MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 62 Bramley Street South

Known as: Thomas Hunter House

Architectural Style: Ontario Cottage

Date Built: Circa 1870

Date Designated: December 2, 1996 to By-Law No. 41/96, SCHEDULE B-1

Lot Description: RIDOUT PLAN 1 PT LOT 13



Architectural Description

This is a well-maintained brick cottage of one and one half storeys with a simple gable roof constructed circa 1870. The house is a symmetrical plan with central door and windows on either side. Over the door, is a small window lighting the entry. Additions have been made to the house, including a front porch, a side sun porch and a rear back porch.

The rear facade has been altered by rebuilding a window altering the simple symmetry of this house. The front porch is not original, but may have replaced an earlier porch. None of the additions detract from the charm of this simple cottage. The large windows symmetrically placed are double hung two-over two windows with storms. They appear to be original and in good condition. The windows are arched by a flat brick arch. The brick appears to be in good repair with red brick and a fine-tooled joint. The chimney is corbelled at the top and appears to be in good shape. Eaves troughs and soffits are not original. The soffits are aluminium and the troughs plastic. While it would be preferable if they were replaced with original they do not, detract from the historic aspect of this house.

This property is worthy of designation. It is an excellent example of a simple cottage of which there were many in Port Hope. Many have been destroyed and others so altered by aluminium siding and new windows as to be unrecognizable. This cottage demonstrates the durability of this very simple house type to adapt to modern residential, needs, yet maintaining its historical character and charm.

Historical Abstract

In the 1860's, Thomas Hunter, a Port Hope carpenter of Scottish descent, began constructing this typical Port Hope style Ontario Cottage. It was situated on a one-quarter acre lot in the Englishtown area of the Ridout Estates. By 1874, it was drawn on the Port Hope map 'Bird's Eye View'.

The cold room, (now a sun room), was built by a local service club in the 1920s.



Architectural Detail

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