

9685 First Line_Wingrove House



Legal Description

CONCESSION 2, PART LOT 10, NASSAGAWEYA,

Description of Property

Joseph Henry Wingrove likely built this one-and-a-half-storey house between 1919 and 1949. It is one of the few early examples of a concrete block house remaining in rural Milton. The Wingrove family has a long-standing legacy in Nassagaweya, spanning multiple generations.

Statement of Cultural Value and Interest

Historical Value

John Higgins obtained 200 acres of the original Lot from the Crown in 1837. The property was sold to Stanois Daniels (1833), George B. Harvey (1837), Geroge L. Tiffany (1838), Robert Pollock Sr. (1849), George Mittholland (1853), Robert Pollock Jr. (1853) and Thompson Smith (1856).

In 1856, Archibald McPhail bought the west half of the original Lot (100 acres) from Thompson Smith. The land was then sold to Alexander McLennan (1872) and James Bellamy(1878), who transferred it to his son William Bellamy in the same year. John Alexander Burns purchased the Lot in 1890 and built a log house. John sold the property to Alexander Hector Graham in 1898. Graham renovated the log house by adding siding to the exterior. In 1910, the Grahams sold their house to Vance and Ruth Bowman. Mr. Bowman farmed on the property until his death when the property was sold to Daniel Wingrove in 1913. Daniel passed away in 1914, and the ownership was transferred to his son, Joseph Henry Wingrove. Wingrove and Vance Brown constructed the existing cement block house during this period. Daniel's father James Wingrove and his wife Sarah Bell first migrated from Northampton, England in 1838. James purchased several properties in Flamsborough and Nassageweya. Properties in Nassageweya included this lot and the adjacent Lot 9 Concession 1. Joan Halstead (nee Wingrove), who is in her early 90's, is still living and lived at Lot 9 Conc 1 East. The Wingrove family were pioneers of the settlement history of Nassagaweya.

The property was then sold to Leonard Wickham (1949), Gerhard and Mary Hansen (1954), and

Doreen and Don Kennedy (1960). The Kennedys then subdivided the land and sold 70 Acres to Harry G. Pett in the same year. Harry then divided the 7 acres into three approximately 20-acre lots. In 1973, Don and Doreen Kennedy sold the original Lot and house (30 acres) to Gerald M. and Elsie J. Sill. The ownership was then transferred to Doug Given (1978), Roger Burge (1977), Edward and Gail Dreher (1979).

Joanne Colville now owns the 30-acre property. In 2009, Joanne renovated the exterior of the house by cladding it with board and batten. She currently operates High Stakes Farm on the property, which specializes in breeding, boarding, and rehabilitation of racing stock. Joanne is well known in the equine industry, and her experience includes corporate roles within Standardbred Canada and the Woodbine Entertainment Group, where she also served as the full-time parade marshal. She also worked at the Hendervale Equestrian Complex, covering the Olympic Trials.

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Physical or Design Value

Physically, the existing one-and-a-half concrete block house was likely constructed between 1919 and 1949. Rock face concrete block was used for the most historical portion of the house. Later additions to the east and west of the house were made of smooth-face concrete blocks. In 2009, the house was cladded over with horizontal sidings. There are three chimneys in the house. The oldest was constructed of red bricks; the later additions were grey and brown bricks. The centre gable contains a two-sash moon window with plain rims, slip sill and shutters. The end gable has a canted bay window on the ground floor. The other windows are two sashes, one over one window with plain trims and shutters.

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Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- The original massing of the two-storey concrete block house with a concrete block foundation and cladded in 2009.
- Medium centre and offset gable roof, projecting eaves, plain fascia and soffit
- Single flue red brick chimneys on the east end.
- Open front porch with timber post and railings
- Two sash half-moon windows with plain trim, slip sill and shutters at the centre gable
- Canted Bay window at the ground level of the house at the end gable
- Two sash one over one window with plain trims and shutters through the historic house
- One of the rare concrete block residential buildings remaining in rural Milton occupied by the Wingrove family