

= Rideau Cottage =

Rideau Cottage is a historic , residential building located on the grounds of Rideau Hall in Ottawa , Ontario . The two @-@ level , 22 @-@ room Georgian Revival home is owned by the Canadian Crown and has traditionally been inhabited by persons associated with the Governor General of Canada , including the viceroy 's private secretary . It is occupied by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his family as of 2016 .

= = History = =

Construction on the building , which was based on a design by architect F.P. Rubidge , began in 1866 and concluded in 1867 . Though intended in the early days to serve as the residence of the governor general 's secretary , the cottage was later designated for use by the government as an official guest house for visiting dignitaries .

On his arrival in Canada in 1883 , incoming governor general the Marquess of Lansdowne resided at Rideau Cottage while waiting for Rideau Hall to be vacated by the outgoing Governor General , the Marquess of Lorne . Other residents included Lionel and Lilius Massey during Vincent Massey 's time as governor general ; Georges Vanier , as Aide @-@ de @-@ camp to Governor General the Viscount Byng of Vimy , and Barbara Uteck , private secretary to the governor general from 2000 to 2006 , and her husband , Graham Fraser . Uteck 's successor , Stephen Wallace , resided in Rideau Cottage until the weekend of 24 ? 25 October 2015 , when he vacated the premises to allow then prime minister @-@ designate Justin Trudeau and his family to live in the house while the traditional official residence of the Prime Minister of Canada , 24 Sussex Drive , was undergoing assessment for repairs and restoration .

Rideau Cottage was recognized as a Recognized Federal Heritage Building on 3 October 1986 .

= = Design = =

Rideau Cottage is a two @-@ level , 22 @-@ room Georgian Revival building . Originally , the structure had 14 rooms on a single floor . An 1872 remodel , using a different brick , added both the second level and a verandah on three sides of the ground floor . During that remodel , the exterior brick of the first floor was covered in stucco painted to appear like brick . (When the verandah was removed some time later , the stucco remained .) Between 1999 and 2000 , the building underwent major renovations to the basement , roof and interior finishes , and the mechanical and electrical systems were upgraded . Outside , the stucco was removed and each brick and joint was individually dyed to give a uniform appearance . It was again renovated in 2013 .

Rideau Cottage is characterized and distinguished by its symmetry , simple lines , classically inspired central entrance with pedimented porch , sash windows flanked by decorative shutters , and paired chimneys .