



Heritage Property – Rudy Farmhouse



268 Southampton Place (corner Newport Place)

The Rudy farmhouse was built by Daniel Rudy, 1847; modified by David Rudy, 1870

Designated Oct. 24, 1977: bylaw 77-187, “The Rudy-Snyder House”

This two-storey granite fieldstone building represents much of traditional Mennonite life. Daniel Rudy, son of a Pennsylvanian immigrant, built the farmhouse in 1847. The owner carved his name and year of construction in half a grindstone set to the right of the upper balcony door.

Designed in the plain Georgian style typical of early Mennonite homes, the house is oriented southward. It features a symmetrical five-bay front and a bell in the tower on the roof that was rung to call workers in from the fields. Small-paned windows in a configuration of 12-over-12 (main floor) and 12-over-eight (second floor), eave returns and a pair of small attic windows in the gable ends are typical design elements.

In 1870, Daniel's son David took over the farmstead. He built on a brick doddy house with access to the main house so his parents could have separate quarters. At this time the verandah, the two-over-two paned windows and possibly the board-and-batten summer kitchen were also added. It was customary to cover the stone under the front verandah with plaster.