

# Dunedin Manor

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Location: 54 Dunedin Drive, Brussels, Ontario  
Year built: 1887

DUNEDIN MANOR WAS BUILT in 1887 for Dr. W.J.R. Holmes, modeled after, and named for, Dunedin Castle in Scotland. Dr. Holmes also had his offices here. Lots 4 and 5 on which the house stands were purchased from James Evans whose deed was recorded in 1863 and signed by John Galt. The home and offices served two other local doctors after Dr. Holmes—Dr. Tom McRae and Dr. Charles Myers. Dr. Myers bought the house Dec. 1, 1939, but McRae took up residence there, until his death in 1942, while Dr. Myers was serving overseas. On his return in 1946, Dr. Myers and his wife operated a maternity boardinghouse in the manor for the next ten years.



At one time, Dunedin was known as one of the five great Victorian estates in southwestern Ontario. It boasted rich gardens, fountains, stables, and a tennis court.

Inside the sixteen-room mansion are large and spacious rooms with high ceilings and the original plaster mouldings. There are numerous stained glass windows and carved tiger-wood and cherry woodwork. The original pine floors are well preserved as is the original staircase.

Since 1961 when Dr. Myers left Brussels, the home has been used as apartments and Bed & Breakfast ventures. Currently, Dunedin Manor is vacant and for sale.

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