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# Hart House, Engineering Mathematics (K Building)

Address: 1340 Barrington St.

Start Date: 1864      Completion Date: 1864

Architect:                      Renovation Date(s): 1981-83

Contractor:



Hart House - Exterior - 1, c1990s



1340 Barrington Street - Hart House - Front Entrance, n.d.

## Building History

The house was completed in 1864, "built on the original site of Bishop Charles Inglis' home in the late 19th century" ("Historic House") and "may be the last residence in Halifax built in Palladian/Loyalist style" ("Two buildings granted heritage property status"). It has also been written that the house's "symmetrical plan, truncated pitched roof, Scottish oriel dormers and corner quoins are typical" of "the long-lasting Georgian style" ("Jairus Hart House...").

The building was named after its initial buyer, "Jairus Hart, descendant of a family that settled in Guysborough as Loyalists and developed lumbering and shipping interests.

"Mr. Hart was a partner in Young and Hart Co., and was a director of the Bank of Nova Scotia before becoming president in 1899.

"After Mr. Hart's death in 1906, the house was bought by Elizabeth Bauld, of Gibson and Bauld importing grocers. Parts of the house were rented over the years, housing the Canadian Red Cross in 1919 and the Edinburg Hotel in 1924 and 1925.

"Mrs. Bauld's daughter sold the property - and the house immediately to the north - in 1944 to Margaret Oland VanKlatt" ("Two buildings granted heritage property status").

The building was acquired by the Nova Scotia Technical College in 1967, and the Atlantic Work Study Centre moved into it in the late 1960s. In 1970, the Centre changed its name to the Atlantic Management Training Centre, and the College's Public Relations and Extension Departments moved into the top floor of the building. Later in the 1970/71 academic year, the Public Relations Department moved from the Hart House into Room A-215 on the second floor of the Administration Building.

During the 1981/82 academic year, work commenced on an extensive renovation of the Hart House. The exterior was repainted and received new windows and wood trim, followed by work on the



1340 Barrington Street - Hart House -  
Old Street Scene, n.d.

house's interior. The renovation work was not completed until the 1983/84 academic year, and the building remained by the Atlantic Region Management Training Centre and the Technical University of Nova Scotia's Continuing Education Division. The plans for the building's renovation were drawn by Mr. Janusz Rosinski, with assistance from the TUNS Campus Design Centre.

In November 1989, the building was designated as a City of Halifax heritage property; its official recognition ceremony was held in February 1990 during the City's Heritage Week activities ("Historic House", "Two buildings granted heritage property status").

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