



### Key Map - Ward 13

## Location Map



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### Subject Property



134 Main Street South, Flamborough  
(Ward 15)

### **134 Main Street South, Flamborough (Waterdown)**



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

##### **Description of Property**

The 0.71-acre property at 134 Main Street South is comprised of a one-and-a-half-storey single-detached stone dwelling located on the west side of Main Street South, south of the terminus of Flamboro Street, 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 134 Main Street South, known as the former Wesleyan Methodist Parsonage, is comprised of a one-and-a-half-storey stone building constructed circa 1857. The historical value of the property lies in its association with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In 1854, Waterdown was chosen as the head of a new Wesleyan Methodist Circuit requiring a home that was central to the minister's route giving him easy access to the villages charged to him. This property was available and was situated on J.K. Griffin's new road, making it an ideal candidate. As a

result, the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church purchased the property in 1857 and a one-and-a-half storey stone parsonage was built. The property is also associated with Ada Medlar (born 1868), who lived in the home from 1895 to 1924 and was a founding member of the Waterdown Women's Institute in 1897.

The cultural heritage value of the property also lies in its design value as a representative example of a vernacular Ontario Cottage influenced by the Gothic Revival architectural style. The physical value of the property also lies in its high degree of craftsmanship demonstrated by the ornate front porch with decorative wooden posts, spindles and bracketing, and the decorative bargeboard in the front gable.

The contextual value of the property lies in its contribution to defining the historic character of Main Street South and the Village of Waterdown. The former Wesleyan Methodist Parsonage is physically, visually, functionally and historically linked to its surroundings, located on the prominent southwest corner of Flamboro and Main Streets and is considered a local landmark.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

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

- Four exterior elevations of the one-and-a-half-storey stone building, including its:
  - Rectangular footprint;
  - Squared, rubble-stone facades with cut-stone quoins;
  - Gable roof with plain boxed cornice and steep centre gable with decorative bargeboard;
  - Pointed arch wood window below the centre gable;
  - Flat-headed six-over-six wooden sash windows with cut-stone voussoirs and plain stone lug sills;
  - Covered front porch with shaped posts, mansard roof, decorated brackets and wood detailing; and
  - Central front entrance with rectangular transom and sidelights;
- Moderate setback from Main Street South.