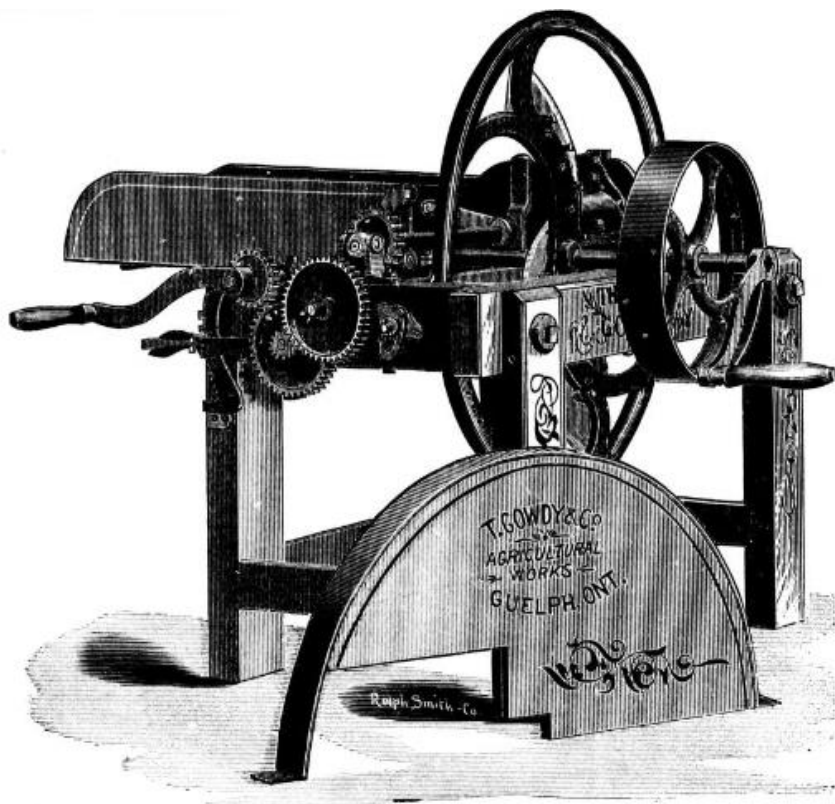


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Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report

Heritage Guelph: October 10, 2023

Agenda



Industries of Canada, 1886. Pg. 108

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Location of 167 Suffolk Street West



Plan 8, Canada Company, 1855

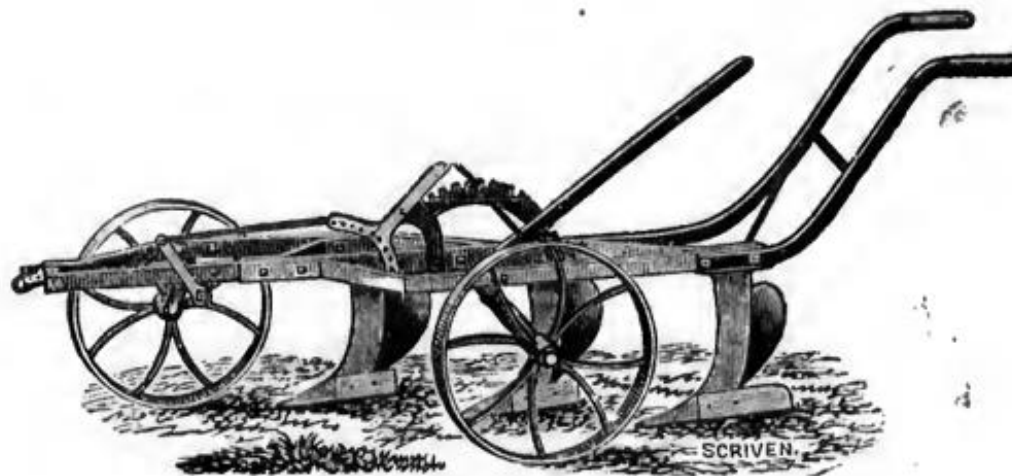


Town of Guelph, T.W. Cooper, 1877.



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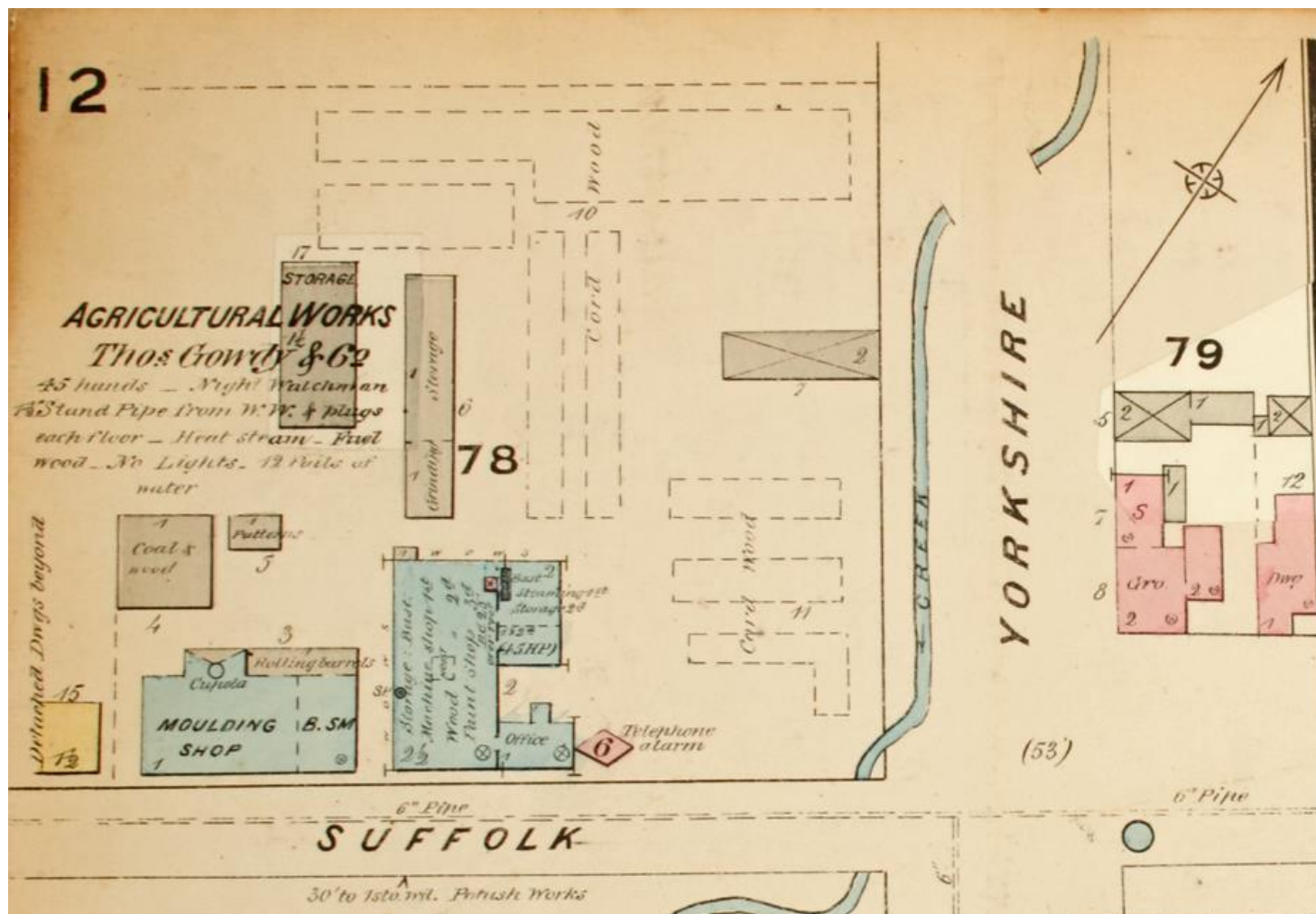


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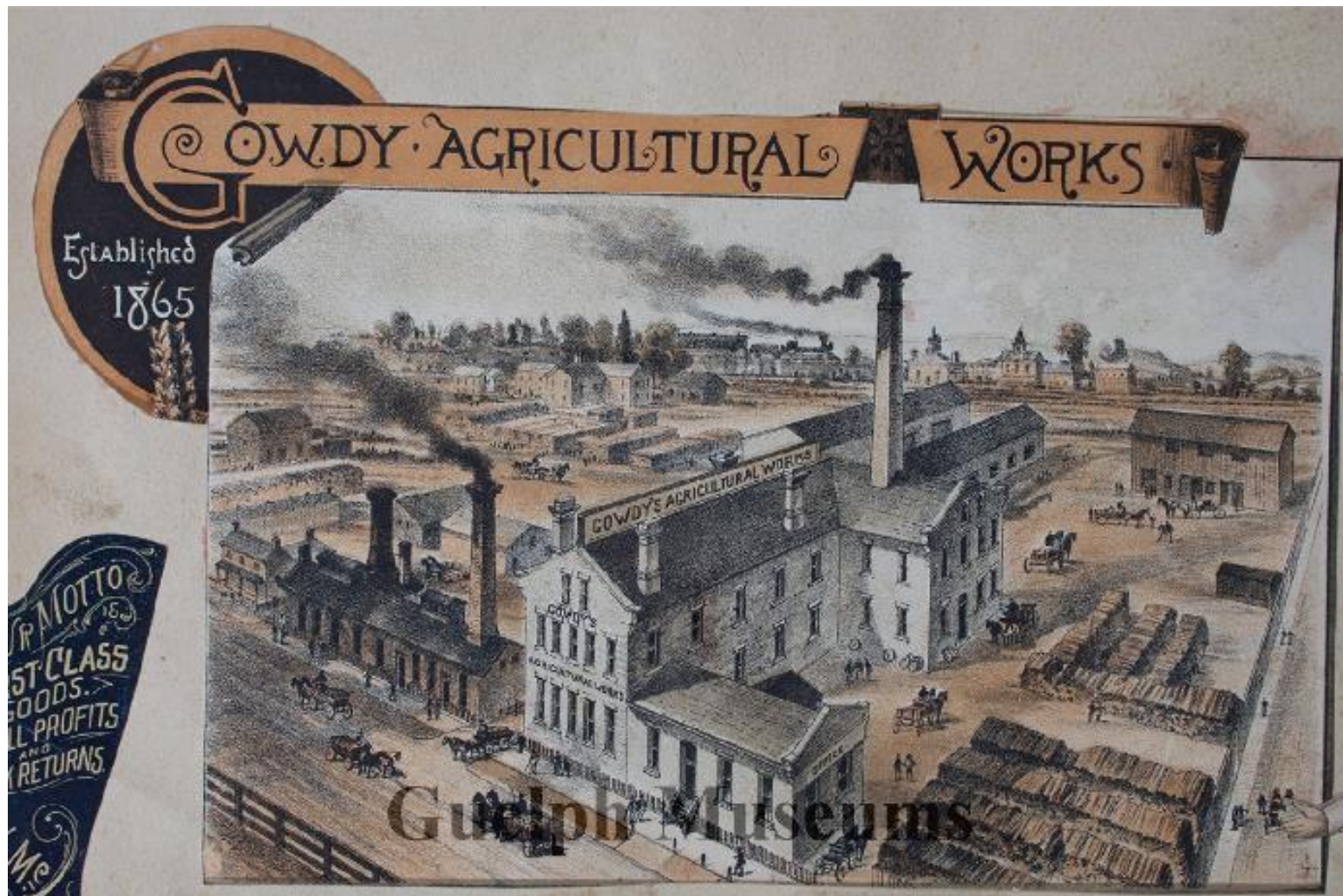
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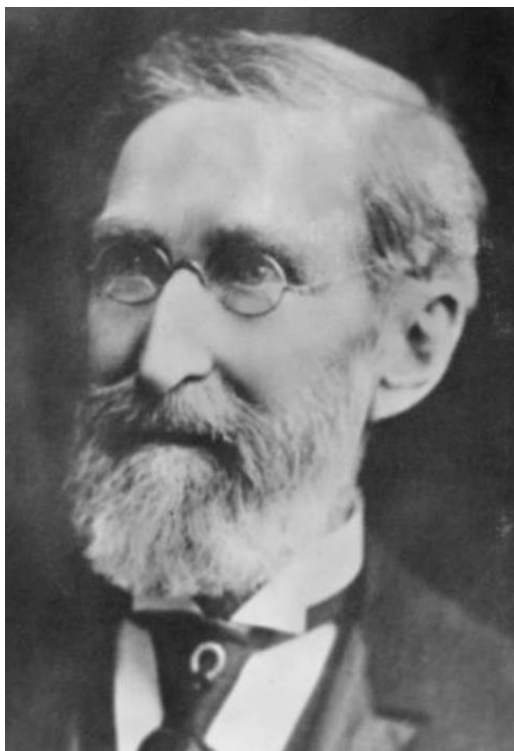
Fire Insurance Plan, 1881 revised 1892 (Guelph Civic Museum)



Gowdy Agricultural Works (Guelph Civic Museum 2016.24.3)



Previous Owners of 167 Suffolk Street West



Guelph Public Library, F38-0-4-0-0-6 – Thomas Gowdy



J. G. MORLOCK

Guelph Public Library 1974.15.7,



WILLIAM MORLOCK

Guelph Public Library 1974.15.7, pg. 47

Holman Luggage Plant, Wellington County Archives A1895.110



Current Photos of 167 Suffolk Street West



Statement of Significance

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act because it meets four of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22. The heritage attributes of 167 Suffolk Street West display: design/physical, historical/associative, and contextual value.

Design/Physical Value

167 Suffolk Street West meets Criterion 1 having design or physical value as it is an early example of an industrial factory built in Guelph for the purposes of manufacturing in the mid-19th century. The 20-storey limestone design makes use of local materials and the iconic façade can be seen in multiple photographs of well-known Guelph businesses over time.

Historical/Associative Value

167 Suffolk Street West meets Criterion 4 because it has direct associations with a past mayor of Guelph, Thomas Gowdy, and his industry but also to agriculture as being the origin of multiple implements manufactured by Gowdy and L. Cossitt. Guelph has strong ties in the agricultural community and since this factory was used to promote and support this industry, it contributes to agriculture's continued legacy in the city.

Contextual Value

The subject property meets Criteria 7 because it is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the architectural character of the area. This segment of Suffolk Street West is an important historic area of the Guelph Collegiate Candidate Cultural Heritage Landscape as identified in the Cultural Heritage Action Plan (2021).

The subject property meets Criteria 9 because the building's distinctive form and limestone construction has become a landmark within the Suffolk Street West streetscape.

Staff Recommendation

167 Suffolk Street West is listed as a non-designated built heritage resource on the City of Guelph's Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties under Part IV, Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act. This report recommends that 167 Suffolk Street West meets four of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 9/06, as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22, made under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Questions? Comments?