

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

SUMMARY

The McConnell House is not a particularly unique building in terms of its heritage features in general. However, its relatively rare “connected” barn combined with its prominent location on Aylmer Road convey to it the special role of maintaining the pastoral nature of that area.

ARCHITECTURE

The McConnell House is a good example of a farmhouse built after initial settlements by descendants of early settlers. It is a common one-and-a-half storey, gable roof structure, sheathed in clapboard with very simple wooden details, and with a verandah that runs the full length of the front facade. The “connected” barn really constitutes its most interesting feature, because of its relative rarity in Ontario and Québec.

HISTORY

The building represents a later phase in the settlement patterns of the area, and hence did not have any major influence on the early history of the region, nor on its development. However, it is associated with the McConnells who can be numbered among those individuals who collectively contributed to the growth of the Hull township as a stable agricultural area.

ENVIRONMENT

Still surrounded by open space, the McConnell House is of considerable importance in maintaining a pastoral buffer, acting as a Rural/Urban transitional zone, in a surrounding area of golf courses and new subdivisions.

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