

McArthur Block
(KEEPSAKES)

96 Mill Street
ALMONTE, Ontario
KOA 1A0

Part Lots 1, 2 and 41 Mill Street
Plan 6262
Town of Almonte
County of Lanark

Owner:
Brian Gallagher and Sandra Davey

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

a. Short Form

The building is one of the oldest commercial buildings in Almonte. It was built to offer a commercial outlet to the early industrial base of the woolen mills in the Town. It was built in 1868, although records show that Daniel Shipman carried out certain negotiations regarding the existing site in 1856.

The architecture is typical of the type prevalent in the mid-nineteenth century. The walls are of rubble limestone finished with ashlar stone corners. The roof structure is of sheet steel finished at each end with heavy stone corbelling terminating with a single stone chimney at each apex.

The window openings remain unchanged; however, the original windows were wood rouble sash with exterior hinged louver shutters.

The building occupied a dominant position in the Town, being erected at the top of Mill Street where other stone buildings of similar nature originally were grouped adjacent to the railway. James Robertson (who owned the building in the 1880's) was recorded as having merchandise imported from Europe and the British Isles as part of his dry goods and grocery stock. His business obviously expanded well beyond the bounds of the Town and local district.

b. Long Form

COLLATERAL INFORMATION:

Designation By-law No. 24 - 1984

The original owner was McArthur, and the property was known as the McArthur Block. The store was built across the street from Shipman's Hotel and house, which date to 1835.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
ALMONTE

BY-LAW NUMBER 24 -1984

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE
PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY
AS PART OF LOTS 1, 2, AND
41 ON MILL STREET, PLAN 6262
IN THE TOWN OF ALMONTE.

WHEREAS section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. R.S.O. 1980 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value of interest; and

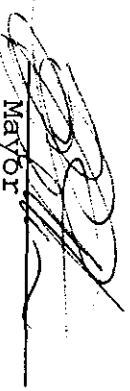
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Almonte has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Part of Lots 1, 2 and 41 on Mill Street, Plan 6262, in the Town of Almonte and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the "Almonte Gazette" a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Almonte enacts as follows:

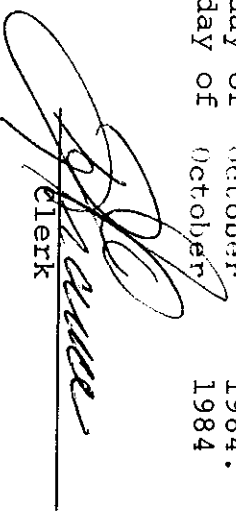
- 1] There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as Part of Lots 1, 2 and 41 on Mill Street, Plan 6262 in the Town of Almonte.
- 2] The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in the proper land registry office.
- 3] The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the "Almonte Gazette" a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

Read a first and second time this 9th day of October 1984.
Read a third time and passed this 0th day of October 1984



Mayor

SEAL



Clerk

100 MILLS STREET ALMONTE

THIS BUILDING IS ONE OF THE OLDEST COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN ALMONTE. IT WAS BUILT TO OFFER A COMMERCIAL OUTLET TO THE EARLY INDUSTRIAL BASE OF THE WOOLLEN MILLS IN THE TOWN.

IT WAS BUILT IN 1868 ALTHOUGH RECORDS SHOW THAT DOUGLASS SHIPMAN CARRIED OUT CERTAIN NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE EXISTING SITE IN 1856.

THE ARCHITECTURE IS TYPICAL OF THE TYPE PREVALENT IN THE MID NINETEENTH CENTURY. THE WALLS ARE OF RUBBLE LIMESTONE FINISHED WITH ASHLER STONE CORNERS. THE ROOF STRUCTURE IS OF SHEET STEEL FINISHED AT EACH END WITH HEAVY STONE CORBELLING TERMINATING WITH A SINGLE STONE CHIMNEY AT THE EACH APEX.

THE WINDOW OPENINGS REMAIN UNCHANGED HOWEVER THE ORIGINAL WINDOWS WERE WOOD DOUBLE SASH WITH EXTERNAL HINGED LOUVER SHUTTERS.

THE BUILDING OCCUPIED A DOMINANT POSITION IN THE TOWN BEING ELEVATED AT THE

TOP OF MILL STREET WHERE OTHER
STONE BUILDING OF SIMILAR NATURE ORIGINALLY
WERE ESTABLISHED GROUPED ADJACENT TO THE RAILWAY.

JAMES ROBERTSON WHO OWNED THE
BUILDING IN THE 1850's WAS RECORDED
AS HAVING MERCHANDISE IMPORTED FROM
EUROPE AND THE BRITISH ISLES, AS PART
OF HIS DRY GOODS AND GROCERY STOCK.
HIS BUSINESS OBVIOUSLY EXPANDED WELL
BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF THE TOWN AND
LOCAL DISTRICT.

THIS BUILDING IS RECOMMENDED
FOR DESIGNATION -

SIGNED.

FOR CHAIRMAN - LACAC. ALMONTE

J. Randall -