

Heritage Designation Brief



The James Stenson House

349 Reid Street

Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee

HERITAGE DESIGNATION STATUS SHEET

Street Address:	349 Reid Street
Roll Number:	030100096000000
PIN Number:	
Short Legal Description:	TOWN PLAN PT LOT 16 S SIMCOE W GEO IRREG 8276.40SF 71.17FR D
Owners' Concurrence:	Yes
PACAC Application Review Date:	
On Site Evaluation Date:	June 15, 2005
Evaluation Category:	B (68.75)
Evaluators:	Katie Nice
Heritage Type:	Built Structure
Designation Type:	Ontario Heritage Act – Part IV
Designation Brief Completion Date:	February 25, 2011
PACAC Application Approval Date:	
Designation Brief Completed by:	Jennifer Patterson
Submission Date:	
Objections Noted:	
Comments:	

"The short statement of the reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the Heritage Designation Report constitute the "Reasons for the Designation" required under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Heritage Designation Report is available for viewing in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours."

SHORT STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Heritage Evaluation Criteria Note:

Category B: The properties in this category are of distinct importance by virtue of architectural, historical and environmental criteria along with integrity of design and construction. They stand out individually but are of lesser overall significance than "Category A" properties. "Category B" properties hold city-wide importance.

The property at 349 Reid Street holds heritage and cultural value as an excellent, intact example of an interpretation of the Italianate style, constructed in 1875 by James Stenson. The central dormer on the third floor was added later. This building has all of its original exterior features, and retains Italianate features with its frontispiece with central Doric style columns and large sash windows on the first and second storeys. The building also has features of the Regency style, reflected in the high-pitched central dormer, which compliments the pitch and placement of the frontispiece of the main entrance.



349 Reid Street remained in the Stenson family from 1875 until 1937. James T. Stenson was a shoe merchant in Peterborough, his business was established as "James T. Stenson Shoe Company" before 1871. In 1934 John T. Hornsby, an Architect, was commissioned to redesign the house to include separate apartments and living areas, which involved its conversion

into a series of separate apartments on all floors, complete with completely self-sufficient living areas and kitchens. The plans included a main vestibule at the entrance and partition walls dividing each side of the house, removing many of its interior woodwork including arches, and the expansion of the upper roofline. The plans were never executed, and the home retains its original characteristics and scale.

When 349 Reid Street was sold in 1937, it was occupied by the owners and some tenants, and divided into at least 3 units within the house, while retaining most of its original interior features including mouldings, ceiling medallions and

original central staircase. No partitions were ever introduced, and original archways remain intact.

The wooden drive shed located in the back west portion of the lot has heritage and cultural value with its original fenestration and wooden details. It is constructed in a composition that echoes that of the original home, but it is not clear when it was added to the property. The drive shed itself is a reflection of design aesthetics during the time period in which it was constructed, in many ways it shows a pride in craftsmanship was still very much alive at the time and great care was taken to build this shed to reflect and compliment the design of the original home. The woodwork on the eaves and bargeboard of the shed is a simple design, but the same circular pattern is used to accent the entire structure, seen in the wooden window and doors surrounds, which gives it a cohesive appearance.



ORIGINAL OWNER: James Stenson

ARCHITECT: Unknown

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1875

BUILDER: Unknown

CONTEXT- SITE AND SETTING:

Located on a one-way street, 349 Reid Street is set in an intact 19th-century neighbourhood. To the east is a street lined with churches, and to the north, south and west are 19th century homes of similar scale, which are used as multi-residential and commercial units, with some remaining as single family homes. Two blocks to the South of the building is the Charlotte Street commercial district, which is composed of a mixture of 19th and early 20th century buildings of similar character and scale.



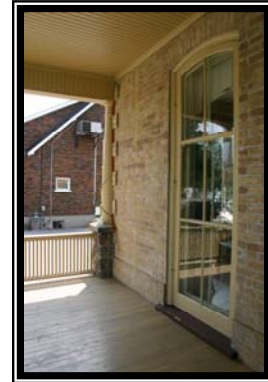
SUMMARY OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all facades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone,

plaster parging, metal and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features:

Exterior Elements:

- Sand coloured brick construction in stretcher bond style with voussoirs over original windows and door openings
- Symmetrical façade and overall composition
- Decorative brick quoins
- Hipped roof with high pitched central dormer
- All original 2/2 wooden sash fenestration
- Open lower verandah with Doric columns
- Upper veranda with wooden railings
- Panel door with side panel windows and transom light above
- Wooden board drive shed with gable roof:
 - Dormer in roof with decorative bargeboard and arched window
 - 6/6 and 2/2 sash windows
 - double leaf wooden doors



Interior Elements:

- Original wood trim around windows and on floors
- Original plaster ceiling medallions around original electric light fixtures
- Fire place with ornate mantel piece
- Decorative arched, coffered beams on ceiling
- Original wooden staircase with balustrade and carved balusters
- Spiral scroll motif along edge of risers on staircase.

