

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

OVERVIEW

The property located at 2601 King-Vaughan has significant cultural heritage value and is currently recognized as a Property of Interest (POI). It should now be listed as a heritage property on the Listing of Properties of Architectural and Historical Significance for the City of Vaughan. Further research and discussion with property owner could potentially lead to a designation of the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Date Built: 1860-1870

Location: South side of King-Vaughan Road, between Keele and the HWY 400

Condition: Good



Figure 1: 2005



Figure 2: 2024

DESCRIPTION

Municipal Address: 2601 King-Vaughan Road

Legal Description: PT Lot 35 Con 4 Vaughan Pt2 65R3564

Brief description: Edwardian/Four-Square

DESIGN OR PHYSICAL VALUE

The subject building is a nice example of an Edwardian vernacular (also known as four-square) style building, providing a simple, classic and balanced design.¹ The side addition (facing east) to the house was added in 2018^{2,3}, with much of the treed canopy removed. There are other outbuildings on the property, including a barn. It features a rubble foundation and was likely built around the same time as the house, or earlier.

HISTORICAL / ASSOCIATIVE VALUE

MALLOY FAMILY

From 1851-1892 (or 3), the property was owned by John Malloy. John Malloy was born in 1802 in Scotland and married Isabella Mitchell (1816-1895). He was one of eight children of Neil

¹ Ontario Architectural Style Guide, HPI Nomination Team, University of Waterloo, 2009

² 1867 Voter's List, City of Vaughan

³ York Maps Interactive Map

Malloy (1762-1845) and Isabella Watson (1766-1858). Voter's List records indicate MALLOY living on the property at least by 1867, but as previous Voter's Lists begin at concession 5, it is possible that some pages are lost or the record is incomplete.

The 1891 census indicates John and his wife Isabella are living in the household of their son Charley. John Malloy died in 1892 (or 3) and was buried in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Charley (Charles) Malloy later moved to Aurora, becoming a deputy-reeve there in 1933 and purchasing land in 1936 and presumably living on the farm in Vaughan until the early 1930's.⁴ The Malloy family were patrons of the St. Andrew's Church in Maple. The first meeting minutes of the church where they decided to build it were signed by Neil Malloy, Donald Cameron and another in 1829. A record of baptism from 1833 has the following 5 names: Christina Cameron, William Malloy (presumably John's brother), Gilbert McCorvey, Archibald MacDonald, and Hugh McLean. The Malloy family donated a stained-glass window in Neil's honour in 1991⁵.

WATSON FAMILY

George A Watson was a farmer who purchased the property in 1898 from Charles Malloy for \$5000⁶. Prior to arriving on this property, Watson was married to Sarah Kerr in 1876, in Aurora, Ontario. The two had a large family with 10 children. The 1921 Census of Canada⁷ refers to the brick house they are living in (subject property). The Watsons are buried in a family plot in King City Cemetery⁸.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

The area has mostly remained an agricultural, rural topography, with slight encroachment of residential development to the northeast of the property.

With the building of the 2018 addition to the house, the canopy of trees around the house were removed, partially altering the feel of the area, and making the house and property very visible from the main road. The barn and other outbuildings remain untouched since they were built and have been maintained nicely.

⁴ History of York 1855

⁵ City of Vaughan Archives

⁶ Title Abstract, www.onland.ca

⁷ 1921 Census of Canada, www.ancestry.ca

⁸ King City Cemetery, find a grave; www.findagrave.com