

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

1865 Huron Road



Summary of Significance

Design/Physical Value

Historical Value

Contextual Value

Social Value

Economic Value

Environmental Value

Municipal Address: 1865 Huron Road

Legal Description: Plan 585 Part Lots 4 & 5

Year Built: 1885

Architectural Style: Vernacular

Original Owner: Abraham Cressman

Original Use: Residential

Condition: Good

Description of Cultural Heritage Resource

1865 Huron Road is a late 19th century building constructed in the vernacular architectural style. The building is situated on a 0.33 acre parcel of land located on the north side of Huron Road between Trussler Road and Amand Drive in the Trussler Planning Community of the City of Kitchener within the Region of Waterloo. The principal resource that contributes to the heritage value is the house.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

1865 Huron Road is recognized for its design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual values.

Design/Physical Value

The design and physical values relate to the age, material, and method of construction. The west wing of the farmhouse is a rare example of strapped log construction while the east wing is a representative

example of lath construction. The building features: log and lath construction; side gables with a medium pitch whose roof ridges form a 'T'; clapboard siding (covered by insulbrick and aluminum siding); symmetrical window placements; original door and window openings, including the round window opening on the east elevation; verandah with hip roof on the south; original interior baseboards, casings and doors; and, the plaster wall with the inscribed date "1885".

Historical/Associative Value

The property has historical/associative value because it has direct associations with the theme of early pioneer settlement, early pioneer farming, and pioneer settlers Abraham Cressman. The lands are part of Bechtel's Tract. George Bechtel bought 3,150 acres of land from Richard Beasley on July 18, 1800, which came to be known as Bechtel's Tract (Taylor, 1965). Bechtel's Tract is in southern Kitchener and generally extends from the Grand River west to the Wilmot Township and once included the villages of German Mills and Strasburg. The property was once part of a larger lot owned originally by Abraham Cressman circa 1861 (Helena Feasby Women's Institute, 1981).

The property has historical/associative value because it has direct associations with the Sallans family. The property was purchased by James Henry Sallans (b. 24 January 1885; d. 1959) in 1924 (Bonk, 2025a). He was a local blacksmith and according to local history he moved an old pig stable from Strasburg to his property and converted it to a blacksmith shop (Helena Feasby Women's Institute, 1981). He was known for making horseshoes, sleighs and farm wagons (Helena Feasby Women's Institute, 1981). The blacksmith shop no longer exists. He was a member of the Rosebank Brethren in Christ Church (Find a Grave, 2025). His second wife was Lucy Rosenblath (b. 21 October 1897; d. 8 March 1990) and together they had eight children (Bonk, 2025a). Their youngest child was Willard Louis Sallans (b. 7 March 1937; d. 9 October 2004) who married Miriam Effie Hallman (Bonk, 2025b). Willard operated a farm machinery business, Sallans Equipment Ltd., at 1876 Huron Road for 30 years (Find a Grave, 2025; Romahn, 1985). In 1985, Sallans Equipment Ltd. became the biggest farm machinery dealership in eastern Canada for the new Deutz-Allis Chalmers manufacturing company (Romahn, 1985). Willard is recognized across North America within the tractor-pulling community for his skill at announcing and judging at competitions (Romahn, 1985).

Contextual Value

The contextual value relates to the physical location of the building orientated towards and in close proximity to Huron Road, which would have been connected to its use as a blacksmith shop and later commercial uses. The property is also visually connected to 1876 Huron Road on the south side of the road and west of 1865 Huron Road.

Heritage Attributes

- All elements related to the construction and vernacular architectural style of the house, including:
 - Log and lath construction;
 - Roof and roofline;
 - clapboard siding;
 - symmetrical window placements;
 - original door and window openings, including the round window on the east elevation;
 - verandah with hip roof on the south
 - original interior baseboards, casings and doors; and,
 - the plaster wall with the inscribed date "1885"

References

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Photographs



Front & Side Elevation (South & East Façade) (Google, 2023)



Side & Front Elevation (West & South Façade) (Google, 2023)



Rear Elevation (North Façade) (Google Earth, 2018-2021)



CULTURAL HERITAGE EVALUATION FORM

Address: 1865 Huron Road Recorder: Michelle Drake

Description: 1865 Huron Road, 1885, log and lath construction Date: October 30, 2024

(date of construction, architectural style, etc)

Photographs Attached:

Front Façade Left Façade Right Façade Rear Façade Details Setting

Designation Criteria	Recorder – Heritage Kitchener Committee	Heritage Planning Staff
1. This property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
3. The property has design value or physical value because it demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement. <i>* E.g. - constructed with a unique material combination or use,</i>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

<p><i>incorporates challenging geometric designs etc.</i></p>		
<p>4. The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5. The property has historical or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.</p> <p><i>* E.g - A commercial building may provide an understanding of how the economic development of the City occurred. Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>6. The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>7. The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.</p> <p><i>* E.g. - It helps to define an entrance point to a neighbourhood or helps establish the (historic) rural character of an area.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>8. The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>9. The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.</p> <p><i>* within the region, city or neighborhood.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Notes

Additional Criteria	Recorder	Heritage Kitchener Committee
<p>Interior: Is the interior arrangement, finish, craftsmanship and/or detail noteworthy?</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Completeness: Does this structure have other original outbuildings, notable landscaping or external features that complete the site?</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Site Integrity: Does the structure occupy its original site?</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

<p><i>* If relocated, is it relocated on its original site, moved from another site, etc.</i></p>		
<p>Alterations: Does this building retain most of its original materials and design features? Please refer to the list of heritage attributes within the Statement of Significance and indicate which elements are still existing and which ones have been removed.</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Alterations: Are there additional elements or features that should be added to the heritage attribute list?</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Condition: Is the building in good condition?</p> <p><i>*E.g. - Could be a good candidate for adaptive re-use if possible and contribute towards equity-building and climate change action.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Indigenous History: Could this site be of importance to Indigenous heritage and history?</p> <p><i>*E.g. - Site within 300m of water sources, near distinct topographical land, or near cemeteries might have archaeological potential and indigenous heritage potential.</i></p> <p>Could there be any urban Indigenous history associated with the property?</p> <p><i>* Additional archival work may be required.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>
<p>Function: What is the present function of the subject property?</p>	<p>Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> -</p>	<p>Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> -</p>

<p><i>* Other may include vacant, social, institutional, etc. and important for the community from an equity building perspective.</i></p>		
<p>Diversity and Inclusion: Does the subject property contribute to the cultural heritage of a community of people?</p> <p>Does the subject property have intangible value to a specific community of people?</p> <p><i>* E.g.- Waterloo Masjid (Muslim Society of Waterloo & Wellington Counties) was the first established Islamic Center and Masjid in the Region and contributes to the history of the Muslim community in the area.</i></p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>	<p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Research Required</p>

Notes about Additional Criteria Examined

Recommendation

Does this property meet the definition of a significant built heritage resource, and should it be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act? (Does it meet two or more of the designation criteria?)

N/A Unknown No Yes

If not, please select the appropriate action for follow-up

- Keep on the Municipal Heritage Register
- Remove from the Municipal Heritage Register
- Additional Research Required

Other: _____

General / Additional Notes

TO BE FILLED BY HERITAGE PLANNING STAFF:

Date of Property Owner Notification: _____