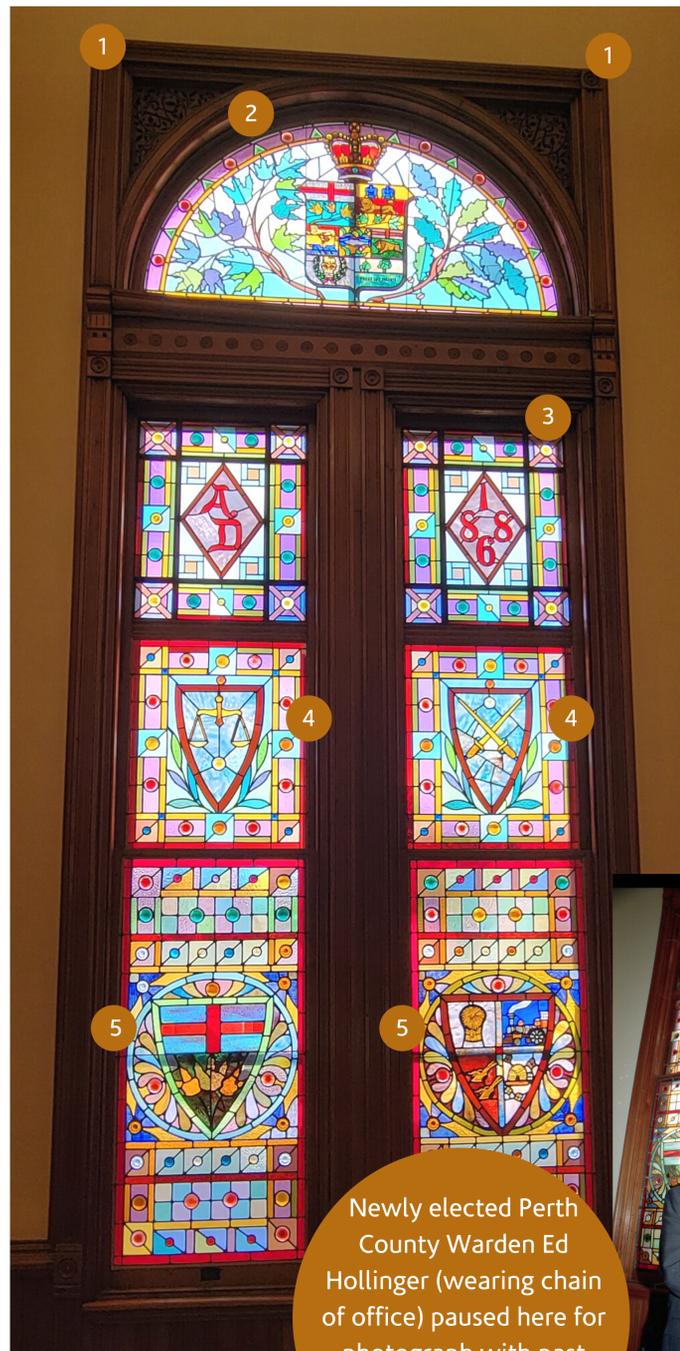


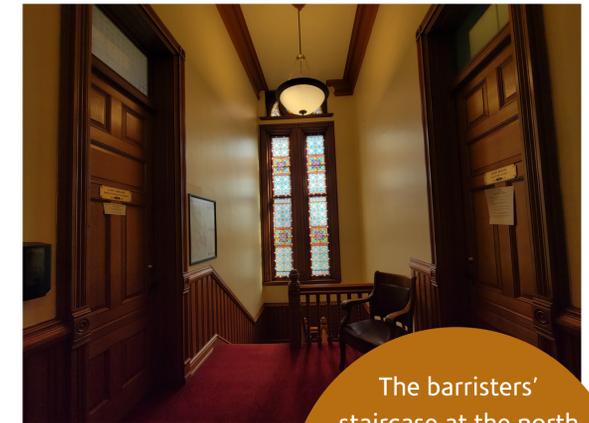
Perth County Courthouse Grand Staircase on Level 2



The spectacular stained glass window in the main staircase faces west so the details, including bright glass bead highlights, are best viewed on a sunny afternoon.

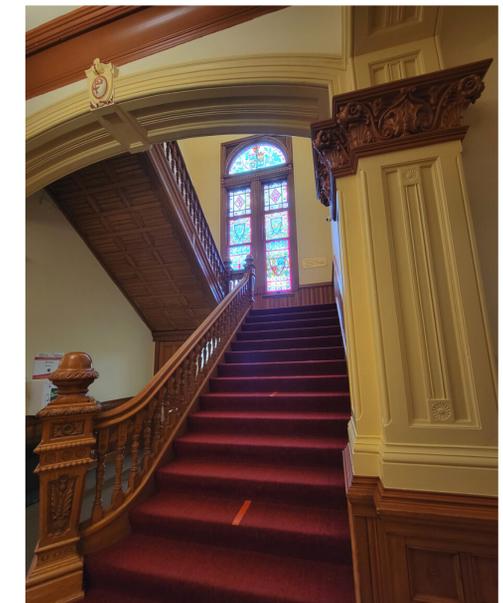
- 1 To create a rectangle shape at the top, triangular pieces of wood have been added to the corners with the initials VR and a crown for Queen Victoria.
- 2 At the top is the crest of Canada at the time, with only seven provinces.
- 3 Beneath is the date - 1886 - for the year that the window panels were made.
- 4 Next are two panels depicting the scales of justice and crossed swords for retribution.
- 5 Below are the crests of the Province of Ontario and the County of Perth. The County crest has maple leaves believed to represent the municipalities making up the county, a beaver representing Canada, a beehive for the industrious nature of the people living here, plows for integrity and the importance of agriculture, a wheat sheaf for bounty and a locomotive for commerce.

Newly elected Perth County Warden Ed Hollinger (wearing chain of office) paused here for photograph with past Warden Vince Judge in December 2001.



The barristers' staircase at the north end of the main floor hallway has a less elaborate but matching stained glass window.

The carved oak newel post at the foot of the main staircase is one of the more splendid features of the building. The four sides have symbols representing the origins of early European settlers in Perth County: a rose for England, a shamrock for Ireland, a thistle for Scotland and a leek for Wales. There are also oak leaves near the top, thought to represent Germany. In the years leading up to the Courthouse's 100th birthday celebrations, past County Wardens volunteered to lead public tours. Walter Gerth, 1962 County Warden; Wilfred Tuer, 1981 County Warden; and, John McKay, 1973 County Warden can be seen here studying the details of the newel post in preparation for their new role.



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