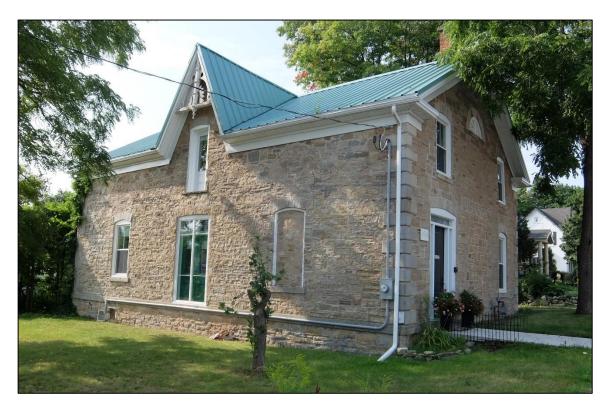


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# 298 Dundas Street East, Flamborough (Waterdown)

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

## **Description of Property**

The 0.16-acre property at 298 Dundas Street East is comprised of a two-storey singledetached stone building with a one-storey wood-frame rear (south) addition, situated on the southwest corner of Dundas Street East and Flamboro Street near the intersection of Dundas and Main Streets in the Village of Waterdown, in the former Township of East Flamborough, within the City of Hamilton.

## **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property located at 298 Dundas Street East, known as the Former New Connexion Methodist Church and the Maycock House, is comprised of a two-storey stone building originally constructed as a church circa 1859. The cultural heritage value of the property lies in its association with the Methodist Church. The New Connexion Methodists purchased the property in 1859 and built the church, before uniting with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1874 and subsequently using the building as their Sunday School from 1874 to 1882, and their parsonage from 1893 to 1921. The property is also associated with Eliza Sealey (18561929) daughter-in-law of Charles Sealey, prominent businessman and first Reeve of Waterdown and Paul Maycock (1931-2012), a plant ecology professor and former director of the Flamborough Historical Society who dedicated his spare time to researching and writing about the history of Waterdown, most well-known for his book entitled "Noble of Waterdown". Deborah Jarvis (1837-1915) facilitated the conversion of the building from a church to a residence in 1882.

The cultural heritage value of the property also lies in its design value as an early and unique example of an adaptively re-used mid-nineteenth century building displaying Classical Revival, Ontario Cottage and Gothic Revival influences. Key architectural features include the cut-stone and rubble-stone facades with cut-stone quoins; gable roof with plain boxed cornice and returning eaves; outlines of the original arched church windows; shuttered lunette; continuous stone course running above the stone foundation; off-centre door on the north façade; steep centre gable with decorative bargeboard and an entrance below on the east façade; flanking brick chimneys; and segmentally-shaped window openings, stone voussoirs and stone lug sills.

The contextual value of the property lies in its contribution to defining the historic character of Dundas Street and the Village of Waterdown. The Former New Connexion Methodist Church is visually, functionally and historically linked to its surroundings, located on the prominent southwest corner of Dundas and Flamboro Streets making it a local landmark.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

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

- Four exterior facades of the two-storey stone building, including its:
  - Rectangular footprint;
  - > Front-gable roof with a plain boxed cornice and returning eaves;
  - > Projecting central gable on east facade with decorative bargeboard;
  - Flanking single-stack brick chimneys;
  - Broken-course, cut-stone facade facing Dundas Street;
  - Broken-course, rubble-stone facades to the east, west and south;
  - Cut-stone quoining on all four corners;
  - Shuttered lunette with stone voussoirs under the north facade gable;

- Segmentally-shaped window and door openings with stone voussoirs stone lug sills;
- Central entrance on the east facade comprised of a transom and wooden doubleleaf door with flat-headed windows above decorative wooden panels;
- Off-centre entrance in the north facade in a segmentally-shaped opening with a flatheaded transom and stone voussoirs;
- Outlines of the original three bays of tall arched church windows on the east and west facades;
- > Rubble-stone foundation with continuous cut stone course running above;
- One-storey wood-frame south addition clad in board-and-batten with a stone foundation; and
- Moderate setbacks from Flamboro Street and Dundas Street with a grassed lawns and deciduous trees.