

9. Fredrick Belfoy House

393 George Street

This house is a rare example of a wooden Georgian style house in Prescott and was noted in the 1861 Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Fredrick Belfoy was a carpenter in the 1840's.

10. Old Registry Office

290 Henry Street West

This lot was sold to William Patrick in the 1840's and he built the home that was later sold to the Municipal Council of Leeds and Grenville in 1858. The building was sold back to William Patrick in 1875. In an 1861 map of Prescott, it is referred to as the 'Old Registry Office'.

11. Albert Whitney House

440 Dibble Street West

This red brick Victorian town home was built in 1875 by Albert Whitney, the accountant and business manager of Mr. J.P Wiser's Distillery in Prescott. Whitney played a prominent role in the town government, serving on council for many years. This home remained in his name for over 50 years, until he died in 1927.

12. James Irwin House

530 Dibble Street West

This land was purchased in 1864 by James Irwin, a prosperous Prescott lumber merchant, who was 6 times mayor of Prescott in the 1860's and early 1970's. Irwin owned the whole block and ran his lumber business from the western portion of the property. It is built in Italianate style architecture.

13. Susannah Jessup's Cottage

542 King Street West

This is one of the oldest buildings in town, the original part being built in 1805 for Susannah Jessup, wife of Edward Jessup II. The cottage is a good example of rubblestone construction, built as the first permanent dwellings of the pioneer settlers.

14. Isaac Wiser House

741 King Street West

J.P. Wiser had this home built for his son Isaac in 1892-1893, who was mayor of Prescott in 1918-1919. After Wiser, the property was purchased by Arza Clair Casselman, MP, longtime Conservative Party whip and "Dean" of the House of Commons. Members of Parliament, Prime Ministers, and various notable political figures have been entertained within these walls for nearly 80 years.

15. Kate Wiser-Brown Home (Wiser Hall)

763 King Street West

This home was built in the early part of the 20th century for Mary Kate (Wiser) Brown, daughter of J.P. Wiser, and her husband, well known American engineer, William Clinton Brown. This is a subtly sophisticated home, a clear departure from the elaborate, eclectic form and detailing of the adjacent Wiser home.

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# A Walking Tour



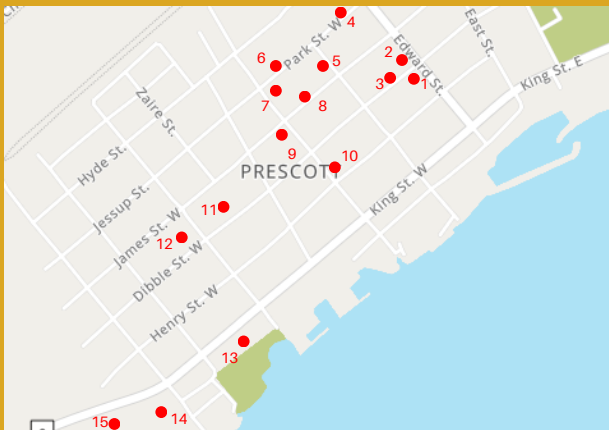
A self-guided tour of heritage homes on the 'designated properties' register of the Town Of Prescott.

**Note:** These homes are only to be viewed from the sidewalk or street to avoid trespassing as these are private properties.

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Founded by the Jessup family in 1810, Prescott has an array of heritage homes and churches dispersed throughout. In 1784, Major Edward Jessup was given 1200 acres of land in the Augusta area as a reward for remaining loyal to the British during the American Revolution. In 1810, Major Jessup had a portion of the grant surveyed for a town, which he then named after General Robert Prescott who governed Canada from 1796–1799. Take a walk-through Prescott's history and see how these homes are preserved and still maintain a role in the present-day community.



1. Sir Richard Scott Home

**389 Edward Street**

Likely built in 1835, this house is associated with two generations of Scott's –who lived in Prescott. The elder Scott was a doctor who tended to the early settlers in Prescott. Sir Richard Scott, who grew up in this house, became the mayor of Ottawa and later a politician associated with the Separate School Act in Ontario and the Temperance Act of Canada. This home was used to attend to the wounded during the Battle of the Windmill in 1838.

2. Samuel Crane House

**439 Edward Street**

Built by Samuel Crane after he purchased the land in 1828, this home dates from around 1848 and displays a classic Italianate style. Crane was a prominent forwarder and a politician in Upper Canada. In 1875, Dr. William P. Buckley added a smaller section to the rear of the building for his medical practice and office. In the 20th century it was a convent operated by the St. Mark Church.

3. The Church of St. Mark Evangelist

**160 Dibble Street West**

This property was purchased from the Jessup estate in 1838 by Bishop Alexander Macdonnell, the first Roman Catholic Bishop in Upper Canada. The granite stone church was completed in 1888.

St. Mark's Club

Built by Rev. Father J. W. Campion, this red brick building was once part of Grenville College, the first boarding school in Prescott. It also had day students.

Rectory of Church of St. Mark the Evangelist  
This rectory, directly west of the Church, was built by Rev. Father J. W. Campion, the Prescott parish priest dating from 1833, on land purchased from the Jessup estate. It was called Prospect House.

4. The Ark

**138 Park Street West**

This building was built and occupied for a long period of time by Assistant Commissioner General Fulford B. Feilde, who came to Canada in 1830. He was a veteran of the Battle of Waterloo and later stationed at Fort Wellington. Built circa 1850, this home reflects a military atmosphere with its fortress-like stone walls.

5. Robert Headlam House

**569 Centre Street**

Robert Headlam acquired the land in 1838 from Susannah Jessup. Headlam was a prominent citizen of Prescott. This home is strongly influenced by the American and New England architecture of that time.

6. Mayfield Residence

**248 Park Street West**

In 1847, Alfred Hooker, a prominent forwarder, purchased the original farmhouse from the grandson of Edward Jessup, James Walker. In 1848, Hooker built the “new” front part of the house, in the Regency style. George Heck, great-grandson of Barbara Heck, acquired the house in 1893. In mid-late 1980's the Drury family bought this dwelling and started a nursing home.

7. Ebenezer Bacon House

**385 Park Street West**

Ebenezer Bacon, a prominent tanner and land owner in Prescott, purchased this land in 1856. The house was probably built before 1861. The next owner was Edward Smith and the house was depicted in a drawing of an 1878 edition of Canadian Illustrated featuring Prescott.

8. Portre-Purkis House

**256 James Street West**

Francis Portre, a furniture maker, bought this land for 35 pounds in 1835 and built this house. The house has the Classical Revival features that were popular in Upper Canada from 1825 to 1865. The house was sold to Isaac D. Purkis in 1867, a prominent wharfinger who owned a great deal of real estate in Prescott.