



Heritage Property – Schavio House



222 Mary St.

Built 1859

Designated Oct. 6, 1986: bylaw 86-158, "The Richber House"

Peter Schavio, a labourer, purchased land subdivided from the large block owned by John Hoffman and built this 1½-storey house. From the 1920s to just after the year 2000, the house was in the Richber family.

Designed in the Ontario vernacular style, the Schavio house is a board-and-batten structure, a type now rare in the City of Waterloo. An exception to simple design, the Schavio house's battens are individually moulded and topped by capitals connected by arches. The roof of medium pitch is further graced by a front gable with returned eaves. The front windows, asymmetrically placed with prominent, slightly pedimented trim, have two-over-two panes. The entrance portico, consisting of a simple entablature supported by two Doric columns, has been enclosed. A one-storey compatible addition has been built on the rear of the house.