



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for 78 Brockville Street

Description of Property

The property at 78 Brockville Street, also known as the “Roclyn House”, is located in the Town of Smiths Falls at the southeast intersection of Highway 15 and Highway 29. The property is located south of the Rideau River and Rideau Canal. The property contains a two-and-one-half storey residential structure. The structure was constructed in 1895 for Ogle Carss; a former mayor of Smiths Falls.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property has physical/design value as a representative example of a late 19th century residential structure designed in the Queen Anne Revival style. Common architectural components associated with the Queen Anne Revival style present on the structure include irregular massing, broad gables, multi-sloped roofs, a tower, ornamental cast-iron railings on the roof, and a long veranda.

The property has historical/associated value through its associations with Ogle Carss, mayor of Smiths Falls from 1890 to 1891. The structure was constructed for him and for his wife Isabella, who contributed to the design of the structure. In addition to his tenure as mayor, Ogle Carss was the owner and captain of the steamer “Olive”, which traveled the Rideau Canal.

The property is prominently located at the intersections of Highway 15 (also known as Lombard Street and Beckwith Street) and Highway 29 (also known as Brockville Street). It is considered a landmark within the community located at the southern terminus of the downtown core.

Heritage Attributes

The following heritage attributes reflect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property:

- Overall form and massing of the residence, including the red brick walls and irregular roof shape
- All window and door openings, lintels, cornices, keystones, and voussoirs
- The widow’s walk with finials and weathervane on top of which are decorative cast- iron railings
- Decorative shingling patterns of roof with shingled peaks, gables, and dormers
- Double chimney with decorative pieces on top
- Decorative coloured glass around the doorway, in the transom, and right sidelight
- Full wrap around veranda, including wooden steps, wood columns and railings, decorative frieze/entablature, architrave, capitals, wood lattice from bottom of deck to ground
- Metal decorative fence and stone wall that surrounds the property

- Prominent location of the structure on the southeast corner of the intersection of Lombard Street and Brockville Street