

James Rosamond House

37 Bell Street

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This house was built in 1832 for James Rosamond, one of the first industrial developers of Carleton Place. He started a woolen business in the 1830s with a small carding and fulling mill. In 1846 he built and operated a woolen mill along the Mississippi River close to the house. This was the first known textile mill run by waterpower in Eastern Ontario.

The lot was originally part of the 100-acre grant to William Morphy in 1819. The house remained in the Rosamond family for forty years. In 1857 James Rosamond moved to Almonte, and the house was occupied by his daughter Rosalind and her husband Dr. William Hurd until his death in 1870. The Muirhead family then purchased and lived in the home until 1957.

This is a fine example of a 2 ½ story Georgian style home, with a shingled gable roof with returning eaves. The rough dressed limestone was quarried locally. Flat radiating wedge shaped pieces of limestone form arches over the double hung windows. In 1900 the original front door was converted to a bay window, and the entranceway moved to the east side of the house. The frame kitchen wing was added in 1901.