



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for 84 Brockville Street

Description of Property

The property at 84 Brockville Street, also known as the “Adam Foster House”, is located in the Town of Smiths Falls on the west side of Brockville Street, north of the intersection of Brockville Street and Orchard Street. The property is located south of the Rideau River and Rideau Canal. The property contains a two- and one-half storey residential structure built between 1877-1879.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property has physical/design value as a representative example of a mid to late 19th century residential structure designed in the Gothic Revival style. Common architectural components associated with the Gothic Revival style present on the structure include: a steep roof with cross gables, decorative bargeboard, bay windows, segmental arch, pointed arch, and round window shapes, a partial width front porch, and dichromatic brickwork.

The property has historical/associative value through its association with Adam Foster, a prominent businessman in Smiths Falls during the late 19th century. Along with his partner, John B. Ward, Adam Foster owned and operated several mills on Jason Island. Foster was also responsible for developing the Town’s early system of waterworks. In 1886, he was contracted to put a system of water pipes below the east side of Beckwith Street, which provided water for the CPR yards. Over the next ten years, he expanded the water supply system through the major streets of Smiths Falls. In 1899, he sold his waterworks, which included the pumping station and boiler house, to the Town of Smiths Falls.

Heritage Attributes

The following heritage attributes reflect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property:

- Overall form and massing of the two- and one-half storey structure, with a side facing gable roof and steeply pitched gable peaks
- Red brick cladding
- Stone foundation
- Wood bargeboard, soffit, and fascia on all gable peaks
- Red and yellow brick chimney
- Yellow brick detailing in corner quoins, window and door voussoirs, keystones, window arches, window surrounds, and banding above foundation

- All window and door openings, including transom window above east facing doorway
- Stone lintels
- East façade:
 - Bay window with paired brackets along the decorative wood frieze
 - Decorative wood transom above the second storey pointed arch window
 - Location and size of the front porch and second storey porch
- North façade:
 - Projecting two- and one-half storey bay
 - Decorative wood detailing in the gable peak
- South façade:
 - Bay window with paired brackets along the decorative wood frieze