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Property Address: 57 CHARLOTTE ST			
Neighbourhood	Downtown (Area 1)	Lot ID	3-2-105
Common Reference Name	Brant Museum & Archives		
Year Built	1920	Year Built Qualifier	R
Year Built Source	SAS		

Designation Information

Designated as a Heritage Property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act	No
Within a Heritage Conservation District designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act	No

Architectural Description

Architectural Style	Italianate
Original Building Type	Residential
Number of Stories	2.0
Exterior Surface	brick - white

The south side of this 2-storey [Italianate](#) design is the original dwelling. The hip roof was originally covered in slate and had three 2-flue chimney stacks. The plan has a [large](#), square main block with a slightly recessed rectangular side block with a gabled roof over a 2-storey square bay window. The paired wooden [eave brackets](#) survive resting on a single corbelled [stretcher course](#).

Originally, an open 2-storey verandah wrapped around the front and s w cor of the house. The front entrance was enclosed (at least during winter) by a glazed wood frame porch. This has since been removed and replaced by a flat roofed [portico](#) with three Tuscan Doric [columns](#) in the front corners and [pilasters](#) at the wall.

Additions made to the building were a small storage room on the east side and a [large](#) 2-storey expansion is white glazed [brick](#) continuing the hip roof and fenestration.of the original [facade](#). These widows are filled in with the white glazed [brick](#). The wooden [eave brackets](#) are similar to the original design but still different. A metal and [glass](#) greenhouse attached to the front of the addition houses two of the museum's artifacts - an early fire engine and a [bell](#).

Historical Description

Architect	
Builder	
Original Owner	
Original Use	Residential

The 1919 Fire Insurance Map shows verandahs around the front and sides of the house.

Building Permits
 #A1378; Owner: [Brant](#) Historical; **Builder**: Schultz Construction; storage room; Jan.24, 1964; \$10,000.
 #A3387; Owner: [Brant](#) County Museum; **Builder**: Stemmler Construction; addition; June 22; 1966; \$32,000.

Text from the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario Plaque on the lawn of [Brant](#) County

Museum and ArchivesHON. **ARTHUR STURGIS HARDY**, 1837 – 1901

Ontario's fourth prime minister was born in Mount Pleasant, called to the bar in 1865, and practised **law** in **Brantford** for many years. In 1873 he was elected to the Ontario legislature and sat as Liberal member for South **Brant** until 1899. Appointed provincial secretary and registrar in 1877, he became commissioner of crown lands in 1889. Following the resignation of Sir Oliver Mowat in 1896, **Arthur Hardy** assumed the portfolios of Prime Minister and Attorney **General**.

During his regime an extensive revision and consolidation of the province's statutes was completed. He retired from politics in 1899 and, until his death, held the positions of clerk of process and surrogate clerk at Osgoode **Hall**.

City Directory Search Results**Property Information**

Frontage	122.20
Lot Size SqFt	
Lot Size Acres	0.40
Present Use	public museum and Brant County Archives
Former Street Address(es)	
Legal Description	TRACT WEST WILKES PT BLK P TRACT WILKES PT BLK C PLUS R O W

Notes

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