



Buff brick work and red makes friend by characters

The warm brick home built by Lazarus Payne in 1837 sits comfortably in a landscape of contrasting foliage. Originally built in the heavily formal, Georgian Loyalist style, the College Street house has been considerably lightened by the addition of several unusual patterns.

The first feature to catch the eye is a decorative band of buff-colored brick, arranged in a triangular, lace-like pattern which divides the two stories. Under the eaves is a plain brick frieze of the same color and, just above the foundation, another course extends around the house.

A popular choice of the late 1850's, the contrast of buff brick-work against the predominant red creates a distinctly friendly character.

Even the customary balance of five windows - three upstairs and two flanking the central doorway below - benefits from the extra ornamentation. Each window has a square radiating arch, complete with keystone in the contrasting color.

While the windows contain the traditional six panes over six arrangement, the doorway is Regen-

cy Gothic with an unusual ogee transom. Highlighted by its own buff brick arch, the entrance also includes two-paned, arched, side

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lights and pilasters. Sheltered by a wide verandah with doric columns and a bell-cast hip roof, the door itself is Greek Revival.

The house, once graced by beautiful walnut trees, remained in the Payne family until 1927. Today, with Ontario Heritage designation, this beautifully restored home remains a respected part of Cobourg's heritage.

W. Lazarus Payne was likely related to John Payne, who came to Cobourg in the 1830's. The family name appears again in 1836 when a workmen's meeting, protesting long hours of labor and demanding a 10-hour day, lists a Payne as a member of its committee.

In April of 1870, W. L. Payne was superintendant of Crossen Car Works, which was just complet-

ing a contract to build four railway cars. Later that year, he founded a new Cobourg enterprise, Payne's Foundry and Agricultural Works, on Division Street.

A news report of the day commended Payne for using his wealth to benefit others as well as himself, while decrying the many other wealthy citizens who did not. It was estimated that 40 to 50 men would be employed and \$50,000 to \$60,000 worth of farm implements would be produced each year.

An 1872 advertisement listed this variety of products: Payne's Patent Improved Hurlbert Plough, plough points made of the latest mixture of patent iron, Sulky and Tumbling horse rakes, and a myriad of other farm necessities.

Payne served as a town councillor from 1862 to 1872, and again in 1875 and 1880.

Evidence of the family's building interests can be found in the 1878 Northumberland and Durham Atlas, with several lots included in 'Payne's Plan' and delineated on an old map of Colborne. At his death in 1901 at the age of 83, Payne was described as one of Cobourg's most prominent businessmen.

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The judging for the Colouring Contest was done by Mrs. Banning of Artvu, Aire Street, Graton, on Wednesday, October 26th at our office located at 319 Division Street, Cobourg.

We would like to thank all the children who entered the Colouring Contest and we wish you all good luck in winning the Grand Prize, a trip to Disneyland to be drawn on November 13th, 1988 at NRS Head Office in Vancouver, B.C.

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