

THE STONE SHOP  
271 MAIN STREET WEST  
1800

## 1.0 HISTORY

The Stone Shop was built in 1800 by Allan Nixon who used the building as a blacksmith shop. The Stone shop was kept in the family for many years after the death of Allan Nixon in 1813. Since then it has been used as a buggy repair, an early automobile repair shop and storage shed before being purchased by the Town of Grimsby for use as a museum in 1963.

Allan Nixon served as an ensign in Butler's Rangers during the American Revolution. He was also appointed a Lieutenant of the Lincoln Militia and served his country briefly in the first year of the war of 1812. During that time the Stone Shop was used by the Canadian, British and American troops as a blacksmith shop to repair their equipment and have their horses shod.

Allan Nixon also served on the Grimsby Township Council as an "assessor" in 1793 and later as a "poundkeeper" for a number of years. As well, when the Masonic Lodge was instituted here in 1799 Mr. Nixon was installed as Junior Warden and to him belongs the distinctions of having made the first tools and implements of the Lodge.

## 2.0 ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Stone Shop is built in the French Regime style and is located on Part of Lot 13, Concession 2 on .07 acres. This rectangular shaped structure has a medium pitched gable roof with two corbelled cap end chimneys, cedar shingles and a boxed cornice. The walls and base are of coarse rubble.

## 2.2 NORTH ELEVATION



The north elevation of this structure now consists of an off center door and two fixed 20 paned windows. The original north elevation consisted of two double hung sash two over two windows, a single door with louvered shutters and voussoir trim and a two leafed vertical hinged door. There was only one central chimney. After the Grimsby Historical Society bought the Stone Shop they brought the door from Marlatt's Tavern with the semi-elliptical transom and rectangular side lights to replace the hinged two leaf door. This door can be seen on the new Grimsby Museum. The windows are adorned with voussoir trim.

## 2.3 WEST ELEVATION



The west facade consists of two windows doublehung sash twelve over eight with a screen. The top of the windows are characterized by a plain trim.

#### 2.4 SOUTH ELEVATION



The South elevation is characterized by a center door with a fixed three upper section and a double paneled lower section. The window on this facade is a fixed twelvepane inset window. The roof line on this facade is extended an extra row of shingles above the window.



#### 2.5 EAST ELEVATION

This facade is characterized by one fixed 18paned window with no trim. Unlike the other facades, this one has aluminum siding in the gable.

**Building Evaluation Sheet**

**Name** Stone Shop Museum  
**Location** 271 Main Street West, Grimsby

Reference Number 06

<b>A Architecture</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
1 Style	Fair/Poor
2 Construction	Good
3 Age	Excellent
4 Architect/Builder	Fair/Poor
5 Design	Fair/Poor
6 Interior	Good
<b>B History</b>	
7 Person	Excellent
8 Event	Excellent
9 Context	Very Good
<b>C Environment</b>	
10 Continuity	Very Good
11 Setting	Very Good
12 Landmark	Excellent
<b>D Usability</b>	
13 Compatibility	Very Good
14 Adaptability	Excellent
15 Public	Fair/Poor
16 Services	Good
17 Cost	Excellent
<b>E Integrity</b>	
18 Site	Excellent
19 Alterations	Very Good
20 Condition	Excellent

Evaluated by  
Recommendation

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