

Chambly, Quebec
Former Canal Manager's Residence
Lock No. 2, 1745 Bourgogne Street

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The former canal manager's residence in Chambly was built in 1867 and used originally as an office for the canal. The mansard roof was added in 1893, and the verandah in 1914. The house is now vacant. Environment Canada is its custodian department. See FHBRO Report 86-80.

Reason for Designation

The building was designated Recognized because of its association with the growth and development of the Chambly Basin, because it reinforces the canal setting, is one of 22 surviving properties from the canal infrastructure, and is the only one at Lock No. 2.

Character Defining Elements

Its heritage character lies in the original building and well-designed additions and alterations that were made over the years, each reflecting the taste of its period. Ornamentation is detailed that is usual with vernacular structures.

The elements that attest to the house's history contribute to its character: general shape, variety and workmanship of such secondary elements as the verandah, balcony and dormers, fenestration and variations in the brickwork.

The house bears witness to a good esthetic sense throughout its history. The facade with three bays is well-proportioned and the nineteenth century verandah provides the necessary base to support the overhanging mass of the mansard.

The quality of the workmanship is very good. This is especially striking in such secondary elements as the balcony, dormers, corbelled eaves, and window- and door-frames. These elements should be carefully protected.

The interior has seen extensive alteration and this may have damaged its integrity. Before any future renovations, it is recommended that enough research be done to identify the character defining elements of the main stages in the house's history and take steps to protect them.

The emphasis in management must be on careful maintenance of the present building and respect for the tradition of the alterations and additions, which are well-integrated but identifiable to an informed eye.

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