



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: February 24, 2025

Report No: DS-014-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate 24 and 26 James Street\_ George Brown House

**Recommendation:** **THAT** Staff Report DS-014-25 entitled: "Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate\_ 24 and 26 James Street\_ George Brown House" be received;

**THAT** Council recognizes the historic house at 24 and 26 James Street 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

- This one-and-a-half-storey semi-detached home on the southwest corner of James Street and Mill Street was built in 1842 for the first Mayor of Milton George Brown. Around 1870, the house was moved from Main Street to its current location at 24 and 26 James Street. It houses three generations of blacksmiths from the Waldie family.
- The property's current owners have 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 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

This historic house was the home of George Brown, Milton's first Mayor. It was built around 1842 and located originally on Main Street. In 1870, James Alfred Waldie Senior moved it from 170 Main Street East, the current Knox Presbyterian Church, to its present site on 24 and 26 James Street. The Waldie family lived in this house for three generations and operated the Blacksmith's shop on the adjacent lot.

### Discussion

This historic house, the home of Milton's first mayor, has a deep connection to the Waldie family. The Waldie family, spanning three generations, lived in this house and operated the adjacent Blacksmith's shop, a testament to their enduring legacy in our community.

The original lot, created by the Crown in 1853, was registered to John Martin and sold by his wife to James Hume that same year. Hume and his wife Sarah sold it to James Waldie Senior in 1867. The house was moved from Main Street to the current location around 1870. The property was mortgaged to William Murray and John McKindsey in 1875 and 1876; The Murrays conveyed the property to the McKindseys in 1881. In 1883, George McKindsey released the property back to Sarah Priscilla Waldie, wife of James Alfred Waldie Senior. The property has since remained with the Waldie family and housed three generations of blacksmiths. The property ownership passed on to Alfred Ethelred Waldie, his wife Edna Marie Wilkinson Waldie and James Franklin Waldie in 1970. The present owners are Marsha (nee Waldie) and Gayle Brown.

Alfred James Waldie Junior was a member of the Council in 1906. He was also captain of the Milton Fire Department and coach of the department's "Hook and Ladder" running team. His other memberships include the Odd Fellows Lodge, founding member of the Milton Rebecca Lodge, and Halton Agricultural Society.

The legacy of the blacksmithing profession is an important part of the history of Milton. The Waldie family shod horses, repaired wagons, manufactured farm implements, and horse-drawn carriages for the local community. Alfred Ethelred was the last member of the Waldie family to operate the blacksmith shop, which he closed in the early 1970s's. Through the

## Discussion

efforts of the Waldie family and the Milton Historical Society, the adjacent blacksmith shop at 16 James Street was restored and received heritage designation in 2015.

Physically, this one-and-a-half-storey semi-detached house has a low gable roof with a front gable dormer, protruding eaves and a plain soffit. The east elevation has a balanced, three-bay front faced with horizontal sidings. The central entrance has one stone step, a landing, and an overhead lean-to canopy with decorative metal trims. Single-leaf panel front doors have moulded trims, and an upper glass insert provides entry to each half of the property. Most original windows are two-sided, one-over-one, with plain trims and shutters. The original single-flue brick chimney is still on the house's southern side.

Contextually, this house is physically and historically linked to the designated Waldie Blacksmith Workshop, an important part of the blacksmithing in Milton and links to Milton's settlement history.

### Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- A three bays, one and a half story semi-detached home with horizontal siding on a stone foundation
- The low gable roof with front gable dormer, projecting eaves, plain fascia and soffit
- Plain two-sash, two over two windows with wooden shutters
- Two identical single-leaf panel wood doors with moulded trims and glass inserts.
- Central entrance with a single stone step, metal canopy over both doors with no supports and decorative metal trims
- Single flue brick chimney on the south elevation
- Historical home of the first Mayor of Milton, George Brown and Councillor Alfred James Waldie Junior
- Contextually, this house is physically and historically linked to the designated Waldie Blacksmith Workshop, an important part of the history of blacksmithing and the settlement of Milton.

### 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,

Jill Hogan  
Commissioner, Development Services

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

### Attachments

Appendix '1'\_Reasons for Designation \_ 24 and 26 James Street

Appendix '2'\_CHVI evaluation of \_24 and 26 James Street

Appendix '3'\_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_ 24 and 26 James Street

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.

## 24 and 26 James Street\_ George Brown House



### Legal Description

Survey Martin Block 4 part lots 36 and 38

### Description of Property

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### Statement of Cultural Value and Interest

#### Historical Value

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### **Physical or Design Value**

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### **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 24 and 26 James Street**

The property has design value or physical value because 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 unique one-and-a-half-storey semidetached early settlement house with a low gable roof and a front gable dormer.
ii	displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	No, this home does not displays 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 historical value or associative value because it,		
i	has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community	Yes, this historical house was the home of the first Mayor of Milton, George Brown and Councillor Alfred James Waldie Junoir.
ii	Yields or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture	Yes, this house was the home of three generations of blacksmith and holds significant history of the blacksmithing legacy of the Waldie' s family in Downtown Milton.
iii	demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community	No this house does not demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community
The property has contextual value because it,		

Appendix 2 \_ CHVI Evaluation\_ 1217 Fourth Line

i	is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area	Yes, this house is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of the Martin Neighbourhood.
ii	is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	Yes, this house is physically and historically linked to the designated Waldie Blacksmith Workshop, an important part of the history of blacksmithing and the settlement of Milton.
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.





Appendix 3  
Photographic Record \_ Heritage Attributes \_ 24 and 26 James Street





Location Map\_ 24 and 26 James Street





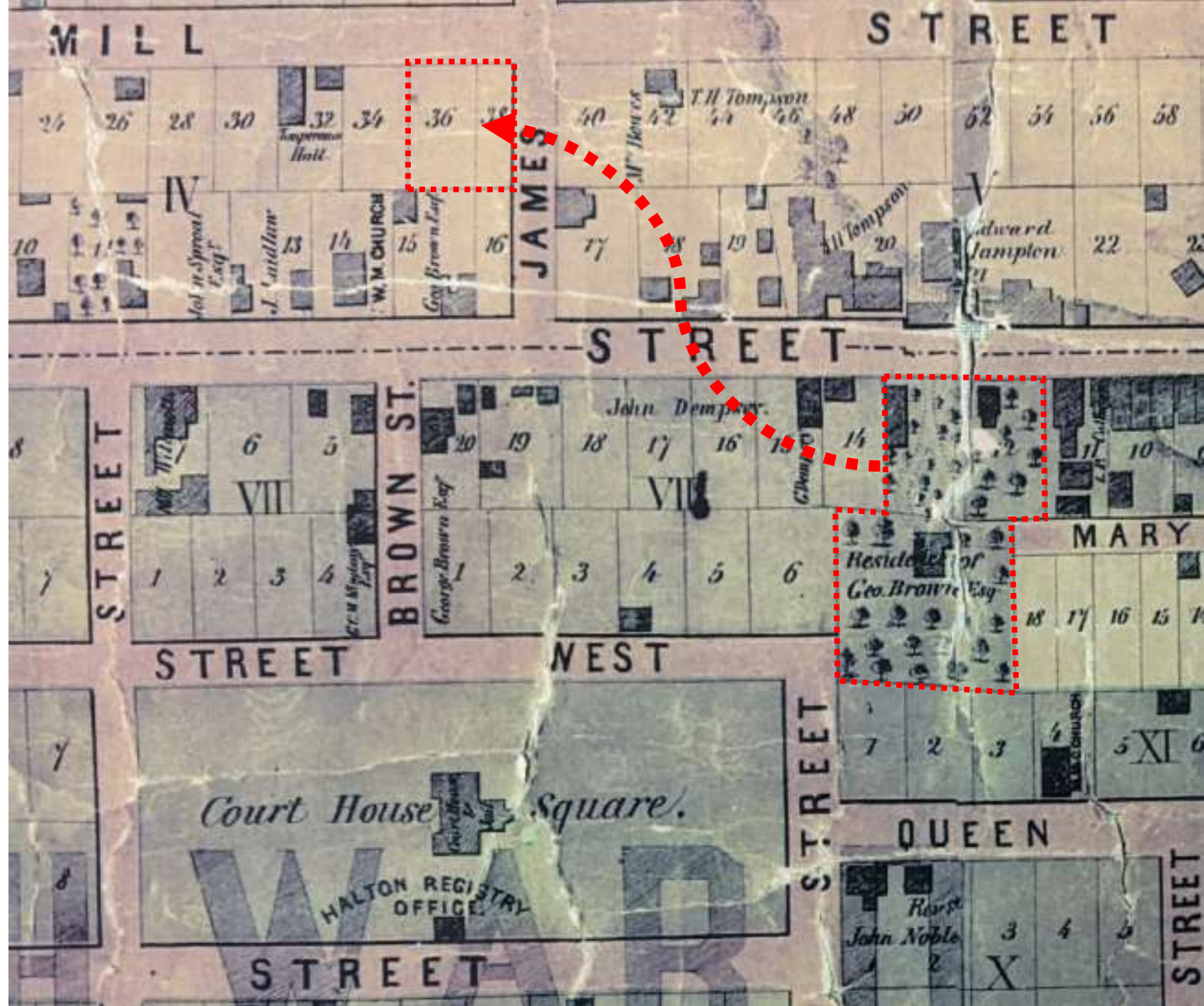
## Contextual Heritage Attributes

- Context of the location of the original house as depicted in the Map of the Town of Milton, County of Halton, Canada West, T.C. Livingston P.L.S. 1858 Map
- The historic house was the former residence of the first Post Master and Mayor of Milton. It was moved from 170 Main Street to 16 James Street in approximately 1870.



**George Brown**  
First Post Master and Mayor

In 1857, Milton was formally incorporated. The first meeting of the Council was on July 4, 1857 and Milton was confirmed as the name for the town. George Brown was chosen as the first Mayor of Milton.





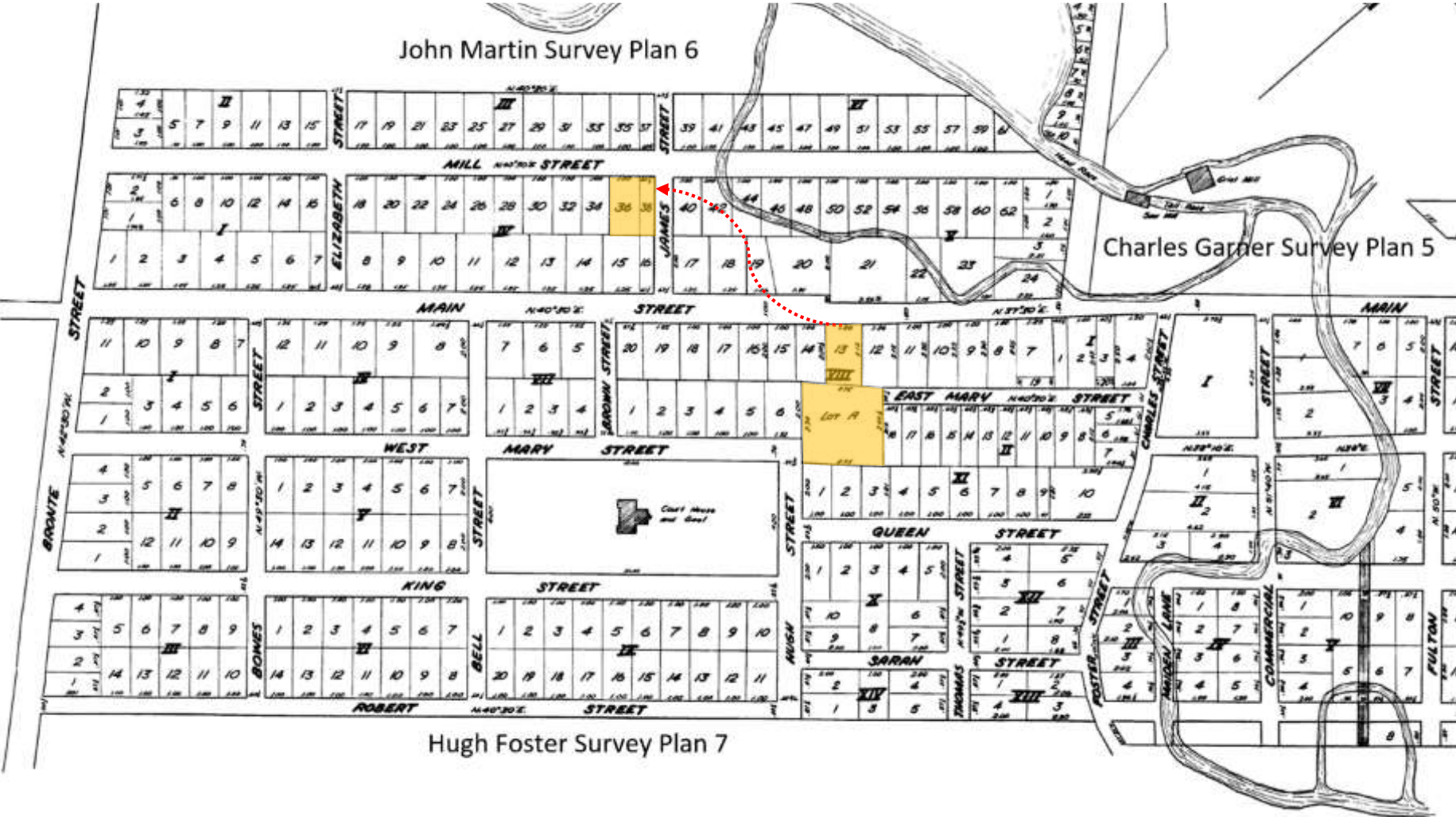
# Contextual Heritage Attributes

Halton County (LRO 20)

John Martin Survey Plan 6

Original location  
BLK 8, LOT 13

Current Location  
Block 4, LOTS 36 and 38



# Extract from Historical Book

- Halton County (LRO 20)
- Plan 6
- Lot 36 and 38
- Pages 166-168

Extract from Halton County (LRO 20) , Block 4, Lot 36 Plan 6, John Martins survey Pages 166 168								
Registration Number	Instrument	Date of Instrument	Registration Date	Grantor	Grantee	Acres	Description	Consideration
4198 B	B & S	19 Sept 1853	5 Oct 1853	John Martin Wife	James Hume Senior	1/5 ac	Lot 36	
599 A	B & S	1 Apr 1867	3 Apr 1867	James Hume, Sarah his wife	James Waldie	1/5 ac	Lot 36	
400 A	Mortgage	2 Apr 1867	3 Apr 1867	James Waldie Wife	James Hume Senior	1/5 ac	Lot 36	\$250
454	Will of part of Mortgage binding	20 Mar 1868	21 March 1868	James Hume Senior	James Waldie	1/5 ac	\$100 mentioned in and forming part of the money secured by mortgage ???	
838	Mortgage	23 Feb 1875	15 Feb 1875	James Waldie Wife	William Murray	1/5 ac	Lot 36 and another lot	\$800
947	Mortgage	23 Feb. 1876	23 Feb 1876	James Waldie Wife	John McKindsey	1/5 ac	Lot 36 and another lot	\$360
1465E	Conveyance under Power of Sale	28 Feb 1881	2 May 1881	Margaret Murray Spinster	George C. McKindsey	1/5 ac	Lot 36 and another lot	\$1,400
2640	B & S	7 Dec 1893	15 Feb 1894	George Beauford McKindsey	Sarah Priscilla Waldie wife of James Waldie		Lot 36 and another lot subject to Mortgage	\$600
305892	Certificate	December 16, 1970	January 5, 1971	John White Minister of Revenue	Estate of James Alfred Waldie		Pt Lot 36 and another lot as in 2640	
305893	Consent	December 23, 1970	January 5, 1971	To Transfer Property	Estate of James Alfred Waldie		Pt Lot 36 and another lot as in 2640	
305984	Petition grant	December 8, 1970	January 6, 1971	Alfred Ethelred Waldie	James Franklin Waldie		Pt Lot 36 and 38 Commencing N on Lot 38 then SE 25 5W par to Mill and then 5W?? Lot 36NW 27'SE 106' to poc. Commencing Ely on Lot 38 then SW at SE line Lot 38 and 36 to SW point Lot 36 to W42'NE 106' SE 43' to PCB as recitals	
528027	Ex Deed	June 27, 1980	September 15, 1980	Gayle M. Brown and Marsha E' Waldie, executors of estate of Alfred E. Waldie	Edna M. Waldie		Pt Lot etc. Com'g n angle lot 38 thence SE 27' SW 106' NW 27' SE 106' to poc see recitals	Powers \$2
528028	Ex Deed	July 15, 1980	September 15, 1980	Gayle M. Brown and Marsha E' Waldie, executors of estate of Alfred E. Waldie and Edna M. Waldie of 3rd part	Gayle M. Brown and Marsha E' Waldie in their personal capacities		Pt Lot etc. Com'g n angle lot 38 thence SE 27' SW 106' NW 27' SE 106' to pob see recitals	Powers \$2
692791	Grant		May 30, 1988	Estate of Waldie James Franklin Brown, Gayle Marie (Life Interest)	Waldie Marsha Elizabeth		Pts & OL (305984)	
701534	Grant		September 12, 1988	Waldie Marsha Elizabeth	Brown, Gayle Marie		Pts & OL (305984)	
744500	Transfer		May 22, 1990	Brown, Gayle Marie	Waldie Marsha Elizabeth		Pts & OL (305984)	
803628	Transfer		April 27, 1993	Waldie, Edna Marie	Waldie, Edna Marie Brown, Gayle Marie JT		Part OL (525027)	

## Historical Attributes George Brown, First Mayor of Milton



**George Brown**

First Mayor of Milton

Deceased: Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 1860

Aged: 52 years



**Brown Family Monument**

Bronte Pioneer Cemetery

In memory of our parents

- George Brown
- April 29, 1805 – August 4, 1860
- Caroline Walker
- February 5, 1819 – May 26, 1863
- Their children
  - Alex Walker Brown
  - April 3, 1843 – January 2, 1844
  - Caroline Augusta Brown
  - March 6, 1847 – September 5, 1857
    - Willie Brown
    - March 1857 - May 24, 1860
  - Herbert Walker Brown
  - June 8, 1859 – August, 1860



**Caroline Brown (nee Walker)**

Wife of George brown

Deceased: May 26, 1863

Aged: 44 years



# Historical Attributes

## Three Generations of the Waldie Family

- James Alfred Waldie Sr. (1832-1900)
- James Alfred Waldie Jr. (1871-1948) and
- Alfred Ethelred Waldie (1905-1980)
- They shod horses, repaired wagons and manufactured farm implements and horse drawn carriages for the local community.
- Alfred was the last member of the Waldie family to operate the blacksmith shop which he closed in the early 1970's.
- His dream to have the blacksmith shop restored is now a reality thanks to the efforts of the Waldie family, Milton Historical Society, Town of Milton, Province of Ontario, and the community.



Sarah Priscilla Dale Waldie (Wife of James A. Sr.)

1840-1920



Matilda Ann Hawkins ( Wife of James A. Jr.)

(1870-1942)



Edna Marie Wilkinson Waldie

(1913-2005)



James Alfred Waldie, Sr.

(1832-1900)



James Alfred Waldie Jr.

(1871-1948)



Alfred Ethelred Waldie

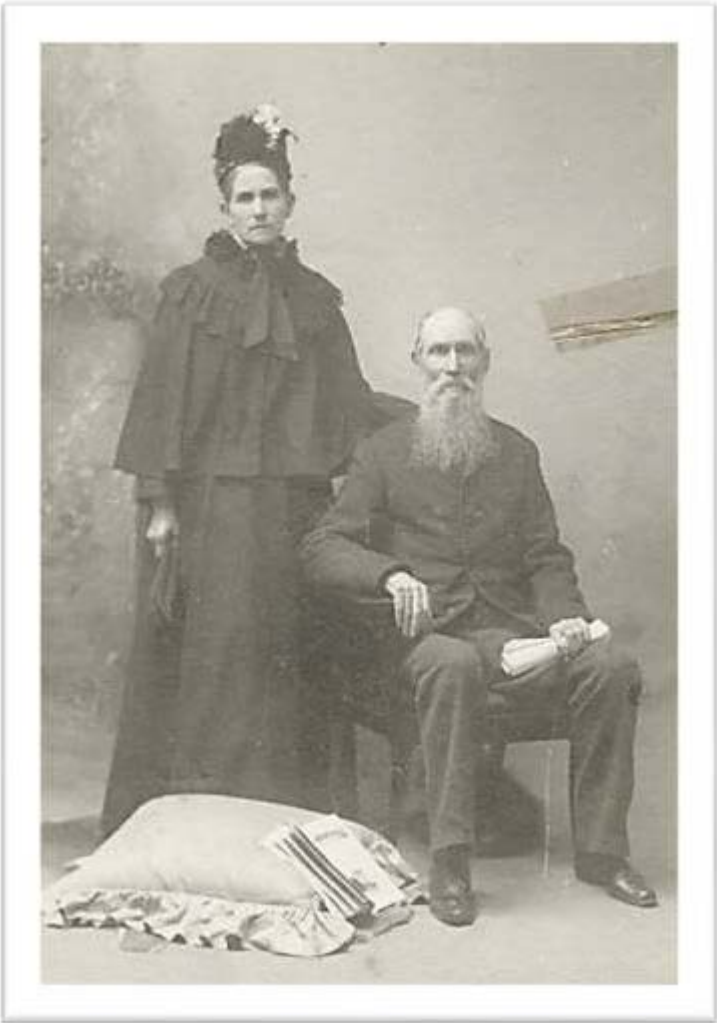
(1905-1980)

Source: Milton Historical Society



# Historical Attributes

## James Alfred Waldie, Sr. 1832-1900



### Family Members

#### Parents

-  [Alexander Waldie](#)  
1801-1846
-  [Ann Elizabeth Hyslop Smith](#)  
1805-1884

#### Spouse

-  [Sarah Priscilla Dale Waldie](#)  
1840-1920 (m. 1859)

#### Children

-  [Sarah Ann Waldie](#)  
1861-1863
-  [Jessie Waldie](#)  
1868-1913
-  [James Alfred Waldie](#)  
1871-1948

#### Siblings

-  [Ann Waldie \(Wilkie\)](#)  
1829-1851
-  [John Waldie](#)  
1831-1910
-  [Alexander Waldie](#)  
1836-1928
-  [William Waldie](#)  
1839-1926
-  [Jessie Waldie \(Stoddart\)](#)  
1842-1921
-  [David Ballantyne Waldie](#)  
1845-1932
-  [Robert Waldie](#)  
1846-1925

# Historical Attributes

## James Alfred Waldie, Jr. 1871-1948



Alfred E, Mathilda, James A.  
Sitting F. Waldie



James A. Waldie. 1871-1948 (on the right)



Matilda Ann Hawkins ( Wife of James A. Jr.)

### Spouse

 **Matilda Ann Hawkins**  
1870-1942

### Marriage

24 June 1903  
Streetsville, Toronto Township, Peel,  
Ontario, Canada

### Children (4)

 **Baby Waldie**  
1904-1904

 **Alfred Ethelred Waldie**  
1905-1980

 **James Franklin Waldie**  
1908-1987

### Parents

 **James Alfred Waldie Sr**  
1832-1900

 **Sarah Priscilla Dale**  
1841-1920

### Siblings (3)

 **Sarah Ann Waldie**  
1861-1863

 **Jessie Waldie**  
1868-1913

# Historical Attributes

## Alfred Ethelred Waldie, 1905-1980



Alfred Ethelred Waldie 1905-1980



Edna Waldie (née Wilkinson) With Her Daughter  
Gayle Marie Waldie 1908-1987



### Family Members

#### Parents



James Alfred Waldie  
1871-1948



Matilda Ann *Hawkins* Waldie  
1870-1942

#### Siblings



James Franklin Waldie  
1908-1987

### Spouse



Edna Marie Wilkinson Waldie  
1913-2005 (m 1937)





# Historical Attributes

## James Waldie Senior and Ethelred Alfred Waldie

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### Waldie, James A. Sr.

Blacksmith  
1832-1900



James Waldie Sr. was born July 1832 in the border area of Scotland, near Westruther, the son of Ann Hislop (1819-1883) and Alexander Waldie (1801-April 1, 1846). He was one of eight children: Ann, John, James, Alexander, William, David, Jessie, and Robert. The bands for his mother and father were read May 6, 1827 and the couple were married May 6, 1828.

James entered into his indenture as a blacksmith apprentice and servant to Mr. John Hagg of Hunttywood, Berwick on Nov. 29, 1848 for four years. James had to have a backer who took responsibility for him as his father had died prior to this date.

He had to bind himself to serve honestly and faithfully by day and night including Sundays. He had to also promise to not reveal any of his Master's secrets in regard to business or otherwise. Mr. Hagg also had to bind himself to teach, instruct his apprentice in all aspects of his art and trade without concealing any elements. He had to supply bed and board and allow one month off each year so James could assist his family with the harvest. This was all registered and witnessed in a legal manner.

Servitude was not looked upon as being a state in which the individual had his or her freedom, and in some cases they were not treated very well. In later life James mentioned that at meal time they were quite often given a weak form of soup broth in which vegetables were placed in a cheesecloth type bag and cooked. However, those in service received only the broth while Mr. Hagg's family receiving broth with vegetables. On one occasion James was put up to cutting the bag with his knife while the vegetables were still present and a good meal was had.

Following the completion of his trade James was then in a position to become a Master Mason and he joined the Stow Lodge #216 holding

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### Waldie, Alfred Ethelred

Blacksmith  
1905 - 1980



A. E. Waldie was born on Nov. 8, 1905, the son of James Alfred Waldie (Jan. 7, 1871 - June 9, 1948) and Matilda A. Hawkins (Sept. 9, 1870 - Sept. 25, 1942).

On September 25, 1937, Mr. Waldie married Edna Marie Wilkinson (Feb. 12, 1913 -), the daughter of Morley Wilkinson (Aug. 6, 1886 - Mar. 1, 1931) and Jeanette Vivian (June 16, 1891 - Jan. 12, 1975).

Mr. and Mrs. Waldie had two daughters.

Mr. Waldie was a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and of the Halton Agricultural Society serving as its President in 1945.

Alfred Waldie was the third generation of the Waldie family to operate a blacksmith shop on James St. in Milton. The shop was in operation for more than 100 years. Mr. Waldie was a member of the Milton Fire Brigade for 38 years, serving as Secretary, Lieutenant and Captain. He was President of the Halton County Mutual Aid and also the Humber-Credit District Firefighters. He held several posts in the Ontario Firefighters' Association.

Mr. Waldie raised show birds showing them at a number of Fall Fairs and Exhibitions. He was also a show Judge at Fall Fairs and Exhibitions.

A member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Mr. Waldie died on April 8, 1980, survived by his wife and two daughters, Gayle (Mrs. Don Brown) of Mississauga and Marsha of Milton. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton, Ont.

Research: Alex S. Cooke

Sources: *The Canadian Champion*,

*Cemetery Recordings*, published by Halton/Peel Branch O.G.S.

Jim Dills' Book of Lists, unpublished.

Marsha Waldie.

Published by Milton Historical Society 1997



## Historical Attributes James Alfred Waldie Jr 1871-1948

Captain of Milton Fire  
Department  
Councillor (1906)

James S. Waldie was the  
owner of this house in 1971  
He was the third generation  
of the Waldie family to  
operate a blacksmith shop  
on James Street in Milton.  
He was involved with the  
Milton Fire Brigade for  
many years.

## MILTON AREA BIOGRAPHIES **W**

### Waldie, James Alfred Blacksmith, municipal politician 1871 - 1948



Born on Jan. 7, 1871, James Alfred Waldie was the son of James Waldie (1832 - Apr. 23, 1900) born in Corsbie, Berkshire, Scotland, who married on Nov. 17, 1859, Sarah P. Dale (1840 - May 20, 1920) born in Staffordshire, England. They had three children, two daughters and one son.

On June 24, 1903, James Alfred Waldie, the son, married Matilda A. Hawkins (Sept. 9, 1870 - Sept. 25, 1942) of Streetsville, great granddaughter of Timothy Street, the founder of Streetsville, a United Empire Loyalist and surveyor. They had three children, two sons and one daughter.

James Waldie was one of the Captains of the Milton Fire Department and was a coach of the Department's Hook and Ladder running team. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and also one of the founding members of the Milton Rebecca Lodge. He was a member of the Halton Agricultural Society and raised show chickens for competition.

Mr. Waldie was a member of Milton Council in 1906. He was a Presbyterian and a member of the Conservative party.

He died at Milton on June 9, 1948, survived by two sons, Alfred E. and James. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Research: Alex S. Cooke

Sources: *The Canadian Champion*,  
Milton Census,  
Marsha Waldie.

*Members of the Municipal Council*, compiled by Brenda Whitlock  
for Milton Historical Society.

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### James Alfred Waldie Jr

7 January 1871-9 June 1948 • KCVF-PCT

#### Brief Life History of James Alfred

When James Alfred Waldie Jr was born on 7 January 1871, in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada, his father, James Alfred Waldie Sr, was 38 and his mother, Sarah Priscilla Dale, was 30. He married Matilda Ann Hawkins on 24 June 1903, in Streetsville, Toronto Township, Peel, Ontario, Canada. They were the parents of at least 2 sons and 2 daughters. He lived in Halton, Ontario, Canada for about 30 years. He died on 9 June 1948, in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 77, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada.

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#### Spouse and Children

 James Alfred Waldie Jr  
1871-1948

 Matilda Ann Hawkins  
1870-1942

Marriage  
24 June 1903  
Streetsville, Toronto Township, Peel, Ontario, Canada

Children (4)

 Baby Waldie  
1904-1904

 Alfred Ethelred Waldie  
1905-1980

 James Franklin Waldie  
1908-1987

#### Photos and Memories (6)



Do you know James Alfred? Do you have a story about him that you would like to share? [Sign In](#) or [Create a FREE Account](#)


#### Parents and Siblings

 James Alfred Waldie Sr  
1832-1900

 Sarah Priscilla Dale  
1841-1920

Siblings (3)

 Sarah Ann Waldie  
1861-1863

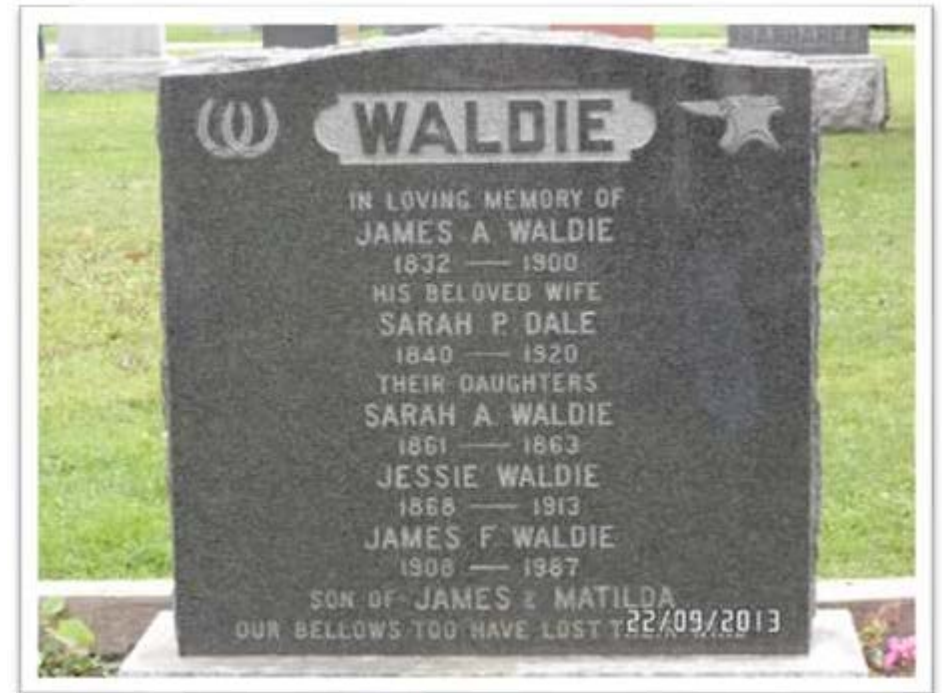
 Jessie Waldie  
1868-1913

# Historical Attributes James Franklin Waldie



James (Jim) Franklin Waldie 1908-1987

Picture taken 1961



## Family Members

### Parents



James Alfred Waldie  
1871-1948



Matilda Ann *Hawkins* Waldie  
1870-1942

### Siblings



Alfred Ethelred Waldie  
1905-1980



# Historical Attributes Waldie Family



**Waldie Family**

Matilda, James F, James A, Jessie  
Waldie (1863-1913), sit B. Caverhill,  
Alfred E, Sarah P. Waldie



**Adjacent Black Smith Shop on 16 James  
Street**

Matilda Waldie, nee Hawkins & Alfred E.  
Waldie



**Waldie House on Main Street**

This was originally the home of George Brown, Milton's first mayor. It was built in 1842 on Main Street and about 1870 was moved to its's present site on James Street by James A. Waldie. The Waldie family operated a Blacksmith's shop on the lot. The old blacksmith shop has recently been renovated.

## Historical Attributes Waldie Family



Matilda Waldie, nee Hawkins  
and Alfred E. Waldie



Gayle, Edna, Marsha Waldie



Alfred E. Waldie, right, retired in 1967 after 38 years with  
the brigade. Following in his father's footsteps who also  
served on the fire department.



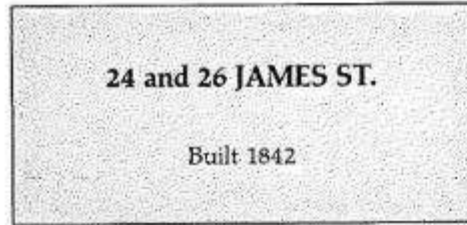
# Milton Heritage Inventory Record

- This property was a Listed heritage resource since 2006.

MILTON L.A.C.A.C. HERITAGE INVENTORY	
BUILDING TYPE: Residential	INVENTORY #:
ADDRESS: 24 and 26 James St.	
BUILDING NAME:-	
ORIGINAL USE: Housing	CONSTRUCTED: 1842
PRESENT USE: Housing	
DESIGNATION:	DATE:
HISTORY	
<p>This house was built in 1842 for George Brown who later became Milton's first mayor. This house was moved from its Main St. location to James St. in 1870 by James A. Waldie, a blacksmith, and has remained in the Waldie family ever since.</p>	
ARCHITECTURAL COMMENTS	
<p><b>WALLS:</b> A semi-detached one and a half storey home of metal siding, stone foundation and six bays and rear wings.</p> <p><b>ROOF:</b> A low gable roof with front gable dormer, projecting metal eaves, verges, plain fascia and soffit.</p> <p><b>WINDOWS:</b> Windows are plain and flat with two sashes and shutters</p> <p><b>DOORWAYS:</b> Two identical doorways with single wood doors, panels and glass and a single front step.</p> <p><b>PORCHES:</b> A single metal hood over both doors with no supports and decorative metal trim.</p> <p><b>OTHERS:</b></p>	

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This was originally the home of George Brown, Milton's first Mayor. He died in 1860; about ten years later the home was moved from the present site of Knox Presbyterian Church on Main St. to James Street by James A. Waldie, Blacksmith. A few years later it was divided into two to accommodate the Waldie families who have lived here for four generations.

George Brown had built a store and dwelling on the Main St. property, one of several lots he purchased in 1842 from Milton's first developer, Henry Huffman. Mr. Brown was the first merchant in the area and in 1853, when Halton was separated from Wentworth, he became the first County Treasurer.

He was a very industrious man: besides

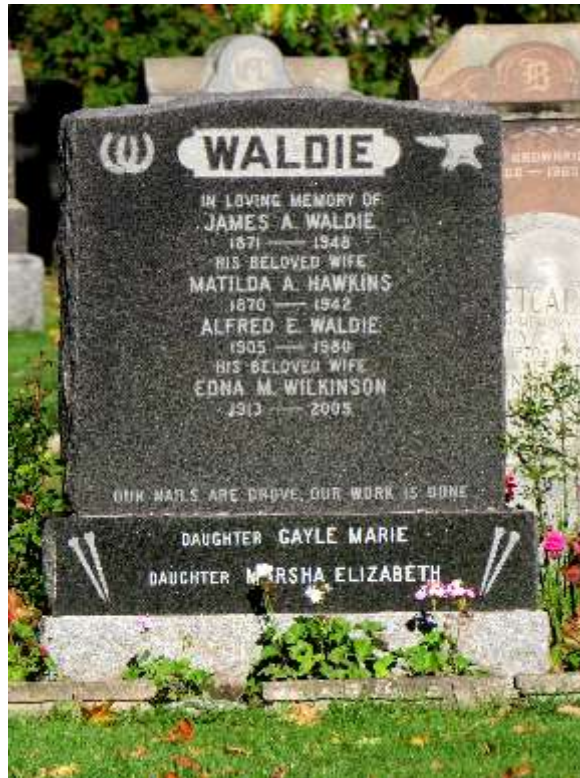
acting as the Country Treasurer and merchant, he was involved in the buying and selling of lots in the new town.

When Hugh Foster registered his plan of subdivision, Brown St. was named in honour. He held the land on the east side in the block between Main St. and the site of the County Buildings.

George Brown was elected to council when the Town of Milton was incorporated July 1, 1857 and at the first meeting of that council he was chosen Mayor by his fellow councillors.

For 100 years three generations of the Waldie family operated a blacksmith shop on the adjoining lot. Today Marsha Waldie occupies one part of the duplex and her mother, Edna, the other.

# Historical Attributes Waldie Family Monument



## Blacksmiths

James Alfred Waldie Senior  
James Alfred Waldie Junior  
Alfred Ethelred Waldie

## Family Members

### Parents



James Alfred Waldie  
1832-1900



Sarah Priscilla Dale Waldie  
1840-1920

### Siblings



Sarah Ann Waldie  
1861-1863



Jessie Waldie  
1868-1913

### Spouse of James A. Waldie Junior 1871-1948



Matilda Ann *Hawkins* Waldie  
1870-1942 (m., 1903)

### Children



Alfred Ethelred Waldie  
1905-1980



James Franklin Waldie  
1908-1987



## Physical Attributes

A three bays one and a half story semi-detached home with horizontal siding on stone foundation



North East Elevation



North West Elevation



## Physical Attributes

The low gable roof with front gable dormer, projecting eaves, plain fascia and soffit





## Physical Attributes

Central entrance with a single stone step, metal canopy over both doors with no supports and decorative metal trims



## Physical Attributes

Two identical single-leaf panel wood door with moulded trims and glass insert.



24 James Street



26 James Street



Two Entrance Door



## Physical Attributes

Plain two sash, two over two windows with wooden shutters





## Physical Attributes

Single flue brick chimney on south elevation





# 2024 Photos



East Elevation



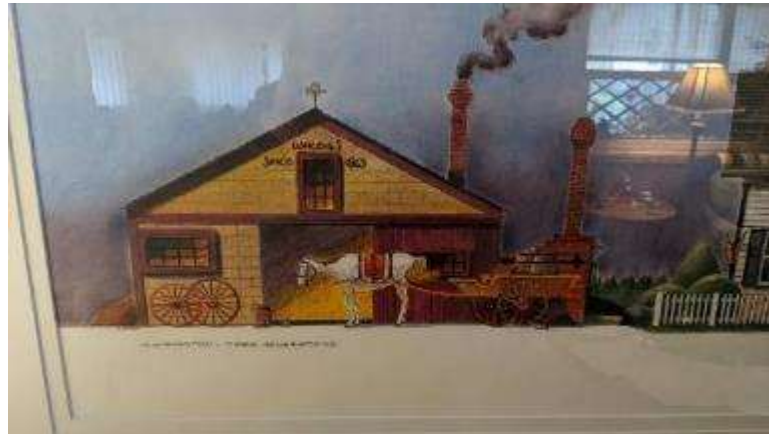
North West Elevation



South-East Elevation



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North West Elevation



## 2024 Photos



North Elevation



North Elevation



North Entrance



North West Elevation

North West Elevation

West Elevation





South Elevation



South Elevation



South Elevation \_Extension



Detached garage



South West Elevation



Detach Garage North Elevation



# 2004 Pictures \_ Basement

