



#### **Date of Site Visit**

August 6, 2014



401 Brant Street Built for Absalom & Bridget Cline 1872

# Associated Photographs

Caption: 401 Brant Street, the Cline / Dickenson / Johnston / Watson

Store, built in 1872

Source: Burlington Historical Society Digital Collections

Accessed at:

http://vitacollections.ca/burlingtonhistoricalsociety/24465/data?n=9



Caption: Home Made Candies Store, now 401 Brant Street, with

proprietor Cam Johnston standing by the door, 1922 Source: Burlington Historical Society Digital Collections

Accessed at: http://images.burlington.halinet.on.ca/8598/data?n=25



Evaluator(s)	
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Reviewed City/ LACAC Documents?	Yes

### Ontario Regulation 9/06 Criteria

Evaluation of Property					
Criteria	Description	✓	Value Statement(s)		
A. Design or Physical Value	<ol> <li>Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.</li> <li>Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic value.</li> <li>Displays a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.</li> </ol>				
B. Historical or Associative Value	Has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.	<b>√</b>	Associated with many early businesses of the area including Dickenson's store (confectioner) and Johnston's Candy Store.  Associated with A.B. Cline, horticulturalist and member of City Council.		
	2. Yields or has the potential to				

	yield information that contributes to the understanding of a community or culture.		
	3. Demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, builder, artist, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.		
C	1. Is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.		
C. Contextual Value	2. Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.	<b>✓</b>	Maintains the character of the downtown area as a highly visible landmark.
	3. Is a landmark.		

# **Heritage Burlington Criteria**

### **Design or Physical Value**

Style and Design	
Comments/Description	<ul> <li>Early commercial building in Burlington</li> <li>One-and-a-half storey frame commercial building</li> <li>Gabled roof with original 2 over 2 wood sash windows with shutters on the upper level</li> <li>The 1920s photograph shows the architrave above the storefront, the lonic pilasters and the recessed front door</li> </ul>
Rating Category	• Good – 6
Rating Number	6/10

Age		
Comments/Description	•	Built in 1872
Rating Category	•	1870s – 8
Rating Number	8/10	

Integrity	
Comments/Description	<ul> <li>The vertical board wood siding has replaced the clapboard seen in the 1920s photograph</li> <li>Internal renovations and re-instituting former south side window</li> </ul>
Rating Category	<ul> <li>Minor changes to heritage attributes but character retained –</li> <li>8</li> </ul>
Rating Number	8/10

#### **Historical or Associate Value**

Person, Organization or	Person, Organization or Event		
	Built by Absalom and Bridget Cline		
	<ul> <li>Built for Absalom Bell Cline, horticulturalist</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>There is evidence that Cline was also a member of</li> </ul>		
	City Council		
	<ul> <li>1887: sold to William Little</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>1892: sold to Susan Dawson</li> </ul>		
Comments/Description	<ul> <li>1901: sold to William Sharp</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>1914: sold to Edward J. Dickenson, confectioner</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Fruit picker family</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>"The store contained an old-fashioned ice cream</li> </ul>		
	parlour, for which he made his delicious ice cream"		
	<ul> <li>1924: sold to Cam Johnston, "Johnston's Candy Store"</li> </ul>		
	1948: sold to William Watson, "Watson Jewellers"		
Rating Category	<ul> <li>Person, event or organization of primary importance</li> </ul>		
	intimately connected with the property – 10		
Rating Number	10/10		

Architect/Builder		
Comments/Description	•	Unknown
Rating Category	•	Architect or builder is unknown – 0
Rating Number	0/10	

Theme		
Comments/Description	•	Building is associated with the commercial growth of downtown Burlington
Rating Category	•	Patterns of secondary importance intimately connected with the property – 8
Rating Number	8/10	

#### **Contextual Value**

Location		
Comments/Description	•	Has not been moved
Rating Category	•	Has not been moved (or maintains original extent) – 10
Rating Number	10/10	

Setting		
Comments/Description		Forms part of a historic streetwall with the buildings to the north Across from the Queen's Head Hotel
Rating Category	•	Of particular importance in establishing the dominant character of the area – 10
Rating Number	10/10	

Landmark		
Comments/Description	•	This is a downtown landmark in a highly visible location, next to the summer famers' market / parking lot and facing the Civic Square
Rating Category	•	A conspicuous and familiar building, structure or landscape in the context of the neighbourhood – 6
Rating Number	6/10	

### **Future Considerations**

Compatibility				
Comments/Description	<ul> <li>Zone code: DC</li> <li>Min. building height: 2 storeys</li> <li>Max. building height: 4 storeys and 15 metres</li> <li>First and second storeys: 4.5 metres each</li> <li>Built form:         <ul> <li>Parking areas and driveways shall be prohibited between any building and street, other than a driveway access into and elevated or underground parking facility</li> <li>The first floor elevation of any building facing a street shall have a minimum of 60% glazing</li> <li>A decorative finish shall be applied to all exterior walls facing a street or residential zone</li> <li>Overhead doors are not permitted in a building elevation facing Brant Street and Lakeshore Road</li> </ul> </li> <li>Uses         <ul> <li>Retail Commercial: Department Store, Flea Market, Large Furniture and Appliance Store, Supermarket/Grocery Store, Convenience/Specialty Food Store, Farmers Market, Other Retail Stores</li> <li>Service Commercial: Standard Restaurant, Fast Food Restaurant, Convenience Restaurant, Fast Food Restaurant, Convenience Restaurant, Fast Food Restaurant, Convenience Restaurant, Terrace Patio, Elevated Parking Facility, Veterinary Services, Other Service Commercial Uses</li> <li>Community: Community Institution</li> <li>Office: All Office Uses</li> <li>Hospitality: Hotel, Convention/Conference Centre, Banquet Centre, Caterer Entertainment and Recreation: Recreational Establishment, Entertainment Establishment, Night Club</li> <li>Residential: Dwelling units in a commercial/office building, Apartment Building, Retirement Home</li> </ul> </li> <li>Height maximum may pose a risk as the property is located in the Commercial Core</li> </ul>			
Rating Category	<ul> <li>Present use is not compatible with current land use and zoning, providing a possible threat to the building, structure or landscape's future – 5</li> </ul>			
Rating Number	5/5			

Usability/Future Potential			
Comments/Description	•	Can be adapted to numerous commercial uses with minimal changes to the architecture	
Rating Category	•	Building, structure or landscape can be adapted to future uses with little changes to its heritage attributes – 5	
Rating Number	5/5		

# Next Steps

Conclusions	
Total Ranking Number	76/100
Recommendation	Property should remain on the Municipal Heritage Register
Discrepancies Identified	<ul> <li>When Johnson acquired the shop. LACAC states 1924 is when it was sold to Cam Johnston, but <i>Burlington: The Growing Years</i> has a picture dated 1922 of "Johnson's Candies"</li> <li>Was A.B. Cline a member of City Council</li> </ul>
Further Research	
Required for Register	
Sources Consulted	LACAC. "401 Brant Street