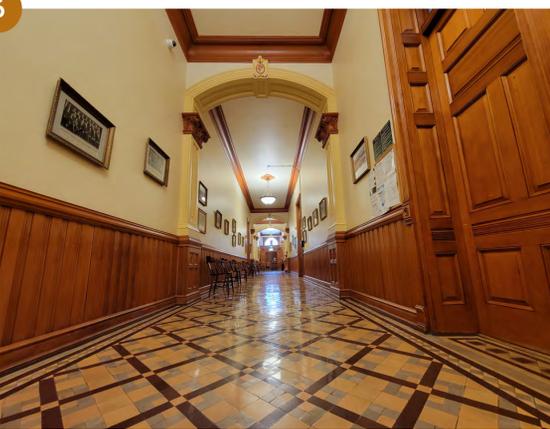
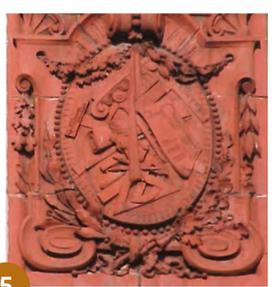


# Perth County Courthouse

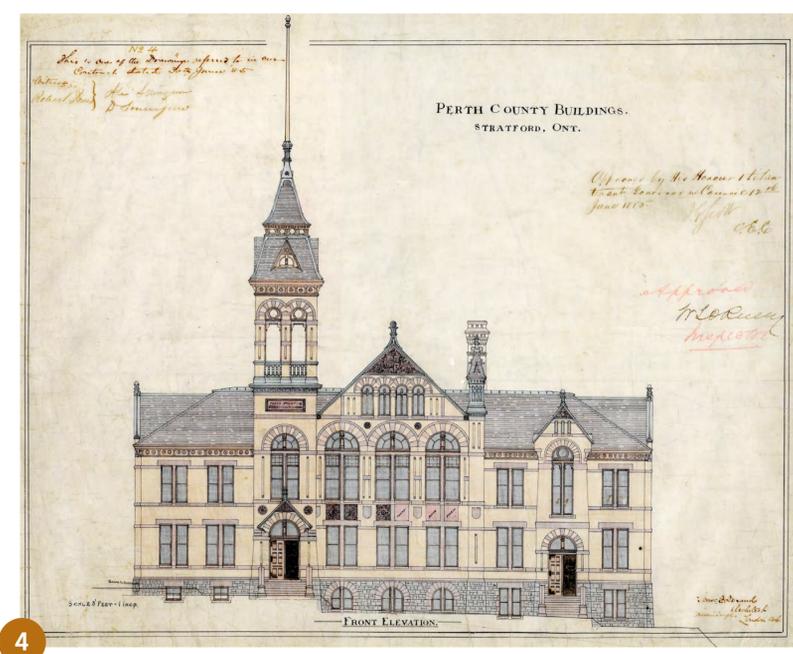


- 1 View looking East from Courthouse
- 2 Courthouse under Construction
- 3 William Davidson, County Clerk
- 4 Courthouse Elevation Drawing by Durand
- 5 Courthouse terra cotta with Durrand's Signature
- 6 Tile Floor on Level 2 of Courthouse
- 7 Courthouse Judge's Safe
- 8 Signatures in brick of Courthouse Tower



“...the finishing touches are being put to the outside, with the placing of the terra cotta figures in their places...the building is a model of elegance, the finishing being in white pine and the stairway and furniture of oak, all brightly finished...On the second floor are the court-room, council and grand jury room, petit jury rooms, law library and barristers' rooms. In the court-room itself from the judge's chair to the dock for the prisoner, everything is on a costly and magnificent scale... The chandelier for the grand jury room is also a beautiful thing, made up of four branches of three lights each in imitation of wax candles. Just inside the main entrance, to the right, is a fine slab of Tennessee marble, on which are inscribed the names of the present county council, the buildings committee and the architect, Mr. G.F. Durand... At the first landing of the main staircase is a grand stained glass window, the various panes of which are symbolical of the arts etc. The top pane is taken up with the Canadian coat of arms. The floor of the tower room and first floor hall are laid with English tile. Viewed externally, the building is plain, but, aided by the trimmings, which are of Credit Valley red stone, and the various panels in terra cotta, it...is a pile of which Perth may well feel proud...The supervision of the work has been in the hands of Mr. J.R. Kilburn, architect and over the whole Mr. William Davidson, the county clerk has exercised a watchful care, and it need not be said that he has had a keen eye to the public interests.”

Stratford Beacon Weekly April 29, 1887



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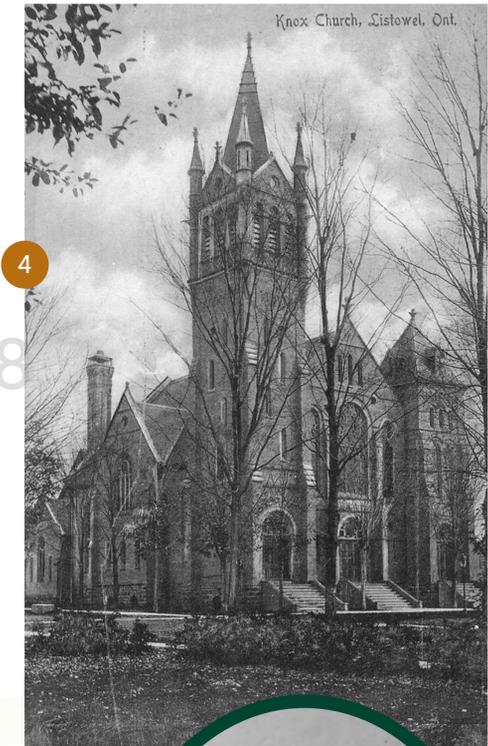
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The official opening for the Perth County Courthouse took place on May 9 1887. Councillors were pleased enough with their new building to include the architect's photograph with their official portraits for the next year.

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Besides the Perth County Courthouse, Architect George F. Durand left a marvelous legacy of exquisite buildings in this area - the Stratford Pump House (now Gallery Stratford), the original Stratford Hospital (now Avoncrest), and Knox Presbyterian Church in Listowel.



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