



City of Kingston  
Kingston Heritage Properties Committee  
Addendum

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Council Chamber

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**11. Correspondence**

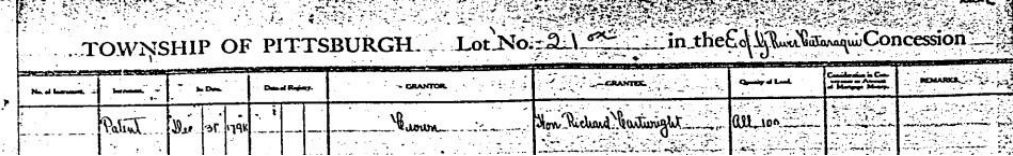
- \*1. Correspondence received, dated July 13 - 15, 2024, regarding the Pre-Consultation (9 George Street) Report.


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## 9 George Street Chronology

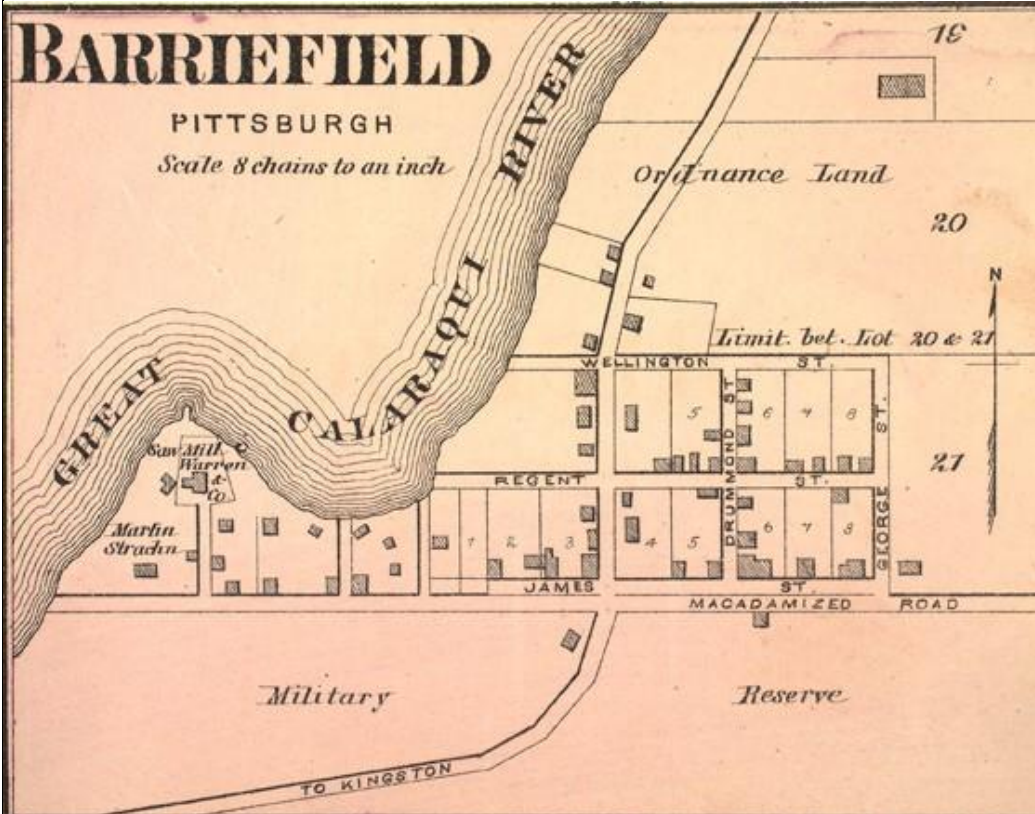
### Key Takeaways:

- Built between approximately 1880 and 1910 in the most common vernacular style of that era
- 9 George's context within the Village has changed from a back street surrounded by fields to the new gateway of the village, but the HCD Plan does not address this change
- Later alterations of the house may have been in response to this change (ie. Removal of front window)
- Residents and owners have tended to be working class and its likely that the dwelling was always presented simply and without ornamentation
- Location of stairs is unusual and differs from sibling houses within the village. Appears to be an unusual orientation on the lot (ie. Backwards)
- Current contribution of heritage value is limited by unsympathetic alterations

Event	Source
<p>Crown patent for Lot 21, Concession East of the Great Cataraqui River, assigned to Hon Richard Cartwright Dec 31 1798, noted to be "all 100 acres". The lot is bounded by the river to the west, Wellington Street to the north, the first concession line to the east, and a line just north of James Street to the south.</p> <p>However the lot appears to be larger than 100 acres: when measuring the lot on GIS software, the lands immediately east of George Street to the eastern extent of the lot measure 100 acres on their own.</p> <p>Richard Cartwright was a Loyalist émigré who was heavily involved in land speculation and division in Kingston, and as far away as Napanee, which he essentially founded.</p> <p>As a member of the Family Compact, Cartwright held several social, political and economic offices at the same time. He was directly involved in assigning land grants and received many.</p> 	<p>Onland Abstract and Parcel Register FRONTEN AC (13) • PITTSBURGH; PORTLAND • Book 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109 CONCESSION 11; LOT 1 TO 22; LOT C AND D; EAST OF GREAT CATARAQUI RIVER; Page 323</p>
<p>1804 (?) Somewhat later the patent for Lot 20 was granted to John Grant. These lands include the village of Barriefield north of Wellington Street.</p>	<p>Page 308</p>

<p>1814 Cartwright reportedly begins selling lots in Barriefield after laying out the village site</p> <p>Cartwright along with several purchasers of lots had a strong interest in developing the area and undertook many activities privately that would be considered the purview of local government today, such as building roads.</p> <p>The lots were subdivided by the purchasers over the next decades.</p>	<p>BVA History of the village</p>
<p>1842 Plan shows Barriefield, substantially developed, but does not indicate any buildings in the area of the subject property.</p> <p>The growth trajectory of the Village appears to have been roughly southwest to northeast, with early development concentrated along the Riverfront and Main Street</p> 	<p>Library and Archives Canada, "No. 2. Sketch showing the lots in the Village of Barriefield and in vicinity of the proposed redoubt No. 2. and towers B and C, together with such buildings as have been erected since 1840. [cartographic material]"</p>
<p>1878 Meachum Atlas shows George street and does not identify any buildings on or near the subject property. This does not mean there were none, as identification of buildings required subscribers' payment. (There appears to be only 2 subscribers in the business index, for example, a fraction of the total.)</p>	<p>County Atlas <a href="https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/">https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/</a></p>

The “Macadamized Road” was Highway 2, in its original alignment. The road marked “To Kingston” at its southernmost extent is the original alignment of Highway 15 and Main Street.

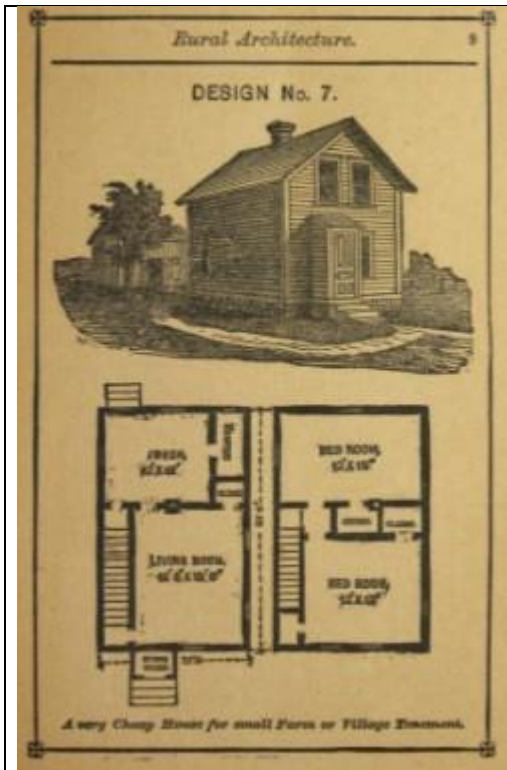


1880-1910 A number of simple, frame, front gable houses are built in Barriefield which have been attributed to the Allen family. By all accounts they were known as prosperous farmers, not builders, and it is likely that the houses were built for workers in the Barriefield community. It's not clear exactly when the houses are built or whether they were initially rented out by the Allens. In some cases Allens sold properties but held mortgages for the new owners.

The remaining “sibling houses” include 7 and 9 George Street, 215 Drummond Street, and 412 Regent Street. 5 George was a sibling but was rebuilt on the old foundation after a fire in 1982.

1885 Ogilvie’s House Plans – “A Very Cheap House for Small Farm or Village Tenement”  
It is likely the Allens had a similar plan and replicated it within the village.

Ogilvie's house plans, or, How to build a house



by J. S. Ogilvie, Publishers

Publication date 1885  
Building Technology Heritage Library, www.archiv e.org



1882 the Norman family emigrates from England (William, Sarah Ann and James, their son)

Beginning as tenants, eventually William and Sarah's sons, James William and Harry, settle in adjacent houses at 7 and 9 George, respectively.

"Norman Family and House History" genealogy document

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Barriefield Notes.</b></p> <p>Ice is being drawn on waggons to fill the ice-houses. Many were in despair of getting any ice this winter, but the cold snap after the heavy rains has put it in splendid condition for storing.—The Township Council met on Monday. A petition for the Councillors to sign was presented by Mr. George Allen, asking the Government to enlarge the village of Barriefield. Mr. Allen requested that the Reeve be appointed one of a committee to go to Ottawa in the interest of the villagers. The Reeve declined burdening the electors with unnecessary expense, thinking their interests could be as well represented in writing. The Clerk was directed to draw up the necessary papers.—Mr. J. Martin is making arrangements for the purchase of a handsome thoroughbred pony.—A man named McKenzie, from Milton Island, while visiting at Mr. Wilmot's, was stricken down by paralysis and is unable to be removed.—Mrs. Sarah Hynes, when returning from church last Sunday, slipped on the ice and broke her wrist.</p>	<p>1890 The Kingston Daily News reports that Barriefield residents are petitioning the government to enlarge the village.</p> <p>It was presented by George Allen.</p>	<p>March 6 1890 Kingston Daily News, page 2.</p>
<p>1891 Census shows the Norman family living next door to William Allen and family. It appears the Normans were tenants at this time (see entry for 1899)</p>		<p>1891 Census</p>

W 2	120	Norman Wm	m	38	m
		Sarah	F	32	"
		Norman Wm	m	9	"
		Ethel	F	6	"
		Beatrice	"	3	"
W 2	121	Batten Isabella	"	65	W
		Annie	"	19	"
W 2	122	George	m	35	W
		Georgina	F	5	"
		Isabella	"	1	"
W 2	123	Allen Wm	m	54	m
		Caroline	F	42	"
		Isabell	"	5	"
		Frederick	m	16	"
		Beatrice	F	1 1/2	"

**MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION.**  
**Pittsburgh Township Council.**  
 May 26.—The court of revision met, all members present. Assessment on full property of M. Strachan reduced to \$800. Assessment of Rev. L. Carey confirmed. H. McCarey entered as owner, Alfred Franklin as farmer's son, W. Norman placed as tenant, Barrieheld and assessment of James Hamilton reduced to \$3,000. The court business being completed, township matters were taken up. Accounts passed: T. McAuley, stationery, \$3.15; A. J. Cowan, assessor, \$50; James Donaldson, serving notices, \$7; T. Marshall, stone, \$0.22; J. McMaster, do., \$7.02; H. Scott, do., \$1.50; G. Doyle, do., \$7; J. Vanalstine, work, \$1; J. Davis, do., \$5; Andrew Brown, do., \$1.50; A. J. Cowan, do., \$1.50; J. Donaldson, do., \$1; James McKendry, do., \$3; members court of revision, \$12. Moved by M. Darling and resolved that this council accept \$10 from Mrs. P. Joyce for right of road allowance, and that the clerk prepare the deeds of conveyance to Mrs. Joyce and James Lawlor and that James Lawlor be refunded \$2.50 overpaid for right of road allowance. Moved by M. Darling and resolved that this council pass a by-law at the regular meeting in August to sell the road allowance on lot 30, con. 7, said road being of no more use to the public; that the clerk publish the notice required and also notify all parties interested. Adjourned till the last Monday in June.

1899 – W Norman is being “placed as tenant” by the Court of Revision for the Township Assessment rolls.  
  
 The most likely explanation is that he was mistakenly listed as owner, but is actually a tenant at this time.

June 1  
 1899 The  
 Weekly  
 British  
 Whig, page  
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1909 William Allen obituary. Lived in Barrieheld all his life, last of a large family. A prosperous farmer. Leaves three daughters and two sons

March 18  
 1909 The  
 Weekly  
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 page 3.

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**Died At Barriefield.**

William Allen, an aged resident of Barriefield, passed away on Sunday, after an illness of about three months. The deceased was born in Barriefield about seventy-two years ago, and was the last member of a large family. The late Mr. Allen was a prosperous farmer. He was a member of St. Mark's church. He leaves three daughters and two sons to mourn his loss.

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Seem to have been Irish Allens, as opposed to English (many Allens in Frontenac at the time)

1909 Directory showing Normans in Barriefield. Due to the settlement's village character no addresses are listed in directories at this time.

Archive.org

Norman, Miss Beatrice, printer  
Norman, Wm, K & P R, baggageman  
Norman, Wm, jr, tinsmith

1911 Census – the Normans are in Barriefield and have established two households, but are specifically noted to be living on Regent Street. The street names for Barriefield were established by the original surveys so it is unlikely to be due to a change in street name.

1911  
Census

15	65	66	Norman	William	Regent st	m	Head	m	July	1852	27	England	1852
16			"	Beatrice	"	f	Wife	m	Dec	1855	22	England	1852
17			"	Beatrice	"	f	Daughter		June	1855	20	Ont	
18			"	Ellen	"	f	Daughter		June	1856	19	Ont	
19			"	Henry	"	m	Son		June	1856	18	O	

61	70	Norman	William	Regent st	m	Head	m	March	1852	29	England	1852
		"	Marjaret	"	f	Wife	m	March	1856	28	England	1852
		"	Ellen	"	f	Daughter		Feb	1856	22	O	

A census error is possible, but most likely the Normans moved to George Street after this date. It's not clear if the George street houses were already extant, but they appear on a map surveyed around this time (see 1914 DND map entry)



1914 - The first historic map to show buildings on George Street in the location of the subject property is the 1914 Department of Defence and Militia topographic map, surveyed in 1911-12 (Wolfe Island sheet). It shows the row of houses along George Street, and the original location of 412 Wellington Street, the William Allen House.



1914 DND maps

1915 "Artillery on Barriefield Plains"



Library and Archives Canada

Camp Barriefield is a major military training facility, and mostly located on the fields just east of the Norman houses on George Street.

The dwelling in the background of this image, on James Street, is interesting in that its front entrance appears to be strictly utilitarian with a side door giving entry to the small vestibule.



QUL circa 1910  
Houses on James Street

This photograph circa 1910 shows a number of houses on James Street, from the rear. One of these is shown from the front in the 1915 image.

Each house appears to have a large rear porch or summer kitchen addition, and gives the impression of being the “main entrance” for the dwellings. It appears a pedestrian path has been worn on the grass between two of the dwellings.

1918-1919 Harry Norman has enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force Siberia, and is stationed in Vladivostok for the remainder of WWI, and into March of 1919 when Canada pulls out of Russia.

Library and Archives Canada, Personnel Records of the First World War

He will later enlist in WWII (see 1977 obituary)

1921 Census – Harry is not yet a householder and lives with his parents, next door to his brother William’s household.

1921 Census

32	No	Norman, William	Smiths Falls, Ont.	0	BB	2	1908	6	03-10	M 27 (62)	England	2
		Sarah							Wife	F 70 (62)	England	
		Harry							Son	M 15 (22)	Ontario	
		Marion							Daughter	M 14 (21)	Ontario	
33	No	Norman, William	Smiths Falls, Ont.	0	BB	2	1908	6	04-20	M 27 (62)	England	2
		Margaret							Wife	F 70 (62)	England	
		Allen							Daughter	F 10 (18)	Ontario	
		Stanley							Son	M 5 (13)	Ontario	

1921 Harry Norman marries Lulu McGillis, a Catholic factory worker from Smiths Falls. They will have several children.

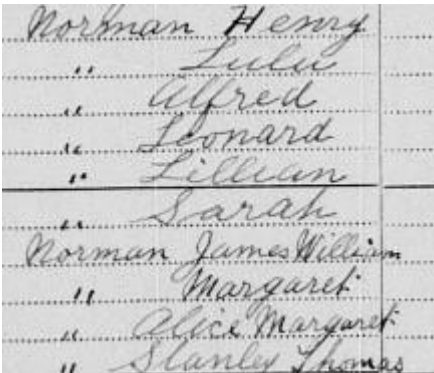

Ancestry

1924 Harry Norman purchases a parcel in Lot 8 between Regent and Wellington.

Onland – illegible page – will be updated with details

1931 Census – Harry is now a householder next door to his brother. His mother lives in the household with Harry, Lulu, and their three children.

1931 Census

	<p>1935 Highway 2 Alignment shifts with rock cut, removing view of the highway from George Street and abandoning the old road allowance which will eventually become the Rock Garden</p> 	<p>1935 Library and Archive Canada, Barriefield Rock Cut, Rock Crusher at Work</p>
<p>1949 Aerial Photo shows the eastern elevation of 9 George and what is now the gateway for Barriefield, after the Highway 2 realignment but prior to the Highway 15 Bypass.</p>	<p>George Lilley fonds, Queen's University Archives</p> <p>"View of the Base, Village of</p>	



Barriefield, RMC..."

1951 Barriefield School, located south of James Street, is to be replaced. It is a two room school and 4 rooms are now needed for the village. When the "modern" school is built in 1953, it changes the context of 9 George Street and its previous view of the Crown lands south of St Marks Church and north of Wellington Street. The new school's entrance directly across Wellington from 9 George Street creates much more traffic for

July 10 1951 The Kingston Whig Standard page 20

**100-year-old Barriefield School to Be Replaced**

By Fred B. Pense  
Whig-Standard Special Representative

NEGOTIATIONS between the Barriefield Public School Board and federal authorities for acquiring a site for the new Barriefield public school to be built in Barriefield village, are nearly completed. An official of the Barriefield board stated today it is expected that a final decision will be reached this week.

A request was made some months ago to federal authorities for permission to purchase about seven acres of Crown land, located south of St. Mark's Anglican Church, as the site for the new school. A representative of the school board recently interview government officials in Ottawa.

The new school, which will contain four classrooms, will replace the present two-room structure which has served the Barriefield district for nearly one hundred years. The present school had an enrolment of 100 people last term. There were two teachers. The senior group was housed in that section of the frame structure which was used for many years as a cloakroom. It will be necessary, now that the board has decided to employ three teachers to stagger the classes until such time that the new school is ready for use.

Tentative approval was granted some months ago by the Ontario Department of Education, to erect the new school. The original permission was for three classrooms. Increased enrolment will make it necessary to have four classes.

**BARRIEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL** building, shown above, which has served Barriefield area for nearly 100 years, will shortly be replaced by a four-room modern school to be erected on Crown land, south of St. Mark's Anglican Church.

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the corner.


1957 Voter's List shows Harry and Lulu living on Division Street in Kingston. No "Norman" surname in Barriefield according to list.

Ancestry

DIVISION STREET		
146	Norman, Henry, tinsmith	123
146	Norman, Mrs. Lulu, —	124
147	Mrs. Lulu, —	125

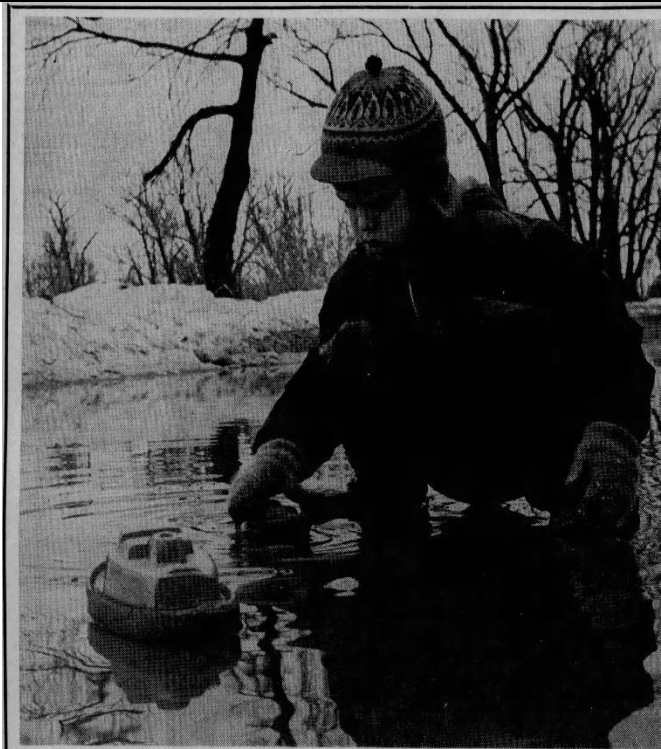
1958 obituary for JW Norman, Harry Norman's older brother. One of the siblings is listed as still in Barriefield, Beatrice Smith, the rest are noted to be living in Kingston.

August 27, 1958 The Kingston Whig Standard page 29.

<p><b>JAMES W. NORMAN</b></p> <p>The funeral of James William Norman of Barriefield was held this afternoon at two o'clock from the James Reid funeral chapel on Princess street to Cataraqui Cemetery.</p> <p>Conducting the service was the Rev. Harry Robinson of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Pall-bearers were five nephews of the deceased, Leonard Norman, Alfred Norman, Robert (Bert) Hunter, Wilfred Hunter, and Elmer Adams, and a grandson, Robert Norman.</p> <p>Mr. Norman died Monday morning at the age of 76 following a brief illness which hospitalized him at the Kingston General Hospital.</p> <p>Born in London, England, Mr. Norman came to Canada as a child with his family. His parents took up residence in Kingston and he had lived here all his life. A tinsmith, he retired three years ago from Ontario Hospital where he was employed.</p> <p>Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Ward; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Kane (Alice) of Kingston; a son, Stanley Norman of Kingston; one brother, Harry Norman of Kingston; two sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Smith of Barriefield and Mrs. Richard Bucknell of Kingston; and three grandsons.</p>		
	<p>1959 DND map showing buildings including the subject property.</p>	<p>DND 1959 Wolfe Island Sheet - aerial 1954, ARMY SURVEY ESTABLISH MENT</p>
<p>1969 Aerial photograph shows southwestern elevation of 9 George Street.</p> <p>An earlier rear extension is visible.</p>		<p>George Lilley Fonds, Queen's</p>

Also visible is central chimney on 9 George street, rear chimney at 7 George and it appears no chimney on 5 George. Another possible sibling dwelling is visible on Regent Street, no longer extant.

University Archives,



1971 human interest story in the local news shows "Young Billy Bridger, 5, of 9 George Street".

April 2 1971  
The Kingston Whig Standard page 29.

He is playing with two boats in "a big puddle of water in front of his home", dressed in winter gear.

The backdrop of the photo shows the wooded, vacant lands east of George Street.

George Street is ringed with melting snow drifts and flooded.

***Happiness is spring***

The last traces of a severe winter are melting into pools of water and that makes for a "neat" time to go sailing. Young Billy Bridger, 5, of 9 George street, Barriefield has two of his top boats

skimming across a big puddle of water in front of his home. Happiness for Billy is spring when there's lots of water for him to sail his boats.

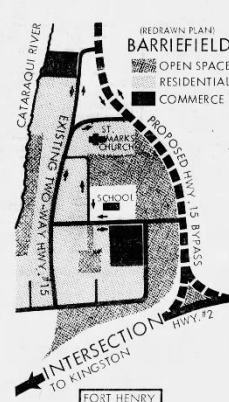
Illustrates "back street" nature of George Street.

THE WHIG-STANDARD, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1976 — PAGE 7

# CAGSBLER LOOK

## The destruction of Barriefield village

Jennifer McKendry

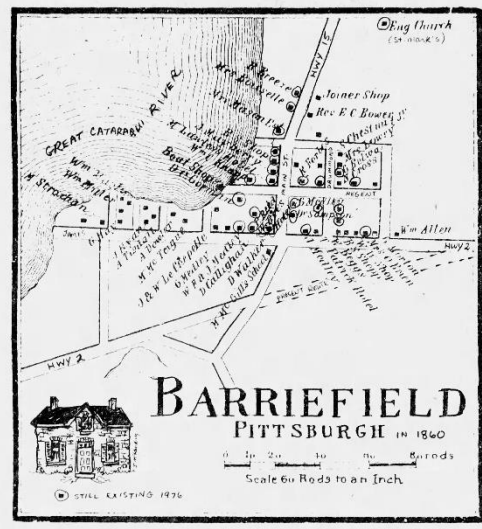


The Pittsburgh Township official plan calls for Highway 15 to bypass the Village of Barriefield, but the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications has denied the expressed wishes and thoughtful planning of the local residents, officials, and Ministry of Housing by suddenly announcing that the highway will continue through the Village and be improved in condition. This is a severe blow to the life of the Village — both for safety to residents, visitors, and pets, and for the aesthetic appearance of the community.

Barriefield retains the street patterns and many of the buildings of the mid-19th century or earlier which present a picturesque appearance, now ruined by the highway splitting it. Motorists traveling in from Highway 401 or points along Highway 15 can not really appreciate the historical character of the area, since one has a tendency to drive too fast because you are on a highway. This will only be aggravated by improving the quality of the road. However, with a bypass one could obtain both benefits; namely, one could make the connection to Highway 2 more conveniently, or one could stop and stroll through the village without fear of being hit by a speeding car negotiating the hilly and curved highway.

Barriefield is a natural tourist attraction with its proximity to Old Fort Henry. It is an asset to both Pittsburgh Township and Kingston. Limestone inns, houses and cottages grew tightly against the main street and narrow lanes wander down to the Catarauqui River. This type of layout is what you pay to see in Upper Canada Village or Cooperstown, New York. Admittedly, not all the buildings are brought out to their potential charm as 19th century structures, but there is a trend in this direction which will be severely hampered if Highway 15 is diverted.

Improvements to the existing route may threaten the small drywall stone fences bordering some of the historic properties. Concrete retaining walls with safety rails on top will do nothing but detract from the appeal of Barriefield Village.



Highway 15 Bypass and concerns about heritage impacts on the village should the current alignment continue. The Province was suggesting scrapping the bypass, which had been included in the township's Official Plan, and instead improving the highway in its current alignment.

### Barriefield gets bypass

Barriefield has won a bypass, according to Pittsburgh Township Reeve S. C. Spence.

Township Reeve Spence announced a decision to construct a Highway 15 bypass near St. Mark's Church and north of the present three-lane highway, said the Reeve. Work on the new road should begin in 1977.

The Reeve said he was delighted that recent had been able to overcome the majority of the road for a three-lane highway. The removal of highway traffic from the village main street should mean an end to Ontario Provincial Road Commission's proposals for a four-lane highway which would have destroyed the village's historic buildings.

Spence said he hopes the structure on Highway 15 will be replaced by a bypass.

During the spring, Ministry of Transportation and Communications officials presented the township with plans for the reconstruction of the present Highway 15 route through the village as part of a larger program of road improvement along Highway 15 and Highway 2.

Spence was adamant that a bypass would not be constructed for some time under the township's traffic density standards.

At the May 11, 1976, meeting, Spence, Reeve Spence and township Clerk, Arthur Baines, were joined by all the Ministers and Communications James Shaw and the deputy Reeve in giving the township approval.

The work would proceed a year from the start date using the position now proposed to build a bypass rather than reestablish the existing highway through the village. Construction of the bypass would depend on the township's approval of the proposed section of Highway 15 as part of the township's road network.

Official the township hopes to secure the bypassed section.

By moving from a two-lane highway right-of-way of 127 feet to a township road right-of-way of 160 feet, the township will have room to widen the road and create more room for new sidewalks according to the Reeve.

"It is a wonderful thing for the township to be able to expand the road a little bit. The improvements for the village should be really noticeable."



REEVE S. SPENCE

1976 after public outcry, Bypass plan is confirmed by township Reeve. His statement specifically cites the preservation of historic buildings as the reason, plus a narrower street cross section that allows for sidewalks.

<p><b>HENRY D. NORMAN</b>  <b>WOLFE ISLAND:</b> Henry (Harry) Duffield Norman, 78, of RR 1, Wolfe Island, who died recently at Kingston General Hospital following a lengthy illness, was buried in Christ Church Cemetery.</p> <p>He was born in Kingston, a son of the late William J. Norman and his wife, Sara Ann, but has been an island resident for 13 years. Previously, he lived at Barriefield.</p> <p>Mr. Norman, a sheet metal worker, retired 13 years ago. He attended the Anglican Church.</p> <p>He was a veteran of both the First and Second World Wars.</p> <p>Surviving are his wife, the former Lulu G. McGillis; two sons, Alfred and Leonard, and two daughters, Mrs. Lillian M. Adams and Mrs. Gloria L. Cybulski.</p> <p>Pallbearers were Robert and Wilfred Hunter, Richard, William and Steven Norman and Elmer Adams.</p>	<p>1977 Harry Norman's obituary, stating he had lived in Barriefield previously.</p> <p>Surviving him are 4 children and his wife, Lulu G. McGillis.</p> <p>Harry was a WWI and WWII veteran.</p>	<p>August 10  1977 The  Kingston  Whig  Standard,  page 5.</p>
<p>Sibling house at 5 George Street burns on April 12, 1982 with tragic losses.  Dwelling is described as "old frame house".  The house is later rebuilt on the same foundation, in a similar style with different proportions more indicative of 1980s construction.</p>	<p>April 12  1982 The  Kingston  Whig  Standard,  page 1</p>	



**Fire Kills Three In Barriefield**



**Firefighters battle a house fire which claimed three lives in Barriefield early this morning**

**Baby boy dies in his father's arms as fire rips through old frame house**

By THE DAILY NEWS and JACK DE LUCA, Staff Writer

Three people died in a house fire at the 11 1/2 block of Barriefield early today, including a baby boy and his father who reportedly returned to the burning home to try to rescue them.

The body of the baby was found near an open window in the front of the house, underneath the badly-burned body of his father, a roof over the front entrance of the house was only a few feet from the roof floor window.

The body of the first deceased teenage girl was found near the back door on the main floor of the house. Another Barriefield Fire Department Chief said two girls in the area were blocked by debris, which was found underneath the charred body.

Witnesses said the father, believed to be in his early 30s and unemployed, might have had a chance to escape the fire. He was seen by neighbors standing at the window with his young son in his arms. Neighbors said he had left the house earlier and gone back in for the child.

He went back in for the baby and was just about to make it out, but a gust of wind blew out of the window and he fell back in, who arrived on the scene later in the morning after the bodies had been removed and taken to neighbors.

Three teenage girls, including the mother of the baby, four were killed, escaped to places that were first spotted at 4:45 a.m. The girls are listed in satisfactory condition at Mount Zion Hospital.

Sharon Wilson, 17, the child's mother, is suffering from first and second degree burns to 20 per cent of her body and smoke inhalation, a hospital spokesman said.

Ernie Wilson, 35, and Lorna Wilson, 34, are also in hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. Ernie is expected to be discharged today and Lorna tomorrow, the spokesman said.

Names of the dead have not been released, pending notification of next of kin.

Dave Grant, 24, who lives next door, said the father saved the life of at least one person by forcing the survivor from the house.

"I came in and found them out of the window," Grant said.

Grant's brother, Clarence, said he was awakened by his dog jumping up and down on a chair and barking.

Kathleen Grant, Clarence's wife, said they stopped a taxi to drive on the street and asked him to report the fire.

Barriefield resident Bill Maly said he was on his way home from work when he spotted the fire.

"Two three girls who are not understanding in front of the house, while a youngster in the house is crying," Miller said. He was about to get out the smoke gun and the fire back.

"I tried to get in, but the door, started to fly out of the house and I almost got away."

Miller's sister-in-law, Florence Todd of Artimont, who was visiting in Barriefield, said she heard someone telling another person to

Please see F10, Page 2



Porch could have served as escape route

Bill Bridger, 16, living at 9 George Street is interviewed about the fire. Three heat sources are noted in the house – two electric heaters, and the kitchen range. Bridger indicates that the house was a known hazard and that bags of old clothes had been stuffed in the attic rafters for insulation.

April 12 1982 The Kingston Whig Standard, page 2

# Fire

(Continued from Page 1)

jump from the house.

"I looked out and saw a lot of smoke coming out of the house," she said. Todd returned to Miller's house and told her sister, Mae Miller, to call the CFB Kingston and Pittsburgh Township fire departments.

The CFB Kingston department was first on the scene with one truck and about five firefighters. The Pittsburgh Township department responded shortly after with two pumpers and about 20 firefighters.

Bill Bridger, 16, who lives two houses away at 9 George St., said the fire was "at its peak" when he went outside at 5:20 a.m.

"The flames were shooting out of the roof when I got there," Bridger said. "It was really a quick burn. It was pretty well finished off in 15 minutes or so."

Bridger said he knew the house was a fire hazard.

"They stored old bags of clothes in the attic for insulation," he said.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined but officials from the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, the Pittsburgh Township fire department and the Kingston detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are still on the scene conducting an investigation.

Pittsburgh firefighter Chris English said the room occupied by the man and the child was engulfed by the flames.

"The flames had burned through



Pittsburgh firefighter rolls up fire hoses

everything — the roof, walls and floor," said English who was one of the first firefighters to enter the building.

A CFB Kingston firefighter said that the fire appeared to have been "cooking" for several hours in the walls of the house before the flames erupted.

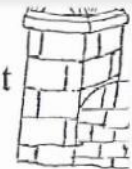
The interior of the house was charred from top to bottom and, in some spots, the flames had burned through the sides of the house.

Firefighters are still extinguishing pockets of flames in the house.

Robinson said firefighters were concerned that the wind might have carried the flames into the Gratto house.

May 11 1982 – Gladys Bridger applies for a Heritage Permit from Pittsburgh Township to allow vinyl siding to be applied to the house, including exterior insulation and rain gear.

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<div data-bbox="324 189 1104 819" data-label="Form"> <p style="text-align: center;">Township of Pittsburgh Heritage Conservation District permit application # <u>4</u></p>  <p>To <small>Repair Construct Alter Add to Demolish signs</small> A <u>1 1/2</u> Storey <u>single Dwelling</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">DATE <u>May 11, 1982</u></p> <p>LOCATION CIVIC ADDRESS _____</p> <p>OWNER'S NAME <u>GLADYS BRIDGER</u></p> <p>APPLICANT'S NAME <u>GLADYS BRIDGER</u></p> <p>ARCHITECT'S NAME <u>nil</u></p> <p>CONTRACTOR'S NAME <u>INTERPROVINCIAL Bldg PRODUCTS King ONT.</u></p> <p>Brief description of work to be done. <u>Do complete house in Double-Four white Vinyl Siding also</u> <u>INSULATE WITH 1" STYROFOAM BACKING SIDING. ALL SOFFITS WITH</u> <u>VENTED WHITE SOFFIT. FACERBOARD TO BE DONE IN BLACK ALUMINIUM.</u> <u>ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS TO BE FLASHED IN BLACK.</u> <u>Black Alum. Eavestrough.</u></p> </div> <p>Proposal: "Do complete house in Double-Four white vinyl siding also insulate with 1" Styrofoam backing siding. All soffits with vented white soffit. Facerboard to be done in black aluminum. All doors and windows to be flashed in black. Black [aluminum] eavestrough."</p> <p>The permit was approved with conditions regulating the width of trim, and that "the return eaves and cornice trim be left in place".</p> <div data-bbox="203 1102 1136 1428" data-label="Form"> <p>Decision of Committee Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reason's if refused <u>Approved subject to the existing width</u> <u>of doors &amp; window trim permanently maintained</u> <u>and 2" corner trim be used</u> <u>&amp; the return eaves <sup>cornice trim</sup> be left in place. Chairman</u></p> <p>Date forwarded to Council <u>May 17 1982</u> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> </div> <p>This work is still visible today, and has been applied and maintained such that no evidence of the original exterior is visible, including at grade.</p>	
<p>1996 - An Official Plan update elicits concerns from Gladys Bridger, owner of 9 George Street since 1963 and lifelong Barriefield resident, and presumably Bill's mom, about development of the vacant lands east of George Street, across from her house.</p> <p>Bridger describes the contextual changes for the subject property during and before her ownership, with the building of the JE Horton School and the extension of Wellington Street as part of the Barriefield Bypass that changed the entrance of the village to this location.</p>	<p>April 17 1996 The Kingston Whig Standard page 12.</p>

She describes it as previously being surrounded by fields, and George Street as having been a "back street" in the village. Now "all traffic" goes by her house.

# Barriefield changes on meeting agenda

## Possible expansion concerns some residents

By Murray Hogben  
Whig-Standard Staff Writer

**B**ARRIEFIELD VILLAGE, PITTSBURGH Township's hilltop heritage conservation district, is approaching a crossroads.

The question on revising the township's Official Plan is whether in future to expand on some adjoining Department of National Defence lands will be raised at a public meeting at 7 p.m. tonight.

But a residents' flyer says there is the threat that 35 to 70 new homes could potentially envelop the village near an already busy highway intersection.

And at least one longtime resident says she is "quite annoyed" at the possibility of adding new homes and activity to her area.

Gladys Bridger, who has lived in Barriefield all her life, said yesterday she remembered it being surrounded by "open fields, not cluttered with houses."

She bought a house on George Street in 1963 when it was "a back street," she said, "but now it's a very busy intersection," with Wellington Street.

Bridger said because Wellington is the only entrance for the village and for J.E. Horton Public School across the street, all traffic goes past her corner house.

Now, she said, "they're going to dump

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between 35 and 70 houses" next door.

"I'm quite annoyed," she added. "No though was given to it."

But senior planner Mary Purcell said that the 7 p.m. meeting at the Gore Road firehall is just the planners' second public meeting in its Official Plan review process on Barriefield.

Purcell's announcement states that the first meeting was held on Feb. 6 and that "discussion focused on proposed policies for development of the vacant Department of National Defence lands on the west side of Highway 15.

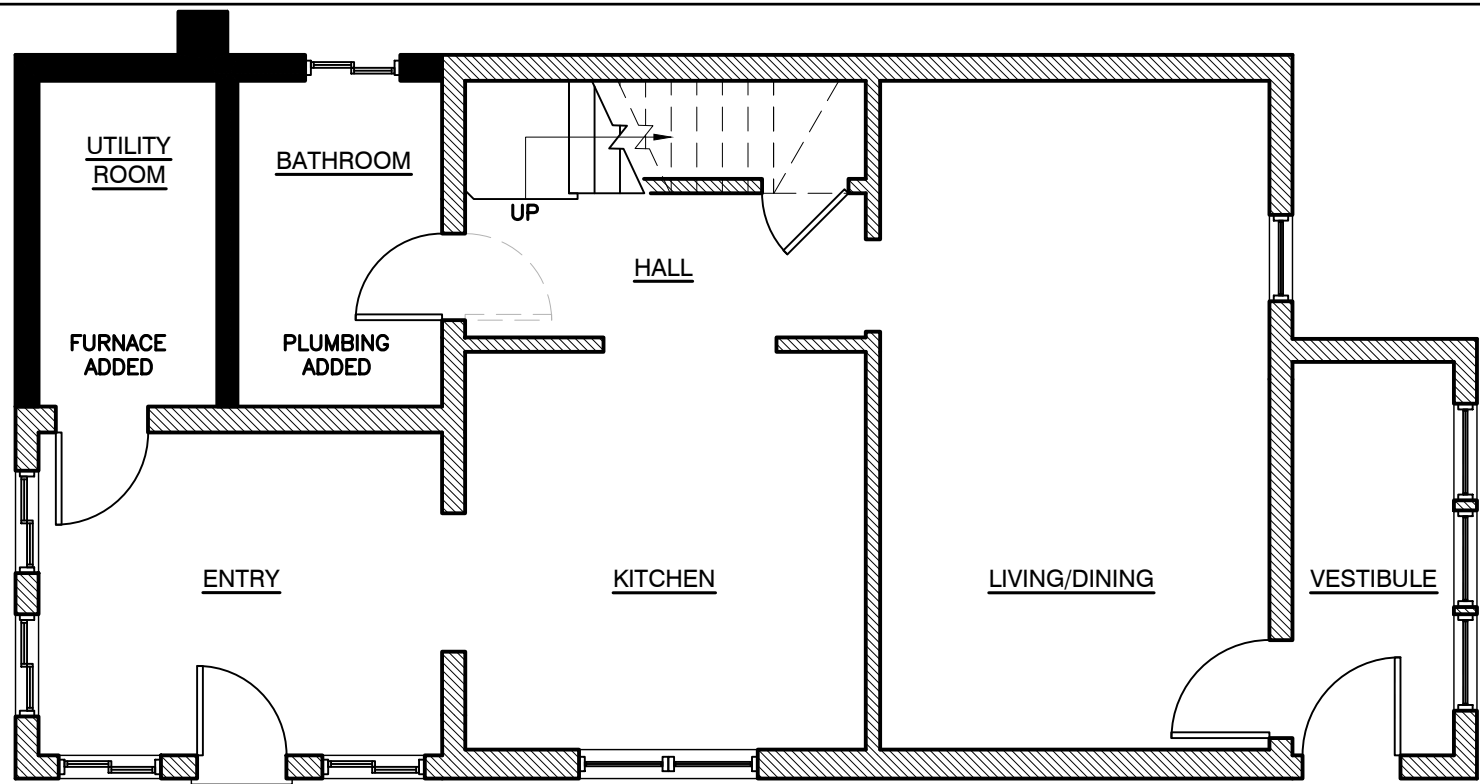
"The purpose of the second meeting is to discuss in more detail the potential development of these lands for residential, institutional and/or open space uses."

The lands next the village cover some lines servicing CFB Kingston and the existing Official Plan designates them as low-density residential, she said, as does the proposed new Official Plan.

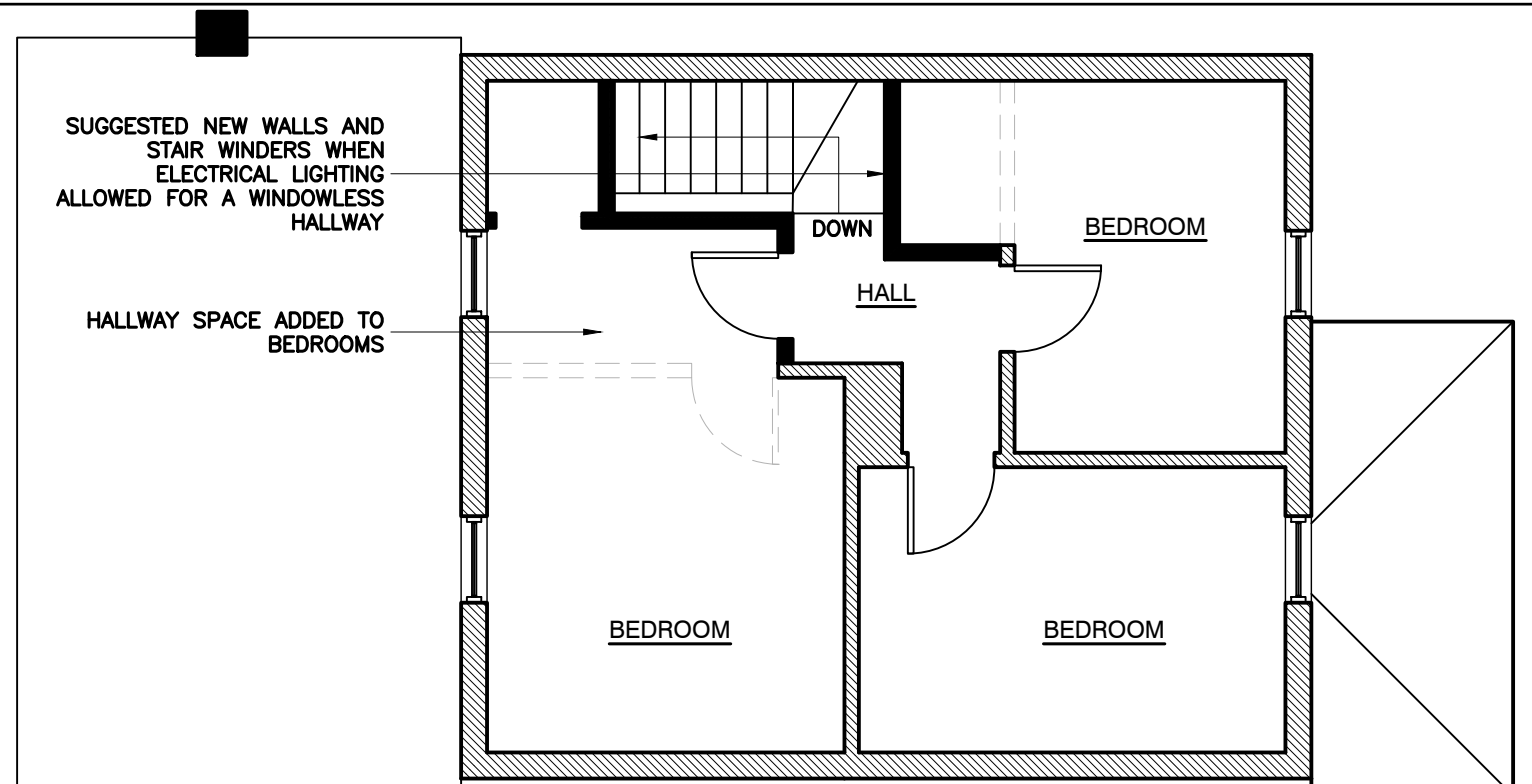
Purcell stressed that this is not a zoning meeting but only a meeting on the Official Plan which will be in effect for the next 20 years.

At the last meeting, she said, "there were a number of people opposed to what we were proposing so we said we'd go back and look at it."

The township will present its revised proposals for Barriefield tonight, she added, particularly as it concerns DND lands.



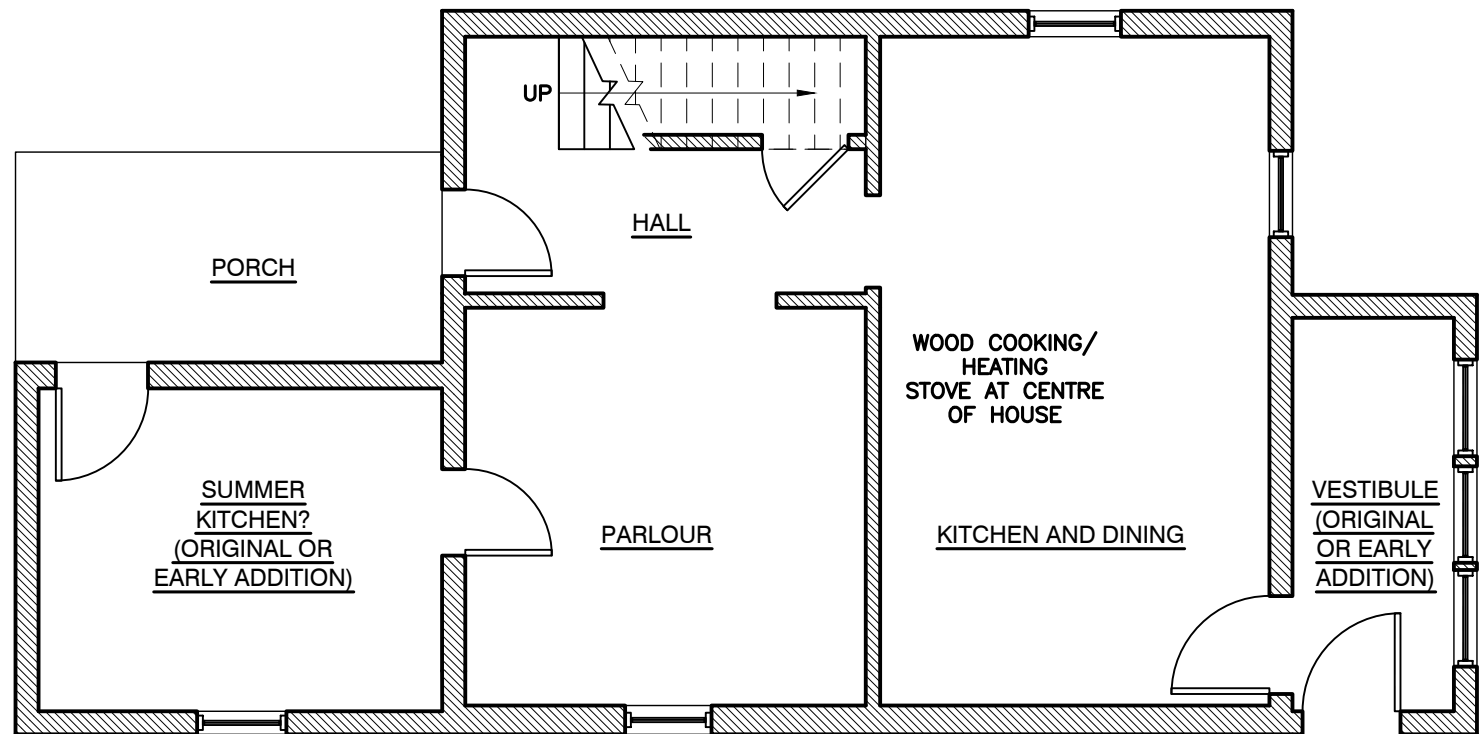
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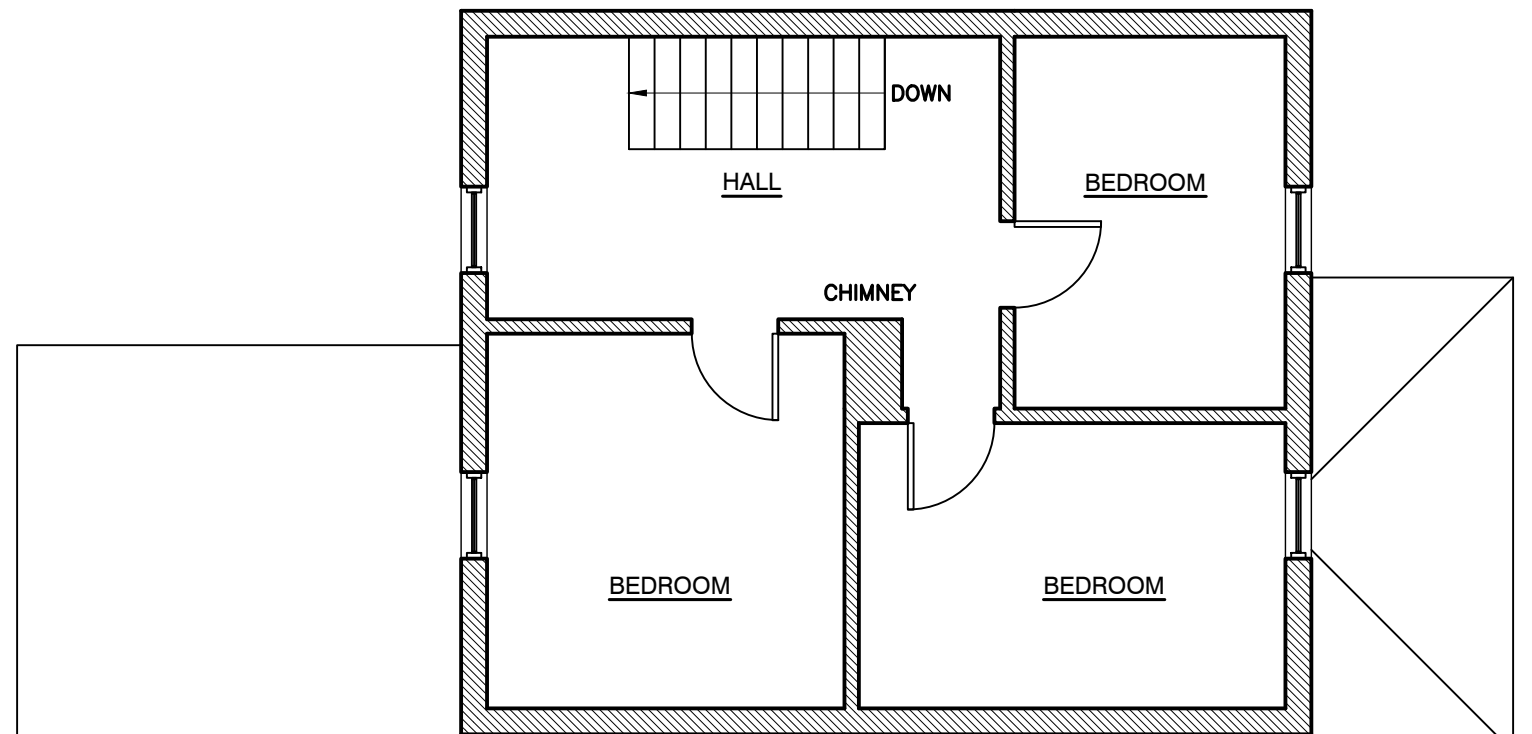
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