

2002 and 2006 James Street

circa 1910

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Jack Matthews Hardware Store Garage

HISTORY:

Built before 1924 for Jack Matthews, owner of the Hardware Store on Brant Street, to which this structure is linked.

1924 GOAD Map: shown as a vacant one-storey frame structure with a concrete floor, at 4 James St., connected through storage space to 48 and 50 Brant St.

1916 Sewerage Plan: Brick Garage: John T. Matthews, connected to his Brant Street Brick store.

1917 and 1918 Telephone Directories: John T. Matthews, hardware, Brant (also a branch at Freeman); res. Brant Park

1919 Voters List: J. T. Matthews, Hardware, Part Lot 1, Brant

1922 Telephone Directory: John T. Matthews, Hardware, Brant, res. Water.

According to *From Pathway to Skyway Revisited*, p. 193, John T. Matthews had a hardware store in 1909, which became Haswell's Home Furnishings at 421 Brant Street (later Brant Cycle and Sports). Jack Matthews had another hardware store at Freeman on the east side of Brant Street near Plains Road.

ARCHITECTURE:

A two-storey flat-roofed structure, now stuccoed. The second level has two groups of three windows, asymmetrically placed. The lower level has been altered. One door leads to the upper level.

ENVIRONMENT:

In 1994 this property was vacant and contributing to the Downtown blight. The new owner transformed its appearance and usefulness.

USABILITY: Adapted for a more viable commercial use.

INTEGRITY: Had been neglected for many years, now renovated.

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HISTORY:

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1924 Map: shown as a vacant building at 8 James.

Former location of Sieders Funeral Home before that business relocated to 906 Brant Street.

Then a marriage chapel. Now vacant.

ARCHITECTURE:

ENVIRONMENT:

South-west corner of James and John Streets. In 1994 this property was vacant and contributing to the Downtown blight. The new owner transformed its appearance and usefulness.

USABILITY: Adapted for a more viable commercial use.

INTEGRITY:

Given a neo-Tudor treatment in the 1960s, now renovated.