

OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 21 Reynolds Street

Name: Romain House

Photos:

2021



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: 19th Century Vernacular
- Italianate details
- Side, open gable roof; a side, box gable roof; and, a flat roof.
- Large, two storey; one-and-a-half storey; and, one storey building.

- One storey section is enclosed by a railing, creating a second floor patio area. Front entryway is protected by a small porch, accessed by stone stairs, capped by a flat roof supported by square columns. Single panel front door is embellished by with a decorative surround. North façade includes a side entryway.
- Paired, round headed windows on second storey with non-functioning shutters;
- Eight-over-one double hung windows with non-functioning shutters on front and north façade.
- Stucco clad frame structure
- Two chimneys.
- Minor alterations undertaken and detached garage built c. 2013.

Site Features

- Located at the foot of Reynolds Street at Lake Ontario
- Overlooks the waterfront walking trail which lies between house and lake
- Circular crushed stone driveway, with a single car detached garage at the foot of the north leg of the driveway

Historical Description:

- Constructed circa 1860-1870s, or 1850 per GIS.
- Oakville Historical Society plaque reads “1873, William Francis Romain, Grain Merchant”
- Community research indicates that that William and Esther Romain bought the empty lot from her brother Robert Chisholm on August 9, 1873 and proceeded to build a home at the foot of Reynolds Street overlooking Lake Ontario
- William Francis Romain (1818-1869 or 1911) was a Canadian born (Quebec City) businessman and politician. He was a grain merchant, Trafalgar Township’s Reeve, Town Councillor and Mayor of Oakville (1863-1865). In 1847, Romain married William Chisholm’s daughter, Esther Ann Chisholm. Romain purchased land from Esther’s brother, George King Chisholm, for development purposes but retained some for a lakefront home, now located at 40 First Street.

Contextual Description:

- End of Reynolds Street near Dingle Park
- Moderate setback with mature trees in front
- The property is part of the Reynold Street 19th century streetscape
- Located adjacent to the waterfront trail and house has lake views

Reference in 1982 Plan:

This large house probably dates from the late 1860s or early 1870s. The paired, round headed windows have received an interesting treatment in their arrangement

Historical Photos:

1957



July 2008





November 2008



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Additional Information:

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 22 Reynolds Street

Name: Moore House

Photos:
2021



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: 19th Century Vernacular
- Cross gable roof with asphalt shingles
- Two storey
- 'L'-shaped building
- Front door flanked by partial sidelights, entryway protected by a small gable roof overhang
- South façade includes a ground level open porch area, covered by an open porch on the second level
- Two-over-two windows, some with functioning shutters
- Stucco cladding
- Multiple red brick chimneys

Site Features

- Located at the foot of Reynolds Street at Lake Ontario
- Detached single car garage accessed from Reynolds Street
- Stone knee wall running part way down the driveway

Historical Description:

- Community research indicates that this property was owned by the Catholic Church from 1874 until 1897 (through agents for Father Ryan, Margaret Brennan and the Diocese of Hamilton).
- On February 2, 1897 the empty lot was purchased by Laura Moore, wife of Henry (Harry) Moore. Harry Moore was a tinsmith and hardware merchant who operated a store on Colborne Street (now Lakeshore Road).
- The Moores built a house on the lot in 1905, first renting it out to teacher J.T. Lillie and then moving in as a family in 1908.
- The original home was modified in 1955 and again in mid 1990s when a one storey addition on the west side of the house was demolished and replaced with a two storey addition, creating the 'L' shape.

Contextual Description:

- Contributes to the historic character of the district
- Overlooks the waterfront walking trail which lies between house and lake
- Located at end of Reynolds Street adjacent to Dingle Park

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in the plan.

Historical Photos:

November 2008



Source: Oakville Historical Society Photo Archives c.1957 Walter Moorehouse Collection



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Additional Information:

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 23 Reynolds Street

Name: None

Photo:
2016



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: New Traditional
- Front gable roof
- Two and a half storeys
- Five bay with central main entryway
- Portico with ornamental metal railing
- Clad in stucco

Site Features

- Flag lot, access driveway between 21 and 27 Reynolds St.
- Not visible from Reynolds Street, but rear of house is visible from waterfront walking trail
- Foot of Reynolds Street at Lake Ontario
- Lakeside trail between house and lake
- Deep setback

Historical Description:

- Constructed 2011

Contextual Description:

- Flag lot. Structure does not face Reynolds Street.
- Garage and partial side elevation (white building) is all that is visible from the street.

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in the plan

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Additional Information:

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 27 Reynolds Street

Name: None



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: 20th Century Vernacular
- One and a half storey, 3 bay front façade with a recessed section on the north elevation
- Small decorative porch sheltering the front entryway
- Central main entryway flanked by windows with portico
- Clad in painted cedar shakes
- Portico includes bell-cast roof and latticed framing
- Matching decorative porch sheltering the north section
- East elevation includes exterior chimney
- Side gable roof

Site Features

- Low stone wall with two pillars along raised garden beds line the front of the property
- Stone walkway leading to side portico
- Driveway to access garage is off King Street

- Detached two car garage facing King Street

Historical Description:

- Constructed c.1943
- Addition/alteration c.1989
- Community research indicates that the home was designed by local architect William Gould Armstrong who was commissioned to mimic the style of 322 Trafalgar Road by the owners of the property – Dorothy Farwell Drury and Lt Colonel Morris Hayne Drury.
- Drury served in the First World War as a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons Army Force; formed the Canadian Army Equestrian Jumping Team and was commandant of the Toronto Division of the Corps of Commissionaires.

Contextual Description:

- Narrow set back from street
- Proximity to Lake Ontario
- Contributes to the historic character of the district.

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in the plan

Historical Photos:

2008



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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 31 Reynolds Street

Name: Englebert Bones House

Photos:

2021



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: Gothic Revival
- Steeply pitched cross gable roof

- One-and-a-half, and two-storeys
- Three bay façade with a steeply pitched central gable, and a 2 storey rear section. Building is embellished with decorative bargeboard and tiny keystones. The front door protected by a small, gabled overhang. The steeply pitched front gable contains a round-headed front window above the front doorway.
- Windows are one-over-one; two-over-two; small multi-pane fixed, or casement. The rear section of the building includes a variety of window shapes, sizes and configurations.
- Stucco clad
- The small center gable gothic cottage is the most popular house style in Ontario in the 19th century. This style was written up in the Canadian Farmer magazine in 1865. Variations can be found in brick, stone and wood all over Ontario.

Site Features

- Southeast corner of Reynolds Street and King Street
- Building is sited right at the corner of the lot
- White picket fence along King Street
- Detached, one car garage
- Driveway access is from King Street
- Across the street from St. Andrew's church

Historical Description:

- Constructed circa 1850
- Community research indicates that the house was built in the late 1850s by Englebert Bones, a cabinet maker and wood carver. While the Bones family owned the property at various times between 1856 and 1899, they did not always live there.
- Tax assessment rolls during this period indicate different tenants living in the house at different points of time. The property was sold to William Francis Romain in 1899.
- Between 1904 and 1911, Mrs. Sheldrake and Miss Shaw occupied the home as tenants and ran a private school for young children.

Contextual Description:

- Contributes to the historic character of the district
- Tight setback on Reynolds Street at the corner of King Street

Reference in 1982 Plan:

This is a large one and a half storey three bay, centre gable typical Ontario house. Its bargeboard enlivens the street façade and the round headed gable window with its tiny keystone reflects the stylistic concerns of its builders. The Block Analysis identifies it as a key building defining the corner, balancing the church and repeating materials of church buildings

Historical Photos:

Circa 1966



February 1972





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Additional Information:

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 41 Reynolds Street

Name: St. Andrews Catholic Church

Photos: 2022





Design/Physical Description:

- Style: Classical Revival
- A simple frame building, originally with horizontal cladding - the church's plan and building profile with its pedimented gable reflect the traditional Classical Revival style while the pointed arched windows and early altars and communion rails signal the beginning of the Gothic Revival period which dominated church architecture for the remainder of the century
- Three bay front façade, with quoining on the front façade corners.
- A 150' tall, square and octagonal steeple
- Pointed arched windows in the Gothic Revival style
- Stucco clad
- Extensions to east side of church (1870 and 1953)
 - 1870 addition accommodated 100 more parishioners and included installation of three elaborate Gothic altars and communion rails
 - 1953 addition included installation of four large Meikle stained glass windows
- Major refurbishments (1916, 1980)
 - 1916 refurbishment included installation of two Gothic-detailed Napoleon Theodore Lyon windows
- Narthex addition (2009)

Site Features

- St. Andrew's church and its surrounding block is a landmark in the community
- Northeast corner of Reynolds Street and King Street with two historic signs marking the history of St. Andrew's Parish and St. Mary's School
- Principal entrance on west elevation
- Accessible entrance on north east elevation
- Large paved parking lot to the rear of church
- Memorial garden
- Large mature trees border the parking lot

Historical Description:

- Constructed c.1840. St. Andrew's is the oldest church in Oakville that is still in its original form.
- In 1836, Reverend W.P. McDonough established the first Catholic mission and from 1838 to 1840 parishioners raised funds by subscription to build their church on land donated by William Chisholm, a Presbyterian in appreciation for the work of his shipwrights and mariners
- Built for Catholic dock labourers, mariners, shipwrights, craftsmen and merchants in Oakville
- Parishioners Captain Boylan as well as several families whose men were carpenters (Cavans, McDermotts, O'Boyles, O'Connors, Rigney and Shaughnessy) played a large role in the original building (1840) and its enlargement in 1870. John Cavan, a carpenter, was responsible for the building of the steeple
- Many local Catholic skilled craftsmen aided in building the church, with some additional Presbyterian Scots craftsmen providing support as well.
- In honour of Chisholm's support and the help of the Presbyterian Scots, the church was named for the patron saint of Scotland, St. Andrew.
- The church sits on hand-adzed, sixty-foot beams, whose stumps are still under the building.
- Historically, there was a cemetery to the north of the church.
- The parking lot to the rear of the church was originally the site of St. Mary's School

Contextual Description:

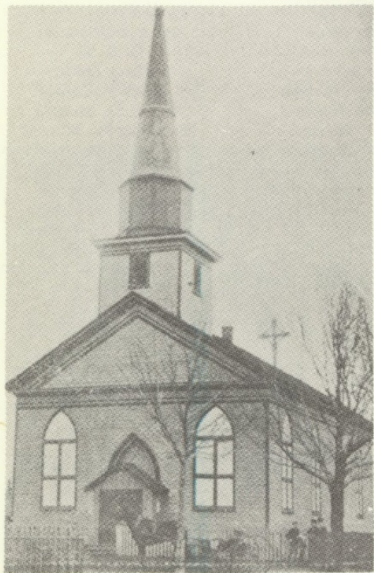
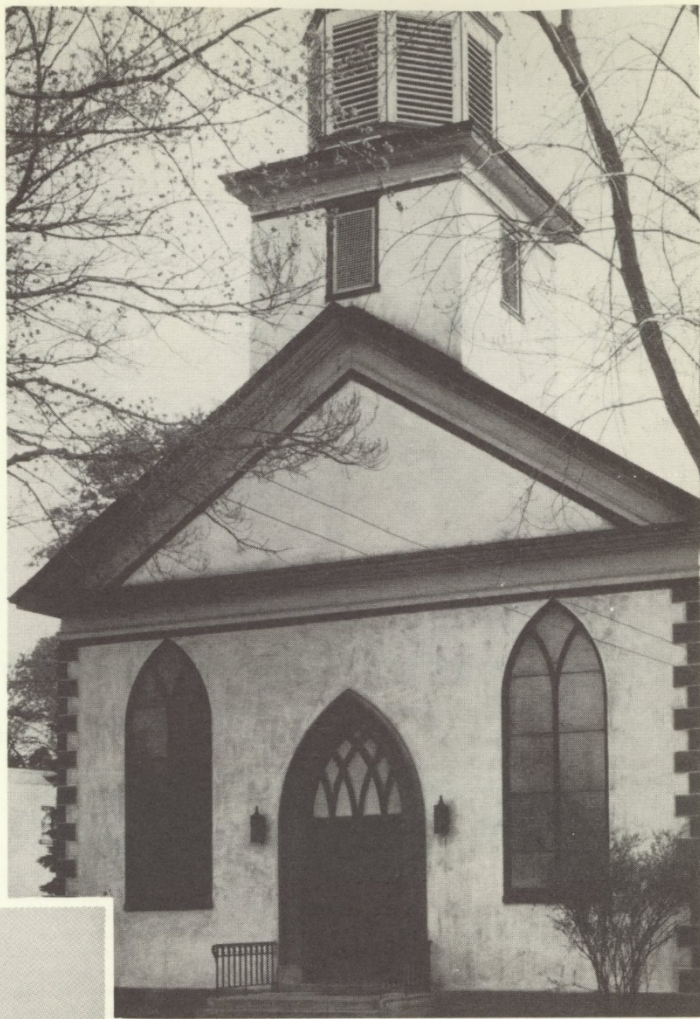
- The church's corner lot and tower make it a landmark
- This entire block has been historically associated with the Catholic Church since the founding of Oakville.
- Contributes to the historic character of the district
- Located on the corner of Reynolds and King Street
- Set close to Reynolds Street
- Consistency in cladding and colour between various church buildings in the block creates unifying appearance

Historical Photos:

Circa 1892



St. Andrew's — 1957



St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church is the oldest in Oakville to survive in its original form, the first Mass having been said by Father Eugene O'Reilly in October, 1840. The Church remains an excellent example of the Colonial design of the day.

St. Andrew's — 1897

2008



2010



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- The properties have contextual value because they are defined by, planned around or are themselves a landmark.

Additional Information:

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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 47 Reynolds Street

Name: St. Andrews Rectory and Church Office

Photos:

2021



Design/Physical Description:

- Style: Late 20th century vernacular
- Two storey
- Hipped roof, with multiple smaller sections on the back and side
- Three bay front façade
- Stone sills
- Most windows are one over one sash, some bottom sliding larger panes
- Clad in stucco and stone veneer

Site Features

- Part of the St. Andrew's Catholic Church complex
- Large paved parking lot to the rear including grassed play area and trees

Historical Description:

- Constructed in 1956 to serve as the new Rectory so that the School run by the Sisters of Notre Dame could move into the former Rectory at 53 Reynolds Street

- Community research indicates that the rectory and parish centre was built to house a church office, counseling rooms, a meeting hall for parish organizations and living accommodations for the pastor, curate and visiting priests
- The building has had several renovations and extensions since that time

Contextual Description:

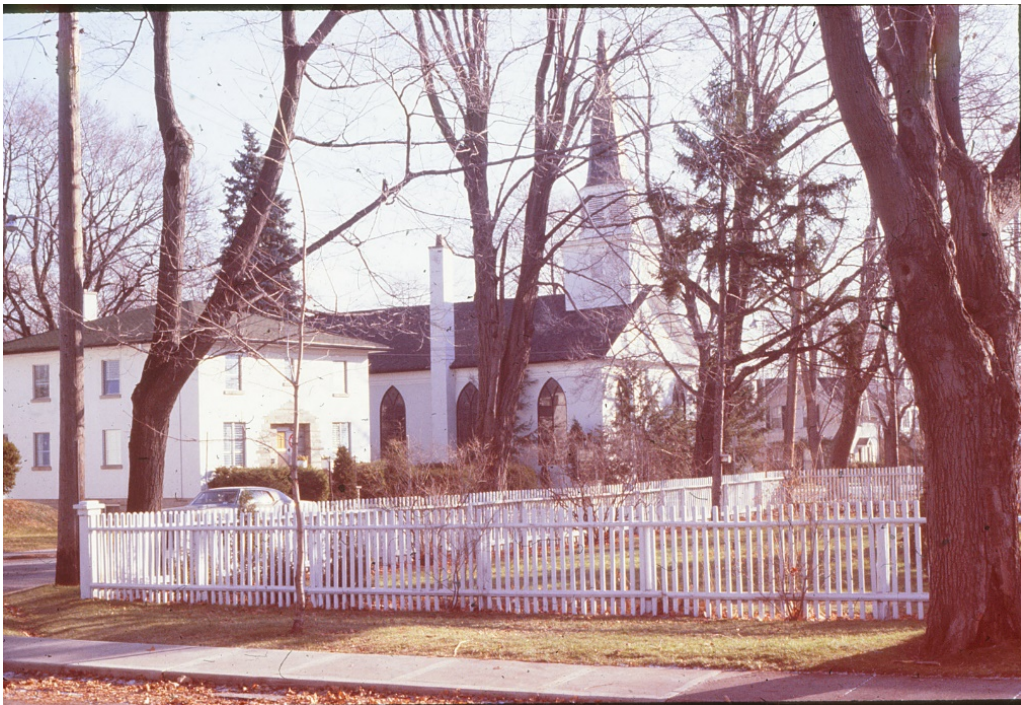
- Sits between the c.1840 church and the 1858 Rectory
- This entire block has been historically associated with the Catholic Church since the founding of Oakville.
- As noted by the community research, the building uses the same stucco, setback and symmetrical window placement as the St. Andrew's church to the south and the Rectory building to the north

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Not referenced in the plan.

Historical Photos:

1978



November 2008





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OAKVILLE HERITAGE INVENTORY SHEET

Address: 53 Reynolds Street

Name: St. Andrews Rectory (Original)

Photo:
2021





Design/Physical Description:

- Style: 19th Century Vernacular;
- Simple, balanced design;
- Flat-topped hipped roof embellished with semi-circular eyelid dormers and decorative herring bone pattern below the eaves;
- Minimal ornamentation and detailing;
- Large non-historic windows, including two-over-two sash windows on the first storey, front elevation;
- Six pane non-historic windows on the first storey, side elevation;
- Simple brick chimneys;
- Original door and transoms.

Site Features

- Large paved parking lot to the rear
- Part of the St. Andrew's Catholic Church complex
- Perennial garden on east side of property east of building
- Large mature trees along King Street and east side of property

Historical Description:

- St. Andrew's Rectory building
- Community research indicates that this original rectory was built in 1858 as a one-storey brick regency style cottage. Later in the 1800s, a second storey with wrap-around verandahs was added.
- After a new rectory was built at 47 Reynolds Street in the mid 1950s, this building was converted into a convent for the Sisters of Notre Dame. In addition to teaching school, the Sisters were involved with various other ministries. The building operated as a convent from 1957 – 1990.
- In 1993, the use of the building changed again to a Parish Centre. Extensive renovations were made at that time to accommodate the new use.

Contextual Description:

- Sits on the same block as the c.1840 church and the 1950s replacement rectory
- This entire block has been historically associated with the Catholic Church since the founding of Oakville.
- As noted by the community research, the building uses the same stucco, setback and symmetrical window placement as the church (and the later replacement rectory)
- Located on the south-east corner of Reynolds & William Streets

Reference in 1982 Plan:

Probably built during the 1890s, this house displays some interesting features including the semi-circular "eyelid" dormer in the flat topped hip roof and the decorative herring bone pattern below the eaves

Historical Photos:

1897 – From *Beautiful Oakville*



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERY,
RESIDENCE OF REV. R. T. BURKE.

1916



ST. ANDREW'S RECTORY
OAKVILLE ONT.

(No date – likely part of the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings undertaken by Parks Canada as a centennial project in the early 1970s.)



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