

OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 143 Front Street

Name: Peter McCorquodale House



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: Georgian Revival
- Cross gable roof, with five bay front façade section broken by three gable wall dormers (which were added in 1934), and a rear façade shed dormer window.
- One and one half storey
- Central doorcase entryway, with single eight panel door flanked by sidelights of five panes, and paired pilasters – bold projecting cornice and high frieze
- One storey additions constructed on the east and rear elevations
- Two-over-two, and four-over-four windows with functioning shutters, paired three-pane (or six-pane) casement windows in the gable wall dormers

Site Features

- Opposite Lake Ontario/Lakeside Park
- White picket fence with gate
- Detached shed structure to east side of property with driveway entrance to east on Front Street

- Mature trees, including oak tree in rear yard

Historical Description:

- McCorquodale House
- Constructed 1834, and alterations 1994
- Built by Peter McCorquodale (1807-1850), who immigrated to Canada from Scotland in 1830, arriving in Oakville in 1832. McCorquodale purchased the lot from William Chisholm, and built this house for his family, who lived there until 1899. McCorquodale was captain and part owner of the schooner "Royal Tar". Member of the Presbyterian Church. Three sons: Robert, Duncan and James all became mariners as well.
- At one time, the house served as the servants' quarter for Mount Vernon, which was located across Front Street in what is now the location of Lakeside Park.
- Subsequent owners, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Young, added the artist's studio on the east side of the building.

Contextual Description:

- Contributes to the historic character of the district
- Deep setback with large front lawn
- Opposite Lakeside Park
- Mature trees in front lawn

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Peter McCorquodale (1807 - 1850) was captain and part owner of the schooner "Royal Tar". He emigrated from Scotland in 1830 and three years later built this house where his family lived until the 1890s. The original section of the house is a large, one and half storey structure on a Georgian plan with decoration limited to a massive doorway including an elaborate entablature and sidelights. The dormers in the front of the house are a later addition.

Historical Photos:

Undated:



February 1972:



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Additional Information:

Additional Information available at the Oakville Historical Society

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Address: 144 Front Street

Name: Lakeside Park

Photos:
2021







Design/Physical Description:

- Includes two historic buildings: Post Office and Merrick Thomas House
- Includes contemporary structures: public washrooms, bandstand/gazebo, children's play equipment
- Includes landscape elements: trees, plantings, paths, benches, lamp standards, tables, fencing, commemoration carin/plaque
- Washroom building designed in 'New Traditional' style
- Post office: Hipped roof, cedar roof, one storey, cedar shake siding, simple porch
- Merrick Thomas House: Gable roof, Saltbox style, cedar roof, one and a half storey, clapboard siding

Historical Description:

- Post Office: Built as Oakville's first post office. Was originally a 2- storey structure. Moved from Lakeshore Road East and Navy Street to Lakeside Park in 1950. A one storey wood frame building which typically replaced a crude log cabin. The building contains a small ventilator on the roof. Stone foundation comprised of large square timbers and iron spikes and bolts.
- Merrick Thomas House: Constructed in 1829 by the Thomas family, the house has been restored to an 1830-1840 style pioneer home. Moved to Lakeside Park in 1955.
- Bandshell: Constructed circa 1908 and originally located in Trafalgar Park, the bandshell was moved to Lakeside Park in 1950 and reconstructed in 1981 and again in 2018
- Lakeside Park: Originally a storage site for cordwood used on lake steamers, this land has been a public park since 1877 when it was traded to the Town by George K. Chisholm, the first mayor, in exchange for the permanent closing of Front and Water Streets where they ran into the harbour. In 1896 the park was laid out, trees were planted and the land was sloped down to the beach. Heavy erosion has since caused the existing high bank on the lakeshore. Designated individually and as part of the Oakville Harbour Cultural Heritage Landscape.
- Merrick Thomas House (By-Law 1978-6) and Post Office (By-Law 1978-7) are municipally designated under Part IV of the OHA
- Original location of historic Mount Vernon, burned down in 1928

Contextual Description:

- The park is a landmark within Oakville
- Bandstand, Merrick Thomas House and Post Office moved onto site in 1950s
- Merrick Thomas House and Post Office operate as a seasonal museum
- Part of the Oakville Harbour Cultural Heritage Landscape

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Additional Information:

Additional information available in Cultural Heritage Landscape for Oakville Harbour

Extensive information available at OHS regarding historic structures

OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 176 Front Street

Name: James McDonald House

Photos:
2023



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: Georgian Revival
- Side gable roof
- Two storey
- Symmetrical, five bay façade, with centrally located front entryway. Single panel front door, with sidelights, all framed by a decorative surround. Frame structure. One storey addition demolished in 2021.
- New contemporary addition(s) approved by heritage permit and under construction in 2022-2023 including garage with flat roof
- Two-over-two windows on second storey, four-over-two windows on first storey. Shutters on front façade. Some storm windows.
- Stucco cladding

Site Features

- Fronts onto Lake Ontario, Lakeside Park to west
- Driveway to east of house
- Mature trees along Front Street and Lakeside Park

Historical Description:

- Community research indicates that constructed 1837. Substantially reconstructed in 2022/2023.

- Community research indicates that the original structure was built by James McDonald, who was born in 1771 in Aberlour, Banffshire, Scotland. McDonald arrived in Oakville in 1830 and bought the land upon which the house stands in 1837. A carpenter, his first job in Oakville was on pier construction in Oakville Harbour. He helped build Oakville's first Presbyterian Church, formerly located on William Street. McDonald was a Presbyterian. He is buried in Oakville/St. Mary's Cemetery.
- In 1939, Mrs. Ella Gibbons purchased the property. She undertook many changes to the property including the removal of a small cottage to the east of the residence (seen in 1937 photo below) and constructing a one storey addition on the south west next to Lakeside Park; an additional one storey addition on the south side facing the lake; and a two car garage addition to the east
- 176 Front Street remained in the McDonald family for many years. It was divided in the 1880s with half being rented – something that continued until the sale of the property by the Stewart family in 2018.

Contextual Description:

- Backs onto Lake Ontario
- Adjacent to Lakeside Park
- Narrow set-back from street
- Contributes to the historic character of the district

Reference in 1982 Plan:

This large, two storey house displays the characteristic plan and profile of Georgian houses of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Built shortly after 1837 by James McDonald, a carpenter from Scotland, it is representative of the period in that it combines the earlier Georgian plan with contemporary classical revival detail

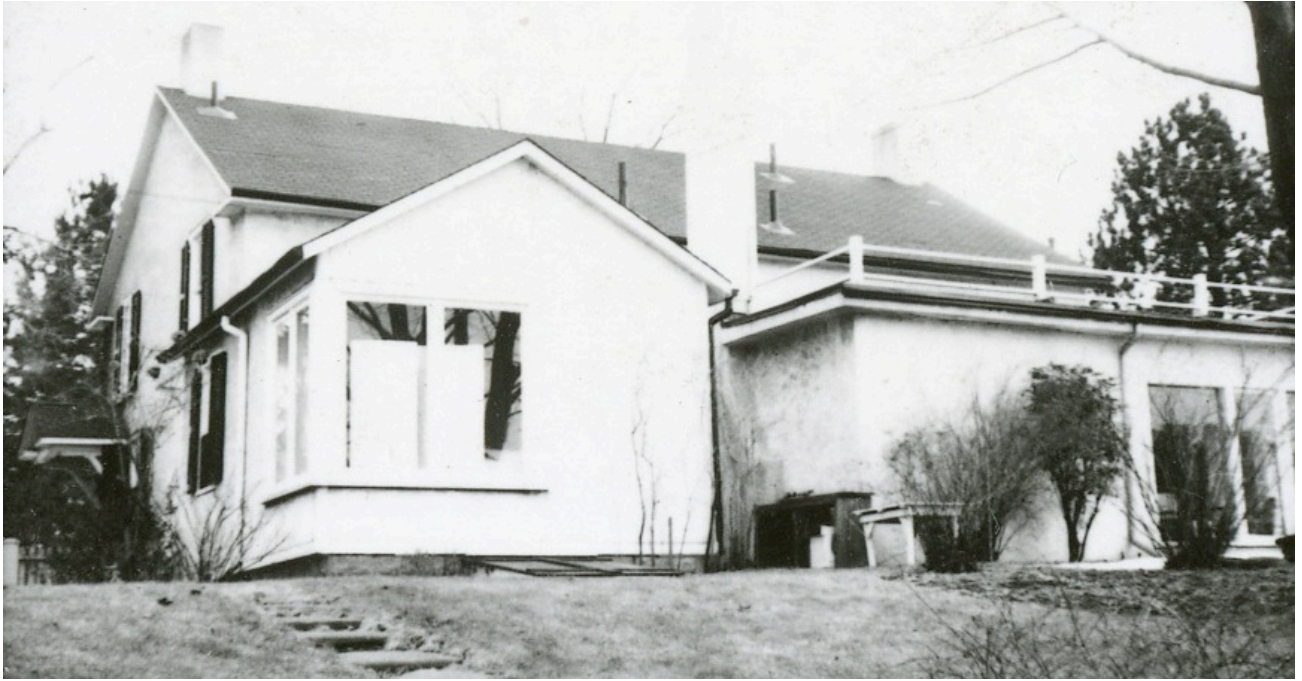
Historical Photos:

Undated:



January 1972:





2021



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Additional Information:

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 181 Front Street

Name: None

Photos:
2021:



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: New Traditional (replica of historic vernacular cottage)
- Cross gable roofs with shed roof on front one-storey section. Front façade includes dormer, capped by a gable roof.
- One-and-a-half storey
- Asymmetrical three bay front façade, with an offset, recessed entryway. Small sunroom/enclosed porch on the east side of the front façade.
- Six over six replacement windows with non-functioning shutters; and six-pane windows topped by segmented stone lintels in basement
- Frame structure clad in stucco with veneer stone clad foundation
- Masonry chimney

Site Features

- White picket fence along Front Street
- Driveway to east of house, detached single car garage at rear
- House is sited close to the street, to match original placement

Historical Description:

- Original was constructed circa 1840, reconstruction 1999-2001
- The building's windows and simple detailing suggest a construction date to the mid-19th century.
- The original structure was demolished without heritage permit approval in 1999 after an OMB decision that denied the applicant's request for demolition.
- The owner was required to rebuild a replica of the original three bay front with side entrance

Contextual Description:

- Across the street from Lake Ontario
- Mid-block between Thomas and Front Street
- Slight setback from property line
- Contributes to the historic character of the district

Reference in 1982 Plan:

This small house has a three-bay front with side entrance hall set on the short side of the building in order to fit on the narrow lot. The twelve-pane sash and simple detail suggest a construction date in the mid-nineteenth century

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Historical Photos:

Undated



February 1972





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Additional Information:

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 187 Front Street

Name: None

Photo:
2023



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: Contemporary
- Two-storey
- Bay window on first storey
- Low side gable roof with porch overhang
- Recessed entrance

- Construction is ongoing

Site Features

- Two car integral garage

Historical Description:

- Constructed 1965, demolished January 2022

Contextual Description:

- Opposite Lake Ontario
- Mid-block between George and Front Street
- Minimal setback from the road

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in the Plan

Historical Photos:

2022



O. Reg. 9/06 (as amended by O. Reg. 569/22) Criteria Met: None

Additional Information:

Additional Information available at the Oakville Historical Society

OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 194 Front Street

Name: None

Photos:

Property approved for demolition in July 2023
2021



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: Late 20th century vernacular
- Two-storey
- Modern windows
- Combination roof – hipped, flat, gable
- Shake cladding
- Entrance under porch overhang

Site Features

- Lakefront property
- One car attached garage, driveway to the east, accessed from Front Street

Historical Description:

- Community research indicates that while limited information is available, a cottage was built on this property in 1922 and became a permanent home in 1941.
- New residence approved in July 2023

Contextual Description:

- Lakefront property
- Situated between Lake Ontario and Front Street
- Minimal/no setback from the street

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in the plan

Historical Photos:

O. Reg. 9/06 (as amended by O. Reg. 569/22) Criteria Met: None

Additional Information:

Additional Information available at the Oakville Historical Society
Research Contains: History of lot prior to current house, historic photos

OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 204 Front Street

Name: George Street Parkette



Design/Physical Description:

- Parkette set between two residential structures at the foot of George Street
- Park benches, white picket fencing between parkette and Lake Ontario
- Mature trees along edge of parkette

Site Features

- Lakefront property
- Park benches, picket fence

Historical Description:

- Historic mapping shows George Street extending to the lakefront
- Established after 1887

Contextual Description:

- The park contributes to the open space along the waterfront, together with Dingle Park and Lakeside Park
- Contributes to the historic character of the district

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in the plan.

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 212 Front Street

Name: Worn Doorstep

Photos:





Design/Physical Description:

- Style: 19th Century Vernacular
- One and one half storey
- Low hipped roof clad in cedar shingles broken by three shed dormers
- Broad overhanging eaves
- Six over six sash windows with functioning shutters
- Double stack chimney at peak of hip roof
- Single stack lakestone chimney on east side of front facade
- Nine bays across the front elevation, irregular spacing
- Main entrance with simple surround
- Rough cast stucco cladding

Site Features

- Building sits right on Front Street
- Located between George Street parkette on west and Dingle Park on east
- One storey single car garage attached on east elevation, accessed off Front Street
- Additional single car driveway to west of residence with small frame outbuilding
- Picket fence runs along Front Street to the east of the house and borders the parks on each side
- Retains lakefront access

Historical Description:

- The first recorded building on this site was put up around the year 1870 and operated as a paint factory.
- When electric lighting was first introduced to Oakville, and a wood fuelled boiler failed to provide enough power for the dynamo, the power production was moved to the paint factory, with a coal fired boiler driving the dynamo. The electricity generating plant operated from 1892 to 1906.
- Remodelled into a private home named “The Electric Light Cottage”, it was purchased in 1925 by Edith Brown who opened it as a tea room called “The Worn Doorstep: after a World War I novel of

the same name. Given its location on the waterfront, the tea room was popular with summer visitors.

- Converted back to a residence after WW II, the house retains the tea room name “The Worn Doorstep”.

Contextual Description:

- Contributes to the historic character of the district
- Local landmark

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Constructed in 1870, this building has seen use as a paint factory and an electric generating plant before conversion to residential use. It's massive roof, broad eaves and low profile give the building it's quaint cottage charm.

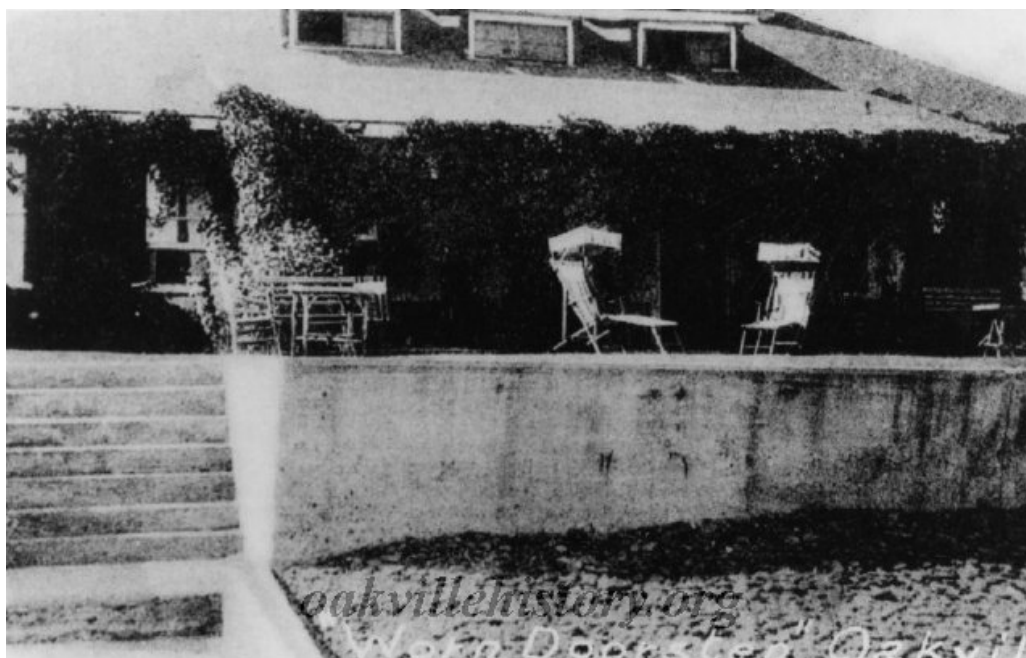
Block Analysis identifies this as a key building – very close to the street with a low cottage profile. It serves to separate the street and the lake.

Historical Photos:

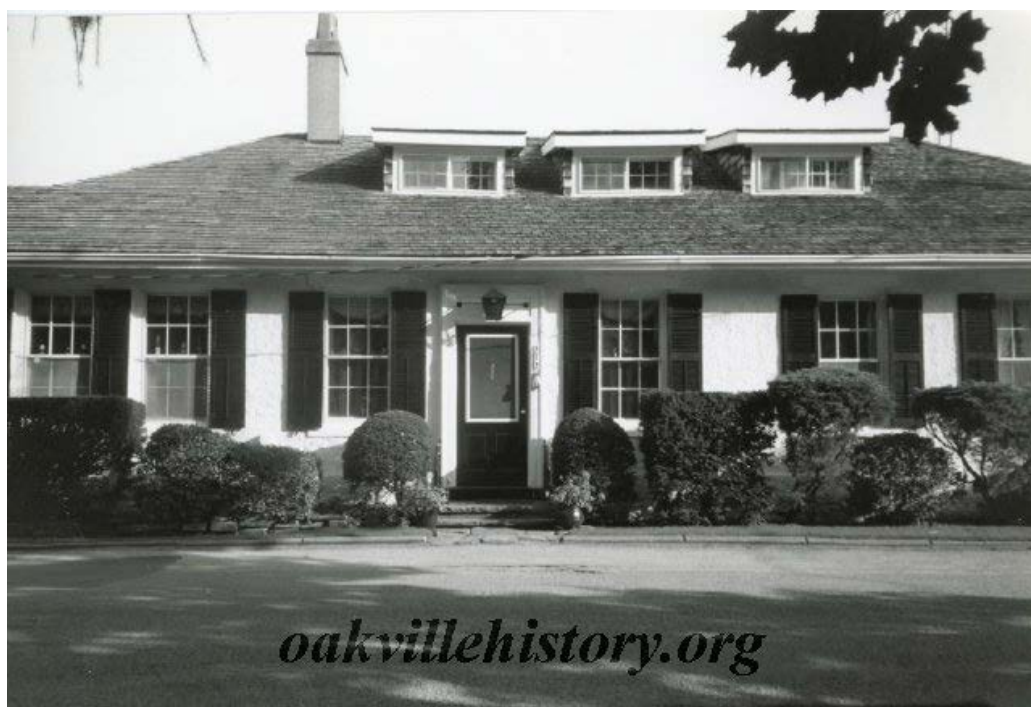
Circa 1925 – Historical Society Photo Archives – Building facing Front Street



1930 – Rear of building facing Lake Ontario when it operated as a tea house



1962



1991



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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 221 Front Street

Name: None

Photos:
2021



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: New Traditional
- One and a half storey
- Shingle clad exterior
- Diamond pane windows
- Medium pitch hipped roof with gable end
- Large front porch with shingle clad columns

Site Features

- Recessed attached garage
- Set back from the road to provide generous front lawn matching adjacent residences
- Decorative chain and post fence

Historical Description:

- Constructed 2011-2012
- Replaced 1960s residence with Mansard roof
- 1913 Fire Insurance Plan shows that there was a house on this property but by the 1924 fire insurance, no structures on the lot

Contextual Description:

- Opposite Lake Ontario and Dingle Park

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in Plan

Historical Photos:**Previous residence (demolished 2011)**

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Additional Information:

Additional Information available at the Oakville Historical Society

OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 235 Front Street

Name: None

Photos:
2021



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: New Traditional
- One and a half storey
- Stucco clad exterior
- French doors on first storey
- Steeply pitch hipped cedar shingle roof with bellcast eaves that create a wraparound porch
- Wrought iron columns on porch
- Central entrance with transom and sidelights

Site Features

- Detached two car garage accessed off Dunn Street
- Wrought iron fencing along Front Street

Historical Description:

- Constructed 1997
- 1913 and 1924 Fire Insurance Plans show a structure on this property, possibly a barn
- 1940s cottage demolished and replaced with new build in 1997
- Community research indicates that the historic stone pillar and iron fence on south side of property was retained from the earlier development and incorporated into the landscape

Contextual Description:

- Opposite Lake Ontario and Dingle Park
- Corner lot – Front Street and Dunn Street
- Set back on lot with generous front lawn, allowing views to the lake

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in 1982 Plan

O. Reg. 9/06 (as amended by O. Reg. 569/22) Criteria Met: None

Additional Information:

Additional Information available at the Oakville Historical Society

OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 240 Front Street

Name: Dingle Park



Design/Physical Description:

- Park fronting Lake Ontario
- Pathways, mature trees, benches

Site Features

- Town owned park along Lake Ontario
- Armour stone lake wall

- Memorial benches
- Trail leading along lakeshore
- Mature trees

Historical Description:

- Historic mapping shows George Street extending to the lakefront
- Established after 1887

Reference in 1982 Plan:

- intimate atmosphere (enclosed by vegetation and the lake)
- access to the shingle beach at critical points along the path
- tree canopy (which suggests planting to replace trees that have come down in the last 40 years – such as willows and other trees that are native to the area)
- maintain visibility to built heritage along path at certain points

Contextual Description:

- The park contributes to the open space along the waterfront, together with Dingle Park and Lakeside Park

Historical Photos:

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