



Heritage Property – Nixon House



81 Norman St.

Built c. 1859

Designated Oct. 1981: bylaw 81-166, "The Nixon House"

David Kuntz founded the Spring Brewery (later renamed the L. Kuntz Park Brewery) in 1844. When he undertook one of the many expansions of his company's premises on property to the southwest of King and William streets, he moved this 1½-storey frame house westward by horse team to its present location.

The Nixon House is designed in an early vernacular style and one of the few board-and-batten buildings remaining in the City of Waterloo. The house offers similarities with the Schavio House at 222 Mary St. The charm of the modest house can be attributed to the builder's attention to detail. For example, both the six-over-six-paned windows and the front entrance feature eared trim. The architraves above those openings include dentils, suggesting a Classical motif. The battens on the Nixon House differ from the plain one-by-two-inch boards employed in similar structures of the era in that they are moulded as opposed to flat. The front porch has been reconstructed in accord with the original design.