



TAY
HERITAGE

Woodland Rest

200 Cherry Street, Waubaushene



Figure 1: 200 Cherry Street 2018



Figure 2: 200 Cherry Street c.1935

ADDRESS	200 Cherry Street
CONSTRUCTION DATE	c. 1910
ORIGINAL OWNERS	Society of Jesus, Roman Catholic Church
ORIGINAL USE	Community hall for Catholic Order of Foresters
CURRENT USE	Residential (single family house)
ARCHITECT/BUILDER/DESIGNER	Unknown
DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION/MATERIALS	Balloon Construction, wood plank, poured cement foundation
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE	Public building

Historical

The home sits on a block of land originally owned by William Solomon, a fur trader and interpreter from Drummond Island and living in Penetanguishene (1838), then the Georgian Bay Lumber Company and its principals, the Dodge family (1870), and the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) (1906).



The Jesuits purchased the block bounded by Cherry Street, Elm Street, Pine Street and Thiffault Street as the site for their mission complex of St. John the Evangelist, located in Waubaushene for its proximity to the site of the martyrdom of Fathers Brebeuf and Lalement in 1649. Here they built a church, a presbytery, a music hall, stables and carriage shed, and an assembly hall for the Catholic Order of Foresters, a fraternal organization.

**Figure 3: Membership Medallion,
Catholic Order of Foresters**

In November 1914, all the buildings were lost to fire except the Foresters' hall, which served as a chapel for services until the church was rebuilt in 1916. In 1928 William Brodeur purchased the Hall and two lots on Cherry Street from the Jesuits. He moved the Hall there and renovated it as a residence.

William was one of eleven children of Jeremie Brodeur, who came to Waubaushene from Ste. Paulin, Quebec about 1885 to work for the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, possibly as a millwright. (The first "Canadian" Brodeur had arrived in Varennes in New France about 1675.) The Brodeurs were representative of many Quebec families who moved to Ontario to follow the lumber industry. The Cherry Street property remains in the family.

HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP – 200 Cherry Street

YEAR (Registration)	TRANSFER TO
PATENT Sept 23 1834	FRASER, Catherine
Dated Sept. 24, 1834 Reg'd Mar. 24, 1885	CALDWELL, John Morrison
Dec. 26, 1834	SOLOMON, William
Apr. 26, 1855	HALLEN, Preston

July 6, 1860	HALL, William
Aug. 27, 1870	DODGE, Anson George Phelps
May 14, 1873	The Georgian Bay Lumber Company of Ontario
Sept. 28, 1876	PLAN 248
Oct. 14, 1882	DODGE, Arthur Murray Dodge
Aug. 10, 1883	DODGE, Cleveland H.
Dated July 7, 1887 Reg'd Dec. 31, 1912	DODGE, Arthur M.
July 6, 1893	HUNT, William J.
July 6, 1893	DODGE, Arthur M.
July 6, 1893	The Georgian Bay Lumber Company Limited
Aug. 17, 1906	La Corporation du Collège Sainte Marie à Montréal
May 30, 1934	BRODEUR, William Joseph
Nov. 27, 1979	FEGARTY, Hilda Florence
Sept. 20, 2005	FEGARTY, Terrence John & FEGARTY, Anita Irene

Architectural or Design Value

The building form is 1 1/2 –storey wood frame with a gable peak. The original building (c.1910, renovated 1928 and extended in 2005) has balloon- style framing with no interior load-bearing walls, consistent with its original use as a community space.

As with many pre-1920 buildings in the area it was built of 12' X 2" pine planks for the exterior and interior walls and subfloor. Materials were likely sourced at the Waubaushene mill of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, as Brodeur and several family members were employed there. The exterior was subsequently covered by clapboard, then Insul brick and then pine siding. The original foundation is poured concrete; adjoining is a fresh water cistern, now unused. There are 9.6 foot ceilings on the ground floor and 7 foot ceilings on the upper floor. Portions of the pine ceiling and plank walls on the ground floor are visible.



Figure 5: Plank Interior Wall



Figure 6: Ground Floor Flooring

The strip flooring on the ground floor (mostly maple) is visible and original to the hall (c.1910) and runs throughout the length of the original building. The flooring for the second level (attic) of the original hall building is red pine, visible and again runs throughout the original upper level.



Figure 7: Original Front Door

Original to 1928 are the pine front door, including a turn chime doorbell, most of the solid pine interior doors, and staircase. All interior doors and windows are trimmed in pine. A number of the furniture items and other fixtures are original.

Tay Township Council has designated the home at 200 Cherry Street in Waubauskene as significant under the Ontario Heritage Act.