MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 350 Lakeshore Road

Known as: Brand Farmhouse

Architectural Style: Gothic Revival

Date Built: Circa 1860

Date Designated: August 4, 1992 to By-Law No. 49/92, SCHEDULE B-4

Lot Description: CON 1 PT LOT 10



Architectural Description

This house sometimes known as the Brand Farmhouse was built between 1855 and 1860 by Daniel Brand, a local farmer. This is a fine example of a one and a half storey brick Victorian Revival Ontario Farmhouse typical of many in Southern Ontario. The house form has symmetrical placement of six over six double hung windows on either side of the entrance. The frame front door vestibule is intact in this house, and is a particularly good example of this important element of early houses in Ontario. This vestibule was seasonably removable and behind, the existing front door with sidelights is intact. A frame front porch extends the full width of the house with decorative columns and fretwork and a metal roof typical of these original porches. The house has a simple gable roof with symmetrical chimneys and a high, pitched dormer with a lacy bargeboard trim. In the centre of the gable is a particularly beautiful Gothic window with a very fine example of Gothic tracery.

The interior has a gracious curved staircase with turned pickets somewhat unusual for a house of this type. Other important interior elements include a Palladian arched opening and display cabinet between the living room and dining room and the baseboard, window and door trim are excellent examples of the period.

An important aspect of the house is its property. Particularly notable is a metal fence extending across the front of the property. Also noteworthy is a fine cedar hedge extending along the west of the house. A frame barn completes this rural context for this fine example of an Ontario House. This is a fine example of a one and a half storey brick Victorian Revival Ontario Farmhouse.

Historical Abstract

Brand Farmhouse was built around 1860 by a local farming family, the Brands. The Brand family was well known in the farming community west of Port Hope and a local road still bears the name of Brand.

Daniel Brand was born in Suffolk, England in 1791. He came to Canada and was granted crown land in Lot 15, Concession 1 in 1842. Jonathan was born in 1807 in Suffolk, England. He initially emigrated to Vermont where he married his wife, Pamela Ford. Upon arriving in Canada, he resided on the south half of Lot 34, Concession 1 in Wesleyville. Jonathan was appointed trustee of the Wesley Church when it was constructed in Wesleyville in 1860 (2082 Lakeshore Road).

Brand Farmhouse is thought to have been constructed circa 1857 with the masonry being completed by the talented local mason, Richard Trick (Trick House, 254 Ridout Street). Jonathan died in 1878 at the age of 71 and is buried in the Wesleyville cemetery. Daniel Brand died in 1872 at age 80 and was buried in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery between Baldwin and Bruton Streets.



Architectural Detail

Tithe house is beautifully situated on a large lot on the north side of Lakeshore Road with the principal façade facing south towards Lake Ontario. The property has a metal fence extending across the front of the property and a tall cedar hedge delineating the western edge of the lot. A frame barn provides the rural context for this historic residence.