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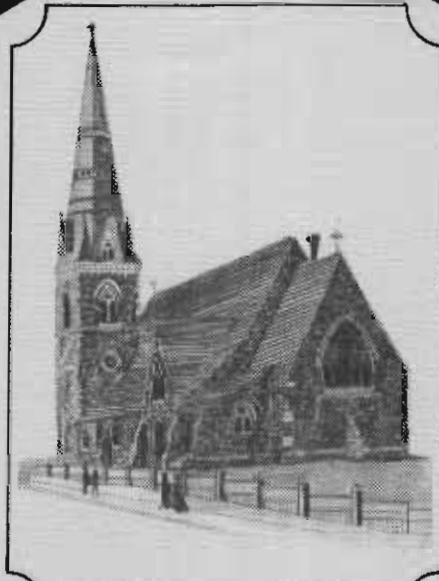
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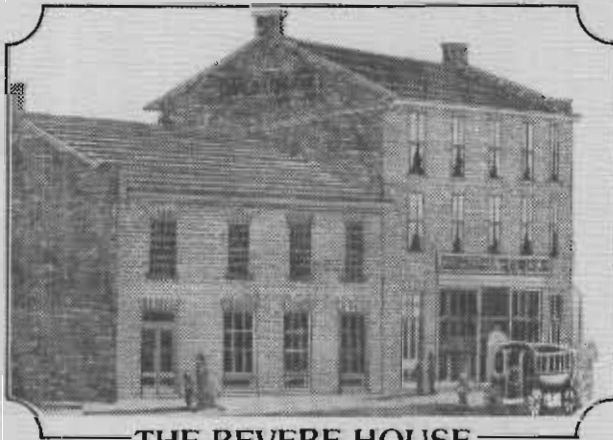
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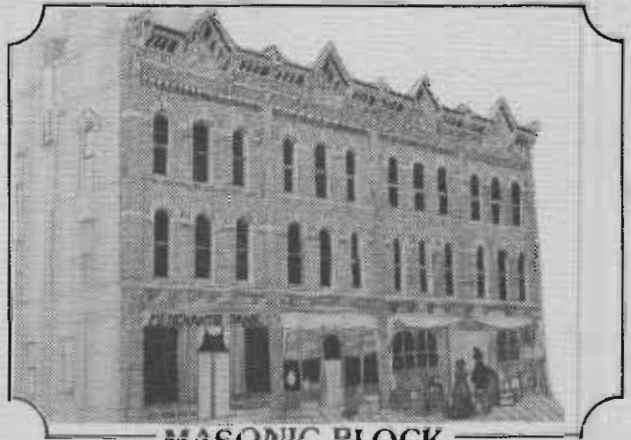
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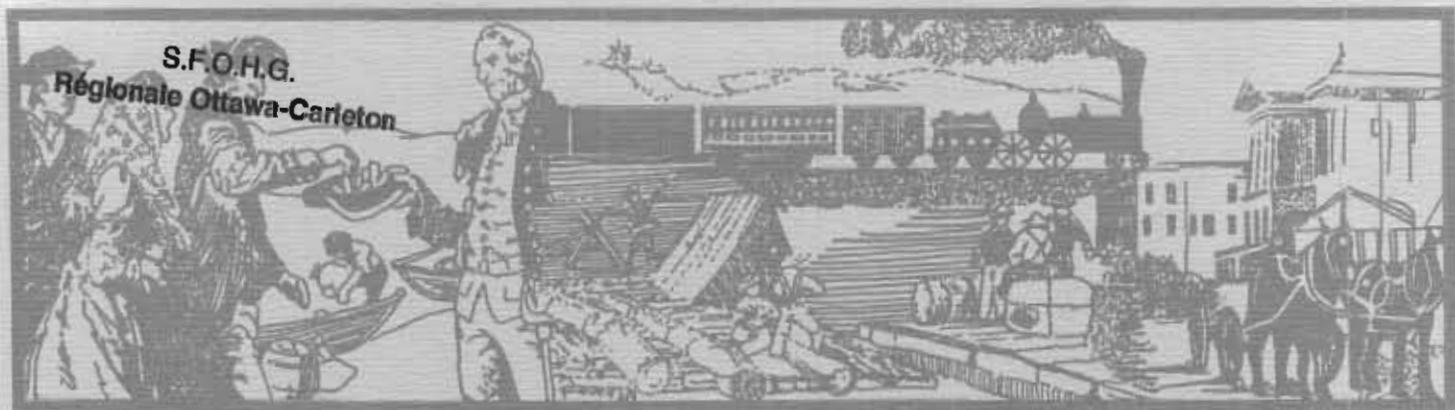
— THE REVERE HOUSE —



— MASONIC BLOCK —

Three self-guiding tours of our Historic Fort Town
with points of interest to make your visit a welcome one.

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PRESCOTT

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Founding of Prescott

Major Edward Jessup founded Prescott in 1810 on part of the land granted from England for Loyalist support during the American Revolutionary War. The town was named in honour of General Robert Prescott, Governor-in-Chief of all Canada, 1797-1807. Upon the homestead of Jessup, Fort Wellington was built with the belief that the town was a vulnerable place for attack during the War of 1812, and today remains the show place of Prescott.

Forwarding Trade on the St. Lawrence River

Prescott was situated at the head of the rapids, and at the lowest point on the river that large boats could safely unload cargo. This transfer of goods known as forwarding brought wealth and prestige to those that engaged in it.

Influence of the Railways

As a means of restoring the prosperity lost with the completion of the St. Lawrence canals in the middle of the 1840's, the Prescott-Bytown Railway was built in 1850. Many travellers, using it as a stopover point, boosted the economy, but after several years of development, Prescott gradually became an intermediate point between larger centres.

Hotels, Inns and Entertainment

In 1849, a weary traveller could choose from 18 inns for food, lodging and entertainment. Taverns flourished and names such as the Revere House & Duffy's Hotel were a vital part to the prosperity of a growing town.

Industry in Prescott

The most outstanding industry of bygone days, which employed many Prescott citizens, was the Wiser Distillery and Stock Farm situated on the site of our beautiful Centennial Park today. Other names of industries include the Grenville Brewery and the Jones-Dowsley Foundry.

Take a minute now and turn the clock back to the period between 1800 and 1830. Our three historic tours include: **Fort Wellington & Vicinity**, a look at the Fort and homes and churches close by; **Our Historic Shopping District**, includes some beautiful commercial buildings on Water St. and King St., as well as early homes dating to 1800; finally **Prominent Residential Dwellings** invites you to imagine the people who built and lived in these beautiful homes. Many varied styles are represented. Enjoy the history, the homes and take a piece of Prescott hospitality home with you!

FORT WELLINGTON & VICINITY

1. FORT WELLINGTON c1812/c1838

This National Historic Park stood guard over the international border and the commercial transportation on the St. Lawrence River. The first Fort Wellington, named after the Duke of Wellington, was built during the War of 1812, the second being built in 1838. Military history is relived every July during Loyalist Days.



2. "THE HOSPITAL"

356 East St.

c1810

Built by Edward Jessup as a schoolmaster's residence, the house was used as a military hospital after the completion of Fort Wellington. Designated as a heritage structure by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

3. McDONELL RESIDENCE

408 East St.

c1835

Granted to Isabella McDonell, the widow of a loyal military soldier, this fine home was once used as a young ladies' academy, and today serves as an antique shop.

4. FRASER HOME

177 Dibble St.

c1848

George Fraser, a carpenter purchased this lot and built this home in 1848, living there for 32 years with his six children.

5. JESSUP COTTAGE

130 Dibble St.

c1835

Originally owned by Hamilton Jessup, grandson of Prescott's founder, Dr. Jessup carried on business for several years practising medicine and was also a collector of customs.

6. BRUCE HUTCHINSON HOME

392 Edward

c1830's

Constructed by a gentleman named Thomas Fraser, president of the Board of Police in 1835, the home is said to have been used in the Rebellion of 1838 with soldiers billeted here. Previous owners were Samuel Crane, forwarder, John Patton, registrar and noted Canadian author, Bruce Hutchinson, born in 1901.



7. SIR RICHARD SCOTT BIRTHPLACE

389 Edward St.

c1824

Wm. James Scott purchased this lot from Susannah Jessup building this home soon afterwards. Sir Richard Scott, 1825-1913, became Mayor of Ottawa in 1852 and is recognized as "the father of the Separate School Act, 1860 and the Scott Act - Canadian Temperance Act, 1878.

8. ST. MARK'S CONVENT

439 Edward St.

c1848

The Hon. Samuel Crane, a prosperous forwarder, built this home and his daughter, Frances lived there until 1853 when the home was sold to James Sweeney, an accountant. Margaret Elizabeth Sweeney married Dr. Wm. P. Buckley who operated a doctor's office in this house. In 1905, the property was sold to the Roman Catholic Church for use as St. Mark's Convent.

9. ST. JOHN'S MANSE

147 Dibble St.

c1840's

Justus Sherwood Merwin, a prominent businessman in Prescott purchased this land from Susannah Jessup in 1837. This beautiful home was likely built in the 1840's. Rev. William Lewin, pastor of St. John's Anglican Church from 1874-1895 bought the home in 1891 as a manse.

10. BENJAMIN FRENCH HOME

157 Dibble St.

c1859

Sophia French, wife of Benjamin French, was given this land and built a refined Victorian house in 1859. French the son of a U.E. Loyalist, was engaged in railway contracting in the United States and in 1856 was appointed Superintendent of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway.

11. ST. MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

160 Dibble St.

c1887

The property on which St. Mark's Church now stands was acquired in 1832 from the Jessup Estate and a church was erected very

close to the site of the present church with Rev. J. W. Campion appointed parish priest. In 1885 a committee was selected to erect a new church with the cornerstone being laid in May 22, 1887. The cost was \$23,250.

12. ST. MARK'S RECTORY

160 Dibble St.

c1835

Rev. J. W. Campion, Parish Priest 1832-36 built this fine structure at the same time he built and operated Grenville College.

13. SEXTON'S HOME

172 Dibble St.

c1850's

This well constructed stone house which was used as the Sexton's home for St. John's Anglican Church, is shown on the map of Prescott 1861 as a school.

14. ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

172 Dibble St.

c1860

Rev. Robert Blakey, Pastor 1821-1858 was granted this land in Nov. 1822 from Susannah Jessup. The original frame building was replaced by the present beautiful stone church of pure Gothic design in 1860. The building was completed at a cost of \$13,600.

15. MERCHANT'S BANK

388 Centre St.

c1837

On land once owned by Samuel Glasgow, a Prescott merchant, this was the location of the Merchant's Bank in 1868. This was the forerunner of the Bank of Montreal with a staff of two. It was later owned by Dr. McPherson, a well loved general practitioner.

16. OLD TOWN HALL

141 Henry St.

c1838

On this lot purchased by the President and Board of the Prescott Police in 1838, Prescott's first town hall was built, in use as such until 1874. Also used as a court house, jail and high school. After WWII, the building was purchased by the Royal Canadian Legion.

17. REVERE HOUSE

100 King St. E.

c1845

John Huntington, earlier engaged in the railway business, became proprietor of the old Johnston Hotel, afterwards called the Revere House. Huntington advertised his hotel as large, commodious with a billiard room and accomodation for 50 guests.

18. DUFFY'S HOTEL

179 - 195 King St.

c1840

Silvester Duffy, an innkeeper purchased this lot from Thomas Fraser in 1839. The building appears to have been built in two sections from limestone with a two storey veranda.

LEGEND

FORT WELLINGTON & VICINITY

1. Fort Wellington
2. The Hospital
3. McDonnell Residence
4. Fraser Home
5. Jessup Cottage
6. Birthplace of Bruce Hutchinson
7. Sir Richard Scott Birthplace
8. St. Mark's Convent
9. St. John's Manse
10. Benjamin French Home
11. St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church
12. St. Mark's Rectory
13. Sexton's House

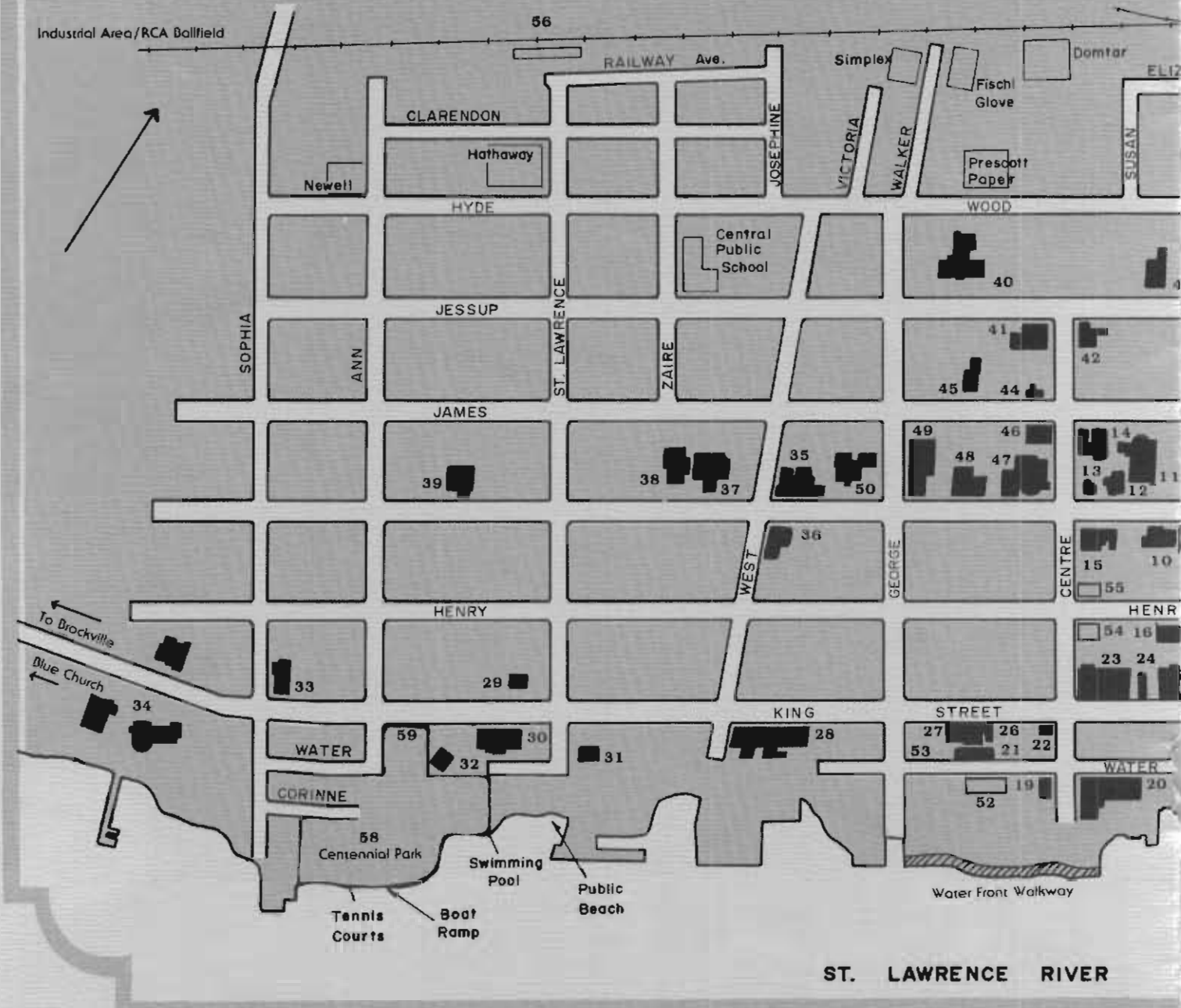
14. St. John's Anglican Church
15. Merchant's Bank
16. Old Town Hall (Legion)
17. Reverc House
18. Duffy's Hotel

OUR HISTORIC SHOPPING DISTRICT

19. Forwarders' Museum
20. The Toshack Building
21. Carriage Archway/Swan Inn
22. Clock Tower
23. Masonic Block
24. Lane's Smoke Shop

25. Mechanic
26. Prescott
27. Glasgow
28. D.L.D. Bu
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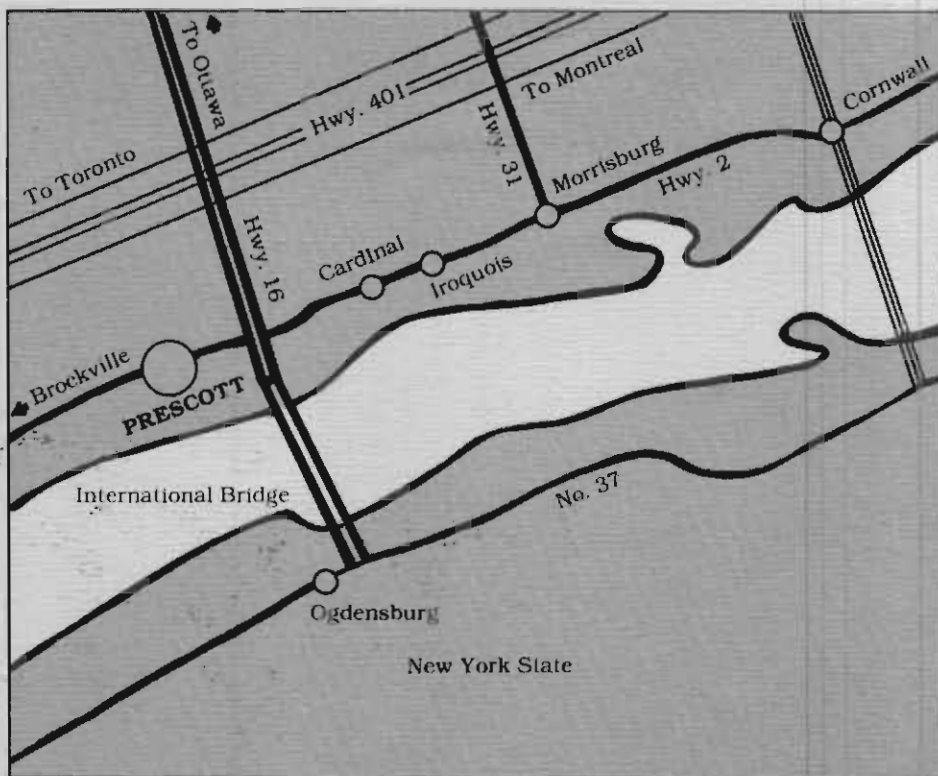
ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

OUR LOCATION

Come and Join Us



Prescott, Ontario



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PROMINENT
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35. THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

360 Dibble St. W. c1931

Prescott's high school was built on this site in 1894. A new high school was built in 1931. Now houses the municipal offices and the Prescott Public Library which was begun in 1895.

36. WILLARD HOUSE

399 Dibble St. W. c1857

Willard was one of Prescott's general merchants and his family lived in this house until the turn of the century. It now houses doctors offices and apartments above. A hipped roof slopes in four directions with a small cupola at the peak.



40. MAYFIELD

248 Park Street W. c1848

Alfred Hooker, a prosperous forwarder, purchased this lot from James Walker, grandson of Major Edward Jessup in 1847. The residence of the Jessup family stood behind it for many years. From 1893 to 1897 the property was owned by George Heck, great grandson of Barbara Heck. The house is built of limestone covered with rough cast stucco and there is a very large carriage house at the rear.

41. THE BUCKLEY HOUSE

589 Centre St. c1877

John Buckley, Mayor of Prescott 1876-79, erected this house, as a new home for his young bride, but his fiancé died before they could move in and Buckley remained in the family home on Water St. John Buckley was a merchant and in partnership with his brother, James carried on the forwarding business.

42. SANDERS HOME

590 Centre St. c1847/1855

Built by William Sanders, a grocery keeper and yeoman. The house was owned by Patrick Carberry, a surveyor of customs from 1855 to 1860. This beautiful home is gracefully preserved.

43. THE ARK

138 Park St. c1830

Built by Assistant Commissary General Fulford B. Feude, a veteran of Waterloo who came to Canada in 1830 and was later stationed at Fort Wellington.

44. GUNN HOUSE

210 James St. c1830's

Alfred Hooker purchased this property from Hamilton Walker who had lived in the original farmhouse. William Gunn, a mariner later purchased the house from John Patton, Esq. and Grenville County Registrar.

45. PORTRE/PURKIS HOUSE

256 James St. c1840

Francis Portre, a carpenter purchased this lot and built this fine Prescott home in 1840. The columns may be part of the original

house. The home was later occupied by J. D. Purkis, a famous forwarder.

**46. GRENVILLE COUNTY
REGISTRY OFFICE**

Centre St. c1879

Built to a standard Ontario government design with vaulted ceilings, stone floor and brick walls. An addition was built in 1979.

**47. ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Corner Centre & Dibble Sts. c1893

In 1821 a frame church 36' x 50' was built on land granted to Rev. Robert Boyd by Susannah Jessup. The original church was replaced by a stone church in 1850, which was destroyed by fire in 1892. The present stone church (note the beautiful windows) was dedicated in 1893.

48. DOWSLEY - HILLIARD TERRACE

262 Dibble St. c1835

This terrace was built in two stages a year apart by W. Hilliard and J. Dowsley of the Jones-Dowsley Foundry. Note the intricate iron work on the east section.

49. ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Dibble St. c1856 c1981

In 1830 a frame church was erected on a lot across the street from the present site to serve the Methodist congregation in Prescott dedicated a new church with a cost of \$8,000. In June 1925 members of the church and others formed the United Church of Canada. On July 28, 1979, fire destroyed the church. The present church was completed in 1981.



50. ALPHEUS JONES HOME

320 Dibble St. c1820

A typical example of the Adamesque classical house, basically American in origin, but with a certain British heaviness of accent. Built by Alpheus Jones, Prescott's first postmaster, in 1820. His father, Ephraim Jones, represented Grenville County in the first Parliament in 1792-96.

OUR HISTORIC
SHOPPING DISTRICT



19. THE FORWARDERS' MUSEUM
Water and Centre Streets **c1812**

A unique museum that tells the story of the Forwarding Trade that flourished in Prescott due to the St. Lawrence rapids, from the late 1700's to about 1850. This trade was vital to the settlement of Upper Canada. Designated under the Ontario Heritage Foundation, this museum opened in July 1978.

20. THE TOSHACK BUILDING
182 Water St. **c1841**

One of the few reminders of the glory days of Water Street as the commercial hub of the forwarding town. Representative of the type of commercial structures which once lined Water Street during the 1830's and 1840's in Prescott.

21. CARRIAGE ARCHWAY **c1843**
Water Street between Centre and George Sts.

This limestone building composed of two sections joined by an arched carriage way was built by Samuel Glasgow and Alexander Smyth two of Prescott's early merchants. Glasgow used his half as Gibson's Hotel during the 1850's.

22. ROTARY CLOCK TOWER **c1980**
Corner of Centre and King Streets

Built as a 75th Anniversary Project of Rotary International under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program. The clock was used in Prescott's former Town Hall.

23. MASONIC BLOCK **c1879**
N.S. King St. corner of Centre St.

Composed of four sections each three storeys high, this commercial row has arched windows with the cornices and keystones decorated with linear designs. Over the central bay of each section is a symbol of the Masonic order. Over the years a financial institution, a hardware store and a dry goods store have occupied these stores.

24. LANE'S SMOKE SHOP **c1860's**

N.S. King St. between Centre & Edward
This tobacco and confectionery store has been in operation for over 100 years. It was started by the late Jack McCarthy and was known as McCarthy's Cigar and Tobacco Store featuring home-made cigars.

25. MECHANIC'S BLOCK **c1874**

N.S. King St. between Centre & Edward
Thomas Coates owned the store on the far right and operated his tinsmithing business there. Samuel Coons owned the central two stores. One he used for his undertaking and cabinetmaking business while the other was an ice cream parlour. The last store was owned by Nesfield Ward who as a contractor was probably responsible for erecting the building.

**26. THE PRESCOTT JOURNAL/
SMYTH BUILDING** **c1843**
S.S. King St.

Alexander Smyth, a general merchant, saddler and leather dealer built this stone building and leased the stores to numerous tenants in the 1850's. The Prescott Journal first appeared March 13, 1890 as the Prescott Telegraph. In 1958 this King St. building was purchased by St. Lawrence Printing Co. Ltd. who operate a commercial printing plant and publish the Prescott Journal and Cardinal News.

27. GLASGOW HOUSE **c1843**
253 King St. S.S.

Adjoining the Smyth building, Samuel Glasgow built this building as a general store and it is still known as the Glasgow House. Over the past several years, it has housed a furniture store.

28. CANADIAN COAST GUARD **c1880's**
S.S. King St. Between George St. and West St.

This building, now owned by Transport Canada was originally the home of the Imperial Starch Company. The property was sold to be used as the Dominion Lighthouse Depot in 1903.

29. ALEX STARK HOME **c1837**
516 King St.

This property was outside the town limits of the Jessup grant being granted to Lewis Moshier sold to Alex Stark in 1837 with ownership staying in the Stark family until 1872.

30. FURNESS HOUSE **c1835**
517 King St.

Originally granted to Lewis Moshier the land passed through the Jessup family and was

sold to John Furness in 1834. Typical of Ontario houses erected in the middle of the last century, this basic flat front stone duplex has a gabled roof, two storeys high.

31. THE ROSAMOND HOME **c1833**
495 King St.

John Rosamond purchased this lot from James Jessup in 1832. The house was built of coarse rubble or fieldstone and the porch is not original. A descendant of the man who built the house still occupies it today.



32. THE COTTAGE PROPERTY **c1800**
543 King St. W.

Edward Jessup II built this house and lived there until his death in 1815. His wife, Susannah remained there with her seven children, occupied with the selling of many of the properties granted to the Jessup family. This farm house was purchased in 1849 by Major Bartholomew White, Prescott's first mayor, from Dr. Hamilton Jessup. White and his wife, Elizabeth Buckley remained there for several years and descendants of the White family still live there.

33. F. J. FRENCH HOME **c1880's**
692 King St.

F. J. French was born at Burrill's Rapids, the son of a merchant. He studied law in Ottawa and practiced as a barrister in Merrickville for two years before moving to Prescott. French was the President of the first Grenville County Historical Society founded in 1891. To be a member you had to have an ancestor living in Prescott in 1794.

34. WISER AND WISER/BROWN HOME **c1850's/1860's**
615 King St., 724 King St. and 741 King St.

These three homes were owned by the Wisers and Wisers/Browns. The proprietors of the Wisier Distillery and Rysdyk Stock Farm, these men played an important role in early industry in Prescott.

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MODERN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

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36. Williard House
37. Chauncey Peck House
38. Albert Whitney Home
39. James Irwin Home
40. Mayfield
41. Buckley House
42. Sanders House
43. The Ark
44. Gunn House
45. Portré/Purkis House
46. Grenville County Registry Office
47. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
48. Dowsley-Hilliard Terrace

49. St. Paul's United Church
50. Alpheus Jones Home

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

51. Prescott Community Centre
52. Farmer's Market
53. Bus Depot
54. Post Office
55. Police Station
56. Train Station
57. Free Methodist Church
58. Centennial Park
59. McPherson Health Centre

