Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Jeff House c. 1900

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 4085 County Road 88 is located on the south side of County Road 88. The property contains a Gothic Revival two story residential house. Due to its association with an early settler family of West Gwillimbury, it is known as the Jeffs House
Its legal address is:
4085 County Road 88; Lot 3, Concession 6

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Design/ Physical Value

The Jeffs House has design and physical value as representative example of a Gothic Reival property. The house was built around 1860 and has the following characteristics: Two story with three bays, gable roof with central gable peak, rectangular door and window openings.

Historical/ Associative Value

The Jeffs House has historic/associative value for its direct association with the Edward Jeffs, Farmer. The Jeffs were an early settler family in the West Gwillimbury community. The family were farmers and well known stock-breeders, which contributed to the growth and development of the Town.

Contextual Value

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

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key heritage attributes of the Jeffs House that exemplify its heritage value as a Gothic Revival house as it relates to the property include:

- Two story with three bays
- Gable roof with central gable peak
- Rectangular door and window openings