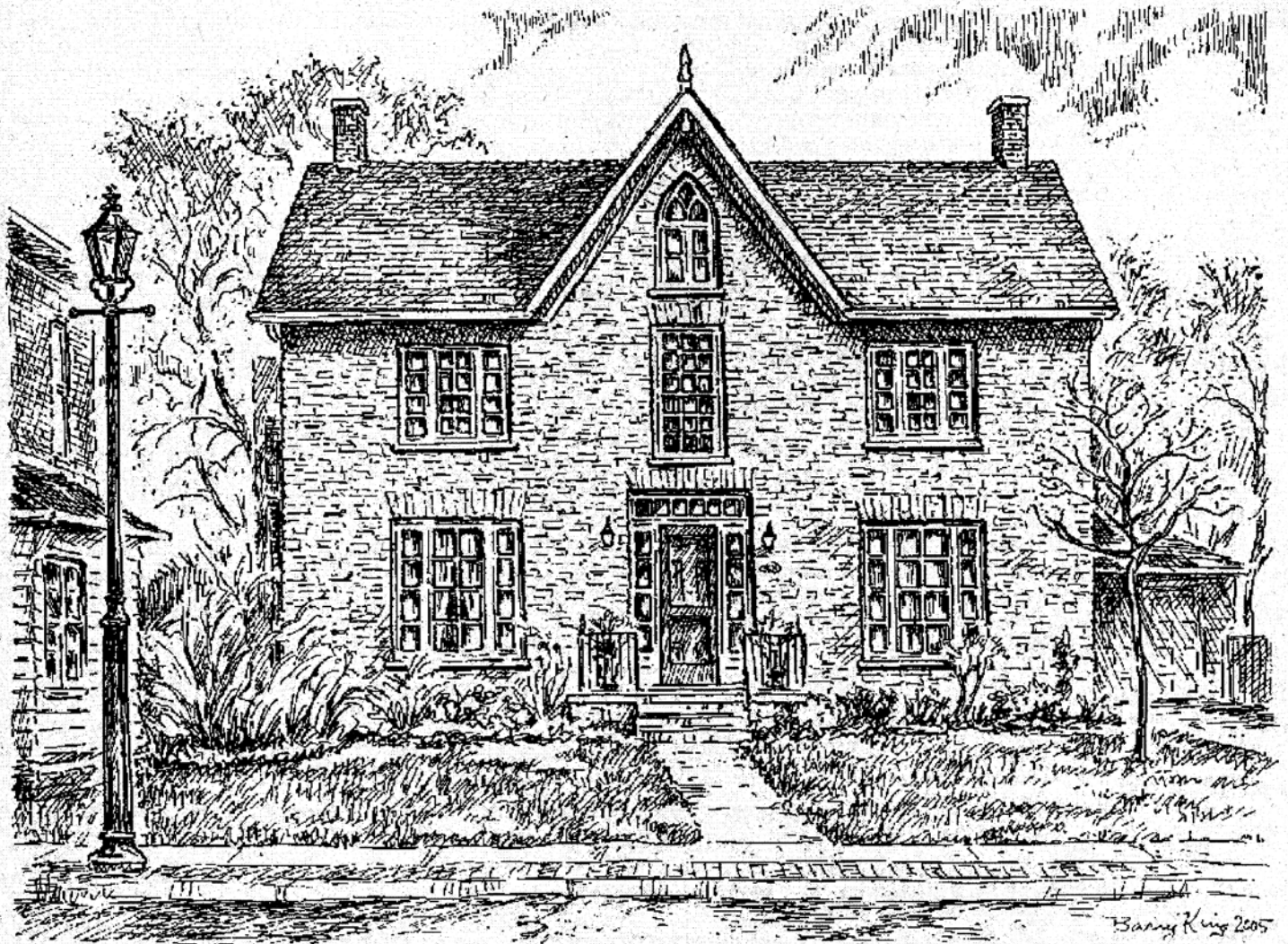


HISTORICAL SKETCH

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THE GOTHIC STONE HOME OF THE LINTON FAMILY

The municipality of Trent Hills possesses a number of fine stone buildings. This Ontario Gothic residence is located in the heart of Campbellford. Though it is known locally as "The Linton House", it was actually built by one of the town's first doctors, Dr. Lyons, who arrived about 1860.

Two decades later, Robert Linton, an early Scottish settler, arrived in town. He had originally established his blacksmith and carriage shop in nearby Meyersburg, but, by 1880, the business was located at 17 Queen St., on the banks of the Trent River. Years later this shop became the home of the F. F. Long Candy Factory. After 1923, it was the Harris Flour and Feed business. Conveniently south of the carriage shop, the blacksmith portion of the Linton enterprises was located.

Once again, the stone residence became the home of a physician: Dr. E.A. Stuart. In 1935, Dr. Stuart, together with several other doctors, promoted the establishment of a private hospital for the town. Long-time residents will recall the stone landmark as the home of Bud Davidson, whose family-run business, Davidson Motors, continued until 1964.

In more recent years, a small restaurant located here but today it is once again the grand stone residence on Front St. North. Thank you to long time Campbellford resident Frank Long for the interesting details.

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