

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

44-46 Park Hill Road East

Description of Historic Place

The property known municipally as 44-46 Park Hill Road East is located at the intersection of Market Street, Cambridge Street and Park Hill Road East. The property is located north of the downtown core and directly east of the Grand River and the Park Hill Road Bridge. The property is located adjacent to a Gothic Revival dwelling at 38-42 Park Hill Road East built during the same period, with similar brick patterns.

The property contains a one-and-a-half storey brick building, defined by its decorative dichromatic brickwork. The building has additions extending from the western and northern elevations. The structure was built between 1867 and 1875 by local builder and bricklayer George Dando (1831-1898).

Summary of Cultural Heritage Value

The property contains physical/design value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.

The property contains physical and design value as a representative example of a 19th century working class dwelling. The simple brick building is representative of architectural styles and methods during this period. Despite the building being altered, it retains its material brick exterior and decorative details including dichromatic buff brick and red brick accents. The property is also physically representative of the work of George Dando, a well-known bricklayer and builder in Galt.

The property was built between 1867 and 1875 by George Dando. Dando was an English-born mason who was responsible for the construction of several other buildings in Galt, including the Dando Block at 17-35 Ainslie Street North (1889). Dando's son, William James Dando (1856-1934) was also a builder and was responsible for 10 James Street (1886) and 7 Churchill Drive (1888). The property is also associated with Milton Cushing Schofield (1819-1908), a prominent land surveyor in southern Ontario who was responsible for surveying large portions of Grey County, Wellington County, Berlin (Kitchener), Waterloo, and Galt. The property retains historical/associative value for its connections with both Schofield and the Dando family.

The property also contains contextual value by being historically and visually linked to its surroundings, having been built during the late 19th century, at a similar time to other nearby properties including the adjacent building at 38-42 Park Hill Road East. The property is also constructed in material common during the late 19th century and commonly found in this area.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The character-defining heritage attributes of the property include the following:

- The siting of the 19th century brick dwelling at the corner of Park Hill Road East, Cambridge Street, and Market Street;
- Exterior brickwork, in running bond, including dichromatic brick accents;
- Raised buff-brick quoins extending every three courses;
- Soldier-course jack arches; and
- Buff brick accents surrounding windows and doors.

The property's heritage designation does not extend to any interior features and is not intended to prevent the careful adaptive reuse of the building.