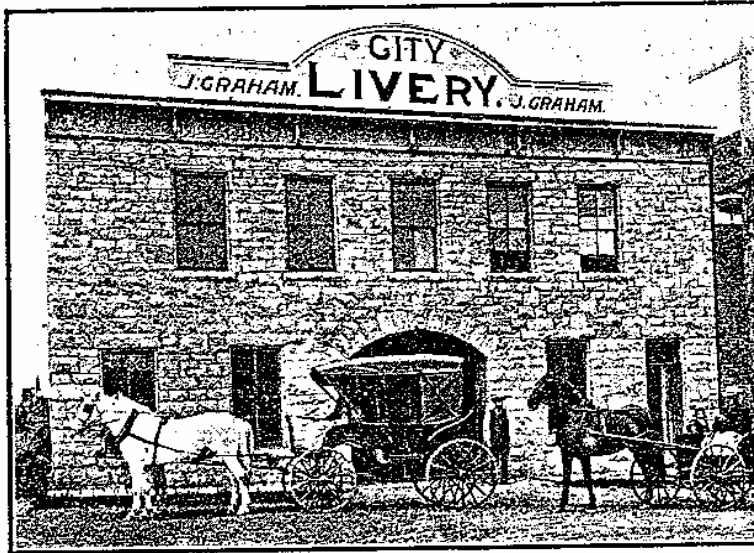


Graham City Livery
220 Cooke St.



Year Built: 1903

Architect: D.A.Pilla

Legal Description: Town Plot N. Cooke E PT Lot 3

Current Owner: 502007 Ontario Inc.

Parcel Register for Property Identifier: 62149-0047

Heritage Significance of the Property:

This site has a rich architectural, historical and cultural history. The crown patent for the land was originally held by Joseph Davidson, who went on to open a saw mill on the Kaministiquia River. He passed the land onto a Henry Ruttan, who sold to Joseph Graham in 1903. Graham received a grant for the property from James Farrand Ruttan (mayor of Port Arthur from 1891-92), and his brother, Robert Anderson, who were prominent realtors in Port Arthur, Ontario.

Once Joseph Graham obtained the property he built the livery stable where he rented out "good single and double drivers and up-to-date rigs." Graham established the motto of "First Class Speedy Drivers for Social Turn-outs and Commercial Driving." His horse and carriages traveled anywhere from Current River to Nipigon River.

Since the closure of the Livery, the building has housed a variety of different businesses, including Port Arthur Motor Co, Flatt's Garage, Save-Way Cleaners and Bourke's Warehouse, later Bourke's Drug Store.

Architecture

The two-storey building is constructed with blocks of rough stone and has a false front to conceal the gambrel roof. A projecting cornice supported by brackets has a parapet above, a rounded pediment with ears. There are five windows with stone sills, evenly spaced. The ground floor has a large arched entrance which is centered between two windows. Alterations have only affected the main entrance and the parapet which is now unpainted but previously read: "City Livery, J. Graham."

