

## **Statement of Significance (Reasons for Designation)**

**Address:** 342 Kettleby Road

**Legal Description:** PLAN 51, PT LOT 20 PT LOT 21, RS65R779 PART 1

The property at 342 Kettleby Road is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets a minimum of at least one or more of the provincial criteria as prescribed Ontario Regulation 9/06.

### Description

Located on the north side of Kettleby Road, west of Keele Street and east of Jane Street, the property is known municipally as 342 Kettleby road in the Hamlet of Kettleby, in the Township of King and legally described as Plan 51, Pt Lot 20, Pt Lot 21, RS65R779, Part 1.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

In 1850 James McArthur purchased the property and in 1868, he deeded the property back to John Allen, who in turn sold it later that year to Joseph Butler for \$2,750. Butler sold the south west corner of his 50 acre lot where this house is situated in 1883 to Martin Robinson for \$180. Martin Robinson's occupation was listed as a painter for many year and also ran a greenhouse to the left of the house. For some time, this was also the site of a blacksmith shop whose fieldstone foundation remains can still be seen on the property. The property changed hands several times by the time it was purchased in the 1940s by Tullis Ninion Carter. Members of the McArthur, Robinson and Carter families are buried in the Kettleby Cemetery. The property has a shingle plaque recognizing Jacob Walton as a merchant with the year of 1890. He also held various positions of a blacksmith and postmaster in the community.

The contextual cultural heritage value of 342 Kettleby Road contributes to the establishment of the hamlet, which revolved around the development of mills and industrial sites. These sites were considered an industrial activity hub in the Township at the time. This attracted tradespeople, labourers and merchants to the area and led to the formation of a village filled with shops, small factories and residential homes. Contextually, the property at 342 Kettleby Road is important in defining, maintaining and contributing to the unique rural profile and characteristics that are found in the Hamlet of Kettleby, which is strongly shaped by its natural environmental topography created by the Kettleby Creek and the mature natural trees and vegetation that surround the properties. The area also features irregular lot shapes with different frontages, side yards, and setbacks. The irregularities were the result of the early development of the hamlet prior to the establishment of a survey plan to normalize and regularize building lot lines. Kettleby Road, the spine of the village must curve and descent to negotiate a crossing of Kettleby Creek. The early settlement and formulation of the hamlet utilizes this road grid instead of the usual straight roads experienced in Ontario. Much of the early settlement in the hamlet is built along this steep curving climb eastward from the Kettleby Bridge. Buildings in this area are setback close to the road due to the

topography limitations. The buildings on these lots are close to the road and feature small front yard setbacks along the strip of Kettleby Road, which has helped to contribute a sense of intimacy in the streetscape. The mix of diverse building styles, types, materials and somewhat random placement of different building types along a main street gives a village like Kettleby its authentic historic character. The property at 342 Kettleby Road contributes to the contextual value of Kettleby as it is located in the core area of the hamlet, setback close to the front yard like other buildings in the immediate vicinity of the road and contributes to the overall mix of diverse heritage building styles, types and materials from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The two-storey dwelling is of a Victorian Vernacular style with Ontario gothic elements and built circa 1890. The form of the dwelling is preserved with the L-shaped plan and tail. The tail (north east corner) is reputed to be part of the 1875 log cabin built on site. The physical design of the building includes the bay window on the projecting front gable, the two brick chimneys, the wooden windows and the decorative bargeboard along the projecting front gable and the front porch.

#### Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the property located at 342 Kettleby Road, relating to its cultural heritage value or interest, are portrayed by:

- Two (2) storey vernacular Victorian style with Gothic decorative bargeboard;
- The orientation, placement and location of the 19<sup>th</sup> century dwelling on the north side of Kettleby Road shares similar setback distances and front-facing orientations with properties situated along Kettleby Road;
- L-shaped plan and tail;
- Verandah across front façade with square columns;
- Bay window at the front elevation;
- Two brick chimneys;
- Wooden windows;
- Front gable roof;
- Front verandah;