Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Wilson House c. 1870

The subject property has been researched and evaluated to determine its cultural heritage significance according to Ontario Regulation 9/06. This Regulation, defined in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, outlines several criteria for determining whether a property is of cultural heritage value or interest. For a property to be designated under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act,* it must meet two or more of these criteria, which are outlined below. By using these criteria, staff can determine if the property's cultural heritage value or interest merits designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Description of Property

The property at 3998 Line 9 is located on the North side of Line 9. The property contains a Gothic Revival c.1800s residential dwelling. Due to its association with an early settler family of West Gwillimbury, it is known as the Wilson House.
Its legal address is:
3998 Line 9; South Part of Line 3, Concession 9

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Design/ Physical Value

The Wilson House has design and physical value as representative example of a Gothic Revival c.1800s property. The house was built around 1800 and has the following characteristics: one and half storeys with three bays, with a steeply pointed central gable and a gable roof.

Historical/ Associative Value

The Wilson House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the James Wilson, Town Treasurer and School Teacher. The Wilson family were an early settler family in the Bradford/West Gwillimbury community. The family were involved in education and politics, which contributed to the growth and development of the Town.

Contextual Value

The Wilson House has contextual value because it defines and supports and maintains the character of the agrarian routes of the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the Wilson House that exemplify its heritage value as a Gothic Revival c.1800s house as it relates to the property include:

- Two-storey house with three bays
- Side gable roof with steeply pointed central gable
- Appearance of bargeboard Detail under central gable
- Appearance of finial detail on central gable
- Central door with triangular pediment
- Variety of rectangular window openings, including rounded window opening in the central bay