



Built: 1912
 Builders: Bennet (Framing)
 Joe Evans (Brick)
 George Patterson (Foundation)
 Structure: Brick House
 Exterior wall: Red 'Glaze' Brick
 Style: Edwardian Classicism

Current Owner: James D. McCannell
 Present Use: Dwelling
 Original Use: Dwelling
 Address: 556 Algoma Ave.

Architectural:

Built in 1912, the property had no running water until a well was dug on the property in 1914. Since its construction, the home has been very well preserved as all of the original aspects and partitions remain intact. The only substantial renovation to the home is the veranda and porch at the front of the house, which were rebuilt and enlarged in 1933 (Figs. 1&2). The windows in the home have also been replaced with storm windows (Fig. 3) however the trim around the windows remains untouched.

Figure 1: The enlarged veranda and porch.



Figure 2: View of the south-east side of the house.



Figure 3: A close-up of the storm windows and original trim.



Historical:

The McCannell family, including their five children, moved into this home in March 1913, which at the time had neither water nor electricity. Originally coming to Collingwood in the late nineteenth century, the McCannells have continued to live in this home since it was purchased in 1913, and have played an interesting roll in the community of Port McNicoll.

Mr. James McCannell Sr. worked as part of the Canadian Pacific Railway's sailing crew for twenty-nine years before he retired. McCannell began working for the CPR in 1907, when Ed Anderson, the captain of

the *Manitoba* asked McCannell to bring the newly constructed *Assiniboia* and *Keewatin* from Buffalo to the CPR terminal in Owen Sound. McCannell agreed, having experience as a captain sailing the Bradley fleet of Cleveland Ohio for several years prior to Anderson's request. McCannell was later given command of the *Athabasca* and *Alberta* when Anderson retired in 1908. McCannell continued to sail these two ships from Port McNicoll to Fort William in Thunder Bay until 1913, when the captain of the *Assiniboia* suffered a stroke, and McCannell was asked to take command of the ship. McCannell's most important voyage took place during his first year of sailing the *Assiniboia*, when a brutal winter storm raged through the area. While other ships succumbed to the hurricane winds, rough water and snow squalls, leading to the deaths of over three hundred sailors, McCannell completed his trip to Port McNicoll without the loss of a single crew member. McCannell continued to sail the CPR's ships until 1936 when he retired.

The McCannell home was Recognized under the Township of Tay Recognition program in 2007 for its historical significance to the township and to the community of Port McNicoll.



Some additional photos showcasing the back of the McCannell home.

<u>Previous Owners:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sources:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
County of Simcoe	1866	Land Registry Office	Barrie
James Quinn	1877	Simcoe County Archives	Midhurst
Oliver Bourrie	1884	Tay Township Office	Victoria Harbour
Alphonse Arpin	1886	Owner, Mr. James D. McCannell	
Frances Bourrie	1896		
Eldrige Bourrie	1900		
Daniel Robins	1909		
Catherine Morell	1910		
James McCannell	1914		
Emma McCannell	1941		
Malcom McCannell	1942		
James D. McCannell	1952		