

THE CHATHAM-KENT MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER



Listed Properties in the Community of Howard

Community of Howard

11658 Bates Drive



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1900

Historical Significance: At the turn of the century, international award winning marksman Howe Bates, built this residence. Bates toured the world shooting for Remington Arms. He competed in circles with Annie Oakley.

Architectural Significance/Description: This residence is an excellent and unique example of a early twentieth century "Lake Home". This is one of the few unaltered examples remaining in Chatham-Kent.

Contextual Significance: The home resides near the Bates Drive and Kent Bridge Road intersection. Moreover, the home is located on the shores of Lake Erie.

Legal Description: LOT 4, PLAN 397 HOWARD



Community of Howard

18633 Hill Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1855

Historical Significance: The Hill House, built by Hiram Hill, is one of the few remaining homes connected to Morpeth's shipping days. Hill owned the Morpeth Dockyard, where they were well known across the Great Lakes water way for exporting grains and farm produce.

Architectural Significance/Description: This brick, square, Italianate residence is very unique. The most obvious feature, that sets it apart from other buildings in Chatham-Kent, is its large five front window cupola. The cupola would have given Hill an excellent vantage point of Lake Erie from his residence. Other interesting details include the side by side twin chimneys, wooden brackets, and brick work around the entrance.

Contextual Significance: This residence is very important in understanding early Great Lakes shipping and Chatham-Kent agriculture. It provides a lasting example of the affluence these two connected industries created for people in the mid-nineteenth century.

Legal Description: PART OF LOTS 89, 90 & 91, CON. B.F. (HOWARD), TOGETHER WITH R.O.W. OVER PART OF LOT 91, CON. B.F. AS IN 340096 HOWARD



Community of Howard

19062 Hill Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1877

Historical Significance: Morpeth Anglican Church, one of the first and only remaining places of worship in the community.

Architectural Significance/Description: One of the structure's most interesting qualities are the elaborate, stained glass, lancet windows. The window on the front of the building is particularly ornate and detailed. The verge boards, on both the large front and smaller side gables, are unique original details that highlight the structure's Gothic Revival influence.

Contextual Significance: The church is surrounded by some of Morpeth's oldest properties. It is a landmark in this settlement.

Legal Description: LOTS 7 & 8, SOUTHWEST OF MAIN STREET, (PART OF LOT 92, CON. S.T.R.), PLAN 87 HOWARD



Community of Howard

19080 Hill Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1860

Historical Significance: This is one of the oldest buildings in Morpeth. The details of this structure highlight the relative affluence of the community at the time it was made. In the mid-nineteenth century Morpeth was only second to Chatham in economic influence within the county.

Architectural Significance/Description: This Georgian brick residence has original windows, an elliptical fan light over the door, and transom lights. The ivy over the building makes for an interesting touch. However, it covers over the symmetry of the front façade. The front entrance way was likely a more recent, twentieth century addition to the property.



Contextual Significance: The home is at an important Morpeth intersection (Hill and Cark roads).

Legal Description: LOTS 4 & 5, SOUTHWEST OF MAIN STREET, (PART OF LOT 92, CON. S.T.R.), PLAN 87 & LOT 1, SOUTHEAST OF CLARK STREET, (PART OF LOT 92, CON. S.T.R.), PLAN 87, DESIGNATED AS PART 1, 24R-3205 HOWARD

Community of Howard

21757 Kent Bridge Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1870

Historical Significance: This home was owned by John and Hiltje Brink. In the past it was also occupied by one of the community's doctors. The residence is a great example of an upper-middle class estate from the last nineteenth century.

Architectural Significance/Description: The dwelling includes both Italianate and Picturesque architectural details. The hip roof with brackets is particularly interesting. The barn is also an important old structure on the property.

Contextual Significance: The property is on an important corner lot. The house is a landmark along Kent Bridge Road.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 19, CON. T.L.R. (HOWARD) HOWARD



Community of Howard

21985 Kent Bridge Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1870

Historical Significance: This structure used to function as an inn. It was one of the few inns that was located in the vicinity of Kent Bridge Road.

Architectural Significance/Description: This residence, a frame construction, includes both Picturesque and Italianate details. The timber frame, multiple chimneys, and foundation, help date this property.

Contextual Significance: The home is located on one of the busiest country roads in Chatham-Kent.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 20,
TOWNLINERANGE, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP
OF HOWARD ; CHATHAM-KENT



Community of Howard

13478 Norton Line



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1870

Historical Significance: This home would have been the residence of an early rural family. Few homes in the area date back to an earlier settlement in Howard Township.

Architectural Significance/Description: Gothic Vernacular architecture comes in many different shapes and forms. What identifies this building as part of that movement is the steep front gable. A unique feature of this structure is the semi-circular transom light over the front door.

Contextual Significance: The home is located along the Thames River.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 16, CON. 1 (HOWARD) HOWARD



Community of Howard

13612 Norton Line



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1875

Historical Significance: This is one of the oldest homes in Howard Township.

Architectural Significance/Description: The steep front gables, polychromatic brick work, and bay window, are all unique features of this Ontario Gothic Revival residence. It should also be noted that the property is in good condition and nicely landscaped.

Contextual Significance: The home is located along the Thames River.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 17,
CONCESSION 1, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF
HOWARD, DESIGNATED AS PART 1, 24R7910 ;
CHATHAM-KENT



Community of Howard

11979 Ridge Road



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1870

Historical Significance: This rural Gothic Revival residence was built by one of Howard Township's pioneering families.

Architectural Significance/Description: This c. 1870 house is significant in two important ways. It is made of cut stone (likely indicating a Scottish builder) and it has an unusual cast iron entrance and window caps. This is an exceptional feature to find on a residence anywhere in the province and one other home in Ridgetown has a similar feature. Additionally, it holds true to the Ontario Gothic Cottage architectural style.

Contextual Significance: The house is located in a rural area. The dwelling illustrates the sparse settlement pattern used along Ridge Road in Howard Township.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 3, CON. 10 (HOWARD) HOWARD



Community of Howard

11934 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1830

Historical Significance: Few buildings of this size and architectural style remain in Chatham-Kent. It makes this property significant because it shows the prosperity of the Trudgen family, previous owners of the house.

Architectural Significance/Description: Despite enlargement of the ground floor windows, this Classical Revival dwelling retains much of its period detail (the front portico is not original). Very few full two storey five bay houses of this period remain in Chatham-Kent.

Contextual Significance: The residence is on a property next to a group of large agricultural buildings.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 99, CON. S.T.R. (HOWARD) HOWARD



Community of Howard

12522 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1850

Historical Significance: The property is historically significant because it was a popular shop along the Talbot Trail in the mid-nineteenth century.

Architectural Significance/Description: This Regency Cottage residence has an impressive door surround and early, if not original boom-town shop front addition to the right (a very rare feature). This and the two previous frame Regency Cottages all have many similar features that may indicate a common builder.

Contextual Significance: The building is on the corner of Talbot Trail and Tylee Street. It would have been an ideal location for a shop during Morpeth's boom period.

Legal Description: LOT 7 & PART OF LOT 8, SOUTHEAST OF TALBOT STREET, (PART OF LOT 92, CON. S.T.R.), PLAN 87 HOWARD



Community of Howard

12550 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1850

Historical Significance: Little information could be found on the former owners of this property. Nevertheless, the old age of this home and its connection to the early stages of Morpeth's development make it stand out from other properties within the community.

Architectural Significance/Description: This Regency Cottage residence retains many original features. One particularly interesting detail is the great heavy Neo-Classical door surround. The front door of the home has been replaced over the years with a steel-frame door; present owner is unsure if the sidelights are original because the house has undergone major changes.

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

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 3, SOUTHEAST OF TALBOT STREET, (PART OF LOT 92, CON. S.T.R.), PLAN 87 HOWARD



Community of Howard

13165 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1850

Historical Significance: The Giddis family, namely Earl and later Alfred, were one time owners of this property.

Architectural Significance/Description: This home is an excellent example of a frame Regency Cottage design. Metal siding has been added but it is still very original, with period windows, and a heavy Neo-Classical door surround.

Contextual Significance: The property is typical to many rural estates. It has a number of sheds and barns surrounding it.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 84, CON. N.T.R. (HOWARD), DESIGNATED AS PART 1, 24R-3749 HOWARD



Community of Howard

13232 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1845

Historical Significance: Trinity Anglican Church has a historic affiliation to the famous nineteenth century Canadian poet, Archibald Lampman. His father was a minister at the church and he spent a number of his formative years in the area. Lampman was born in Morpeth, Ontario in 1861. He died in 1899. There is a cairn on this property that commemorates his accomplishments. The church property was purchased in 1845 by John Lord, a Bishop from Toronto.

Architectural Significance/Description: The brick church has a number of Gothic Revival features. The most notable design elements include the symmetrical lancet windows on the side of the church and the steeple.

Contextual Significance: There are a number of grave stones on the property. These commemorate many of Howard Township's earliest settlers.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 83, CON. S.T.R. (HOWARD) HOWARD



Archibald Lampman c. 1891

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Community of Howard

13262 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1900

Historical Significance: This was the abode of W.G. Thompson, founder of W.G. Thompson & Sons and provincial Minister of Lands and Forests.

Architectural Significance/Description: This domicile is an example of late Queen Anne architecture. It was constructed out of concrete block and features a great round turret. Other interesting features include the cast iron fence and the plentiful arrangement of windows around the residence.

Contextual Significance: The house is located along the Talbot Trail. It is one of the largest estates in the Township.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 83, CON. SOUTH TALBOT ROAD (HOWARD) DESIGNATED AS PART 1, 24R5731 HOWARD



Community of Howard

13266 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1865

Historical Significance: This home is one of the few remaining stone constructions from the mid-nineteenth century. Few if any of these residences remain in Howard Township.

Architectural Significance/Description: This is another fieldstone house. It retains remnants of the course plaster/mortar final coating that was then scored with lines to give the appearance of cut stone/ashlar.

Contextual Significance: There are a number of old barn and shed structures that surround this building as well.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 83, CON. SOUTH TALBOT ROAD (HOWARD) HOWARD



Community of Howard

13298 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1880

Historical Significance: This is one of the oldest and best preserved school houses in all of Howard Township.

Architectural Significance/Description: This school house has a number of Italianate features. The brackets under the eaves, and the slate roof are common elements of this design. The beautiful original exterior is highlighted by the original bell tower and bell. The mansard roof also suggests a Second Empire influence.

Contextual Significance: The school is a considerable distance from many of the rural residences that would have sent children to it. It illustrates the great lengths people were willing to travel in order to receive an education.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 83, CON. S.T.R. (HOWARD) HOWARD



Community of Howard

13344 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1830's

Historical Significance: Originally granted in 1799, this property remains in the Desmond family residence over two centuries later. It was home to Earl Desmond, a Progressive Conservative MP who served the Kent riding from 1940-1949.

Architectural Significance/Description: Although the present incarnation of this home dates to 1901, it was actually built around an 1830s house, which in turn had been built around the original home, possibly a log structure. The front dormer shows a later Edwardian influenced addition.

Contextual Significance: This property is a landmark. It is one of the few in all of Chatham-Kent that has been owned by the same family throughout its history. The home overlooks Lake Erie and Rondeau Point.

Legal Description: PART OF LOT 82, CON. S.T.R. (HOWARD) HOWARD



Community of Howard

13779 Talbot Trail



Date Added to Registry: 18-Jan-2010

Historic Period and/or Date of Erection: Circa 1875

Historical Significance: This home was settled much later than the Green-Cameron home. However, it is in proximity and it shows the expanding development of the area during the nineteenth century. The property is one of the larger estates with a beautifully ornate residence on the Talbot Trail.

Architectural Significance/Description: This impressive Italianate mansion was originally made out of brick. In more recent years the brick has been covered over by aluminium siding. Aside from that change, the residence has a number of original features. The front bay windows, and the chimney that stands at least ten feet above the roofline are a testament to the design of this property.

Contextual Significance: The property is only a short distance from Lake Erie. It is relatively close to a number of other historic properties in the area.

Legal Description: PART OF LOTS 77 & 78, CON. N.T.R. (HOWARD) HOWARD

