

Notice of Intention to Designate; Ontario Heritage Act, part IV

LeMaistre Residence

Location: Lot 4, Conc. 6

The LeMaistre residence is an early Lanark County stone farmhouse in the vernacular Georgian style. Its architectural significance is enhanced by its setting, which includes a fine collection of log barns and frame outbuildings.

History: This residence is of local historical significance for the following reasons. In 1842, James McLachlan, a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church bought the property where the existing home is situated, from Mr. Wm. Henry, according to the first entry on the records available. The house, probably erected shortly after this time, served as a manse until 1856. The next owner was a Mr. John Thom, a native of Scotland, who had previously resided in Beckwith Township. The home and land remained in the Thom family descendants possession for 121 yrs.

Architecture: The LeMaistre residence is a one and one-half story centre-hall house. It is built of local limestone, with regular coursing on the front facade and random coursed rubble work on the other facades.

The front facade is of symmetrical three-bay design highlighted by central entrance complete with sidelights and elliptical transom. A centre gable appears to have been added at about the turn of the century, and is of wood frame construction with horizontal cove siding.

The side gable ends have irregular window spacings, and there are small stone chimneys at each end of the ridge. The present roof covering is asphalt shingle.

The summer kitchen wing and attached sheds to the rear are of wood frame construction, with horizontal cove siding.

Setting: The historical and architectural associations of the house are enhanced by its setting, which retains much of the character of the nineteenth-century farmsteads in this area. The house is set well back from the road, with a side driveway to a rear farmyard. This farmyard, with its split-rail fencing, contains a fine collection of log barns, and there are additional frame buildings flanking the house.

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