



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: March 17, 2025

Report No: DS-020-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate_11668 First Line_ George Calvert House

Recommendation: THAT Staff Report DS-020-25 entitled: "Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate_11668 First Line_ Calvert House be received;

THAT Council recognizes the historic house at 11668 First Line in the Town of Milton as being of heritage significance;

THAT Council designate the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 for the reasons outlined in the Reasons for Designation attached as Appendix 1 to this Report;

AND THAT the Town Clerk provides the Notice of Intention to Designate as outlined in Section 29 (4) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the thirty-day objection period has expired and if there are no objections, a designation by-law is brought forward for Council adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- George Calvert built this one-storey Regency style stone house in 1846 as engraved in the date stone at the front of the house.
- The property's current owner has voluntarily responded to the heritage designation program and desires that their property be designated.
- Staff has evaluated this historic home as a significant built heritage resource for the Town of Milton and should be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. (See Appendix '1')

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This significant heritage resource fulfils more than two of the evaluation criteria set out in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation 9/06 (See Appendix 2). As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

REPORT

Background

George Calvert built this one-storey Regency-style stone house in 1846 for his wife, Mary Calvert, nee McCater Black. It is one of the few remaining original stone settlement houses in Nassageweya and continues to remind us of the settlement history of this historic Township.

Discussion

Historically, Thomas Bull received the Easterly half of the property from the Crown on July 1, 1825. It was sold to George Calvert (born 1778) on May 31, 1839, who then sold it to John Gilles in 1841. John sold it back to Mary Calvert, who built the house with the help of George in 1846. Mary Calvert, nee McCarter Black, was the third of four wives of George. George Calvert was born 1778 and died in 1857. He enlisted in the 5th Regiment Gore Militia (Sep 11, 1826) and the 2nd Regiment Gore Militia Roll (1828-1829). The "Regiment Gore Militia" refers to a historical militia unit from the Gore District in Upper Canada (now part of Ontario, Canada). The Regiment was primarily active during the 1830s, most notably during the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837, where they were called upon to suppress rebellions in the region.

George died in 1857 and Mary sold the property to John McLean in 1858. John, a pioneering farmer, was nicknamed 'Sugar Johnny' because he owned a large sugar bush. He was born in Scotland in 1815. His wife, Rhoda, was born in New Brunswick in 1824. John and Rhoda also lived at Puslinch in Wellington County for a while before leaving for Manitoba. John sold the property to Duncan Morrison in 1862, whose name appeared in the 1877 Halton Atlas. Duncan sold the property to Hugh Evelegh in 1889. Other owners were Daniel Jones (1890), Burdge Butts (1914), Robert Marshall family (1918), and Donald McKersie (1947). Donald or Don ran a large farm, and his wife Jean taught piano lessons in the surrounding area of Moffat and Puslinch.

In 1947, Wilson Jacob and Leona Mae Snyder bought the property from the McKersies. Wilson Snyder worked the afternoon shift at the Ford plant in Oakville and farmed in the morning. When he retired, he sold the farm and moved to Ethel in northern Huron County.

Discussion

Subsequent owners were John Huempfner (1973), Nicholas and Louise Kot (1975), and Robert and Mona Stupart (1987). The present owners are Thomas and Jessie Herdes.

Physically, this Regency-style stone house has a medium hip roof, protruding eaves and a plain soffit. The west elevation has a balanced, three-bay front faced with stone cut to courses and random parged course fieldstone on the other elevations. The central entrance has four stone steps and a landing with steel railings. The single-leaf, six-panel front door has moulded trims, pediment surrounds, side lite and multi-pane transoms. The one-over-one windows have plain trims, stone lug sills and lintels. An inscription on the date stone above the front door reads "G.M.C 1846 B.J.F."

Contextually, this house is one of the few remaining original stone settlement houses in Nassageweya and continues to remind us of the settlement history of this historic Township.

Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- One-storey Regency Style stone farmhouse with low hip roof, protruding eaves and plain fascia.
- Regular course cut stone at west elevation and random course parged fieldstone at side elevations.
- Single-flue stone chimney
- One-over-one windows with shutters, plain mouldings, stone lintels and lug sills
- Six panels front door with moulded trims, pediment surrounds, side lite and multi-pane transoms
- Dated stone " GMC 1846 BJF"

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the optimal conservation and protection measures for this heritage property is the designation of the property.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner, Development Services

For questions, please contact: Anthony Wong, Senior Policy Planner Phone: Ext. 2565

Attachments

Appendix '1'_Reasons for Designation _ 11668 First Line

Appendix '2'_CHVI evaluation of _11668 First Line

Appendix '3'_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes_11668 First Line

Approved by CAO
Andrew M. Siltala
Chief Administrative Officer

Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.