

# Seaforth Manor

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Location: 100 James Street, Seaforth, Ontario  
Year built: 1883-84

D.D. WILSON, SEAFORTH'S EGG KING, had this house designed by a Toronto architect in 1883. It was built by John Lyons at nearly twice the contracted price of \$6200. It had 13 rooms, a huge basement, and three unfinished attic rooms. The interior woodwork was said to be as rich and polished as a "furniture finish."



The D.D. Wilson house in *A Souvenir of Seaforth* c. 1900.

In 1867, D.D. Wilson was operating his egg business out of his home on Goderich Street with a wagon and annual sales of 1,100 barrels of eggs, each containing 70 dozen. He moved and renamed his business the Huron Egg Emporium. In 1878 he built a large white brick building with underground vats for pickling eggs. By 1878 he was buying 9,000 barrels a year and had seven wagons travelling regularly through Huron County and into Perth, Bruce and Wellington. He began shipping eggs to New York and the British Isles. By 1892, his business had grown to 20 wagons and 50 employees.

In 1927, brothers William and Matthew Scott left a bequest of \$40,000 to establish a hospital in Seaforth. The D.D. Wilson home was purchased, alterations made, and the Scott Memorial Hospital was officially opened in 1929. In 1947, the west wing was added. Scott Memorial Hospital served the town until a new hospital was built in 1964 on Goderich Street across from Lions Park. The old hospital was converted into a nursing home. The Seaforth Manor opened to receive patients in November of 1965.



Note the dark window labels and sills accentuating each window and door opening, as well as the decorative cornice brackets.

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