

**AFTER 80 YEARS ON KENT STREET, A NEW LOCATION
FIRM IS 117 YEARS OLD**

Hennessey Funeral Home Moves To New Quarters

By NANCY WILSON
The Hennessey Funeral Home, located some 80 years on Kent Street, next to City Hall, has moved to its new quarters on the Alken property, 35 Longworth Avenue.

The move to the elegant old home has not been easy, but owner Bill Brown says he feels it was "worth waiting for."

The firm made application to move to the new location a year ago last June, little expecting the reaction of the Charlottetown City Council and the residents of the area.

The application created an uproar that colored City Council meetings for a year. The funeral home was a business. Longworth Avenue was a residential area. And never the twain should meet.

However, the permit was eventually granted to Bill Brown at the July, 1963, meeting of the City Council. The funeral home could move to Longworth Avenue, and the building on Kent Street would be torn down to make way for a municipal parking lot.

"BEWILDERED"
Mr. Brown said recently that his own reaction to the controversy had been one of bewilderment.

"I couldn't understand why anyone would have any argument about a funeral home," he said, adding that, in effect, "every home is a potential funeral home."

He noted that the 13 town planners attending the recent mayors and municipalities conference had advised the Charlottetown delegation that they felt the Longworth Avenue site to be an "ideal situation for a funeral home."

At any rate, Mr. Brown concluded, "it was a great relief when it was all over."

117 YEARS AGO
The original Hennessey Funeral Home was founded 117 years ago by the late Michael Hennessey, Mr. Brown recalled.

The business was located in the general vicinity of P.J.'s grocery store for some 20 years before it moved to the Kent Street site.

"At the death of Michael Hennessey, the business was carried on by his sons, Frank and Andrew A., and his sister, Gertrude," Mr. Brown said. "Later Andrew A. opened up his own business across the street from the Charlottetown Hotel. The old place was first known as The 'M. Hennessey Funeral Home'." The name was later changed to the "Frank Hennessey Funeral Home."

When Frank Hennessey died, his sons, Michael and George, and his sister, who was then Mrs. Gertrude Doyle, operated the funeral home.

At the death of Andrew A. Hennessey, his sons Harold and Brendon ran his funeral home. Brendon later left the business for a while, but came back when, in 1952, Bill Brown acquired it. (Continued on page 13)

HENNESSEY FUNERAL HOME



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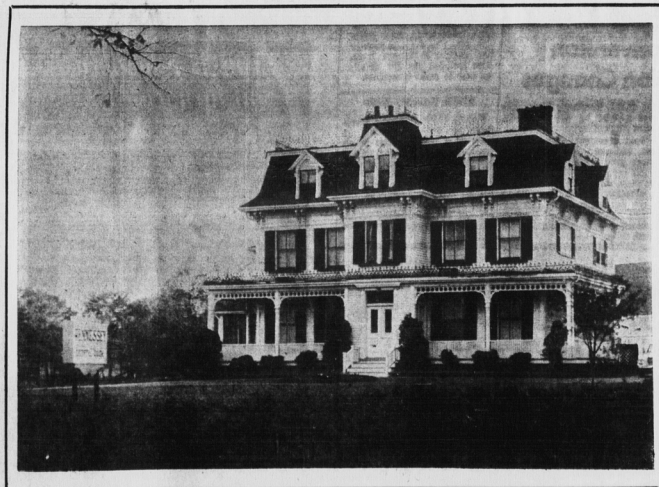


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