

Listed Heritage Property Evaluation Form

Address of Property 359 Dalhousie Street

Legal Description CON 1 PT LOT 3

Name of Building Wigle Residence

Date of Build 1912

Photograph(s)



L: Wigle Residence, October 2021

R: Wigle Residence, 1913, looking east from the roof of the Wigle Flour Mill – Marsh Collection P793

Brief statement of potential cultural heritage significance to the Town of Amherstburg:

Design / Physical Value:

Representative example - The Wigle Residence is a well-preserved, representative example of American Foursquare-style residential architecture in Amherstburg

Historical / Associative Value:

Association with significant person - The Wigle Residence has historical and associative value as the home of Colin Wigle (1851-1949), an important Amherstburg pioneer businessman. Wigle contributed to the development of the Town and its commercial

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and industrial advancement with the establishment of a flour mill – a town fixture from 1886-c.1939 - as well as bringing electricity to the town with the first power plant, partnering in a popular dry goods store, and operating a successful hardware business in the town which lasted for decades. Wigle was also active in community affairs serving on Town council, deputy reeve, and more than 40 years on the Board of Trustees of Wesley United Church, where he led its construction.

Contextual Value:

Supporting the character of the area - The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the historic character and streetscape of the area. It is integral to contributing to the historic character of the streetscape which comprises contiguous and adjacent historic houses that date from 1886-1947. The property is situated between two early Twentieth Century houses (1910 & 1915) and across from an 1886 house. The property, like others on Dalhousie Street south of downtown contributes to the historic southern approach to the Town, which is defined by spacious suburban type-properties with significant landscaping and / or setbacks. The portion of the streetscape containing the subject property is reminiscent of the small town environment and exudes that feeling.

Recommended for Listing on the Heritage Register? Yes No

Criteria (According to Regulation 9/06)	Yes	No
<i>Design/ Physical Value</i>		
Is the building a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method?	X	
Does the building display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit?		X
Does the property demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement?		X
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<i>Historical/ Associative Value</i>		
Does the property have direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person or institution that is significant to a community?	X	
Does the property yield or have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the Amherstburg community or culture?		X
Does the property demonstrate or reflect the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to the community?		X
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Is the property important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area?	X	
Is the property physically, functionally, visually, or historically linked to its surroundings?		X
Is the property a landmark?		X

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Does the property demonstrate the potential to meet any (1) of the criteria?	X	
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Sources: Marsh Collection Society Property Research Files

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HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Each of the following exterior heritage attribute of the property at 359 Dalhousie Street contributes to the design value (American Foursquare style) and physical value of the property:

- Its two-storey, square form;
- Its hipped roof and hipped-roof dormers all with bell-cast eaves;
- Its fenestration, including the nearly symmetrical fenestration of the main façade;
- Its open, hipped roof, full-width front verandah with wooden classical columns and cornice.

Each of the following contextual heritage attributes of the property at 359 Dalhousie Street contributes to the contextual value of the property in supporting the character of the area:

- Location of the house on the property;
- The spacious lots size and generous setbacks of the property;
- The soft-landscaping character of the property.