

# 1086 Burnhamthorpe Road East

**Location:** The property is located on the south side of Burnhamthorpe Road East, west of Ninth Line and east of Trafalgar Road.

**Description:** The property has a small complex of buildings on a large rectangular lot. A Neoclassical brick house (portions built in 1827, 1854, 1976 and 2006). A barn built in 1827 has been renovated into the Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre. A one lane bridge (c. 1914) leads to an additional bank barn and silo. A large orchard and vegetable garden is located on the northeast part of the property; the property is surrounded by open fields and pastures.

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

**Existing Heritage Designation:** Designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by By-law 1991-074.

**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 Joshua Creek headwaters was likely used and/or occupied by various Indigenous peoples prior to European settlement.

**1806 -1882 Early settlement and Bowbeer Family.** Survey of Trafalgar Township by Samuel Wilmot (1806). Crown patent for 200-acre parcel issued to George McKinley in 1810.

North 100 acres sold to William Bowbeer in 1822. William was a farmer. He builds a one story home (kitchen of the present-day home) and wood shed in 1827.

Property passes to William's son, William S. Bowbeer in 1841. William Jr. builds the Neoclassical addition to the farmhouse in 1854.

**1882 -1950 Transfer of ownership.** The farm transfers ownership several times during this period. It is transferred to: James Stephens in 1883; James Sherwood in 1894; Edward Fish in 1899; Charles W. Fish in 1902; John Gordon Joyce in 1917; and Hugh Salvin Calverley in 1950.

**1956-present** Leo & Sybil Rampen (daughter of Hugh S. Calverley) purchase the property. Sybil and Leo are accomplished artist and raised four sons on the property. The property is now home to the Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre.

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Photo Source: S. Rampen



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Above: Historic photos of the farmhouse in 1900 (left) and 1950 (right), the year it was purchased by the Calverly family.



Source: A. Barnes, 2016



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The renovated barn which now serves as the Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre (top). Images of the barn before and under construction found above.



Source: A. Barnes, 2015

Current photo of the front façade of the residence.



Photo Source: A. Barnes, 2016



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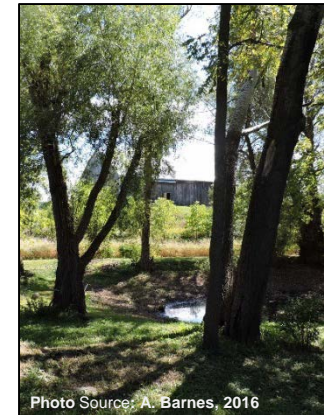


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Landscape and features. Naturalized fields, headwaters of the Joshua Creek, open spaces; and structures.