

### 1. Lomehurst (294 Court Street North)

Constructed: 1906

This 3 storey building was originally built for William and Rebecca White. The ownership of this house however has changed numerous times over the years and was believed to be haunted due to murder rumour. Little is known about the murder. It is unknown when it occurred or who was killed as no one was ever reported missing. Also, no body has ever been found. Built in a Second Empire style, popular from the 1870s-1880s, this house has two towers one of which is square with a mansard-roof and the second is a Queen-Anne inspired circular tower capped with an iron pinnacle.



### 2. 184 Court Street North

Built in 1945 by Henry Annala, this house sits at the back portion of the property atop a steep hill. This one and a half storey residence has brick veneer exterior walls. The roof is a cross gabled design with asphalt shingles. An interesting feature of the house is the projected front entrance with stone brickwork around the door.



### 3. Maudsley Court Apartments

(151 Court Street North)

Maudsley Court was the first apartment building in Port Arthur. It opened in 1914 with rent costing \$35 per month. Port Arthur Ontario Developments Limited sold the apartment building to W. S. Tomlinson in 1951. Notable architectural features include the rusticated brick first storey, cut stone stringcourse between the first and second storey and prominent keystones on the large flat top windows. Maudsley Court also has numerous dentil-like projections on the roof which gives the building a castle like appearance.



### 4. McKibbin House (131 Court Street North)

Constructed: 1910 Architect: Haliburton Barbara King McKibbin

This property was originally owned by Robert McVicar and later by Joseph King. King left the property to his daughter, Haliburton (Hattie) Barbara King who was married to Hebert Albert McKibbin. Hattie designed the house while Hebert helped to build it. The home is a two and a half storey structure with Simpson Island sandstone used for the foundation walls. The porch has a sandstone base and has six turned columns which grace the entrance. In 1992, the house came into the possession of Walter Kuch and John Stephenson Architects who continue to use the building as the site for their architectural firm. Many renovations



were done at this time including the re-shingling of the roof with cedar shingles and restoring the original south facing bay windows. They were also able to preserve many of the defining architectural features including the stained glass windows, oak staircase and the corner fireplace which has terra cotta tiles attached to the mantle in classical ornamentation.

### 5. 26 Nugent Street

This one and a half storey home was built in 1908 and originally owned by Louis Walsh. The exterior walls are mostly red brick veneer but wood shingles are used as well. Red cut stone is used at the base of the home. The roof is a cross gable design and consists of two chimneys. The house also has a sunroom and a porch.



### 6. 146 Court Street North

This two and a half storey residence was constructed in 1906 and the original owner was Louis Walsh. Built in the Queen Anne style, much of the original building materials have been retained to this day. The walls are red sandstone and the brickwork has been designed in a random ashlar pattern.



At the south end of the east wall there is a three storey polygonal semi-detached tower. There is also a veranda which extends around two sides of the home. The roof of the veranda is supported by ionic columns and half of the veranda has been enclosed with modern glass windows. The roof is also unique with its cross gabled design and various extending dormers. The house also consists of numerous window styles. This building is an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture and fits beautifully into the area.

### 7. 269 Ray Court

Built in 1909 for John F. Hodder, this one and a half storey home was constructed to face McVicar Creek. The exterior walls are made of stone, designed in a random ashlar pattern. The second floor portions of the home are covered with siding arranged in a vertical orientation. The home also has a veranda which wraps around the east and south sides and is surrounded by Romanesque columns. The roof is hipped designed and has two chimneys, each with corbelled tops.



### 8. 275 Ray Court

Built by E. Zelinski in 1937 for E. Kelly, this one and a half storey home faces McVicar Creek. The top portion of the exterior walls is made of stucco while the lower portion is brick. Also on the exterior is an inset jog on the first floor in



the north-west corner of the home with the second floor acting as a roof over the area. The windows on the home are either double hung or casement type. The roof of the house is of cross gable design with the main gable facing Ray Court. This main gable has wood molding arranged in a geometric pattern.

### 9. 281 Ray Court

Originally owned by Mrs. C. A. Bready, this one and a half storey house was built in 1906. The house has a two storey semi-detached gabled tower constructed of stone arranged in a mosaic type pattern. The same stone can be seen along the bottom of the home as well.



The house also has a sunroom which acts as a balcony for the second floor as well as an attached greenhouse on the east side. The roof of the home is a cross gable design with several gabled dormers. The bottom four feet of the main roof are slightly arched as the roof nears the top of the first floor.

### 10. 6 Emmerson Avenue

This two and a half storey residence was constructed in 1906 and the original owner was J. J. Carrick. The exterior walls are stone, designed in a random ashlar pattern. There are numerous interesting architectural features including the veranda which wraps around two sides of the house. The roof of the veranda which is used as a second storey balcony is supported by Romanesque columns. There are three gabled dormers, each with a separate window. There are also various different types of window designs on the house. The roof of the building is a cross hipped design. The house fits very well with the other properties of this district.



### 11. 10 Emmerson Avenue

Built in 1906, this two and a half storey home was originally owned by John A. Whalen. The first floor exterior walls are of brick veneer painted white. The second floor exterior walls are covered with asphalt shingles. The lower two feet of the second floor exterior walls are slightly curving outwards to create a distinct lip which divides the first and second floors. The house has a front porch made of wood and the roof of the porch is used as a balcony for the second floor. The front portion of the house has a hipped roof and the back of the house has a pyramidal roof design. Also found on the roof are hipped dormers. Another interesting architectural feature is the round two storey semi-detached tower which is located at the southeast corner of the house. The tower's roof is cone shaped and has an ornamental extension at its vertex which extends several feet above the shingled portion of the tower.



### 12. 18 Emmerson Avenue

This two and a half storey home was originally owned by James Campbell Hunter and was built in 1906. The exterior walls are brick veneer and have been painted white. There is brick stringcourse between the first and second floors. The house has a combination of fixed, casement type windows and the porch has cross hatch pattern windows. Also, two windows that have arching brickwork frames can be found on the front of the house. The front portion of the house has a hipped roof while the addition added to the back of the home has a pyramidal roof design. The roof also has two gable ends, one facing Emmerson Avenue, and the other facing Harrington Avenue. These gable ends are decorated with cut and coloured cedar shingles.



### 13. 260 Harrington Avenue

Built in 1953, the original owner of this home was Mrs. Anna Racic. The exterior walls are made of multicoloured brick and follow a running bond design. The roof is a pyramidal design. The house also has a decoratively capped chimney which is made up of varying sized bricks that follow a random ashlar pattern. This sand type brick design continues along the bottom three feet of the south east corner from the base of the chimney to the main entrance of the home.



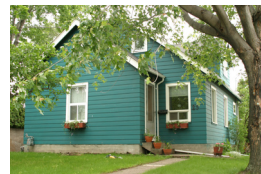
### 14. 270 Harrington Avenue

The original owner of this two storey home which was built in 1955, was Mrs. W. Merrifield. The exterior walls are brick veneer and the basement portion is concrete block covered by stucco. The same brick found on the top half of the exterior walls is used for the chimney. The roof is a hipped design type. The fact that the home is set into the side of a hill helps to make this property stand out.



### 15. 23 Emmerson Avenue

Built in 1939, this one and a half storey house was originally owned by Keith McLennan. The exterior walls are covered with cedar siding. The siding also covers the dormers found on the gable design type roof of the building. Overall, the house has retained much of its original features.



### 16. 29 Emmerson Avenue

This one and a half storey home was built in 1923 and the original owner was Mrs. J. H. McLennan. The exterior walls are covered with siding. The roof is a gable design type with asphalt shingles. There are also decorative brackets found



around the house. The windows are casement types in varying sizes. Some are double paned sliding windows or single hung types with cross hatch patterns in the panes. The house appears to have remained as originally designed.

**17. 32 Emmerson Avenue**

Built in 1909, this two and a half storey home has many notable architectural features. The exterior walls are brick veneer and the base of the front porch is stone. There is a second floor balcony over top of the front porch. On the side of the home, there is a smaller second floor porch as well. The roof is a cross hipped design type and has gabled dormers. There are varying window designs including ones with arched brickwork. On the front of the house there are three projecting windows that can be seen on the first and second floors.



**18. 30 Emmerson Avenue**

Originally owned by Mrs. J. L. Winke, this two storey home was built in 1906. The main floor exterior has green siding while the second floor has beige siding. The sunroom was added in 1924. The roof of the sunroom is used as the balcony for the second floor. The front of the house has a gambrel design type roof and towards the center of the home the roof has a hipped design. Asphalt shingles are used on the roof and are also used as skirting at the bottom of each gable as well as for the border between the bottom of the balcony and the top of the sunroom. This home also has various window designs including single hung and casement types as well as one unique square diamond window near the top of the gable facing Emmerson Avenue.



**19. 288 Harrington Avenue**

Built in 1907, this two and a half storey home was originally owned by Thomas N. Andrew. The exterior walls are brick veneer with detailed brickwork designed in a recessed and corbelled style along the upper portions of the east and south walls. The main portion of the roof is a pyramidal design but has two gabled hips on the south and west sides of the home. There is a variety of different windows including double and single hung, sliding and arched. There is vertical brickwork above each of the windows as well. Also of note is the intricately designed chimney with a corbelled top.



**20. 294 Harrington Avenue**

This one and a half storey home was built in 1907 and originally owned by John Andrew. The exterior walls are brick veneer and have been painted grey. Some notable architectural features include the hexagonal shaped two



storey semi-detached tower located at the south west corner of the home. There is also a small veranda area at the front of the house surrounded by four square columns and a wood railing. The roof is a cross gable design with a gable dormer on the front of the house that has an arch design covered with siding. The lower portion of the roof arches slightly outwards over the top of the veranda.

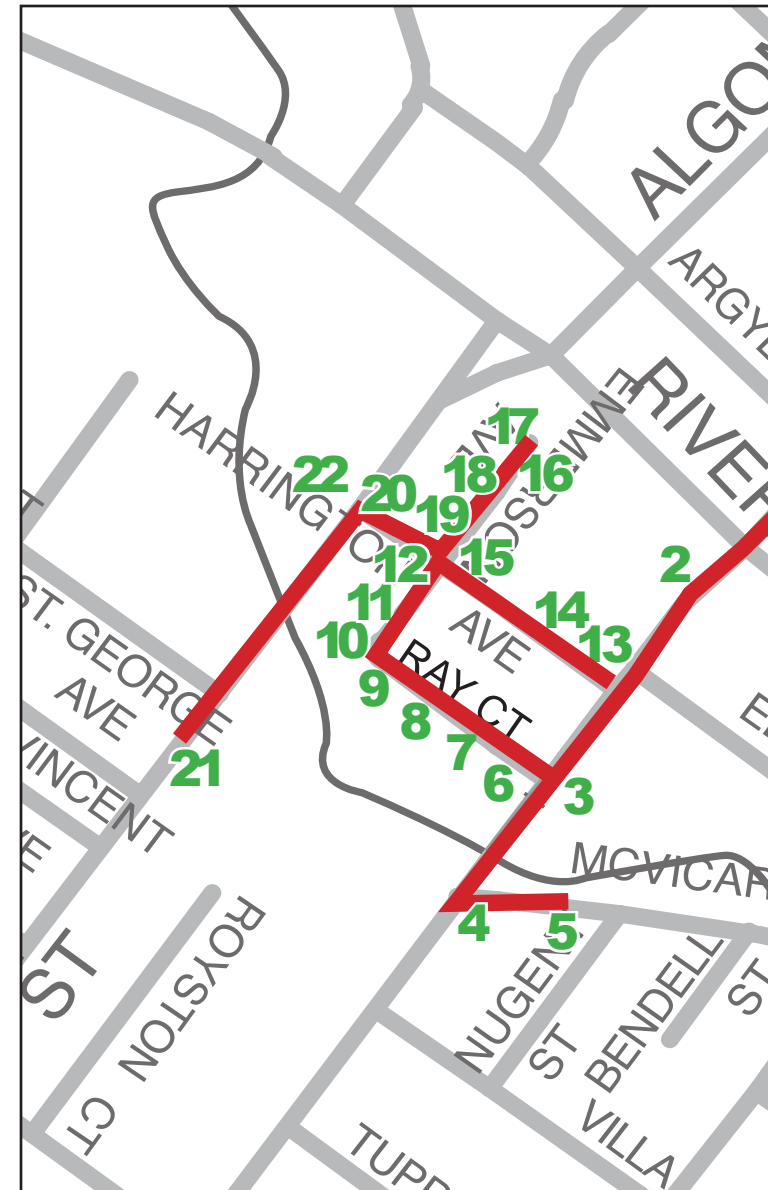
**21. HMCS Griffon (125 Algoma Street North)**

Constructed: 1895  
The Whalen family, who first lived in this house, sold it in 1938 to the sisters of St. Joseph, who used the site as a school. Changing hands again in 1943, the building became a part of the site of Her Majesty Canadian Ship (H.M.C.S.) Griffon. The HMCS Griffon was the site of recruitment and initial training of over 2,400 members of Canada's Navy during the Second World War and has been the home of the Naval Reserves in Thunder Bay since that time. The building is a shingle style structure where the first floor is brick and the upper stories are shingled. Architectural features include the octagonal tower, the steep hipped roof with dormers, small finials on the peaks of the roof and a distinguished entrance with rounded arches. The porch is made of red sandstone from Vert Island.



**22. 170 Algoma Street North**

Constructed: 1914 Builder/Architect: W. T. Crouch  
The building located at 170 Algoma Street North has many notable architectural features. The exterior walls consist of stone, brick, cedar shakes and stucco. The exterior side walls of the second floor arch away from the wall as the roof nears the top of the first floor. The roof has a cross gabled design with unique eaves. There is also a variety of window designs on the building including the large front bay windows which were added in 1985.



# Walking Tour

architectural tour of  
**McVicar / Harrington**

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