

**Description of Property:**

Constructed in 1909, The Christopher Dresser house is a 2 ½-storey brick house built in the Edwardian era. It is located on County Road 14 in the Cottam area.

**Historical Significance:**

The cultural heritage value of the Christopher Dresser house lies in its association with the Dresser family, local farmers and descendants of the earliest settlers to the area. The founder of the name in Mersea Township was George Dresser, the father of Christopher Dresser.

**Description of Heritage Attributes:**

The home bears many features of the Edwardian era, which blossomed by 1892 and lasted until the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. The home features 3 or 4 upstairs bedrooms. It has many windows allowing sunlight in every room and a dormer upstairs that allows light to a small attic. The outside surface of the house is smooth brick and the shape of the house and windows is rectangular. The windows have flat arches and plain stone sills or lentils. White painted wood frames each window. Stone quoins form the exterior corners of the front wall of the house. They are made of rocks and are a different colour than the rest of the all thus giving a decorative appearance. The same rock-faced rusticated quoin forms an arch around the front door.

The home shows the influence of Edwardian Classicism with its simple balance design, its straight rooflines, its maintenance-free detailing and uncomplicated ornamentation. A touch of the “Craftsman” influence is seen in the inside end chimney and the over-hanging eaves.

Some of the items which show indications from the Regency Period are the mouldings and paneling on the doors inside the house.