



Stouffville



Sanders Block

c. 1884 – 1986

This property was once the location of the Sanders Block. Recognized as one of the finest business blocks within the Village of Stouffville, the building was constructed in 1884 for William B. Sanders, a prominent local businessman, Reeve of Stouffville, and postmaster for the Village. He moved the post office into this building where it appears to have remained during his time as postmaster until 1912. The Sanders Block also contained a variety of businesses including a shoe store, tailor shop, piano studio, lodge rooms, dental office, legal office, and hardware store.

The building was constructed in the Second Empire architectural style, which originated during the Second Empire of France (1852-1870). Architectural details from this style seen in the structure include the mansard roof profile with roundel dormers, tower with mansard roof and dormer window, tall windows with elegant surrounding mouldings, iron cresting on the roof, and large cornice with brackets and dentils. The main floor commercial units were separated by fluted pilasters with a small pediment over the entry to the second floor. The only remaining feature of this original structure is the name plate labelling the structure as “Sanders Block.”