

3815 Haro Road (ca. 1911) - Letitia Jean and Algernon Henry Pease



This water tower is one of the last remaining in the municipality. Until the Saanich Waterworks reached rural areas, many framers had water tanks in towers. This one was reportedly designed by architect Percy Leonard James, along with the Peases' house (part of which was moved and serves as the University of Victoria's Student Health Services Centre). The tower was originally a tank on a raised platform. In 1933 it was enclosed as a stable, with hayloft and tackroom in the tank section. Windows were added, it was shingled, given a shake roof, and the tank portion was covered in rough weatherboards.

The Peases named their property "Hamsterley Farm" and operated a strawberry jam factory on it. After they sold it, they opened the "Hamsterley Tea Room" on the Malahat, then "Hamsterley Lakeside" and later the "Toby Jug" at Elk Lake. From 1933 to 1946 the property was owned by Alice Maud (Mrs. Fred) Robertson of "The Spode Shop". She called the property "Drummadoon," and it became "Upper Drummadoon" when her daughter's house, "Lower Drummadoon," was built lower down the hill.