



Heritage Property – *The Bellinger-Bean House*



73 George St.

Built by Theodore Bellinger, 1882

Designated June 17, 1982: bylaw 82-63, “The Bean-Wright House”

The Bellinger-Bean House is significant for its association with many prominent local citizens. The home was constructed in 1882 by Theodore Bellinger, a merchant and town councilor. In 1900 his widow sold the house to David Bean, town councilor, owner of the *Waterloo Chronicle* and then mayor of Waterloo from 1901 to 1903. Bean was the first chairman of the Waterloo water commission, a member of the Waterloo Board of Trade and a director of the Dominion Life Assurance Co. Bean's major contributions to the town and city include constructing the gate at Waterloo Park's entrance — a memorial to Queen Victoria.

The Bellinger-Bean house has many architecturally significant elements. Bellinger added Italianate detailing to a typically Victorian-architectural style. The frieze board and brackets that run under the wide eaves derive from an Italianate inspiration, as do the arched windows in the attic of the projecting bay on the north elevation. Apart from those attic windows, all window and door openings are uniformly headed with an unusual but graceful flattened arc. The double front door is highlighted by a four-pane transom. A porch, in keeping with the style of the original, has recently been restored.