

ATTACHMENT 2 10953 JANE STREET

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE



ADDRESS: 10953 Jane Street (Heritage Inventory: Property of Interest)
LOT/CONCESSION: Lot 27, Concession 4
DATE: circa 1850's

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

10953 Jane Street features a 1 ½ - storey structure Ontario Cottage, built in the Ontario Gothic cottage style sometime in the late 1850s. This building has undergone several alterations, including the replacement of the window's style in the gable above the front door, as well as the addition of the currently enclosed front porch. A much larger 2-storey structure was built and connected to the original structure sometime after 1888. Presently clad in stucco, this southern structure lies perpendicular to the original building, and has also undergone extensive modifications since its inception.

HISTORICAL VALUE:

10953 Jane Street once served as a general store and post office for the Teston community. The structure was developed in two sections. The smaller section at the north was built first and was used as both the general store and the post office. Opening on August 18, 1865, George Wilson was the first postmaster. When he resigned on February 3, 1888, his son Thomas J. Wilson, took on the role of postmaster on May 1, 1888. Thomas served as postmaster until April 1921, and was followed by Mrs. Edith Gray on May 23, 1921. Mrs. Edith Gray the first and only postmistress until the post office closed operations when rural delivery was introduced in 1926.

The south section of the structure was built sometime after the northern portion. Upon completion, the larger segment at the south served the purpose of store operations, separate from the post office. The Wilson Store became known as the "north store" when Joseph Lund opened his general store in the southern portion of the village. Joseph Lund's general store became known as the "south store," or "The Spite Store," as it was believed he built the store out of spite after being overcharged at Mr. Wilsons store. The structure would go on to serve other functions: in the 1960's it was used as a shoe store, then later the structure was remodelled and used as a residence.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE:

10953 Jane Street is historically, visually, and physically linked to the area. The significance of the structure stems from being a remnant of the historic Village of Teston, which was previously known as Thanesville. The main structure is located close to the road on the east side of Jane Street, like many of the structures in the area.



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