

Attachment-9 Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The stone farmhouse at 264 Crawley Road (described legally as Part 2, Reference Plan 61R-10808) is being recommended for designation under section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as it meets all three of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The heritage attributes of the subject property display design/physical, historical/associative and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

The Edward Crawley farmhouse at 265 Crawley Road is a two-storey, Neo-Classical structure built of limestone and granite fieldstone with dressed limestone quoins. It has a side gabled roof and chimneys. While its design is not unusual in Wellington County, this is a fine early example and one of the last remaining in this area of the City of Guelph. The enclosed, semi-circular front porch and shed roof dormer on the north side of the tail are additions made in mid-20th century and were not part of the in the original design. A large addition has been removed from the south side of the house which had been built in the 1970s to house an indoor pool.

Historical/Associative Value

The Edward Crawley farmhouse, once known as "Willowgrove," and more recently as Glencal Acres, was built circa 1870 by Edward Crawley Jr. whose parents, Edward and Elizabeth Crawley, settled on the land around 1839. The house replaced a log cabin that was erected by Edward Sr. and his wife.

Edward Crawley Sr. emigrated with his younger brother Peter from Ireland in 1839. They settled in Puslinch Township on front Lots 12 and 13 within Concession 7. Though rocky towards the rear of the lots, the land they chose was rich and they were prosperous enough to purchase several nearby farm lots over the following years. After Edward Sr.'s death in 1863 the farm passed to his son, Edward Jr. The younger Edward built the house that stands today around 1870, with funds partly raised from the sale of wheat to the Union army during the American Civil War. The new house was erected a short distance to the west of the cabin, and the cabin was converted to equipment storage, a function it served until being demolished in the 1930s. After Edward Crawley Jr. died in 1928 at age 85 the property went to his son Charles, who continued to farm until retiring in 1947. Descendants of Edward Crawley Sr. continue to live in Guelph and Puslinch Township.

Contextual Value

The Edward Crawley farmhouse has contextual value because it is historically linked to its surroundings. The farmhouse, at 264 Crawley Road, sits in its original location and serves as a lasting reference to the Edward Crawley farmstead and as a link to the early farming landscape of Puslinch Township, and what is now Guelph.

CRITERIA	NOTES	SCORE
The property has design value or physical value because it...		
... Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, and material or construction method.	... is a fine early example, and one of the last remaining, of a two-storey, Neo-Classical farmhouse in this area of Guelph.	✓
... Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit		
... Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement		
The property has historical value or associative value because it...		
... Has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community	... has direct associations with the Crawley family, one of the earliest settlers in the area and a prominent family of the Puslinch Township and Guelph community.	✓
... Yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture		
... demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community		
The property has contextual value because it...		
... Is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.		
... Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	... is historically linked to its surroundings as it sits in its original location and serves as a lasting reference to the Edward Crawley farmstead. The farmhouse is a link to the early farming landscape of Puslinch Township, and what is now Guelph.	✓
... Is a landmark		

