MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 67 Walton Street

Known as: Pringle Building

Architectural Style: Walton Street Heritage District

Date Built: Circa 1885

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

Lot Description: TOWN PLOT PT LOT 12



Architectural Description

This is a two-storey brick building with residential space above. In comparison to its neighbour, 65 Walton Street, the Meredith Building, the height of the brick parapet is reduced and it is set in behind the rounded corner. The brick is of a common bond pattern and a modern commercial design sections off the lower floor storefront. The second storey has two bays to the main facade and openings have been bricked over along the west wall. The front windows are segmentally headed, but with simpler brick labels than those of 65 Walton Street. Each window is supported by a lugsill and the building has been recently painted

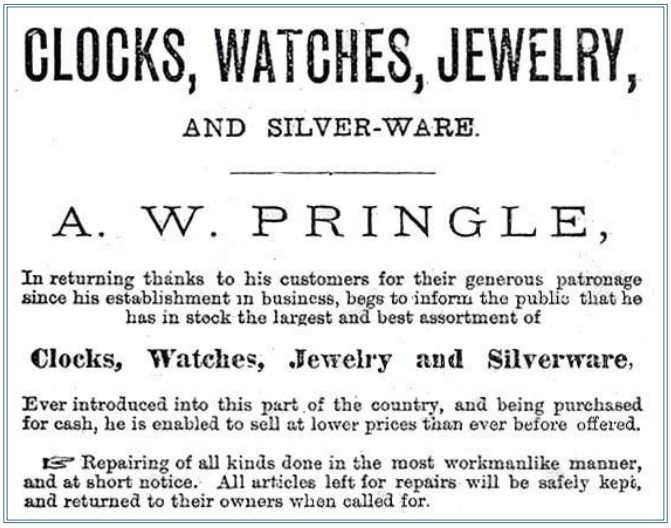
Historical Abstract

As in the Meredith Building, neighbour to the east (65 Walton Street), the Midland Railway Company sold the land to H.H. Meredith in 1871. Meredith kept this piece of land in his possession after he sold the neighbouring block to George and John Mitchell in 1872. He then sold the property to Alexander W. Pringle, in 1884, who built this building in 1885.

Alexander W. Pringle's occupation was that of a watchmaker and a jeweller. His parents, Alex and Annie Pringle were originally from Edinburgh and settled in Cobourg in 1842, in the year Alexander was born. By 1869, he was a resident of Port Hope and after completion of the Music Hall, A.W. Pringle ran a store in the block (85 Walton Street) before he erected his own building (67 Walton Street). In 1880, his business is advertised in the Northumberland and Durham County Directory with a location on Walton Street.

Since the building was situated by the railway tracks located to the west on the present day Lent's Lane, the rear section was used as a railway waiting room while the front section provided commercial space. The Canadian National Railway took possession of the property in 1923 and it reamined their holdings until 1968.

Historical Directory Ad



CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELRY,

AND SILVER-WARE.

A. W. PRINGLE,

In returning thanks to his customers for their generous patronage since his establishment in business, begs to inform the public that he has in stock the largest and best assortment of

Clocks, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware,

Ever introduced into this part of the country, and being purchased for cash, he is enabled to sell at lower prices than ever before offered.

☞ Repairing of all kinds done in the most workmanlike manner, and at short notice. All articles left for repairs will be safely kept, and returned to their owners when called for.



Architectural Detail

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