



469 King Street East

City of Oshawa

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469 King Street East, OSHAWA, ONTARIO

I. LOCATION

The subject property is on the north part of Lot 7, Concession 1 in the Village of Oshawa, now within the City of Oshawa. The dwelling at 469 King Street East is on the south side of King Street East, west of Wilson Road North and east of Central Park Blvd. North.

II. EARLY LOT HISTORY

John Wilson Senior purchased part of Lot 7, Concession 1 on February 16, 1836 from William Jeffery. In 1881, John Wilson Senior sold parts to William Wilson and to John Baillie Wilson (Jr).

John Wilson

John Wilson came to the area in 1834. He was a well-known resident in the Village of Oshawa. For approximately a half century he lived on his farm that was located on the south side of King Street East at the corner of Wilson Road, on the south-west corner.

The pioneer Wilson was a native of Berwick, Tweed and though he looked a Scotchman he was English. The Pedlar Papers record that John Wilson encouraged and took part in every step looking to the advancement of agricultural interests. If there was a fair or ploughing match, Mr. Wilson would take part in the proceedings. He was one of the first in the township to introduce a high class horse and other high bred stock. Mr. Wilson possessed on his farm a superior quality of clay for tile and brick making. Mr. Wilson entered his brick and tile at the Paris Exhibition in 1878 and was the successful winner of a bronze medal, showing that he did not over estimate the quality of his clay deposit.

John Wilson died on the 14th of December 1885, in his 83rd year. His wife died on the 14th of October 1893 at the age of 82.

The Vernon's City Directory does not indicate a dwelling at the address until 1940 therefore it may be assumed that the subject dwelling was built in approximately 1940 and was originally owned by S.P. Smith. It is not known who built the dwelling. In 1960 a Dr. C.E. McIlveen owned the property until 1969 when it was sold to Mr. William Bryce who lived in the home until approximately 1983 when it was sold to F. Lawson. F. Lawson is not the current owner of the property.

III. ARCHITECTURE

Style and Construction Date

The subject dwelling is architecturally significant as it is an example of the Period Revival – English Cottage style.

This is a 1 storey, rectangular plan, facing north onto King Street East. The dwelling is designed in the 20th Century style of Period Revival. Period revivals are inspired by European precedents, primarily English and French. The English versions are modeled after rural cottages and country manor houses of the Tudor period. The subject dwelling reflects the English Cottage Period Revival Style with elements such as the diamond paned windows and thatched roof with tall decorative chimney pots.

Windows

The window openings are diamond paned, a characteristic of the Period Revival – English Cottage Style. A noticeable feature of the windows is the brick window surrounds found on all of the windows on north façade.

Roof

The characteristic component of the Period Revival Style – English Cottage is the thatched roof. This particular dwelling has a medium hip roof with roll roofing which stimulates the contours of a traditional thatch roof and has tall decorative chimneys.

Masonry

The dwelling is clad in stone and stucco. The window surrounds consist of brick.

IV. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The dwelling located at 469 King Street East in Oshawa is an excellent example of a Period Revival Style – Picturesque English Cottage. The Period Revival Style was inspired by European models, primarily the English and the French. The English versions are often modeled after rural cottages, such as this particular dwelling. Notable features of this dwelling is the stone cladding, thatched style rolling roof, decorative chimney pots and diamond paned windows with brick surrounds.

There are other examples of Period Revival style homes in Oshawa, although this particular dwelling is unique because it is reflective of the English Picturesque Period Revival Style. It dates to the mid twentieth century; therefore it is a significant example of the Period Revival English Cottage style in Oshawa. Further research is required to determine who the architect of the home may have been.

APPENDICES



1. 469 King Street East, North Façade – June 2007



2. 469 King Street East, North Façade – June 2007

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