

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: May 26, 2025

Report No: DS-030-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate - 91 Mill

Street - Ellen Halcro House

Recommendation: THAT Staff Report DS-030-25 entitled: "Recommendation Report -

Notice of Intention to Designate\_91 Mill Street\_Ellen Halcro House"

be received;

THAT Council recognizes the historic house at 91 Mill 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 clapboard house, built in 1877 by Ellen Halcro, is a significant contributor to the Mill Street neighbourhood heritage character. It was the home of George Bousfield who was the land developer of the Mountain View Park subdivision in Milton. Gayle Pearce added the east wing of the current house in 2010, and the Hoopers remodelled the existing two-car garage in 2019.
- 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**

This one-and-a-half-storey clapboard house was built in 1877 by Ellen Halcro. It was the home of George Bousfield who was the land developer of the Mountain View Park subdivision in Milton. This property's contextual, historical and architectural significance is deeply rooted in its contribution to Mill Street neighbourhood heritage character.

#### Discussion

The original lot was owned by the Nixon family in 1855. The property was sold to Ellen Halcro in 1877 when she built the house. Ellen was born in the northern part of Trafalgar in 1840. Her father, William Downs, emigrated from Ireland in the 1820s. Her mother, Millicent Downs, was born in Upper Canada in 1808. Ellen married Peter Halcro on November 20, 1872. Peter Halcro emigrated from Scotland and settled in Milton as a young tailor. Within a few years, he entered a partnership with William Bews, also a tailor at 224 Main St.,

After Ellen Halcro the property was owned by: Thomas Michie (1888); George Bousfield (1897); Ella and John Brandon (1906). George Bousfield was the land developer of the Mountain View Park subdivision in Milton. In 1913, he and his son Wray Bousfield registered Plan of Subdivision 154 -Mountain View Survey, part of "Old Milton." Bousfield sold the subject property to the Young family in 1909, who in turn sold it to John Lawerence Hardy in 1947. The property was passed on to Jack and Jean Hardy in 1954. It was sold to Gayle Pearce in 2003, who added the East wing of the house. They received a Heritage Award from the Town of Milton in 2010 for their efforts. The current owners are Richard and Susan Hooper. They remodelled the new two-car garage in 2019.

Physically, the historic cottage-style part of the house to the west of the property was clad with a four-inch clapboard. It has a medium gable roof, extended eaves, plain verges, and fascia. Subsequently, a kitchen with a lean-to roof was added to the rear. The single-leaf front door has a stained glass insert and a segmented arch transom. Windows are two over two with semi-arch trim and shutters. The single-flue brick chimney is still intact and located toward the center of the rear elevation of the historic house.



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#### Discussion

Malcolm Brekkie and Gayle Pearce completed the east wing of the existing house in 2010. The design of this addition sympathetically matches the historic style of the original house. The medium gable roof has projecting metal eaves, plain fascia, soffit, and frieze. A new double French door with arch transom accents the east wing addition.

Contextually, this early cottage style house served as the home of Ellen Halcro. It is also the house of George Edward Bousfield, the land developer of the Mountain View Park neighbourhood, a significant area in the history of Milton's development. The house contributes to the neighbourhood character of Mill Street. It is one of the earliest houses built in the Park Lots, John Martin Survey Plan #6, established in 1856.

#### Character-Defining Elements / Heritage Attributes:

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

- The original massing of the one-and-a-half-storey clapboard house with projecting eaves, plain fascia and medium gable roof.
- Two over two windows with shutters, semi-arch trim and wooden lug sills
- Double leaf French door with arch transom
- Single-leaf wooden door with stained glass inserts and segmented arch transom
- Single flue brick chimney
- Historical home of George Bousfield, who was the developer of the Mountain View Subdivision
- The context of the historic home in preserving the heritage character of Mill Street.

#### 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



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Commissioner, Development Services

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

Planner

#### Attachments

Appendix '1'- Reasons for Designation \_ 91, Mill Street

Appendix '2' - CHVI evaluation of \_91, Mill Street

Appendix '3' - Photographic Record Heritage Attributes\_91, Mill 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.

#### 91 Mill Street\_ Ellen Halcro House



#### **Legal Description**

Plan 6, Blk 3 Lot 27 John Martin Survey

#### **Description of Property**

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#### Statement of Cultural Value and Interest

#### **Historical Value**

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#### **Physical or Design Value**

Physically, the historic cottage-style part of the house to the west of the property was clad with a four-inch clapboard. It has a medium gable roof, extended eaves, plain verges, and fascia. Subsequently, a kitchen with a lean-to roof was added to the rear. The single-leaf front door has a stained glass insert and a segmented arch transom. Windows are two over two with semi-arch trim and shutters. The single-flue brick chimney is still intact and located toward the center of the rear elevation of the historic house.

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#### Contextual Value

Contextually, this early cottage style house served as the home of Ellen Halcro. It is also the house of George Edward Bousfield, the land developer of the Mountain View Park neighbourhood, a significant area in the history of Milton's development. The house contributes to the neighbourhood character of Mill Street. It is one of the earliest houses built in the Park Lots, John Martin Survey Plan #6, established in 1856.

#### **Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes**

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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 91 Mill 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 an early example of clapboard cottagestyle residential house.						
li	displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	No, this house 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						
	s historical value or associative va							
i	has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community	No, this house does not have a direct association 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	No, this house does not yields or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture						
iii	demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community	Yes, this house was the home of George Bousfield, who was the developer of the Mountain View Subdivision Yes, as a builder,						
	s contextual value because it,	h						
İ	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 Mill Street neighbourhood.
ii	visually or historically linked	No, this house is not physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings
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.

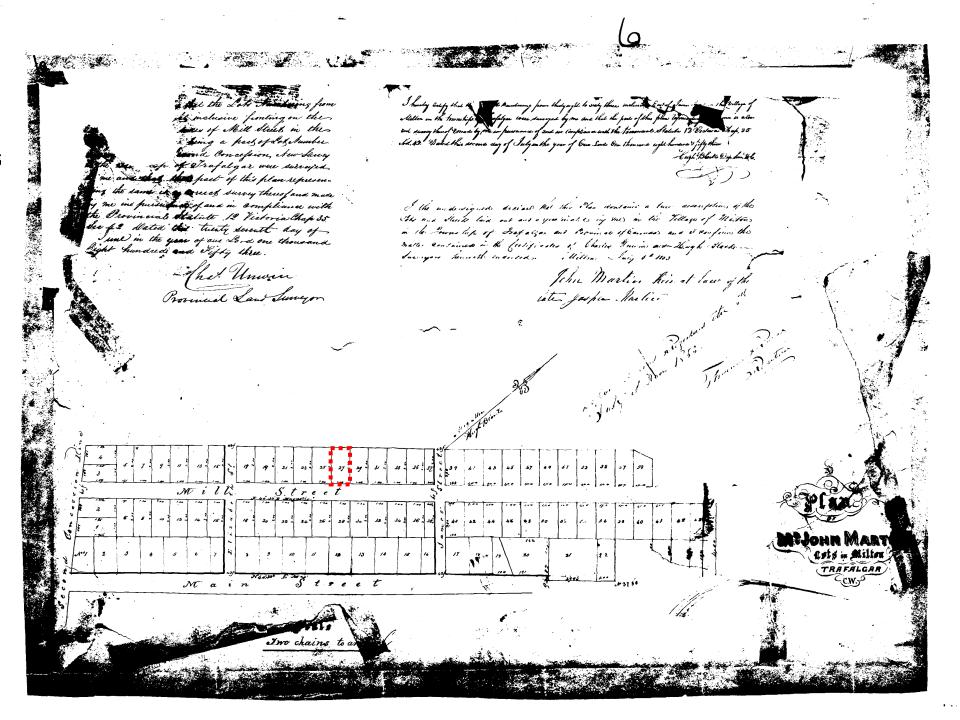




Location Map\_ 91 Mill Street

# **Contextual Heritage Attributes**

- Context of the location of the original house as contributing to the heritage character of the John Martin survey neighbourhood of 1853 along Mill Street
- PLAN 6
- SURVEY MARTIN
- LOT 27 BLK 3



### **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



# Historical Book Record

PRE-PRODUCTION

MICROFILMING SUMMARY SHEET

Land Registry Office LD.: # 20

Registration Type:

unicipality:

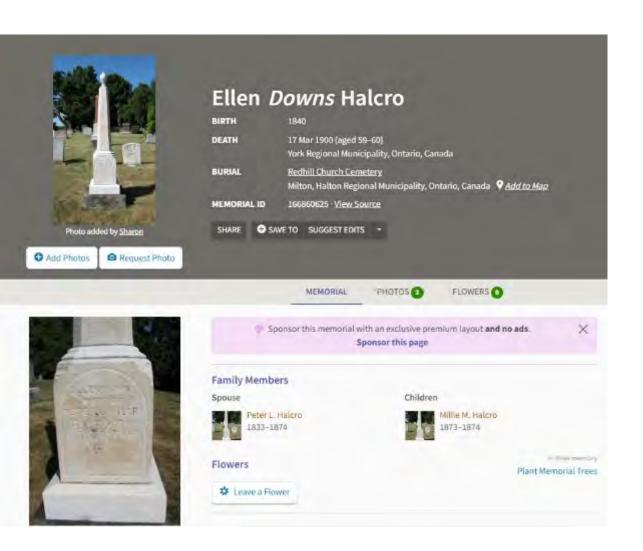
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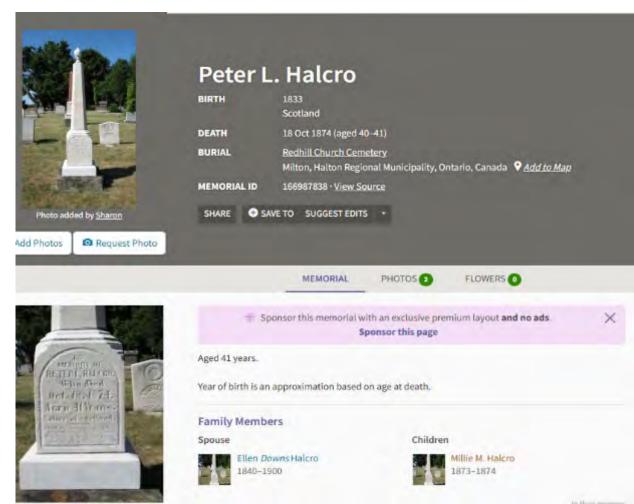
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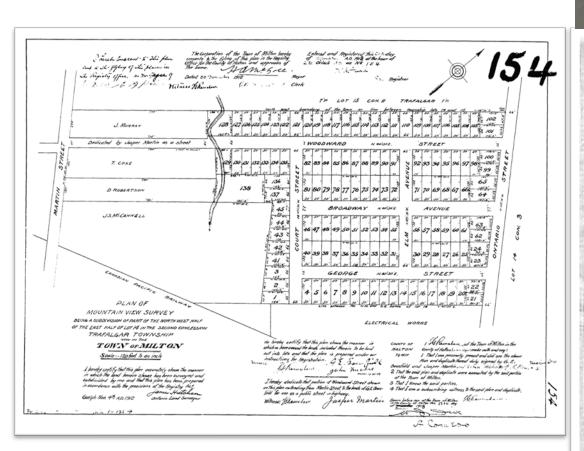
Extract from Halton County (LRO 20), Plan 6, Blk 3, Lot 27, Pages 104-106										
No	Instrument	Dated	Registered	From	То	Acres	Description	Cosiderat	on	
	B of Sale	5 April 1854	26 March 1855	John Martin Wife	James Nixon	1/5	Lot 27			
	Will	23 Dec 1869	19 March 1879	James Nixon	His Wife Mary	1/5	Lot 27			
1067 B		26 Aug 1876	18 July 1877	William Nixon & wife, Jess Nixon & wife, Thomas Turnbull and Ellen Turnbull, his wife, John Nixon & wife, Thomas Nixon & wife, John George Bell and Matilda Bell his wife & Isaav Backweradn Mary Baseliner his wife	Eliza Nixon, Spinster	1/5	Lot 27	\$	1.00	
1069 B	B of Sale	12 June 1877	23 July 1877	Eliza Nixon, Spinster	Ellen Halcro, Widow	1/5	Lot 27	\$	100.00	
3094 E	B of Sale	24 Nov 1888	28 Nov 1888	Ellen Halcro, Widow	Thomas Michie	1/5	Lot 27	\$	900.00	
2888	B of Sale	22 Apr 1897	7 Aug 1897	Thomas Michie unmarried	George Edward Bousfield	1/5	Lot 27	\$	750.00	
35004	B of Sale	March 30, 1906	April 5, 1906	George Edward Bousfield	Ella Brandon and John Stewart Brandon her husband	1/5	Lot 27	\$	1,000.00	
3965H	B of Sale	August 9, 1909	August 20, 1909	Ella Brandon and John Stewart Brandon her husband	Mary H. Young wife of Geroge Young	1/5	Lot 27	\$	1,600.00	
36780 L	B of Sale	April 12, 1939	April 22, 1939	Evert Louis Chamber ont. clerk, D. Sprout Mayor and Treasurer of Town of Milton	Corporation of town of Milton	1/5	Lot 27	\$	407.32	
7540 L	Town Deed	May 5, 1947	May 19, 1947	The Corporation of the Town of Milton	John Lawerence Hardy	1/5	Lot 27			
6555	Certificate	October 28, 1949	April 5, 1950	Leslie M. Frost- Treasurer of Ontario	Estate of John Lawerence Hardy	1/5	Lot 27 as in 7540 & other land	\$	2.00	
3005 L	Grant	May 11, 1950	May 25, 1950	Bertha Maude Hardy widow of John Lawerence Hardy deceased	Bertha Mabel Hardy, widow in her personal capacity	1/5	Lot 27 and other land see recital	\$	2.00	
3443M	Grant	October 9, 1952	December 19, 1954	Bertha Maude Hardy widow	Magaret Jean Hardy		Lot 27	\$	4,000.00	
62191	Certificate	January 7, 1957	March 12, 1957	Dana Parker treasurer of Ontario	Estate of Bertha Mabel Maude Hardy		Lot 27 & other land	I		
17257C	Certificate	August 28, 1964	September 28, 1964	James Allan Treasurer of Ontario	Harvey Hilliard Blacklock		Lot 27 as in #149184(mortage) and other land	\$	1.00	
	Deed and Trust	July 28, 1975	March 13, 1975	Jean Scott Blacklock widow	Margaret Jean Hardy married woman					
			2003	Jack Hardy husband of Jean Hardy	Gayle Pearce					
				Gayle Pearce	Susan and Richard Hooper					

### The Halcro Family\_Owner 1877-1888





### The Bousfield Family\_Owner 1877-1906



Plan 154 Mountain View Survey Registered 1913



**George Edward Bousfield** 

BIRTH 27 Jun 1864

Milton, Halton Regional Municipality, Ontario, Canada

DEATH Feb 1926 (aged 61)

Timiskaming District, Ontario, Canada

BURIAL Evergreen Cemetery

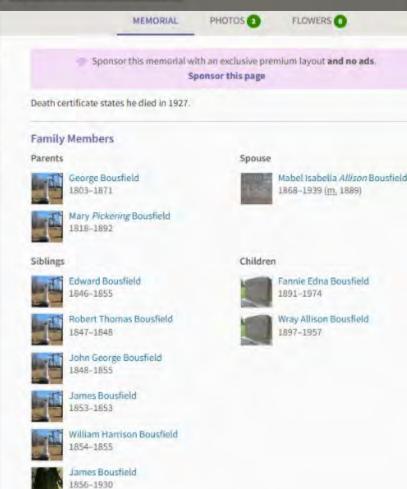
Milton, Halton Regional Municipality, Ontario, Canada ? Add to Map

Block 57 PLOT

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SAVE TO SUGGEST EDITS

The board of trade met last Friday evening in the council chamber. A blue print of G.E. Bousfield's subdivision "Mountain View Park," was submitted, prepared by James Hutcheon, C.E. Guelph. (This was later known as the Bousfield subdivision) It showed 120 lots, with streets etc. and a deviation of Court Street west along the C.P.R. to a point near the stone arch (over the Sixteen Mile Creek), the location of the proposed subway; thence north on the other side to connect with the addition. Mr. McCannell and Dr. Anderson reported that they had interviewed C.P.R. officials in the matter of the subway and had been told that the railway would not object to it, but would not contribute to the expense of construction. The committee was instructed to proceed with promotion of the subway.



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### Hardy Family\_ Owner 1950-2003





#### **Family Members**

#### Parents



John Hardy 1827–1895



Jessie *Lawrenson* Hardy 1848–1914

#### Spouse



Bertha Mabel Maude Anderson Hardy 1884–1956 (m. 1903)

#### Siblings



Jessie Barbara *Hardy* Irving 1880–1929



Louisa Maria Hardy Ruddell 1881–1977



Margaret Isabella "Maggie" Hardy 1884–1900

#### Children



Mary Lawrenson *Hardy* Young 1905–1993



George Clifford Hardy 1909–1989



John Wilfrid "Jack" Hardy 1918-2003

#### Half Siblings



Jennie E. *Hardy* McLaughlin 1868–1949

## John Lawerence and Bertha Mabel Hardy





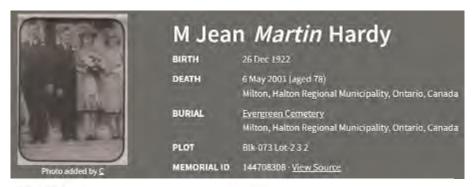


John Hardy \_ Tug of War team

John and Bertha Hardy

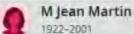
John Hardy Family

### Jean and "Jack" Hardy\_ Owner 1952 to 2003



#### Spouse





#### Parents



Neil Gow Martin 1876–1953



Mary Burdon 1881-1954

### Siblings (6)



Robert Kenneth Martin

1911-1996



Marion Christina Martin

1913-1985



**Duncan Eldon Martin** 

1914-1979



Gordon S Martin

1917-1918



Donald Martin

1919–Deceased



### **Parents and Siblings**



John Laurence Hardy

1874-1949



Barta Mabel Maude Anderson

1884-1956

#### Siblings (4)



Mary Lawrenson Hardy

1905-1993



Clara Douglas Hardy

1908-2008



George Clifford Hardy

1908-1989



John Wilfrid Hardy

1918-2003



# By Burlington Post

Thursday, February 25, 2010



From left, Heritage Milton Chair Brian Tyers and Mayor Gord Krantz present awards to Marc Gruehl of the York Trafalgar Corporation and local residents Mark Sturkenboom, Catharina van Es, Gayle Pearce and Malcolm Brekkie. - MICHAEL IVANIN / SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Local residents who've worked hard to preserve the town's heritage have been recognized by town council and Heritage Milton.

The five individuals, who completed architectural restoration projects on three local properties, were presented with this year's Milton Heritage Awards Monday night.

Malcolm Brekkie and Gayle Pearce were honoured for taking a 2,000-square-foot Mill Street house built in 1877 that contained two apartments and transforming it into a 2,800-square-foot single-family home.

The project took about **two-and-a-half years** to complete and thousands of hours of labour that included **stripping about four pounds of paint off each shutter**, said Pearce.

"But it was a labour of love," she said. "It's something that I've wanted to do since I was very young. It was rewarding to reveal the house after years of modifications and turn it back into a single-family house."

# Historical Attributes

Source:

**Historical Homes of Milton** 

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#### 30 COURT ST. NORTH

Part of Lot 14, Concession 2, Trafalgar
Built in 1881



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 had opened the road as an access to the Credit Valley Railway station. The street was also sometimes referred to as Station Road.

The house itself was constructed by expert craftsmen using the superb pine materials prevalent in that period. The exterior was covered with tongue and groove siding and the windows trimmed with attractive carvings. The interior of the house features high ceilings, is well trimmed in heavy pine baseboards and finished with panel doors. The carved stairway bannister is exceptional.

John Lyon, son of William Durie Lyon, merchant, mayor, member of the legislature, magistrate and postmaster, was born in Milton in 1855. During the busy career of his father, John operated the family store at the southeast corner of Charles and Main St., since demolished.

By 1882 John was listed in the Professional Directory of Ontario as postmaster, a responsibility he held until his death in 1892.

On March 26, 1912 Christine Lyon sold the property to Thurzie McCurdy, spinster, who lived here until 1938.

The Stewart Lockie family has had possession for 50 years, since 1941, and has maintained it as closely as possible to its original design.

## L.A.C.A.C Heritage Inventory Sheet

This property was listed in the Heritage Register since 2006





Photos of the property before the East Wing addition

#### MILTON L.A.C.A.C. HERITAGE INVENTORY

BUILDING TYPE: Residential

INVENTORY #:

ADDRESS: 91 Mill St.

BUILDING NAME:

ORIGINAL USE: Housing

CONSTRUCTED: 1877

PRESENT USE:

Housing

DESIGNATION:

DATE: 2006

#### HISTORY

#### ARCHITECTURAL COMMENTS

WALLS: A two storey wood clapboard house with stone foundation, cornerboards and a brick chimney.

ROOF: A medium gable roof with projecting metal eaves, verges, plain fascia, soffit and frieze.

WINDOWS: Windows are shaped with moulded lintels, wooden sashes, double-hung with shutters.

DOORWAYS: Off-centre doorway with shaped single light transom, wide trim, single leaf with stained glass panel. PORCHES: Step.

OTHERS:



## 91 Mill Street 2009-2023













### 91 Mill Street 2018







Rear Elevation 2018 Photos

Garage in 2018 before the 2019 upgrade

### Front Yard elevation 2024













# Rear yard Elevations 2024







Double Garage Elevations 2024







The original massing of the one and a half storey clapboard house with projecting eaves, verges, plain fascia with gable roof.





Two over two windows with shutters, semi arch trim and wooden lug sills









Matching two over two windows with shutters, semi arch trim, wooden lug sills at front elevation of East Wing
 New double leaf French door with segmented arch transom







• Matching Two over two windows semi arch trim, wooden lug sills at front elevation of East Wing addition



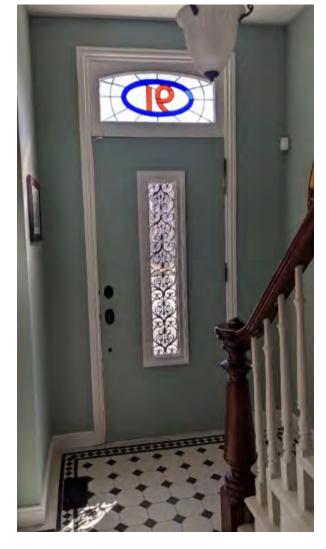




• Single leaf wooden door with stain glass insert and segmented arch transom







Segmented Arch Transom

Front Door Exterior

Front Door Inteior

Single Flue Brick Chimney







Two over two windows with plain trim, wooden lug sills at rear elevation







Historical Plaque View of open porch Window details at Porch

Two over two windows with plain trim, wooden lug sills at side elevation







## **Non-Heritage Attribute**

## **Existing Garage**







## **Non - Physical Attributes**

Rear Porch of New Addition

