

Flounder Warehouse
Ramsay's Alley
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Present Owner: Alexandria Little Theatre

Present Occupant and Use: Workshop of Little Theatre

Description

Brick, Flemish bond on front facade, three stories with shed roof. This building is representative of the type built for storage, having few if any windows, but with doors at each level and a hoist overhead. Until fairly recent years there were a number of structures of the type in Alexandria, both large and small. The flounder warehouse on Ramsay's Alley is of moderate size. Smaller counterparts of the type were normally located to the rear of business houses, though few now remain.

The fieldstone foundation is indicative of an early origin.

Historical Data

Year of erection: Probably last half 18th C.

Built for (first owner): Firm of Carlyle, Dalton, and Ramsay or Ramsay and Dixon.

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Probably built by William Ramsay on his own property.

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