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The Lindens – A Lost Hintonburg Landmark

By Linda Hoad

This elegant Victorian frame house is “The Lindens”, the family home of John Durie (ca 1812 - 1895), Ottawa bookseller and stationer. When the house was built, about 1868, it was set well back from the Richmond Road (now Wellington Street) at the end of a long drive. The house survived until 1912, located at 19 Melrose Avenue, but was demolished to make way for the *École Sacré-Coeur*. Now a designated heritage building, the former school survives as residences known as ‘The School House Lofts’. This is the story of how Hintonburg lost a landmark early residence but gained a heritage school, now an award-winning conversion, on the same site.

The Lindens was one of several gentlemen’s homes or estates that once lined the Richmond Road to the west of the city of Ottawa. Among those that remain are Richmond Lodge at 35 Armstrong, the home of Judge Christopher Armstrong; the Aylen-Heney House at 150 Richmond Road; The Elms, which became the *Soeurs de la Visitation* convent at 114 Richmond Road, now part of a condominium development; and Maplelawn at 529 Richmond Road.

John Durie arrived in Ottawa in 1832 and established himself in the dry goods business in New Edinburgh. By 1862 he had moved to 33-35 Sparks Street where he operated as a bookseller and stationer. In addition, he was a Crown Lands Agent, an agent for Phoenix of London Fire Insurance and a Bible Society depot. John Durie married Mary Stewart (ca 1809 - 1894), one of the Glengarry Stewarts, in 1840. Durie was a staunch Presbyterian, and according to his obituary:



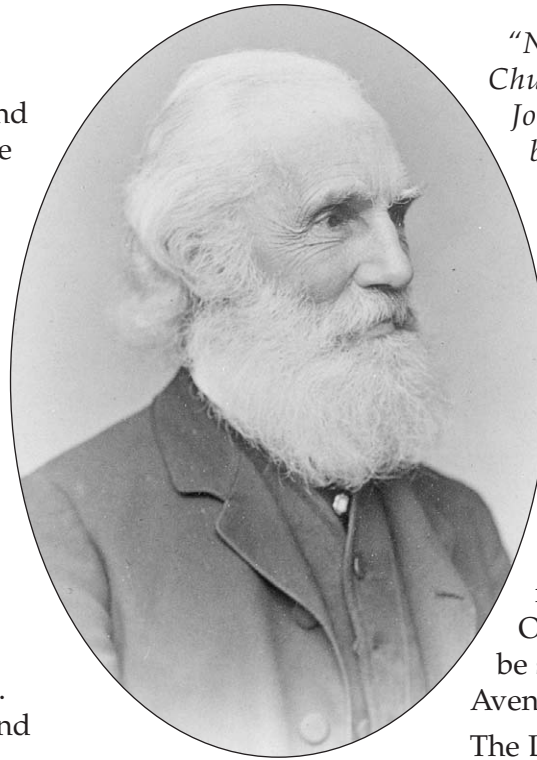
The Lindens, Richmond Road

He was identified closely with the erection and maintenance of the Protestant Hospital, with the organization and management of the Bible Society, and the various kindred religious and charitable institutions which have arisen to relieve the suffering, to improve the morale, and to generally raise the standard of practical Christian duty in the community in which he lived and labored.

Photo: William James Topley/Library and Archives Canada/PA-173469

The Lindens...

Durie purchased the Richmond Road property in what is now the area known as Hintonburg in 1868, and was listed as resident there in the 1869 City Directory. Durie, his wife Mary, daughters Anne, Henrietta and Isabella and sons John S., William and Hugh R. were listed as occupants in the 1871 Census. The Durie sisters continued to reside with their parents at The Lindens, described in the 1891 Census as an 11 room, 2 storey house of wood construction. The Duries kept a cow and a horse according to the assessment rolls. Outbuildings (perhaps a stable and a barn) can be seen in the photos.



John Durie

The photographs show a wood frame house built in the Carpenters' Gothic style. The quoins and the hood mouldings over the windows mimic in wood these decorative elements usually found on stone buildings in the Gothic period. Steep gables with finials and decorative verge board on the gables and on the extensive porch are also typical of the Gothic style.

The only description of The Lindens is found in James Salmon's recollections of Richmond Road about 1868 for the Ottawa Citizen's "Old Time Stuff" column:

"Next [to St-François d'Assise Church] came the residence of John Durie, the Sparks street book-seller. This was a nice and large frame house. Next followed the residence of "Lawyer Ross," as he was called ... These two houses had space consuming grounds."

Mary Durie died at The Lindens in 1894 and John Durie died there in 1895. In 1899 the land was subdivided for the benefit of John Durie's daughters. The Durie sisters moved to 548 MacLaren Street in Ottawa in 1900, and lots began to be sold on both sides of Melrose Avenue.

The Lindens and the adjoining land was rented for several years then sold in 1905 to Aurélie Lamothe Girard and Mary Ida Margaret Poupore, both residents

of Hintonburg. In 1907 the house and property were sold to Mary Josephine MacDonald and Mary Ann Cecilia Macdonald. The 1911 Census lists four MacDonald sisters, Ellen, Flora, Mary J. and Mary Ann as residents at 19 Melrose. Mary J. was employed as a civil servant earning \$800, working for the Dairy and Cold Storage Commission, part of the Department of Agriculture, probably at the nearby Experimental Farm. All four MacDonald sisters, ranging in age from 54 to 39, were unmarried, Roman Catholic, and indicated

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The Lindens, Richmond Road.

that the languages spoken at home were English and Gaelic. (The MacDonalds moved to 73 Spadina after the house was sold but nothing more is known about them.)

In March 1911 the MacDonalds sold the house and property to the Separate School Board – the 1912 Insurance Plan shows the original Durie house as a catholic school. The Lindens was demolished in 1913 and the present *École Sacré-Coeur* was built on the site.

After serving the community as a school until 1988, and as the Youville Centre for a number of years, the building was left vacant. At the request of the Hintonburg Community Association, 19 Melrose was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2004 for its cultural heritage value.

École Sacré-Coeur was designed by Ottawa architect Francis Sullivan who was also known for his early Prairie style buildings and his association with American architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

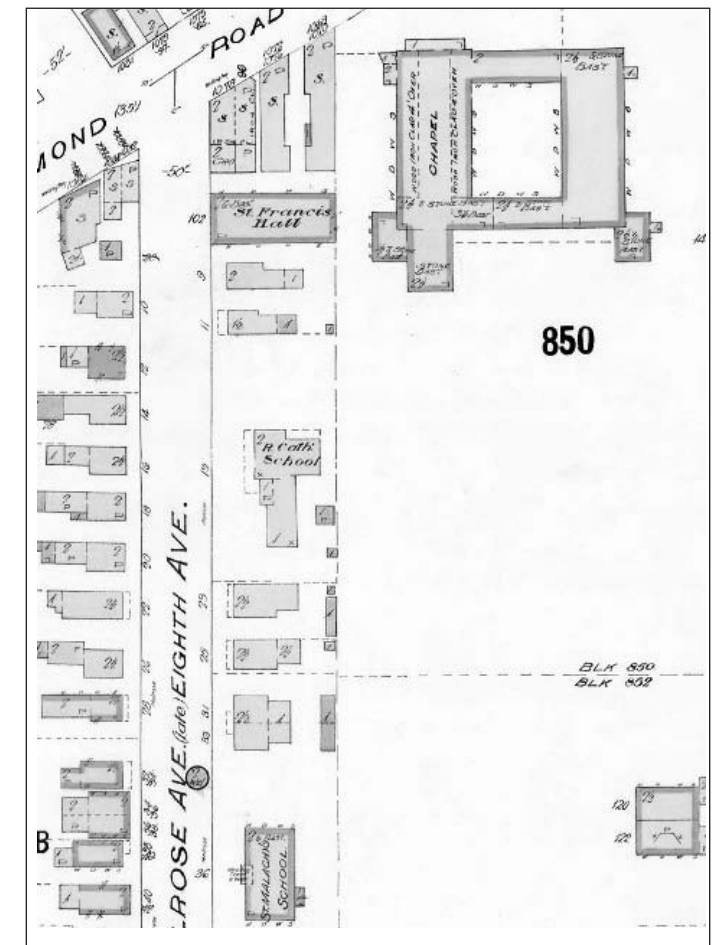
The designation report states:

Like many school buildings constructed between 1900 and 1914, Sacré-Coeur's design reflects its function as a school, and thus features a simple axial plan with classrooms on either side, large four-over-four sash windows to provide fresh air

and light and high-ceilinged classrooms to maximize air circulation. Exterior decoration is simple, because of the limited budget, and is restricted to the entranceway with its tiled roof, exposed rafters and large brackets, the stringcourse formed by two rows of perpendicular bricks, the stone topped buttresses, and the slightly gabled parapet above the building's name, carved in stone.

École Sacré-Coeur was adapted for residential use in 2008, including new town homes built in the former school yard. The conversion received a City of Ottawa Award of Excellence in 2011 for Adaptive Use and Infill.

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1912 Insurance Plan – detail. The Lindens is labelled R. Cath. School, located below St. Francis Hall, to the left of the Chapel and monastery.

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19 Melrose École Sacré-Coeur

Although The Lindens, the original home on this site is long gone, the restored school links us to the Durie family and their home on the Richmond Road. ♦

Linda Hoad is co-chair of the Heritage Committee of the Hintonburg Community Association and a Heritage Ottawa board member.

I am grateful to Bruce Elliott for alerting me to the photos of The Lindens and to David Jeanes for noticing that The Lindens, labelled Catholic School, appears on the 1912 Insurance Plan, and for his comments about the architectural style and design of the house.

David Flemming Awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

Among the 37 Canadians chosen by the Canadian Museum Association to receive this commemorative award is Heritage Ottawa's Past President David Flemming. The citation reads:

"For his dedication to marine history of the Atlantic and for his advocacy at promoting the heritage of the city of Ottawa."

David Flemming has nearly 45 years experience as a museum and heritage professional in Nova Scotia and Ontario, with the National Historic Sites Service, Parks Canada, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Nova Scotia Museum of Industry and Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. He has served on the board of directors and various committees of more than a dozen local, provincial, national and international historical and heritage organizations and since 1997 has undertaken various heritage consulting jobs.

Since moving to Ottawa in 2000, he has been an active member of the heritage community. He served as a director, Vice President then President of Heritage Ottawa from 2002 to 2011 and as a member of the Doors Open Ottawa Advisory Council from 2002 until 2008. He has also been an



David Flemming

active participant in the activities of the Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa (CHOO/COPO) and the Ottawa Museum Network. He was one of the leaders of the Ottawa Strong Voice for Heritage Coalition which received a 2004 Award of Merit from the Ontario Museum Association and was the 2010 recipient of the City of Ottawa's Distinguished Civic Award for Heritage.

The Heritage Ottawa Board of Directors, on behalf of all our members, congratulates David on this well-deserved award. ♦

From the President....



The New Year prompts Heritage Ottawa to review the past year and to think about what we would like to explore in the New Year. Overall, 2012 was a good year for Heritage Ottawa.

Programs and events

Walking tour attendance was good, impeded only by a couple of rainy Sundays. In 2013 we plan to present another slate of excellent tours, combining perennial favourites with new offerings, to be assembled by Laurie Brady and Ian Ferguson. Details will be revealed in the next Newsletter.

Lecture attendance increased in the past year; a December social was added which proved very popular. Members will have received the program for the 2013 lecture series put together by Katherine Spencer Ross and Linda Dicaire. The Bob and Mary Anne Phillips Memorial Lecture will feature Ottawa author Charlotte Gray, and we certainly expect a large crowd out to hear her speak on February 6.

Last year's special event was the wildly successful LeBreton Flats Day, held on April 19th at the Mill Street Brewpub. We had an over-capacity crowd out to hear about the clearances and future plans for LeBreton Flats. Clearly meeting in pubs is the way to go!

The Gordon Cullingham Memorial Fund Research and Publication Grant program which supports research on Ottawa's built history, was awarded last year to Andrew Elliott, and the selection committee will be able to announce this year's winner shortly.

Heritage Ottawa looks forward to participating in Heritage Day (February), Doors Open Ottawa (June), Colonel By Day (August), and Culture Days (September), as we did in 2012.

Community Outreach

We continue to work on building community relations, through the Heritage Keepers Program, the annual Heritage Forum, concerted action with community groups on topics of mutual interest, and other special events. The Heritage Keepers

Program continues to expand and has certainly proved its worth in helping Heritage Ottawa work with community associations on many fronts. We need to expand our network of heritage keepers, especially in the expanded, post-amalgamation Ottawa.

The 2012 Heritage Forum was a joint effort of Heritage Ottawa and the Centretown Citizens' Community Association; next year's Heritage Forum will be held in conjunction with the Hintonburg Community Association. We are also exploring enhanced links with other heritage organizations, such as the Heritage Canada Foundation, the Association for Preservation Technology, the Council of Heritage Organisations in Ottawa (CHOO/COPO).

Publications

This year will see the publication of John McLeod's Glebe walking tour booklet and Shannon Ricketts' profile of Ottawa architect W.E. Noffke, illustrated by photographer Brian Glenn. Both will be offered for sale, significantly discounted for Heritage Ottawa members! The Newsletter is ably edited by Linda Hoad, and she has been able to move us towards an expanded schedule of up to four issues a year.

Advocacy

On the advocacy front, 2012 was a busy year, but that seems to be the "new normal" for heritage conservation. Outstanding issues with which Heritage Ottawa was involved included working with the Lowertown Community Association to save heritage buildings on Sussex Drive and making a strong presentation to Planning Committee on the replacement of the Ottawa Built Heritage Advisory Committee with a Built Heritage Sub-Committee dominated by Councillors. During the year Heritage Ottawa was also involved in the development of the new Centretown Community Design Plan, the Horticulture Building, the Lowertown 'wedge', the Ogilvy Building, the Briarcliffe Heritage Conservation District, and numerous interventions to heritage properties throughout the city.

Comings and goings

Nancy Oakley is leaving us after several years of dynamic work on many fronts for the True North!

We wish Nancy all the best in her new life and career in Whitehorse. With the departure of Nancy, we will be looking for a new Heritage Keeper Coordinator, and Secretary Bill Price has agreed to step into that position in the meantime. Heather Perrault is unfortunately leaving us, to be replaced as webmaster by Andrew Elliott. Katherine Charbonneau has graciously agreed to step in as our new Vice President for Programming. We are still looking for a new Treasurer, and David Jeanes is filling that position on a temporary basis.

Onwards and upwards! Heritage Ottawa's membership expanded by 12 % last year, and with our increased offerings we hope to see it rise again in 2013. We will continue to work with the City, the

National Capital Commission, Parks Canada, community associations, and others for the conservation of Ottawa's built heritage. We aim to provide timely input on advocacy issues, help community associations to develop capacity in heritage conservation, improve our use of social media, build collaborative relationships with individuals and groups throughout the city, and to find engaging activities for our growing force of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has supported Heritage Ottawa! We couldn't do it without you! ♦

*Leslie Maitland
President, Heritage Ottawa*

will challenge and critically discuss the role that technology has played, plays and will play in the field of Heritage Conservation.

We welcome submissions for poster or break-time presentation ideas by February 25th. Email us at thinkheritage@gmail.com and follow us on Twitter @CarletonHCon13 for information on the symposium to be held at the Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre in Richelieu Park, Ottawa, home of the Muséoparc Vanier Museopark. We're excited to have Sue Warren, Manager of Conservation at the Canadian Science and Technology Museum, as our keynote speaker and hope that her presentation will inspire a day of excellent, thought-provoking discussions.

New at the symposium this year will be reports on the first annual Heritage Charette. Teams of students with diverse academic backgrounds will work on a local case study about the preservation of technology over the weekend of March 2 – 3, 2013. The combination of interdisciplinary work with professional mentoring and advice will help students and young professionals gain experience in treating sensitive, timely issues.

We, the organizers of this year's symposium, are excited to see what our discussions about Heritage Conservation and Technology will yield. We are looking forward to March, and hope to see you all there. Please consider participating and sharing your voice! ♦

Rebecca Murray is an MA student in the School of Canadian Studies at Carleton University and the Carleton Heritage Symposium Co-Organizer.

Carleton Heritage Symposium 2013

By Rebecca Murray

When I first learned about the invention and early use of the printing press in high school, I could never have imagined that some eight years later I would be contemplating its dual roles as both a tool and object of conservation. I have also been recently introduced to the idea of using rehabilitated printing press drawers as modern shelving units and artwork. A far cry from simple associations with the spread of vernacular languages and the Reformation of Martin Luther.

Through this year's Carleton Heritage Symposium, to be held on March 16th, 2013, we propose to tackle issues and questions about the intersection of 'Herit@ge & Technology.' How has technology changed the face of heritage conservation? Have these changes been for better, or for worse? Has technology changed the way your community protects and promotes its local heritage? We invite you to share your own experiences working, volunteering or studying in the field. We also want to hear about the conservation of technology – how has that changed and evolved? Are there any projects that have caught your eye? Or that you, yourself, have had opportunity to work on?

This year's symposium seeks to hear from a wide variety of thinkers, doers, community activists, students, and professionals. We are striving to bring together an interdisciplinary group that

Heritage Ottawa Bids Farewell to Nancy Oakley

On November 27 2012, Heritage Ottawa President Leslie Maitland presented board member Nancy Oakley with a Meritorious Service Award on the occasion of her final board meeting. Nancy was the student board member while she was a graduate student in the heritage conservation program at Carleton University's School of Canadian Studies, and then served as a regular board member and Heritage Keeper Coordinator.



Leslie Maitland presents the Meritorious Service Award to Nancy Oakley

Nancy is leaving Ottawa in January to accept a wonderful career opportunity as Executive Director of the Yukon Historical and Museums Association. She will be handling a wide range of activities including organization of heritage animation programs such as walking tours, lectures and exhibitions as well as providing training and resources for local museums and, of course, advocating on behalf of heritage to the government, the private sector and the general public. She is very excited about the challenges and opportunities of the new job and encourages any Heritage Ottawa members who visit Whitehorse to drop in and say hello.

The award reads as follows:

Heritage Ottawa presents a Meritorious Service Award to Nancy Oakley in recognition of her material contribution to the work of Heritage Ottawa in seeking to preserve the built heritage of the City of Ottawa. Nancy has demonstrated incredible creativity, energy, enthusiasm and professional competence in the many issues and activities she has been involved in over her too few years of service (2011 and 2012) on the Board. Her strong interpersonal and networking skills and aggressive efforts to engage more students and young professionals in our work will continue to contribute to the success and positive reputation of Heritage Ottawa.

Secretary of Heritage Ottawa, Bill Price, on behalf of Heritage Ottawa, presented Nancy with a heritage artefact consisting of an original red clay tile salvaged during a recent roof restoration of the 1912 Werner E. Noffke-designed Charles Hopewell house at 11 Clemow Avenue in Ottawa. This house is part of the new Clemow Estate East Heritage Conservation District created in 2012. The first owner of this house, Charles Hopewell, was Mayor of Ottawa from 1909 to 1912. ♦

Photo: Bill Price

Upcoming Events

Wednesday February 6, 2013

Eighth Annual Bob and Mary Anne Phillips Memorial Lecture

Charotte Gray – Does Heritage Pull History Out of Shape?

Ottawa Public Library Auditorium,
120 Metcalfe Street

Monday February 18, 2013

Heritage Day

This year's theme is "Good Neighbours: Heritage Homes and Neighbourhoods/ Bons Voisins: Maisons et quartiers patrimoniaux" <http://www.heritagecanada.org/en/visit-discover/heritage-day>

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Heritage Conservation District Study Results Are In – Heritage Districts Are Successful!

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) spearheaded the second phase of a study of Heritage Conservation Districts in Ontario, seeking to answer questions about the viability and success of this heritage conservation tool. Their report *Heritage Conservation Districts – More Stories of Success* is now available on the University of Waterloo Heritage Resources Centre website: www.env.uwaterloo.ca/research/hrc/projects/heritage_conservation_districts/

Building on the findings of Heritage Districts Work! Phase 1, which examined the oldest 32 districts in the province, the Phase 2 study looked at a further 32 districts designated in or before 2002 located in the following municipalities: Cobourg, Hamilton, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Markham, Toronto, Centre Wellington, Orangeville, London, Stratford, and the Region of Waterloo. In Ottawa the Heritage Conservation Districts (HCD) surveyed were: Centretown, Bank Street. Lower Town West, New Edinburgh, Sandy Hill West, Sparks Street, and the Village of Rockcliffe Park.

Heritage Ottawa helped to recruit the volunteers needed to survey residents in these districts. The efforts of volunteers were assisted and coordinated through cooperation between the ACO and the Heritage Resources Centre (HRC) at the University of Waterloo.

On the website readers will find the Phase 1 study, the Phase 2 report covering all the districts surveyed, as well as a report for each individual district. The reports include sections on resident satisfaction with and knowledge of the district; experience with applying for alterations; real estate (sales) data where available and recommendations based on the findings.

Each report includes an interesting selection of photos of streetscapes in the HCD which have been evaluated according to the following criteria:

Streetscape Quality and Maintenance: pedestrian friendly; personal safety – traffic; signage; street furniture quality

Private Space in View: advertising in keeping; lack of dereliction; façade quality

Heritage in View: conserved elements evident; nomenclature/place reference; quality of conservation work; quality of new development

Finally, the reports include conclusions and recommendations. The major conclusion is that “satisfaction with living and owning property in districts is overwhelming.” This is a general statement, which varies somewhat in its applicability to all districts. To be honest, some are not performing well, and it is fair to ask why. The chief roadblock to success seems to be lack of awareness. Among the recommendations of interest to Heritage Ottawa are the need for education about the benefits of HCDs for both residents and council; the need for clear goals (older district plans may need updating); better tracking of alteration requests, and trends in alterations requested. City of Ottawa heritage staff have responded to this recommendation and are already updating the tracking of applications.

Whether you live in a Heritage Conservation District or are considering the possibility of establishing one in your neighbourhood, these reports make very interesting reading.

Heritage Ottawa thanks all those volunteers who participated in the 2012 survey. Without you, this study would not have happened. ♦

Upcoming Events – March

Saturday March 16 2013

**Carleton Heritage Symposium
“Herit@ge & Technology”**

Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre
300 ave des Pères blancs

Registration: \$40 general; \$15 student
<http://www5.carleton.ca/canadianstudies/cu-events/8th-carleton-heritage-symposium-heritge-technology>