

Legal Description

Con 2 Pt Lot 15 and RP 20R17929 Part 2 Nassagaweya

Description of Property

This stone house, which previously housed the School Section (S.S.) # 3, was built circa 1870. Its cultural heritage value lies in its physical, historical and contextual value. Physically, it is a contributing example of a vernacular oneroom schoolhouse. It has historical significance, as it is one of the earliest schools in Nassagaweya, located between Moffat and Haltonville on the Guelph Line. It is of contextual importance as this property contributes significantly to the history of the first settlement for the Presbyterian community of this rural community.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

Physical Value

The one-story rectangular building has a random rubble stone exterior and a medium gable roof. The the one-story rectangular building has a random rubble stone exterior and a medium gable roof. The single-leaf, three-panel front entrance door has an engraved middle panel. A clear transom and a heavy stone lintel complete the simple entrance. Windows are two sash, two-over-two windows with plain glazing bars and trim, stone header voussoirs and plain lug stone sills. A garage addition in 2013 was awarded the 2014 Heritage Milton Heritage award for its sympathetic design and maintaining the heritage character of the property. A sunroom was added to the rear of the building in 2014 and a second floor was added to the rear of the historic structure in 2020. The building still retains its rustic composition. Currently, the original stone structure of the building is well maintained.

Historical Value

The Lot was first granted to the Canada Company in 1832. This house was once part of S.S. #3 in Nassagaweya. It was one of the earliest schools in Nasagiweya, located between the villages of Moffat and Haltonville on the Guelph Line and an essential part of the first settlement of this area. The school was initially constructed with logs in the 1830s. From 1836 to 1839, this building was used as a Presbyterian Church. In 1865, the building was replaced with stone. The property was sold to John Allison in 1836. John then sold it to the trustee of the school board in 1870.

The building was built in two halves. The first half was constructed in 1855. A bronze plaque adjacent to the front entrance door commemorates the school's centennial celebration in 1955. The second half of the schoolhouse was built in 1870, as inscribed on a stone under the gable end that abuts the 15th Sideroad. The one-acre lot was enlarged to the west in 2008. A garage addition in 2013 was awarded the 2014 Heritage Milton Heritage award for its sympathetic design and maintaining the heritage character of the property. A sunroom was added to the rear of the building in 2014 and a second floor was added to the rear of the historic structure in 2020. The building retains its rustic composition. Currently, the original stone structure of the building is well kept as a residential home.

Contextual Value

S.S. No. 3 is the earliest school in Nasagiweya, located between the villages of Moffat and Haltonville on the Guelph Line. This area was one of the first parts of the township settled. From 1836 to 1839, it was also used as a Presbyterian church. The property was the only single-storey stone building in the neighbourhood, representing the first settlement. It stands out in design compared to neighbouring properties such as 11016 & 11030 Second Line, two-storey buildings, and more modern buildings. The bronze plaque commemorates its historical connection to the early educational structures of the area, as well as the early religious practices used by settlers as a place of worship alongside its educational service. It has been a private residence since 1965. This property contributes to the heritage character of this rural neighbourhood and provides a link to the past.

Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

- Historical use of the property as a school and place of worship for earlier Presbyterian settlers.
- Commemorative bronze plaque celebrating the centenary in 1955.
- Context of the property as one of the earliest schoolhouses, which contributes to the heritage character of the area.
- Original massing of the one-story random rubble stone historic schoolhouse with a rectangular plan and medium gable roof. (Except for the wooden sunroom addition, as well as the garage addition)
- Medium gable roof with plain verges, plain soffits, mouldings and projecting eaves.
- '1870' date stone at the gable end.
- Single leaf three-panel wood entrance door with carved motif on the middle panel, clear transom and heavy stone lintel.
- Two Sash, two-over-two windows with plain mouldings, stone header voussoirs and plain lug stone sills.