



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: November 3, 2025

Report No: DS-063-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate -199 Queen Street

Recommendation: **THAT** Staff Report DS-063-25 entitled: "Notice of Intention to Designate - 199 Queen Street" be received and;

THAT Milton Council recognizes the historic house at 199 Queen Street in the Town of Milton as being of heritage significance;

THAT Milton 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

- Edmund Booth, an early settler in Milton's history, built this one-and-a-half-storey wood-framed Victorian Gothic cottage in 1877. Other historically noteworthy owners include Councillors Duncan Dewar, Benjamin Jones, and Alfred Hemstreet.
- 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')

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This significant heritage resource fulfils more than two of the evaluation and 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

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Discussion

Historically, the original lot was sold to the trustees of the London Ontario Conference of the Methodist Church in 1855. The trustees sold it to Duncan Dewar in 1878. Duncan was the store clerk of the works department, law clerk, conveyancer, insurance agent, Town Councillor (1873-1876) and Reeve in 1877.

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A semi-circular six panel steeple headed arched window embellished with scroll work and shutters can be found at the centre gable. The two over two windows with arched heads, coved jamb trim, wooden sashes, shutters and wooden lug sill complete the ground floor. The central doorway boasts a single leaf four panel entrance door, eared wood trim and gable surround, stained glass transom, with upper panel glass insert.

Contextually, this house contributes to the heritage character of the Foster Survey neighbourhood (Plan 7), as one of the earliest structures built in this neighbourhood, providing a link to its origins.

Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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

- Massing of the one and a half storey Victorian Style horizontal cladding house with a medium sloped gable roof and a centre gable.
- The gingerbread bargeboards at the centre and end gables.
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- Home of Jane and Edmund Booth, baker and confectioner and Councillors Duncan Dewar, Benjamin Jones and Alfred Hemstreet
- Context of the building in the formation of the Foster Neighbourhood, Plan 7.

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 Phone: Ext. 2565
 Planner

Attachments

- Appendix '1'_Reasons for Designation for 199 Queen Street
- Appendix '2'_CHVI Evaluation_ 199 Queen Street
- Appendix '3'_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes_ 199 Queen Street

Approved by CAO
Andrew M. Siltala



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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.

Reasons for Designation

199 Queen Street_ Edmund Booth House



Legal Description

Foster Survey, Block 11, Part Lot 5

Description of Property

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Statement of Cultural Value and Interest

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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 199 Queen 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 Victorian Style horizontal cladding house with a medium sloped gable roof and a Centre gable
ii	displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	Yes, this house features gingerbread bargeboards at the centre and end gables, decorative arch windows and entrance door.
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, historically, it is the home of Jane and Edmund Booth who built this house and many other buildings in downtown Milton. It was also the home of other owners like Councillors Duncan Dewar, Benjamin Jones and Alfred Hemstreet
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 pioneers of Milton in the Foster neighbourhood
iii	demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community	Yes, the subject property is associated Edmund Both who was instrumental in building several buildings in downtown Milton
The property has contextual value because it,		
i	is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area	Yes, this property has contextual value as contributes to the heritage character

		of the Foster survey (Plan No.7, 1856) neighbourhood
ii	is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	Yes, this property is historically link o to the development of the Foster neighbourhood
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
199 Queen Street





Location Map_ 199 Queen Street

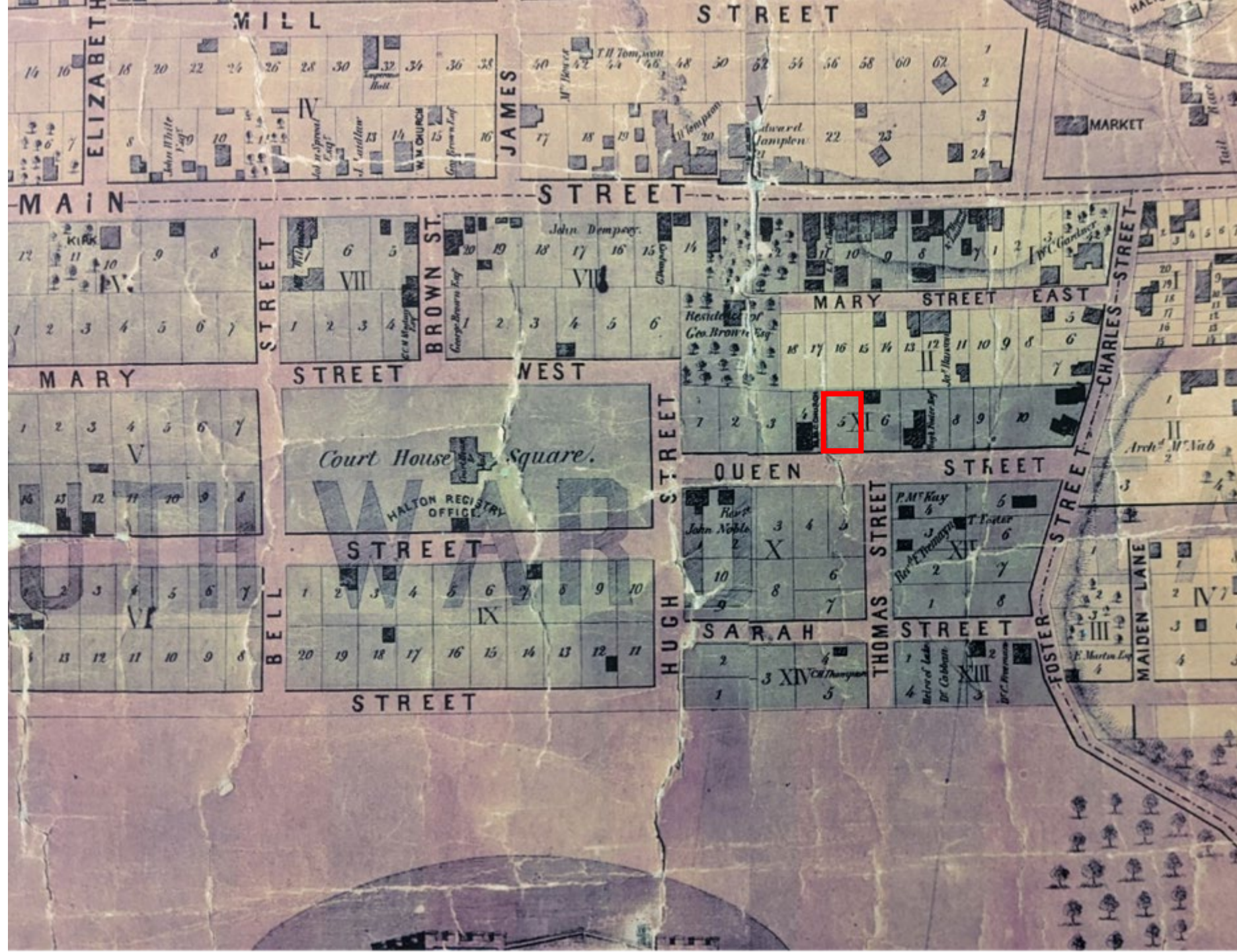
Contextual Heritage Attributes

- SURVEY FOSTER BLK 11 PT LOT 5
- Contextually, it is one of the earliest houses built in the Foster Survey in 1856.
- This was one of the very early subdivisions in Milton that were created even before Milton was incorporated as a Town in 1857.



Contextual Heritage Attributes

- Location of House shown in the Map of the Town of Milton, County of Halton, Canada West, T.C. Livingston P.L.S. 1858



Built 1880
Edmund Booth
Developer
Merchant
Confectioner

199 QUEEN STREET

*Lot 5, Block 11
Foster Survey*

Built in 1880

This style of home – so popular in the 19th Century – was described as “the abiding image of the Province”. But that image owed some of its magic to the dollar sign. People paid property taxes based partly on the number of storeys, which meant this storey-and-a-half home with a central gable qualified as a tax-saver.

Jane and Edmund Booth had this home built. Three years earlier this lot belonged to the London, Ontario Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Booths operated a Main Street bakeshop from 1861 and perhaps earlier; it was located in what today is part of the Quality Greens building. Edmund built several stores on Main Street in 1873 and moved into one of them. These became known as the Booth Block, 216, 218 and 220 Main Street. He also bought and sold many lots elsewhere in town. Edmund was elected Treasurer in 1865 of the fire department.

Although Edmund and Jane sold this house in 1884 they remained in Milton until they died, Edmund in 1902 and Jane four years later. He was one of Milton’s oldest residents and was esteemed by his neighbours.

Ann and Agnes McDowell owned the home from 1884 until 1891 when Ann and her new hus-



This is a wood framed Victorian Gothic cottage. The centre gable has a steeple headed arched window embellished with scroll work. Ground floor windows have arched heads with coved jamb trim. Gables are decorated with scrollwork vergeboards. The recent front porch addition has scrollwork and period trim.

band, Benjamin Jones, took over. (Earlier Benjamin had been married to Elizabeth Foster, daughter of the early land developer Hugh Foster.)

Benjamin was a cabinet-maker, undertaker, merchant and municipal politician. He died in 1898 two years before Ann.

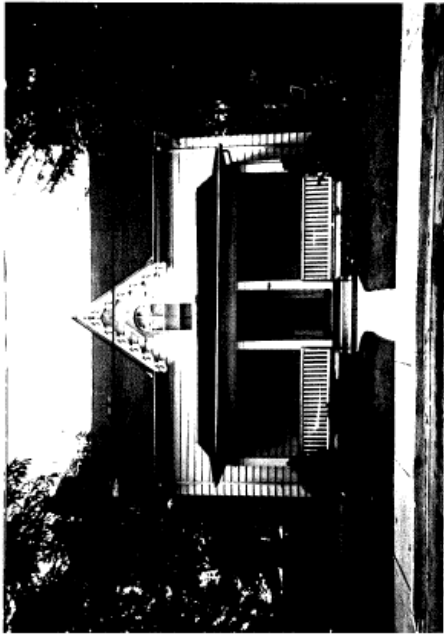
The current owners are Mandy Sedgwick and her husband, Robert Landry, both of whom grew up in Milton. They purchased this heritage home in 1995 from Diane Botting, whose family had lived here for 22 years.

Mandy and Robert have taken great pains to restore the house and retain its heritage qualities. They have installed a new kitchen and done a lot of work on the floors and staircase. They also have redone the front verandah which earned them an Architectural Heritage award in 2000 year from Heritage Milton (LACAC). The verandah faithfully portrays the style of the 1800s. This award came four weeks after the birth of their daughter, Savannah.

Historical Attributes

- This property was listed but not designated in the Heritage Register since 2009



MILTON L.A.C.A.C. HERITAGE INVENTORY	
BUILDING TYPE: Residential	INVENTORY #:
ADDRESS: 199 Queen St.	
BUILDING NAME:	
ORIGINAL USE: Housing	CONSTRUCTED: 1879
PRESENT USE: Housing	
DESIGNATION:	DATE:
HISTORY	
This house was built by Edmund Booth.	
ARCHITECTURAL COMMENTS	
WALLS: A single one and a half vinyl siding house with three bays and a stone foundation, extension on rear. ROOF: A medium gable roof with centre gable, decorative trim, plain fascia and soffit. WINDOWS: Windows are flat with eared wood trim, wooden sashes, double-hung, upper level window has fancy pointed lintel, round. DOORWAYS: Central doorway with eared wood trim, stained glass transom, single leaf with four panels and glass. PORCHES: Open front porch with doric piers, moulded upper trim, open railing and straight steps. OTHERS:	

Historical Book Record

Land Registry Office

Halton County (LRO 20)

SURVEY FOSTER

Plan 7

BLK 11

PT LOT 5

PRE-PRODUCTION
MICROFILMING SUMMARY SHEET

Land Registry Office I.D.: # 20

Registration Type: R

Municipality: HALTON

PLAN #: 7

FROM LOT: TO LOT:

Filmed: JUNE 1999

Extract from Halton County (LRO 20) Plan 7 Block 11 Lot 5									
No	Instrument	Dated	Registered	From	To	Quantuty of Land	Description	Remarks	
814C	B & S	7 Nov 1855	20 Dec 1855	Hugh Foster Wife	Absolom Bell, William Smiley, Andrew Neilson & Joseph Brownridge, Trustee	Upon Trust	Lot 5		
1029 B	Memorandum of Agreement	13 July 1877	26 March 1877	Between the London Ontario Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada	Austin Willmott, Johnson Harrison, Ida Harrison, William Harrison, Robert Willmott, Lucus Hollindales, William Smiley, Joseph Brownbridge, George Brownbridge & Marcel Hogg, Trustee of the Milton Conference Congregation of the Methodist Church od Canada	Lot 5			
1152 C	B & S	18 April 1877	20 March 1878	Austin Willmott and other trustees of the Methodist Church od Canada in the Town of Milton	Duncan Dewar	Lot 5	\$ 150.00		
1371 C	B & S	10 May 1879	29 Oct 1879	Duncan Dewar & Wife	Edmund Booth	Lot 5	\$ 420.00	Exceptng and reserving a strip seventy feet wide extending the whole length of said lot off the NE side of said lot.	
1703 D	B & S	23 Oct 1884	24 Oct 1884	Edmund Booth & Wife	Ann McDowell, Agnes McDowell, Magaret McDowell Spinsters	Lot 5	\$ 1,200.00	Excepting a strip of land 7 ft inside extending the shole length of the said lot off NSly side of each lot	
2862	Deed	29 Aug 1896	20 Mar 1891	John Robinson Campbell & Matthew C. executor of will of Agnes Dowell (Campbell) wife of John Robinson Campbell	Ann Jones wife of Benjamin Jones	Lot 5		Excepting a strip of land 7 ft inside extending the shole length of the said lot off NSly side of each lot	
3065 S	B & Sale	1-May-00	1-May-00	Hugh Campbell executor of the will and testament of Ann Jones widow, deceased	Mary A. McPhail wife of Neil McPhail	Lot 5	\$ 825.00	Excepting a strip of land 7 ft inside extending the shole length of the said lot off NSly side of each lot	
3258 G	B & Sale	October 13, 1902	19-Nov-02	Mary A. McPail and Neil McPhail her husband	Mary Matilda McHugh widow	Lot 5	\$ 900.00	Excepting a strip of land 7 ft of Nsly side	
3963 H	B & Sale	1-Sep-09	1-Sep-09	Mary Matilda McHugh widow	Alfred Louis Hemstreet	Lot 5	\$ 1,600.00	Excepting a strip of land 7 ft of Nsly side	
4226 S		July 5, 1911	11-Jul-11	Alfred L. Hemstreet and wife	Mary McCudy widow	Lot 5	\$ 1,950.00	Excepting a strip of land 7 ft of Nsly side	
188012	Executor Deed	August 3, 1965	5-Aug-65	Wilfred Stanley, Andy & Everlyn Bush Benson Executors for the estate of Mary McCurdy deceased & Willbert Stanley McCurdy and Everlyn Benson tin their prescence	Colin Smillie & Judith E. Smillie wife and joint tenants		\$ 8,500.00	Lot 5 with exception see recital	
273547	Grant	June 17, 1969	26-Jun-69	Colin Smillie & Judith ellens Smillie his wife	Gwyneth J.F. Williams Widow		\$1 & C	Lot 5 with Exception	
392380	Grant	June 3, 1974	14-Jun-74	Gwyneth J.F. Williams Widow	Gary L. Tapella & Karen Tapella as Joint tenants		\$2 & C	Lot 5 with Exception	
494447	Deed	December 6, 1978	18-Dec-78	Gary & Karan Tapella	Glen Allan & Diane P. Botting		\$2 and C	Lot with Exception	
816598	Charge	January 14, 1994		Botting, Glenn Allan and Botting, Diane Patricia	\		\$ 160,000.00	With Exp	
840400	Transfer	July 7, 1995		Bank of Montreal	Landry, Robert and Segwick-Landry, Mandy		\$ 191,000.00	With Power of Sale in Charge 816598	
840401	Charge	July 7, 1995		Landry, Robert and Segwick-Landry, Mandy	Bank of Montreal		\$ 174,250.00	With Exp	

Historical Attributes

- Edmund and Jane Booth were interred at Evergreen Cemetery
- They have no known children

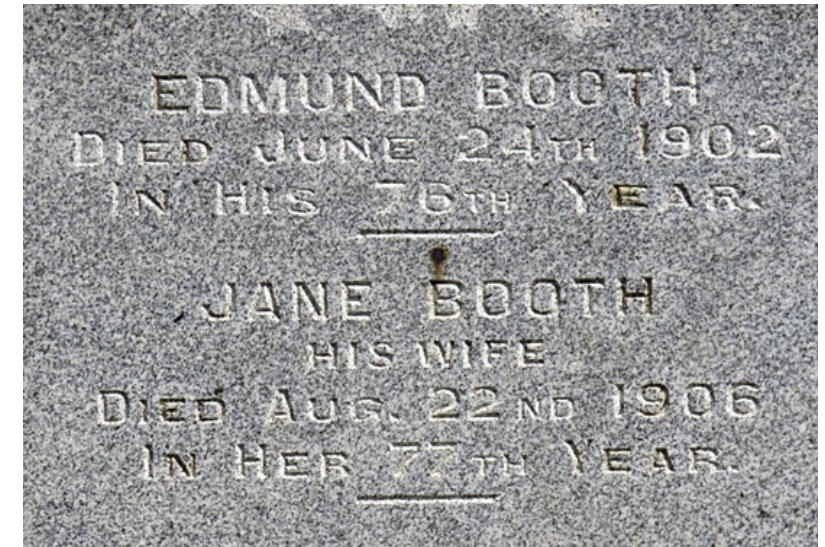


Edmund Booth

BIRTH	21 Mar 1827 England
DEATH	24 Jun 1902 (aged 75) Ontario, Canada
BURIAL	Evergreen Cemetery Milton, Halton Regional Municipality, Ontario, Canada
PLOT	Blk-010 Lot-171
MEMORIAL ID	153149811 · View Source

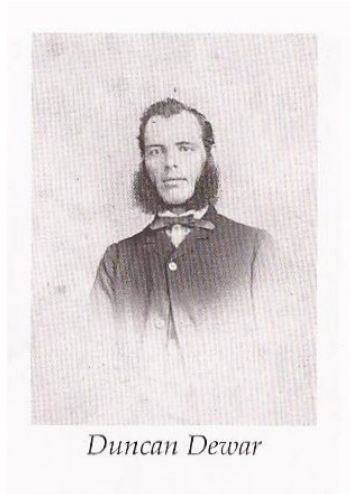
Jane Booth

BIRTH	11 Feb 1830 Ireland
DEATH	22 Aug 1906 (aged 76) Ontario, Canada
BURIAL	Evergreen Cemetery Milton, Halton Regional Municipality, Ontario, Canada
PLOT	Blk-010 Lot-181
MEMORIAL ID	153149921 · View Source



Dewar, Duncan

Store clerk, law clerk, conveyancer, insurance agent, municipal politician 1842-1910



Duncan Dewar

Born on August 29, 1842, Duncan Dewar was the youngest son of John Dewar who was born at Aberfeldy, Perthshire, Scotland on September 22, 1803 and died in the Scotch Block, Esquesing Township on April 24, 1871, and Emily Knight who was born at Aberfeldy on June 7, 1806 and died on April 2, 1897 in the Scotch Block, Esquesing Township.

Duncan came to Milton in 1854 and was a clerk in the W.D. and R.A. Lyon store. He then went as a law clerk into the office of his brother John Dewar who was a lawyer. After the death of his brother he stayed in his office in the Dewar Block and did a large conveyancing and insurance business.

In 1864 Duncan Dewar married Nancy Foster (1841-July 12, 1919) the daughter of Robert Foster of Hamilton who was born in County Down, Ireland. Nancy came to Milton as a child of three and was raised by her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foster. Duncan and Nancy had seven children, three sons and four daughters.

Duncan was elected President of Milton Baseball Club for the year 1871 and was elected a Town Councillor 1873-1876 and Reeve in 1877. He was a member of the Milton Curling Club and was Secretary-Treasurer for 1887, 1891 and Honorary President in 1903.

He was a staunch Liberal and was Secretary of the Halton Reform Association for a number of years. He was Town Auditor 1893-1895 and again in 1906. He was a Presbyterian.

He died on March 14, 1910 and the service was held from his home with burial in Evergreen Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, two sons William F. and Fredrick, and three daughters, Mrs. R. McInnes of Stratford, Mrs. D.S. Robertson and Edith in Milton.

Research: Alex S. Cooke

Sources: *The Canadian Champion.*

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

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

Jim Dills' Book of Lists, unpublished.

Milton Census

Published by Milton Historical Society 1995

Family Members

Spouse

 **Duncan Dewar**
1842-1910

 **Nancy Foster**
1842-1919

Children (7)

 **John Dewar**
1864-1871

 **Emily Jane Dewar**
1866-1937

 **Sarah Elizabeth Dewar**
1869-1871

 **William Foster Dewar**
1871-1934

 **Frederick Duncan Dewar**
1874-1946

 **Edith May Dewar**
1876-1942

 **Catherine Maude Dewar**
1879-1953

Parents

 **John Dewar**
1803-1871

 **Amelia Knight**
1806-1897

Siblings (10)

 **John Dewar**
1829-1888

 **Margaret Dewar**
1831-1893

 **James Dewar**
1833-Deceased

 **James Dewar**
1834-1911

 **Robert Dewar**
1836-Deceased

 **David Dewar**
1838-1890

 **May Dewar**
1840-Deceased

 **Duncan Dewar**
1842-1910

 **Amelia Anne Dewar**
1845-1919

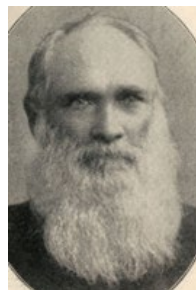
 **Jane Deever**
1849-1888

Historical Attributes



Jones, Benjamin

*Cabinet maker, undertaker, merchant,
municipal politician 1825-1898*



Benjamin Jones was born in 1825 in Croydon, Surrey, England and came to Canada with his parents in 1832. He lived in York (Toronto) where his father died shortly after they arrived. He came to Milton in 1845.

In his recollections he said that when he first arrived in Milton there were no sidewalks and the creek crossed the Main St. three times. It was spanned by bridges whose abutments were logs notched into each other and covered with two inch pine plank, laid on three flattened sleepers. Forty buildings constituted the entire hamlet. There were two stores, two hotels, a blacksmith shop, one grist mill, one saw mill and about thirty houses. Not a church, nor any building of stone or brick.

Mr. Jones married Elizabeth Foster (June 19, 1826-Apr. 14, 1889), the daughter of Hugh Foster (1794-Sept. 5, 1858) and Jane Coates (Aug. 9, 1808-May 18, 1844). Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jones had five children, four sons and one daughter.

His second wife was Ann McDowell (1848- Jan. 14, 1900) the daughter of James McDowell (1816-July 31, 1883) and Jane Wright (1824-Apr. 3, 1880). There were no children.

Mr. Jones was a Town Councillor 1875, 1881, 1885-1886, Town Assessor 1872 and 1873, Town Collector 1867 and on September 10, 1869 at a meeting to re-form the fire department he was elected Second Lieutenant. He was a member of the first town band and a member of the early Mechanics' Institute.

Mr. Jones and his son Charles leased the cabinet factory of Mrs. Rumpel of Lowville on June 17, 1875 and they opened a furniture and undertaking business at their new brick store at 264 Main St., Milton in 1886.

Mr. Jones was a Reformer.

He died on April 18, 1898 and was survived by his second wife and

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three sons, Hugh F. of Guelph, Charles of Milton and Thomas B. of Toronto and one daughter Annie B. (Mrs. Richard Johnson) of Brantford.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

Research: Alex S. Cooke

Sources: *The Canadian Champion.*

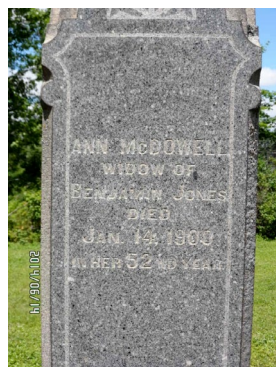
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Historical Attributes



Family Members

Parents

 **Charles Jones**
1784-1834

 **Ann Townsend Jones**
1784-1869

Siblings

 **Louisa Jones Braham**
1811-1889

 **Robert Jones**
1821-1900

 **Frederick John Jones**
1829-1884

Spouses

 **Ann McDowell Jones**
1848-1900 (m, 1891)

 **Elizabeth Foster Jones**
1826-1889

Children

 **Charles Jones**
1852-1937

 **Annie Elizabeth Jones Johnson**
1862-1923

 **Henry Frederick Jones**
1870-1876



Historical Attributes



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Hemstreet, Alfred L. *Farmer, grocery merchant, coal merchant, municipal politician 1862 - 1952*



Born in Trafalgar Township on Oct. 30, 1862, Alfred Hemstreet was the son of Richard Hemstreet (Feb. 14, 1819 - Dec. 29, 1908), born in the United States, and Rebecca Vodden (Dec. 2, 1825 - Nov. 26, 1920), born in England. Richard and Rebecca had five children, four sons and one daughter.

Alfred Hemstreet married Frances A. Deforest (May 8, 1869 - Sept. 4, 1920) of Nelson, the daughter of James Deforest (July 17, 1828 - Apr. 5, 1903) of Nelson Township and Margaret Wilson (July 27, 1828 - Apr. 16, 1906).

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hemstreet had one child, a daughter.

On Feb. 20, 1896, Mr. Hemstreet sold his grocery and crockery business on the corner of Mill and Main St. in Acton, Ont. to T. C. Moore & Son to return to farming on the old homestead in Trafalgar Township. On Dec. 3, 1908, he purchased the coal business of Messrs. Jerome and Houston in Milton, taking up residence on Martin St.

He was a member of Milton Council 1913-1916 and was a member of the Methodist Church. He was a Conservative.

Mr. Hemstreet died on Dec. 5, 1952, and was survived by his daughter Mrs. McKenzie of Belle River, Ont. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

Research: Alex S. Cooke

Sources: *The Canadian Champion.*

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Family Members

Parents



Richard Hemstreet
1819-1908



Rebecca Vodden Hemstreet
1825-1920

Spouse



Frances Ann DeForest Hemstreet
1869-1920 (m. 1888)

Siblings



Mary Ann Hemstreet
1846-1848



William John Hemstreet
1848-1875



Richard Lawrence Hemstreet
1851-1928



George A. Hemstreet
1853-1957



Hannah E. Hemstreet
1856-1895



Edward Clarkson Hemstreet
1857-1857

Pictures 1991 - 2022



1991



2009



2012



2014



2018



2022

2025 Photos



Southeast Elevation



Southwest Elevation



Front Elevation



Rear Elevation

Physical Attributes

- Massing of the one-and-a-half-storey Victorian-style horizontal cladding house with a medium-sloped gable roof and a Centre gable.



Physical Attributes

- The gingerbread bargeboards at the centre and end gables



Physical Attributes

- Single flue stone chimney at the west end





Physical Attributes

- Open front porch with decorative timber piers, fancy scrollwork, open railings and straight steps

Physical Attributes

- A semi-circular six-panel steeple-headed arched window with embellished scroll work and shutters at the centre gables





Physical Attributes

- Two over two windows with arched heads, coved jamb trim, wooden sashes, shutters and wooden lug sill

Physical Attributes

Central doorway with single leaf four panel entrance door, eared wood trim and gable surround, stained glass transom, with upper panel glass insert.



Non-Physical Attributes

- Rear addition
- Windows on rear elevations



Non Physical Attributes

- Accessory Building
- Shed

