



This house was built by foundry operator William Tate in 1874.

## The Tate Residence

258 Cochrane Street

*Plan 2, Part Lot 109 to 111, Part lot 108, 139 to 141 irregular*

**T**his large, yellow brick home, located at 258 Cochrane Street, was built about 1874 by William Tate, a successful Port Perry businessman. Mr. Tate was honoured in 1872 by being elected to the first council of the new municipality of the village of Port Perry. Ironically, the man who sold him the property, Joseph Bigelow, became the first reeve of Port Perry.

Wm. Tate was an astute businessman who operated the Paxton & Tate Foundry on Perry St. for more than 20 years. The company, whose partners included Thomas Paxton and Joseph Bigelow, manufactured turbine and water wheels and was one of the largest and most successful turbine manufacturers in Canada during the 1880s. Paxton & Tate also built three different styles of shingle machines, bark mills, lathe machines, water wheel governors and lumber trimmers.

William and Hannah Tate resided in their beautiful home for about 15 years before he died at the age of 65 in August 1889. Hannah continued to live in the home for another 10 years before selling it to Charles W. Jones.

Mr. Jones was a Port Perry businessman who worked in partnership with his brother William operating a general store on the north side of Queen St. known as Jones Brothers.. It was regarded as one of the best general stores in the County of Ontario, with departments including dry goods, gent's furnishings, house furnishings, groceries, millinery and dressmaking. They were



*C. W. Jones*  
Charles W. Jones

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brothers of two doctors, Richard Jones and George W. Jones (*see page 51*), who had medical practices in Port Perry.

Charles Jones moved into the sprawling residence in 1899 but only remained for about three years before offering the house for sale.

Albert Orchard was next to purchase the home. Mr. Orchard operated a lumber and coal business in the village, and was a member of the local board of education. Mr. Orchard lived in the beautiful Cochrane St. home for about 10 years, before selling it to Robert Murray in 1912.

Robert Murray was an automotive dealer, taking on the Gray Dort line of cars in 1918. Robert and his wife Hattie lived comfortably in the home until Mr. Murray died in 1928. Mrs. Murray stayed on for a few months after the death of her husband before selling it.



Norman  
Aldred

In 1938, Norman P. Aldred purchased the house and with his wife Lucille raised their family. Mr. Aldred sold the home to his son Joel in 1973 at which time he built a large addition on the west side. Joel Aldred was a successful farmer, but also went on to become a nationally recognized star of radio and television during the 1950s and 1960s. Wanting to spend more time on his Scugog Island farm, Mr. Aldred sold the homestead to Dr. John and Elaine Hammett.



Joel  
Aldred

The Hammetts were neighbours of Mr. Aldred for ten years, living next door at 268 Cochrane St. After learning Mr. Aldred intended to sell his home, they purchased it in 1981. While owners of the home they restored the entire house and added a solarium to the south side. The young architect who drew the plans for the restoration was a home town boy, David Litt.

Dr. Hammett was a local physician and partner in Medical Associates of Port Perry for about 15 years, before becoming a Medical Officer of Health. He accepted a position in Kenora on Lake of the Woods, Ontario, and in 1989 they sold their home.

Ken and Maureen Shore purchased the home and are the current owners.

This impressive home is another example of the many built of yellow brick during the 1870's and 1880's. Originally a belvedere or "widow's watch" adorned the roof but this was removed early in the twentieth century and replaced by a flat roof.

The roof is supported by very large brackets. These brackets are doubled at each angle in the walls. The windows throughout are sashed and single paned with semicircular tops. The ornately decorated verandah originally protruded further to permit its extension to the edge of the east-facing bay.