

THE CHATHAM-KENT MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER



Listed Properties in the Community of Orford

Community of Orford

15366 Austin Line



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1860

Historical Significance: Few homes in Orford Township are older than this residence. This home encapsulates the humble abodes that many early settlers constructed in Orford upon their arrival.

Architectural Significance/Description: The simple window embellishments and clapboard trim are emblematic of an 1860's vernacular farmhouse.

Contextual Significance: The home is located among a number of other agricultural buildings. It illustrates a distinctive nineteenth century rural setting.

Legal Description: LOT 20, CON. 14 (ORFORD)
ORFORD



Community of Orford

13875 Gosnell Line



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1855

Historical Significance: This house would have been built by one of the most successful families in Orford township in the mid-nineteenth century. Few residents would have had the money to pay for the detailed construction work or the elaborate materials.

Architectural Significance/Description: This is the only known example of a pure, Parthenon form front gable in Chatham-Kent. It is a Classical Revival home with many original features. The residence resembles architecture similar to that found in New England. It is a restrained mate to the John R. Park Homestead Museum near Colchester.

Contextual Significance: The home is situated on a large rural estate. There are also several sheds and barns on the property.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 1, CON. 6 (ORFORD) ORFORD



Community of Orford

21205 Kenesserie Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1900

Historical Significance: In the past, this home has had numerous owners. Anton and Margaret Tendler, are the earliest proprietors on record. They sold the property in the 1950's.

Architectural Significance/Description: This brick structure has a number of Queen Anne and Edwardian design elements. The stone chimney is one of the highlights of this building. In addition to the residence, the frame wooden barns are of interest. They date back to the early twentieth century.

Contextual Significance: The buildings are on a large farm estate.

Legal Description: LOT 1, CON. 9 (ORFORD), SUBJECT TO EASEMENT OVER PART OF LOT 1, CON. 9 AS IN OR-16833 ORFORD



Community of Orford

22184 Knoll Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1890

Historical Significance: This residence is a well preserved and ornate example of a 19th century farmhouse in Orford Township.

Architectural Significance/Description: The dwelling's dominant architectural influence was Italianate. The window hoods, hip roof, and modillion brackets are noteworthy features. The polychromatic brickwork is relatively rare in Chatham-Kent.

Contextual Significance: The home is on a large farm estate. The property is located close to the Moraviantown First Nations community.

Legal Description: PT LOT 3, CON. A (ORFORD) DESIGNATED AS PT 1, 24R5639 ORFORD



Community of Orford

295 King Street South



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1900

Historical Significance: This building demonstrates Highgate's attempts at establishing a commercial sector in their early settlement. It is an excellent example of an adaptive re-use building as it was turned into an art studio and private dwelling.

Architectural Significance/Description: The second story bay window, cornice, brackets, and dentilated brick work are especially noteworthy. Edwardian Classicism and Italianate architectural styles were used by in the construction of this eclectic structure.

Contextual Significance: This is one of the few remaining commercial buildings left in Highgate from the turn of the century.

Legal Description: LOT 5 & PART OF LOT 6, BLOCK A, PLAN 148, TOGETHER WITH R.O.W. OVER PART OF LOT 8, BLOCK A, PLAN 148, AS IN 393102 HIGHGATE



Community of Orford

14680 Selton Line



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1865

Historical Significance: This home is a well preserved example of what an early farm homestead would have looked like in Orford Township. Few similar structures remain in the community.

Architectural Significance/Description: This Neo-Classical farmhouse features polychromatic brick and quoins. Few homes of this architectural style have been kept in such excellent condition. The steep pitch of the roof illustrates a move towards Gothicism, but otherwise this is a relatively pure example of Neo-Classical architecture.

Contextual Significance: This home is a notable landmark along Selton Line. The residence sits on a large lot with outbuildings surrounding it. It maintains its rural farmstead features well.

Legal Description: LOT 11 & PART OF LOT 12, CON. 12 & PART OF LOT 11, CON. 11 (ORFORD) ORFORD



Community of Orford

14103 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1870

Historical Significance: This home was owned by the Eberle family, one of the oldest and most respected in the community. Local historians suggest that many of the stone homes in the area were built by Scottish stone masons. It is believed that the masons used stone for their ship's ballasts and in the later construction of their homes.

Architectural Significance/Description: The steep front gable on this farmhouse illustrates a strong rural Picturesque influence. The front entrance surrounds and wood work around the windows is excellent. The most distinguishing feature of this structure is the fieldstone in which it was made out of. Few places in Chatham-Kent used this much stone in the construction of their residences. The main characteristic that makes this property part the Picturesque persuasion is the pointed front gable and the arched window on the second story of the house.

Contextual Significance: The home is located on Chatham-Kent's most historic nineteenth century highway—the Talbot Trail.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 73, CON. N.T.R. (ORFORD) ORFORD



Community of Orford

14158 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1875

Historical Significance: This home, though listed as circa 1875, could be much older. It is difficult to accurately date this property because of several alterations that were made following its original construction. Nevertheless, this home is one of the oldest stone residences in the municipality making it quite significant.

Architectural Significance/Description: This fieldstone Gothic Revival home is rare for two separate reasons. First, stone homes are scarce in the municipality. Secondly, this is one of only a handful of Gothic Revival homes made out of stone in all of Chatham-Kent. The vent and verge boards located under the front gable are exemplary characteristics found on this house.

Contextual Significance: The home is on a large farm setting on the outskirts of Palmyra.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 72, CON. S.T.R. (ORFORD) ORFORD



Community of Orford

14242 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1900

Historical Significance: The residence's significance lies in its age and because it was built on one of the most historic roads in all of Chatham-Kent. The Talbot Trail was used as one of the major highways throughout the nineteenth century.

Architectural Significance/Description: The structure is modestly scaled in comparison to other Queen Anne homes. One might categorize this example as a vernacular cottage interpretation of the aforementioned style. Aside from its influences, the residence has been well preserved and includes a number of original features.

Contextual Significance: The home is located along the historic Talbot Trail.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 71, CON. S.T.R. (ORFORD) ORFORD



Community of Orford

14303 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: 1880-1881

Historical Significance: The school served Orford Township as a place of education for over 85 years (1880-1966). When the school closed in 1966 many residents felt they were losing a vital, unifying, aspect of the Palmyra community.

In 1966 it was sold to the Department of Highways. Shortly after the purchase, the community began to rent the structure and used it as a town meeting place. It should also be noted that the Honourable David Mills: lawyer, M.P., Minister of the Interior, Minister of Justice, and Attorney General of Canada, attended the school.

Architectural Significance/Description: The structure has a mansard roof and bell tower that illustrate the building's Second Empire design. The brackets under the eaves also suggest a strong Italianate influence. The building has been virtually unaltered on the exterior and contains many original interior details as well.

Contextual Significance: The structure is one of the few buildings for a great distance. It acts as a landmark in the vast countryside. Additionally, it retains its school house appearance, with school yard surround from its original construction.

Legal Description: CON NTR S PT LOTS 70 TO 71

Additional Notes: The building presently serves the community as a meeting place for events and wedding receptions.



Community of Orford

14333 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1830 & 1860

Historical Significance: The Mills homestead: The Honourable David Mills, born at the residence in 1831, was Superintendent of Education, lawyer, M.P., Minister of the Interior, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada, and Supreme Court of Canada appointee. He resided in Palmyra for much of his adult life. Most historians consider Mills to be one of the most successful politicians that has been born in Chatham-Kent. He is a figure of national importance, making his home a treasure in the municipality. Additionally, it should be noted that David's father Nathaniel and his mother Mary were one of the original families to settle in Orford township. They raised David at the Mills residence and passed the title of the property to him after their death.

Architectural Significance/Description: The lower section at the right end of the house was part of the original homestead built by Nathaniel and Mary Mills in 1830. The larger Gothic Revival portion was built in the 1860s by their son David.

Contextual Significance: The structure is one of the few buildings in a sparsely settled area. It acts as a landmark in the vast countryside. Moreover, the home also retains its rural homestead character.

Legal Description: CON NTR S PT LOT 70 EXC RP 24R1151 PART 3 PART 4

Additional Notes: The property has a Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario plaque on it.



David Mills c. 1877

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Community of Orford

15602 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1860

Historical Significance: This home is one of the few remaining examples of a brick Georgian home from the mid-nineteenth century in Orford Township. It would have been one of the earliest brick residences built along the Talbot Trail.

Architectural Significance/Description: This brick Georgian home has a number of original symmetrical features. The steep gable suggests that this home was built later in the Georgian movement and has a slight Gothic influence. It also has a unique elliptical fanlight over the doorway.

Contextual Significance: The home is located along the historic Talbot Trail.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 55, SOUTH TALBOT ROAD, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF ORFORD ; CHATHAM-KENT



Community of Orford

263 Victoria Street



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1877

Historical Significance: The Church of the Redeemer was the first place of worship constructed in Highgate. It was built in 1877 by local contractor Isaac Moorehouse and has undergone many improvements over the years.

Architectural Significance/Description: This place of worship is an excellent example of an early Gothic Revival church. Complete with simple verge board trim, rosette window, and lancet shaped windows/entrance way, this church remains similar to its original form. Highlights of the interior include the pulpit, prayer desk, communion table, railing and chairs made by local craftsman John Johnston in the 1870s and still used today.

Contextual Significance: The importance of this property is attested by the many prominent homes that surround.

Legal Description: LOT 2, BLOCK E, PLAN 148
HIGHGATE

