

30 Court Street North _ John Lyon House



Legal Description

CON 2 PT LOT 14 RP 20R10700 PART 8

Description of Property

This beautiful two-storey frame residence was built in 1881 for John Lyon, postmaster. It was one of the first homes to be built on Court St. North after Joseph Martin opened the road as an access to the Credit Valley Railway Station. The street was also sometimes referred to as Station Road. This property's historical, architectural, and contextual significance is deeply rooted in its contribution to the heritage character of Court Street North.

Statement of Cultural Value and Interest

Historical Value

The original patent for Lot 14 was granted to Joseph Martin in 1826. In 1881, Joseph Martin's wife sold it to John Lyon who constructed this historic house. John's father, William Durie Lyon, was a merchant, Mayor of Milton (1862), Member of the legislature, Magistrate (1879), and postmaster of Milton. John Lyon succeeded his father as postmaster. He was listed in the Professional Directory of Ontario as a postmaster, a position he held until he died in 1892. During his father's busy career, John also operated the family store at the southeast corner of Charles and Main Street, which has since been demolished.

John's wife, Christina, sold it to Thruzie McCurdy in 1912, who later sold it to William Bradford Clements in 1938. Clements was a hardware merchant, bank manager, and municipal politician. The house was bought by Charles Stuart Lockie and his wife, Ruth Lockie, for \$2,500 in 1941. The Lockie family lived in this house for 50 years. Ruth sold the property to the present owners, Jeffrey Hugh Miller and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Miller.

Physical or Design Value

Physically, the house itself was constructed by skilled craftsmen using tongue-and-groove pine siding. The house design has been maintained as closely as possible to its original design. The two-storey Victorian-style house features a medium hip roof, a single flue brick chimney, projecting eaves, brackets, a plain fascia, frieze, and soffit. The exterior is covered with horizontal tongue-and-groove pine siding. The simple lean-to-roof entrance has a timber post frame, a wooden three-panel front entrance door with a three-panel arch transom and pediment surrounds. Windows are double-hung, two-over-two, with decorative trims and wooden lug sills. A box bay window adorns the front elevation, featuring double hung windows, moulded fascia, brackets, panel base and pediment surrounds.

Contextual Value

Contextually, this house contributes to the neighbourhood character of Court Street North. It is one of the earliest houses built in this neighbourhood.

Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- The original massing of the two-storey Victorian-style house with a medium slope hip roof, projecting eaves, brackets, plain fascia, frieze and soffit.
- Horizontal tongue-and-groove pine siding
- Simple Lean-to entrance porch with timber post.
- Double-leaf three panel wooden door with three-panel arch transom and pediment surrounds
- Double hung, two over two windows with decorative mouldings and wooden lug sills
- Box bay windows with double hung windows,
- moulded fascia, brackets, panel base and pediment surrounds
- Single flue brick chimney
- Historical home of John Lyon, postmaster of Milton
- The context of the historic home in preserving the heritage character of Court Street North neighbourhood