MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 85 Elgin Street

Known as: Waller Cottage

Architectural Style: Ontario Cottage – Regency

Date Built: Circa 1856

Date Designated: October 29, 1984 to By-Law No. 52/84, SCHEDULE B-1

Lot Description: PLAN 11 PT LOT 5 LOT 6; PT LOT 7



Architectural Description

This Regency Cottage is two storeys and built of frame, which has then been stuccoed. Below the medium-pitched hipped roof with projecting eaves sits a plain boxed cornice. From this roof project two end interior chimneys. The main windows are all flat in structural opening, and have no apparent surround. The main facade windows on the first storey are casement windows with six panes on either side. The side windows are recessed and have double-hung sashes with six panes over six.

The main entrance found on the second storey is flanked by French doors with casement transom panels. It is centred with a recessed wooden surround housing recessed light mullioned sidelights and a bold recessed light mullioned transom panel.

A raised second-storey balcony runs the full length of the front facade. It has a shed roof with a plain boxed cornice and an unadorned frieze. Vertical flush board is employed as the triangular end fill. Holding the roof are square wooden posts sitting on concrete piers. The railing, running the length of the balcony, is plain with square spindles and plain, unembellished balusters on the stairs.

To the right of the building, on the south facade, there is a one-storey clapboard addition with a slightly sloped roof and a railing matching the front balcony. The addition itself is a glassed-in area with six-over-one windows.

Historical Abstract

The College Subdivision contains about 245 acres or lot number 4 of Hope Township. When the town was incorporated in 1834, the College Subdivision and lot 8 (Ridout lot) were added to the original town plot. Lot number four was Clergy Reserve and was given to King's College in 1828. The University of Toronto purchased the land and subdivided the property into lots. Sale of the lots commenced in 1849 offered for sale at $8.00 an acre.

Eulalie Dorion Waller purchased lot 6 in 1856. It is presumed that she and her husband Walter constructed this house shortly after purchase of the land. Walter Waller engaged in a number of professions and appears on local assessments in 1845. An ad appeared in the local paper in 1845 announcing a new dry goods and grocery store formerly in the store occupied by J. & E. Fowke with W. Waller as the proprietor. In the assessment of 1848, "distiller" is given as his occupation. A notice that appeared in the Port Hope paper of January 1848 informs the public that Eulalie Waller will no longer be in co-partnership with W.H. Crawley & Co., local distiller, but that Walter Waller will assume the partnership.

Two advertisements appeared in the Port Hope Watchman of February 13, 1850 referring to Walter Waller. One advertisement lists him as a "general agent and broker" and another says "To Let - the distillery in Port Hope in the occupation of Walter Waller".

In a later town directory of 1857, he provides his address as Elgin Street presumably residing at this house. By 1868, Waller is listed as a grocer on Ridout Street, a business Eulalie would carry on after the death of Walter in 1871.

Historical Newspaper Ad



NEW STORE.

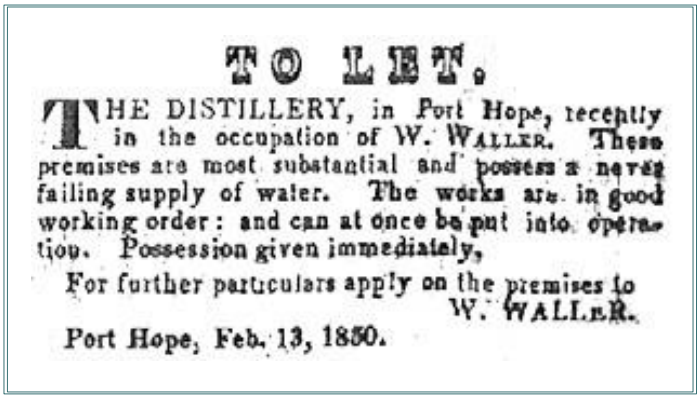
THE subscriber having commenced busine
the Store lately occupied by Messrs. J.
Fowke, opposite Mr. Hasting's "Queen's Ar
offers for sale on the lowest terms a general as
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DRY GOODS GROCERIES

HARDWARE, CROCKERY & GLASSWA
OILS, WINES and STATIONARY,
With a variety of FURS suitable for the sea

W. WALLE

Port Hope, Oct. 28, 1845.



TO LET.

THE DISTILLERY, in Port Hope, recently in the occupation of W. WALLER. These premises are most substantial and possess a never failing supply of water. The works are in good working order: and can at once be put into operation. Possession given immediately,

For further particulars apply on the premises to

W. WALLER.

Port Hope, Feb. 13, 1850.



Architectural Detail

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