

THE WHITE HOUSE  
159 HAIN STREET WEST  
CIRCA 1830

1.0 History

The White House was built for Rev. George Grout by his father, John Grout, who hired expert tradesmen from the Province of Quebec to cut the stone and construct the house (Independent 09/01/82).

George Robert Field Grout was born in Quebec City in 1804 and was the first child to be baptized in Quebec Cathedral (Powell No. 5 1954: 26). At 23 he was appointed to St. Andrew's Anglican Church by the Rt. Rev. C.J. Stewart. At the beginning of his appointment, he was a Deacon and two years later he became ordained as a Priest (Powell No. 5 1954: 28). In 1829 he married Eliza Walker of Montreal and prior to moving to the White House in 1832, they lived in Rev. William Sampson's cottage (Powell No. 5 1954: 29).

Rev. Grout was very devoted to his parish and the community as a whole. The Bishop of Toronto often referred to St. Andrew's as his 'model parish' (Powell No. 5 1954: 28). As further proof of his service to the community, he often carried a medicine chest containing herbs and other old fashioned remedies to be administered to the sick (Powell No. 5 1954: 28). Since there were few doctors serving the area, his presence would have been a great asset to Grimsby.

John Henry, his son, became a prominent industrialist and political figure in the Grimsby community. He was founder of the Grout Agricultural Works, a company that produced many innovative farm implements to serve farmers of the area (Bromley & Powell 1979: 210). John also became the first Reeve of the newly incorporated Village of Grimsby in 1876 (Powell No. 10 1959: 81) •

Rev. George Grout died on Hay 29th, 1849, and was buried in St. Andrew's Church yard (Powell No. 5 1954: 28).

### 2.2.3 Main Entrance & Upper Porch Doorway:

There is no trim around the structural opening of the main entrance, apart from a pair of pilasters that separate the side lights from the doorway. The trim within the opening is plain and constructed of wood. A single panelled door is flanked on either side by side lights. The side lights have 3 panes arranged vertically, and as a decorative feature, each pane has an unusual intersecting arch design framed within the pane.

The upper doorway is trimmed in a similar manner as the main entrance, but has no side lights or pilasters.

### 2.3 East Side Elevation Main Rouse/Extension (Refer to Photo 2)

#### 2.3.1 Windows (Main House):

Basement windows are **similar** in construction to those described earlier, although these windows have 6 panes.

First floor windows are similar in details as those described earlier.

Second floor windows are also similar in construction detail, however, the double hung windows have a 12 over **6** pane arrangement.

#### 2.3.2 Windows (Extension):

Applied to the outside of the flat structural opening is moulded wood trim at the head, with plain trim on the sides and a slightly protruding sill. The trim within the opening is plain. Windows are double hung with a 12 over 6 pane arrangement.

#### 2.3.3 Porch & Entranceway (Extension):

Two Doric columns support the roof and moulded entablature of the porch roof.

The trim, both in and around the structural opening, is plain on the entranceway. The single door has 15 panes of glass.

## 2.6 Other Details

### 2.6.1 Roof & Roof Trim:

The low pitched hip roof of the main house is trimmed by a plain fascia and moulded soffit.

The low pitched shed roof of the extension is plain trimmed with a modern soffit.

### 2.6.2 Chimneys:

There are three brick chimneys on the main house. Each individual stack is similar in construction and each is corbelled with masonry at the top. There is a single stack located internally on the west side of the house and two detached stacks internally located on the east side.

### 2.6.3 Storm Cellar:

The storm cellar door and entrance is located on the south side of the main house. The frame is constructed entirely of wood.

PHOTO 1    ORTH SIDE ELEVATION

DETAILING THE FACADE FROM  
MAIN STREET AND ROOF AND  
CHIMNEYS

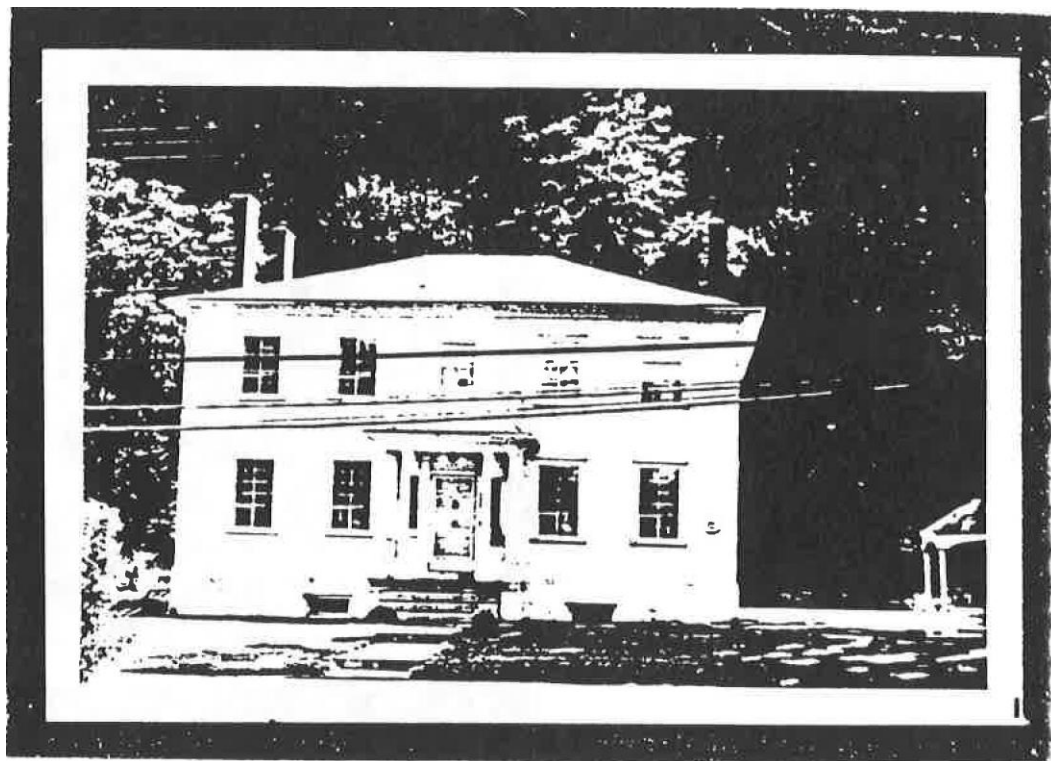


PHOTO 2

EAST SIDE ELEVATIO  
OF MAIN HOUSE AND  
EXTENSION



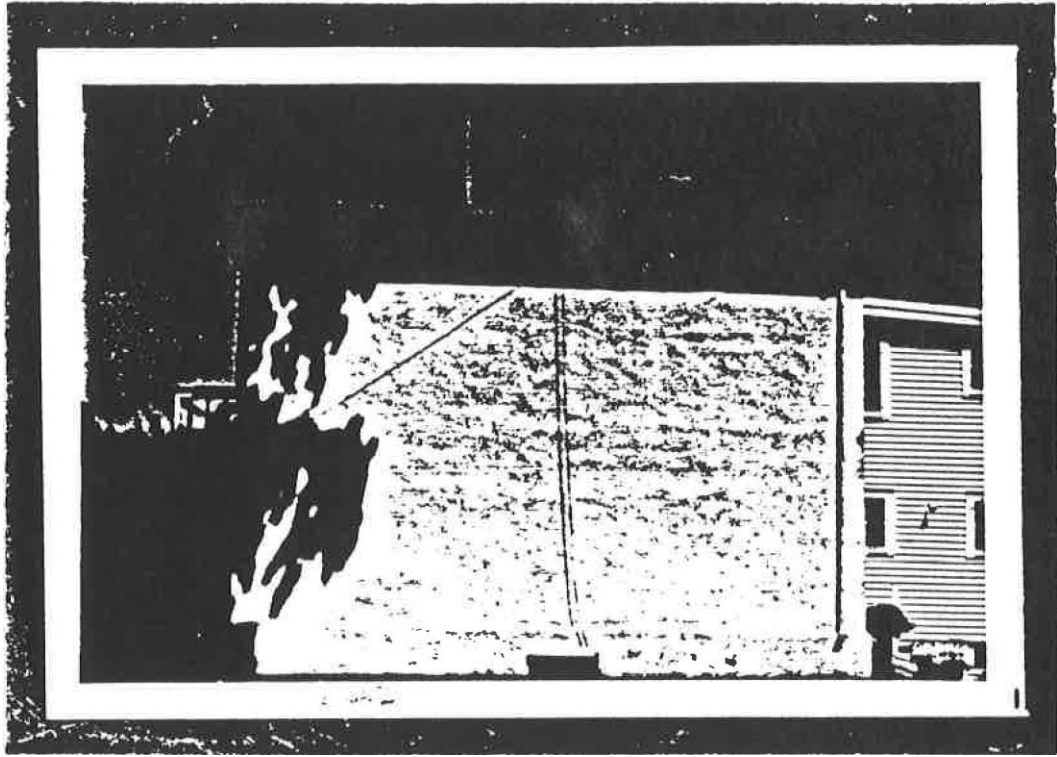


PHOTO 5 WEST SIDE ELEVATION



DATE FOUND ON SOUTH WEST CORNER OF EXTENSION WALL

