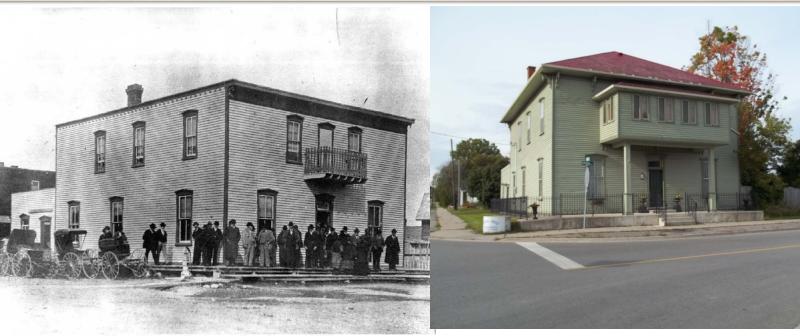
THE ORIENTAL HOTEL (1890s)

1777 PERCY STREET, CASTLETON

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP ONTARIO



Oriental Hotel, Castleton, Ontario -- ca 1900

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:

ADDRESS: 1777 Percy Street, Castleton ON K0K 1M0

CONCESSION/LOT: Plan 57 Village Lot 5, (Part 3) Castleton Ontario

BUILT: Approx 1890s

BUILDER: Unknown

ARCHITECT: Unknown

ORIGINAL OWNER:

CURRENT OWNER: Carol and Graham Norcutt

Designation: 1991 by Cramahe Township By-Law 91-41

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DESIGN OR PHYSICAL VALUE:

The Oriental Hotel built in the 1890s, incorporates features of the Italianate building style popular in that era.

The Hotel originally had eight rooms for guests on the second floor. Later, an addition was built on the front of the upper storey enclosing the existing balcony to provide a sun room/sitting room for guests.

The upper floor contains 9 authentic doors and 10 original door frames. Three of the guest rooms still contain period rope ladders provided as fire escapes. The staircase and railing as well as the wainscoting and baseboards in the upper floor are intact. On the ground floor, all rooms retain the original wainscoting and the entrance has the original front door which is topped by an arched transom. A large archway serves as the entrance from the lobby into the West Room (pub). The archway is framed in original trim. The bar room invites one to step back in time with its single board birch bar top and cash tray. The bar is mounted on three large panels of tongue and groove lumber. The centre grooves run vertically, while the outside panels run diagonally. The bar has retained its built-in liquor cabinet, with an ice compartment and original side latch iron hardware. There is also a large free standing ice box. A dutch door serves the area behind the bar and it is believed to be the place guests came to register.