



REGISTER OF DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

Ontario Heritage Act, R. S. O. 1990, c. O.18, s. 27

FRANKLIN CARMICHAEL HOUSE

By-law No. 2013-109 – Passed August 15, 2013

Legal Description

Franklin Carmichael House
55 Scott Street
Orillia, Ontario

Lot 17, West Side of Scott Street, Registered
Plan 407, City of Orillia, County of Simcoe,
being all of PIN 58669-0031(LT).

Name and Address of Owner

Maurice and Matilda McMillan
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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

In the 1880s, growth in Orillia was such that there was a shortage of affordable housing. Local lumber merchant Andrew Tait responded by acquiring and subdividing several parcels of land into lots and having modest, detached dwellings built for rent or sale. The dwelling at 55 Scott Street is among those he had built in this area starting in 1889. Of frame construction and clad in dichromatic brickwork, the dwellings on this residential street represent Tait's efforts toward supplying a higher quality of affordable housing for the working class in Orillia.

Early occupants of this dwelling were Orillia blacksmith David Graham Carmichael, his wife Ann, and their sons Franklin and Clarence. Born in May 1890, Franklin was an infant when the family moved to Scott Street in late 1891 or 1892. Although not his birthplace, this property is significant for its association with Franklin, a noted Canadian painter and designer. He was a founding member of the iconic Group of Seven landscape painters.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The only heritage attribute of this property is the frame with brick veneer, c.1890-1891 dwelling. The following elements of this dwelling are important to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property:

- the 1.5 storey massing and gable end form of the main structure
- the massing and form of the one storey, brick veneer addition at the west (not including the frame addition abutting this on the west)
- the gable end, medium pitched roof of the 1.5 storey structure
- the original, segmental shaped window openings, with lugsills
- the original, single width door opening with a plain transom, on the east facade (not including the replacement doorcase or porch elements)
- all elements of the dichromatic masonry, including the red-orange coloured bricks laid in common bond, with buff coloured accent bricks, and a cream coloured mortar
- the rubblestone foundation