

Homestead of David Wheelihan

Campbellville house for four generations



WHEELIHAN HOUSE is the home of Doris and John in Campbellville. It appears to be two houses joined together, the front section shown here was originally concrete, then tongue and groove siding and is now aluminum. The large barn and implement sheds of the farm are still on the property to the rear of the house.



DORIS AND JOHN in the living room of the lovely old home which dates back to the mid 1800s. John's father Frank was born in the cottage next door 114 years ago. John and Doris have raised five children in the historic house.

3rd in a series of four on Campbellville and 57th in a series on homes of distinction in Halton, by Joyce Beaton



DINING ROOM in the Wheelihan home makes a perfect setting for relaxed country dinner. As with most old homes, repairs are constantly being made and this room has been renovated with wood panelling and a beamed ceiling.

David Wheelihan came to Canada from Ireland and followed hot on the heels of Campbellville's founder, Scotsman John Campbell. In 1840, eight years after Campbell, Wheelihan settled in the village.

The village of Campbellville lots were originally from the farm now owned by David's direct descendant, John. The farm was situated on the west half of lot six in the fourth concession, and the east half of lot six in the third. The name of Henry Cargill was almost synonymous with David Wheelihan in the early years of Campbellville's history. Both are listed as lumber merchants in the 1877 Atlas of Halton County. Ledger books in possession of the Wheelihan family date back to the 1860s but the deed for the Cargill-Wheelihan property was obtained in 1874.

David Wheelihan operated three mills in the area, one in Nassagaweya Township beside the creek on the farm of William Mahon, one a flour mill known as Abrey Mill, and one in the village now the Crawford Lumber Co.

Councillor
Mr. Wheelihan was a councillor in Nassagaweya from 1882 to 1888. He was also known as the village banker. Apparently he expected his loans to be paid on the date due but would often return the money if he felt the individuals were in need.

Other stories of this magnanimous man include his gift of the site for the Presbyterian church in the village. Although a member of the Catholic faith he also gave additional ground for church sheds and at his death he left \$500 as a bequest to the congregation. Part of that money was used to purchase two acres adjoining the church grounds to be used as a cemetery in 1891. In his honor the church was named St. David's.

In 1921 John D. Wheelihan Sr. gave the ball field and the Campbellville School property. The land was given to the Campbellville Athletic and Community Association and decided to the trustees of school section number 10 in April of 1928.

Carriage shop
A carriage shop in the village owned by John

Wheelihan stood until it was torn down in 1954. Much of the material was used to build a new home in the area. The shop was used by William Johnson as a carriage business and undertaker establishment from 1891 to 1904. Joseph McFarland carried on a woodworking, buggy painting, and harness business in the building for many years, then he moved to Toronto in 1923. In later years it was used as a woodworking shop by the late John Routledge from Ridgeway (1931), a brother of Mrs. C. A. Elsey. The same building was used as a storage depot for King Calcium Products for many years.

The Wheelihan homestead, a century home, is occupied by John and Doris, the fourth generation to live in the main house. John's father, Frank, was born in the cottage next door 114 years ago. He was one of the first village trustees in 1914 when Campbellville became a police village.

John and Doris
Born in Detroit, John came to Campbellville at two and a half years of age. He has lived since in the Wheelihan home-

stead and he and Doris have raised five children here. John lives at home and Mary Helen is in Lively, Frank in Campbellville, Margaret in Vancouver and Anne in Hamilton.

The house has undergone few changes structurally. It appears to be two houses joined together. The front section was originally concrete, then tongue and groove siding was applied. The Wheelihans have covered the wood with aluminum.

The large barn and implement sheds of the Wheelihan farm are still on the property to the rear of the house.

Back then
Some prices paid for various articles in 1870 taken from an old ledger book belonging to Cargill-Wheelihan are as follows: Tea \$4 a pound, potatoes 75 cents a bag, flour \$3 a bag, oil \$3 a gallon, tobacco 40 cents a pound, butter 19 cents a pound, pork 12 cents a pound, beef six cents a pound and whiskey \$1.10 a gallon.

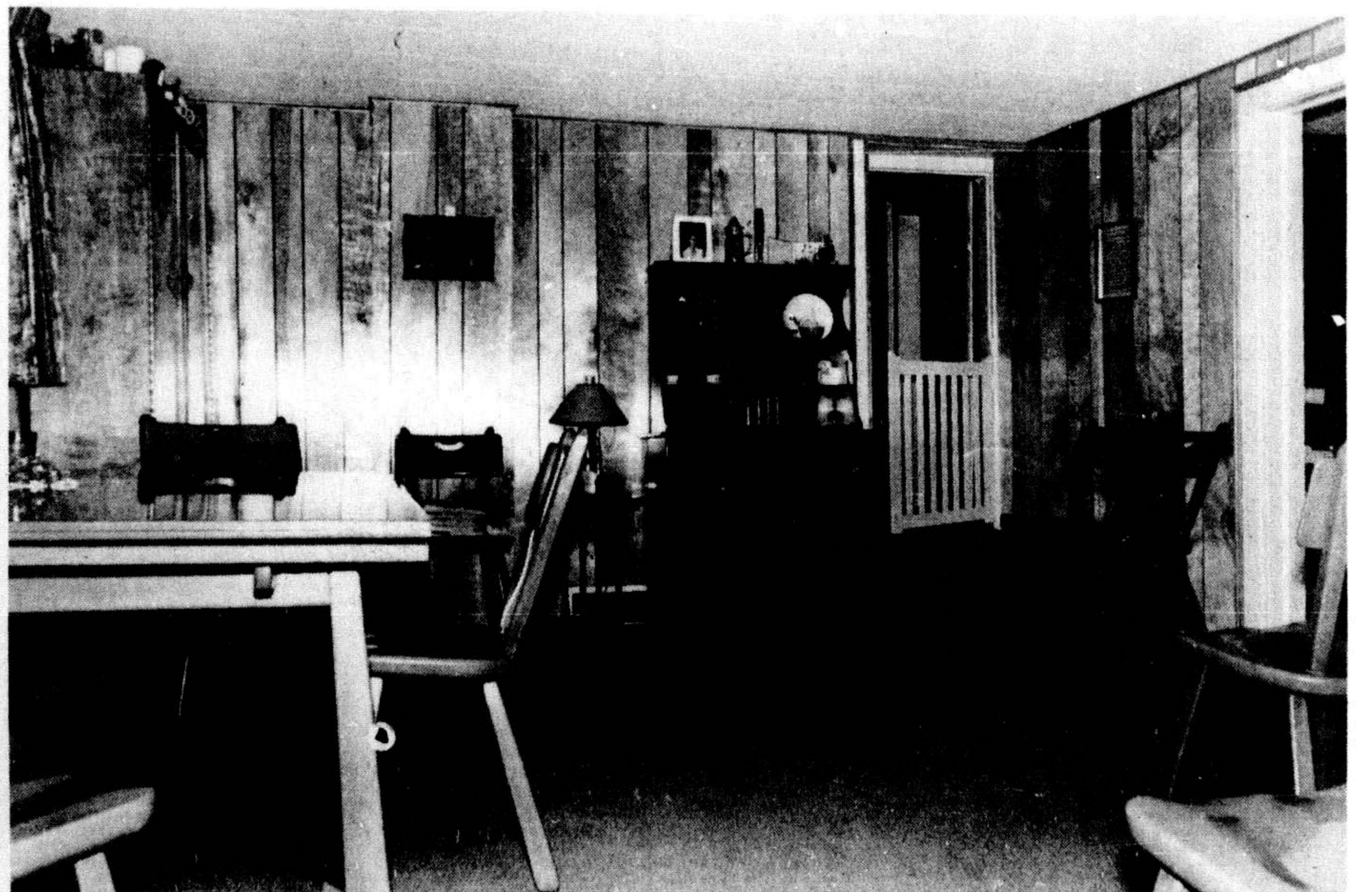
Canadian Pacific Railway fares were: Campbellville to Toronto 50 cents return, Campbellville to Hamilton \$1

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ST. DAVID'S Presbyterian Church was named for David Wheelihan who gave the property to the church, although a member of the Catholic

faith. He was a councillor in Nassagaweya from 1882 to 1888.



LARGE EATING AREA off the kitchen is one of the advantages to an old house. To the right is the door to the den and the swinging gate leads to the

hallway, past bedrooms and to the dining room. This room is in the back section of the house.