MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 160 Walton Street

Known as: Andrews Newman House

Architectural Style: Walton Street Heritage District - Italianate

Date Built: Circa 1852

Date Designated: August 30, 1993 to By-Law No. 42/93

Lot Description: STEWART PLAN PT TOWN PLOT LOT; 69 & 70



Architectural Description

This two-storey, rectangular, brick-veneered house with medium-pitched roof with a flat centre deck has three bays to both storeys on the main facade. The windows have plain lintels and lugsills and are shuttered on the second storey. A verandah runs across the front of the house, supported by turned wooden supports and decorative bargeboard. The door has a flat transom and sidelights, which have been painted over. One chimney on the west side has been removed and a single chimney remains on the east slope of the roof.

Some facts lead one to surmise that this house was most likely a two-storey frame cottage originally: the first storey windows are considerably wider and the lugsills narrower than those of the second storey; the evidence of sidelights gives the door an earlier date than the present style of the house would indicate; and investigation in the basement reveals deep windows that have been half earthed-up and signs of wainscoting and floorboards which indicate early use as a well-lit basement kitchen and/or dining room. Insurance plans show that the house is frame with a brick veneer. Twelve over twelve windows are on the sides and rear of the house, first storey.

At the turn of the century, it is most likely that the new owners earthed up the basement windows and added a second storey with the slightly narrower windows of that era. It is possible that the hipped roof with its wide eaves is the original cottage roof.

Historical Abstract

In 1852, James Madison Andrews and his wife (daughter and son-in-law of early settler John Brown who, in the 1820's, owned virtually all of Lot 69) sold this property to Joseph Newman. The house was on the site already, presumably built by Andrews, for in Newman's will, written in 1856 and registered in 1865, he leaves to his wife, Mary, among other holdings and possessions, the house occupied as a dwelling which was bought from J.M. Andrews, Esq. Joseph Newman built the Newman Block (75 Walton Street). He also purchased other property in town including property from McDermott and Walsh at 24 Bedford Street in the 1850's.

Joseph Newman (1813-1859) was originally from Ireland, having arrived in Port Hope about 1838 or perhaps earlier. He was a baker, grocer and dealer in country produce with a shop on Walton Street. This property remained in the Newman family after 1901 when it was vested to Charlotte Elizabeth Hannah Choate, after the death of Mary Bate Newman (1825-1900). It is likely that it was at this time that the second storey was added. Charlotte Choate died in 1913 and in 1914 the executor of her estate, Henry White, sold the property to Mary Harriet Matthews.



Architectural Detail

The larger front windows on the ground floor with recessed doorcase with sidelights and transom indicate this building may have started out as a Ontario Cottage . The first storey windows are wider than the second storey, and the lugsills narrower than those of the second storey.