MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 2 Walton Street

Known as: Farini Park (Commemorating Original Building)

Architectural Style: Walton Street Heritage District

Date Built: Circa 1848

Date Designated: April 21, 1986 to By-Law No. 28/86, SCHEDULE B-8

Lot Description: PLAN 21 LOT 2



Architectural Description

Original multi-storey brick corner building circa 1848, demolished and the corner left open. The gasoline bar at this corner was swept away in the 1980 flood and the corner devoted to a landscaped space with seating.

Historical Abstract

The original corner block was built circa 1848 and can be seen in many archival photos from later periods. An ad that appeared in the paper in September 1848 for the dry goods store, London, Manchester and Glasgow Warehouse, with proprietor W. Gwatkin informs his customers that he has moved to "the new brick building lately erected by J.D. Smith, Esq., on the corner of Walton Street, east side of the River, and opposite the Store of R.N. Waddell, Esq." (1-3 Walton Street, Waddell Block)

Due to the street layout and the contour of the lot next to the river, the building had a trapezoidal footprint. The building was three storeys high and constructed of red brick with six over six windows on the upper storeys. There were shop fronts facing Walton and Mill Streets.

The gas station that had been built on the lot after the original building was lost in an earlier flood, was destroyed in the flood of 1980. The wedge shaped lot was converted to a commemorative park with outdoor planting and seating and named Farini Park.



After the flood, 1909. The front facade of the building is to the right (photo from East Durham Historical Society)

Historical Newspaper Ad

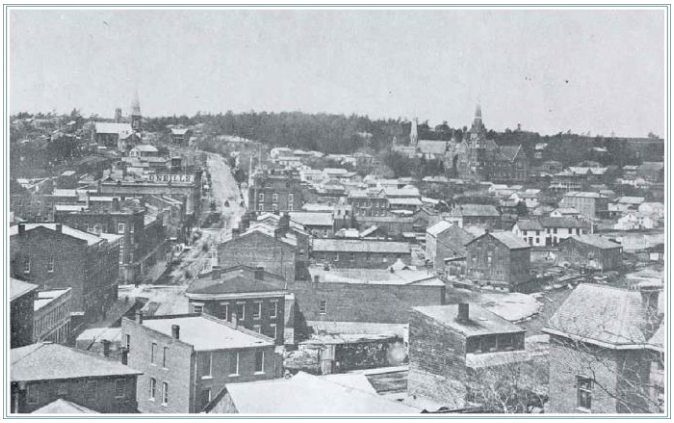


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W. GWATKIN.

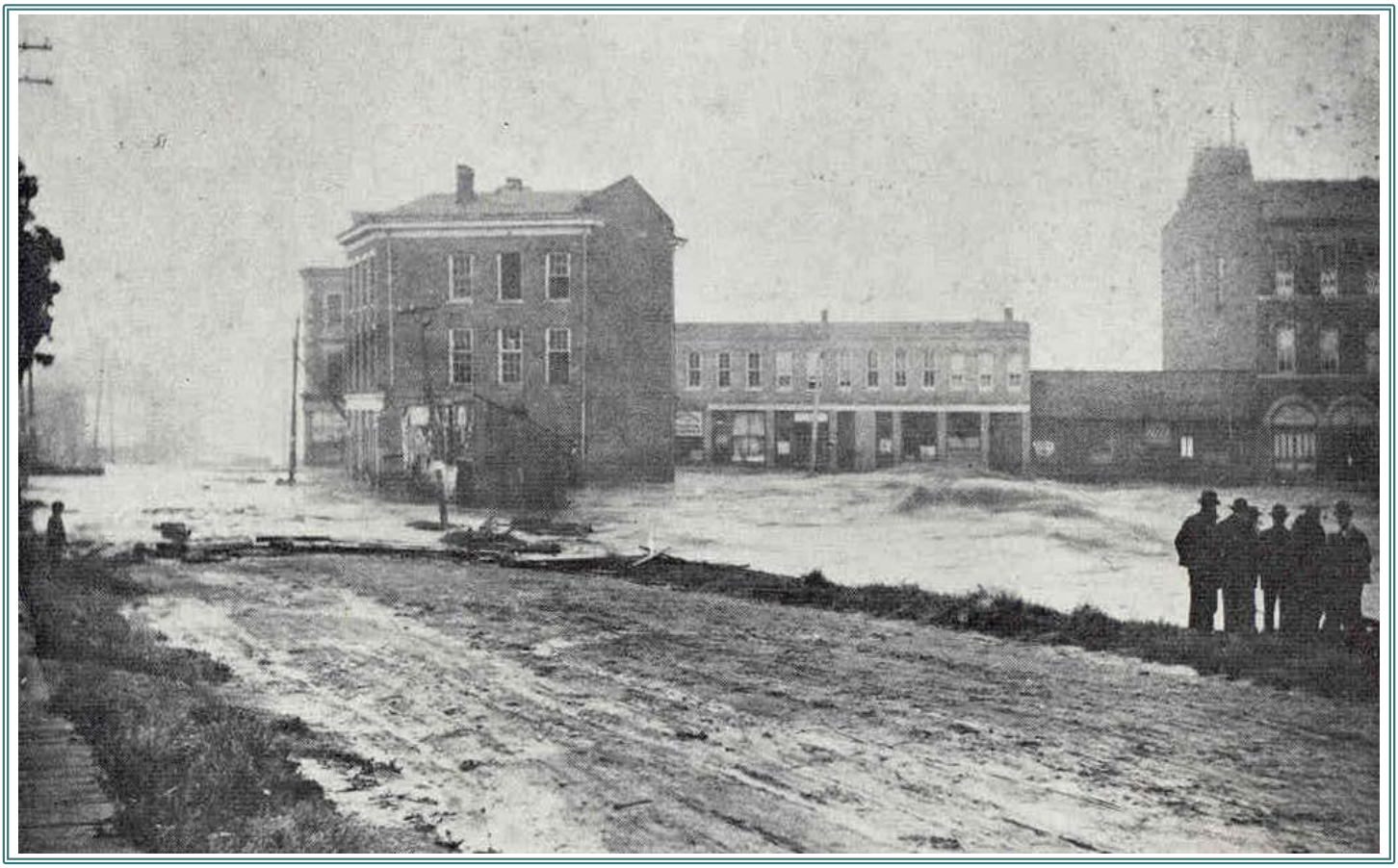
THE SUBSCRIBER begs to acquaint his Customers and the *Public Generally* that he has *REMOVED* from his old Stand to the NEW BRICK BUILDING LATELY ERECTED BY J. D. SMITH, Esq., on the CORNER OF WALTON-STREET, East side of the River, and opposite the Store of R. N. Waddell, Esq., where he intends to keep constantly on hand a LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods,

An ad that appeared in the paper in September 1848 indicates that the block on the east side of the river across from the store of R.N. Waddell (1-3 Walton Street) was built by John David Smith.



Former Building, (photo from East Durham Historical Society)



After the flood, 1909, (photo from East Durham Historical Society)