

Heritage Research Report 725 King St.

Lot 22 East Side Victoria (King) St., Former Humberstone Village

Architectural Features:

The building at 725 King St. is a one-and-a-half-storey structure that shows elements of the Ontario Cottage style, with its gothic revival style gable on the south side. Some exterior alterations have been made to the original building, including replacing or covering what would have been wooden clapboard with stucco, adding a wooden, enclosed staircase on the south side exterior, and possibly enclosing what may have been a porch on the north side. The original part of the house, possibly built as early as the 1860s, is the middle section of the structure, with extensions having been added onto both the west and east ends in 1893. The west end of the building has a hipped-gable end, which would have been unusual for the time and style; it is unclear whether it is an original feature. This end used to be the front of the building, and the sidelights on the window are most likely the remnants of what was once the front doorway (See Appendix 2). There is a one-storey addition on the back, which is probably the kitchen that was added in 1893, and then a small, flat-roofed addition behind that of a more recent date. Some of the window lintels appear to be original, and there is a well-preserved box bay window on the building's north side with intricate, scroll-shaped cornices.

The building has been in use as a triplex, so it is unlikely that many original interior features remain.

History:

Gordon Willson purchased Lot 22 on the East side of Victoria (King) St. in 1859 for \$200, and sold it two years later, in 1861, to Alwis (also spelled Aloys) Piper, a labourer, for the same price (See Appendix 1). The evidence suggests that Piper would have built a dwelling here shortly after purchasing the property. In 1879 Piper took out a mortgage of \$150 from Joseph Miller, and in 1882 this mortgage was assigned to Andrew Binder, a cooper, who owned the neighbouring lots 21 and 4. In 1889 Binder purchased the property from Albert Piper, Alwis's son or grandson, for \$254.80, suggesting that this was taken in payment for the mortgage plus interest. In 1892, Binder sold Lot 22 for \$500 to Frederick W. Weidman (Whiteman), whose parents, Jacob and Mary Weidman, ran the Union Hotel on Main Street. Shortly after taking possession, Weidman carried out some renovations: the *Tribune* of October 20, 1893, reports, "Fred Weidman's house is being improved by the addition of a new front part, kitchen, and cellar, making it a very commodious home."

Of particular interest is a horse chestnut tree on the south side of the property, which may be at least as old as the date of Weidman's additions to the house. Horse chestnut trees, native to the Balkans and Turkey, were introduced into Britain in the early 15th century, and subsequently introduced to Canada by settlers.

Appendix 1 Abstract Lot 22 Victoria Street East Side, Humberstone Village

PETERSBURGH, LOT No. 22 on the East side of Victoria Street TOWNSHIP LOT No. 28 in 2 nd Concession, Township of Humberstone.											
No. of Abstract	No. of Volume	No. of Instrument	INSTRUMENT	IS DATE	DATE OF REGIST.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	QUANTITY OF LAND	CONSIDERATION OR AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE	REMARKS	
1			Patent	17 th May 1802		Carocem	John Neave	68 s. pt. lot 28 con 2			
2	A 2081 10	BVS	3 rd Jan'y 3 rd July 1808	1812		John Neff	Peter Neff	68 s. pt. lot 28 con 2 comp at S E angle thru N 34 th etc			
3	A 8727 202	BVS	23 rd June 1832	1832	1832	Capt Jacob Neff by (Heir at call of the late J. C. Neff)	Abraham Neff Jr	120 bars # 290 " 1 lot 28 for 1729 cm2			
4	A 85 460	BVS	18 th July 1840	1840	1840	Abraham Neff	Daniel Neff Senr	120 acres 390 " as 1 st 3			
<u>Township Registry</u>											
5	A 1572 52	BVS	24 th March 1849	29 th May 1849	1849	Daniel Neff	Abraham Neff Junr	50 pts of 300 " lot 28 429 except 1/2 an acre doled to John Cherry & John Ric Part being a part of the lands in 17 th "			
6	A 2893 109	G.C.	16 th Novr 1847	1 st April 1851	1851	Daniel Neff Jr	Daniel Neff Senr	120 acres 400 " same as 1 st "			
7	A 3222 114	BVS	24 th March 1849	9 th July 1857	1857	Daniel Neff Senr	Daniel Neff Jr	70 acres 300 " lot 28 429 in 2 nd 29 in 2 nd Chs Compt at S. W. corner of lot 28 thru N 37 th chs 2.8 links thru S 36.00 ch to W. corner of 1 st an etc with 1 st W. side of Canal thence S. eatherly along west edge of back ditch etc			
8	A 3223 115	BVS	31 st May 1851	9 th July 1857	1857	Daniel Neff Jr	John Thompson	70 acres 400 " same as 1 st "			
9	A 1374 311	BVS	20 th Octr 1853	15 th Novr 1853	1853	Abraham Neff et al	John Thompson	15 acres 200 " 1 st lot 28 con 2, con 7, lot a stake 27 chs 2.8 links from S. W. corner of lot 28 thence N 74 th chs to Thompson Street etc			
<u>Village Registry</u>											
10	A 6758 98	BVS	26 th Jan'y 1859	4 th Feb'y 1859	1859	John Thompson et al	Gordon Willson	31 perches 200.00 lot 22 on the East side of Victoria Street.			
11	A 9483 113	BVS	11 th July 1861	13 th July 1861	1861	Gordon Willson et al	Revis Piper	same as 1 st 200.00 1 st 10			
<u>Township Registry</u>											
12	A 13392 217	G.C.	15 th June 1865	17 th June 1865	1865	Jacob Neff et al	Abraham Neff	22 1/2 1/2 # 500 lot 28 429 con 2			

Plan No. 200 PETERSBURGH, LOT No. 22 on the East side of Victoria Street now King St. 126 TOWNSHIP LOT No. 98 in 2nd Concession, Township of Humberstone. from folio 125.									
No. of Instrument	No. of Instrument	Date	Date of Register	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	QUANTITY OF LAND	CONSIDERATION OR AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE	REMARKS	
13 C 298	14277 g.c.	29 Dec 1865	30 Dec 1865	Abraham Noff et ux	John Thompson	70 acs same as 1797.			
14	200 Plan			Duplicate Registry 19 inch Plan of part of the Village of Petersburg, composed of part of plot 1869 23 cont. 23 Humberstone & Kingly, the 1st part of J. Thompson lay certified by Jacob Messner P.E.S.					
15 K	2024 Mortgage	20 Oct 1879	24 Oct 1879	Aloys Piper	Joseph Miller	31 perches	\$150.00		
16 L	2470 Conveyance	28 Apr 1882	29 Apr 1882	Joseph Miller	Andrew Rieder of Hmms	lot 22	\$160.00		
17 O	3454 BTD	14 June 1869	15 June 1869	Albert Piper	Andrew Rieder	same as 1869	25230		
18 N	4337 Dis	28 Mar 1894	23 Mar 1894	Andrew Rieder	Albert Piper of Hm	lot 22			
19 K	4358 BTD	22 Mar 1894	23 Mar 1894	Andrew Rieder	Frederick W. Weidman	31 perches	\$500		
See County By-Law Incorporating Village of Humberstone, registered Feb. 13th, 1912, at No. 57C1									
20 A	571 Grant	5 April 1915	6 April 1915	Christiana Binder Widow	Frederick W. Weidman	31 Perches	\$100.00	her interest in	
21 C	2533 By-Law	2 May 1927	17 May 1927	By-law no. 166 changing Victoria street to King street.					
22 G	5896 Grant	3 Sept 1947	22 Sept 1947	Sylvia K. O'Hare Arland Weidman as surviving executor of Frederick W. Weidman	Arland Weidman Sylvia K. O'Hare as tenants in common	lot 22		Succession of Arland Weidman Frederick W. Weidman	
23	ORDER O. M. B. PERIN 13 NOV. 1951 AS NO. 7203 RE: Application of FURT COLBOURNE & VILLAGE OF HUMBERSTONE.								
24 J	7226 Grant	26 Nov 1951	3 Dec 1951	Gene D. Weidman widow, Exr. of Arland W. Weidman	the said Gene D. Weidman	lot 22	\$1.00	Measurement correct	
25	369018 Grant	5 Nov 1965	29 Nov 1965	Sylvia K. O'Hare Gene D. Weidman	Alfred Reberul Wanda Reberul his wife tenants-in-common tenants-in-common	lot 22	\$9,000.00		
26	SEE DEPOSIT No. 37027B								
142381	Grant	19 May 1971	5 June 1971	Alfred Reberul Wanda Reberul	John S. Kish Mary H. Kish	Lot 22	\$1.00	Tenants in Common Joint Tenants his wife who also bars	
142382	Mtg	3 June 1971	5 June 1971	John S. Kish Mary H. Kish	Alfred Reberul Wanda Reberul	Lot 22	\$10,200.00	Joint Tenants Joint Tenants	DISCHARGED BY NO. 349157

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Appendix 2



