APPENDIX D

STONEHURST:
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Address: 529 Gibsons Way, Gibsons, British Columbia
Name of Historic Place: *Stonehurst*
Original Owner: Frederick and Alice K. Inglis
Builder: James, Andrew, and Frederick Inglis
Date of Construction: 1912-1914

Description of the Historic Place
Constructed from 1912 to 1914, *Stonehurst* is located along Gibsons Way near the intersection with School Road, in the town of Gibsons on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast. The one and one-half storey Craftsman-style residence is located on a sloped lot, with views to Howe Sound, and is characterized by its side gabled roof, full-width front verandah with square columns, and central shed roof dormers. *Stonehurst* is located on the unceded and ancestral territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) people.

Heritage Value of the Historic Place
Stonehurst is valued as a community landmark due to its association with original owner and builder, Dr. Frederick Inglis, who provided the area's first official medical services from this location. Residents of Gibsons Landing had been seeking a physician for their community beginning in the early 1910s. Dr. Inglis responded to the call upon his arrival and was appointed as the area's first *Resident Physician* and the *Medical Health Officer* by the Province. Construction of *Stonehurst* began shortly after the arrival of the Inglis family, consisting of Frederick, Alice, and their six children, with construction aided by Dr. Inglis' brothers, James "Jim" and Andrew. The exposed basement of the residence was purposely designed and allocated to serve as the area's first medical clinic and pharmacy. Dr. Inglis' role as *Resident Physician* required extensive travel throughout the Sunshine Coast, including the adjacent islands. He continued to perform this work until 1945 when his two sons, Hugh and Allan, took over his practice; Dr. Frederick Inglis passed away in 1950 at the age of 80. Alan relocated to Vancouver in 1948 and Hugh moved his family into *Stonehurst* where he continued to practice until 1962.

Stonehurst is significant for its association with the Inglis and Woodsworth families. Dr. Inglis earned degrees in both medicine and divinity from the University of Manitoba in 1905, the same year he married Alice K. Wyatt. As a pacifist and socialist, Dr. Inglis, found camaraderie with many of the Gibsons locals who shared similar political convictions. One of these individuals was James S. Woodsworth, a Methodist minister who arrived in Gibsons in 1917 with his family. During the First World War, James opposed the Church's pro-war stance; ultimately causing him to leave the congregation and his family's accommodation, which had been provided by the church. The Inglis' invited the Woodsworths, including their six children, to reside at *Stonehurst* in 1918, and the four adults and twelve children lived together until 1920 when the Woodsworths moved to Winnipeg. James would go on to help establish the federal Canadian Commonwealth Federations (predecessor to the New Democratic Party) in 1932 and served as its first leader for a decade. Dr. Inglis hosted many community meetings at *Stonehurst* discussing socialist ideology, which helped influence Woodsworth and his subsequent political career. Along with his ideologic and medical contributions to Gibsons, Dr. Inglis served as a Village councillor and helped establish consumer cooperatives.

Stonehurst is also valued for its association with the pre-First World War development of Gibsons during the Edwardian-era development boom. As the population grew during the 1910s and 1920s, demand for infrastructure including schools, churches, shops, and health services also increased. It was during this unprecedented period of growth that Dr. Frederick Inglis arrived in Gibsons and established Stonehurst as a community landmark.

Stonehurst is further valued as an excellent example of the Craftsman style of architecture. Descended from the more elaborate Arts and Crafts style, Craftsman style houses were popular across the province through the first few decades of the 20th century. The Craftsman style typically combined traditional designs, such as gabled roofs, large verandahs, and knee brackets with locally sourced natural materials, all of which can be found on *Stonehurst*. The name *Stonehurst* is also representative of the prominent and thoughtful use of stone as a primary building material throughout the site.

Character-Defining Elements

The elements that define the heritage character of *Stonehurst* are its:

- location along Gibsons Way in the town of Gibsons on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast;
- residential form, scale and massing, as expressed by its rectangular plan, one and one-half storey height with full-height basement, and side-gabled roof, with central shed roof dormer on the front and rear elevations (the rear elevation features a wall dormer), and a full-width verandah;
- wood-frame construction with a combination of siding types including cedar shingle cladding in the gable ends and dormer face, narrow lapped wooden siding on the main level, and board and batten vertical siding along the basement/ground floor level, and wooden trim including cornerboards, bargeboards, exposed raftertails, brackets, and bellybands, the house also features a board-formed concrete foundation;
- features of the Craftsman style including:
    - its side-gabled roof structure with exposed raftertails, triangular knee brackets, and pointed bargeboards, and its small shed roof covering over the enclosed second storey sleeping porch;
    - projecting full-width verandah, covered by shallow sloped shed roof with open soffit ceiling, closed balustrade with narrow lapped wooden siding, and regularly spaced square columns with square capitals; and
    - a large, central bifurcated staircase with a closed balustrade leading to the verandah;
- wood frame and sash windows with dimensional wood trim including, but not limited to, single and double hung wood sash assemblies, large multi-pane fixed assemblies along the side elevation; and tripartite casement assembly on the porch level of the front elevation with awning style multipane transom above;

- wooden doors across all elevations including the original front door with inset glazing and moulded design elements;
- internal masonry chimney;
- interior features including:
    - original fireplace location, the original design of which featured locally sourced stones; and
- landscape elements including stone retaining walls and steps.

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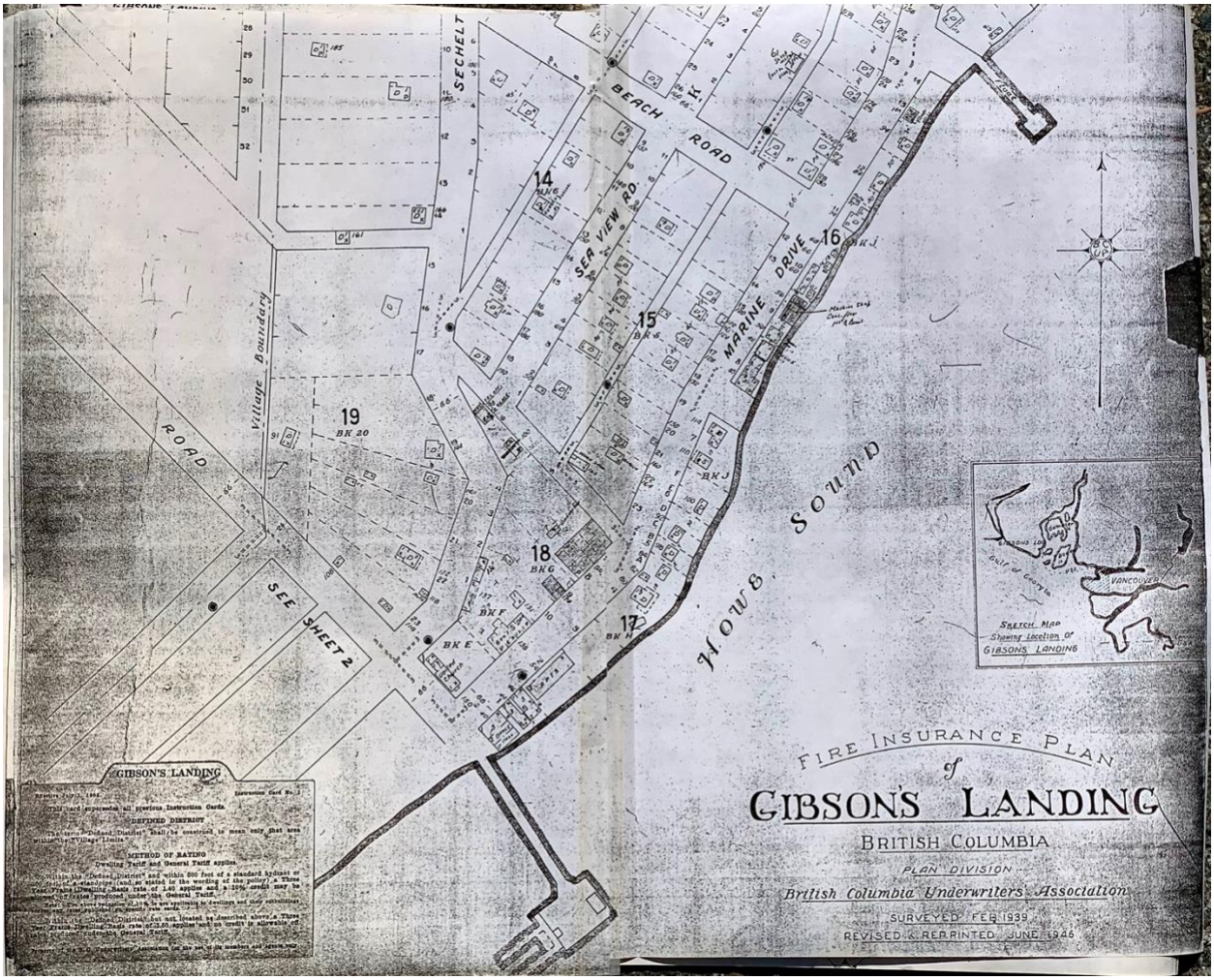
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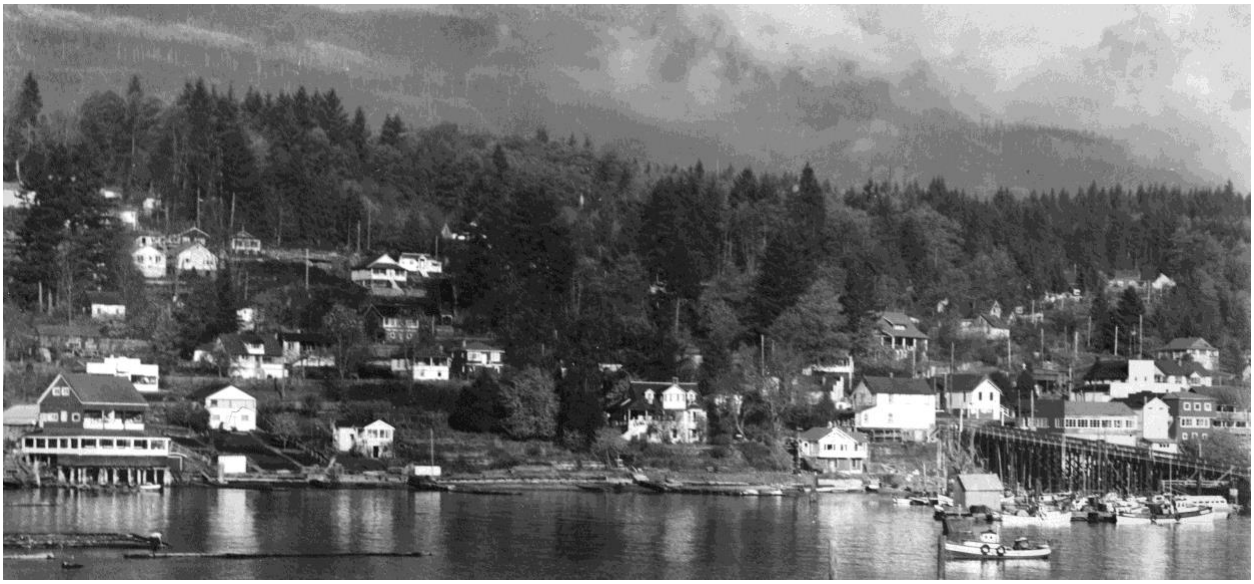
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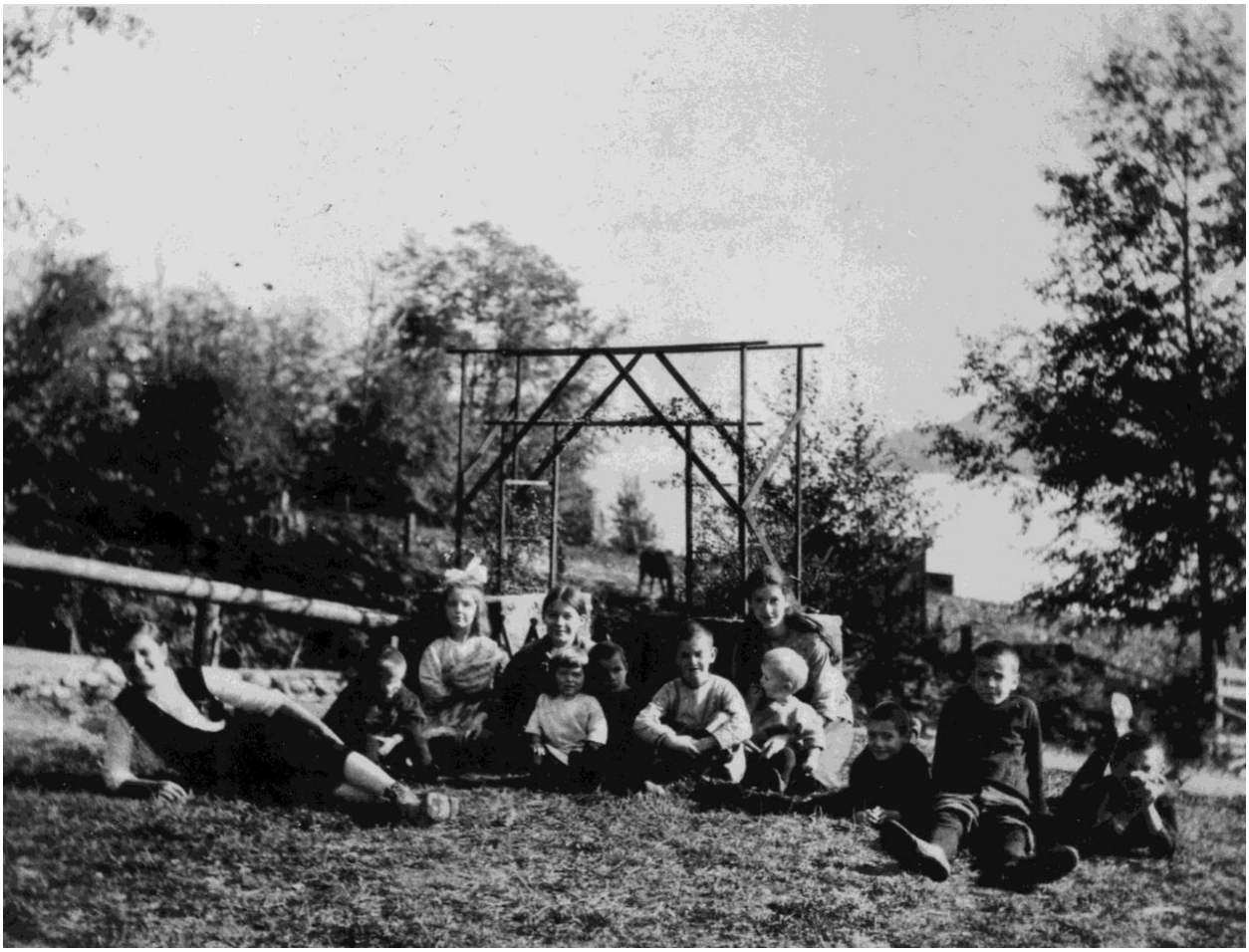


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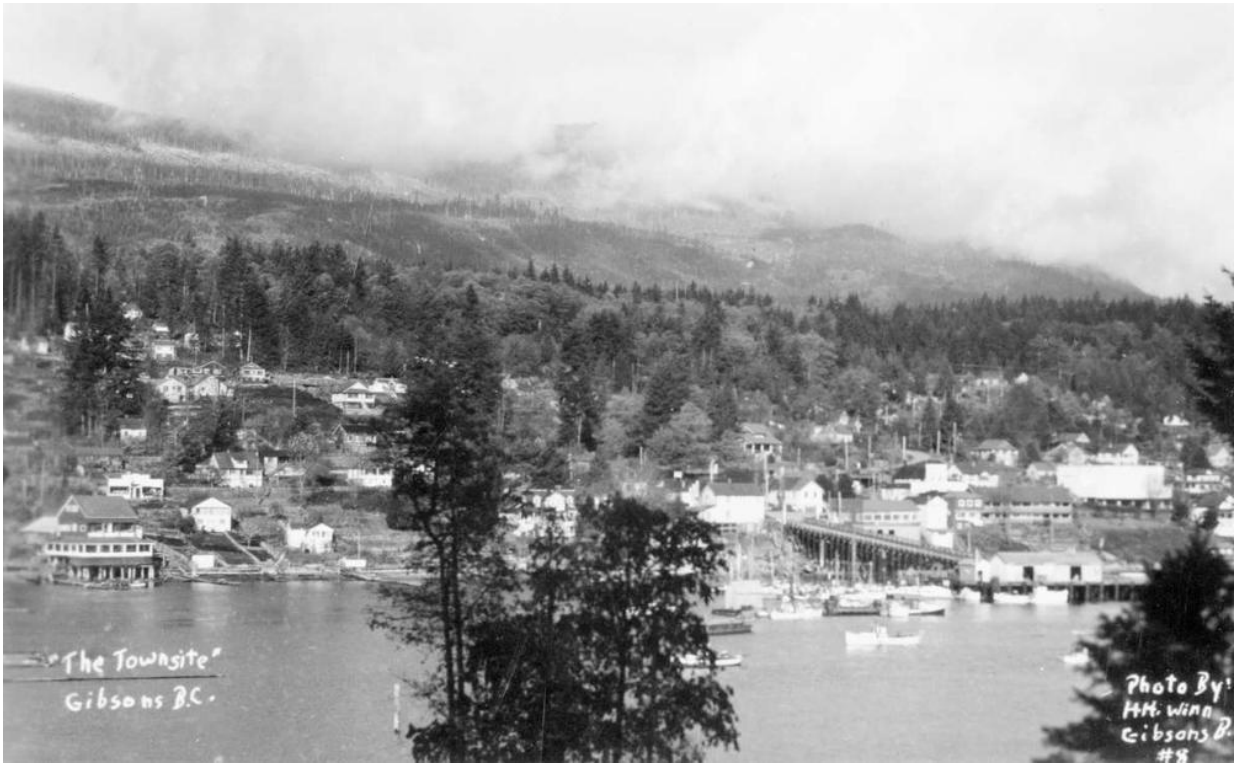
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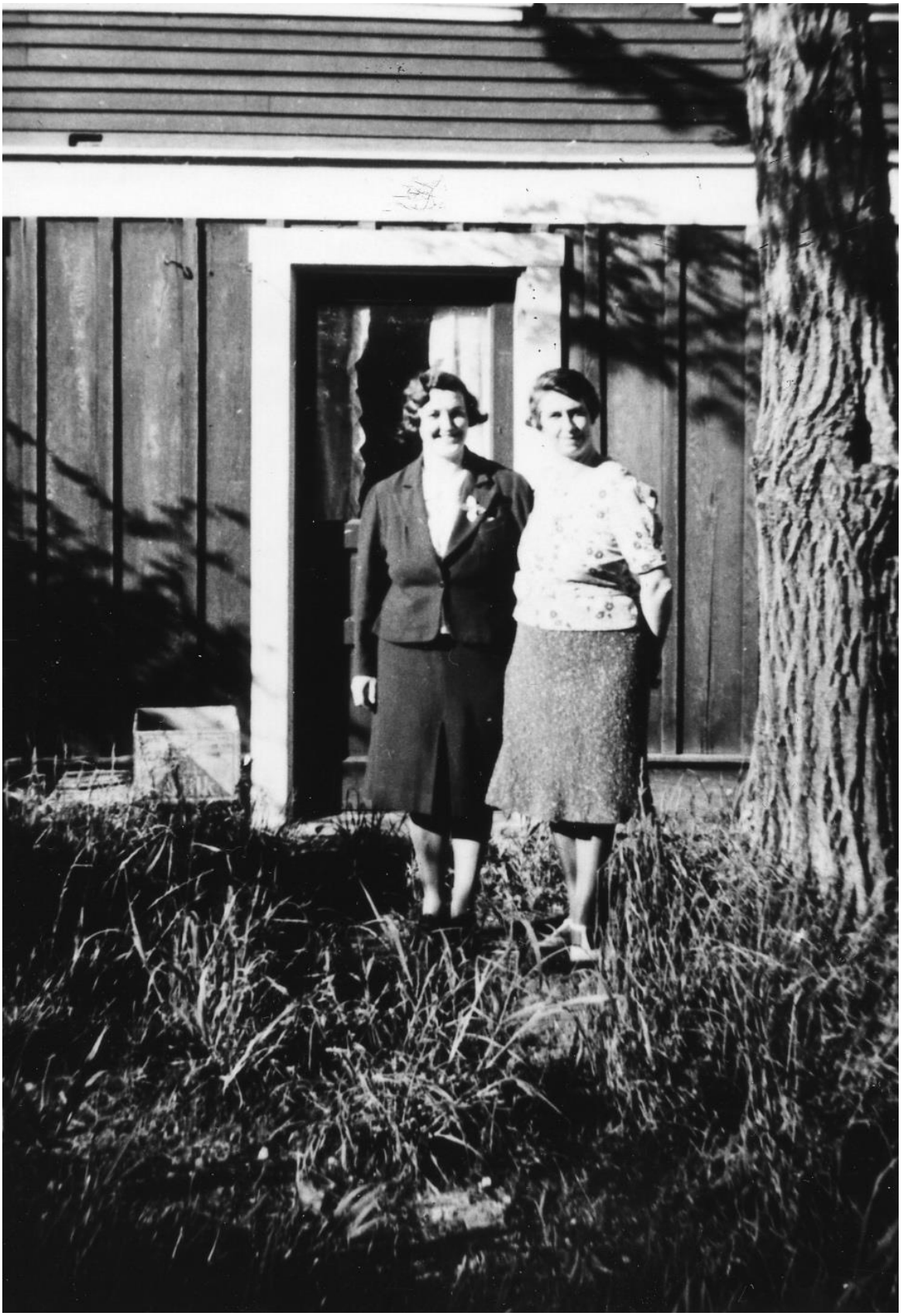

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