

Schedule 3

Statement of Significance for the Andrew Laidlaw Farmhouse, 9111 Third Line.

Description of Property

The Andrew Laidlaw Farmhouse is located at 9111 Third Line (Con.4 Part Lot 6, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton). It is a cultural heritage landscape comprising of a brick house set in mature landscaping on a bank above the road and creek and close to the Boston Presbyterian Church in the historic Scotch Block community.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Andrew Laidlaw Farmhouse is one and a half storey 3-bay brick which was built sometime before 186. It has design and physical value as one of the oldest buildings in the Scotch Block and as a representative example of the vernacular Georgian/Neo-classical style of architecture. Although modernised it retains the symmetry and balanced form that typifies Georgian buildings remains and this is married with a shallow pitched roof and large windows. It is also an early example of the use of brick construction in Halton Hills and a representative example of vernacular pioneering brick construction. The use of hand-made bricks being laid in both Flemish and common bond demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship.

The Andrew Laidlaw Farmhouse has historical and associative value as having been built by and owned by members of the prominent Scotch Block pioneering Laidlaw family from 1835-1872. The Laidlaw family were also leading members of the adjacent Boston Church. It was on this property in the house of Andrew Laidlaw where the first religious service in the Scotch Block took place in 1820. This property was also owned for a period by the Joyce family and later by the Murray family. Both were also prominent Scotch Block pioneering families.

The Scotch Block covers an area of over 20,000 acres that was settled by Scottish immigrants following a petition by from John and James Stewart in 1819 for a "*Scottish Settlement*" that could support a Presbyterian clergyman. The Laidlaw farm at 9111 Third Line is one of the original Scotch Block lots and remained in ownership by descendants of the early Scotch Block settlers until 1927. The Andrew Laidlaw Farmhouse is a physical link to the history and development of the unique Scotch Block community.

Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of Andrew Laidlaw Farmhouse are its:

- 1½ storey form
- 3 bay symmetrical front façade
- Brick construction with hand- made bricks laid in Flemish bond on the front and common bond on the sides and rear
- Fieldstone foundation with larger cut stones at corners
- Brick voussoirs over windows & entrance door
- Low hipped roof and wide eaves
- Fieldstone foundations with larger cut stones at the corners
- Original window openings on front and side facades
- Wood lug sills (under vinyl)
- Original entrance opening with transom above and dressed lug stone entrance sill step
- Location in Scotch Block close to the Boston Church
- Location on raised ground above the creek & road