

**David Findlay House**  
**49 High Street**  
**Lot 18, Plan 276, Section D**  
**By-law 3-79**



This red brick home was built by David Findlay in 1874, who had built his first iron foundry in 1862 on the lot directly behind the house. Findlay's Foundry operated in Carleton Place for 110 years, and Findlay stoves were sold around the world. It was one of the town's main industries, employing at its peak more than 400 people. David Findlay died in 1890 and his wife Catherine lived in the house until her death in 1933. The house remained in the Findlay family for 98 years, being used as a company guest house for the last 23 years.

The lot was originally part of a 100 acre Crown grant to Edmond Morphy, co-founder of Carleton Place, in 1819. It was acquired by Findlay, a Scottish immigrant who had settled in Perth prior to arriving in Carleton Place in 1860. He first built a log cabin with his small foundry behind. Here he produced castings for ploughs and coolers. When this brick house was built in 1874, the log building became the foundry office. A memorial playground and cairn mark the sites of these original structures.

The house consists of two sections, each with a gable roof, the larger main part being built first. Built during a prosperous time of building construction in Carleton Place, the house is characteristic of the larger, 2 ½ story brick houses of the 1870's.