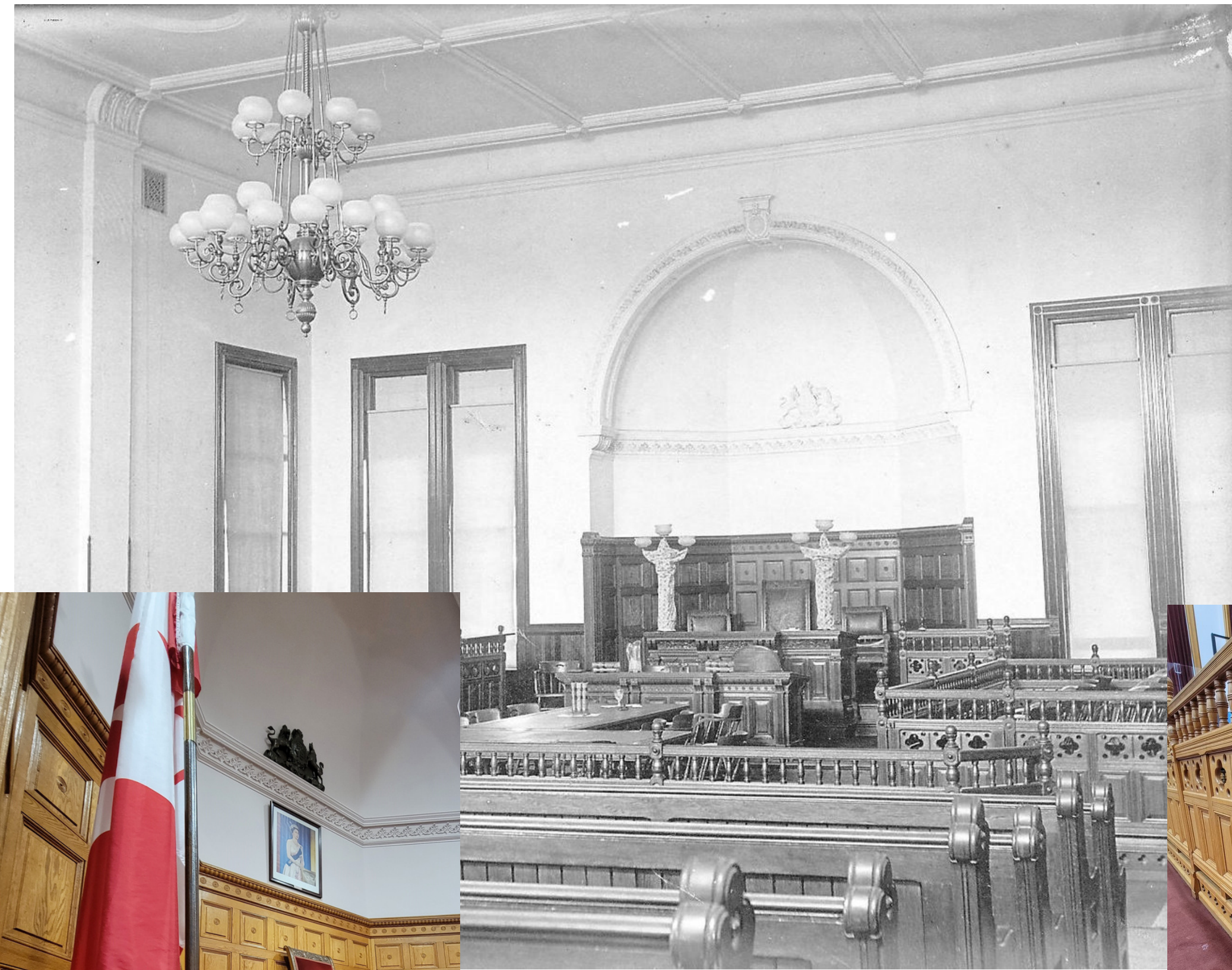
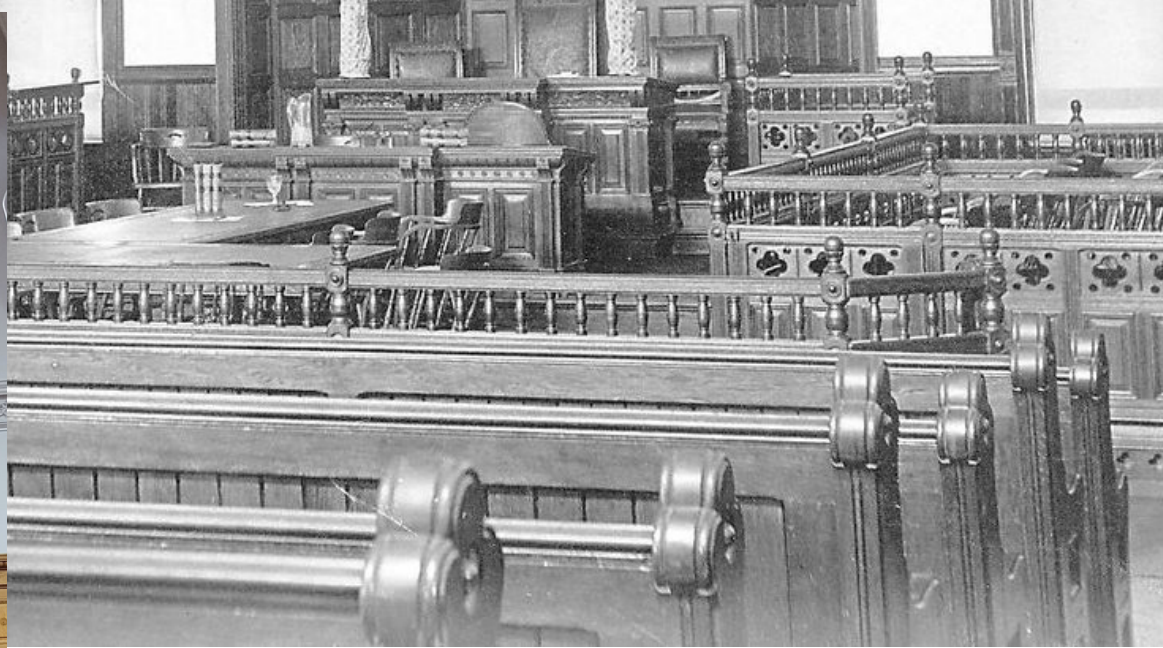


Perth County Courthouse - Superior Court Room and Law Library



The second floor court room has entrances with access to staircases on both sides, originally intended to separate the public and court officials. Inside the court room there are grates near the top of the walls. These draw out stale air into brick stacks disguised as chimneys on the outside. The large arched windows here are embellished with the initials VR for Victoria Regina. There was once a gas-lit brass chandelier. The rondel for it remains in place on the ceiling.

Most of the fixed wooden furniture in this room was designed by the original building architect. Perth County's initials appear on the ornately carved judge's chair. The gallery pews, though spacious enough to seat about 200 people, are the very definition of "straight and narrow." The court room still has 2 jury boxes which were required for 24-member grand juries that were convened in times past to inspect property maintained by public funds.



Perth County Council traditionally holds their annual Warden's election here. Here is Warden Annabell Thomson at her election in December 2002.



In a private section of the second floor is a library for members of the Perth County Law Association. The massive book cases in the law library are original, complete with pilasters at the ends and tops with frieze and cornice, imitating Greek or Roman styles.

In 2009, the library served as a film set for a History Channel docudrama called Hangman's Graveyard.



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