MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

# HERITAGE DESIGNATION

## Address: 78 Pine Street South

**Known as**: John Shuter Smith House

**Architectural Style:** Classic Revival

**Date Built:** Circa 1850

**Date Designated:** April 21, 1986 to By-Law No. 28/86, SCHEDULE B-7

**Lot Description:** PT PARK LOT 59



## Architectural Description

This incredibly detailed version of the Ontario Cottage sits at the top of a steep hill. A walkway flanked by an urn-crested, iron railing leads to the one-and-one-half storey structure. The basement is windowed and, like the rest of the house, is clad in Flemish bond brick. A medium-pitch gable roof with a centre-front gable and two interior chimneys caps the house.

The returned eaves project only slightly and are trimmed by a heavy corona. Under this lies a frieze with angled dentil bricking. Pilasters of brick with projecting shelves appear on the front facade. Placed neatly between two pilasters and under the eaves in the front gable is a lancet window with fine, Gothic tracery. Directly beneath lies the main entrance - a single door in a moulded housing, flanked and headed by mullioned sidelights and a light transom.

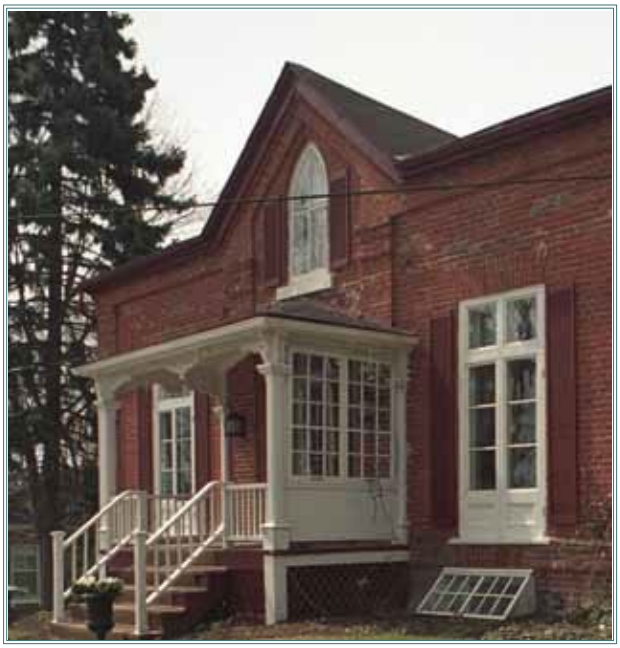
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Both the front and side facades have panelled French windows on the main floor. The finely muntined windows have casement transoms above them. Like the six over six top-storey windows, they have a thin wooden lugsill and a flat radiating voussoir. The flat-roofed addition to the north of the house has faithfully reproduced the details of the French windows and the brick frieze.

## Historical Abstract

John Shuter Smith, fourth son of John David Smith, was the original owner of this property. J.S. Smith (1813-1871) was a lawyer in Toronto, Cobourg and Port Hope. During the 1850's, he was in partnership with his brother James who was also a lawyer and who lived at the nearby Grange (33 South Street). He married Josephine Augusta Jones in 1848. By 1868, he had become a Government Council Clerk.

Cornelius Quinlan purchased the house in 1871. Cornelius Quinlan (1822-1883) was a successful tinsmith and merchant. Originally from Ireland, he married Eliza Quay, daughter of early settler Thomas Quay of Hope Township. He was a dealer in cooking and coal stoves; tin, sheet iron and copperware; and coal oil lamps. In 1861-65, he served as Mayor of Port Hope and was an active member of the Methodist Church. In addition to this property, which he called "Rose Lawn", Cornelius Quinlan also had extensive real estate holdings including commercial blocks on Walton Street (78-92 and 94-96 Walton Street) and Ontario Street (20-24 Ontario Street), and he owned another elegant Smith residence, the Grange (33 South Street). Upon his death in August 1883, and as a supplement to his will, C. Quinlan drew up a carefully measured survey of his holdings in the Walton and Ontario Street area of Port Hope. The land was subdivided into numbered lots and then colour coded. Quinlan then used this numero-chromatic key to refer to the lands that he was bequeathing. The plan is in the registry office registered as Plan 30.



**Historical Political Ad**




**Architectural Detail**

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