MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 82 AUGUSTA STREET

Known as: Judson A . Brown House

Architectural Style: Victorian

Date Built: Circa 1880

Date Designated: July 20, 1987 to By-Law No. 49/87, SCHEDULE B-1

Lot Description: LOT 464 N OF AUGUSTA ST LOT 475 S OF GIFFORD ST



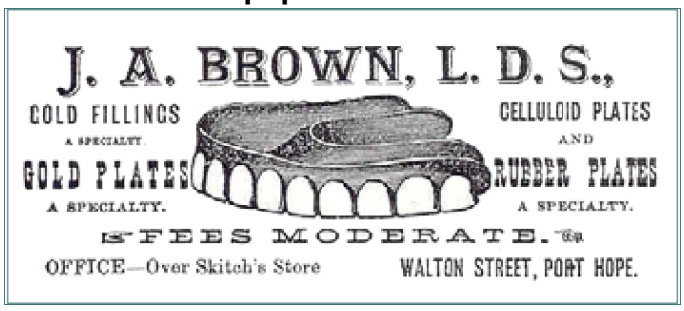
Architectural Description

A fine example of a late Victorian manor house. The two-storey building has high peaked gables that accentuate the irregularity of the plan, characteristic of the late Victorian period. The house plan is T-shaped or cross-gabled. The gable treatments include exaggerated wood trim and finials, together with broad wood fascias. The front elevation features a one-storey bay window with large curved head windows. The transom above the main double doors can be opened to allow air to ventilate the house. A unique feature of the house is a “coffin” window, a window that could accommodate the passage of a coffin through it. In the 1880’s when wakes were held at home, it was considered bad luck for a coffin to enter by a door.

Historical Abstract

The house was built circa 1880 for Judson A. Brown. Brown was born in Ontario of Scottish descent in 1836. Prior to moving to Port Hope, he had resided in Bowmanville and had a dental office at 11-15 King Street West,

Historical Newspaper Ad

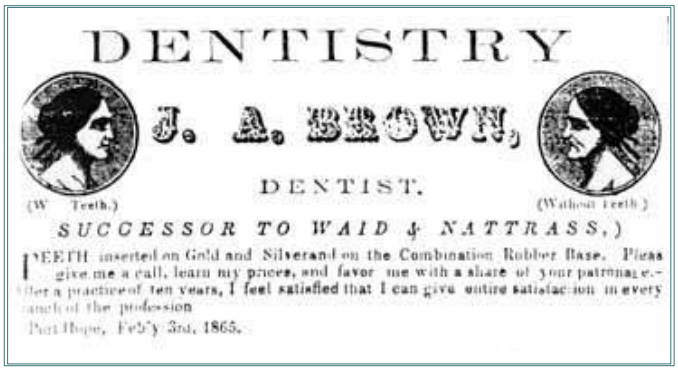


Judson Brown established a dental office on Walton Street over Skitches Store in 1880.

Bowmanville in the 1850’s. He married the niece of John Riordan, Emeline Loretta Riordan, in 1859 in Port Hope. After being in practice for ten years, he established an office in Port Hope in 1865.

In 1880, he had a dental practice located on Walton Street over the Skitch Tailoring shop. He and his wife had four children born between 1861 and 1874 no doubt necessitating the need for a large house. The Brown family resided at 82 Augusta Street for forty years until 1920.

The house was then sold to Sidney Budge, a proprietor of an established haberdashery on Walton Street located in the Budge Block (69-75 Walton Street).The original Budge proprietor, Edward, was born in Devonshire, England in 1832, and emigrated to Canada in 1851. In that year, along with his brother Robert, he established a Merchant Tailoring and Clothing Warehouse on Walton Street in Port Hope that endured into the 20th century.



An early ad announcing that Judson Brown took over the dental business of Waid and Nattress in 1865, and a later directory ad of 1880