48 Market	11	6	10
25-29 Darling	8	4	5
55 Darling	0	0	0
50 Water	5	3	5
		7	11
11 Queen	11	7	11
36 Queen	11	8	13

3.0 INVENTORY DATA SUMMARIES

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DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

35

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 35-39

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 5, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

HUNTINGTON BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A seven bay four storey brick commercial building with retail at grade and dwellings above. Alterations to the storefronts have obscured original detailing which may still exist; upper floor windows have flat heads, with flat stone lintels and sills. The building is distinguished by a plain cornice and brick frieze with dentil motif and brick string course. The existing red brick has been painted.

Building History

This major early warehouse was constructed for Arunah and Charles Huntington. Arunah Huntington was Mayor of Brantford in 1852.

Alfred Watts, a prominent Brantford businessman, had a distillery on this parcel of land in the early 1860s, but only in 1867 do other tenants such as Potts, a tinsmith, appear on the assessments. The Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings gives a construction date of 1870 but the assessments would indicate a date circa 1867. In later years the building served a wide range of uses including a retail outlet for Marcus Malcolm's City Woolen Mills (1895) and the Brantford Electric & Operating Company (1902).

ref:

Abstracts Index 1854: Arunah sells to Charles Huntington
Assessment 1863: Alfred Watts, distiller, 24'
Assessment 1866: C. Huntington, occupant Alfred Watts

Assessment 1867: C. Huntington, 90', Potts, Calder, etc,. tenants

Abstracts Index 1883: Potts takes a mortgage

City Directories 1895,1902

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

CHARLES HUNTINGTON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

41

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 5, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

J. HOLT BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1913

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A plain two bay two storey brick building built with shop-front at grade and dwellings above. The original storefront has been completely removed. Upper floor windows have been replaced, but were likely divided into a tri-partite arrangement as seen in the identical adjacent building at 43 Colborne. There is a high brick parapet with a corbelled brick frieze below. Windows have slightly arched heads and brick voussoir lintels. Masonry treatment is stretcher bond; mortar is coloured to match brick.

Building History

This store was built with 43 Colborne, in 1913 by Mr. J. Holt. During the 1920s and 1930s the building was occupied by the Tong Sang Lung Company, and later in the 1950s by Mac's Snack Bar. This site may be one of the properties affected by the Theatorium fire of 1908.

ref:

Expositor 1967/ June 30 p. 11F (fire)
Building Permit 1913: Jas. Holt, brick store - dwellings above,
\$1500.
City Directories 1925, 1934, 1951

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

J. HOLT

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

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PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

43

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 6, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

J. HOLT BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1913

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A plain two bay two storey brick building built with shop-front at grade and dwellings above, built to match number 41 Colborne. The original storefronts have been completely removed. Upper floor window divisions remain, but sash have been replaced. There is a high brick parapet with a corbelled brick freize below. Windows have lightly arched heads and brick voussoir lintels. Masonry is stretcher bond; the brick has been painted.

Building History

This store was built with 41 Colborne, in 1913 by Mr. J. Holt. During the 1920s and 1930s the building was occupied by furniture stores and second-hand dealers, and later in the 1950s by Stradwick's tile store. This site may be one of the properties affected by the Theatorium fire of 1908.

ref:

Expositor 1967/ June 30 p. 11F (fire)
Building Permit 1913: Jas. Holt, brick store - dwellings above,
\$1500.
City Directories 1925, 1934, 1951

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

J. HOLT

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

45

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 45-47

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 6, 7, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

E. HOLT BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1908

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A virtually intact example of the typical two-storey brick store front type with dwellings above; it is similar to those seen next to it at 41 and 43 Colborne. Three early shopfronts exist; the one at 45 1/2 Colborne has orginal entry with leaded glass transom. Panelled woodwork is relatively intact and the entry door to dwellings above is extant. The second storey windows have transoms and some remaining stained glass. There is a pressed metal cornice over the shopfronts. Masonry joints are beaded at grade. The masonry has been painted. The brick parapet has been altered.

Building History

In 1908 a gas leak destroyed the Theatorium, south side of Colborne, west of King, and 5 businesses were lost. This site may be one of the affected properties. The present group of stores was built in the same year by E.H. Holt. The Theatorium had been the first movie theatre opened by the Allen family, who later became the owners of the important Allen theatre chain. Since construction the present buildings have housed stores (Standard Credit Clothing, 1925; Clement Second Hand Goods, 1934; and Turnbull stoves, 1951) and apartments above.

ref:

Expositor 1967/ June 30 p. 11F (fire)
Building Permit 1908: E.Holt, 2 brick stores - part lot 6-7, \$3500.
Building Permit 1912: E. H. Holt, alter storefront, \$900.
City Directories 1925, 1934, 1951

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

E. HOLT

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

49

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 7, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1908

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The original storefronts have been completely removed.

Upper floor round-headed windows have double hung sash intact.

There are a corbelled brick frieze band below the cornice level, limestone window sills and well-detailed masonry work in stretcher bond. The brick facade has been painted, and sidewall to Cove Street has been parged.

Building History

This property was built in 1908 by Charles Whitney, a prominent local businessman, and was probably one of the properties affected by the Theatorium fire of 1908. The present building has been used by numerous occupants including the Delmonte Lunch (1925), and Lloyd's Tile and the Brantford Zonta Club (1951).

ref

Expositor 1967/ June 30 p. 11F (fire)
Building Permit 1908: Chas. Whitney, e. part lot 7, stores and dwelling
City Directories: 1925, 1951

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

CHARLES WHITNEY

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

53

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 55

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 8, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A four bay three-storey masonry building with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been substantially altered, but some original wood moulding for windows remains at grade level. The flat-headed windows feature decorated limestone lintels; there is a decorated brick parapet with corbelled frieze, moulded brick brackets and limestone quoins. The brick and limestone are painted. There is an Italiante stylistic influence.

Building History

This impressive building may have been built by Alfred Watts circa 1867 but a serious fire on the block in 1869, the Burgee Fire, may have affected this building. In 1870 it was leased to Michael Finning and J. Baglin (?), two grocers. In 1894 the two tenants, Terrence Jones and Andrew Montgomery, purchased the property from Watts. It has been an undertaker's (1899), the Beattie Washer Store (1934), and the home of the Maich Refrigerator Company (1951).

ref:

Abstract Index 1864: indenture to Alfred Watt w. 1/2 of this lot Assessment 1867: Watts 16', Victoria Begham (?), grocer 16" Expositor 1967/ June 30 p. 3E (fire)

CIHB: 1870

Assessment 1870: Watts, Finning and J. Baglin (?)

Goad's Atlas 1878: two grocers

Abstract Index 1894: sale to Terrence Jones and Andrew Montgomery

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

ALFRED WATTS

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

57

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 8, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1890

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three bay two-storey brick building with shopfronts below and dwellings above. Shopfronts have been completely altered, and the brick above has been covered by aluminum siding which obscures any detailing which may exist. Windows have original double-hung sash and have slightly arched heads.

Building History

This site has had a number of different occupancies. A tentative date of circa 1890 is given for the existing structure. While the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings gives the building a date of 1870, the 1878 Goad's atlas shows only a one storey tinsmiths building in this location. That earlier building was occupied by Charles Glassco. During the turn of the century the present building was a double store occupied by Igantius Schooley, a grocer, and T.B. Henderson, a merchant tailor. From the 1920s to the 1950s the store was a tobacco shop.

ref:

Goad's Atlas 1878:

Assessment 1880: Glassco, tinsmith
Assessment 1885: Wimpers (?), musician

Assessment 1891: Schooley (57) and James (____), carpenter (55)

Assessment 1899: Schooley, grocer and James, fish dealer City Directory 1902: Schooley, oil and Henderson, merchant tailor

City Directory 1925, 1934, 1951.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

IGNATIUS SCHOOLEY

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 8, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BRANTFORD GRANITE & MARBL

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1905

STYLE:

E COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two bay two-storey brick building with shopfronts below and .. dwellings above. The shopfront has been completely altered. Second storey windows have arched window heads with brick voussoir lintels; the single hung sash is original. There is a corbelled frieze with inset panel and string-course below the parapet. The brick has been painted. There is evidence of a missing cornice.

Building History

Mr. J. Hill was a marble cutter who rented this property as early as 1899. In subsequent years the Brantford Granite and Marble Works (1925) and the Telephone City Monument Works (1934) occupied the property. The present building replaced an earlier frame building and was constructed in 1905 on behalf of the estate of Daniel Brooke, a prominent local attorney.

Goad's Atlas 1878

Assessment 1885: D. Brooke, solicitor

City Directory 1885: Walters, furniture and mattress maker Assessment 1899: D. Brooke, J, Hill, marble cutter

Building Permit: 1905 s.s. lot 9, Brooke Est., brick store and

dwelling, \$1,900.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

DANIEL BROOKE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

63

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 61

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 9, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BRANTFORD WILLOWWORKS

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1901

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two bay three-storey masonry building with shopfronts at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered, but there is evidence of wood detailing including extant transoms beneath existing signage. Windows have lightly arched heads with brick voussoirs; window sash are original. The masonry work is distinctive, featuring Flemish bond coursing, corbelled string courses above second and third floor windows and a corbelled cornice treatment. The brick has been painted.

Building History

This property was owned for many years by John Simmons, a prominent grain merchant, who had an extensive grain warehouse on the site. A 1901 building permit indicates that Simmons constructed 3 brick stores, of which these two remain. Shortly afterwards they were occupied by the Brantford Willowworks, a company founded in 1901 and continuous occupant of the building into the 1950s.

ref:

Assessment 1885: John Simmons, grain merchant (grain warehouse) Building Permit 1901: John Simmons, 3 brick stores, lot 9, \$1500.

Expositor 1967/ June 30, p. 11E

City Directories: 1902, Mrs. King; 1925-1951 Brantford Willowworks.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JOHN SIMMONS

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

65

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 67

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 9, 10, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

ESQUIRE THEATRE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1937

STYLE:

D_MOD

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Two-storey white brick movie theatre with vitrolite and concrete trim. The shops and entry at grade have been altered and the marquee is missing. The upper storey is intact, and features stepped pediment and central pylon motif in decorative precast. Window sash are original. The rear portion of the theatre extends to the property line on Water Street and is unsympathetic to its context.

Building History

The Esquire Theatre was constructed in 1937 by Toronto architects, Kaplan and Sprachman, the most prolific theatre architects in Ontario during the 1930s and 1940s. It originally seated 982 patrons; after the theatre was closed it was converted to a showroom by Duncan's Furniture.

ref:

Building Permit: 1937, S. Firestone (Kaplan and Sprachman) reinforced conc. slab moving picture theatre, \$30,000.

Building Permit: 1938, extension at rear, \$10,000.

P.A.O. - Theatre Branch File: RG 56 series C-3 - Kaplan and Sprachman drawings (982 seats approx.) for S.F. Firestone and H. N. Soloman.

Expositor 1967/ June 30 advertisement, Duncan's Furniture - "Esquire Rebuilt"

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

S.F. FIRESTONE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

71

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 10, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BELLHOUSE BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a distinctive two and one-half storey row of masonry buildings with upper level dormers; built with shopfronts below and dwellings above. Early recessed shopfronts and entry are largely intact. The second storey windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs and moulded keystone. The original 6 over 6 sash are in place. Decorative brickwork includes a corbelled and patterned frieze and cornice, and stepped endwall details. The single gable-end dormers are wood with arched window heads; original trimboards are intact at this level. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

71 Colborne is part of the finely detailed row of shops which was constructed by James Bellhouse in 1870. Bellhouse was a builder and also the Chairman of the School Board. This shop has had a variety of occupants including barbers (1880), the Knights of Labour Co-op Assn. (1885), plumbers (1899-1902), cleaners (1925-1934).

ref:

Abstract Index 1870: Trust and Loan Company
Assessment 1870: James Bellhouse
Abstract Index 1874: James Bellhouse
Reville's History of the County of Brant, p. 110
Goad's 1878: barber

Assessments 1880, 1885, 1899

City Directories 1902, 1925 (Cahill's Cleaners), 1934 (Cahill's

Cleaners), 1951 (Tulchinsky, clo.)

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES BELLHOUSE

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

WHAMTEORD PUBLIC LIERARY

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

73

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 10, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BELLHOUSE BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a distinctive two and one-half storey row of masonry buildings with upper level dormers; it was built with shopfronts below and dwellings above. Original shopfronts have been altered, but would likely have been similar to those at number 71 Colborne. The second storey windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs and moulded keystone. The window sash are not original. Decorative brickwork includes a corbelled and patterned frieze and cornice. The three gable end dormers are wood with arched window heads; original trimboards are intact at the level. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

73 Colborne is part of the finely detailed row of shops which was constructed by James Bellhouse in 1870. Bellhouse was a builder and also the Chairman of the School Board. This shop was consistently a shoemaker's store from at least 1878 to the 1950s.

ref:

Abstract Index 1870: Trust and Loan Company
Assessment 1870: James Bellhouse
Abstract Index 1874: James Bellhouse
Reville's History of the County of Brant, p. 110
Goad's 1878: shoe repairs
Assessments 1880 (Sam Towler (?) shoes), 1885 (C. Stentiford, shoemaker), 1899 (Stentiford)
City Directories 1902, 1925 (Sheppard Shoe Repair), 1934 (Sheppard Shoe Repair), 1951 (Rotchill's, shoemaker).
Building Permit 1967: W. Young (J. Crowe) new front, \$2,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES BELLHOUSE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

75

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 10, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BELLHOUSE BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a distinctive two and one-half storey row of masonry buildings with upper level dormers; it was built with shopfronts below and dwellings above. Original shopfronts have been altered, but would likely have been similar to those at number 71 Colborne. The second storey windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs and (moulded brick or limestone) keystone. The window sash are not original. Decorative brickwork includes a corbelled and patterned frieze and cornice. The three gable-end dormers are wood with arched window heads; original trimboards are intact at this level. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

75 Colborne is part of the finely detailed row of shops which was constructed by James Bellhouse in 1870. Bellhouse was a builder and also the Chairman of the School Board. This shop was a cabinet maker and undertaker's shop for most of its history. Mr. Clifford, the owner during most of the 1880s and 1890s, was a prominent businessman and also operated out of a building across the street at 74 Colborne.

ref:

Abstract Index 1870: Trust and Loan Company
Assessment 1870: James Bellhouse
Abstract Index 1874: James Bellhouse
Reville's History of the County of Brant, p. 110
Goad's 1878: furniture (75) and office (73)
Courier 1893/ Dec. 23, p.2
Assessments 1880 (Clifford), 1885 (Clifford), 1899 (Wood, John, undertaker)
City Directories 1902 (Wood), 1925 (Thorpe Bros., undertakers),
1934 (F. Ott, barber), 1951 (Concord Lunch)
Building Permit 1937: H. S. Pearce (H. Hoffman) new store front
\$1,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES BELLHOUSE

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

77

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 10, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BELLHOUSE BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a distinctive two and one-half storey row of masonry buildings with upper level dormers; it was built with shopfronts below and dwellings above. Original shopfronts have been altered, but would likely have been similar to those at number 71 Colborne. The second storey windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs and moulded keystone. Original 6 over 6 sash are in place. Decorative brickwork includes a corbelled and patterned frieze and cornice. The three gable end dormers are wood with arched window heads; original trimboards are intact at this level. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

77 Colborne is part of the finely detailed row of shops which was constructed by James Bellhouse in 1870. Bellhouse was a builder and also the Chairman of the School Board. This shop was the first home of Dempster's Furs, starting in the late 1870s. It was later occupied by Captain Bush's Hair Goods (1885 - 1902), and by Hunter's jewelers (1951).

ref:

Abstract Index 1870: Trust and Loan Company
Assessment 1870: James Bellhouse
Abstract Index 1874: James Bellhouse
Reville's History of the County of Brant, p. 110
Goad's 1878: crockery
Expositor 1967/ Centennial Issue p.A48
Assessments 1880, 1885, 1899
City Directories 1902, 1925, 1934, 1951.
Building Permit 1925: Pierce, (Cromar), alter front \$400.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES BELLHOUSE

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

79

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

PATTISON BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

V_RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three bay three-storey masonry building built with shopfronts at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. Second floor windows have round-headed openings with palmette keystones; third floor windows have elliptically arched heads and keystones; arches are completed in a brick voussoir treatment. Other decorative brickwork includes recessed panels under third storey windows, string courses and a corbelled cornice. There are stone scroll brackets at each end of the parapet. The building is painted. Some original wooden sash are extant.

Building History

This fine brick building was built for Mr. John Pattison, a prominent cabinet maker and undertaker. An article in the Expositor indicates that Pattison had the building built in 1865, but assessment records suggest a later date of 1874.

Abstract Index 1871: purchase by Wm. Young from Wm. Muirhead Abstract Index 1874: purchase by Pattison from Wm. Young Expositor Souvenir edition: p. 27 Goad's Atlas 1878: furniture Assessment 1891: Pattison, cabinet maker City Directory 1902 (Severley and Cobbledick, undertakers), 1925 - 1934 (Henkle, furniture), 1951 (Krieger's Radio Sales)

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES PATTISON

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

81

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

HOWELL BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1871

STYLE:

VS EMP

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two and one-half storey brick building with slate mansard roof and two dormers. The original shopfront has been altered. Second floor windows have round headed openings with original sash; dormers are wood with original trim and sash. Decorative masonry detailing includes recessed brick panelling, and a brick frieze in dog-tooth pattern. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

This building was built circa 1871 by a Mr. Howell, a barber. In later years it was occupied by Potts stoves (1895-1902) and ladies wear shops (1934-1951).

ref:

Abstract Index 1871: purchase by Howell from Wm. Muirhead Assessment 1873: Howell, e. part of lot 11

Abstract Index 1880: purchase of centre part of lot 11 by Wesley Howell from Corwin Howell

Assessment 1880, 1885, 1891, 1899

City Directories 1902, 1934 (Shapiro, milnr), 1951 (Freedman ladies

wear)

Building Permit 1946: Harry Friedman (Summerhayes Constr.) alter.

& new storefront, \$3,500.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

CORWIN HOWELL

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

83

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 83-85

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

WHITNEY BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1880

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three bay three-storey brick building with shopfront below and dwellings above. The original shopfront has been altered. Upper floor windows have lightly arched heads and are paired in the centre bay with brick voussoir treatment. The brick cornice features moulded dentils and string course. There is sandstone trim and wood rope detail at windows.

Building History

This store was constructed in 1880 for Charles Whitney, a prominent furniture dealer and City Alderman. At the time of construction it was noteworthy for its large plate glass windows and was the largest furniture warerooms (8,000 sq. ft.) in Brantford.

ref:

Abstract Index 1880: purchase by Whitney
Assessment 1880, 1885, 1891, 1899
City Directories 1885,1902, 1925 (Carroll's Grocers), 1934
(vacant), 1951 (Home Furniture Company)

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

CHARLES WHITNEY

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

87

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 87-89

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DOMINION HOUSE FURNISHINGS CO

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1915

STYLE:

E COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

The three storey commercial building was rebuilt or substantially altered in 1915. The 1915 facade was later altered on the ground and second floor, but the third floor has a large expanse of fixed glazing with original mullion pattern, and decorated infill panels below the windows. There is a stepped parapet in wood with the date "1915" in a centre field; there is a distinctive projecting cornice supported by large brackets. The masonry end walls are a yellow-brown wire cut brick.

Building History

This was the site of the Gem Theatre, one of the first Allen movie theatres. It burned in March 1915, one day after Crompton's store burned across the street, and was quickly replaced by the present structure. The present building was owned and operated by the Dominion House Furnishings Co. Ltd.

ref:

Expositor 1967/ June 30, p.3E

Building Permit 1915: A. E. Lyons (P.H. Secord and Son) alter

front, \$1,000.

Building Permit 1937: Dominion Hse. (Cromar) new store front,\$900.

City Directories: 1902, 1925, 1934, 1951.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

A.E. LYONS

RECORDING DATE:

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RECORDER(S):

TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

91

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 91-93

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BROOKS BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

G COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three bay three-storey masonry building with a shop below and dwellings above. The shopfront has been altered, and the facade with new brick at the second storey level. Windows have flat heads and brick voussoirs. Brick is laid in Flemish bond, and is currently painted. Architecturally it is very similar to the nearby building at 101 Colborne.

Building History

This early store was constructed for Thomas Brooks, a grocer, circa 1865. There was a serious fire at the west end of this block in 1869, the Burgee Fire, and it may have affected this building. Brooks continued as a grocer until the 1880s when the building had a brief use as Budworth's coffeehouse (1885).

ref:

Abstract Index: 1865 Brooks purchase of part of lot 12
Expositor 1967/ June 30 p. 3E
Goad's Atlas1878: grocer - tiled roof
Assessment 1880 (Brooks), 1885 (Budworths), 1899 (Ryan, tailor)
City Directory 1902 (Mrs. Ryan), 1925-1934-1951 (Mark Hewings, tailor)
Building Permit: 1914, F. C. Colbeck, \$250. alter front

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

THOMAS BROOKS

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

95

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 95-97

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1878

STYLE:

V COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A four bay two and one-half storey masonry building with two dormers on a hip roof. The shopfronts have been altered. Second floor windows have lightly arched heads and brick voussoirs. Windows are not original. There is a corbelled brick frieze below the eave level. Dormers are gable-end, and made of wood.

Building History

Mr. N. Gage had purchased this land in 1830 and at that time had a garden on the lot. Frame buildings occupied the property until 1878. This double-store brick building was built shortly after that time. In 1880 the stores were occupied by Clifford cabinetmakers, who were also at 75 Colborne, and in the 1890s by Karn Pianos (95) and Daniel's Saddlery (97).

ref:

Reville's, History of the County of Brant, p. 90

Expositor 1967/ June 30 p. 3E

Assessment 1867 (Gage estate, Robt. Strong, cordwainer) 1870 (Gage estate e. part 12, w. part 13), 1876 (Edward McLean), 1880 (McLean lot 12, Robt. Strong, cordwainer lot 13), 1880, 1891, 1899.

Abstract Index 1874: J. Strong mortgage

Goad's Atlas 1878: note - frame buildings shown on this site?

Building Permit 1914: (97) A.W.Daniels, plate glass front, \$350.

Building Permit 1935: (97) Mrs. Daniels, (J.L.Crowe) change shopfront, \$500.

Building Permit 1956: (97) Ostrander's (F. Sherwood) shop front, \$6,000.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

99

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1880

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two bay three-storey building with shopfronts at grade and dwellings above. The shopfront has been altered. The window heads at upper floors are lightly arched with brick voussoirs. Window sash are not original. The brick parapet has a decorated frieze with dog-tooth pattern. The brick has been painted.

Building History

This property was constructed circa 1880. It had been owned by Richard Nichols, a grainbuyer, and in 1880 the building was occupied by William Long, a shoe maker. From the 1890s to the 1930s this was the retail premises of the Turnbull Stove Company, a local Brantford industry.

ref:

CIHB: 1870

Goad's Atlas 1878: note - frame buildings shown on this site?
Assessment 1867, 1870, 1876, 1880 (William Long, shoes), 1899 1934 (Turnbull), 1951 (Goldie Hardware)

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

WM. LONG (?)

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):

TAYLOR/MCCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

101

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

MATTHEWS BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three bay three-storey masonry building similar to number 91 Colborne with shopfront at grade and dwellings above. The shopfront has been altered. Windows have flat heads and brick voussoirs. Brick is laid in Flemish bond and is currently painted. Two over two sash are original on second and third floors.

Building History

In 1867 this property was owned by William Matthews, Mayor of Brantford (1855-56). The tenant at that time was Matthew Witham, who ran a fancy goods and toy shop. The Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings gives a date of construction for this present building as 1879. It is possible that the building was altered when Daniel Brooke, a prominent local attorney, purchased it, but architectural it represents an earlier period, and appears to predate the 1870s.

ref:

Reville's, History of the County of Brant, p. 104

CIHB: 1879

Goad's Atlas 1878: vacant

Assessment 1867, 1870, 1876 (Wm. Matthews), 1880 (Daniel Brooke),

1899 (Brooke)

City Directories 1885 (George Hall - furniture), 1902 (Boulton,

furniture), 1925-51 (Graham's Flowers)

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

W. MATTHEWS

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

103

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 103-105

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a row of two-storey masonry shopfronts with dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered, but there is some original woodwork detailing which includes a continous wooden cornice at the first floor level, wood pilasters and leaded glass window above the entry door to the apartments above. Second floor windows have been altered. There is a continuous robust corbelled brick freize below the parapet. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

These shops at 103 -111 Colborne are a row which was built by Arunah Huntington circa 1870. Huntington was a prominent local figure and was Mayor of Brantford in 1852. The tenants in the row in 1870 included a grocer, a spirit dealer, a barrister, and a saddler.

ref:

Assessment 1867: Huntington, no tenants
Assessment 1870: Huntington with tenants
Assessments 1876, 1880, 1899
City Directories:1902, Norman Willis, grocer; 1925, Western Hat
Shoppe (Dick's Photo Studio - 103 1/2); 1934, Nyman's Specialty
Shop; 1951, Todd Real Estate.
City Directories (105 Colborne): 1902, George Tiggerson, harness;
1925-1951, Barton and Son, Musical Instruments.

DRIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

KDING DATE: 10/C

PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

107

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a row of two-storey masonry shopfronts with dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered, but adjoining shopfronts at 103-105 Colborne show some original woodwork detailing. Second floor windows have arched heads and brick voussoirs with one over one sash. There is a continous robust corbelled brick frieze below the parapet. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

These shops at 103 -111 Colborne are a row which was built by Arunah Huntington circa 1870. Huntington was a prominent local figure and was Mayor of Brantford in 1852. The tenants in the row in 1870 included a grocer, a spirit dealer, a barrister, and a saddler.

ref:

Assessment 1867: Huntington, no tenants
Assessment 1870: Huntington with tenants

Assessments 1876, 1880, 1899

City Directories: 1902, T.A. Ivey, florist; 1925, Model Shoe Stores; 1934, Shapiro, mlnr and Krieger's Radio Sales; 1951, CPR Ticket

Office.

Building Permit 1926: Mrs. Harrison (Cromar) alter front, \$400.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

111

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 109-111

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a row of two-storey masonry shopfronts with dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered, but adjoining shopfronts at 103-105 Colborne show some original woodwork detailing. Second floor windows have arched heads and brick voussoirs with one over one sash. There is a continous robust corbelled brick frieze below the parapet. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

These shops at 103 -111 Colborne are a row which was built by Arunah Huntington circa 1870. Huntington was a prominent local figure and was Mayor of Brantford in 1852. The tenants in the row in 1870 included a grocer, a spirit dealer, a barrister, and a saddler.

ref:

Assessment 1867: Huntington, no tenants
Assessment 1870: Huntington with tenants
Assessments 1876, 1880, 1899
City Directories:1902, (109) Mrs. Golding, dressmaker, (111) D. S.
Cammell, baker; 1925, (109) W.W. Race, dentist, (111) Wm. Brough, optician; 1934, (109) W.W. Race, dentist, (111) Nisker, minr;

1951, (109) Imperial Optical Company, (111) London Winery.

ORIGINAL
BUILDING OWNER:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

113

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 113

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1885

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey masonry corner building with shopfront at grade and dwellings above. Second floor windows have lightly arched heads with brick voussoirs; the windows have original wooden fluted pilasters and one over one sash. There is a projected pressed metal cornice below the brick parapet which is detailed with decorative consoles. The corner is cut on the diagonal to face a walkway between #113 and #115 Colborne. The brick is painted.

Building History

This corner site was occupied by Tiggerson's saddle and harness shop during the 1870s and the early 1880s. He later moved to 105 Colborne. Before that, in the 1860s, it was occupied by an innkeeper. While the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings gives this corner building a construction date of 1870, matching the row by Huntington Buildings next door, its architecture appears later and may date to circa 1885 when the property was owned by D.S. Mitchell, a baker. For many years the store was the premises of Cox and Sons, jewelers.

ref:

CIHB: 1870

Assessment 1870: John Feslner (?), innkeeper, and printers office

Goad's Atlas 1878: harness

Abstract Index: 1885, Mitchell obtains mortgage, \$1,000.; also in 1888 and 1890.

Assessment 1876, 1880, 1885, 1891, 1899

City Directories 1895, baker; 1902, Mitchell, baker; 1925 -1951,

Cox and Sons, jewelers.

Building Permit 1909: John Ham, alter, \$1,500.; 1921: A. Cox and

Son (Cromar) \$1,900.; 1950: F.Farr (Cromar) \$400.

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

113

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 113

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1885

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey masonry corner building with shopfront at grade and dwellings above. Second floor windows have lightly arched heads with brick voussoirs; the windows have original wooden fluted pilasters and one over one sash. There is a projected pressed metal cornice below the brick parapet which is detailed with decorative consoles. The corner is cut on the diagonal to face a walkway between #113 and #115 Colborne. The brick is painted.

Building History

This corner site was occupied by Tiggerson's saddle and harness shop during the 1870s and the early 1880s. He later moved to 105 Colborne. Before that, in the1860s, it was occupied by an innkeeper. While the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings gives this corner building a construction date of 1870, matching the row by Huntington Buildings next door, its architecture appears later and may date to circa 1885 when the property was owned by D.S. Mitchell, a baker. For many years the store was the premises of Cox and Sons, jewelers.

ref:

CIHB: 1870

Assessment 1870: John Feslner (?), innkeeper, and printers office Goad's Atlas 1878: harness

Abstract Index: 1885, Mitchell obtains mortgage, \$1,000.; also in

Assessment 1876, 1880, 1885, 1891, 1899

City Directories 1895, baker; 1902, Mitchell, baker; 1925 -1951,

Cox and Sons, jewelers.

Building Permit 1909: John Ham, alter, \$1,500.; 1921: A. Cox and

Son (Cromar) \$1,900.; 1950: F.Farr (Cromar) \$400.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

D.S. MITCHELL

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

115

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 115-117

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

JAMES MOORE BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1850

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A four bay, three-storey brick Georgian building built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The ground floor shopfronts have been altered. Masonry openings above are flat headed with brick voussoirs and two over two sash. The east side elevation and chimneys are visible at the walkway between #113 and #115 Colborne.

Building History

This very significant early building was built circa or prior to 1850. James Moore, gentleman and Mayor of Brantford, purchased the land in 1849 from William Wilkes who had in turn purchased the property two years earlier. Moore rented the ground floor to tailors and other merchants. For many years the upper floors were the offices of Jaspar Gilkison, son of Captain William Gilkison. Jaspar was an important historical figure, connected to the Great Western Railway and the first telegraph line in Canada, and he was, from 1862 to 1891, the Superintendent of the Six Nations.

ref:

Abstract Index 1847: purchase by William Walker; 1849: purchase by James Moore.

CIHB: 1840-1850

Reville's History of the County of Brant, p. 83

Assessment: 1854; 1861, note YMCA upstairs; 1867: Moore, Gilkison and others; 1870, also James Weymes (?) Police Magistrate's office; 1876. 1880

Goad's Atlas 1878: (115) barber, (117) boots

Assessment 1885: (115) Butterworth, barber \$1,000., (117) Cox and

Elliott \$5,000.

City Directories: 1902 (115) Gilbert, T.B., barber; Miss Gilbert, children's dressmaker; (117) Mrs. Gilbert, residence, Mary Garnett, dressmaker; A. E. Brown, teas; 1925; 1934 - 1951, New Service Lunch.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES MOORE

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

119

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LAUGHREY BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a two-storey row of six brick shops with dwellings above. The ground floor shopfronts have all been altered; the second floor of #119 has been obscurred by facing placed over the brick, and the upper two windows have been altered. A corbelled brick frieze (seen at #125 Colborne) has been removed and the masonry has been painted.

Building History

This row of shops (119 to 129 Colborne) was built by John Laughrey circa 1865-1870. In December of 1865 Laughrey subdivided the property 'retaining certain rights to retaining walls' and 1869 he leased the property to John Hoyt, a builder. The original subdivision in 1865 was for Thomas Paton (lot 15), Henrietta and Joseph Inglis, merchant tailor; David Richie and Robert Russell, plumbers; and John Stapleton, a cordwainer (shoemaker).

ref:

Abstract Index: 1858, purchase by Laughrey; 1865 Dec. 30, subdivision by Laughrey; 1869, lease by John Hoyt.
Assessments 1876-1880, Hamilton Biggar, minister; 1885, Simon, clothier; 1891, Knox, baker; 1899, Edmonson, baker.
Goad's Atlas 1878: dry goods
City Directories: 1895-96, T. Knox, baker; 1902 Edmonson, J.H., baker; 1925, Cairns, dry goods.
Building Permit 1933: Fred Horseman (J. Crowley) new front, \$1,000.
Building Permit 1979: Rob. Allison (Heath Const) new front, \$4,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES LAUGHREY

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

121

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LAUGHREY BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a two-storey brick row of six shops with dwellings above. The ground floor shopfronts have all been altered; the second floor windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs. The sash are one over one. A corbelled brick frieze (seen at #125 Colborne) has been removed and the masonry has been painted.

Building History

This store is historically important as Brantford's Bell Telephone Office during the 1890s. The row of shops (119 to 129 Colborne) was built by John Laughrey circa 1865-1870. In December of 1865 Laughrey subdivided the property 'retaining certain rights to retaining walls' and 1869 he leased the property to John Hoyt, a builder.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1858, purchase by Laughrey; 1865 Dec. 30, subdivision by Laughrey; 1869, Lease by John Hoyt.

CIHB: 121-123 Colborne 1875

Assessments 1876-1880, Hunter, grocer; 1885, shoemaker; 1891, Bell

Telephone; 1899, Bell Telephone. Goad's Atlas 1878: grocers

City Directories: 1895-96, Bell Telephone; 1902 Bell Telephone;

1925, Cairns, dry goods.

Building Permit 1940: Mrs. Noble (Wm. Summerhayes) new store front,

\$700.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES LAUGHREY

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):

TAYLOR/MCCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

123

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15, 16, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LAUGHREY BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a two-storey brick row of six shops with dwellings above. The ground floor shopfronts have all been altered; the second floor windows have arched heads with bricks voussoirs. The sash are one over one. A corbelled brick frieze (seen at #125 Colborne) has been removed and the masonry has been painted.

Building History

This row of shops (119 to 129 Colborne) was built by John Laughrey circa 1865-1870. In December of 1865 Laughrey subdivided the property 'retaining certain rights to retaining walls' and 1869 he leased the property to John Hoyt, a builder. The original subdivision in 1865 was for Thomas Paton (lot 15), Henrietta and Joseph Inglis, merchant tailor; David Richie and Robert Russell, plumbers; and John Stapleton, a cordwainer (shoemaker).

Abstract Index: 1858, purchase by Laughrey; 1865 Dec. 30, subdivision by Laughrey; 1869, lease by John Hoyt. Assessments 1876-1880, shoemaker; 1885, Simon, clothier; 1891, Elliot, Cooper; 1899, Tipper, plumbers. Goad's Atlas 1878: boots City Directories: 1902 Hunter, J.G., millinery; 1925, Yellow Lantern Tea Room; 1934, W.J. Plowes, clo.. Building Permit 1920: J.G. Hunter (Cromar) new front \$1500.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES LAUGHREY

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

125

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 16, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LAUGHREY BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a two-storey brick row of six shops with dwellings above. The ground floor shopfronts have been altered; the second floor windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs. The sash are one over one. A corbelled brick frieze runs below the parapet.

Building History

This row of shops (119 to 129 Colborne) was built by John Laughrey circa 1865-1870. In December of 1865 Laughrey subdivided the property 'retaining certain rights to retaining walls' and 1869 he leased the property to John Hoyt, a builder. The original subdivision in 1865 was for Thomas Paton (lot 15), Henrietta and Joseph Inglis, merchant tailor; David Richie and Robert Russell, plumbers; and John Stapleton, a cordwainer (shoemaker).

ref:

Abstract Index: 1858, purchase by Laughrey; 1865 Dec. 30, subdivision by Laughrey; 1869, lease by John Hoyt.
Assessments 1876 -1891, Russell, plumber; 1899, Tipper, plumbers.

Goad's Atlas 1878: plumber

Courier, 1893, Dec. 23, p.2 (Tipper)

City Directories: 1895-96, Wm. Tipper, plumber; 1902 Tipper and Son; 1925, Yellow Lantern Tea Room; 1934, W.J. Plowes, clo... Building Permit 1935: Frank Horseman (Cromar) alter second floor front (?), \$2,300.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES LAUGHREY

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

127

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 16, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LAUGHREY BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a two-storey brick row of six shops with dwellings above. The ground floor shopfronts have all been altered; the second floor windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs. The sash are one over one. A corbelled brick frieze (seen at #125 Colborne) has been removed and the masonry has been painted.

Building History

This row of shops (119 to 129 Colborne) was built by John Laughrey circa 1865-1870. In December of 1865 Laughrey subdivided the property 'retaining certain rights to retaining walls' and 1869 he leased the property to John Hoyt, a builder. The original subdivision in 1865 was for Thomas Paton (lot 15), Henrietta and Joseph Inglis, merchant tailor; David Richie and Robert Russell, plumbers; and John Stapleton, a cordwainer (shoemaker).

ref:

Abstract Index: 1858, purchase by Laughrey; 1865 Dec. 30, subdivision by Laughrey; 1869, lease by John Hoyt.
Assessments 1876 - 1885, Read; 1891, Bolton, auctions; 1899, W. Long, furniture.
Goad's Atlas 1878: auction house
Courier, 1893, Dec. 23, p.2 (Bolton)
City Directories: 1895-96, Bolton, auctions; 1902 Walter Hughes, ladies furnishings; 1925, C.F.Smyth, mens clothes.
Building Permit 1909: Fred Bolton, brick addition \$1,100.
Building Permit 1947: Reg Hall Ltd. (Warman?) new shopfront, \$1500.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES LAUGHREY

RECORDING DATE:

PHOTO REFERENCE:

RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

129

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 16, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LAUGHREY BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a two-storey row of six brick shops with dwellings above. The ground floor shopfronts have all been altered; the second floor windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs. The sash are one over one. A corbelled brick frieze (seen at #125 Colborne) has been removed and the masonry has been painted.

Building History

This store is of interest because John Agnew was a shoemaker here in 1880 before opening his own store on the north side of Colborne and before founding the Agnew-Surplus Shoe chain. The row of shops (119 to 129 Colborne) was built by John Laughrey circa 1865-1870. In December of 1865 Laughrey subdivided the property 'retaining certain rights to retaining walls' and 1869 he leased the property to John Hoyt, a builder. In 1955 this building was badly damaged by fire.

Abstract Index: 1858, purchase by Laughrey; 1865 Dec. 30, subdivision by Laughrey; 1869, lease by John Hoyt. Assessments 1876- 1885, Stapleton, shoes (Agnew - tenant - 1880); 1891, Stapleton, shoes; 1899, Sam Read, auctions. Goad's Atlas 1878: boots City Directories: 1895-96, Stapleton, shoes; 1902 -1925, Read, S.G. and C.H., auctioneers; 1934, Frank Read, real estate; 1951, Great West Life. Building Permit 1922: Read (Schultz) storefront, \$1,000. Building Permit 1955: J. Read (Cromar) rebuild after fire, \$18,000.

Building Permit 1967: J. Read (J. Poole) shopfront, \$2,000.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES LAUGHREY

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

131

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 129-131

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 17, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

SHANNON BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a three-storey row of brick shops with dwellings above. The shopfronts have all been altered. The masonry openings on the second floor have flat heads with arched stone lintels; and the centre window of the three bays is wider than the flanking bays. The third floor windows are of uniform width and are flat-headed with flat stone lintels. The sash are one over one. There is a stone eave bracket at the face of each demising wall, and white brick demising walls and chimneys rise above the roof line. The masonry is painted.

Building History

This very fine row of three shops was built circa 1867 for Arunah Huntington, Brantford's Mayor in 1852. His tenants primarily were grocers and a baker, and the grocer's warehouse (131 Colborne), built in the 1870s, is still visible facing onto Water Street. The space between 131 and 129 Colborne was a walkway to the grocer's warehouse, but in 1926 a small shoe shine parlour was constructed.

Abstract Index: 1860, repurchase by Huntington; 1873, purchase w. part by Robert Shannon.

Assessment 1867-1870: Robert Shannon, grocer; 1876, Robert and John Shannon grocers, with warehouse; 1885, pork butchers; 1891,

Gemmell, butcher.

Goad's Atlas 1878: walkway and grocer City Directory: 1902, Turner, J.B., stoves

Building Permit 1926: 131 1/2 Colborne, Read and Waterous

(Schultz), shoe shine parlour, \$800.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

135

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 17, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

SHANNON BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a three-storey row of brick shops with dwellings above. The shopfronts have all been altered. The masonry openings on the second floor have flat heads with arched stone lintels; and the centre window of the three bays is wider than the flanking bays. The third floor windows are of uniform width and are flat-headed with flat stone lintels. The sash are one over one. There is a stone eave bracket at the face of each demising wall, And buff brick demissing walls and chimneys rise above the roof line. The masonry is painted.

Building History

This very fine row of three shops was built circa 1867 for Arunah Huntington, Brantford's Mayor in 1852. His tenants primarily were grocers and a baker, and the grocer's warehouse (131 Colborne), built in the 1870s, is still visible facing onto Water Street.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1860, repurchase by Huntington; 1873, purchase w. part by Robert Shannon.

Assessment 1867-1870: John Shannon, grocer; 1876, Hamilton, grocer; 1880, Cornford, grocer and Alfred Roberts; 1885 - 1891, Adams, bottler and spirits;

City Directories: 1902, John Adams, Liquors 133 1/2; 1934, (133)

Eaton's Groceteria, (135) Home Dairy Company.

Building Permits: 1921 (135-137) Gay Stores (Schultz) alter front, \$10,000; 1923-1924, (135-137) Read (Schultz) alter fronts, \$1200. and \$1000; 1951, Reward Shoe Company (Crowe and Sons) alter front etc., \$3,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

137

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 17, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

SHANNON BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a three-storey row of brick shops with dwellings above. . The shopfronts have all been altered. The masonry openings on the second floor have flat heads with arched stone lintels; and the centre window of the three bays is wider than the flanking bays. The third floor windows are of uniform width and are flat-headed with flat stone lintels. The sash are one over one. There is a stone eave bracket at the face of each demising wall, and buff brick demissing walls and chimneys rise above the roof line. The masonry is painted.

Building History

This very fine row of three shops was built circa 1867 for Arunah Huntington, Brantford's Mayor in 1852. His tenants primarily were grocers and a baker, and the grocer's warehouse (131 Colborne), built in the 1870s, is still visible facing onto Water Street.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1860, repurchase by Huntington; 1873, purchase w. part by Robert Shannon.

Assessment 1867-1870: William Kerr, baker; 1876, M. Witham, confectioner; 1880, Mrs. Ann Witham; 1891, Issac Symour, merchant; Goad's Atlas 1878: fancy goods

City Directories: 1902, Joseph Orr, harnesses; 1934-1951, Neill

Building Permits: 1921, (135-137) Gay Stores (Schultz) alter front, \$10,000; 1923-1924, (135-137) Read (Schultz) alter fronts, \$1200. and \$1000; 1939, Mrs. MacPherson (Cromar) enlarging storefront, \$900; 1958, Neill Shoes (Norfolk Glass) store front, \$3,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ARUNAH HUNTINGTON

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

139

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 139-141

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 17, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

FOSTER BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with two shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The masonry openings are flat-headed at the second storey with stone lintels, brackets and sills, and arched at the third storey with labels and stone sills. A corbelled brick frieze runs below the parapet and it appears that a cornice has been removed. The window sash are one over one. The masonry has been painted. The detailing of the upper storeys references the Italianate style popular during the period.

Building History

This early building was built for Francis and George Foster, grocers, circa or prior to 1867. The large, impressive addition at the rear was the grocery storehouse which is mentioned as early as 1876 in the assessments. It still bears a painted sign 'Tea Import' from the 1930s when the building was the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1851, Francis Foster purchases lot; 1878 transfers to George Foster.

CIHB: 1875

Assessments: 1867-1880, Fosters, with tenants

City Directories: 1902, Winter, grocers, and others; 1925, Caudwell and Beckett, dry goods; 1934, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company;

1951, Lincoln Shoes and Meyers Studio.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

FRANCIS FOSTER

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

143

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 18, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

MCLEAN BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

This building underwent a major alteration and addition in 1914 which resulted in its conversion to a four-storey commercial building with steel framed glazing. The 1914 ground floor was altered in 1937. The second floor has full floor to ceiling glazing with upper transom and intermediate pilasters in the central bay. The third and fourth floor windows have a continuous concrete sill and continuous brick spandrel panel from sill to underside of floor. There is a substantial metal cornice and freize influenced by classical Beaux Arts models. It is a good example of early modern construction methods.

Building History

This very important property is where the Ogilvie, Lochead & Co. stores started. Thomas McLean began a grocer business in 1854 and constructed this building in 1870. In 1891 and again in 1914 the facade of the building was completely rebuilt, removing the dormers and accommodating more extensive glazing. The firm of Ogilvie, Lochead & Co. established 22 chain stores and was succeeded by the Canadian Department Stores in 1927. At that time this store had 36,000 sq. ft. and was Brantford's biggest store.

ref:

Expositor, Souvenir edition, p.44 Courier 1893/ December 23

City Directories: 1902-1925, McLean, Ogilvie & Lochead, dry goods; 1934, Canadian Department Stores, dry goods; 1951, Right House, dry

Building Permit: 1914, Ogilvie, alter and add, \$8,000; 1937, Canadian Department Stores (C.C. Bowden) new storefront, \$1500.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

THOMAS MCLEAN

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

149

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 19, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

MINOR'S JEWELRY

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1876

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey masonry building built with shop below and dwelling above. Upper and lower storeys have been altered, and the masonry has been covered by stucco, obscuring any original detailing.

Building History

This small building was Uriah Minor's jewelry shop. The land was owned by Robert and Margaret Smith (also spelled Smyth, Smythe), who were an attorney and a grocer. Their first tenant, before Uriah Minor, was Levi Howell, a merchant in 1876. A partial view of Uriah's store can be seen in a photograph which was published in the Expositor (1984 July 19, p.31).

ref:

Abstract Index: 1873, purchase by Robert Smyth; 1877, mortgage to Smyth from Cockshutt.

Assessments: 1867,1870,1876; 1880, Uriah Minor, Robert Smythe; 1899, Edwin Minor and Frank Horseman.

City Directories: 1902, Horseman, Jeweler

Building Permits: 1926, T.E. Ryerson (J. Usher) alter front, \$500; 1947, Dan McGee Shoe Store (Warmer?) new shop front etc., \$1,200.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ROBERT SMYTHE

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

151

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 151-153

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 18, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

SMITH BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with shop below and dwellings above. The shopfront has been altered. The second storey windows have round-headed arches with brick voussoirs and pressed brick decorated keystones; the third floor windows have arched heads with brick voussoirs. The sash are one over one. Decorative brick panels with plain field appear below the upper windows, and there is a decorative frieze below the eave. The masonry is painted.

Building History

This very fine structure, with its rear wing, was built for James Smith, a saddler, who purchased the property in 1864. The date of the present building is circa 1867. The building housed the saddlery business until the turn of the century, when it became a furniture store.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1864, conveyance to James Smith from Ann Colmer. Goad's Atlas 1878: harnesses
Assessments 1867, 170,1976, 1880, 1899
Expositor 1984, July 19, p.31 (illustration)
City Directories: 1902, Smith, merchant; 1925, Grand Cafe; 1934, Seigel's Shoes; 1951, Finklestein ladies wear.
Building Permits: 1915, Royal Cafe (Schultz) alter front, \$100.; 1933, W.M. Ryerson (Schultz Bros.) new store front \$800.; 1948, W. Ryerson, (B. Warman) new store front \$3,500.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES SMITH

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

171

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

LOTS 19-20, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

HOLSTEIN PLACE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1986

STYLE:

M_PM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A four-storey commercial building with retail uses at grade and offices above. Construction is concrete and steel frame with curtain wall on the west facade, and with stone facing and square reflective glass windows facing Colborne Street. The building faces the lane between #171 and #173 Colborne on its west facade.

Building History

This recent building, which has been called both Holstein Place and the Massey Building, was constructed in 1986. The architect is the Toronto firm of Beinhaker/Irwin and their client was the Campeau Corporation. Earlier structures on the site include the Keachie Building by John Turner (167 Colborne) and the Bank of Hamilton (171 Colborne).

ref:

Building Permits: 1986, Campeau, (P.C.L. Construction) commercial building, \$4,016,000; 1986, Massey Combines, floors 1,3,4, \$458,600.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

CAMPEAU CORPORATION

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

40

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Vacant

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

44

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Vacant

ORIGINAL
BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

46

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 6, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LINES BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1850

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with shops below and dwellings above. The storefronts have been altered and all upper floor sash have been replaced. The window openings have square-heads with limestone lintels and brackets above the second storey windows; there are stone labels above the third storey windows. A decorative brick frieze runs below the eave level. Demising walls rise above the roof level and are capped in stone; sidewall chimneys are extant. The masonry is painted.

Building History

This very fine block of buildings (46 to 50 Colborne) dates to circa 1850. In that year, a number of transactions occured on the property between Abraham Cook, R.R. Strobridge, and Thomas Botham, all members of a profitable development company. William Lines acquired rights to the property in 1853. Lines was a grocer who retained the buildings until the late 1860s. This building (46 Colborne) later became a part of the William Buck's foundry operation. Buck's home on Brant Avenue was also built by Cook Strobridge and Company.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1845-53, various transactions; 1868-69, purchase by Buck.

Reville's, History of the County of Brant, p. 111 (Cook Strobridge and Company)

Assessments: 1862, Bank of North America; 1869, William Buck; 1872, Buck and Goold (Goold was a bicycle manufacturer); 1891, Buck. City Directory: 1902, Hurley and Watkins, printers; 1925-51, Anguish and Whitefield Ltd., Plumbers.

Building Permits: 1950, Anguish and Whitefield Ltd. (Schultz) renostorefront, \$4000.

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ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

COOK STROBRIDGE

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

48

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 6, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LINES BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1850

STYLE:

G COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with shops below and dwellings above. The storefronts have been altered and all upper floor sash have been replaced. The window openings have square-heads with limestone lintels and brackets above the second storey windows; there are stone labels above the third storey windows. A decorative brick frieze runs below the eave level. Demising walls rise above the roof level and are capped in stone; sidewall chimneys are extant. The masonry is painted.

Building History

This very fine block of buildings (46 to 50 Colborne) dates to circa 1850. In that year, a number of transactions occured on the property between Abraham Cook, R.R. Strobridge, and Thomas Botham, all members of a profitable development company. William Lines acquired rights to the property in 1853. Lines was a grocer who retained the buildings until the late 1860s. From the early 1860's this building (48 Colborne) was occupied by William Pierce's very successful furniture and undertaking business. In later years it served as a billiards hall.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1845-53, various transactions; 1868, purchase by Pierce.

Reville's, History of the County of Brant, p. 111 (Cook Strobridge and Company)

Assessments: 1862, Pierce shown as a tenant; 1891, Pierce, manufacturer; 1899, Royal Loan Savings Co. and Annie Radford. City Directory: 1895-96, Pierce, furniture, Robert Pierce, loan agent, Pierce, undertaker; 1902: William Pierce (estate of), furniture, and George Benfield; 1925, Henderson Bros. Billiards; 1934, Senyck, Billiards; 1951, United Auto Workers and Savoy Billiards.

Building Permits: 1950, Wittocharuk and W. Senyck (McGrath) alter front, \$4000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

COOK STROBRIDGE

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

50

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 4 King

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 6, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LINES BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1850

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey masonry building, built with shops below and dwellings above. The shopfronts and upper floors have been covered by stucco and aluminum, and the centre bay of windows has been obscured. It is assumed that original detailing was consistent with #46, and #48 Colborne, but the new surface treatment prevents examination.

Building History

This very fine block of buildings (46 to 50 Colborne) dates to circa 1850. In that year, a number of transactions occured on the property between Abraham Cook, R.R. Strobridge, and Thomas Botham, all members of a profitable development company. William Lines acquired rights to the property in 1853. This building (50 Colborne) was used by Lines for his grocery business until the 1870s. The building had a row of fine round arched windows on the ground floor, matched by the building on the north part of the lot (4 King). The date of construction for 4 King Street cannot be confirmed, but it would appear to date to Lines period of occupancy (pre-1878). In 1858 the names of Alfred Watts, Archibald Greer, William Lines and John and James Turner are all associated with transactions regarding ownership and related mortgages. It is possible that this might indicate a second period of construction on the site - the addition of 4 King Street. The Watts family and the Turners were both prominent local builders, with John Turner becoming Brantford's most famous 19th century architect. In the 1880s and 1890s 50 Colborne was the location of Turnbull, Howard and Company, a very prosperous hardware store. They sold items like Happy Thought Stoves, locally manufactured at the Buck Stove Company and they extended their business into 4 King Street. In 1951 the building was still Turnbull's hardware.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1857-58, various transactions; 1878, purchase by Foster from Wm. Buck.

Reville's, History of the County of Brant, p. 111 (Cook Strobridge and Company)

Assessments: 1872, Lines; 1878, George Foster; 1885, Knowles and Goold; 1891, Knowles and Nott; 1899, Turnbull, Walter and Gardiner (cigars).

City Directory: 1895-96, Nott and Turnbull, bicycles; 1902: Turnbull, stoves; 1925-1951, Turnbull and Sutcliffe Ltd. hardware.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

COOK STROBRIDGE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

60

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 7, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building, with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The corner is rounded and second storey has distinctive and elaborate masonry detailing. Windows are inset into brick panels, with pilasters with stone caps flanking each window; there is a stone keystone with vermiculated pattern over each window head. A continuous frieze of brick corbels and dentils runs under the eave. A stepped brick demising wall rises above the roof line. Window sash have been removed, but three-part transom details are probably original.

Building History

This site was occupied by a druggist as early as the 1850s, a Mr. Higginbotham, but the present structure, including the adjoining 64 Colborne Street, dates to 1870, and was built by William Watt, owner and builder. A disasterous fire occurred on this block in 1869, the Burgee fire, and this building was built shortly after. In 1878 the Goad's Atlas shows a drug store on the corner with a number of other uses off King Street - pastels and oils, an office, and a cigar factory.

ref:

Assessment (all of Lot 7 - 60, 64, 66, 68 Colborne): 1868, Wm.
Muirhead (freehold), A. Cox, jeweler, R. H__, grocer, Mary Wallace (freehold), Webster, auctioneer, A. Hardy, lawyer; Masons (rooms), N. Higginbotham, druggist, Ellis, druggist, Orange Lodge (rooms); 1870, Abraham Nellis, clergy (east part- freehold), Robt. Wallace, clerk (freehold), William Watts Sr., builder (west part- freehold), William Watts Jr., barrister (tenant);

Goad's Atlas 1878

Assessment (for 60 Colborne):1880, Charles Mason, druggist; 1885, Popplewell, druggist; 1899, Secord, druggist; 1925, Lough's Drug Store; 1934, Arcadian Grill.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

WILLIAM WATTS

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

64

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 7, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building, built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The second storey has distinctive and elaborate masonry detailing. Windows are inset into brick panels, with pilasters with stone caps flanking each window; there is a stone keystone with vermiculated pattern over each window head. A continuous frieze of brick corbels and dentils runs under the eave. Stepped brick demising walls rise above the roof line. Window sash have been removed, but three-part transom details are probably original.

Building History

The present structure dates to 1870, the same year that William Watt built the adjacent identical building at 60 Colborne Street. A disasterous fire occurred on this block in 1869, the Burgee fire, and this building was built shortly after. In 1878 the Goad's Atlas shows a restaurant on the ground floor. Assessments indicate that the rooms above for 64 Colborne and possibly for 60 Colborne also were rented. In 1895 the building was called the Brant Hotel. In later years it became a ladies' wear store.

ref:

Assessment (all of Lot 7 - 60, 64, 66, 68 Colborne): 1868, Wm.
Muirhead (freehold), A. Cox, jeweler, R. H__, grocer, Mary Wallace
(freehold), Webster, auctioneer, A.Hardy, lawyer; Masons (rooms),
N. Higginbotham, druggist, Ellis, druggist, Orange Lodge (rooms);
1870, Abraham Nellis, clergy (east part- freehold), Robt. Wallace,
clerk (freehold), William Watts Sr., builder (west part- freehold),
William Watts Jr., barrister (tenant);
Assessment (for 64 Colborne):1880, Johannah Fleming (rooms); 1885,

Assessment (for 64 Colborne):1880, Johannah Fleming (rooms); 1885, Fleming (restaurant and rooms); 1899, J. Dunn (rooms over).

Goad's Atlas 1878: restaurant

City Directories: 1895-96, Brant Hotel (then called 62 Colborne); 1902, Morris Harris, pawnbroker; 1925 -1934, Lazarus Ladies Wear. Building Permit: 1914, L. Lazarus, alter store, \$1500.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

ROBERT WALLACE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

66

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 7, N. COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two and one-half storey brick building, built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfront has been altered. The three second-storey windows are framed by double brick piers with articulated caps, from which spring a brick arch with vermiculated stone keystone. Round-headed windows are recessed within this arcaded treatment. The masonry opening for the centre bay extends to the second floor level, indicating an original door location. A frieze below the eave combines corbelled brick, diaper pattern and string course bands. There are two dormers in the slate mansard roof. The window sash are not original, but wood trim pilaster and broken pediment detail remains. The building has been altered at its east demising wall, and arcade and freize details are not continuous at this side.

Building History

Both this building and the adjoining building at 68 Colborne Street were originally owned by Abraham Nellis (also spelled Nelles). Reverend Nelles (1805-1885) is an important historical figure who served as the Head of the Mohawk Institute for almost 50 years. The building was constructed circa 1870, like the adjoining buildings at 60 and 64 Colborne, after the fire of 1869. Alfred Cox, jeweler, was the original tenant of the property.

ref:

Assessment (all of Lot 7 - 60, 64, 66, 68 Colborne): 1868, Wm.

Muirhead (freehold), A. Cox, jeweler, R. H__, grocer, Mary Wallace
(freehold), Webster, auctioneer, A.Hardy, lawyer; Masons (rooms),
N. Higginbotham, druggist, Ellis, druggist, Orange Lodge (rooms);
1870, Abraham Nellis, clergy (east part- freehold), Robt. Wallace,
clerk (freehold), William Watts Sr., builder (west part- freehold),
William Watts Jr., barrister (tenant);
Assessment (for 66 Colborne):1880, Nellis, Alfred Cox, jeweler;
1885, Nellis and Sweet, printer; 1899, A. Nellis (est).
Goad's Atlas 1878: jeweler
Jean Waldie, Brant County, p.38 (Nelles)

City Directories: 1902, Bon Marche, groceries; 1925, vacant; 1934,

Manfedi, fruits.

Building Permit: 1948, Axeworthy Hen's Wear, (Cromar) change storefront, \$1800.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ABRAHAM NELLIS

RECORDING DATE:

RECORDER(S):
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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

68

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 7, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with shops below and dwellings above. Ground and second storeys have been altered. The third storey has a large, projecting segmented bay window with broad cornice and base. The bay is flanked by two small windows with ogee arch tops; one has a leaded glass figured panel. A high brick parapet with arcades in relief rises above the third floor.

Building History

Both this building and the adjoining building at 66 Colborne Street were originally owned by Abraham Nellis (also spelled Nelles). Reverend Nelles (1805-1885) is an important historical figure who served as the Head of the Mohawk Institute for almost 50 years. From the disruption of the arch on the second floor of 66 Colborne Street, it would appear that 66 was once a row of shops which extended onto this part of the lot, but that this building was substanitally rebuilt. The Goad's Atlas of 1878 shows that the rebuilding occurred after 1878. It is likely that the rebuilding occurred shortly after Nellis's death in 1885, even though Nellis's estate continued to retain ownership. Later uses include Tip Top Tailors in 1925.

ref:

Assessment (all of Lot 7 - 60, 64, 66, 68 Colborne): 1868, Wm.

Muirhead (freehold), A. Cox, jeweler, R. H__, grocer, Mary Wallace
(freehold), Webster, auctioneer, A.Hardy, lawyer; Masons (rooms),
N. Higginbotham, druggist, Ellis, druggist, Orange Lodge (rooms);
1870, Abraham Nellis, clergy (east part- freehold), Robt. Wallace,
clerk (freehold), William Watts Sr., builder (west part- freehold),
William Watts Jr., barrister (tenant);
Assessment (for 68 Colborne):1880 - 1885, Nellis, and Hugh Jones,

Assessment (for 68 Colborne):1880 - 1885, Nellis, and Hugh Jones, merchant; 1891, Brown and Beeker, merchants.

Jean Waldie, Brant County, p.38 (Nelles)

Goad's Atlas 1878: 2 1/2 storey dry goods store

City Directories: 1902, John Wood, undertaker; 1925, Tip Top

Tailors; 1934, Brantford Pet Shop.

Building Permit: 1914, A Lyons, alter front , \$1000; 1948, A,

Lyons, change storefront, etc., \$1000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ABRAHAM NELLIS

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

70

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 72

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 8, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

COLLIMER BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

V_I

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A four-storey brick building, built with two shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The upper floors exhibit a flat arcaded treatment with round headed windows, with brick reveal to the inside of the masonry openings. Some original sash are extant (one over one) and original interior shutters appear at the second floor level, at the extreme east side. The building is surmounted by a very deep projected wooden cornice with large wooden brackets referencing Italianate detailing popular in commercial buildings of the time.

Building History

This impressive four storey building was built circa 1870 by James Appleby, owner and builder. Later assessments, such as the one in 1876 list a gentleman named Daniel Collimer from Buffalo (or in 1880, Batavia, N.Y.) as the owner. An important early tenant was Samuel Nordheimer, the piano manufacturer. Later owners include Geo. Schultz, one of Brantford's most important building firms.

ref:

Assessment 1870: James Appleby, builder (freehold) (40' - west part of lot 8), Tisdale, founder (freehold) (24' - west part of lot 8); 1876 - 1880, Collimer (?), etc.; 1885 - 1891, Clifford, cabinets; 1899, Geo. Schultz (freehold), David Richie, barber, Carrier, hatter, and Emily Lake.

Building Permits: 1894, Schultz Bros, alter, \$3,000.; 1905, E.P.Park, brick addition, \$1000; 1950, Josep Ross (American Designing Ltd) new store front, \$7,000; 1952, J. Ross (B. Warman) alter store front, \$4,000; 1972, Leader Fur Co. (G. Garrick) create 5 apts. in commercial bldg.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES APPLEBY

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

76

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 74

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 7, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

MASONIC HALL

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1869

STYLE:

V_RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick Classic Revival building originally built to accommodate commercial uses at grade and meeting halls above. The high ground floor storefront and entry have been totally altered. The upper floors are largely intact and exhibit fine decorative brickwork and balanced composition. The facade is dominated by four identical second and third storey bays separated by continuous brick piers. The second floor has a round headed window with inset voussoirs above, and articulated pilasters to each side; there is a vermiculated keystone at the head of each arch. The spandrel panel between the second and third storeys has a continuous string course with "Lawyer's Hall" in individual brick lettering, and a recessed blind panel above. The third floor window has a segmental arched head and vermiculated keystone with side piers and brick hood moulding. A frieze band below the pediment is corbelled brick, and a band of corbelled brick detail follows the leading edge of the pediment. The central field of the pediment is plain, with brick lettering, "Masonic Hall 1869" in relief. Original window sash have been removed, and the brick has been painted.

Building History

This very fine building was constructed circa 1869-70 by B.G. Tisdale, a prominent stove manufacturer whose main factory works were located on Dalhousie, abutting this property. Called Tisdale's Masonic Hall, and the Lawyer's Hall, the building functioned as a Masonic meeting place until 1896. Afterwards the building was occupied by Charles Duncan's furniture company. The building is presently designated as an historic property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Brantford Branch - Research

Report, undated

Assessment 1870: Tisdale, founder, (freehold, unfinished store, 30'

east part of lot 8).

City Directories: 1902, Charles Duncan, carpets; 1925 - 1951,

Duncan and Sons.

OPIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

B.G. TISDALE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

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TAYLOR/MCCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

78

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 9, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1897

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey building. Shopfronts and second storey windows have been altered from the original and it is difficult to determine previous structure or materials. The third floor has been blocked by a metal panels. Existing cladding is masonry and aluminum with glass block infill.

Building History

This building has been altered significantly. The Expositor recorded in 1897 that the Burnley Bros., a laundry business at 78 Colborne Street, had burned down, damaging adjoining properties. The Burnley Brothers rebuilt but another owner, Nyman's, substantially renovated both the exterior and the interior in 1949.

Nyman's Ladies Wear are a well-known local business and have been located here from 1918 to the present. The appearance of the present building, while incorporating earlier structure, dates to the 1949 renovation.

ref:

Expositor: 1967, June 30, p. 3E (Burnley's fire)
Expositor: 1967, June 30, p. 10B (Nyman's - renovation in 1949)
Building Permits: 1898, Burnley Bros., alter, \$1800; 1916, Burnley
Bros. (Cromar) alter, \$600.
City Directories: 1895-96, Henderson Cycles, Brantford Brush Co.,

City Directories: 1895-96, Henderson Cycles, Brantford Brush Co. Burnley Bros., Laundry; 1902, Charles Clifford, furniture; 1925 -1951, Nyman's Ladies Wear.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

BURNLEY BROTHERS

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

80

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 82

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 9, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

CAUDWELL BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1878

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with shops below and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The second and third storey have a wide centre bay with a large masonry opening divided into three with inset bay windows. Sash are one over one. Brick lintels are rubbed and gauged, and there is a large, projecting cornice clad in metal. The brick parapet has been rebuilt.

Building History

George Caudwell's hat shop started in this double set of stores in the late 1870s but what is presently visible dates to alterations which occurred later, possibly as late as 1907 when the Caudwell Bros. received a permit to alter and add to their premises. Their store had been damaged by the 1897 fire which occurred next door at 78 Colborne. Caudwell Bros. retained the building into the 1920s, and afterwards it became an optical store.

ref:

Goad's Atlas 1878: 66 - 'fancy', 68 - 'milly'
City Directories: 1895-1896, Geo. Caudwell, dry goods; 1902,
(80-82) est. of Caudwell, dry goods; 1925, (80) Dominion Signs,
(82) Caudwell Hat Shop; 1934, (80) Dominion Signs, etc, (82) Tait
Optical.

Building Permits: 1907, Caudwell Bros. alter and add, \$2700; 1925, G. Caudwell (Cromar) alter front, \$2000; 1952, Tait-Quartermain (Usher) storefront, \$2000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

GEORGE CAUDWELL

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

84

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 84-88

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 10, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1876

STYLE:

V RR

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey building, built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. Aluminum siding covers the masonry, and some of the windows on the third floor have been obscured. Vermiculated keystones have been cut into the siding, and are visible over windows at 84 Colborne.

Building History

The buildings with the addresses 84, 86, and 88 Colborne are now covered with an aluminum siding and have been substantially altered. In their original appearance they were similar to the building at 66 Colborne, having dormers, articulated brickwork, and vermiculated keystones. An illustration of the 86 and 88 can be seen in the Expositor when it covered Crompton's fire of 1915. In 1876 Alfred Watts, presumably the builder, owned all three properties with three tenants - Saunders, a saloonist, Robt. Barclay, merchant, and Wm. Long, cordwainer (shoe maker). For many years 88 Colborne was occupied by Bishop and Son, hardware.

ref:

Expositor: 1967, June 30, p.14B (two views of Young's store (86

Colborne) - 1920, 1967)

Expositor: Centennial edition, 1967, p. C21 (view of Crompton's

fire - 1915)

Abstract Index: 1863, purchase of land by Alfred Watts

Assessment: 1876, Watts, with tenants.

Courier 1893: Dec 23, p.21, (Bishop's hardware)

Goad's Atlas 1878: 2 1/2 storey buildings, grocer (84), hats (86),

and hardware (88).

City Directories: 1902, Misses Wood, fancy goods (84), Jones, jewelry (86), Bishop, hardware (88); 1925 - 1934, Nobles, wallpaper (84), Young, jewelry (86), Bishop (88); 1951, Nobles,

Young, Reitman's (88).

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ALFRED WATTS

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

90

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 90-100

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

CROMPTON BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1916

STYLE:

E COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A four-storey brick department store at the corner of Queen and Colborne. The storefront at grade has been altered. Brick pilasters run continuous from ground floor to cornice; three windows are set within each bay at each of the upper floor windows. The sash are not original. A projected metal cornice extends across the facade below the pediment. There is currently a corner entry at the Queen and Colborne intersection.

Building History

This impressive building was erected on the site Crompton's store which had burned down in 1915. The permit was issued to the Brethour Estate for E.B. Crompton Company. The architect listed in Contract Record is Angus and Angus, a local well-known engineering firm. In later years the building was called the Arcade building, and even more recently was run as Brantford's Eaton Store (1944 - 1965). The building is historically important, showing part of the evolution of commercial enterprises on Colborne.

ref:

Building Permit 1915: Brethour Estate (Schultz) brick departmental store, 90 - 96 Colborne, \$63,000.

Contract Record, illustrated article, vol. 30, (May 31, 1916), p.523-24., architect, Angus and Angus.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

BRETHOUR ESTATE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

104

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 104-110

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, N. COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

STEEL BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1921

STYLE:

M_D

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick commercial building at the corner of Queen and Colborne. The ground floor has been divided into two storefronts. The distinctive front at 104 Colborne was applied when the west bay was converted to a corner bank with limestone cladding, carved frieze and tall narrow windows in the Moderne Style. The storefront at 110 Colborne has been altered and is now a seperate retail space. The upper floor is three bays wide, with large masonry openings, limestone trim and continuous lintel. There is a limestone string course with stylized brackets below the parapet. The brick parapet is stepped, with a limestone cap, and the name of the building, "Steel Building" is carved in a limestone block at the centre of the parapet. All sash have been replaced.

Building History

The Steel Building was built by the L. R. Steel and Company in 1921 and was altered in 1925. The site had previously been occupied by a Bank of Commerce, and in the 1950s a section of the present building was again a bank.

ref:

Building Permit: 1921, L. R. Steel and Co. (Sullivan and Fried) store, \$50,000; 1925, Steeles (?) Con. Ltd. (Fred Andrews) alter front, \$5000.

Assessment 1880 - 1899: Bank of Commerce

City Directories: 1925, Steel's Con. Limited, department store; 1934, People's Store; 1951, (104) Bank of Toronto, (108) Tip-Top Tailors.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

LR STEEL & CO.

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):

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DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

112

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey building built with shop at grade and dwellings above. The shopfront has been altered, as have the upper two floors. None of the original window exist, the upper two storeys have been covered by aluminum siding.

Building History

This building has been substantially altered and is clad in aluminum siding. Its condition beneath the siding cannot be assessed. The store appears to have built prior to Confederation, probably circa 1865, when Mr. Jackson purchased the property. Jackson continued to operate the building as a dry goods store, until circa 1895-96 when it was taken over by Duncan's carpets.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1865, purchase by S. Jackson.

Assessments: 1867 - 1880, Jackson.

City Directories: 1895-96, C. Duncan; 1902, vacant; 1925, Mason and

Risch, pianos; 1934-51, House of Warren.

Building Permits: 1919, H.J.Smyth (Albert Rathy) alter front,

\$2000; 1960, B. Warren, (Crowe) alter front, \$1000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

J. JACKSON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

112

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1865

STYLE:

UNK

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Architectural Description

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RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

114

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1861

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey building built with shop at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts has been altered and upper floors covered by aluminum siding. Original masonry openings are in place, but all sash have been removed.

Building History

This building and the adjoining 118 Colborne Street were built circa 1861. Because they are now clad in aluminum their condition cannot be determined. A local merchant named Glassco purchased parcels of this lot in both 1856 and 1861. George Glassco retained ownership of 114 Colborne and operated a furrier's shop even into the 20th century. It was later Percy's Mens Wear.

ref:

Abstracts Index: 1856, 1861, purchases by Glassco; 1865, sale of west 1/2 of west 1/2 of lot by Glassco to Charles Milliken.
City Directories: 1902, Glassco; 1925 - 1951, Percy's Mens Wear.
Building Permits: 1917, Glassco (Ingleby and Taylor) alter front, \$2000; 1935, A.C. Percy (Cromar) new sho front, \$350.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

GEO. GLASSCO

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

118

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, N. COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1861

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey building with shop at grade and dwellings above. The shopfront has been altered and upper floors covered by aluminum siding. Original six over six sash appear to be in place at the third storey.

Building History

This building and the adjoining 114 Colborne Street were built circa 1861. Because they are now clad in aluminum their condition cannot be determined. A local merchant named Glassco purchased parcels of this lot in both 1856 and 1861, retaining 114 for his own use. From the 1860s to the 1890s the building was a dry goods store, and later was the office of S.Read, auctioneers and land agents (1895), and Coles Shoe Stores.

ref:

Abstracts Index: 1856, 1861, purchases by Glassco; 1865, sale of west 1/2 of west 1/2 of lot by Glassco to Charles Milliken.
City Directories: 1895-96, Read; 1925, Buller Bros. patent medicines; 1934 - 1951, Coles Shoe Stores.
Building Permits: 1912, Harvey Winters, alter front, \$450; 1947, Coles Shoe Store (Penney Constr.), alter front, 1947; a955, K. Coles, remodel, \$3000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

GEO. GLASSCO

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

120

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LOVEJOY BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1850

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The upper storeys have arch headed windows with wooden sills. The original sash have been removed. There is a brick string course above the second storey and one above the third. There is a decorative brick cornice. The building has been painted.

Building History

The Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings estimates the date of this building and the adjoining building at 122 Colborne as 1850. Based on the architectural style of the buildings this date is possible. The land was owned by a major landowner, William Lovejoy, until the 1880s. Tenants included a barber named Thomas Gilbert. The building was also the home of the Olympic Candy Company.

ref:

CIHB: 1850

Assessments: 1867, Lovejoy, and tenant.; 1870, Lovejoy, Gilbert;

1885, Gilbert.

City Directories: 1925 - 1951, Olympic Candy Company.

Building Permits: 1925, Mrs. Acret (Cromar) alter front \$800; 1939, G. L. Acret (H.J. Hauser Co. Ltd.) vitrolite, \$500; 1964, Canadian

Store Fixtures (Cromar) interior reno., \$45,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

Wm. LOVEJOY

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

122

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LOVEJOY BLOCK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1850

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building, built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The upper storeys have arch-headed windows with wooden sills. The original sash have been removed. There is a brick string course above the second storey and one above the third. There is a decorative brick cornice. The building has been painted.

Building History

The Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings estimates the date of this building and the adjoining building at 120 Colborne as 1850. Based on the architectural style of the buildings this date is possible. William Bould operated a restaurant in this building from the 1870s to the 1880s.

ref:

CIHB: 1850

Goad's Atlas 1878: restaurant

Assessments: 1867, Henry Smith, and tenant, graindealer; 1870, Henry Smith, Bould; 1885, William Bould; 1899, Henry Moore, grocer. City Directories: 1902 - 1925, Coles Bros. shoes; 1934, Tip Top

Tailors; 1951, Boswell's Brantford Gifts.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

Wm. LOVEJOY

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):

TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

124

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

PARK BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1890

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey building. Ground floor shopfront has been altered, and second and third storeys have been covered in wood and metal

siding.

Building History

This lot was the location of the Sproule Building. One of Sproule's tenants, the very successful photographer, E.P. Park, built the present building circa 1890. Because of the present condition of the building it is difficult to determine what if anything remains of Park's building. Major alterations occurred in 1958 for Reitman's store and the present building primarily dates to that period.

Goad's Atlas 1878: a hardware

Assessments: 1870, Sproule, with Park as a tenant; 1899, Park,

photographer

City Directories: 1902, Park and Co.; 1925-1951, Northway Co.,

ladies wear.

Building Permits: 1958, Reitman's, alterations, \$8,500.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

E.P. PARK

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

128

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Vacant lot.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

136

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14 & 15, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

ZELLERS

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1961

STYLE:

M COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick department store with glazed aluminum shopfronts at grade. The upper storey is masonry with no window openings.

Building History

This building was constructed for Zellers in 1961. The architect was H. A. Swanson. The building replaced earlier Woolworth's and Zellers stores.

ref:

Building Permit: 1961Mutual Incomes Estates Ltd., (P. Connolly - 285 Humbercrest TO.) new store, \$228,000. - drawings by H. A. Swanson for Zellers.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

MUTUAL INCOMES

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

142

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15 & 16, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

GRAFTON'S

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

UNK

STYLE:

M COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey commercial building with aluminum shopfronts at grade and aluminum siding continuous across the second storey.

Building History

Nabour Shoes moved into this store in 1987. Nabour is owned by Grafton-Fraser, and this location had been the site of Grafton's store for over 100 years. The building has been substantially altered and what is visible dates to approximately 1960, when one floor was removed.

ref:

City Directories: 1902 - 1951, Grafton's

Expositor Files: stores Nabours (April 21 1989) and (Feb. 2, 1987)

Building Permits: 1960, Grafton, remove 1 storey, \$6,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

GRAFTON'S

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):

TAYLOR/MCCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

146

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 146-148

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 16, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

METROPOLITAN

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1930

STYLE:

H_D

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick retail building. The ground floor shopfronts have been altered. The second storey has three bays of paired windows with decorative surrounds. Window sash are one over one. The brick parapet has two small stone shields and individual copper lettering spelling, "Metropolitan". There are two string courses at the cornice level.

Building History

On Christmas Eve, 1930, the Metropolitan Store and the Artemis Candy Store were destroyed by fire. This fine building was built in the following year. Note the historic plaque on the building with the following inscription: "From this site, the world's first long distance telephone calls were transmitted to nearby Mount Pleasant (Aug. 3, 1876) and Paris Ontario (August 10, 1876) w/ equipment invented by Alexander Graham Bell. After tests this basic telecommunications system could no longer be considered a scientific novelty." The date of the inscription and plaque is not known - (note research on 150 Colborne).

ref:

Building Permit: 1931, Metropoiltan Stores Ltd. (Schultz) retail store, \$30,000.

Expositor 1967, June 30, p.3E (fire)

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

METROPOLITAN

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

150

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 17, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DOMINION TELEGRAPH

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1876

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A narrow two-storey retail building of indeterminate construction. The shopfront at grade has been altered, and upper storey has been covered by stucco. There are no windows on the upper level.

Building History

In 1876 this small narrow shopfront was a telegraph office for Dominion Telegraph and in 1880 it was the office for Erwin Cameron, telegraphist. In the 1878 Goad's Atlas it is this shop which is identified as the Telegraph office. The plaque on 148 Colborne regarding the first long distance call would appear to belong on this building. Because the building is presently heavily remodelled it is difficult to determine what alterations may have occurred to the building.

ref:

Goad's Atlas 1878: Tel. office

Assessment: 1870, Telegraph office; 1876, Dominion Telegraph; 1880, Morton Richie, Erwin Cameron; 1885, Morton Richie, land agent; 1891, B W L Erie Railway (tickets); 1899, Roberston of New York, agent.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

DOMINION TELEGRAPH

RECORDING DATE:

RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

154

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 152-154

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 17, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

STEDMAN'S

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

UNK

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building with shops at grade and residential above. The shopfronts have been altered. The upper storey has arched window heads with original two-over-two sash. The exterior of the building has been stuccoed.

Building History

The building at this location was heavily damaged by fire in 1955. Stedman's rebuilt the existing structure.

ref:

Expositor 1967, June 30, p. 10E (fire)

Building Permits: 1955, Stedman's, (Penny) store, \$20,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

STEDMAN

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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TAYLOR/MCCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

156

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 156-158

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 17, N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

SS. KRESGE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1929

STYLE:

M_D

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey buff brick commercial building built in 1929. The original ground floor department store has been altered and divided into two shopfronts. The upper storey is intact, and exhibits aspects of the Moderne Style with continuous limestone sill, lintel and cornice. There are limestone pilasters framing the three centre-bay windows, and stylized paterae above each pilaster. Windows are one-over-one and are original.

Building History

This building was built by the Kresge chain in 1929. The design came from Kresge's in-house design team located either in Toronto or Detroit.

ref:

Contract Record; 43, May 1, 1929, p.68 and 8 May 1929, p.59 S.S.

Kresge, (Schultz)

Building Permit: mechanical drawings only, 4-10-1929, for Kresge Company Ltd., Toronto, Construction and Store Equip. Dept. Detroit, Michigan.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

SS. KRESGE

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

TAYLOR/MCCLELLAND

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

160

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 18, N. COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1867

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building built with shops below and residential above. The ground floor shopfront has been altered. The upper storey windows are original two-over-two in wood. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

This small storefront dates to 1867 - 1868 when it was the wholesale and retail outlet for George Watt, a member of the very prominent merchant family. Subsequently it became well-known as Tamblyn's drugstore.

ref:

Assessment: 1867, Alexis Buck (buildings); 1868, George Watt (buildings).

City Directories: 1934 - 1951, Tamblyns.

Building Permits: 1932, Tamblyns (Canadian Showcase Co, Ltd.) alter store front, \$500; 1947, Tamblyn Drug, new store front,; 1965,

Tamblyn, repair front , \$1000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

GEO WATT

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

COLBORNE

NUMBER:

162

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 162-164

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 18, N. COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

UNK

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey building which has been substanitally altered on both levels. The second storey has been obscured by metal siding and

signage.

Building History

Because of substantial alterations to this building it is not possible to determine at this time the age of the present structure. In 19th century photographs of the north side of Colborne Street, this building appears possibly to be part of a row

like the adjoining building at 160 Colborne.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

UNKNOWN

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

41

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

LOT 6, N, DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Building History

This vacant lot was the site of numerous factory buildings, including the Snow Drift Baking Powder factory which burned in a disastrous fire, Sept. 18, 1902.

ref:

Expositor/1967/Centennial Edition A37

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

51

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 53

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 8, LOT 9, LOT 10, S. DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1895

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Expositor Building

This handsome three storey Brantford landmark has remained largely intact despite a number of significant alterations including the removal of the corner tower and corner entry in 1950. The building is red brick with limestone lintels and sills; the rusticated stone base treatment at the corner of Dalhousie and Queen dates to the alterations of the 1950s. The bays on either side of the corner are identical: each is composed of ground floor semi-circular arched window with fanlight and brick voussoirs, second storey flat-headed windows with limestone trim and three-part arcaded windows on the upper floor. All other bays of the Queen and Dalhousie facades are similar with flat headed masonry openings with limestone sills and lintels. Original window sash have been replaced. There is a corbelled brick frieze band at roof level, and a panelled brick parapet with corbel detailing. The building is influenced by the Romanesque Style.

Addition 1952

This stylish early 1950s addition to the original Expositor building stands in dramatic contrast to its Romanesque revival counter-part. Its interior and exterior were designed in the 'moderne' style. It is a two storey steel frame building with brick and glazed facade. At the ground floor the large plate glass windows are set in bronze frames with continuous stone frame surround. The base is polished black granite. The second floor is a variegated red and brown brick with ribbon windows of fixed glass. The ground floor entry is recessed at the east end of the facade, and considerable attention has been paid to detailing and materials in the Moderne Manner. Exterior signage in the form of an individual letter neon signband on the spandrel panel at the second floor level, and a delicate bronze sign at the recessed entry to the building are both crucial to the architectural conception of this building.

Building History

T.H. Preston had this corner building built for the Expositor in 1895, with an addition in 1950 by the noted local architect Leslie Kemp. Further additions include a 1969 extension (Cross Stiles & Brown Engineers). The corner turret and corner entry were removed in 1950. The Expositor is a prominent local institution for which

noted writers such as Thomas B. Costain and June Callwood have worked.

ref:
Building Permit: 1895, T. H. Preston, brick building Lot S10,
\$10,000.
Building Permit: 1950, Expositor, new office building (Cromar),
\$180,000.
Building Permit: 1969, Preston and Sons, addition (Cromar),
\$447,548. (drawings by Cross Stiles and Brown, Engineers, Toronto)

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Conversation with Peter Preston: Leslie Kemp designed 1950s addition (also did Moose Hall and the Fire Hall).

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ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

T.H. PRESTON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

55

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, S. DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

THE HUB

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1958

STYLE:

M

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building with shops at grade and dwellings above at the corner of Dalhousie and Queen Street. The shopfront has been altered. Second floor windows are one-over-one sash.

Building History

This corner building, originally known as the Hub, was built in 1958 as a retail store by Mr. G. Chamberlain. The newspaper account of its construction says that it replaced a 66-year-old landmark.

ref:

Building Permit: 1958, G. Chamberlain, retail store (Summerhayes), \$25,000.

Expositor/1962, Aug.2, 1962

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

G. CHAMBERLAIN

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

MIMREP .

59

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 57-59

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, S. DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

WITTY BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1857

STYLE:

G

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey building with brick face and back. There is a gable roof sloping toward the street. This building may have been two frame dwellings built prior to 1878. The exterior has been totally altered with new buff brick facade and aluminum shopfronts. The original windows at the second storey level have been removed.

Building History

Although substantially altered, this is a pre-Confederation building which was owned by a bookkeeper and gentleman named Francis Witty. Witty purchased the land in 1857, and it is possible that the building dates to that time. It originally functioned as two residences, and is one the few examples in the study area of an early residential building. In the 1920s and 30s it housed a bakery and Levine's shoe store.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1857, purchase by Witty 8,010 sq. ft., 1869, further purchase of lot by Witty, 3,025 sq. ft.
Assessment 1867: Witty, Francis, bookkeeper

Goad's 1878: two dwellings

Assessment 1899: Witty, Francis, gentleman, & Ellen Witty,

spinster, and Thomas Waglue (?), shoemaker.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

FRANCIS WITTY

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

63

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 63-65

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, S. DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1892

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Two brick buildings, (#63 is two-storey and #65 is one-storey), of a row joined at ground level to allow a single use. The ground floor shopfronts have been totally altered. A corbelled brick string course runs above second floor windows for #63, and below the parapet level of #65. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

This property was used for stables as early as 1830, and served for many years as stables, carriage-makers yards and a blacksmith shop. Although dating from several periods, much of the structure may date to the issuance of a building permit to William Fleming, blacksmith, in 1892. Fleming was a long-time occupant of the property. The building has been a restaurant for years, and in the 1940s was called the Radio Grill.

ref:

Abstract Index: 1886, Fleming purchases from Elliott; 1888, mortgage from Cockshutt; additional mortgages 1892 (Cockshutt) and 1893 (Stratford).

Reville's History of the County of Brant, p. 90

Assessment 1880: _ Hext, carriage maker

Building Permit: 1892, Wm. Fleming, erect, S.Lot 12 Assessment 1899: Thomas Fleming, blacksmith (65), Ignatius

Cockshutt owner

Building Permit: 1923, Ontario Lunch Co., Jas. Fitness, alter \$900. Building Permit: 1944, Radio Grill, Joe Newton, new front etc.

\$1,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

W. FLEMING

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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PHOTO REFERENCE:

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STREET:

DALHOUSTE

NUMBER:

69

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, LOTS 13,14,15, S.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Building History

This vacant site was the location of many prominent early buildings in Brantford, including the American Hotel.

ref:

City Directory 1902

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S):

PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

95

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 16, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

PELEE ISLAND WINE CO.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1871

STYLE:

NCL

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A fine two-storey white brick commercial building in the Neo-classic Style. The ground floor shopfronts have been altered. The second storey is intact. There are three high nine-over-nine windows with wood sills and limestone keystones and panellized brick trimming. The brick parapet is gable ended over the central bay, and flat over the two flanking bays.

Building History

This building, built by the Watt family circa 1871, became the home of the Pelee Island Wine and Wineyard Company, founded in Brantford by Captain J.S. Hamilton. Hamilton was a prominent businessman and a City Councillor. He lived at Langley Park, an estate just to the west of Brantford, and he saw his business become one of Canada's most successful wineries. The wines were kept at Pelee Island for two years and then shipped to Brantford for distribution. His business later moved across the street to 44 Dalhousie.

ref:

Abstract Index 1871: lease of lots 16-17 from Lovejoy to George

Watt

City Hall reference date: 1865

Assessment 1872: Watt \$2,700., Lovejoy (land)

Assessment 1873: Watt, \$6,000.

Assessment 1879: Hamilton - tenant to Lovejoy, \$6,000.

Courier 1893/ December 23

City Directory 1925: Brunswick Billiard Parlours

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

J.S. HAMILTON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

97

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 97-99

LOT PLAN NO:

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1877

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

An early two storey hotel built of masonry and frame which was substantially altered after a fire in 1976. It is unlikely that any original exterior building fabric remains on the Dalhousie Street facade. The building has been remodelled with masonry base, stucco panel and half-timber treatment. The windows have been replaced.

Building History

This building was built as the Woodbine Hotel circa 1877 and it was owned by Robert Tuttle, who was sometimes called saloonist in the assessment records. Later innkeepers include Fred Westbrook, a champion bicyclist who toured with Barnum and Baileys' Circus. The building suffered substantial fire damage in 1976.

ref:

Abstract Index 1877: purchase by Tuttle from Henry Wade
Assessment 1879: Robert Tuttle, hotel keeper, cigar makers at rear
of lot

Assessment 1899: Gabriel McIntyre, innkeeper City Directory 1902: Woodbine Hote, R.S. Tuttle Building Permit 1949: Strand Hotel, alter front (McGrath Construction) \$3,500. Expositor/1967,p.A48

Building Permit 1976:302228 Ontario, repair fire damage (Schultz)

\$174,000.

ORIGINAL
BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

34

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Vacant lot.

MATERIAL PROPERTY.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

40

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 38-42

LOT PLAN NO:

LOT 4, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

WOODS LYON'S BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1876

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey masonry building with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered, but part of a string course with brackets runs above three bays of the ground floor. A carriageway at grade runs to a lane behind the building. The second floor windows have been altered. A prominent cornice is intact at the upper level. The building has been stuccoed.

Building History

Called Moffat Hall during the 1920s and 30s, this building was built circa 1876 by Woods Lyons, a carriage maker. This lot was the site, in 1830, of William Dutton's large barn.

ref:

Reville's, History of the County of Brant, p. 90 City Hall Reference Date: 1870

Abstract Index: 1876, 1877, purchase of land by Woods Lyons with related mortgages.

Assessment 1880: Woods Lyons, carriagemaker - 3,200.

Assessment 1899: Charles Nellis, gentleman, 82', 30-40 Dalhousie City Directory 1934: 40 - Soldo Fruits; 40 rear - McCann and Haas, auto repair; 40 1/2 - Moffat Hall 8 apts.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

WOODS LYONS

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

44

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 44-46

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 5, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1919

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey masonry building with commercial at grade and dwellings above. The ground floor level has been altered, and the upper floor sash are not original. The second and third floors are three bays wide with plain pilasters flanking each bay. Masonry openings on upper levels have rusticated limestone sills and lintels. There is a cornice below the parapet level.

Building History

Built in 1919 by J. Moffat, this building later served as the winery for J. S. Hamilton. In 1951 it was converted to hotel use and was renamed the Graham Bell Hotel.

ref:

City Hall Reference Date: 1907

Building Permit 1919: 42 Dalhousie, J. Moffat, brick building

(Schultz) \$2,800.

City Directory 1925: 46 Dalhousie, Hamilton, J. S., wines

City Directory 1951: Graham Bell Hotel

Expositor 1962/ August 4, p.17

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

J. MOFFAT

RECORDING DATE:

10/01/91

RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

48

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

LOT 5, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

TUPPER BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1845

STYLE:

G_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey, gable end structure of frame construction. The exterior has been substantially altered, and it is unclear whether the window openings on the ground and second floor are original. The building has stucco and half-timber treatment.

Building History

This pre-Confederation structure may be the oldest building in the study area, dating possibly to the 1840s. In a pre-1850 assessment of the land this lot was owned by John Tupper and it is recorded that it held a dwelling house, a blacksmithy and other shops. Tupper purchased the property in 1836 from the Crown. In 1848 he obtained a mortgage from the Brant M.B. Society and another mortgage from the Trust and Loan Company in 1852. It is very likely that these mortgages related to building activities. The land sold in 1855 to Mr. A Cleghorn and to Henry Rogers in 1859. In 1874 the lot was sold to Mr. Van Norman, who, the following year sold the southerly part of the lot to Thomas Culkin. The northern part of the lot was retained for Fleming, the blacksmith. Assessments through the latter half of the last century show a variety of tenants occupying the property.

ref:

City Hall Reference Date: 1845

undated pre-1850 Assessment: Lot 5, John Tupper

Assessment 1868: A. Cleghorn, owner; John Noble, painter SE part

of lot 5, 18'

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

JOHN TUPPER

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

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DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

50

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 50-54

LOT PLAN NO:

LOT 6. N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1955

STYLE:

M

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Corner of Queen Street and Dalhousie.

A two-storey bank building with limestone and polished granite cladding built in a plain modern style typical of banks and government buildings in the 1950's and early 1960's. Banking was carried on at the ground floor level, with offices above. The building is unaltered.

Building History

This fine building was erected in 1955 as an Imperial Bank of Canada. It is constructed on the site of the former Central Fire Hall.

ref:

Expositor 1962/ August 4, p.17

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

I.B.C

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

60

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 60-70

LOT PLAN NO:

LOT 7, LOT 8, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

POST OFFICE & CUSTOMS OFFICE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1913

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

The main block is a U-shaped Beaux-Arts structure extending five bays along Queen Street; and seven bays along Dalhousie Street. A six-storey clock and bell tower marks the corner. The construction was carried out in steel framing and reinforced concrete with a variety of facings: granite for the foundations, Borea sandstone for the street elevations with the remainder in brick. The original building consisits of a three-part composition of low granite base, a rusticated ground storey and a tall piano nobile capped by a balustrade. The granite base supports a stongly articulated ground storey of channelled stone whose uppper courses angle to become arches over each window. These are crowned by keystones which merge with a stringcourse which forms the base of the two-storey composition above. The tower and terminating bays project from the wall surface. Between them on the Dalhousie Street elevation are placed five windows separated by single engaged Ionic columns. The first floor windows, placed within moulded architraves, are relieved with keystone and capped by alternating triangular and semicircular pediments. The third floor windows are smaller, but have more elaborate carved surrounds and no cap other than a keystone. The projecting clock tower repeats the decorative arrangement of the facades, but continues above the second-storey level with a tripartite window decorated with a stone balcony on both elevations. The clockface is framed by an elaborate semicircular bracketed arch which forms the base of the copper-roofed bell tower above. This complex composition includes a range of decorative elements derived from a variety of historical sources, but in its grand scale and use of classical motifs belongs to the Beaux-Arts movement. The building is listed by FHBRO, PWC.

Building History

The Dominion Government of Canada erected this Post Office and Customs Building in 1913 on the site of the Waterous Engine Works. The estimated cost was \$240,000. The north wing was added to this very fine Federal Building in 1957. The building has been given the highest significance rating for a recognized heritage structure by the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office .

ref:

FHBRO Report File

Building Permit 1913: Dominion Government, Post Office, \$240,000. Building Permit 1957: Department of Public Works, (Schultz), \$1,234,000.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

DOMINION OF CANADA

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

76

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 76-86

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOTS 9, 10, N. DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

TEMPLE BUILDING

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1910

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Temple Building

A ten-bay brick masonry building of three storeys. Commercial alterations at grade have obliterated the original main street facade. The second floor features an arcaded treatment of windows with brick and stone segmental arches. A stone string course runs between the windows at this second storey level. Windows are variously original wood or replacement aluminum sash, and the arched window tops have been filled by aluminum panels on the third floor; windows have brick voussoir heads and limestone sills. There are brick subsills with decorative scallop pattern. A continuous band of parging above the third floor windows likely masks the original location of a projecting cornice. The attic level contains six roundel windows with stone frames and carved swag ornamentation. The "Temple Building" appears in carved script at the attic level in the bay closest to the triangulated building entry at the corner. The building has been designated under Part 4 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Building History

The Temple Building is a municipally designated heritage property. This prominent building was constructed in 1909 - 1910 and served as the later home for the Masonic Lodge in Brantford after they moved from Tisdale Hall on Colborne Street.

ref:

Brantford Designation Report

Building Permit 1909: Union Realty Co., stores, office and lodge, \$16,000.

Building Permit 1910: same, \$17,600.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

UNION REALTY CO.

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

88

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 88-90

LOT PLAN NO:

PL.11, N. DALHOUSIE, PL.10, 11, S. WELLINGTON

ORIGINAL NAME:

TEMPLE THEATRE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1919

STYLE:

E COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

The facade of the Sanderson Centre is made of two original building facades, one at 88 Dalhousie and one at 90 Dalhousie. The building at 88 Dalhousie was a two storey brick structure with shopfronts at grade and dwellings above (photographs from, "Report on Temple/Capital Theatre" City of Brantford Heritage Committee). The facade of 90 Dalhousie, built as a combination live and movie theatre, has remained largely unchanged during its history. Its two storey facade is dominated by a large glazed recessed entry with round-headed window above, together forming a monumental archway to the lobby beyond. The surrounding masonry of is deeply scored with voussoir stones and large ashlar blocks. There is a frieze band with fleur-di-lis pattern below a projected metal cornice. Original marques and entries for the Temple and Capital Theatres have been removed, and a new illuminated canopy crosses in front of the two building fronts. The integration of #88 Dalhousie has involved the complete alteration of ground and second storeys. This part of the building is now dominated by a double height glazed entry with large area of multi-pane glazing above. The facade of #88 has been rendered with a masonry coating and scored to match the ashlar treatment of the adjacent facade.

Building History

The Capitol Theatre was designed by the famous theatre architect, Thomas Lamb. It was originally called the Temple Theatre, in recognition of the adjoining Temple Building, and was built in 1919 by the Brantford Amusement Company. It is now a municipally designated heritage property. During the recent restoration of the theatre the street frontage was enlarged and altered.

Brantford Designation Report (Brantford Heritage Committee) undated

Building Permit 1919: Brantford Amusement Co. (P.H. Secord & Sons) theatre, \$90,000.

Building Permit 1934: Paramount, new store front etc. (Schultz), \$650.

ORIGINAL

BRANTFORD AMUSEMENT BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:

RECORDER(S):

PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

92

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 92-98

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LUDLOW'S

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Orginally two separate buildings with shopfronts at grade and dwellings above. Upper and lower floors have been totally altered, and the building converted into a department store in 1956-57.

Building History

Originally constructed as double stores these properties have been the location of Ludows since 1911. The buildings may date to as early as 1870 and a photograph is available of the earlier storefronts, but what is presently visible is the fine modern storefront of Ludows. Ludlows has been continually in business in Brantford since 1904 and, on this site, has expanded to take over adjoining businesses.

ref:

City Hall Reference Date: 1870

Building Permit 1917: 92-94 - Thom. Quinlan, (Schultz) brick front,

\$1,500.

Building Permit 1925: 94 - Mrs. Acrett, alter front (Cromar) \$400. Building Permit 1956: 98 -Ludlows, alter (J.Usher and Sons) 33,000.

(drawings for permit by C.H. Brooks, Architect 1956)

Building Permit 1957: 92 -Ludlows, alter (J.Usher and Sons) 22,000.

Expositor 1967/ June 30 advertisement

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

LUDLOW'S

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

TAYLOR/McCLELLAND

PHOTO REFERENCE:

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

96

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 98

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

LUDLOW'S

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1870

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

LUDLOW'S

RECORDING DATE:

RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

100

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 12, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DEMPSTERS

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1880

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey brick building with shops at grade and dwellings. above. The ground floor storefront has been altered. Windows are original at the second storey with one-over-one sash and limestone sills, but it appears that third floor windows have been blocked. The building is painted.

Building History

Dempster's, a prominent local business, has been located on this site since 1926, when they moved from their former location of 106 Colborne Street. While the building may date to as early as 1890, it now most notable for its long association with the Dempster business.

ref:

Assessment 1880: John Hext, carriage maker City Hall Reference Date: 1890 Assessment 1899: Samuel Wilson, gunsmith Expositor 1967/ Centennial edition p.A48

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

DEMPSTERS

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

102

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 13, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

BANK OF COMMERCE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1907

STYLE:

N CL

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a complex of four distinct buildings being used for banking purposes by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and extending around the corner to 30 Market Street. The main bank building was built in 1907 by the Bank of Commerce on the corner of Dalhousie and Market. It is a handsome three storey Neo-Classical stone and brick structure which has remained virtually unaltered on its exterior. The interior banking hall was located at grade and has undergone substantial alteration; there are two storeys of offices above which can be accessed from a separate address at 34 Dalhousie indicating that there may have been rented premises above. The main facade on Dalhousie has give well-defined bays with stone plinth, double-storey fluted lonic pilasters and attic storey. The double-storey pilasters are surmounted by a classical architrave and projected cornice. The attic storey is intricately modulated with multi-paned casement sash with alternating triangulated and segmentally arched pediments over each window. The entry to the banking hall is at the corner of Dalhousie and Market, and is distinguished by a pair of fluted lonic columns flanking the doorway. The one-bay facade on Market Street is a variation of the Dalhousie composition, and is widened to accomodate the Market Street entry at grade. The window sash of the building have been replaced at the ground floor level, but appear to be original for the second and attic storeys.

The extension to the west on Dalhousie stands in dramatic contrast to the original building. Built in the mid-1950's, it is a high one-storey building with expansive aluminum shop-front glazing and quarry tile base. It was built with no regard for its fine counterpart, and should be considered separately for the purposes of the architectural recognition of this complex of buildings.

Building History

This prominent bank building was constructed in 1907 and has expanded, both on Dalhousie and Market Streets. The history of land acquisition at this site by the Canadian Bank of Commerce is complex, and involves the purchase of four major parcels of lots 14 and 15 North Dalhousie, which have a combined frontage of 35'-8" on Market Street and 102'-9+" on Dalhousie Street. The first parcel was purchased in 1905 and was located in Part Lot 15 (N. Dalhousie) on the west side of Market Street. It had a frontage of 26'-4" on Market, and 63'-4" on Dalhousie. In 1907 the Canadian Bank of Commerce erected the existing three storey brick and stone

bank building on that property. A second adjacent parcel was acquired in 1911 to the rear of the Market Street frontage which was 9'-4+" by a length of 32'-7". In 1925 the third property was acquired at 104 Dalhousie Street (20' x 70') on which was located an existing building called the Harp Building. In 1951 The Ryerson Building (Part Lot 14 N. Dalhousie) was purchased. It was located immediately west of the Harp Building property and had a dimension of 20'-6" x 70' at 102 Dalhousie Street. These four properties were amalgamated into a CIBC Bank in 1955-56 at which time the Harp and Ryerson Buildings were demolished and the existing one-storey extension to the main corner Bank was built on Dalhousie. The property at 38 Market Street comprised of two buildings owned previously by the Canada Permanent Co. were purchased at an unknown date (1970's or 1980's) and renovated for the CIBC in 1983. (See Architectural Description and Building History: 38 Market Street, Part Lot 15, N.Dalhousie)

ref:

Assessment 1899: no bank
City Hall Reference Date: 1905
Building Permit 1907: Dominion Realty Company, bank, \$24,700.
Goad's Atlas 1951
CIBC Archives, Toronto Re: Purchase Lots 14 and 15 N.Dalhousie
1905, 1911, 1925, 1951.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

BANK OF COMMERCE

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STREET:

DALHOUSIE

NUMBER:

112

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 112-116

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 16, N.DALHOUSE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DOMINION BANK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1920

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey bank building at the corner of Dalhousie and Market streets with a banking hall at grade and offices at the second storey. The front entry is on the narrow Dalhousie Street facade. The building is red brick with limestone trim which appears at the continous base, around the front entry and a side door on Market Street, in keystones over ground floor windows, in window sills, and in a continuous string course at the second floor level. Limestone is also used for architrave and projecting cornice. Window sash and original doors have been altered at ground floor level.

Building History

This bank was constructed in 1920 and its refined style shows the influence of the Dominion Bank's leading architect of the time, John Lyle.

ref:

Building Permit 1920: Dominion Bank, brick bank (Secord & Sons) 30,000.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:
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STREET:

KING

NUMBER:

5

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 5-9

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 7, N. COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1858

STYLE:

G COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building built with shops at grade and dwellings above. The shopfronts have been altered. The second storey has distinctive and elaborate masonry detailing identical to its counterpart, #60 Colborne Street. Windows are inset into brick panels with pilasters with stone caps flanking each windows; there is a stone keystone with vermiculated pattern over each window head. A continuous frieze of brick corbels and dentils runs under the eave. There are a number of prominent chimneys on the gable roof, and a raised brick firewall between #7 and #9 King Street. Four of the six second storey windows have been blocked by wooden panels. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

This building, for a long time the location of H.B Gardner's cigar factory, was built as part of 60 Colborne Street. This site was occupied by a druggist as early as the 1850s, a Mr. Higginbotham, but the present structure, including the adjoining 64 Colborne Street, dates to 1870, and was built by William Watt, owner and builder. A disasterous fire occurred on this block in 1869, the Burgee fire, and this building was built shortly after. In 1878 the Goad's Atlas shows a drug store on the corner with a number of other uses off King Street - pastels and oils, an office, and a cigar factory.

ref:

Assessment (all of Lot 7 - 60, 64, 66, 68 Colborne): 1868, Wm.

Muirhead (freehold), A. Cox, jeweler, R. H__, grocer, Mary Wallace
(freehold), Webster, auctioneer, A.Hardy, lawyer; Masons (rooms),
N. Higginbotham, druggist, Ellis, druggist, Orange Lodge (rooms);
1870, Abraham Nellis, clergy (east part- freehold), Robt. Wallace,
clerk (freehold), William Watts Sr., builder (west part- freehold),
William Watts Jr., barrister (tenant);

Goad's Atlas 1878

Assessment (for 60 Colborne):1880, Charles Mason, druggist; 1885, Popplewell, druggist; 1899, Second, druggist; 1925, Lough's Drug Store; 1934, Arcadian Grill.

ORIGINAL
BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:
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STREET:

KING

NUMBER:

23

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 23-25

LOT PLAN NO:

P.L.S, N.DALHOUSE, P.L. 4, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1915

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey, three bay brick masonry building with commercial uses at grade. The building is characterized by Cotonial influences: which appear as wooden piers and pediment at north and south entrances, wooden architrave over ground floor windows and wooden cornices at the level of the second floor and roof level. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

No building permit information was available for this building. The estimated date for the building, proposed by City Hall, is 1915. This date appears to be too early for the architectural style of the building. In the City Directories the building is shown as vacant in 1934, and as a plant for the Dominion Signs Ltd. in 1951.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
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STREET:

KING

NUMBER:

29

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 29-31

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 4, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1888

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A composite of brick masonry buildings built on one site. A small one-storey brick building divided into two shopfronts occurs at #29. Both shopfronts have been altered.

Building History

In 1887 James Page and his wife operated a rooming house at the corner of Market and Nelson. In 1888 they constructed this building and it was soon occupied with a variety of roomers including a shoemaker, a machinist, a packer, an engine man and a blacksmith. The adjoining building to the south was built for Thomas Roantree, a shoemaker, also in 1888. The most southernly section of the building may have an extension to the store done in 1949.

ref:

Goad's Atlas 1878: different building shown
Assessment 1888: James Page with tenants, T. Roantree, shoemaker,
E. Webling (?), butcher (rear of lot 4)
City Directory 1887, Page, James, carpenter
Building Permit: 1949, J. Ferras (A.Brock) extension to store,
\$2,500.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

JAMES PAGE

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):

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STREET:

KING

NUMBER:

29

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 29-33

LOT PLAN NO:

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick masonry building with shopfronts at grade and dwellings above appears at #33. The shopfronts have been altered. Upper storey windows have lightly arched heads with brick youssoirs. The building has been painted.

Building History

In 1887 James Page and his wife operated a rooming house at the corner of Market and Nelson. In 1888 they constructed this building and it was soon occupied with a variety of roomers including a shoemaker, a machinist, a packer, an engine man and a blacksmith. The adjoining building to the south was built for Thomas Roantree, a shoemaker, also in 1888. The most southernly section of the building may have an extension to the store done in 1949.

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RECORDING DATE:
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STREET:

KING

NUMBER:

29

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 35-37

LOT PLAN NO:

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Number 35-37 is a two- storey brick masonry hip-roofed building with shopfronts at grade and dwellings above. Shopfronts have been altered. Windows above have lightly arched heads with brick voussoirs. Sash are not original; window sills are wood. There are prominent chimneys with corbelled tops projecting from what is now an asphalt roof. The north corner of the building is connected to 25-29 Darling Street by a one-storey addition at grade with a lean-to porch at the second floor level. The brick has been painted.

Building History

In 1887 James Page and his wife operated a rooming house at the corner of Market and Nelson. In 1888 they constructed this building and it was soon occupied with a variety of roomers including a shoemaker, a machinist, a packer, an engine man and a blacksmith. The adjoining building to the south was built for Thomas Roantree, a shoemaker, also in 1888. The most southernly section of the building may have an extension to the store done in 1949.

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Goad's Atlas 1878: different building shown Assessment 1888: James Page with tenants, T. Roantree, shoemaker, E. Webling (?), butcher (rear of lot 4) City Directory 1887, Page, James, carpenter Building Permit: 1949, J. Ferras (A.Brock) extension to store, \$2,500.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:

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STREET:

KING

NUMBER:

4

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 6, N. COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

An addition to 50 Colborne, this is a three storey, five bay brick building originally for commercial or light industrial use. Ground floor shopfronts have been altered, but upper two floors have original one over one wooden sash. Second and third floor windows have arched heads and brick voussoir lintels; window sills are wood. Masonry piers mark each bay and rise from ground level to the corbelled brick parapet. Brick masonry has been painted.

See 50 Colborne.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

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STREET:

QUEEN

NUMBER:

11

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 13-15

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 11, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

100 HALL

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1911

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A three-storey, three bay brick building formerly an Oddfellow's Hall. The ground floor shopfronts have been altered, however a wood cornice above the shops is continous and is made up of original material in part. The brick is yellow and mortar joints are red. The windows of the upper two floors have concrete lintels and sills; sash trim is original wood, but the sash have been replaced. Brick piers are continuous from base to frieze level. The freize is brick in a panelled design, and there is evidence that a cornice has been removed at the parapet level.

Building History

This substantial and important building was built in 1911 as stores and a meeting hall. The owner was William Cockshutt and the architect was George Hall.

ref:

Building Permits: 1911, Wm. Cockshutt, brick store e.part 11, \$8,000; 1911, Wm. Cockshutt, brick store e.part 11, \$3,000; 1917, Wm. Cockshutt, (Schultz) alter store brick, 11-15 Queen, \$6,000. Contract Record 25 (5 July, 1911, p.66) tender call, owner Cockshutt, architect George W. Hall, for F.R.A.'s of Brantford on Queen Street.

City Directories: 1925, IOOF, Wade Music, Lipovitch Bros; 1934, Manufacturer's Outlet Company.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

Wm. COCKSHUTT

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STREET:

QUEEN

NUMBER:

36

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 36-38

LOT PLAN NO:

P.L. 5 S.DARLING, LOT 6 AND 7 S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

YMCA

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1911

STYLE:

E_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

The main block of this symmetrical four-storey, nine bay building has been influenced by the Renaissance revival style. It is built of red brick in English bond with limestone trimmings which include belt-courses, sills, architrave over the main entrance, keystones and projecting cornice. The building has a raised basement with windows at grade level. The first and second storeys are distinguished by two different architectural treatments, and the third and fourth floors are similar, with a pair of windows in each bay. The first floor has two pair of bay windows in wood and masonry flanked by twelve pane casement windows with transoms. The "Boy's Entrance" is projecting and placed on a centre of the facade with double glazed doors surrounded by slender fluted columns, architrave and semi-circular transom. There is an arcaded treatment at the second floor level with casement windows set in a recessed masonry opening. The recessed arch is filled with a blind panel of brick. Upper floor dormitory windows have flat heads with brick voussoir lintels and limestone keystones; the fourth or attic storey is separated from the rest of the facade by a continuous limestone sill-course, and there is a polychrome brick treatment in a diaper pattern between the pairs of windows. The building has a copper parapet cap above its prominent stone cornice. The building has not been altered and appears in good condition.

The Alexandra Johnson Residence was built as an extension to 36-38 Queen Street in 1961. A three-storey residence wing to the original YMCA building of red and yellow brick and limestone cladding, in a later modern style typical of institutional buildings of the early 1960's. The base is divided between entry and ground floor programme area, and open air vehicular entry to the parking court behind the building at the west end. The building is clad in limestone veneer to the level of the second floor; entry and ground floor awning windows are grouped at the east end of the building. The upper two floors are identical with continuous band of one-over-one windows set in yellow brick panels and framed by limestone string course.

Building History

The YMCA is an important cultural and social institution in Brantford. The YMCA was built here in 1911-13, replacing the earlier structure on Colborne Street. The architects were the prominent firm of Burke, Horwood and White, with an associate

architect, L.D.Barber. A major addition occurred in 1961 with the construction of the Alexandra Johnson Hall, a women's residence. This addition, named after the first President of the amalgamated Y's, was designed by architect C.H. Brooke. A second major addition occurred in 1977, with the construction of the Racquet Club Building on Queen Street.

Contract Record: 1908 vol. 19. (20 May 1908) site acquired. P.A.O. Horwood Collection: 1913 Burke, Horwood and White drawings Contract Record: 1911 vol. 25. (7 June 191, p.59, Aug. 191, p.59) foundations begun 1911, architects Burke, Horwood and White, assoc. arch. L.D. Barber.

Architecture and Design v.23 Aug. 1959; architect C.H.Brooke, engineer H.H.Angus and Associates.

Expositor 1962, p.17, August 4

Building Permits: 1974, architects Mark, Musselman/McIntyre/Combe, interior alterations; 1976, addition of racquet facilities, architects Mark, Musselman/McIntyre/Combe.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

YMCA

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STREET:

DARLING

NUMBER:

55

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 10, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Building History

This vacant property was the site of a Masonic Banqueting Hall and Labour Building for the United Auto Workers, Local 458. The

building was destroyed in a fire in 1965.

ref:

Expositor Centennial issue, June 30, p.10E

Goad's Atlas 1950

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE:
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STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

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CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 170 Colb

LOT PLAN NO:

LOT 9. N.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

SCOTIA BANK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1979

STYLE:

M

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A one-storey corner bank building built with precast cladding and bronze-coloured aluminum shopfront glazing. The building is unsympathetic to its context and is of little architectural interest.

Building History

This Bank of Nova Scotia Building was constructed in 1979-80. Permit drawings record that the architects were Horton and Ball, and that the construction occurred in two phases.

ref:

Building Permit: 1979, Horton and Ball, \$790,000. Building Permit: 1980, Horton and Ball, \$230,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

SCOTIA BANK

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STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

16

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 16-26

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 18, S.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

TAPSCOTT'S

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1869

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A row of original two-storey shopfront buildings which have been completely altered at ground and second floor levels.

Building History

Because of substantial alterations it is difficult to determine how much early building fabric remains on this property. The property is of historical interest however as it was the location of Tapscott's drugstore (a small 12 1/2' frontage - 24 Market). Tapscott's had one of the worlds first business telephones, having a line to Dr. Digby's office. Tapscott's store opened around 1867 and was still in operation one hundred years later.

Expositor 1967, June 30, p.15A

Building Permit Drawings: 1978, TD Bank, conversion of building

(unlabelled - south portion of 16 Market) no architect.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

TAPSCOTT'S DRUG STORE

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STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

28

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 18, S.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1880

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Originally a two storey shopfront building with dwellings or offices above, it is difficult to determine if any of the building fabric remains beneath extensive alterations. The building is presently two storeys, with aluminum shopfront glazing at grade and plain stucco field flanked by very narrow windows above.

Building History

No particular historical significance can be attributed to the site. City directories indicate that during the 1890's the property was the premises of Sayer's drugstore, and in the 1920's and 30's it was Hughes and Howie, tailors. The building was occupied by the T.D. Bank in the late 1970's and was vacant in late 1991.

ref:

Building Permit Drawings: 1977, alterations for TD Bank, McCall and Sagan, architects (TD staff).

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

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STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

30

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 18, S.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

ROYAL BANK

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1950

STYLE:

M

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A corner bank building of one high ground storey with double-height banking hall behind glazed storefront entry. The Market Street facade is dominated by the glazed recessed entry; the glazing is flanked by end walls faced in limestone cladding. A wide, plain limestone band runs continuously at the roof and parapet level.

Building History

This Royal Bank of Canada building was built in 1950 and was described in the 1950s Goad Atlas was "steel frame & stone and brick walls, under construction Dec. 1950".

ref:

Building Permit: 1950, Royal Bank (Johnson Bros.) new bank,

\$100,000

City Directories: 1925-1934, Royal Bank.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ROYAL BANK

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STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

38

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 40

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15, N.DALHOUSE

ORIGINAL NAME:

ROYAL LOAN & SAVINGS CO.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1905

STYLE:

N_C

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

Part of a complex of four distinct buildings extending around the corner of Market and Dalhousie Streets which now form the premises of the CIBC Bank. The buildings at 38 and 40 Market are municipally known as 38 Market Street. The important historic building at 38 Market Street has a dramatic and well-proportioned two-storey banking facade in the Neo-Classical style. Despite the unfortunate loss of its original entry and window sash, the mass and detail of this building remain intact. The symmetrical facade is made up of very finely dressed white limestone. Two unfluted doric columns rise through the two storeys and flank the former central entrance bay; there are windows at ground and second storey levels on either side of the centre, and a carved frieze at the level of the second floor which runs behind the columns, across the three bays. Two storey limestone pilasters frame the recess which defines the edge of the three bays, and the whole is surmounted by plain entablature, projected stone cornice and high pediment.

The 1950's one-storey limestone clad addition to the north (Convenience Address 40 Market) is dominated by aluminum shopfront glazing which may have been installed during a renovation in 1983. The addition is unsympathetic to the extremely fine architectural design of the older building, and should be considered separately for the purposes of the architectural recognition of this complex of buildings.

Building History

This prominent building was constructed for the Royal Loan and Savings Company on the site of the former City Hotel. The building was probably built circa 1911-12, at which time the Bank of Commerce purchased part of the rear parcel at Part Lot 15 N.Dalhousie on which The Royal Loan and Savings Co. was constructed. The business was moved to the Dalhousie Street location in 1912. An January 1, 1927 the Royal Town and Savings Co. was merged with the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation. An addition built in 1950 for the Canada Permanent is located to the north (convenience address - 40 Market) of the main building. Both buildings were renovated for use after purchase by the CIBC and amalgamated with the structures at 102 Dalhousie (See 102 Dalhousie).

ref:

City Directories: 1925, Royal Loan & Savings Co. and Brantford

Trust Company; 1934 - 1951, Canada Permanent Building.
Building Permit: 1950, Canada Permanent Mortgage Co., addition to present office, \$68,000.; 1983, drawings C.I.B.C., Kyles, Kyles and Garratt (Hamilton and Stratford), architects, reuse of small building (40 Market).
CIBC Archives, Toronto, Re: Purchase of Lots 14/15 N.Dalhousie 1905, 1911, 1925, 1951
The Expositor Centennial Edition, Oct. 11, 1952. Bantford, Ontario "Financial Institutions in Brantford".
"Old Kids on the Block" by Anne Westaway, September 11, 1991. p.15-16. No reference to publication.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

ROYAL LOAN & SAVINGS CO.

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STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

42

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

MOFFATS

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1880

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey brick building with commercial at grade and dwellings above. The ground floor shopfront has been altered during a number of stages of renovation; a black vitrolite front and raised signage characterized the mid-twentieth century renovation and still remain beneath a later intervention. The upper floor has original one-over-one wooden window sash with wooden sills and slightly arched window heads. There is elaborate decorative brickwork above the windows including continuous hood-mould, diaper pattern frieze and corbelled parapet. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

This building dates to approximately 1880 and has been called Moffat's since the 1920s.

ref:

City Hall Reference Date: 1880 Goad's Atlas 1878: vacant land Assessment 1891: Banks, fruiter

City Directories: 1895-96, Ferguson, millinery; 1902, Waddington, R. Carter; 1925, Moffat's Cigar Store; 1934-51, Moffat's Smoke Shop and Soda Bar.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

MOFFATS

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

44

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 15, N.DALHOUSIE

ORIGINAL NAME:

MILKS & SON

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1891

STYLE:

V_COM

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two-storey red brick building characterized by high second storey and elaborate decorative brickwork and Romanesque influences. The ground floor shopfront has been altered. The second storey is dominated by a large semi-circular arch headed window with brick voussoirs. There are two original one-over-one wooden sash in the masonry opening with semicircular transom of small coloured glass panes. The bearing walls are expressed as brick piers which end in brick corbel detailing and pyramidal caps. Other finely executed brick patterns include a rusticated brick frieze at the mid-point of the second storey and panels of rustication on either side of the lower window sash and transom. The brick frieze at the parapet level is a relief in a zig-zag pattern, and is surmounted by a wooden cornice with brackets and dentils. The upper storey of this handsome facade is in excellent condition.

Building History

This fine building dates to approximately 1880 - 1890. It was not present on the 1878 Goad's Atlas, but in 1891, the "handsome two-storey brick building" was occupied by J. W. Milks and Son, who carried 'a full line of watches, clocks, jewelry, silver ware, spectacles, etc., doing all the fine classes of work in the most approved and artistic style.'

ref:

Goad's Atlas 1878

Courier, 1893 Dec. 23, p.2 (Milks)

City Directories: 1895-96, Milks and Son; 1902, Alf Fleming, restaurant; 1925, Louis ready-to-wear; 1934, Reiter, Ladies wear;

1951, Sherwin-Williams branch.

Building Permit: 1918, Ryerson (H.W.Turner) storefront, \$750.00.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

W. MILKS

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1950

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A narrow one-storey storefront with wood panelling at grade and buff brick masonry above. The original structure cannot be

detected behind this renovated storefront.

Building History

This small frontage was a shop erected in 1950 by William Ryerson.

ref:

Building Permit: 1950, William Ryerson (Schultz) brick and concrete office, \$7,000.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

Wm. RYERSON

RECORDING DATE: PHOTO REFERENCE:

RECORDER(S):

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

48

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 50

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

ODEON THEATRE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1957

STYLE:

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DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

This one-storey buff brick movie theatre was designed using an International style vocabulary which was typical of movie houses constructed during the 1950's. Although the Odeon marquee and showcase have been altered from that shown in a photograph dated 1962, the rest of the building facade is largely intact. The base to the 10'-0" height and south end of the building are constructed of alternating bands of projected and recessed brick. Concrete trim has been used in bands at the sills, continuously at the head of masonry openings and at the parapet level. The upper two-thirds of the facade is constructed in a very large area of plain running bond brick; the composition of the facade is completed by a plane of wooden fins above the lobby window at the south end of the building.

Building History

The Odeon Theatre is a prominent local building constructed in 1957. The Expositor illustrated the Odeon with its original pylon sign, and had the following caption, "Patrons line up in front of the Odeon Theatre on Market Street. Work was begun early in 1957 on the movie house and cost more than \$120,000 after equipment was installed."

ref:

Expositor 1962, August 4, p.17.

ORIGINAL

BUILDING OWNER:

ODEON

RECORDING DATE:
RECORDER(S):
PHOTO REFERENCE:

10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

41

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS: 39-43

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1880

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two storey, three bay brick building which has been totally renovated on the lower and upper floors. The new facade has three one-storey arched openings with smoked glass to grade. The upper floor has stucco cladding with fixed smoked glass windows with lightly arched heads.

Building History

Because of the substantial alterations to this building it is difficult to determine its age. The estimated age of the building is 1880 - 1890. Between 1895 and 1902 the building was Mitchell's machine shop, specializing in bicycles, with offices for barristers. In 1902 the office of A.C. Hardy, the U.S. Consul, was listed at this address.

ref:

City Directories 1895, 1902, 1925, 1934, 1951

Goad's Atlas, 1878 and 1951

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

MARKET

NUMBER:

45

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 14, S.DARLING

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

1895

STYLE:

UNK

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

A two bay, two-storey brick building probably built with commercial or light industrial at grade and commercial or office use above. The ground floor exterior has been extensively altered and there are new metal sash in broad segmentally arched window openings. The masonry has been painted.

Building History

Like 41 Market, the alterations to this building make it difficult to determine an age for the building accurately. It was however the office of G.H. Wilkes and Company, a prominent financial company at the turn of the century.

ref:

City Directories: 1895-96, Wilkes and Co., Buchanan, and Thompson and Slaght, tailors; 1902, Peat Industries Ltd., and Peoples Life Insurance Company.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE BUILDING INVENTORY CITY OF BRANTFORD

STREET:

WATER

NUMBER:

50

CONVENIENCE ADDRESS:

LOT PLAN NO:

PART LOT 8, S.COLBORNE

ORIGINAL NAME:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:

STYLE:

DESCRIPTION:

Architectural Description

This is the only building with its sole frontage on Water Street within the study area. It is an undistinguished long, low one-storey masonry storage building with a door and steel sash window at the east end, and receiving door near the west end.

Building History

Part of this building is shown on the latest Goad's Atlas, revised to 1950 and was identified as a concrete transportation garage. Little has been recorded on the property and there is no record of permit for the later concrete block section of the building.

ORIGINAL BUILDING OWNER:

RECORDING DATE: RECORDER(S): PHOTO REFERENCE: 10/01/91

