

James Dunlop House
111 Townline Road East
Part Lot 4, Plan 970 Section B
By-law 4-79



This house was built in 1853 by James Dunlop, a carpenter and millwright, whose family had settled in Ramsay Township in 1821. He used the present dining room as a workshop for building coffins, and later built the frame workshop still in use behind the house. He occupied the house with his wife and seven children until his death in 1887.

His son James Fitz Charles Dunlop continued to live in the house until 1941. James F. and his brother Adam were also millwrights and boat builders. James later worked in the Gillies Boat Works, producing boat engines and marine craft for national distribution. Adam was the leading builder of skiffs and small boats in Carleton Place, starting in the 1870's in his father's workshop and later from the white frame house and workshop he built next door at 118 Townline Road East.

This unique frame house is the only one of its type in Carleton Place. It is of clapboard construction with an unusual shed roof and decorative brackets along the frieze on the front and sides. The two story porch is supported by four columns on each level. The front has a 12 paned French window on either side of the central door on both first and second levels. The main door has a four paned transom and rectangular sidelights. The clapboard on the front of the house is tongue in groove construction, with the sides and back being of regular clapboard.