MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 150 Dorset Street West

Known as: Idalia Carriage House

Architectural Style: Italianate

Date Built: Circa 1869 (MOVED to 150 Dorset Street and modified Circa 1975)

Date Designated: July 20, 1987 to By-Law No. 49/87, SCHEDULE B-3

Lot Description: PLAN 1 PT LOT 11 LOT 20



Architectural Description

Points of interest include a cupola, the original-hay doors of the carriage house, and the fine detail of the battens of the board and batten structure.

Historical Abstract

The Idalia Carriage House was moved to the present location and altered in the late 1970's. It was constructed on the grounds of the nearby Italianate mansion, Idalia, built about 1869. Idalia once stood on six acres originally severed from the Thomas Gibbs Ridout land holdings overlooking the lake at the southern most point of Victoria Street.

Idalia was built for Charles Seymour and his wife Emma. Charles was the son of the Honourable Benjamin Seymour who built his stately home on Pine Street (71 Pine North). Emma was the daughter of John T. Williams who resided at nearby Penryn Homestead (82 Victoria Street South). Emma's brother, Arthur T.H. Williams also resided nearby at Penryn Park (82 Victoria Street South), and he was married to a Seymour daughter, Emily.

In the late 1970's, the carriage house was moved to a double lot on Dorset Street that had been the site of another historic home that unfortunately had to be demolished. The large two-storey house dating from 1877 built by Judge Duncan Chisholm and his wife Mary, daughter of prominent businessman William Craig, formerly occupied the front portion of the lot.

The carriage house was modified from its former use to be used as a home while preserving many original features. The house underwent a complete reconstruction with its cupola being restored.



Architectural Detail

The cupola has been restored.