

St. Andrews Heritage Properties Inventory

As part of its work, the Heritage Board is maintaining a St. Andrews heritage properties inventory and database of all of the town's pre-1920 buildings and some post-1920 buildings with exceptional heritage significance.

To date, over 360 properties have been entered into the inventory and database.

The 118 St. Andrews buildings that are currently listed in the Canadian Register of Historic Places were used to begin the inventory. In 2014, the town contracted a heritage evaluator to develop similar entries for an additional 224 buildings, and more have been added since.

This is very much a "work in progress" and the Heritage Board invites anyone to get involved.

We are seeking basic information on many of these buildings – when built, details on early owners and uses, heritage features, etc. – that can help to bring the inventory and our town's heritage alive.

The next page is an example of an entry for Sheriff Andrews House, also on the Canadian Register of Historic Places (<http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=6671>). We are working to assemble similar information for all St. Andrews heritage buildings.

If you want to know if your property is on the current heritage property list or would like to help to develop its inventory page, email the Heritage Board at heritage@townofstandrews.ca or contact us via the Town Hall: (506) 529-5120. We will need to know your street address.

Sheriff Andrews House

63 King Street, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, E5B, Canada

PID: 1321322

Canadian Register of Historic Places



Sheriff Andrews House – contextual view



Sheriff Andrews House – front view



Sheriff Andrews House - hearth

Architectural Style

Neo-Classical

Construction Date

1820

DESCRIPTION

Provincial Interpretive Site

HERITAGE VALUE

Sheriff Andrews House is designated a Provincial Historic Site for its architecture, for its builder, and for its representation of the region's economic prosperity.

Built circa 1820, Sheriff Andrews House is recognized mainly for its architectural value in illustrating the Neoclassical style in New Brunswick. This two-and-a-half storey brick house is an excellent example of the Adamesque Neoclassical style that originated in Great Britain and became popular in the Maritimes following the arrival of the Loyalists in the second half of the 18th century. The purity of its style is reflected in a number of its distinctive features, including the rectangular plan of classical proportions, the massive chimneys, the sash windows, the semielliptical fanlight above the central door, and the perfect symmetry of the various components of the main façade.

Sheriff Andrews House is also recognized for the importance of its original builder, Elisha Shelton Andrews (1772-1833), who had the house constructed circa 1820. Elisha Shelton Andrews was the son of Reverend Samuel Andrews, a Loyalist who immigrated to New Brunswick around 1786 in order to remain loyal to King George III of England and who became the owner of Minister's Island in Passamaquoddy Bay. Elisha Shelton Andrews practised law and was judge of Charlotte County. He was later appointed sheriff of Charlotte County by Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Carleton. As sheriff, he was responsible for upholding the law, supervising the holding of elections, and selling properties for the collection of debts. One of his final accomplishments was to supervise construction of a new prison, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1832.

Sheriff Andrews House is further recognized for the fact that this opulent property serves as a good illustration of the high level of prosperity in the region and more specifically in St. Andrews in the early 19th century. At that time, the region was experiencing an economic boom thanks primarily to shipbuilding and exports of wood and fish.

Sheriff Andrews House is owned by the Province of New Brunswick and is open seasonally as an interpretive site.

CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS

The character-defining elements that describe Sheriff Andrews House include:

- the entire property;
- location in the heart of St. Andrews, on the corner of King and Queen streets;
- rectangular two-and-a-half storey plan;
- red brick structure and stone foundation;
- moderately pitched gable roof topped by a brick chimney at either end;
- returned cornices;
- symmetry of the main façade;
- semielliptical fanlight above the central door;
- entrance door with a transom;
- numerous sash windows surmounted by flat arches;
- fireplaces in nine rooms of the house;
- back staircase;
- basement kitchen;
- hearth with a beehive oven for baking.