Address: King Street East
Community: Stoney Creek

Also known as: Millen's Store
Legal Description: Lot 24 Cone 3

P.I.N. Roll No. 25/1803355 Ward 5 Neighbourhood

Heritage Status: □ Inventory □ Registered □ Designated (Part IV / Part V) □ Easement (City / OHT) □ NHS
Heritage Conservation District (if applicable): __________
Cultural Heritage Landscape (if applicable): Stoney Creek downtown landscape

Property Status (Observed): X Occupied Building □ Vacant Building □ Vacant Lot □ Parking Lot

Integrity: □ Preserved / Intact X Modified □ Compromised □ Demolished (date) __________

Year (if known) circa 1854, architect / Builder / Craftsperson (if known) __________

Massing: □ Single-detached □ Semi-detached, related □ Semi-detached, unrelated □ Row, related □ Row, unrelated □ Other __________

Storeys: □ 1 □ 1 ½ □ 2 □ 2 ½ □ 3 □ 3 ½ □ 4 or more □ Irregular □ Other __________

Foundation Construction Material: X Stone □ Brick □ Concrete □ Wood □ Other ______ Finish: __________

Building Construction Material: □ Brick X Frame (wood) □ Stone □ Log □ Other ______ Finish: Wood 1850’s 
Building Cladding: □ Wood □ Stone □ Brick □ Stucco □ Synthetic □ Other: alum siding Finish: 2019

Roof type: □ Hip □ Flat □ Gambrel □ Mansard □ Gable □ Other ______ Type: __________

Roof Materials: X Asphalt Shingle □ Wood Shingle □ Slate □ Tile/Terra Cotta □ Tar/Gravel □ Metal □ Other ______

Architectural Style / Influence:
□ Art Deco / Moderne (1920s-1950s)
□ Beaux-Arts Classicism (1900-1945)
□ Brutalism (1960-1970)
□ Bungalow (1900-1945)
□ Classic Revival
□ Chateau (1880-1940)
□ Craftsman / Prairie (1900s-1930s)
□ Colonial Revival (1900-1930)
□ Edwardian (1900-1930)

□ Gothic Revival (1830-1900)
□ International (1930-1965)
□ Italianate (1850-1900)
□ Georgian / Loyalist

□ Neo-Gothic (1900-1945)
□ Medieval (1900-1945)
□ Neo-Classical
□ Regency

□ Romanesque Revival (1850-1910)
□ Second Empire (1860-1900)
□ Vernacular

□ Bungalow (1900-1945)
□ Classic Revival
□ Georgian / Loyalist

□ Neo-Classical
□ Regency
□ 1950s Contemporary

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Notable Building Features:

- Porch: ________
- Sill(s): ________
- Tower/Spire: ________
- Bargeboard: ________
- Eaves: ________
- Verandah: ________
- Lintel(s): ________
- Dome: ________
- Transom: ________
- Verges: ________
- Balcony: ________
- Shutters: ________
- Finial: ________
- Side light: ________
- Dormer: ________
- Door(s): ________
- Quoins: ________
- Pilaster: ________
- Pediment: ________
- Chimney: ________
- Stairs: ________
- Vousoirs: ________
- Capital: ________
- Woodwork: ________
- Parapet: ________
- Fire wall: ________
- Cornice: ________
- Panel: ________
- Date stone: ________
- Bay: ________
- Windows: ________
- Column: ________
- Cresting: ________
- Other: ________

Notes:

Context:

Historic Context Statement: □ Yes □ No  Name of HCS Area: ______________________________

- Streetscape (Residential / Commercial)  □ Terrace / Row  □ Complex / Grouping  □ Landmark
- Multi-address parcel (list addresses): ______________________________  □ Other: ______________________________
- Related buildings: ______________________________

Plan: □ Square  □ Rectangular  □ L  □ U  □ T  □ H  □ Cross  □ Irregular  □ Other: ________

- Wings: ________  Setback: □ Shallow  □ Deep  □ At ROW  □ Other: ________  □ Corner Lot

Accessory Features and Structures:

- Features (e.g. stone wall, fountain): ______________________________
- Structures (e.g. shed, outbuilding): ______________________________

Additional Notes:

Related Files: ______________________________

Fire Insurance Mapping:  1898 Sheet No.____  1911 Sheet No.____  1949 Sheet No.____  1964 Sheet No.____

Additional Documentation and Research Attached (if applicable):

Surveyed by: Date: Survey Area:

Staff Reviewer: Date:

Planning and Economic Development Department (2018)
## PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

### Physical / Design Value:
- □ The property's style, type or expression is: **X** rare □ unique □ representative □ early
- □ The property displays a high degree of: **X** craftsmanship □ artistic merit
- □ The property demonstrates a high degree of: □ technical achievement □ scientific achievement

### Historical / Associative Value:
- **X** The property has direct associations with a potentially significant:
  - □ theme □ event □ belief □ person □ activity □ organization □ institution
- **X** The property yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture
- **X** The property demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of a potentially significant:
  - □ architect □ artist □ building □ designer □ theorist

### Contextual Value:
- **X** The property is important in: **X** defining □ maintaining □ supporting the character of the area
- **X** The property is linked to its surroundings: **X** physically □ functionally □ visually □ historically
- The property is a landmark

### Classification:
- □ Significant Built Resource (SBR)
- □ Character-Defining Resource (CDR)
- □ Character-Supporting Resource (CSR)
- **X** Inventory Property (IP)
- □ Remove from Inventory (RFI)
- □ None

### Recommendation:
- **X** Add to Designation Work Plan
- **X** Include in Register (Non-designated)
- □ Remove from Register (Non-designated)
- □ Add to Inventory – Periodic Review
- □ Inventory – No Further Review (Non-extant)
- □ No Action Required

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**Evaluated by:**  
**Date:** SEPT 2018

**HMHC Advice:** 
**Date:**

**Planning Committee Advice:** 
**Date:**

**Council Decision:** 
**Date:**

**Database/GIS Update:** 
**AMANDA Update:**
forefathers, having lived on the same estate for more than two hundred years, as farmers.

Jane Foster was born August 13th, 1814, in the same parish and belonged to an old English family. They had eleven children. Samuel (Millen) died before the family left England, and was buried in Westwell Parish.

John (Millen) and Jane (Foster), and nine children, all of whom were registered in the English Church records at Westwell Parish, Kent County, England, left England, as stated, in 1849.

On their way up the St. Lawrence River, and when the boat was between Quebec and Montreal, James (Millen), who was less than two years of age, took ill and died. He was buried in the Anglican Church burying ground at Montreal.

The family journeyed on to Hamilton, arriving there on June 4th, 1849.

They settled near the village of Stoney Creek, on a farm in the Township of Saltfleet, County of Wentworth. It was here that Isaac (Millen) was born.

John Millen stayed in the Township of Saltfleet for some years. Jane Millen (Foster), his wife, died November 29th, 1854, and her remains were interred in the Methodist Church cemetery at Stoney Creek. The names of their children, and the years of their birth are: William (Millen), born June 25th, 1836; Mary (Millen) and Elizabeth (Millen) (twins), 1838; Thomas (Millen), December 26th 1839; Ann (Millen), 1842; John (Millen), 1843; Richard (Millen), 1845; Stephen (Millen), February 23rd, 1846; Samuel (Millen), died in England; James (Millen), died in infancy; George (Millen), 1849; Isaac, February 28th 1852. Isaac was the only child in this family to be born in Canada.

John Millen remained a widower a few years and subsequently married Miss Sarah Canada, of Saltfleet Township, by whom he had two daughters, Jane (Millen) and Catherine (Millen), both of whom died when young; and one son, Francis Byron (Millen), who was born in 1860.
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IN BUSINESS FOR 130 YEARS — Millen's general store at Stoney Creek, seen in this photograph, is believed to be the oldest place of business in that historic village. Old accounts indicate that business was actually done at the site in 1820. The first post office for the community was opened in this building in 1832 and was there for many years. The late A. R. Millen purchased the business in 1903 from Isaac Corman and it is still conducted by Mrs. Millen. Isaac Corman, it is understood, bought the business from John McNeilly who had secured it from Charles Moore. While others had previously owned and operated it, their names were not immediately available.
THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

A Charter process authorizing the sale of Bond Certificates, no-.

T through the efforts of two members of the local proclension Wolf.

THE LODGE OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER

The Order of the Eastern Star is a charitable organization that promotes the welfare of the community and provides benefits to children in need. The lodge has been in operation for over 110 years and has been an important part of the community. It is an excellent day to do good.

The lodge was originally established in 1967 under the leadership of Mr. W.R. Moore, who was the first Worshipful Master of the lodge.

The lodge moved into two rooms in the home of Charles and Leola Nell Wilson. Wilson's name is known as a registered holder on the lodge.

The lodge continues to serve the community and promote the welfare of children.
Saltfleet—Then and Now

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When Thelma Millen (now Felker) walked into her father's general store on King Street in her growing-up years, she hoped she wouldn't have to weigh coffee or pump molasses.

Of all the duties she performed in the store, those were the two she disliked.

"I always enjoyed selling," said Mrs. Felker in a recent interview. "But you know how molasses gets cold in the winter and then it's harder than ever to pump, and to fill up those jars the customers brought with them."

On entering the store, a customer would note the stairway about three-quarters of the way back that led to a partitioned part of the room above, where the Canadian Order of Foresters met and the Gun Club held its oyster suppers.

In another section at the top, stovepipes were stored while under the stairway stood large containers of the hated molasses and cans of coal oil.

TABLE WAS PILED WITH CLOTHING

In the middle of the store stood a long table piled with overalls, shirts and other assorted dry goods and under it were stacked pots, pans and various cooking utensils.

At the back of the store clustered shoes, boots and rubber boots. Sugar and flour were scooped from large bins, and coffee was ground then weighed according to the customer's orders.

"I was always hoping no one would come in and ask for a pound of coffee," said Mrs. Felker. "I just hated doing that."

On her way through the store, the young Miss Millen might note the spittle around the cuspidor.

"One customer just couldn't hit it so I made a sign reading 'If you can't hit the cuspidor, don't spit on the floor,'" she said.

Of the merchandise in the store, perhaps the most attractive to the young girl was the case of hair ribbons with drawers that pulled out to reveal the varied colors under glass covers.

NO PRICE TAGS WERE NEEDED

No price tags were on any article, as none were needed. They were all in the hands of the seven members of the Millen family who served the customers and made change from a box behind the counter.

A special day was Wednesday when Miss Millen climbed into the horse-drawn cart and made the long trip to Winona to pick up orders. Back at the store the next day, the stairway was lined with orders which were scrutinized to make sure coal oil wasn't resting too close to butter and lard.

And Friday saw the cart loaded for the trek to Winona again. Many of the customers were employees of E.D. Smith & Sons who were at work at the time of delivery.

"They'd leave the money on the table. We'd leave the order and the change," said Mrs. Felker. "In those days, people were honest. Now you don't dare leave your door unlocked."

STORE BUILT IN LATE 1700s

The store, built in 1791 or '92, saw many storekeepers, among them Isaac Corbiah. From 1822 to 1899, part of it became a post office. Mrs. Felker's father bought it in 1903 and, after his death in 1937, her mother and then her brother kept the business going until it was sold in 1971. It is now an office building containing the business premises of Lyle Peterson, Accountant, on the corner of Mountain Avenue and King Street.

But, before it was sold, the old store had been modernized to become a self-serve. Gone was the camaraderie it once contained when men swapped news and opinions on politics.

"I remember Burton Corman asking my father if he thought he should run for reeve and my father said 'yes,'" said Mrs. Felker.

It led to a long public life for Mr. Corman, and the incident demonstrated the close affiliation of Stoney Creek residents back in the days of the old general store.
THEN AND NOW: King Street has a different look today than it had when this old picture was taken, showing the Millen Store as it was then and the radial railway running along the main street.
Augustus & Stephan Jones store 1790's
MILLEN'S STORE, STONEY CREEK by Mrs. Kenneth Emberley

A history of Stoney Creek is unfolded in the telling of the story of Millen's Store at the corner of King Street East and Mountain Avenue North, the age of which dates, believably, from 1791-2 to 1967. It is the oldest continuing business in town -- and business is good! The end of September 1967 brought, after 64 years, the end of store-keeping for the A.R. Millen family in Stoney Creek.

In the days of "way-back-when" a man by the name of William Jones, with his brother James, built a big house and lived in it for many years with his growing family. A brother, Augustus, was the first land surveyor in upper Canada and later he received a grant of land of 2000 acres. He lived in the "Canada House" at Lake and King Streets, east side. William was given a 1200 acre grant of land. This acreage extended east of Lake Avenue from the mountain to the lake. The fine old Jones home "Locust Lawn" on Jones Street is now occupied by Murray Felker Johnson and his family. The house was well-built as were a number of smaller houses built nearby, presumably for employees.

The store was also built of wood with rough cast plaster coating adhering to long horizontal strips of 1½ inches by ½ inch width and thickness of material called lath. This method of construction is called "stucco" today and it retains heat well. It was greatly used in former days. It is thought that these buildings were built by the same brothers. A brother-in-law, James, built the Battlefield House. (see footnote #1)

The first store-keeper was William Jones and his son Stephan. His daughter Emmy was the first Postmistress. The post office later had official post date markings of 1822 - 26 and was housed here until 1899. Within memory of the writer, a verandah stretched across the front of the building and the store windows were of small panes of glass. A heavy screening of coarse wire mesh protected them. This has been modernized but the same door, lock and key are in use at the present. The walls of the foundation are very thick stone. At one time the upper story was used as a meeting place for fraternal societies -- the Maccabees, Orange Lodge, Foresters and Masons met there until the new town hall was built at the turn of the century. Entrance to the upper story was reached by an outside stairway on the east wall.


Old accounts disclose that business was transacted at the site in 1820. The family of John Frederick Felker of Mud Street in the township of Saltfleet dealt here in trade and barter of farm products, fleeces and household necessities of the time. Pounds, shillings and pence was the currency used at that early date.

The mountain families of Adam Reid, the Stewarts, and the Lees, the mountain
known as "Millen Brothers" for some time, but later as A.K. Millen General Store. When the store was first purchased, groceries were called for in person. Later deliveries were made weekly by Mr. Millen to the outlaying homes. Again, later his sons helped in this work. One such trip was made every Wednesday to Winona, which took all day from early morning until dark. A hot mid-day meal was ready regularly each Wednesday at the Jerry Dean house in Fruitland.

The employees of E.D. Smith and Sons were regular customers. They frequently came by radial car with orders that were delivered the following Friday. There was also the "Beach Trip" once a week and calls were made at the Van Wagners, George Corman's, Roderick's, Lutz' Corey's, Boden's and Green's.

A.R. Millen was a very fine man, interested in the village and in municipal affairs. He enjoyed a Sunday walk, with an unnecessary cane and a necessary pipe. He was affectionately known throughout the area as "Dick" and an era and a way of life passed with his death in 1937. His wife, formerly Mary-Jane Cown, was an accomplished Horsewoman and rode side-saddle as was the custom. She and Miss Jessie Reid and Miss Alic Foran rode in Many Fall Fairs. Mrs. Millen was also a forthright woman of business and so continued the store successfully until her death in 1955. Both she and Mr. "Dick" were of pioneer stock.

The present Millen brothers and sisters, all of whom were born in the house attached to the store, include - Crawford, Harold, Richard, Evelyn, Fevez and Thelma Felker. Each has contributed to the success of the family business by clerking in the store, in the housekeeping and in making deliveries of groceries by horse, by truck or on foot. Five grandsons were also born here -- Lloyd Millen, Randall and Michael Felker, Barry and David Millen. Richard Cowan Millen succeeded his mother in business and for 12 years has been faithful to the family tradition in storekeeping. Under his management changes have been made and improvements have taken place. His wife, the former Ivy Lee, died in June 1966 after a long illness. They had two sons -- Barry and David -- who also assisted their father in the store. They work elsewhere now but continue to live at home.

May good wishes go with Richard as he leaves the business and home he has known all his life. Angelo Molina has bought the store and will continue the high standard of business that he assumed with the purchase of this property.

Good wishes for Richard and success for Molina.

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#1 - James Gage's mother was a sister to the Jones brothers, therefore James is a nephew not a brother-in-law as mentioned in this article.