

Re: Item No. 12.1

HALIFAX

H00516 – 144 Pleasant Street

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

Regional Council
August 23, 2022

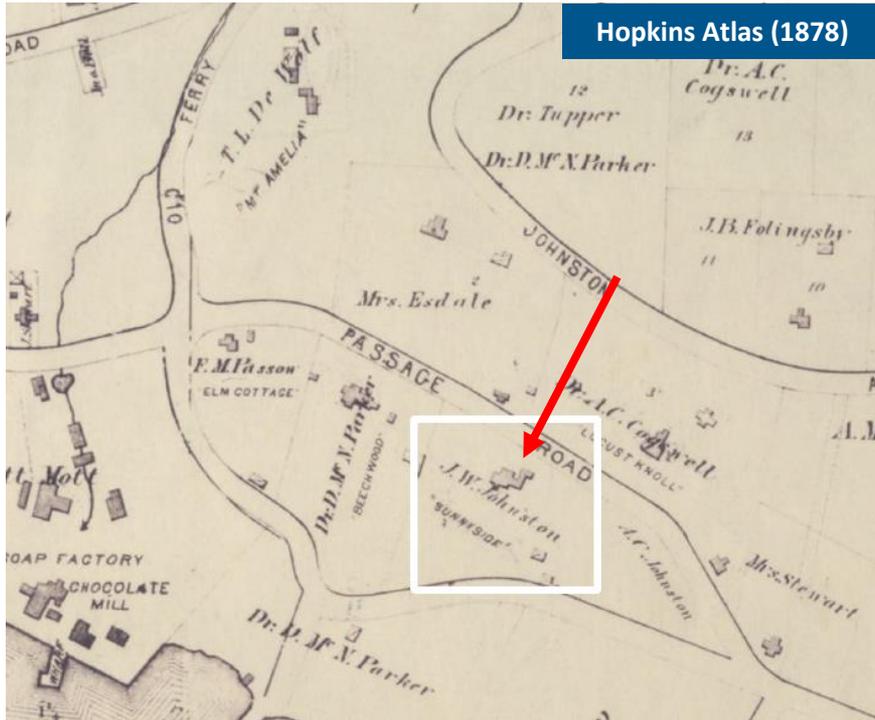
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Registration Evaluation Criteria

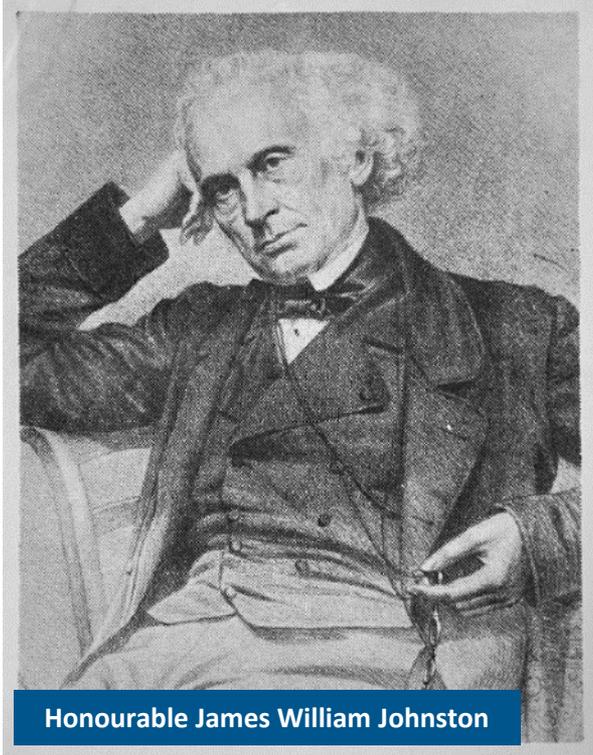
Criterion	Maximum Score
1. Age	25
2. Historical or Architectural Importance	20
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type and Style	20
5. Architectural Integrity	15
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
Total	100

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.

2. Historical Importance



Honourable James William Johnston

- The original Mount Amelia estate was owned by the Honourable James William Johnston (Sr.).
- 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

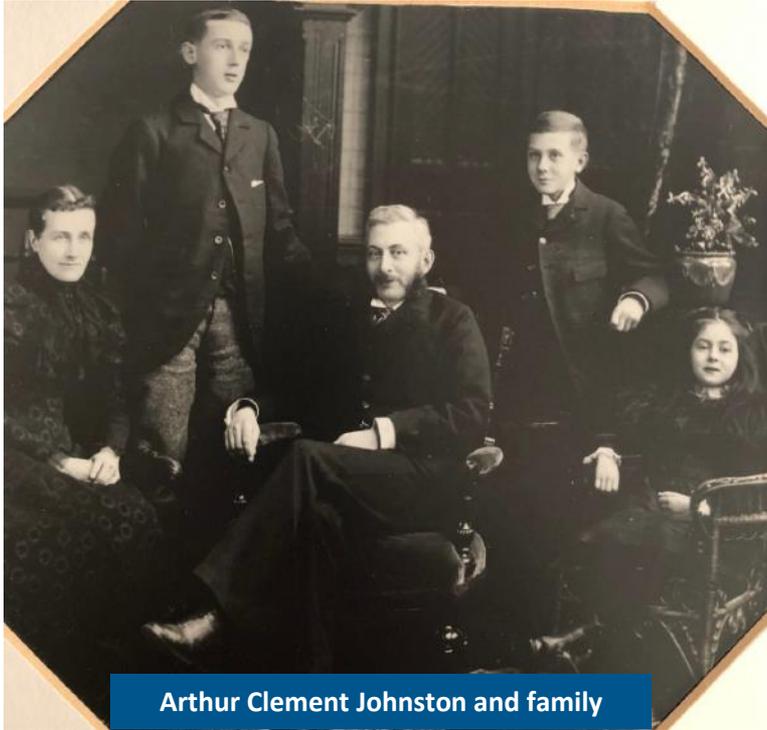
Katherine Prescott Fairbanks

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



Katherine Prescott Fairbanks

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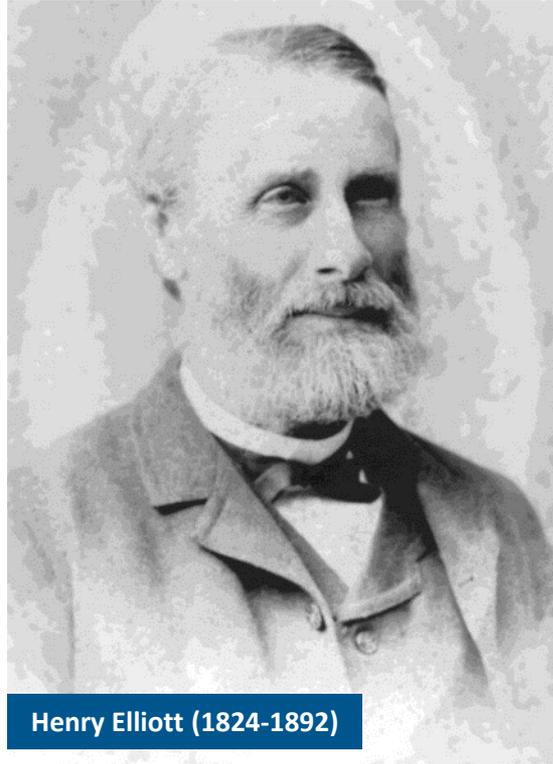


Arthur Clement Johnston and family

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.

3. Significance of Architect / Builder



Henry Elliott (1824-1892)

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.

4b. Architectural Merit *(Style)*



5. Architectural Integrity



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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

Registration Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Score Awarded
1. Age	16
2. Historical or Architectural Importance	15
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	6
4a. Architectural Merit: Construction Type	3
4b. Architectural Merit: Style	7
5. Architectural Integrity	5
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	5
Total	57

Recommendation

That Halifax Regional Council 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 of the April 25, 2022 report, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

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Thank You

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