MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 146 Walton Street

Known as: Marshall Covert Townhouse

Architectural Style: Walton Street Heritage District - Classic Revival

Date Built: Circa 1850

Date Designated: October 6, 1997 to By-Law No. 44/97

Lot Description: STEWART PLAN TOWN PLOT; PT LOT 69



Architectural Description

This three and a half storey brick building is of Flemish bond in the characteristically urban style of the townhouse with parapet gabled sidewalls and low-pitched roof. This style of structure could easily be added on to in later years as need or whim dictated. There are six bays, six-over-six sash type, on the second and third storeys. Each side of the first storey originally had three bays, with side entrance. The windows on the first storey have shutters, which may be a later addition. The two narrow doors are recessed with a detached transom light and pilasters with capitals on either side of the door cases. The windows have flat lintels and lugsills. A wooden frieze runs the breadth of the building above the first storey and decorative brick coursing runs below the eaves line.

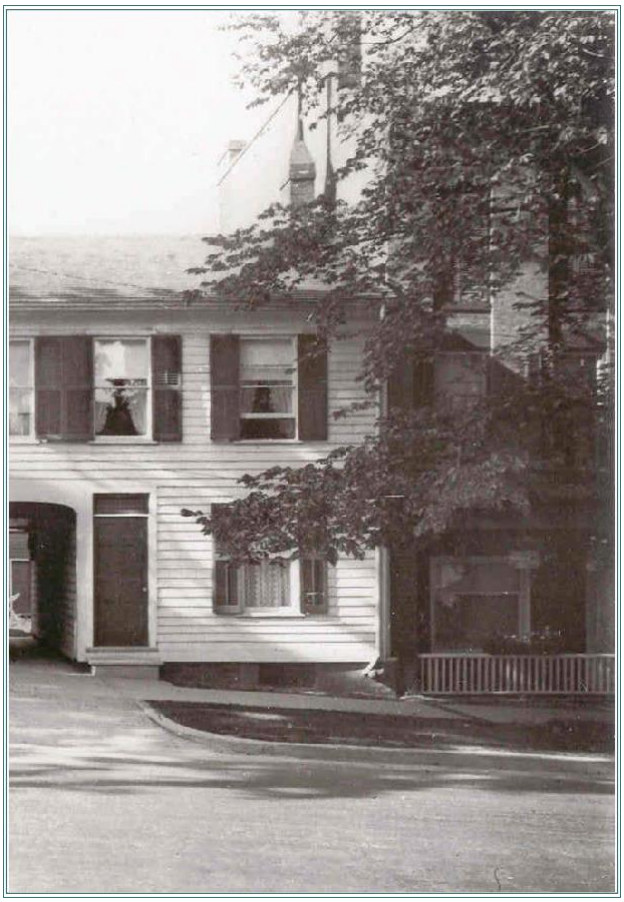
Historical Abstract

In 1850, John Marshall, Port Hope shoemaker, bought this property from James Harvey Hagerman and built this three storey brick residence shortly thereafter. Upon the death of John Marshall in 1870, his wife Mary came into possession of all his real estate. In 1871, Mary Marshall sold the house and lot to Horace Aylwin and when he died in 1880, the land and mortgage payments transferred to Henry Covert.

In 1881, Henry Covert (1815-1893) resided at Hill and Dale (47 Pine Street South) having purchased it from H.H. Meredith in 1869. He was the son of Colonel Covert who emigrated to Cobourg in 1823. In the late 1860's, he was the President of the Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton Railway later the Midland Railway.

He sold this dwelling for five dollars to Mary Isabella Gooderich, whom he later married. In 1909, Mrs. Covert sold the building to Thomas Hewson. That same year Hewson and his wife sold the east half of the building to Mary Ann Mason Clarke, daughter in law of Richard Clarke who had acquired nearby houses 154, 156 and 158 Walton Street.

In 1910, Hewson sold the west half of the building to Robert G. Russell. From that date to present, the building has been conveyed in two separate sections.



Architectural Detail

In this archival view of the neighbouring Misson Duplex, the ground level windows on the Marshall Covert Townhouse were not shop fronts.