

# **Heritage Designation Brief**



**512 Dickson Street**

**Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory  
Committee**

October 2012

## HERITAGE DESIGNATION STATUS SHEET

Street Address: 512 Dickson Street

Roll Number: 040100148500000

PIN Number:

Short Legal Description: PT LOTS 8 AND 9 S MCDONNEL ST E  
WATER ST RP 45R14090 PARTS 1  
AND 2 IRREG 15015.66SF 72.01FR D

Owners' Mailing Address: 512 Dickson Street, Peterborough ON  
K9H 3K1

Owners Concurrence: Yes

PACAC Application Review Date:

On Site Evaluation Date:

Evaluation Category: A (76.4)

Evaluators: Erik Hanson / Rebecca Whelan

Heritage Type: Built Structure

Designation Type: Ontario Heritage Act – Part IV

Designation Brief Completion Date:

PACAC Application Approval Date:

Designation Brief Completed By: Rebecca Whelan

Submission Date:

Objections Noted:

Comments:

*“The short statement of the reason for the designation, including a description of the heritage attributes along with all the 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 REASON FOR HERITAGE DESIGNATION:**

*Heritage Evaluation Criteria Note “Category A”: The properties in this category are individually outstanding and have the broadest heritage significance in the City by virtue of architectural, historical, and environment criteria along with overall integrity of design and construction. Category A properties generally hold provincial and/or national significance.*

Constructed on land originally granted to George Barker Hall in 1841, the lot on which the home was built was purchased by Samuel Dickson in 1856. Although alterations have been made to the house over the years, it still remains a good example of the larger Italianate houses popular in Peterborough in the mid 1870s. 512 Dickson Street was one of three houses built for the daughters of Samuel Dickson.

Samuel Dickson emigrated from Ireland to Peterborough in 1830 and was first employed as a distiller. By 1839, Dickson had leased his first mill from John Hall. As the business grew, Dickson began purchasing property along the shores of the Otonabee and soon had mills on both sides of the river. He was considered to be one of the largest lumber producers in the area. When Dickson died in 1870, his land was transferred to the company.

In 1891, Thomas Hazlitt and Richard Hall, trustees of the Dickson Estate transferred the ownership of the property to Ellen Walsh, one of Dickson’s daughters. Ellen and her husband William lived at 512 Dickson Street until 1897. Afterward the house was occupied by various family members until it was rented to George Gladman in 1908. At the time, Gladman was the first vice president of the William Hamilton Company.

The house was rented a number of times during the 1920s. The tenants included George Lundy; James Wallace, manager of Central Ontario Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada; and Noble Wootten, also the manager of Central Ontario Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. In 1935, the house was rented to Gordon H Munro, vice president of The Peterborough Lumber Company (former Dickson Mills) and the great grandson of Samuel Dickson.

In 1951, the executor of Ellen Walsh’s estate, her niece Laura Jane Davidson, sold the property to Munro. The Munros continued to live at 512 Dickson Street until 1966, when the property was sold to Alfred Cole, registrar at Trent University. The Coles owned the property until the early 1980s.

**ORIGINAL OWNER:** Ellen Walsh

**ARCHITECT:** unknown

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** c. 1879

**BUILDER:** unknown

**CONTEXT- SITE AND SETTING:**

Located in the neighbourhood known as Dickson Mills, near the former site of Samuel Dickson's lumber mill, the house at 512 Dickson Street is one of three properties associated with the Dickson family.

**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 Attributes:**

- Two storey masonry red clay brick with running bond construction
- Parged stone foundation
- Shallow hip roof
- Existing chimney on north side
- Two projecting engaged two storey bays including deeply overhanging gable roof with pediments
- Original wood vergeboard
- Original wood soffits and eaves with paired Italianate cornice brackets
- Wrap around veranda with square wood columns, wooden floors, and shallow pediment roofs with associated wood detail
- Wooden window surrounds and brick mould
- Stone lug sills
- Dripstones (hoods) over windows
- Doors
- Masonry shed roofed addition to the rear