

Home
613 East Mitchell Street
Corner of Mitchell & Williams Streets
Petoskey, Michigan

Michigan Historical Site
Built circa 1870's

Historic Downtown Petoskey



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Rare opportunity to purchase a state recognized "Michigan Historical Site!" Built in the 1870's by former Emmet County Circuit Court Judge and State Representative Charles J. Pailthorpe

this stately home encompasses 3 lots that look west over the City of Petoskey and the clear blue waters of Little Traverse Bay. This well cared for classic features 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, elevated ceilings and a large open floor plan that is perfect for entertaining. Ideal location just 1.5 blocks to the center of town.

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PETOSKEY HOME NAMED STATE HISTORIC SITE

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A Petoskey house owned by Emmet County first Circuit Judge Charles J. Pailthorp and later by Presbyterian missionary John Redpath has been named a Michigan historical site by the Michigan Historical Commission.

The Pailthorp house, at 613 E. Mitchell St., is now owned by Martin and Nancy Breighner.

The land for the home, three lots along Williams Street, was in what is now called the Francis Petoskey addition to the city. Francis Petosgay and his wife Mary, sold the land to Pailthorp in 1877.

"When Pailthorp built the house is not exactly clear, Nancy Breighner said, although the best guess is in 1877."

At one time Redpath, who was establishing missionary churches throughout the area, stayed with Pailthorp at the house. Redpath and his wife Sarah Upjohn Redpath, she of the Kalamazoo Upjohn family bought the house in 1897.

The Redpaths were one of the longest owners of the house, residing in it from 1897 until 1928. Redpath, who gave his last sermon in August 1925 in the church named after him, the Redpath Memorial Church in Cross Village, died in the house in 1926.

"Circuit Judge Benjamin H. Halstead, who practiced law about the time of Pailthorp, also spent time in the house, although he never lived there, Breighner said."

The Redpath family sold the home in 1928 to Alfred H. Dau, one of the founders of the Michigan Maple Block Co., one of the city's oldest business firms. All of the Dau children, some of whom continue to run the wood-processing firm, were raised in the house

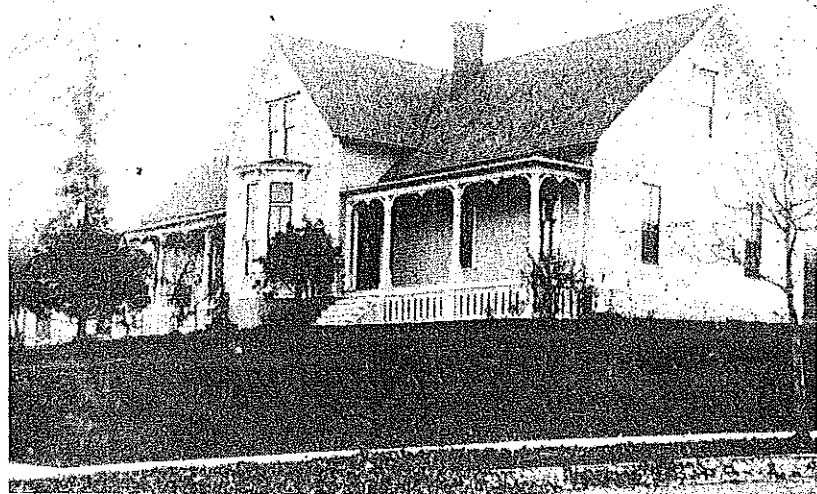
Dr. Bernard T. Alm and his wife bought the house in 1947, and they owned it until 1951, when it was briefly owned by Daniel and Minnie Wilson and Mabel Weimer. John and Charlotte Bellamy bought the house in 1952. In 1956, Martin Breighner came to Petoskey to practice law with Bellamy, and he and his late wife, Ruth purchased the home in 1958.

The Historical Commission cited the house for its historical significance in terms of the past residents, not the architecture. The commission noted new siding, new windows and a new porch were added to the home, compromising its architectural significance.

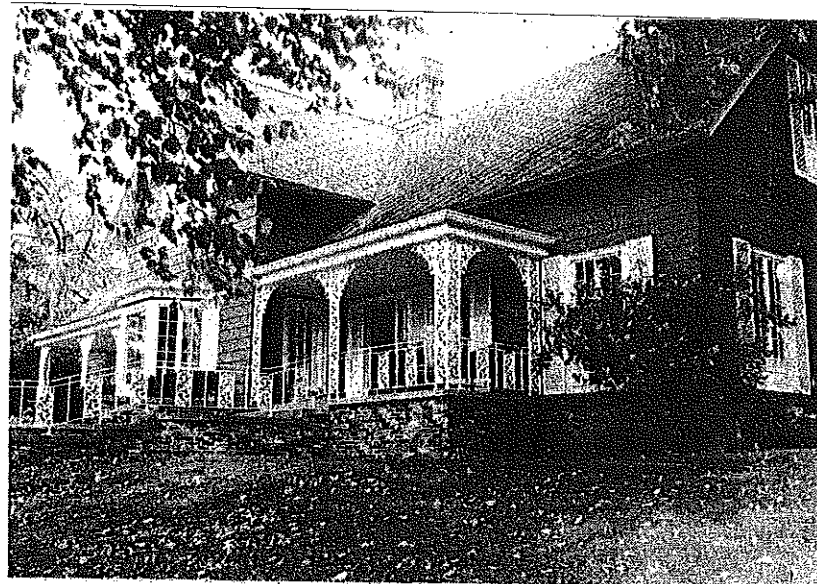
"They call it the Pailthorp house, but I'd prefer the Redpath House," Breighner said. She said Redpath was instrumental in getting many outlying churches started in the early part of the area's history, making an important contribution to the area."

"In the 110-year history of the house, three judges have lived here, Pailthorp, Halstead and Breighner," she said, "The people who lived here have always been interested in the development of Northern Michigan."

The Breighners have the home up for sale, and are looking for a buyer who appreciates an historic home and the love and caring that entails. *We hope the people who buy it will maintain its importance in the community," she said.*
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THE PAILTHORP house as it appeared before the turn of the century. (Photos courtesy Nancy and Martin Breighner)



THE ADDITION of new siding, windows and a front porch has compromised the Pailthorp house architecturally, but the home remains historically significant because of its past residents.