

## HERITAGE HALDIMAND Application for Designation



PART I  
owner/applicant

To be completed by the property

INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ELIGIBLE FOR DESIGNATION:

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APPLICANT:

OWNER:

NAME: Brittany Van Dalen

NAME: Deborah & Michael Van Dalen

ADDRESS: 12 Erie Ave North

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CITY: Fisherville

CITY: Fisherville

POSTAL CODE: N0A 1G0

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SUBJECT LANDS or PREMISES

Roll Number: 2810 158.003.13600.0000

Short Legal Description:

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Reasons why you believe the structure or property should be assessed for designation i.e. (historic, architectural, archaeological, or artistic):

This home was owned by one of Fisherville's earliest and most prominent business men Christian Held. He built the corner stone building for his general store named Held's General Store. The home is from the late nineteenth/early twentieth century. It has original stain glass windows original features (upstairs door, dining room floor, pocket doors, staircase) Christian Held is also noted for his ownership of the Erie Hotel and was the first to have electricity in the town. His son in law Sidney Crow was a farmer, insurance broker and elected Reeve of Ramoth in 1957. At Sidney and Eva's son Donald was also a prominent business man and owned an insurance company until the late 1980's in Fisherville. The home has been occupied by Christian Held's family since it was built.

PIONEER HISTORY OF FISHERVILLE, 1912  
(Typed in 1982 from the hand-written copy of Ada Reichheld)

Interesting news of the Golden Days by a pioneer citizen of Fisherville and locality, written by Mr. George Nablo to the Haldimand Advocate the exact year not known, but had lived in Fisherville over sixty years when this was written.

FISHERVILLE

This village which amongst a number of similar corners had its origin through the custom prevailing in pioneer times, that of some mechaic, chiefly blacksmith, shoemaker, tailor, carpenters, etc., establishing themselves on some corner of two interesting highways in a pioneer settlement.

A shoemaker by the name Fred Fisher, thus located on the spot where the Erie Hotel now stands by building a one-roofed log shanty where he plied his trade when not too much under the influence of liquor. He was unmarried and later on left this locality.

The writer of this (George Nablo) came to live here in the year 1852 and found the shanty still occupied by its original tenant. One Nicholas Miller had by that time added a log blacksmith shop on the corner where C. Held and Son have erected a fine store and built a small frame dwelling house on the north side of the shop. Daniel McFarlane, a carpenter, then built a house and carpenter shop south of the shanty and that comprised all the inhabitants and business places of Fisherville in 1852.



Historical Significance

This home was built in Fisherville between the late nineteenth century and early twentieth. It is an example of Edwardian architecture and late Victorian. This two story home was built by Christian Held whose family has kept it occupied for the past 4 generations. Christian Held was a prominent business man and one of Fisherville's earliest merchants. He built and owned the corner General Store which was made of stone and occupied it for a number of years at the beginning of the twentieth century. Christian Held also took ownership of the Erie Hotel for a period of time and was the first to add electricity in the town. It is also noted that Christian Held was the first resident in Fisherville to own an automobile, a Ford in the early twentieth century. There are several records that mention Christian Held including one of Fisherville's oldest documents written by George Nablo in 1912 titled *Fisherville and Locality*.

The home is a popular design for the period. Stained glass windows on the front four panels. Original hardwood floor in the dining room, pocket doors, and traditional farmhouse layout. The laundry was originally taken care of in the basement with a pathway and door that lead to the side of the house. The walls of the basement are of stone and the basement itself is unfinished. The staircase and railing are original as is the front door on the second level. The door has red glass with a white coloured design of a herring. The viewing of Christian Held for his funeral was taken place in this home and then proceeded to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Christian's son in law Sidney Cronk, was a farmer of the town and insurance broker during the early twentieth century, he was also elected as Reeve of Rainham in 1957. Sidney and wife Eva Held purchased the property shortly after Christian's death in 1936. Their son Donald was also an established business owner of Fisherville and started his own insurance company called Don Cronk Insurance which lasted until the late 1990's. By the late 1980's the property was sold to Donald's daughter Deborah who is the current owner of the property and lives there with her family.

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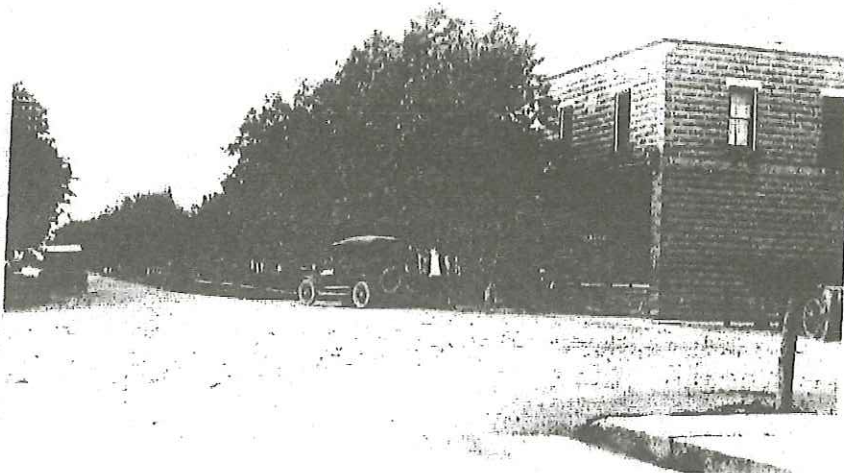
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The country South of Fisherville had at that time been fairly settled, but to the North there was much of the solid heavy wooded lands to be cleared up. The settlers who took up lands here were chiefly German, mostly Alsatians and Lorrianians, who altogether they had little experience of clearing the land they soon learned, that by diligence, a good axe and fire the obstructions could be moved. Thus season by season the timbered area grew smaller and the land for cultivation grew larger.

Things in many ways were much of a primitive order, Log houses, log shacks and log barns prominent, and frame houses were considered palaces which only the rich could afford to live. The chief product which the settlers had to depend on was Fall wheat which was usually a good crop.

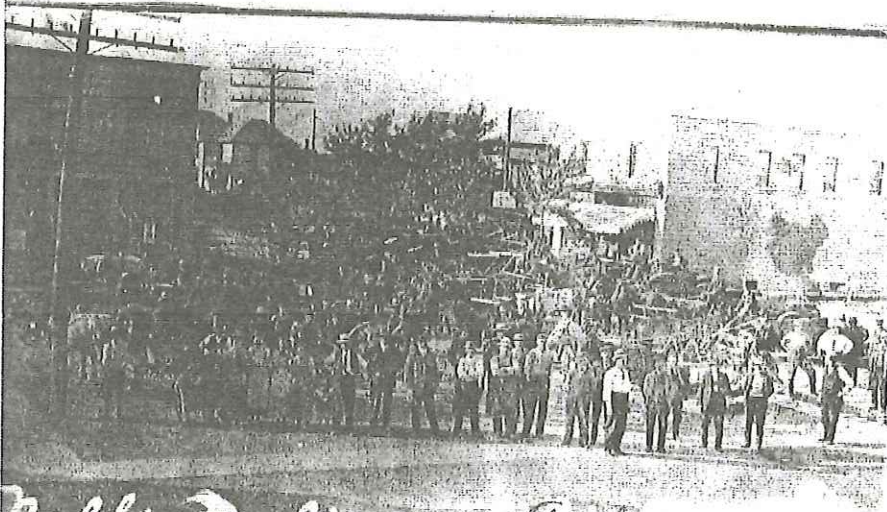


*Ottoman*



Looking north, Fisherville

Held's Store



*Nablo's Delivery Fisherville*

corner in Fisherville filled with farm implements, people, and horses. George Nablo owned an implement business in Fisherville. Once a year the equipment would be brought to Nelles Corners by train, and Mr. Nablo would pick it up for delivery to the farmers in the surrounding area.