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542 LaHave Street

While not a picturesque house, this former building on LaHave Street provides a good example of how even LaHave Street once had a small commercial sector with buildings of similar style to King Street across the river. Built circa 1910 by either Forrester Waterman, a merchant who owned the site from 1904-1910, or Isaac Rhodenizer, who ran a store with his wife, Zilpha, from 1910-1919, its commercial history is unknown beyond this date.

Its architecture showed the pre-eminent style of the day - a simple rectangular building, vertically directed in the front, with a flat roof and boomtown (false) façade. Unlike many buildings with such a feature, however, the part of the façade which extended above the roof, in front, is weird in that it was three-sided instead of rectangular as well. It had a central flat portion and ever so slight slopes on either side. It was topped with a moulded cornice, another popular feature at the time of its construction, with slight dentils underneath. The contrast of light and dark around this projection further enhance its prominence. Also note the interesting combination of window panes on the first-floor front windows. This building was demolished at some point between 1985 and 1996, presumably with other houses along this stretch of LaHave Street in 1995 for the Superstore development.