

INFORMATION SHEET

HERITAGE DESIGNATION - FOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND CITY COUNCIL

BUILDING ADDRESS 129 Medana Street

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

1910

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 14, Beckley Farm, Victoria City,
Plan 753

LOT SIZE

60'x94'

CURRENT HERITAGE STATUS

None

HERITAGE DESIGNATION INITIATIVE

Owner request

ZONING

R-2 Two Family Dwelling District

ADJACENT ZONING

" " " " "

PRESENT USE

Residential

PRESENT OWNER

Ms. C.A.M. Chapman
129 Medana Street
Victoria, B.C. V8V 2H6



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MENZIES ST.

MEDANA ST.

CLARENCE ST.

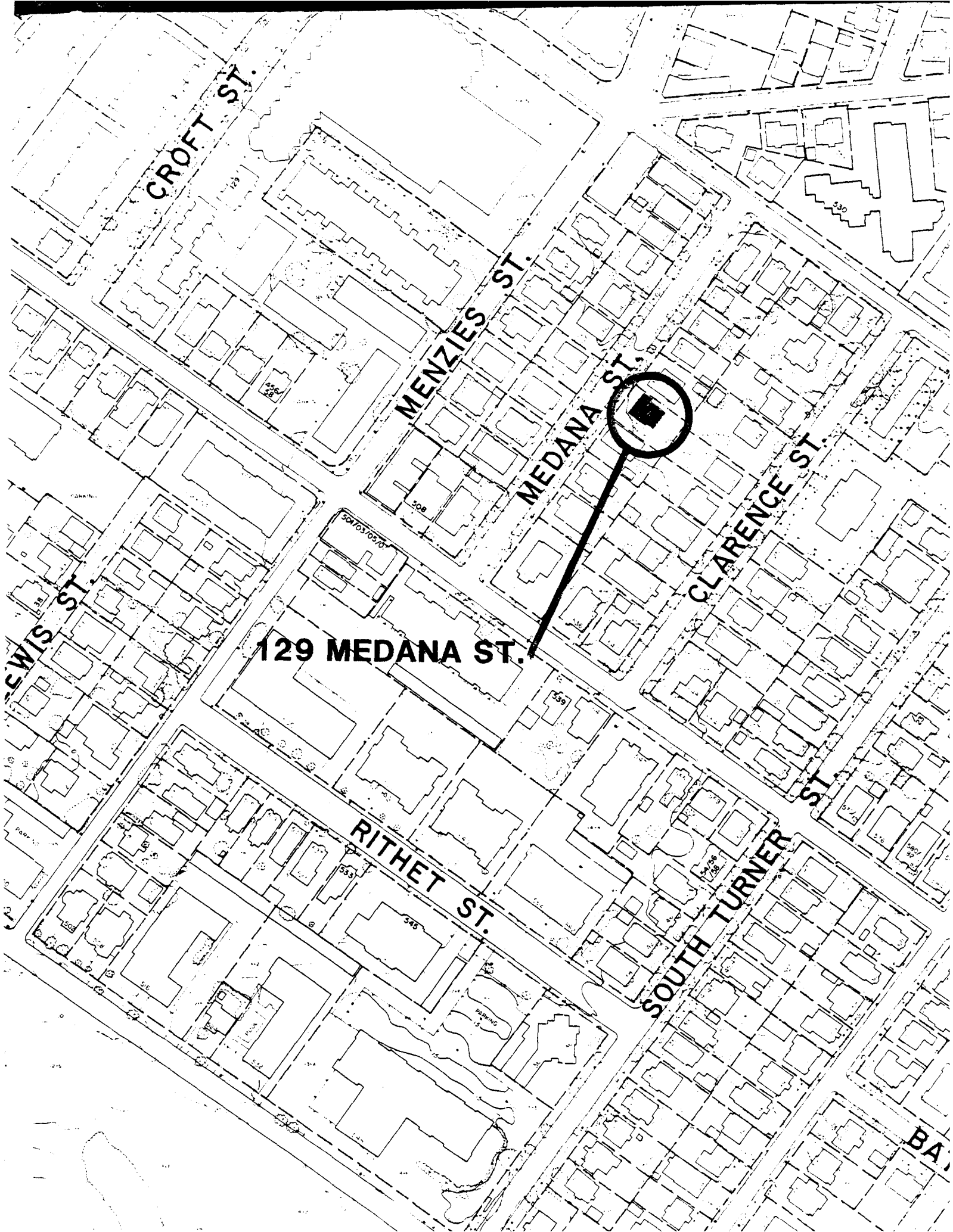
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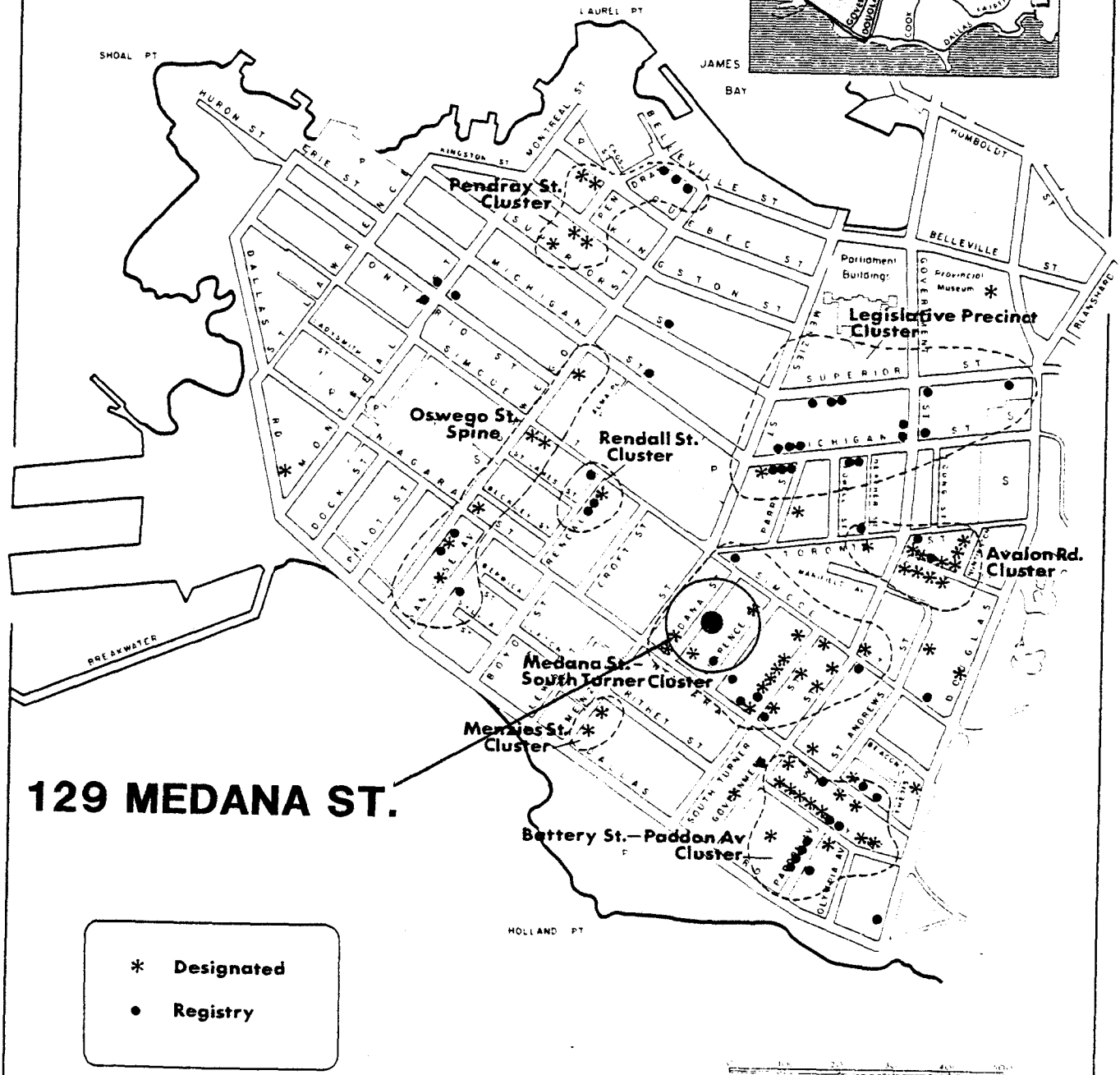
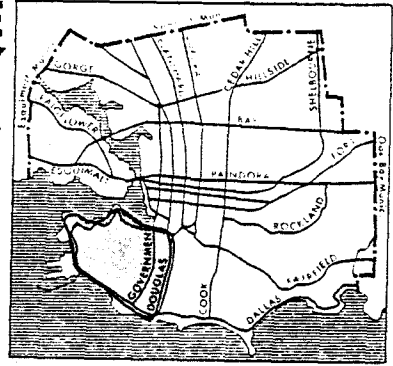
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THE JAMES BAY AREA



129 MEDANA ST.

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January 2, 1992

129 Medana Street

Legal Description (old): Lot 14, Block 11, Beckley Farm
Legal Description (new): Lot 14, Beckley Farm, Victoria City,
Plan 753
Admeasurements: 60' x 94'
Original owner: Richard E. Blakeway
Construction date: 1910
Building Permit issued: March 15, 1910

History of the property

Paul Medana Sr. owned several parcels of land in the Beckley Farm area. Sections 18, 19, 21, 22 known for many years as Medana's Grove. These sections were once considered as possible land for a cemetery and was at one time referred to as the Cemetery Trust property in the Tax Assessment Rolls. The area was bounded by Boyd Street, Niagara Street, Menzies Street and Dallas Road. The Medana family allowed picnickers to enjoy their property as well as hosting the annual Caledonia picnic. Mr. Medana also owned section 2 on which he built a nine room home for their large family. Paul Medana Sr. died in 1868 and for many years the property remained in the name of his estate.

In 1882-83, sections 18, 19, 21 & 22 were subdivided into twelve smaller parcels of land with the exception of section 2, the parcel of land in question, which was not subdivided until 1904-05. Section 2 was divided into 30 lots 60' x 94'. Fourteen of these lots were owned by Mrs. C. V. Shore, Mary Gillespie, Mrs. R. Rudge, Paulina Dougall and Virginia Cameron all daughters of Paul Medana Sr.

"Of all national assets archives are the most precious: they are the gift of one generation to another and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our civilization."

The first houses in this newly divided section were situated on lots 17, 18, 21, 22 & 23 and were built just after the subdivision. The building permit for the home on lot 14 was issued on March 15, 1910 and the building was completed in June of the same year but was not taxed until 1911.

The home at 129 Medana was built by Richard E. Blakeway who bought the property in 1910 from Henry Greenwood and William J. Pope. Originally from Chelsey, Ontario, Richard Blakeway was a well-known contractor in Victoria. On June 22, 1910 Richard married Clare E. Stephens (nee Young). "On their return to this city [Victoria] they will take up their residence at 129 Medana Street, in the handsome dwelling just completed for Mr. Blakeway." (from the Victoria Times)

Note: Medana Street was also known as Medina Street and is also seen mis-spelt as Madana and Madina.

GREATER VICTORIA HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY

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1968-1971

Name of Recorder Mr. Fielding

Date July 30, 1971



roll B11 #6

IDENTITY: Municipality Victoria (James Bay)

Number, street, town, or lot,
concession, township 128-130 Medana

Name of building _____

CONSTRUCTION: Wall material: Stone _____ Brick _____ Frame X Other _____
Condition of Structure: Very Good _____ Fair _____ Poor x Much Altered _____

HISTORY: Date of construction 1911

Description of construction and style 1 1/2 storey shiplap exterior

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1912 directory

Original Use private residence

Name of Present Owner 128 vacant 1970 directory

Present Use duplex

Brief Biography of Original Owner _____

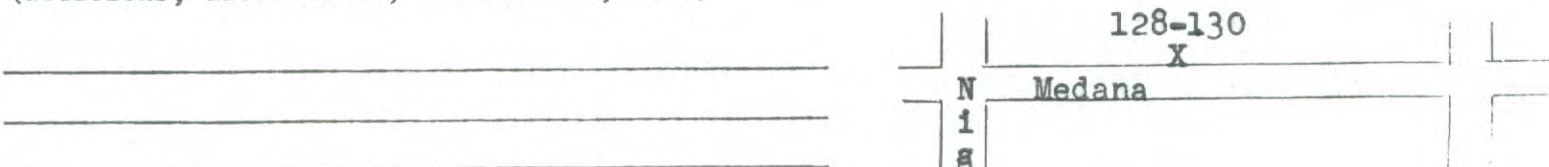
Name of Contractors and Artisans, if known _____

Name of Architect(s) _____

Brief Biography of the Architect _____

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BUILDING TO THE PRESENT
(additions, alterations, destruction, etc.)

Locate building on street plan



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Reference: Sources of information city directories