

Location: Located on the east side of Sixth Line directly south of the 407 Express Toll Route and north of Burnhamthorpe Road East.

Description: The agricultural landscape includes: a Victorian style farmhouse (built in 1898), with a one-and-a-half-storey frame tail (c. 1854); a 19th-century bank barn; drive shed; and several other outbuildings. There are agricultural fields to the east and south of the property. A large telecommunications tower is located on site. The property was owned by one of the founding families of Trafalgar Township, the Biggar family. Members of the Biggar family operated the farm until 1985.

Current Observed Use: The property is used as for residential and commercial purposes

Existing Heritage Designation: The property is listed on the Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (Not Designated). The reason for listing is as follows: “This property has potential cultural heritage value for its historic farmstead, including the Victorian style brick farmhouse, barn and outbuildings”.

Results of Phase I: A Cultural Heritage Evaluation of the property as a Cultural Heritage Landscape was recommended.

Phase II Background Research Findings

Pre-Contact The area around the Sixteen Mile Creek has been used and/or occupied by various Indigenous peoples.

1806 - 1854 **Early survey and settlement.** Survey of Trafalgar Township by Samuel Wilmot (1806). The original 200-acre parcel is set aside as a Clergy Reserve. The Crown patent for Lot 15, Concession II, North of Dundas Street is granted to James Appelbe in 1842.

1854-1985 **Biggar Farm.** Michael Biggar, a member of one of Trafalgar Township’s founding families, purchases the 200-acre parcel in 1851. The farmstead is transferred to his son, Albert in 1899. The farm remains in the Biggar family until 1985.

1985-present **Schulz Farm.** The Biggar family sells the property to the Schulz family. Bell Canada purchases the property in 1992 and rents it to tenants. A telecommunications tower is constructed on the property.

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Source: A. Barnes, 2016



Source: C. Schultz private collection

Photograph of 1898 brick residence (top: current conditions, bottom: mid-20th century).



Source: TTHS, Digital Collection

Source: A. Barnes, 2016

Evolution of the bank barn (top-left: circa 1990).



Source: TTHS, Digital Collection

Four generations of Biggars (right to left), Michael, Albert, Wilbert and baby Harold.



Source: TTHS, Digital Collection

M. Biggar's grandchildren on the farm c.1934.



Source: Schulz Family private collection

Air photo of Schulz Farm prior to construction of 407 Express Toll Route.