



Heritage Property – *Haas House*



45 Young St. W.

Built 1903

Designated June 7, 2004: bylaw 04-61, “The Haas-Pemberton House”

The first owner of the Haas house was Herman Haas, who lived in the house from 1903 to 1955. His wife, Estella Ludwig Haas, continued to live there until 1970, when it was sold to the Dominion Life Assurance Co. The Pembertons bought the house in 1973. Apart from increasing the size of the attic and its gable, they have not altered the building’s exterior.

The Haas house is one of the larger Queen Anne-style houses in the City of Waterloo. The red-clay bricks used for its construction were likely made at a brickyard near University Avenue and the railroad. The building’s roofline is irregular and punctuated with dormers and gables. The corners of the front gable are supported by a pair of large brackets enhanced by blind filigree and triangular pieces of lattice-work.

A back porch is similarly fitted with ornamental woodwork. The verandah, with railings and slightly tapered round posts, wraps around the left side of the house, filling in the setback of the central part of the building between the two projecting wings to the north and east. It supports a second-storey balcony which shades and protects it. Some windows have original stained glass and some have semicircular heads that are traced by raised brickwork.