MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 4 Baldwin Street

Known as: Robert Youdan Terrace

Architectural Style: Regency

Date Built: Circa 1853

Date Designated: October 29, 1984 to By-Law No. 52/84, SCHEDULE B-5

Lot Description: BALDWIN PLAN, PLOT 91, LOT 11



Architectural Description

4 Baldwin Street may be described as a semidetached, two storey (second storey at ground level), three bay house built in the Regency Cottage style. It has a low-hipped roof and a boxed cornice with frieze and brackets. The three-panel front door with simple sash, unglazed transom and panelled embrasure is flanked by pairs of French windows. A fine gallery runs along the front of both this house and its almost identical semi-detached neighbour, 6 Baldwin Street, with lyre-shaped supports on the railing very similar to those at Barrett's Terrace.

At the time of construction, the ground floor was composed of three bedrooms and a parlour; bedrooms are now located on the floor below and the kitchen and living room have been moved upstairs.

Historical Abstract

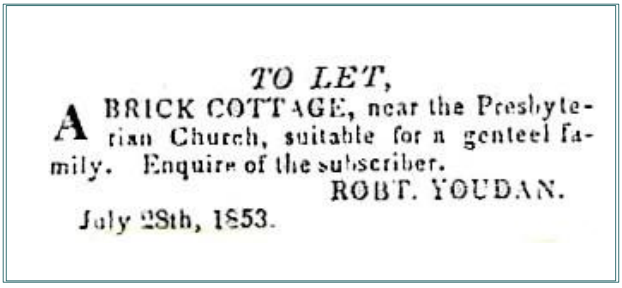
Robert Youdan is listed as a subscriber and builder on the Wall and Forrest Map of Port Hope, Canada West of 1853. The Baldwin Street property is shown on the map with Robert Youdan's name, although two detached buildings are depicted. The present two sections of the semi-detached structure were built a few years apart as indicated by the brickwork and structural details. The unit on the east side (#4) was built first.

An ad appeared in the Port Hope paper in July 1853 which stated: "TO LET. A BRICK COTTAGE near the Presbyterian Church suitable for a genteel family. Enquire of the subscriber. Robt. Youdan."

Robert Youdan is listed in the Canada Directory of 1856-57 as a bricklayer residing on Baldwin Street, which suggests he lived in one of the cottages. Robert Youdan was born in England in 1812 and later became a resident of Port Hope. His skills as a mason and builder would have been much required during Port Hope's building boom of the 1850's. He purchased lot 11 of the Baldwin Plan in 1853 and commenced construction of the easterly unit.

The Baldwin Plan is comprised of Town Plot Lot 91, nine and a half acres which was purchased by Dr. William Warren Baldwin in 1813. Dr. Baldwin was a prominent citizen of Upper Canada residing in Toronto and practising medicine as well as law. Upon his death in 1844, his son William A. Baldwin continued to sell lots in Town Plot Lot 91. The naming of Baldwin Street commemorates the early landowner.

Historical Newspaper Ad



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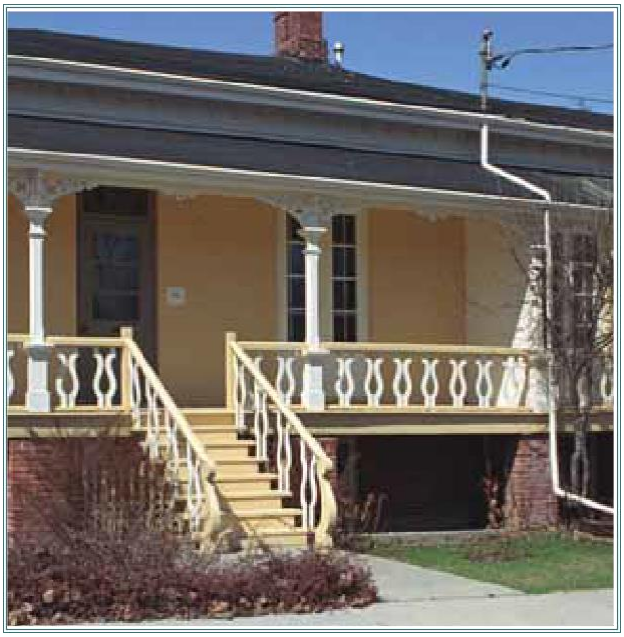
ROBT. YOUDAN.

July 28th, 1853.

"Brick Cottage for Rent" - An Ad that appeared in the local newspaper in July 1853



Architectural Detail

Features of the Regency style include exuberant designs for verandah treillage, and openings onto verandahs are often glazed doors