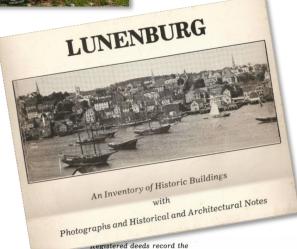
## 135 TOWNSEND STREET, LUNENBURG... part of a historic streetscape for 2 centuries

## Historic & Architectural Notes

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TOWNSEND STREET





price of this property rising

from 7 pounds in 1800 to 115

pounds by 1811 and it is

reasonable to conclude that

this house was built in that

period, either for John Selig,

John Contoy or for Jacob

Hamge who acquired it in

1811. Hamge passed the house on to William Hamge and Joseph Hamge in turn,

In 1862, John Cruikshank mortgaged this property for 80 pounds, the registered specifically referring to the existence of a dwelling house. The house is shown on the BEV's and on the Church map is identified in the name of Cruikshank". In 1910, it was inherited by Florence Knickle and in 1934 was purchased by the present owner. Although slightly altered on the main floor by the substitution of new windows and by a single storey addition on the rear, parison the house still exhibits some early features. The upstairs windows retain their small 6 over 6 panes and there are wide pilasters and a

prominent hood trimming the main door.

and the streetscape c1888 above shows the house as it looked by the end of the period of their ownership. In 1890 it sold to George Townsend, a cooper, who owned it until 1919 during which time it was victorianized as shown in the c1910 streetscape, above. From 1919-47 it was owned by Alfred Dauphinee, a blockmaker, (see #125 Montague) and came to its present owner in 1952. The Victorian trim is now removed from the house.

except for bracketed eaves returns and there are windows on the floor and wide shingles, but the original form of the house can still be perceived through comnew and old



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The heirs of Joseph Hamge sold this lot in 1888 to William Townsend, o merchant, for \$350. He built this house and, in 1890, sold it to Newton Myra, a ship's carpenter, for \$1,950. In 1898. Myra sold to Capt. William Acker and in 1905 following his death, it passed on to his daughter, Imelda Schwartz, in whose family it remained until 1976.

The house can be seen under construction in the 1888 streetscape above. With a mansard roof, dormers, enclosed porch and flanking bay windows; and with bracketed eaves, window hoods and original clapboard siding, the house is substantially intact although



This house traces back to John Zwicker, a prominent merchant, who acquired the property c1813. In 1842 the house was conveyed to his daughter, Lucy, and her husband, Adolphus Gaetz, for 365 pounds. Adolphus Gaetz was a dry goods merchant and is of considerable local historic significance for the diary he kept from 1855 until his death in 1873. The Church map (c1883) identifies the house as 'Capt. J. Creighton''. From 1913-18 it was owned by Leonard Haslam, clergyman and from 1918-81 by John H. Creighton,

sheriff, and his heirs. Although the large 2 storey house has been altered over the years with window replacements and the addition of a shed dormer it still retains the general proportions and style that place it in the early building period. A coat of vinyl siding, applied in recent has reduced its vears.



which can be seen on the c1888 streetscape above. The old house was the home of Benjamin Dauphinee, a shoemaker, who had bought it in 1842 from William Dunn, mariner. Beyond Dunn, the old house traces back to John Selig, mariner, for whom it was probably built about The new house is shown on the 1890 BEV in the form that

This house dates from 1888-

90 when it was built either as

a total renovation of, or a

complete replacement for, a

smaller house on the site,

it still exists today except that it did not have its root dormer at that time. It is still quite intact and retains its bracketed hoods over windows and doors, and its clapboards and bracketed eaves and cornerboards. There is a deep transom window over the front door and, above that, a round headed mullioned window. An ell at the rear was part of the original structure and was further added to in the 1940's. The house is still in Dauphinee family owner-



This house serves as the United Church parsonage. It was built in 1887 after the original parsonage (at that time, the Methodist parsonage) on the same site had been destroyed by fire. The original parsonage was built about 1867, after George Orth, founder of the Lunenburg Methodist Church, had acquired the property from Jacob

The present house shows on the c1888 streetscape above from which it can be seen that it was originally ornamented in the typical style of that era. The windows had prominent hoods over them and the door had a transom window and a hood. The house is now relatively plainly finished. The earlier ornamental features have been removed and it has been reclad with wide shingles. The original sidelights are still in place beside the modern front door over which there is now a small, flat roofed portico.





Townsend St. streetscape before 1910

