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H00516 – 144 Pleasant Street

Request to Include the Property in the Registry of Heritage Property for
the Halifax Regional Municipality

Heritage Advisory Committee
May 25, 2022

Location



Registration Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Maximum Score
1. Age	25
2. Historical or Architectural Importance	20
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type and Style	20
5. Architectural Integrity	15
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
Total	100

1. Age



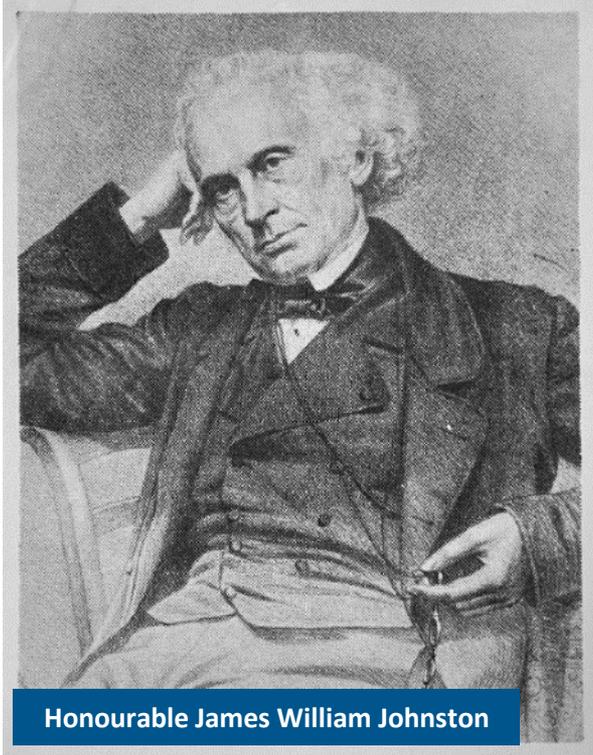
- Originally part of the Mount Amelia estate, owned by The Hon. James William Johnston.
- Johnston sold this triangular lot to his eldest son, James William Johnston, in 1847.
- The younger Johnston commissioned the existing dwelling, which was known as “Sunnyside”, in 1854.

1. Age



Date of Construction	Points
1749 - 1785	25
1786 - 1830	20
1831 - 1867	16
1868 - 1899	13
1900 - 1917	9
1918 - 1945	5
1945 - Present	3

2. Historical Importance



Honourable James William Johnston

- The original Mount Amelia estate was owned by the Honourable James William Johnston (Sr.).
- He was a lawyer
- Helped found the Bank of Nova Scotia, was appointed Solicitor General for Nova Scotia in 1834, and was named a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia.
- He was appointed Attorney General in 1841 and served as the Premier of Nova Scotia from 1857-1860 and 1863-1864.

2. Historical Importance



James William Johnston [Jr.]

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- Eldest son of James William Johnston
- Baptist Church beacon and First County Judge for District 1 of Halifax County in 1876
- Drafted the charter for the incorporation of the Town of Dartmouth in 1872

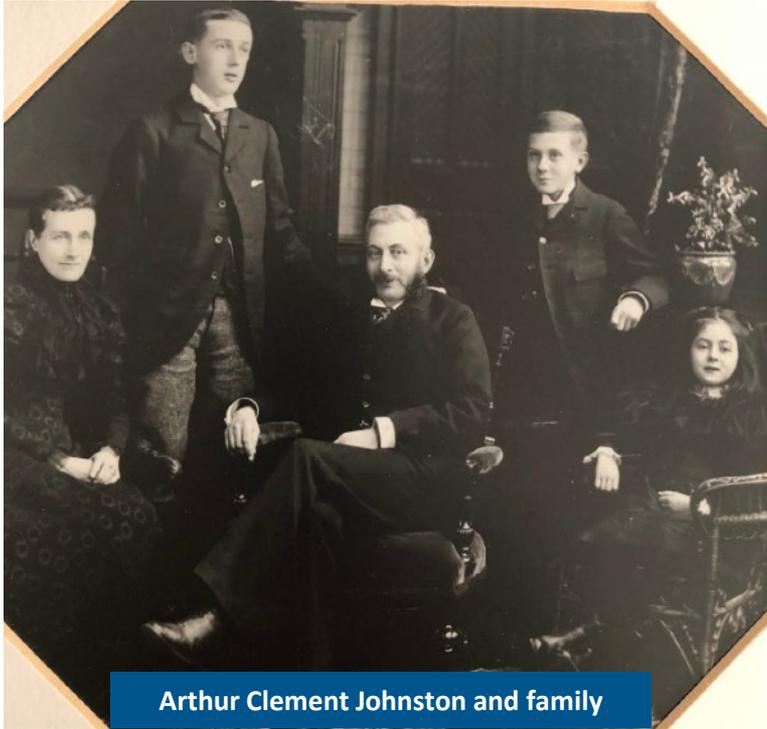
Katherine Prescott Fairbanks

- Daughter of Honourable John Eleazer Fairbanks
- Gave birth to nine children, four of which did not make it to adulthood



Katherine Prescott Fairbanks

2. Historical Importance



Arthur Clement Johnston and family

Arthur Clement Johnston

- In 1891, James William Johnston (Jr.) sold the property to his son, Arthur Clement Johnston.
- Arthur was a Councillor and later Mayor of the Town of Dartmouth from 1891-1897.
- He served as general chairman of Dartmouth's relief commission following the Halifax Explosion.
- He sold the property in 1901.

2. Historical Importance



Hopkins Atlas (1878)

Locally	Points
Intimately Related	11- 15
Moderately Related	6 - 10
Loosely Related	1 - 5
No relationship to important occasions, institutions, personages or groups.	0

3. Significance of Architect / Builder



Henry Elliott (1824-1892)

Status	Points
Nationally	7 - 10
Provincially Significant	4 - 6
Locally Significant	1 - 3
Not Significant	0

4a. Architectural Merit (*Construction*)



- 2.5-storey wood-framed construction; that rests on a masonry foundation
- Exact construction type unknown, likely balloon or platform framing.

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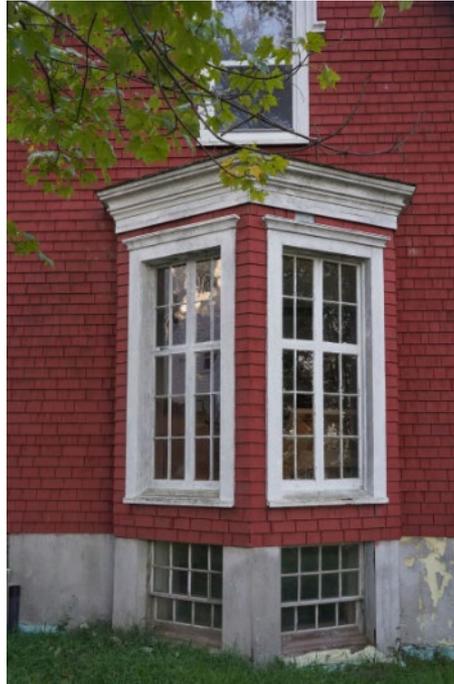
A) Construction type	Points
Very rare/ early example	7 - 10
Moderately rare/ early	4 - 6
Somewhat rare/ early example	1 - 3
Not rare/ common example	0

4b. Architectural Merit *(Style)*



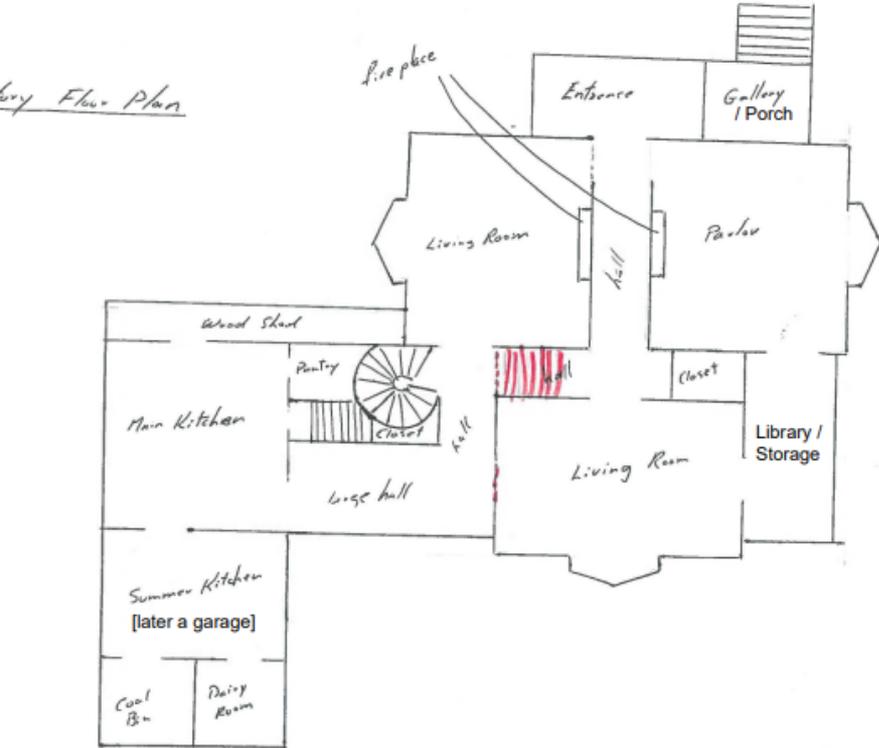
- Built in the Gothic Revival style, which was popular in Nova Scotia between 1830- 1890.
- Cruciform plan and steep gable roofs are indicative of the style.

4b. Architectural Merit (*Style*)



B) Style	Points
Very rare/ early example	7 - 10
Moderately rare/ early	4 - 6
Somewhat rare/ early example	1 - 3
Not rare/ common example	0

5. Architectural Integrity



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- Many of the dwelling's original architectural features remain
- Overall, the structure's exterior is in deteriorated and declining condition.

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Exterior	Points
Largely unchanged	11 - 15
Modest changes	6 - 10
Major changes	1 - 5
Seriously compromised	0

6. Relationship to Surrounding Area

A) Locust Knoll

153 Pleasant Street



B) 144 Pleasant Street



6. Relationship to Surrounding Area



Evergreen House
26 Newcastle Street



Henry Elliot House
99 Ochterloney Street

6. Relationship to Surrounding Area

- The surrounding area has lost of its historic buildings to modern development
- The dwelling is one of the oldest in Bedford
- Honeycote, and some nearby streets, partner to illustrate residential development from the mid-to-late 1800s



Points	Comments
6 - 10	The building is an important architectural asset contributing to the heritage character of the surrounding area.
1 - 5	The Architecture is compatible with the surrounding area and maintains its heritage character.
0	Does not contribute to the character of the surrounding area.

Recommendation

Should 144 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, score 50 or more points on evaluation as a heritage property under the HRM heritage property program, the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Regional Council:

1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of the subject property in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and
2. Approve the request to include 144 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act

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Thank You

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