

47 Court Street North _ Samuel Henson House



Legal Description

Pt Lot 14 Con 2 Trafalgar

Description of Property

Samuel Henson built this one-and-a-half-storey Edwardian-style residence in 1917. This house is one of the six homes built by him and contributes to the existing heritage character of the Court Street North neighbourhood. It is an essential contributor to the heritage character of this neighbourhood.

Statement of Cultural Value and Interest

Historical Value

Historically, on July 28, 1913, C.J. James Lewis sold all the land from the Canadian Pacific Railway 300 feet North of Main Street East for \$1,400 to Samuel Henson. Samuel built many buildings in Milton during this period, such as 69 Martin Street 1912, the Milton Post Office in 1914, Milton High School in 1919, six homes 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43 and 51 at Court Street North in 1917 and 1923, 174 Commercial Street in 1924. Samuel sold this house to Norman Dingwall Winn for \$3,500 in 1922. Norman was a World War I veteran and member of the Knox Presbyterian Church. The same year, Norman sold it to Fred S. Cochrane and his wife, Eva Jane. Eva was a station agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1942, Elva Jane Cochrane sold it to Laura M. Lott and his wife, Ira (Tray)Lott 1942. The present owners are Erika and Michael Byrne.

Physical or Design Value

The one-and-a-half-storey house has a gable roof, brick chimney and a wide front porch. The plain, unembellished form reflects the influence of Edwardian styling that was popular in the early 20th Century. The three-bay house has smooth red running bond brick and a concrete foundation. It is in excellent condition. The medium-pitched gable roof has a box bay dormer, projecting eaves, plain soffit, and fascia. Some arches were added to the porch design in 2019 and are not original

to the historic house: the prominent front porch features decorative wood columns, open railing, and straight wood steps. A box bay with three six-over-one windows and moulded trims forms a prominent feature of the house and extends from the ground floor to the second floor as a dormer along the front (west) elevation. The north and south windows are predominantly six over-one with moulded trims, stone lug sills and brick lintel. A one-storey vertical clad extension with a gable roof was added to the house at the rear, which is not original to the historic house.

Contextual Value

This property has contextual value as it is one of the many original houses built by Samuel Henson and contributes to the heritage character of this unique neighbourhood in Court Street North, further emphasizing its importance and the need for its preservation.

Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- A three-bay single, one-and-a-half-storey brick house with red running bond brick on a concrete foundation.
- A medium gable roof with a brick chimney, projecting eaves and plain soffit
- Open verandah with decorated wood columns, open railings, and straight steps.
- Box bay with six over-one windows with moulded trims that extend from the ground into the second floor as a dormer.
- Six over one-windows with plain trim and lug sills on North and South elevations
- Off-center doorway with flat brick voussoirs, moulded trims and straight steps
- It was one of the first houses built by the prominent builder Samuel Henson and contributed to the heritage character of the Court Street North neighbourhood.