

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: January 27, 2025

Report No: DS-002-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate 7781

Old Tremaine Road_ William Cumming House

Recommendation: THAT Staff Report DS-002-25 entitled: "Recommendation Report -

Notice of Intention to Designate 7781 Old Tremaine Road William

Cumming House be received and;

THAT Council recognizes the historic house at 7781 Old Tremaine

Road 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

- The one-and-a-half storey stone dwelling on the southeast corner of Old Tremaine Road and Steeles Avenue was built in 1851 for William Cumming. In 1974, John and Valerie Grimshaw advocated for conserving this historical home and rebuilt the house after it was damaged by fire.
- 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')



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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

The one-and-a-half storey stone dwelling on the southeast corner of Old Tremaine Road and Steeles Avenue was built in 1851 for William Cumming. Valerie and John Grimshaw restored the house after it was damaged by fire in 1974. Megan Pallet and Nick Collins currently reside at this property. It was occasionally used as a private site for University of Toronto students conducting ecological studies. Contextually, this is one of the few remaining houses that serve to remind us of the settlement history of Old Tremaine Road.

Discussion

Historically, William Cumming obtained the west half of Lot 15 from the Crown on December 31, 1840. The Canada Census for 1851 describes it as a log dwelling but also as a stone building, likely because the stone building was under construction. The property was passed on to William's son John Cumming in November 1877. John continued to farm the land until March 1881, when the property was sold to Elijah Dixon. In August 1898, William Reid purchased the property. Then Duncan, a brother of William, continued the Reid family ownership of the property. In June 1955, Duncan's wife, Martha Reid, sold the property to Anthony Carroll, a World War II veteran. Anthony sold it to Valerie Grimshaw in May 1974. Valerie was a past president of the Milton Historical Society.

When Valerie and John Grimshaw discovered this property, it had been severely damaged by fire in the early 1970s. They rebuilt the old stone dwelling, naming it "Stonefield". Valerie was a columnist with Don Mills Mirror and an advocate for preserving and conserving historical homes. She was also the past president of the Milton Historical Society in 1982.

In July 1987, Megan Pallett purchased the property and continued living in this house with Nick Collins, her husband. Megan was a zoologist turned legal counsel. Nick is an Associate Professor Emeritus of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at the University of Toronto

Physically, this Regency-style stone house has a medium hip roof, protruding eaves and a plain soffit. The front west elevation has a balanced, symmetrical five-bay front faced with stone cut to courses and random course fieldstone on the other elevations. The central



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Discussion

entrance has double stone steps with a single-leaf, four-panel front door with molded trims, side lite and rectangular transom. The six-over-six windows have plain trims, stone lug sills and lintels. The concrete silo on the property has an inscription indicating that it was built in 1914 and that Duncan Reid and John Mitchell were the builders.

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Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- A one-and-a-half storey stone building on course rubble stone foundation with a medium gable roof with projecting eaves and plain soffit
- Course stone works at West Elevation and random stone works at North, South and East Elevation
- Two stone chimneys at gable ends
- Six over six windows with plain moldings, stone lintels and lug sills
- Four-panel front door with molded trims, side lite and rectangular transom
- Dated stone on silo 1914 Duncan Reid and John Mitchell Builder

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hogan Commissioner, Development Services

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

Planner



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Attachments

- Appendix '1'_Reasons for Designation _ 7781 Old Tremaine Road_ William Cumming House
- Appendix '2'_CHVI evaluation of _7781 Old Tremaine Road_ William Cumming House
- Appendix '3'_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes_ 7781 Old Tremaine Road_ William Cumming House

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.

7781 Old Tremaine Road



Legal Description

Part Lot 15, Concession 1, New Survey, Trafalgar Township

Description of Property

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Statement of Cultural Value and Interest

Historical Value

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Physical or Design Value

This Regency-style stone house house has a medium hip roof, protruding eaves and a plain soffit. The front west elevation has a balanced, symmetrical five-bay front faced with stone cut to courses and random course fieldstone on the other elevations. The central entrance has double stone steps with a single-leaf, four-panel front door with moulded trims, side lite and rectangular transom. The six-over-six windows have plain trims, stone lug sills and lintels. The concrete silo on the property has an inscription indicating that it was built in 1914 and that Duncan Reid and John Mitchell were the builders

Contextual Value

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Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* establishes the criteria for determining Cultural Heritage Value of Heritage Resources. A property must have the potential to meet at least two of the criteria to be considered to have heritage significance. These criteria fall into three categories: design or physical value, historical or associative value and contextual value. The following table considers and evaluates the subject property against these criteria.

Table 6: Evaluation of the Cultural Heritage Value of 7781 Old Tremaine Road_ William Cumming House

The property has	s design value or physical value b	ecause it,
	Criteria	Evaluation
i	is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method	Yes, this house is a good example of one-and-a-half- storey Regency Style Stone House
li	displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	No, this home does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit
iii	demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement	No, the property does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement
The property has	s historical value or associative va	alue because it,
_	theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to	No, this property does not have direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community
ii	Yields or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture	Yes, it provides historical information on the settlement history of the Old Tremaine Road Neighbourhood
iii	demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community	Yes, in 1974, John Valerie Grimshaw (Past president of Milton Historical Society) advocated for preserving and conserving historical homes and rebuilt the house after it was damaged by fire.
The property has	s contextual value because it,	

İ	maintaining or supporting the character of an area	Yes, it provides contextual information on the settlement history of the Old Tremaine Road Neighbourhood and is one of the few remaining historical home in this area.
ii	is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	No
iii	is a landmark	No, the property is not a landmark.

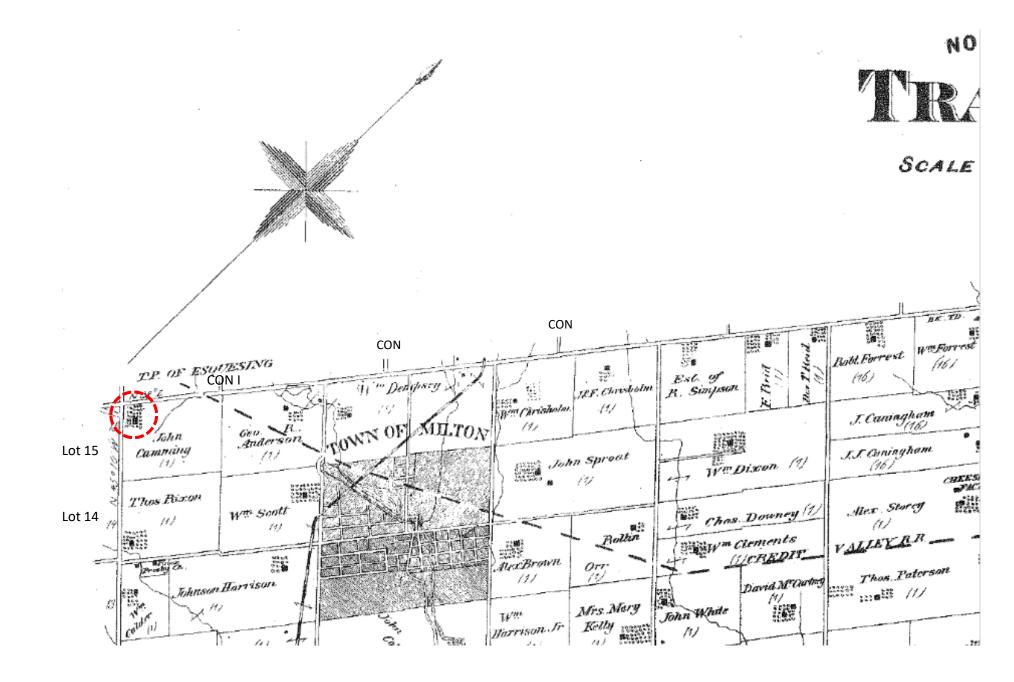
Based on the above criteria, the subject property has significant cultural heritage value based on both design and contextual criteria. These attributes are sufficient to warrant Heritage Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. However, designation may not be necessary at this time as the property is current listed on the Municipal Heritage Register, which offers it some protection from demolition.





Trafalgar

- TRAFALGAR
- Concession 1
- New Survey
- Part Lot 15
- RP 20R733 PT
- PARTS 3 AND 4
- IRREG 7.63AC
- 732.70FR



Historical Homes of Milton

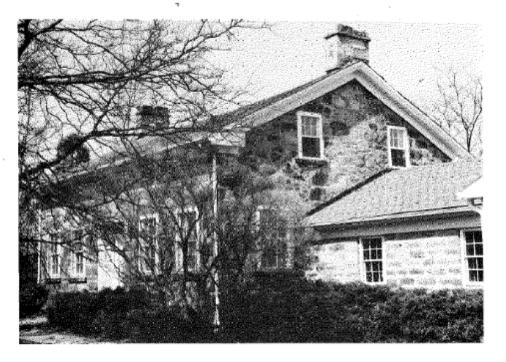
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7781 TREMAINE ROAD

Lot 1, Concession 1, New Survey, Trafalgar Township Built about 1851



The one and a half storey stone dwelling on the southeast corner of Tremaine Road and Steeles Ave. appears to have been built in 1851 for William Cumming.

Wm. Cumming obtained the west half of Lot 15 from the Crown December 31, 1840. The Canada Census for 1851, under the column "dwelling" describes it as a log dwelling, but under a column "building" is indicated "stone" which may have been the stone building under construction.

John Cumming continued to farm the land following in his father's ownership until March 10, 1881 when the property was sold to Elijah Dixon.

August 18, 1898 William Reid purchased the property and later Duncan, a brother of William, continued the Reid involvement with the land until his death when the land was sold by the Reid family.

On May 14, 1974 Valerie and John Grimshaw discovered this property and purchased a small acreage containing the house. It had been severely damaged by fire in the early 1970s and had been left exposed to the elements. Virtually raising it from the ashes, the Grimshaws re-established the old stone dwelling naming it "Stonefield."

Megan Pallett and Nick Collins and their family live here.

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7781 Trezsine Rd., Milton - "Stonefield" - home of Mr. and Mrs.
John Grimshaw Story By Cale Gurnikar

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On Aug. 18, 1898, William Reid Acquired the property and sold it to Duncan Reid, a brother, for \$6500, on Dec. 20, 1915. In 1943 Duncan Reid acquired additional land from Morley Smith and the farm west enlarged to 123% acres.

In 1953, Martha Reid, widow of Duncan Reid, sold 23% acres to the Town of Milton in an annexation order and in 1955 the property was purchased by Anthony Carroll McIllhargey and his wife Dorothy.

On April 30, 1974, the property was divide into three sections with 7.6 acres remaining with the farmhouse and the barn. That same year the front-end style barn burnt (it was the same age as the house.

Between the years of 1953 to 1974, the house was vacant and exposed to the elements. Early in 1970 the house suffered a serious fire. When the Grimshaws purchased the property it had to be restored completely, inside and out, but care was taken not to lose the style of the 1840's.

The front parlor and a downstairs adjoining bedroom were connected to make one large livingroom. A sunroom was added accessing from the kitchen and the old woodshed and sunmer kitchen were combined to make one large family room with concealed laundry and washroom facilities. This room is panelled in a board-and-batten style with one-inch thick cedar planks. A fireplace was created in the same space once occupied by a brick oven. There are two other original fireplaces in the house. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and a bathroom, which once was also a bedroom. The master bedroom was enlarge and the ceiling raised, and a sitting deck built over the downstairs sunroom with a walkout through this bedroom.

Research by Valerie Grimshaw

Courteously of Milton Historical society

Page 2 - Grimshaw "Stonefield"

About 1930, the upstairs hall dorfer was added to bring space and light into the upstairs hall. Two hallways were created, each flanking the central staircase. This was done to eliminate having to walk through rooms.

Having been in a dephorable state, the farmhouse and its grounds have been landscaped to enhance the property which is now called "Stonefield".

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Date Sept 10/83

President, Milton Historical Society, P.O. Box 85, Milton, Ontario, L9T 2Y3

Dear Sirs:

We are pleased that you have chosen our property to be dated for posterity by the Milton Historical Society. My family will be happy to assist your research with whatever knowledge and papers we possess.

We also accept the cost of placing a plaque on our building and we would appreciate a discussion about this prior to its installation. Our cheque to cover the cost of the plaque will be made available to you at the time of installation.

We look forward to this historic experience.

Sincerely yours.

Registered Property Owner

SW /2 Lot 15 Cons. 1 Township of Oakrele.



Stonefield is the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grimshaw at Steeles Ave. and

Back from the ashes

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William Cumming came from Scotland to York, (Toronto, Ontario).

John Stewart and James Stewart of Scotch Block (in Esquesing Township) were leaders who signed up Scottish immigrants in York (Toronto) for grants of land in the Scotch Block. William Cumming received his land grant through these men.

Lot #15 Concession #1 Trafalgar Township Halton County.

Patent December 31, 1840 Crown to William Cumming 100 acres W. 1/2.

B & S $\,$ June 1, 1868 William Cumming to John Cumming 100 Acres W. 1<2.

In the 1877 Halton County Atlas the owner of the above Lot was John Cumming, Son of William.

Following is the 1851 Census of Trafalgar Township.

William Cu	mming	Farmer	Scot.	Free	Presbyterian	Age:	61
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James	"	Labourer	11			••	18
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Jacob	"	1848 Marr: Eleanor	ied "		н		13
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John	"		п		п		6

Francis Cur	nming	Farmer	Scot.	Church	οf	Scotland	Age:	5 5
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Charlotte	n ,	•	Canada		"			18
William	"		"		"	4 ,		15
Elizabeth	"		11		"			1 2
Mary J.	n		"		"			11
Francis	"				,,			

William Cumming late of said Township of Trafalgar departed life on the 20th day of April 1878, having first made and published his last will and testament whereby he bequeathed his personal estate (which consisted of a mortgage of \$3,000.00 on the W 1/2 of Lot #15 Concession #1 of Trafalgar Twp.) to the said assignors and others to be divided among them according to his said will.

There was shown a Rebecca McGowan of the Twp. of East Wawandsh, County of Huron, wife of Walter McGowen. She could have been a daughter of William Cumming, Sr.

William and Jacob Cumming (sons of William Cumming, Sr.)lived at Saugatuck, in county of Allegan in the State of Michigan.

A. Cooke

Historical Books Record

HALTON COUNTY (LRO 20)
Plan 153
Pg 20-21

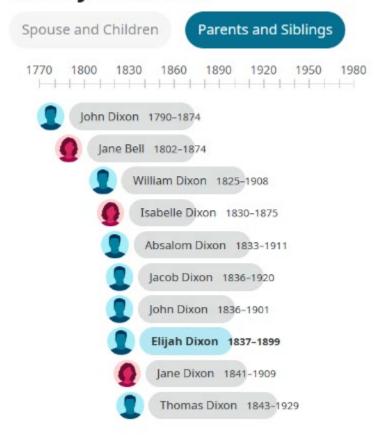
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	Patent	31 Dec 1840	·	Crown	William Cumming	100	W1/2	
432F	Bill of Sale	1 June 1868	2 July 1868	William Cumming Wife	John Cumming	100	W1/2	
2354	Bill of Sale	8 Nov 1877	17 Nov 1877	John Cumming Wife	Wiliam Johnson	100	W1/2	\$1,000
2355	Bill of Sale	8 Nov 1877	17 Nov 1877	William Johnson Wife	Frances Maria Cumming wife of John Cumming	100	W1/2	\$1,000
3205N	Bill of Sale	25 July 1881	10 March 1881	Frances Maria Cumming and John Cumming her husband	Elijah Dixon	100	SW1/2 excepting that portion conveyed to the C.C. Rail Co. and also portion added to one David Robertson	
7108	Bill of Sale	18 Aug 1898	18 Aug 1898	Elijah Dixon	William Reid		Illegible	
11888	Grant	December 20, 1915	December 20, 1915	William Reid Widower	Duncan Reid	100	SW1/2 with Exception	\$6,500
27616 NT	Grant	December 30, 1952	February 17, 1953	Martha Reid and Walter Duncan Campbell Reid Executors of Duncan Reid deceased and Colin J. Reid, Martha Reid Stokes and Laura Woodcock			SW1/2 except lands of C.P.Rg. Co. and portion lying to N of Railway Land (100 acres)	
43046	Grant	June 30, 1955	October 20, 1955	Martha Reid, widow +Louise McDougall Reid, widow + Lloyd Chisholm, last 2 being Executors of Walter Duncan Campbell Reid and Louise McDougall Reid of 3rd Part	McIllhangey his wife as joint tenants	\$99,000 + \$6,000 vc	SW 1/2 except Railway portion North. See Recitals (100 acres)	
389865	Grant	April 30, 1974	May 14, 1974	Anthony Carroll McIhangey and Dorothy McIlhangey		\$65,000	Part SW 1/2 designated as Parts 3 and 4 on 21 R-733	
671591	Grant		July 15, 1987	Grimshaw. Valeria Anne	Pallett, Megan Jane		Pt of SW1/2 of lot des as pts 3 & 4 on 20R-733	\$430,000



Brief Life History of Elijah

When Elijah Dixon was born in 1837, in Trafalgar, Halton, Ontario, Canada, his father, John Dixon, was 47 and his mother, Jane Bell, was 35. He lived in Oakville, Halton, Ontario, Canada in 1871. He died on 19 October 1899, in Trafalgar, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 62, and was buried in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada.

Family Time Line



Sources (3)



Elijah Dixon in household of John Dixon, "Canada Census, 1871"



Elijah Dixon, "Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Death...



Elijah Dixon, "Find A Grave Index"



Brief Life History of William

William Reid was born on 29 September 1838, in Nassagaweya Township, Halton, Upper Canada, British Colonial America. He had at least 4 sons and 3 daughters with Margaret Gillies. He lived in Halton, Ontario, Canada for about 20 years. He died on 5 March 1922, in Campbellville, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 83.

Family Time Line



Sources (16)



William Reid, "Canada Census, 1901"



William Reid in entry for Alexander Reid, "Ontario Births...



William Reid, "Canada Census, 1881"

Brief Life History of Duncan

When Duncan Reid was born on 1 March 1870, in Nassagaweya Township, Halton, Canada West, British North America, his father, William Reid, was 31 and his mother, Margaret Gillies, was 26. He married Martha Agnew on 26 June 1907, in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada. They were the parents of at least 1 son and 1 daughter. He lived in Halton, Ontario, Canada in 1881. He died on 14 July 1952, in Campbellville, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 82.

Brief Life History of Martha

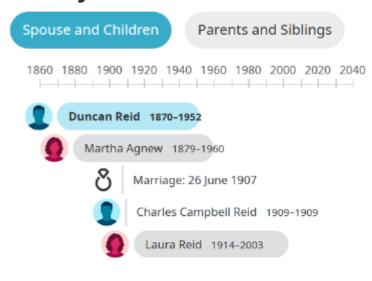
When Martha Agnew was born on 6 November 1879, in Nelson, Burlington, Halton, Ontario, Canada, her father, Johnson Agnew, was 35 and her mother, Martha Readhead, was 34. She married Duncan Reid on 26 June 1907, in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada. They were the parents of at least 1 son and 1 daughter. She died on 16 November 1960, in Acton Township, Algoma, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 81.



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Anthony Carroll McILhargey

July 17, 1898 – Sept 13, 1978

Anthony Carroll McIlhargey

BIRTH 17 Jul 1898

Stratford, Perth County, Ontario, Canada

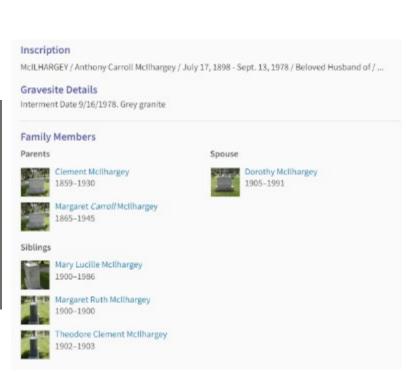
DEATH 13 Sep 1978 (aged 80)

Ontario, Canada

BURIAL Avondale Cemetery

PLOT Section St. John, Lot 52, SubLot 1

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John Grimshaw (1924 - 1999) and Valeria Anne Grimshaw (1928 - 2013)



Milton Historical Society's Past President, Val Grimshaw, presented framed photos of Milton's past Mayors to the Town of Milton in 1982. Pictured left to right are Don Gordon, Mike Ledwith, Gordon Krantz, Dr. Carl Martin, Val Grimshaw and Anne McArthur. GRIMSHAW, John of Oakville, Ontario, died Tuesday, January 19, 1999, after a brave two-year battle with cancer. He was 75. His passing leaves a huge void in the lives of his wife of 46 years, Valeria Anne; his daughter, Jane Christmas, of Hamilton, Ontario; son, Peter of Salt Lake City, Utah; a team of spirited grandchildren to whom he was devoted: Adam, Matthew, Zoe, Russell, David, Dianne, and Alyson; his brother, Roy, of London, Ontario; many nieces and nephews; and a legion of dear friends and colleagues. He is predeceased by his sisters, Marjorie Goldberg, of Edmonton, and Joan Clark, of Mount Brydges, Ontario. Born February 23, 1923, in Toronto, John was schooled at Jesse Ketchum and Jarvis Collegiate. After serving in the Second World War as a gunner in the RCAF, John continued his education at McMaster University in Hamilton. He began a career in journalism at Quill and Quire, moving on to The Toronto Telegram, and The Canadian Press, before joining the Ontario Editorial Bureau, a newly formed public relations firm, in 1952. He served as its consultant, president, CEO, and chairman of the board. With his help and guidance, the company flourished into a network of affiliates across Canada, the United States, and Europe. After retiring from OEB in 1987, John was invited to teach the third-year public relations program at Humber College in Toronto. Our family extends its heartfelt thanks to the priests and congregation of St. John's Nassagaweya, in Campbellville, Ontario, for their continued strength, prayers, and friendship. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be held at St. George's, Lowville, south of Highway 401 on the Guelph Line at Derry Road, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 1999. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in John's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to the J. Scott Early Funeral Home in Milton, Ontario (905) 878-2669.

GRIMSHAW. Valerie Anne - 1928 - 2013 After an active and well-lived life, Val passed away on January 1, 2013 in Guelph, Ontario. Born in Somosköújfalu, Hungary, Val (nee Romhanyi) arrived in Canada where the family settled in Oshawa. In the late 1940s, she took off for Toronto to carve out a career in journalism. At The Canadian Press she fell for a fellow reporter, John Grimshaw and in 1952 they married and began a family. Val defied the stayat-home life and became a columnist for the Don Mills Mirror. The job gave her a measure of celebrity and a platform for one of her passions - early Ontario architecture. Many buildings in and around Toronto owe their preservation to Val's advocacy efforts. In the early 1960s, she and John practically pioneered the concept of home renovation by restoring forgotten century homes. When John died in 1999. Val faced a succession of health issues, which she blithely dismissed with an air of indomitable optimism. She attended church (her faith in God was steadfast), played bridge, maintained a large circle of friends, volunteered (Canadian Cancer Society, Goodwill, Homewood Rehab Hospital) and always kept her eyes alert for potential reno projects. Spirited and talented, Val will be missed by her children Jane (Colin Braithwaite) and Peter; grandchildren Adam, Matthew, Zóë, Dianne, Alyson, Russell and David, her brother Lou (Nellie) and extended family and friends. Val's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 7th at St. John's (Nassagaweya) Anglican Church, Guelph Line, Campbellville.

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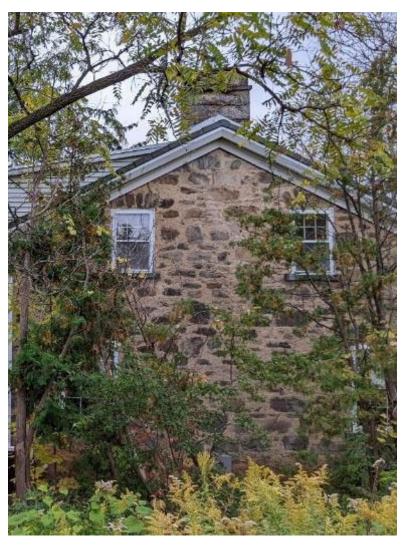




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West Elevation South East Elevation North Elevation

Two stone chimneys at gable ends



Six over six windows with plain mouldings, stone lintels and lug sills



• Four-panel front door with moulded trims, side lite and rectangular transom







Dated stone on Silo 1914 Duncan and John Reid



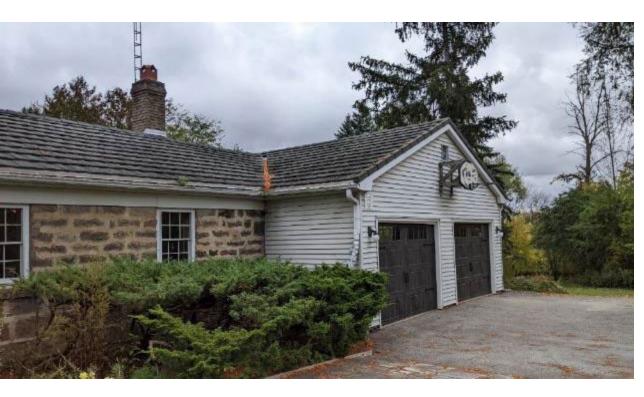








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