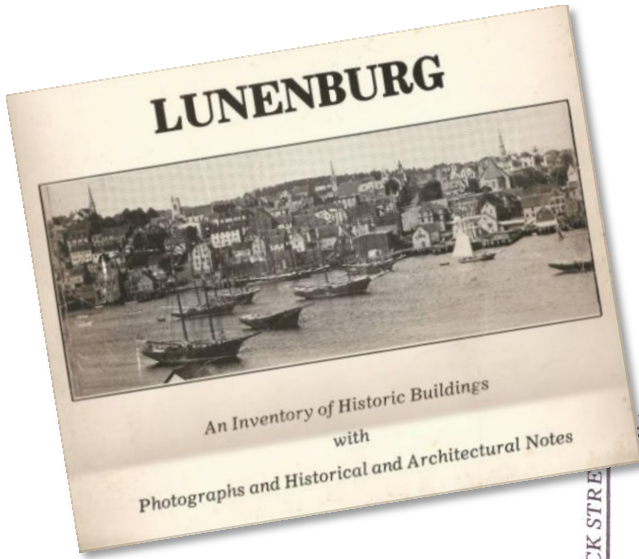


52 KAULBACH STREET, OLD-TOWN LUNENBURG

Historic & Architectural Notes

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FOX STREET

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#46 1916



This house was built in 1916 by Hedley Pyke, a building contractor, and was his family home until 1961 when it was sold to its present owner (see also #47 Fox across the street and #133 Fox). The house was originally L shaped with a

pedimented gable end facing Fox Street and a small pedimented portico (which still remains) sheltering the front door. The ell was filled in in the 1930's and the pedimented bay window was added at that time.

#52 Kaulback 1873-79



Early deeds record that lots 1, 2 and 14 on this block were sold in 1835 by Conrad Lord to Thomas Godfrey for 200 pounds. At that time, there was a 1½ storey house on the corner lot (lot #1) (see #41 Townsend, below). In 1873, this so-called "Godfrey" property was acquired by the sheriff, John H. Kaulback and, by 1879, this unusual 2¼ storey house had been erected behind the old house (see 1879 Bev). In 1890, the new house and the rear portion of the property were sold to Capt. John G. Geldert for \$1,450, the deed clearly mentioning the existence of the house and porch. The house stayed with the Geldert family until 1909. From 1909-73, it was owned by Thomas Naas, an engineer. The unusually tall, narrow, and vertically proportioned house is unique in the Town and is notable for its intact scrollwork and hood mouldings on all of the windows and doors.

Registered deeds suggest that this house was built in the early 1800's, possibly by Robert Lord. It would have been contemporary with the old "Godfrey" property next door (see #41) and, with that property, was acquired by Conrad Lord in 1828. Lord resold the house in that year to William Morris, a mariner, for 90 pounds (about \$360). In 1864, it sold to Elizabeth Trider for about \$600, the deed describing it as the property on which "the late William L. Morris resided..." It is identified as "Mrs. Trider" on the Church map (c1883) and was later acquired by Capt. George Smith. Smith sold in 1905 to Capt. Emell Mack who owned it until 1930. Since then it has had several owners. Old photos indicate that the house originally had small double windows on either side of the door and a massive central chimney. The windows were probably replaced and the dormer added in the 1890's under the ownership of George Smith. The house is of post and beam construction on a stone foundation and retains its original basement kitchen. It has been well maintained and, although lacking in elaborate ornamentation, still retains its early character.

By the turn of the century, the old "Godfrey" property (see above) was occupied by Aubrey Brown and the old house was known as the "Brown" House. About 1919, it was acquired by Hedley Pyke, a building contractor (see #46 Fox above) who used it as a store and workshop. About 1920, it was torn down and replaced by this 2 storey hip roofed house.

The house is now vinyl sided but elements of its original character still remain on the dormer and the enclosed ell and entryway, each of which are shingled and retain their original dentilled eaves cornices. The doorway is of particular note for its ornamental engaged columns.

This house was built about 1893 by Silas Morash, a house joiner, and was sold in 1894 to Alonzo Zinck, a fisherman. About 1908, it was sold by the sheriff to Dr. H.K. MacDonald. From 1916-36 it was the home of Titus Wentzell and, in 1937, came into its present ownership. The 2 storey hip roofed house retains its original trim elements including clapboard siding and bracketed corner boards, bracketed hoods on windows and doors, and ornamental scrollwork on the main facade windows. The main entrance is through the side of an enclosed porch with steps rising from street level.



#41 c1920



#43 c1893



#49 1797-1828

