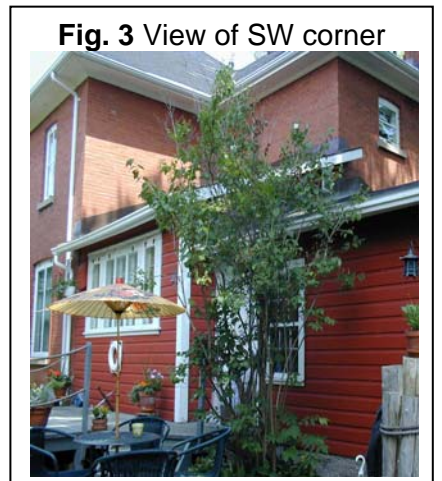
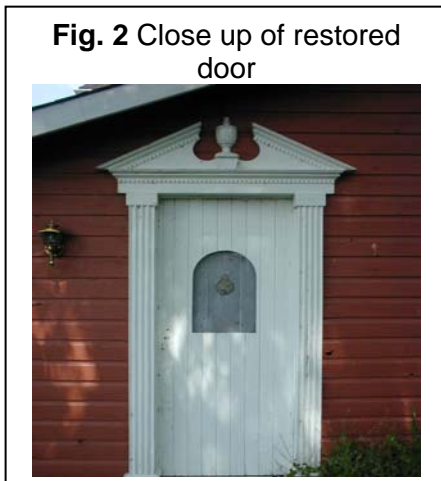


Built:	In 1910	Current Owner:	Raymond DesChenes
Built By:	The Stoddard Family	Present Use:	Dwelling
Structure:	Brick House	Original Use:	Dwelling
Exterior Wall:	Red 'Glaze' Brick	Address:	278 Albert St. V.H.
Style:	Mix: Edwardian Classicism/Queen Anne		

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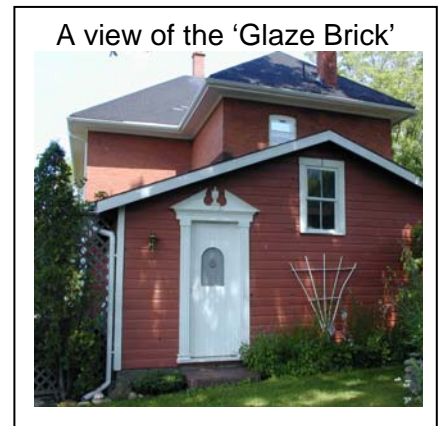
Historical restoration is a profession of the owner and the house is therefore in pristine condition. Every aspect of the building has been restored to its original condition giving this home an unusually high degree of architectural value. The house is also very well built. The wood is large grain Georgia Pine. The brick on the outside walls stood up exceptionally well to weathering because they were baked right through, as opposed to just the face (as is today's standard). It is believed that the brick came from Milton which may be true also for some other homes in Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbor which share the same type of 'Glaze Red' brick. There is a chimney, which used to go through the kitchen (fig.1), but has been closed off because the cost of maintaining a wood stove in the kitchen was too great. Most of the other aspects of the home such as trim, doors, windows, floor etc. are all original, in excellent condition, and are true to the epoch of this house's construction circa 1910 (figs. 2&3).



## Historical:

All of the evidence in the home including an engraving on one of the rafters correlates with the findings at the archives and dates the construction of this home to 1910. Those who owned the home built it sparing no expense. Little information was found on the Stoddard family. The materials used were the best available at the time and the home was extravagantly furnished with High Victorian furniture. The previous owner collected this furniture which has mostly been sold by the present owner. The DesChenes family has been in the area for some time and, being a military family brings much history to the community. The family's war history begins as early as the battle on the 'Plains of Abraham'. The house is christened 'Balaclava House' to commemorate the owner's great great uncle who fought in the Crimea war of 1857. He was the commander of a line of 500 British soldiers who successfully defended a crucial port from capture by a force of 3000 Russian cavalry.

## Some Additional Photos:



## Previous Owners:    Date

John Starthy	1866
Henry Frazer	1868
Midland Rail Co.	1870
A.G.P. Dodge	1872
V.H.L. Co.	1886
William Moore	1910
Richard McMahon	1911
Elworth Stoddard	1927
Mary McGregor	1949
Mildred Hettger	1969
Ray G. DesChenes	1972