

**Abner Nichols House**  
**274 Bridge Street**  
**Part Lot 35, Plan 276, Section A**  
**By-law 37-84**



This was the home of Abner Nichols who moved to Carleton Place in 1867 from Kemptville, Ontario. Nichols served the town as Deputy Reeve in 1890, and as Mayor in 1894 and 1899. He worked as sawyer at Gillies and McLaren Canada Lumber Sawmill until 1879 when opened his own planing mill on Rosamond Street. In 1886 Nichols built a larger mill and window sash factory at Lake Avenue and Moore Street. It was operated by three generations of family for over 70 years. Abner Nichols and Sons later opened a sawmill on Flora Street; the last sawmill to bring logs down the Mississippi River.

Abner's son William was Mayor of CP in 1902, and his grandson William was Mayor in 1936 and 1937. The building also served as the rectory for St. James Anglican church.

The massing and structure of the house is transitional between the 1 ½ story Greek revival-inspired home with its symmetrically organized façade and the gothic revival Ontario home with its steeper roof slope. The ample, sloped cornice with no return eaves is common in Carleton Place homes of this period. The siding, corner boards and base rim are original to the house.