

Schedule A: Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The subject property is worthy of designation under section 29 of Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as it meets three of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 made under the Ontario Heritage Act. The heritage attributes of 264 Crawley Road display: design or physical, historical or associative and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

The Crawley farmhouse is a vernacular two-storey Neo-Classical structure built of coursed limestone and granite fieldstone with dressed quoins. It has an end-gabled roof and end chimneys. While its design is not unusual, two-storey stone houses of this era are uncommon in Puslinch Township and this is a fine early example. The enclosed front porch and verandah are a relatively recent addition to the front of the house and were not featured in the original design.

Historical/Associative Value

The Crawley residence, once known as "Willowgrove" and more recently as Glencal Acres, is an elegant two-storey gable-roofed house with an attic. It 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, concession 7, roughly the area now identified as 264 Crawley Road. 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 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.