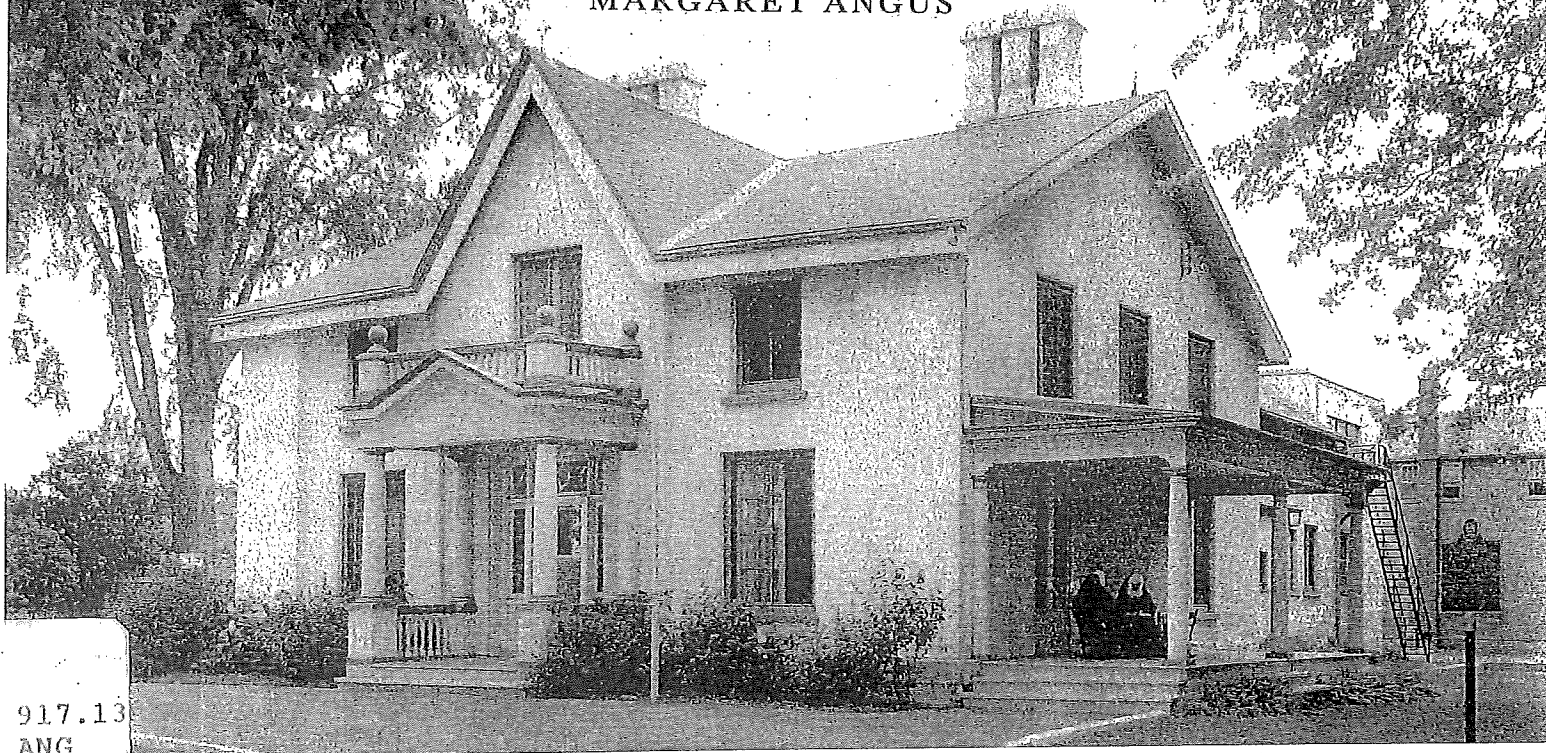


JOHN A. *Lived Here*

MARGARET ANGUS



national problems. He was back in Quebec on the 9th, the tensions concerning acceptance of the Quebec Resolutions compounded by the international problems resulting from the St. Albans raid. Home for Christmas was a doubtful refuge with important family decisions to be made. When Parliament reassembled in January John A. was in Kingston suffering from a severe cold and he was still weak when he arrived in Quebec three days later.

James Williamson's deed for Heathfield is dated January 16, 1865. The house, built in the 1830's and demolished 1964, had a number of owners before Charles Heath, a druggist, bought it in 1852 and gave it his name. The house is described in a May 7, 1842 *Chronicle and Gazette*:

To be sold or let to an improving Tenant, the House at present occupied by the Subscriber together with 8 or 10 Acres of superior Land, being part of Lot no. 19; and about one mile and a quarter from Town. There has lately been expended on the House and Premises a considerable sum of money, making it to consist of a large Cellar, with a well of the very best Water, the first floor, Drawing, Dining and Breakfast Rooms, Kitchens, two Servants' Bedrooms, Butlers and Cooks Pantries, with a well-arranged Water Closet; the second floor, Four Bed Rooms, one Dressing and Two House Closets all of which are heated by a single Stove; the offices are Stable, Coach House, Wood Shed and Summer Kitchen.

Terms of payment will be made to accommodate a purchaser.

Henry Sadlier

The square, stuccoed, two-storey Ontario Cottage style house was built on a low foundation, the kitchen and servants' quarters in a wing at the rear. A large drawing room, dining room, small parlour and four bedrooms provided enough room to give Louisa her own domain. The five acres with the house gave the sisters space for what John A. referred to as their 'farming'. To satisfy Louisa's insistence that she would live only in John A.'s house, Prof. Williamson, who owned Heathfield, rented the whole house to John A. as a home for Louisa. Margaret and James Williamson lived and boarded with Louisa. Since John A. was the official tenant he sat at the head of the table when he dined there, with Louisa at the foot. There was an even more complicated