

### **143 King St. (Lot 2 south side of Kent St.)**

#### **Architectural Description:**

The house which stands at 143 King St. (Lot 2 on the south side of Kent St.) was built by Salvatore (sometimes referred to as the anglicised “Sylvester”) Shickluna, a ship’s carpenter, in approximately 1897. The rear addition was built in 1904. Although a ship’s carpenter, he also did a lot of building work, and probably was responsible for much of the work on this house.

The house at 143 King St. is a two-and-a-half-storey building with a red brick veneer exterior. It features decorative quoined corners and a decorative concrete frieze that runs around the entire house under the eaves. The home has undergone some exterior alterations since it was built. The original windows have all been replaced, and a small porch on the northeast corner of the house has been removed (See Appendices 2 through 4). The unusual arrangement of original windows in the gable on the front of the house may have been Shickluna’s own design. (See Appendix 2 and 3). A gabled window has also been added to the upper half storey on the north side (See Appendix 3 where it is absent; the 1979 survey photos do not include the roof on this side). A photograph taken in 1908 shows that the front porch originally had low brick walls, with pillars supported by concrete block bases (See Appendix 2). Since the 1979 survey photos were taken, the brick wall around the porch has been replaced with a modern railing, the porch floor has been replaced with wood, and the pillars have been either replaced or covered though the original block bases remain (See Appendix 3). A covered wooden staircase from the southeast corner of the building has also been removed, though the door to which it led on the second storey is still visible (See Appendix 2).

#### **Historical Significance:**

In 1858, Samuel Jacob Wintermute, farmer, bought lot 2 on the south side of Kent St. from William H. Merritt Jr. (See Appendix 1). Shortly after purchasing the land, in 1863, Wintermute sold it to Owen Finn, a blacksmith, who lived and ran his business on the property until his death (ca. 1879). Then, in 1890, Finn’s widow, Bridget Finn, sold the property to Salvatore Shickluna, ship carpenter and business owner (1835-1932) who rented the property out until the current home was built, likely by Shickluna with the help of members of his family.

The Shicklunas were a very prominent local family during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Originally from Malta, many of the Shicklunas were in the shipbuilding trade. Louis Shickluna, Salvatore Shickluna’s uncle, became the largest shipbuilder in pre-Confederation Canada (*Port Colborne Leader*, March 5, 1997), the main shipyard located on the Twelve Mile Creek in St. Catharines. Upon the death of the former, Salvatore took over the Port Colborne branch of his business. Salvatore ran a very successful business, building a number of tugs, yawls, and other vessels, as well as completing ship repairs, together with family members, including his

children. He also began an Anglo-American tender business in 1896. In November 1897, at the age of 62, Salvatore Shickluna moved into the newly-completed King St. residence, and lived there until the 1920s. Salvatore's descendants also went on to run successful businesses, notably Louis Joseph Shickluna, who operated the King St. Service Station, now a historical landmark as one of the oldest purpose-built stations in the country.

Appendix 1 Abstract Lot 2 South side of Kent St.

113 PORT COLBORNE, LOT No. 3 on the South side of Kent Street.									
TOWNSHIP LOT No. 38 in First Concession, Township of Humberstone.									
No. of Abstract	Volume	No. of Instrument	Instrument	Its Date	Date of Receipt	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	QUANTITY OF LAND	CONSIDERATION OR AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE.
1		Patent	17 May 1862			Georg III	Robert Richardson	Lot 38 all	
3	OS 9793	RTS	34 April 1834	30 July 1834		Arthur J. Robertson	William Kellner	110 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$200
3	OS 3793	Regue Release	17 March 1846	31 March 1846		William H. Merritt	Jamess & Strachan and others	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
4	TR 3162	RTS	30 August 1881	13 August 1885		Richard Spitzer only son of Richard Patterson deceased	Arthur J. Robertson	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
5	TR 3165	RTS	30 April 1882	13 August 1885		Allen Thellie Patterson daughter of Richard Patterson deceased	Arthur J. Robertson	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
6	TR 3166	RTS	30 May 1883	13 August 1885		Richard Patterson and others	Arthur J. Robertson	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
7	OS 1770	RTS	3 June 1844	11 June 1844		William H. Merritt	Samuel Street	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
8	B 2006	RTS	31 July 1839	12 July 1845		Samuel Street	The C. Street	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
9	A 531	RTS	27 July 1847	11 July 1847		The C. Street	Wm. H. Merritt	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
10	A 1841	BVS	11 Sept 1849	28 Feb 1849		Wm. H. Merritt	Wm. H. Merritt	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
11									
12	A 11013	BVS	10 Sept 1863	10 Sept 1863		Wm. H. Merritt	Samuel Street	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
13	A 11014	BVS	6 Sept 1863	10 Sept 1863		Wm. H. Merritt	Samuel Street	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
14	7 1505	RTS	22 Sept 1890	23 Sept 1890		Richard Spitzer	Salon Shickluna	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
15	8 2659	RTS	5 Aug 1907	7 Aug 1907		Salon Shickluna	Jonathan Weaver	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000
16	2 3829	RTS	6 Mar 1912	9 Jan 1923		Jonathan Weaver	Salon Shickluna	100 Acres Lot 38 (bowl)	\$5000

PORT COLBORNE, Lot No. 2 on the South side of Kent Street,  
Township Lot No. 28 in First Concession, Township of Humberstone.

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No.	No. of Page	No. of Instrument	ITS DATE	DATE OF REGISTRY.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	QUANTITY OF LAND	CONSIDERATION OR AMOUNT OF MONIES	REMARKS
17	M	7287	Grant 28 July 1925	17 Aug. 1925	Salvator Shickluna Widower	Joseph J. Shickluna Samuel A. Shickluna Christopher A. Shickluna Louis J. Shickluna	20 a	\$2.	20 a off attached.
18	P	10395	Grant 12 Apr. 1933	25 July 1933	Louis J. Shickluna Joseph J. Shickluna Samuel A. Shickluna Christopher A. Shickluna John P. A. Shickluna Shickluna, Mary Shickluna & Nellie Shickluna 75 a part.	Louis J. Shickluna Ethan C. Nelson John M. Bernatt Joseph J. Shickluna Louis M. Brandel Samuel Shickluna Carmella Scarr Christopher Shickluna Mary Shieroff	20 a	2.00 m special parties of 30 a bars.	
19	P	10473	Grant 5 Dec 1933	29 Dec 1933	Christopher B. Shickluna wife	Louis J. Shickluna Ethan C. Nelson John M. Bernatt Louis M. Brandel Carmella Scarr Mary Shieroff	20 a	\$2.	20 a off attached.
20	A	11575	Grant 2 Aug. 1938	8 Aug. 1938	Louis J. Shickluna wife	Martin Brandel	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.
21	A	11514	Quit Claim 25 Mar 1939	30 Mar 1939	Martin Brandel & Louis M. Brandel	Ethan C. Nelson John M. Bernatt Louis M. Brandel Carmella Scarr Mary Shieroff	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.
22	A	11513	Grant 25 Mar 1939	30 Mar 1939	Ethan C. Nelson John M. Bernatt Joseph J. Shickluna Widower, Louise M. Brandel, Martin Brandel Nellie, Samuel A. Shickluna, Carmella Scarr, & Mary Shieroff	Martin Brandel	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.
23	S	12718	Grant 10 Oct 1941	29 Nov. 1941	Martin Brandel wife	Louisa Shickluna	20 a	\$1.	20 a off attached.
24	S	13072	Grant 9 Jan 1943	18 Jan 1943	Louisa Shickluna married woman	Thomas B. Shickluna	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.
25	A	14119	Grant 17 Mar 1946	16 Mar 1946	John M. Bernatt Mary Shieroff Joseph J. Shickluna Widower Carmella Scarr Samuel A. Shickluna Ethan C. Nelson	Alfred G. Offord Martha N. Offord Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.
26	A	14118	Grant 12 Mar 1946	20 Mar 1946	Alfred G. Offord Martha N. Offord Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son	Ethan C. Nelson Martha N. Offord Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.
27	V	14948	Grant 17 Feb 1948	19 Feb 1948	Alfred G. Offord married	Alfred G. Offord	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.
28	V	16099	Grant 2 July 1948	2 July 1948	Alfred G. Offord Martha N. Offord Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son	Alfred G. Offord Martha N. Offord Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son Offord, son	20 a	\$1.00	20 a off attached.

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LOT NO. 2

ON THE South

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From Bank C 554

NO. OF ABSTRACT	NO. OF INSTRUMENT	NO. OF INSTRUMENT	NO. OF INSTRUMENT	NO. DATE	DATE OF REGISTRY	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	QUANTITY OF LAND	CONSIDERATION OR AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE	REMARKS
29.	15108	15108	15108	1945	1945	Thomas S. Dickson	Edward D. McNeal	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
30.	15237	15237	15237	1948	1948	Edward D. McNeal	Edward D. McNeal	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
31.	15379	15379	15379	1949	1949	Edward D. McNeal	Edward D. McNeal	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
32.	15380	15380	15380	1949	1949	Edward D. McNeal	Edward D. McNeal	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
33.	15381	15381	15381	1949	1949	Edward D. McNeal	Edward D. McNeal	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
34.	15518	15518	15518	1949	1949	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
35.	15527	15527	15527	1949	1949	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
36.	15657	15657	15657	1949	1949	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
37.	15736	15736	15736	1950	1950	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
38.	15740	15740	15740	1950	1950	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
39.	15941	15941	15941	1950	1950	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
40.	16222	16222	16222	1951	1951	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
41.	16412	16412	16412	1951	1951	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
42.	16412	16412	16412	1951	1951	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
43.	16412	16412	16412	1951	1951	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre
44.	16615	16615	16615	1951	1951	Harry J. Shore	Harry J. Shore	1/2 acre	1500	1/2 acre

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Merrett Place

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CON- SECUTIVE NO.	1 NO. OF INTER- EST	2 INSTAL- MENT	3 ITS DATE	4 DATE OF REGISTRY	5 GRANTOR	6 GRANTEE	7 QUANTITY OF LAND	8 CONSIDERATION OR AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE	9 REMARKS
68	75279B	Joint	7 Dec 1967	14 Dec 1967	Jose Jenkins Kate Jenkins joint tenants	Joseph Lisicky Harriet Lisicky joint tenants	Interalia pt of lot 2		
69	90460B	Lease	1 Oct 1968	8 Oct 1968	Treasurers of Ontario	Estate of Joseph Lisicky	Interalia pt of lot 2 # 75279B		
139834	18/1/81	18/1/81	1971	1971	Ruby J. Stoen	William J. Stoen			My 11/1/81 B
161726	18/1/81	18/1/81	1972	1972	James J. Stoen	William J. Stoen			
151550	18/1/81	18/1/81	1974	1974	Murray L. Miller Cora Miller Martin Miller Joint Tenants	Harriet Lisicky	Interalia pt of lot 2		
213731	18/1/81	18/1/81	1974	1974	Harriet Lisicky	Murray L. Miller Cora Miller Martin Miller Joint Tenants	Interalia pt of lot 2	\$1.00	recitals consent attached

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**Appendix 2** 1979 Heritage Inventory and Assessment Project Contact Prints





**Appendix 3** 143 King St., 1908 (2015.3.7.4)



# Appendix 4 1914 Fire Insurance Map

