

Heritage Value

342 Main Street is valued for its representation of early Mahone Bay domestic architecture, for its contribution to the streetscape of Main Street; for its age; for its representation of a typical tradesman's house; and for its situation on a quarter-acre lot characteristic of mid-19th century land division in Mahone Bay.

The house is a modest family dwelling, a storey-and-a-half vernacular structure built after 1849, an early example of a tradesman's home on a small lot of land, not a farm.

The house is set back from the street and has a low-pitched roof, a stone foundation, large central flue and wood clapboard cladding characteristic of the era.

Architecturally, the neo-classical features convey a sense of simplicity.

Character-Defining Elements

The character-defining elements of 342 Main Street relate to its continuous use as a home, its location, its history and its architecture and include the following:

- location within the Town of Mahone Bay
- neo-classical or vernacular features such as:
 - large central chimney
 - symmetrical 5 bay façade with central entry and transom
 - six-over-six windows
 - simple trim and moldings on windows and doors
 - clapboard cladding
 - cut granite foundation
 - storey and a half with low pitched roof

Additional information

An original land grant, known as Maugers Mill Lands, was divided into lots in 1778 when 32 acre Lot 3 was acquired by Henry Lantz. In 1849 Jacob Lantz [1787-1868], son of Henry, sold a quarter acre of his share of 32 acre MML Lot 3 along the main road to Blockhouse, to James Eisenhauer, cooper, of Bridgewater for £5. It seems probable that Eisenhauer built the house that is now 342 Main Street, which he sold five years later to John McKinnon, Schoolmaster. The house then went through a series of owners, but the property boundaries have not changed in 170 years. A later addition to the back of the building may have been moved to the site.