

115 Upton Road

(1902 Family Residence)
Sault Ste. Marie

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History

On May 22, 1902, William L. Beers, a local hotel-keeper, sold lots 4 and 5 of the Simpson subdivision to Martha J. Stewart for \$750.00. A few months later, on August 4, 1902, her husband Edward L. Stewart, the Manager of the International Lumber Company, sold to her lot 6 for \$425.00. By June 19th, Edward Stewart had begun the excavation for his residence on Upton Road, then estimated to cost \$3,500.00.⁽¹⁾ The contractor, Thomas McKissock, had the frame of the house up by late July. That same month the Sault Star noted that the basement of the house was constructed of concrete and had cost \$1,000.00. The house, 58 feet by 34 feet, was to be finished in red quartered stone. The price had escalated to \$6,000.00.⁽²⁾

From 1908 to 1911, the Stewarts no longer resided at 115 Upton. The City directories for those years do not list the Stewarts as residents of Sault Ste. Marie, possibly indicating they had moved. The house was the residence of various tenants, including F. Hedley Marsh, Manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, Alfred M. Peters, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and J. Frater Taylor, Vice-President of the Lake Superior Corporation. The Stewarts, however, continued their ownership of 115 Upton until July, 1911 when the house was sold for \$7,500.00 to Archibald D. McLean, Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Archibald McLean sold the house in 1918 to Michael Paris, a merchant, for the exact same price he had originally paid. Like the Stewarts, McLean had not resided at 115 Upton for the last three years of

his ownership, possibly indicating that 1915 was the year he had moved to London, Ontario.

Michael Paris died in May, 1923. Maria, his widow, carried on the family grocery and butcher business and continued living at the house until October, 1925 when she sold it to Robert A. Campbell, an electrical engineer, and Robert George Campbell, the City Clerk.

In September, 1947, Jane M. Campbell, widow of Robert George Campbell, sold her half interest in the house to Robert A. Campbell for \$3,000.00.

Robert Campbell maintained ownership of the house until 1967 when Margaret Anne Barnett, and Lawrence Fred Barnett, both tenants at 115 Upton, purchased the house.

In 1971 Patrick Laurence Rooney and Ione Anne Rooney, its present owners, purchased 115 Upton Road. The Rooneys subdivided the property in 1979. The house, however, was not affected.

Owners and Principal Residents of 115 Upton Road

<u>Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Resident</u>
Nov. 12, 1900	Donald McGregor, purchases properties of Wemyss Simpson	Empty lot
Feb. 14, 1901	Donald McGregor sells lots 1-15, Simpson Subdivision to John. W. Moffly the Younger and Charles E. Chipley, residents of Philadelphia for \$1200.	Empty lot
March 1, 1902	John W. Moffly and Charles E. Chipley, residents of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., sell lots 4 & 5 to William L. Beers, merchant from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., For \$300.	Empty lot
May 22, 1902	Martha J. Stewart purchases lots 4 and 5.	Edward L. Stewart and family.
1908		F. Hedley Marsh, Manager of the Imperial Bank of Commerce.
1909		F. Clemes Smith, Manager and Secretary of Superior Copper Co.
1910		Alfred M Peters,

1911		Manager of the Bank of Montreal. J. Frater Taylor, Vice-President of Lake Superior Corp.
July 20, 1911	Archibald D. McLean	Archibald D. McLean, Manager of The Bank of Commerce.
1915		W. F. Vannovous Atkinson, forester at Lake Superior Paper Co.
1917		E.J. Best, Chief Engineer at Algoma Steel.
1918		George C. Donaldson, Master Mechanic at the Steel Plant.
Sept. 7, 1918	Michael A. Paris purchases for \$7,500.	Michael A. Paris, Merchant.
Oct.1, 1925	Robert A. Campbell and Robert G. Campbell.	Robert A. Campbell, Superintendent at the Power Plant and Robert G. Campbell, City Clerk.

1933		Robert A. Campbell, General Superintendent, Great Lakes Power Co., and Jane Campbell widow of Robert G. Campbell.
Sept. 16, 1947	Jane M. Campbell, widow R. G. Campbell sells her half interest in the house to R.A Campbell for \$3000.	Same as above
1950		Robert A. Campbell, owner and D. Wm. Adams, civil engineer at Algoma Steel, tenant.
Dec. 7, 1951	R. A Campbell sells half interest in the house to his wife, Effie.	Same as above
1953		Robert A. Campbell, owner and Lawrence Barnett, clerk at Algoma Steel, tenant.
Dec. 1967	Margaret Anne Barnett, executrix of estate of Effie Campbell sells house to Margaret Anne Barnett and Lawrence Fred Barnett.	Margaret Anne Barnett and Lawrence Fred Barnett.

1969		Lawrence Barnett owner, Paul Webb, research officer with the Dept. of Fisheries and Forestry, tenant.
1970		Lawrence Barnett, and Dr. Robert A. Drake, tenant.
June 29, 1971	Patrick Lawrence Rooney and Ione Anne Rooney	P.L. Rooney Division Superintendent at Algoma Steel. Corp., later Senior Vice-President of Operations at ASC.

Bibliography

- (1) Sault Star, June 19, 1902, Real Estate & Building column, P. 5.
- (2) Sault Star, July 24, 1902, Real Estate & Building column, P. 1.
- (3) List of Owners and Principal Residents of 115 Upton Road was accumulated from Deeds of Land, Registry Office, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and Sault Ste. Marie City Directories, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library, respectively.

Building Description

115 Upton Road is a substantial, gracious residence sited north of the Hearst residence on the west side of Upton. The plan is cruciform shaped with the head forming the main east elevation. The arms and head of the cross are of approximately equal height and width. The main façade and the veranda which wraps it are the most prominent features of the house.

The walls of the centre portion of the main elevation are splayed at both first and second floors giving this section of the house a turret-like appearance. This feature, combined with the angles of the tent roof, which rises above the remaining roof levels, further emphasises the dominance of the formal living areas of the house.

Early photographs of the property indicate the veranda was originally accessed by two sets of identical steps at each end, their location emphasised by the positioning of a classical pediment. The tympanum of each pediment has been treated with applied battens vertically and horizontally to give a panelled effect. Below the tympanum a continuous horizontal frieze has been created with a series of wood spindles alternating with one and two disks. This frieze must be considered one of the major decorative elements of the house adding a lightness of effect, matching with the lattice work below the veranda and equating well with the rhythm of the ballustrading, all in contrast to the robust massing of the house itself.

The columns supporting the veranda roof are of unusual design, consisting of eight inch square posts with chamfered corners terminating in a capital consisting of a sphere sitting on top of a square abacus but also capped with an identical item which in turn carries a stub post supporting the veranda roof structure.

Although the veranda is classical in style, the remainder of the house has a distinctly Victorian Gothic air. Eastlake influence is also apparent in the robust posts, balusters and brackets which contrast with the finer details of the frieze and lattice work; together they emphasise the three dimensional quality of the house.

Early photographs of the house indicate that all the main framing posts both horizontal and vertical were emphasized in light paint colours whereas the horizontal siding and shingles were painted in a much darker colour.

Although the house has been re-clad in a modern siding and the original second floor south-east balcony enclosed, the renovations were carried out with considerable sympathy for the original sense of scale and much credit must be given to the present owners for the care with which they have updated the residence whilst retaining its original handsome character.

115 UPTON ROAD

(Photos taken: July 2004)



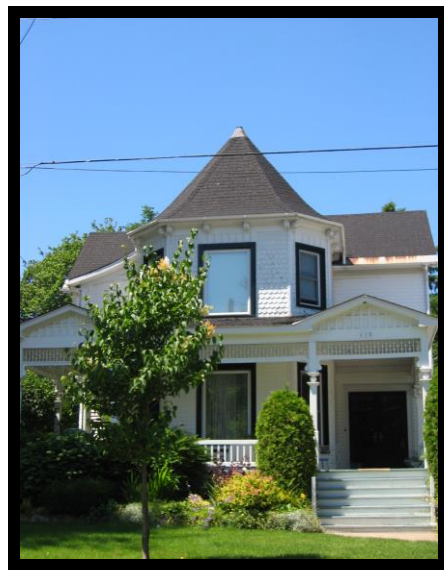
East Elevation



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Southeast Elevation



East Elevation

Original Photo located in 115 Upton Road Designation Binder

