



Heritage Property – *Burkholder House*



7 Central St.

The Burkhardt House was built by Samuel Burkholder in 1849 and converted to a dwelling in 1870

Designated July 23, 1979: bylaw 79-129, “The Burkhardt House”

A Pennsylvanian mason and bricklayer, Samuel Burkholder (b. 1816) moved to Waterloo and eventually became a prominent contractor. When he had finished the exterior brick walls of the house at 7 Central St., he offered it to the local Evangelical congregation for their meetings and worship. The congregation finished the building and used it until space constraints led them to construct the original Emmanuel Church at Dorset St. and Bridgeport Rd. The house remained in the Burkhardt family between the 1940s and 1990s.

The building became a small architectural hybrid of Georgian and Gothic styles. The original design was Georgian in intent with the symmetrical front facade and its central doorway, transom and sidelights, eave returns and the two pairs of small attic windows. Gothic elements, including the gable above the entrance, its decorative bargeboard and Gothic window, were added in 1870 when the structure was converted to a residence.