



Heritage Property – *The Charlie Voelker House*



29 Spring St. W.

Built by Charlie Voelker, 1947; designed by Charlie Voelker

Designated June 7, 2004: bylaw 04-62, “The Charlie Voelker House”

Charlie Voelker was a designer of buildings and a longtime councillor for the City of Waterloo. He was responsible for the design of houses in Colonial Acres and on Westgate Walk. In 1947 he and his wife Grace bought a small lot (45 feet by 54 feet) on Spring Street for \$210; he designed and built their own house on it.

Built of red rug-brick veneer with vinyl siding on the gable ends, as well as a sunroom and dormers, this 1½-storey house reflects Voelker’s love of federal and Georgian architectural styles found along the east coast and in Upper New York State. Each of its elevations is symmetrical.

The house has a gambrel roof with shed dormers in the Dutch style, nearly as wide as the house, at the front and the rear. The eaves, fascia, soffit and frieze are white, the plainness relieved only by a small scalloping of the façade’s frieze. A notable oddity is the extremely large windows in the lower front façade.