

## Reasons for Designation

### 359 Pearl Street\_ Teetzel House



## Legal Description

SURVEY TEETZEL LOT 10 BLK 13

## Description of Property

Mathias Teetzel, an early land developer, built this simple vernacular-style structure in 1851. It has a fascinating history as a house that was moved twice before settling at its present location.

Its cultural heritage value and interest lie in its physical, historical, and contextual value. Physically, it is an excellent example of a vernacular style vertical board and batten siding building with a low hip roof. Historically, it was the Home of Mathias Teetzel, carpenter, merchant, miller, developer and commission merchant. Contextually, this property is an essential building that contributes to the Teetzel Neighbourhood Plan 9

## **Statement of Cultural Value and Interest**

### **Historical Value**

Historically, Mathias Teetzel built this frame dwelling in 1851. It was moved in 1870 from its original site on Main St. between Commercial and Charles Street to 358 Main St. E. for Jane Sheppard. In 1912, the Sheppard had it moved from its 358 Main St. location to its present site on Pearl Street.

Recollections for the 1849 period appeared in *The Canadian Champion* on April 7, 1892, noting, “*and next to that was Teetzel’s store and adjoining between that and Foster St. (today Charles St.) was the store-keeper’s dwelling. The old residence was moved to a vacant lot on Main St. and now (1892) constitutes the first house you meet on the left-hand side, coming in from the east end of town.*”

Mathias played an important role in Milton's history as the developer of the Teetzel Survey. In 1854, he built a steam-flouring mill on the corner of Main and Commercial Street. Mr. Teetzel operated a large business in flour, feed, and wood and had a large storehouse for wheat on his property. Mathias and his family moved to the State of Michigan, and he became a prominent commission merchant and general forwarder. He died in 1865.

### **Physical or Design Value**

Physically, this simple vernacular-style one-story structure has a symmetrical three bay frontage: a stone foundation, a brick chimney and vertical board and batten siding. The low hip gable roof has projecting eaves, verges, plain fascia and soffit. Windows are two over two flat with plain trims and sills. The single leaf two panels central main door comprises a square pediment surrounded by two pilasters and wood trims. The simple raised open entrance porch has straight steps with metal railings. A sympathetically designed garage with a low hip roof that is not part of the original historical house completes the frontage. To the rear of the historic house, a sympathetically design addition complements the composition of the house, forming a side courtyard to the east of the property.

### **Contextual Value**

Contextually, in 1851, Mathias purchased 44 acres of land in the southeast area of the Milton town site from Henry Huffman. It was known as the Teetzel Survey, which he subdivided and from which he sold the lots. This survey is bounded on the north by Main St., on the south by Oak St., on the east by Ontario St. and the west by Foster/Charles St. This house contributes to the heritage character of the Teetzel Survey neighbourhood (Plan 9) and provides a link to the formation of this neighbourhood.

## Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that reflect the cultural heritage value of the property include:

- Vernacular-style one-story structure with symmetrical three-bay front façade; stone foundation, brick chimney, vertical board and batten siding.
- Low hip gable roof with projecting eaves, verges, plain fascia and soffit.
- Simple raised open entrance porch has straight steps with metal railings.
- Two over two windows with plain trims and sills
- Single leaf two, panels central main door with a square pediment surround featuring two pilaster and wood trims
- A building by Mathias Teetzel, who played an essential role in Milton's history as a carpenter, merchant, miller, developer, and commission merchant.
- Context of the building in forming the Teetzel Neighbourhood, Plan 9, 1854.