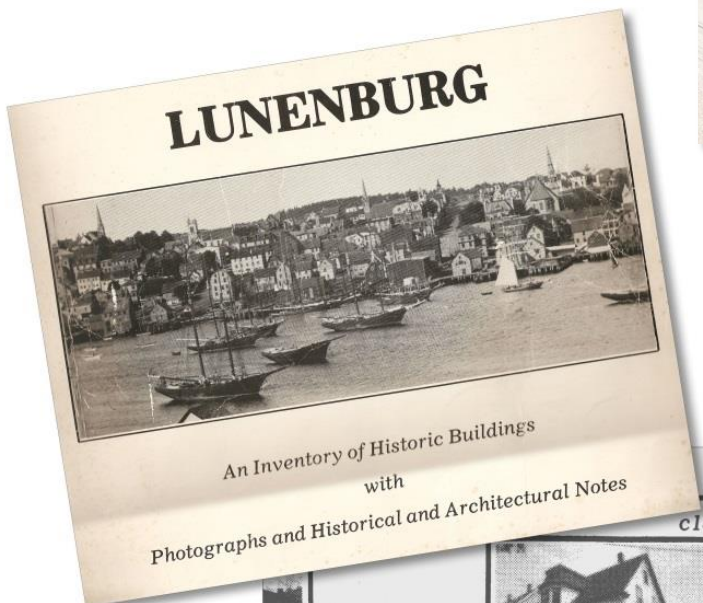


206 Cumberland Street

Historic & Architectural Notes

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	c1884	#200	c1883-85	#206 pre 1864/1897
<p>large h-like which s and i sub-plans, ation e old down when #00 to ilding e had 2 unit ement</p>	<p>C. Albert Smith sold this lot in 1884 to Abraham Smith, a fishing captain who later, with his brothers, became a partner in W.C. Smith & Co. (see #84-90 Montague). He had this house built and, two years later, in 1886, sold it for \$1,500 to H.A.N. Kaulback, the first in a long series of investment owners who rented the house out. The house is shown on the 1890 BEV from which it can be seen that, in its basic form, the house has remained substantially intact: On the front and rear there are identical extended dormers, each with a 2 tiered, bell-cast roof and, as in the case of the front dormer, with large brackets framing the door opening below. The front doorway itself has sidelights and a transom window around the original panelled door. The house is built sideways to the sloping street and has an interesting stepped appearance. The only significant exterior alteration has been the recladding of the front facade in out-of-character wide asbestos shingles. Otherwise the house is substantially intact.</p>		<p>This house was built by C. Albert Smith and was sold for \$1,200 in 1885 to Benjamin Anderson, master mariner and skipper of the Dylitris, who 12 years earlier had pioneered deep sea fishing from dories and who had hence earned the title of the "Father of the Lunenburg Fishery" (see also #180/182 and #194 Montague). In 1889, he sold to William Jefferson, a blacksmith, who owned the house until 1922. For a short period it was owned by Freeman Smith a merchant, then, in 1925, it was bought by Jeremiah Lohnes, a fisherman, by whose family it is still owned. Very similar in style to the adjacent house (#190 Cumberland) it, too, has extended dormers front and back and a bracketed front doorway. The two-tiered front dormer window, however, has been removed and, in modern times, the house has been reclad in vinyl.</p>	<p>A comparison of oral and documentary sources suggest that this house was moved to this site from the corner lot immediately below it about 1893/97. The house was the only one on the block in 1879 (see 1879 BEV). The 1890 BEV shows the old house in the same location, while the 1893/97 insurance plan indicates how it was moved uphill and replaced by the larger 3 storey house which now sits on the lower lot. Beyond this however, the origins of the house are obscure. It is shown on the Church map and is presumed to have been built prior to 1864, but its original owner is unknown. In 1909, it was purchased by Mrs. Leah Young and has had several owners since then, but has remained in substantially intact condition.</p>

