

THE CHATHAM-KENT MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER



Listed Properties in the
Community of Raleigh

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3 Aberdeen Street



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1895

Historical Significance: This manor was owned by Dr. Bell. He was one of the most respected doctors to have lived in the community of Merlin.

Architectural Significance/Description: The multiple bay windows, front veranda, lunette windows, and double chimneys are important features on this house. The primary architectural influence is Queen Anne.

Contextual Significance: The home is a landmark in the community of Merlin.

Legal Description: PT LT 12, PLAN 318 AS IN 445262 RALEIGH

Additional Notes: Though little evidence has been forthcoming, local historians believe that Prime Minister William Lyon McKenzie King held a small political rally at the residence at one time.



Community of Raleigh

23793 Merlin Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: early to mid 20th century

Historical Significance: The photographs on the right display the Prairie Siding grain elevators. These agricultural structures are one of the major reasons that Prairie Siding developed into a village. Moreover, the facilities would have been integral to the success of farmers in the surrounding area. Few grain elevators that date back to the early period of the twentieth century remain in Chatham-Kent.

Architectural Significance/Description: The structure is a wooden grain elevator, typical of those used in 20th century agriculture.

Contextual Significance: The structure was built in proximity to the railway in order to transport local grains effectively.

Legal Description: PT LT 4, CON 1 (FRONT CON, CON 2) (RALEIGH) DESIGNATED AS PT 1, 24R1734 AND PT 1, 24R5719 ; RALEIGH



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23795 Merlin Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1945

Historical Significance: This structure is historically significant because of what it meant to the community of Prairie Siding. The building was the community store, and in more recent years has been used as a gathering place for playing cards and socializing.

Architectural Significance/Description: Most of the original features of this structure are gone. Nevertheless, the gambrel roof still remains.

Contextual Significance: The structure was built in proximity to the railway and the local grain elevators.

Legal Description: PT LT 4, CON 1 (FRONT CON, CON 2) (RALEIGH), PT 2, 24R-1502 RALEIGH



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7172 River View Line



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1875

Historical Significance: This farmhouse was originally built for the Dolsen family. The Dolsens were one of the earliest settlers in Raleigh Township.

Architectural Significance/Description: The home has well preserved Queen Anne features. The front veranda and asymmetrical design around the house are notable.

Contextual Significance: The home is located on a small bend in the road on River View Line. Moreover, the house was built in proximity to the Thames River.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 14,
CONCESSION 1, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF
RALEIGH, DESIGNATED AS PART 1, 24R7629;
CHATHAM-KENT



Community of Raleigh

7675 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: 1897

Historical Significance: The Pardo Mansion was built by Thomas Letson Pardo. He was MPP for West Kent from 1894-1904. The Pardos were one of the more prominent families of Raleigh Township throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Architectural Significance/Description: The home is a great example of late Queen Anne architectural style. The primarily brick asymmetrical design, multiple chimneys, turret, and elaborate veranda, are all distinct features.

Contextual Significance: The home is located along the historic Talbot Trail.

Legal Description: PT LT 139, TALBOT ROAD SURVEY (RALEIGH) AS IN 479026 S/T RA28934 RALEIGH



Community of Raleigh

7801 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1850

Historical Significance: This home is one of the oldest Georgian Brick structures in Chatham-Kent.

Architectural Significance/Description: This Neo-Classical brick house has very original exterior features. The house is unusual in that the kitchen section is appended to the left side (an American trait) as opposed to the more common Ontario pattern of it attached at the rear.

Contextual Significance: The home is near the shores of Lake Erie.

Legal Description: PT LT 138, TALBOT ROAD SURVEY (RALEIGH), PT 1, 24R3848 S/T RA28947 RALEIGH



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7910 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1925

Historical Significance: Glen Gordon Manor was built for the famous, early 20th century opera singer, Ruby Jeanne Gordon. She was also the daughter of Wallaceburg industrialist D.A. Gordon. The Gordons used this residence as a meeting place for large business gatherings—most notably Dominion Glass Company parties. Following the Gordon ownership it became a restaurant and dance hall. It has recently been changed back to a private residence.

Architectural Significance/Description: The home appears to incorporate a number of different architectural styles. Nevertheless, the Tudor Revival influences seem more dominant than the rest.

Contextual Significance: The home is located on the shores of Lake Erie.

Legal Description: PART LOT 137, TALBOT ROAD SURVEY (RALEIGH) AS IN 92204, EXCEPT D1348 AND SAVE & EXCEPT PART 1, 24R6052 RALEIGH; "DESCRIPTION IN 92204 MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE"



Community of Raleigh

7951 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1860

Historical Significance: This home was originally built by the Pardo family. Many of the Pardos became successful entrepreneurs and/or politicians in what was then "The County of Kent".

Architectural Significance/Description: This home has an eclectic architectural style. It appears to have an original section with Classical Revival features. A newer section of the residence incorporated elements from Gothic Revival/Picturesque design.

Contextual Significance: The manor is extremely close to Lake Erie. It is a landmark in Raleigh Township.

Legal Description: PT LT 136, TALBOT ROAD SURVEY (RALEIGH), LYING N OF HWY # 3 S/T LIFE LEASE IN 455915 "DESCRIPTION IN 455915 MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE" RALEIGH

