

8 Margaret Street, Flamborough (Waterdown)



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes

Description of Property

The 0.41-acre property located at 8 Margaret Street is comprised of a two-and-a-half storey single-detached wood-frame dwelling located on the east side of Margaret Street in the area known as Vinegar Hill in the Village of Waterdown, in the former Township of East Flamborough, within the City of Hamilton.

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The property located at 8 Margaret Street, known as the Reid House, is comprised of a two-and-a-half storey wood-frame dwelling believed to have been constructed in two distinct phases, a one-and-a-half storey cross-gabled vernacular farm house constructed circa 1860; and a substantial two-and-a-half storey, hipped roof, Queen Anne influenced front addition constructed circa 1910.

The historical value of the property lies in its association with the Reid family and John Vanderweide (1929-2010). John Reid (1854-1912) was a building contractor and carpenter that built a sawmill on the east side of Grindstone Creek, which he operated until 1912. John built a number of prominent homes in the village including the McGregor House (49 Main Street North) and the addition to his childhood home at this property. John Reid's son, William (Will) Reid (1888-1956), was a photographer who created a visual record of life in

Waterdown in the early-twentieth century. Without Will's photographs, little would be known about life in Waterdown during his lifetime. The Reid family owned the property from 1855, when William Reid, John's father, purchased it, until it was granted through Clara Reid's will to John Vanderweide in 1966. John Vanderweide (1929-2010) was a trained printer who established his own business called The Printing Korner following his first job at the Waterdown Review. The associative value of the property also lies in its demonstration of the work of well-known local builder John Reid.

The cultural heritage value of the property also lies in its design value as a unique example of a dwelling believed to have been constructed in two phases, including a one-and-a-half storey cross-gabled vernacular farm house constructed circa 1860; and a substantial two-and-a-half storey, hipped roof, Queen Anne influenced front addition constructed circa 1910. The physical value of the property also lies in its high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit, demonstrated by the ornate wood detailing in the front porch, projecting front bay and window trim.

The contextual value of the property lies in its contribution to defining the historic character of Vinegar Hill and the Village of Waterdown. The Reid House is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings, located on the east side of Margaret Street across from Waterdown Union Cemetery on the east side of Grindstone Creek with prominent views of the home to and from the cemetery. The Reid House is a recognizable local landmark.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the property include the:

- Exterior elevations of the two-and-a-half-storey, wood-framed front (western) section with a:
 - Truncated hip roof with projecting eaves, a plain boxed cornice and decorative brackets:
 - Projecting two-and-a-half storey front bay with a pedimented gable, chamfered sides, half-cove wood shingles in the gable and ornately decorated wood trim, detailing and bracketing;
 - > Flat-headed window openings with decorated wood trim;
 - Offset single-door front entrance covered by a mansard-roof with decorative bracketing below;
 - Horizontal siding;
- One-and-a-half-storey, wood-framed cross-gabled rear (eastern) section with flat-headed window openings and horizontal siding; and
- Moderate setback from Margaret Street with a grassed front lawn and mature trees.