



Municipality of  
Dutton Dunwich

## HERITAGE COMMITTEE

# FACT SHEET

### Sifton Homestead – 29436 Talbot Line

A two storey farmhouse built in 1905 and is typical of a type constructed prior to World War 1 in an Edwardian Four Square style.



The original owner was Duncan McTavish.

The home was later purchased by James Sifton, who married Amelia Bobier. During their time of ownership the home was called “Ameljo Acres.”

The Siftons had two daughters, Ellie and Millie, and a son, Ellis.

The family moved to Dutton shortly after Ellis’ death in World War 1, and the farm was sold to Norman Welch, who planted an apple orchard.

The built heritage of Dutton Dunwich consists of a number of yellow Victorian brick homes. These had replaced earlier wood structures such as the Harris House of Iona.

Following the end of the popularity of Victorian styles at the turn of the 20th century, red brick homes became in vogue and were often built in a Four Square style.

They had simplified, balanced lines and a humbler architectural expression than that which had preceded them. They are sometimes described as “a stripped down box” with little ornamentation other than a verandah.



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