

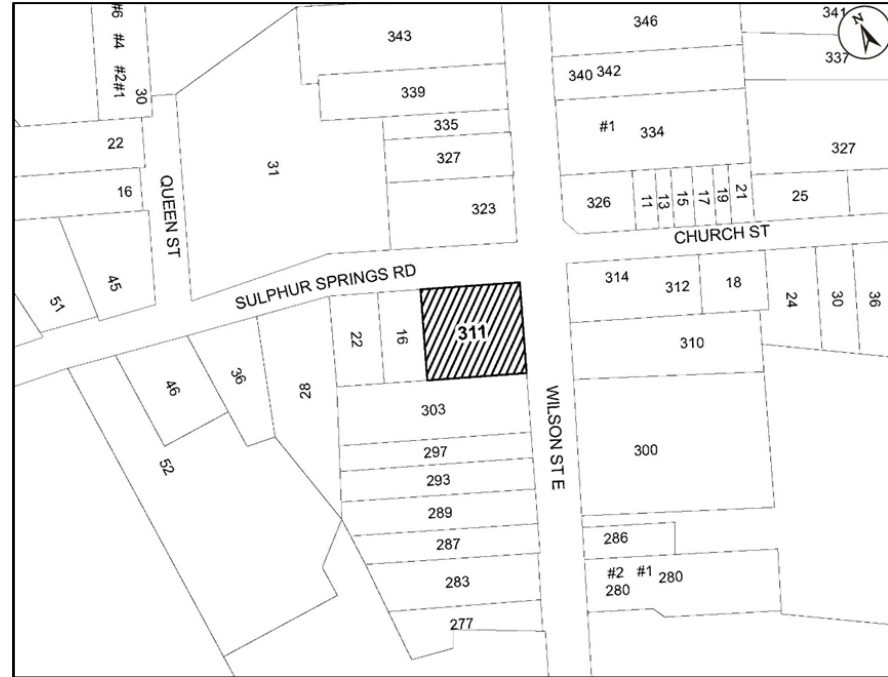


# Recommendation To Designate 311 Wilson Street East, Ancaster (Orton House)

September 27, 2024

Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

# 311 Wilson Street East, Ancaster



2020 - Property listed on Municipal Heritage Register and added to designation workplan.

March 2023 - Prioritized for Designation by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



# Recommendation for Designation Under Part IV of the OHA



311 Wilson Street East, Ancaster

*Ontario Regulation 9/06* Criteria (6 of 9)

- Design / Physical (Criteria #1, 2)
- Historical / Associative (Criteria #4 )
- Contextual (Criteria #7, 8, 9)



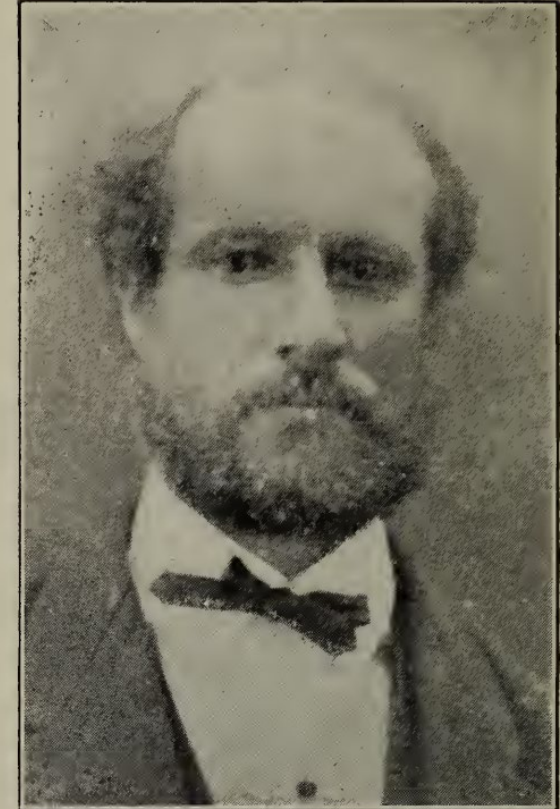
## Design / Physical Value

1. The property is a **unique example** of a former **vernacular dwelling** influenced by the **Italianate style** of architecture.
2. The property displays a **high degree** of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
3. The property is not considered to demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.



### Historical / Associative Value

4. The property has historical value due to its direct associations with several prominent Ancasterians.
5. The property does not yield or have the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.
6. The property is not considered to demonstrate the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist significant to the community



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## Contextual Value

7. The property defines the **historic character** of the surrounding area.
8. The property is **functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings.**
9. The property is considered to be a **local landmark.**



# Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Summary)

The two-storey brick structure at **311 Wilson Street East** was built circa **1850** and heavily expanded and modified before **1882**. It has design value as a **unique example** of a **former dwelling** influenced by the **Italianate** style of architecture which displays a **high degree** of **craftsmanship**.

The property is associated with several prominent **Ancasterians**, including lawyer **Thomas McMurry**, **Doctor Henry Orton** and **Doctor George Devy Farmer**.

Contextually, this property is **important** in **defining** the **historic character** of the area and is **functionally, visually and historically linked** to its surroundings. This distinctive and highly visible property is considered to be a local **landmark**.



# Description of Heritage Attributes

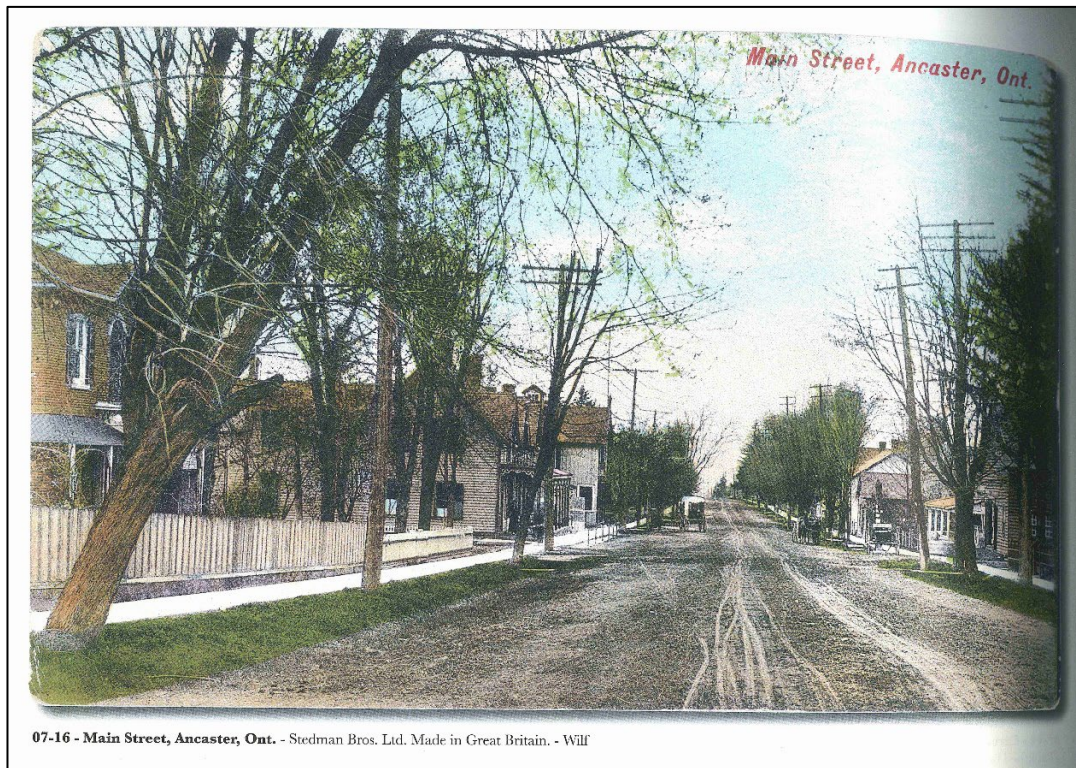
## (Summary)

- All elevations and roofline of the two-storey brick building, including its:
  - Truncated hip roof with its central belvedere, wide projecting eaves with ornate paired wooden brackets and flanking brick chimneys;
  - Front gable dormer and oculus window that may remain intact behind contemporary front covered portico;
  - Three-bay front (east) elevation including its:
    - Brick laid in Flemish bond in the first storey;
    - Round-headed window with stone hood in the second storey;
  - Flat-headed openings throughout the first storey with alternating brick voussoirs;
  - Segmentally-arched window openings in the second storey with brick voussoirs and stone lug sills;
  - Contrasting brickwork between the first and second storeys;
  - Two-storey rear brick wing with its:
    - Gable roof with projecting eaves and paired wood brackets;
    - Segmentally-arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone lug sills;
    - Projecting one-storey 'office entrance' on the north side elevation with gable roof and round window in gable; and,
  - Stone foundation.

# Description of Heritage Attributes (Continued)

The key contextual attributes include its:

- Location on Rymal Road;
- Shallow setback from the public right-of-way; and,
- Visibility of the property from all directions.



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# Staff Recommendation

That the City Clerk be directed to give **notice of Council's intention to designate 311 Wilson Street East, Ancaster (Orton House)**, shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED24170, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, in accordance with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED24170, subject to the following:

- (a) If no objections are received to the notice of intention to designate in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council directs staff to introduce the necessary by-law to designate the property to be of cultural heritage value or interest to City Council;
- (a) If an objection to the notice of intention to designate is received in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, City Council directs staff to report back to Planning Committee to allow Council to consider the objection and decide whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property.



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QUESTIONS?





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