

AREA FORM

PETERBOROUGH DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT



Photo 197) 39-41 Grove Street, Peterborough Professional Building, U017-045 Direction: SW

The **Peterborough Professional Building (39-41 Grove Street, Photo 197)** is a rare example of a purpose-built commercial and residential block from this period. Located on the corner of Grove and Vale streets, the two-story, L-shaped frame and brick ended building was built in two stages, the east-west section begun in 1959, and the north-south addition built five years later. The brick-end frame structure contains offices and garden apartments, the later fronting on Vale Street. Colonial Revival detailing includes semi-circular keystone arch windows and quarter windows on the gable end, semi-circular arches above the north and east entries, keystone splayed window lintels, 8/8 window sash, and a colonnade centered on the north elevation. The LaRoche Brothers, who built a number of housing developments and commercial blocks in the late 1950s and early 1960s in Peterborough, were the builders of this block (PHS 1996 I:128).