



Making a grand entrance

A beautiful doorway greets visitors at 160 Bagot St. in Cobourg

by Barry F. King

It was a grand entrance that greeted the visitor to William Floyd's modest house at 160 Bagot Street. By the 1850's, when this Cobourg home was built, the Greek Revival

ences - all for the salary of \$700 per annum.

The Palace Shoe Store, later Floyd's Shoe Shop, and the Union Clothing House occupied William's business interests during the

specialty stock of ladies and men's fine shoes were bicycle suits and caps.

Several world events in 1901 were felt in the small town. Major Floyd's store window displayed tra-

prompted a memorial service at St. Peter's Church and a military parade. W.H. Floyd acted as Brigade-Major under Neil F. MacNachton, who acted as Brigadier in the ceremonies.

Water and Light. In this capacity, he had the new watering cart repaired and a new floor put in the Fire Hall. In another matter, the councillor thought that advantage had been taken of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, in that money was paid where not deserved. The ladies explained their compassion for the suffering of the mother and children involved, though the husband was on the street and the worse for liquor.

Some insight into the proceedings of the Town Council at the turn of the century can be gained from this description in the Cobourg World - "Couns. Floyd and Bickle, the stormy petrels of last year's Council, cannot boast very much of the showing they have made. It is to be hoped that during the year to come they will get down to business, do less talking and fault finding and more work."

Major Floyd's other interests included a local baseball team and the County of Northumberland Historical Society - seconding a motion for its inauguration in 1901. By December, his candidacy for Mayor was announced. He lost to Huycke who was returned to office with 451 votes to Floyd's 362. Surprisingly, the next year, Floyd became Mayor by acclamation.

In 1915 and still active militarily at the beginning of World War 1, the now Lieutenant Colonel W.H. Floyd recruited, in Cobourg, the entire 139th Battalion. Thinking back to a happier time 35 years earlier, the old soldier, politician and merchant, might well have chosen to remember the wedding ceremony at the Bagot St. residence of his daughter Ella to Albert Smith, a Telegraph Operator from Trenton, and their departure

seen in the pilasters and capitals of the doorway.

Together with the front-facing gable, accented with wrap-around or returning eaves, they form a good example of a style of architecture based on the ancient Greek Temple.

To the right of the doorway, two large windows contain six panes over six, but the north facing ones still retain the original 12 panes over 12 pattern. A smaller gable wing, added to the southern wall of the house at a later date, has a window topped by a semi-circular arch and, enclosed in the porch below, is a French door.

William Floyd, whose family arrived in Cobourg in the 1830's, is mentioned as a prize winner at an 1859 agricultural fair. However, his leadership abilities were to tend more towards the military and politics in later years. The Volunteer Company of the Cobourg Infantry chose William H. Floyd, a gentleman with a military school background, to be their (temporary) Lieutenant in 1866.

Several of these companies, drilling twice a day in their armouries and Victoria Hall (which had a gymnasium), often complained of the lack of a sensible drill shed to permit better progress.

As a councillor from 1869 to 1874, W.H. Floyd held the unenviable position of Tax Collector.

His notice in the Sentinel admonished late ratepayers with the threat that unpaid taxes would be collected by Warrant and further, that by attending to the notice, they would save him the trouble and themselves the costs. Other responsibilities were added in 1878 when he was appointed Town Clerk, Clerk of the Police Court, Collector of Taxes and Issuer of li-

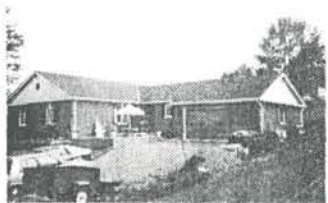
late 1800's offering one of the most fashionable and best displayed stocks in the counties... well worth the inspection of intending buyers." Included with his

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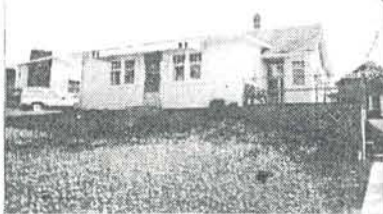
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