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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 7-99

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE
McGOWAN/PRESTON HOUSE SITUATED AT 12 FAULKNER STREET,
ORANGEVILLE, ONTARIO, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.**

(Part of Lot 9, Part of Lot 10, Block 10, Plan 212)

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;


AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville has caused to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid real property and to The Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest, the land and building located on the real property described as Part of Lot 9, Part of Lot 10, Block 10, Plan 212, known municipally as 12 Faulkner Street, Town of Orangeville.
2. The reasons for designation of the land and building located on the real property located at 12 Faulkner Street, Town of Orangeville, are more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described as Part of Lot 9, Part of Lot 10, Block 10, Plan 212, known municipally as 12 Faulkner Street in the Land Titles Division of Dufferin (No. 7).
4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid real property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

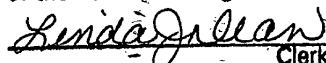
READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL

THIS 25th DAY OF January, 1999.


Robert S. Adams, Mayor


Linda J. Dear, Clerk

Certified a true copy of By-law
No. 7-99 of The Corporation
of the Town of Orangeville


Clerk

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Town of Orangeville
Criteria for Designation

McGowan/Preston House

Pt. lot 9, pt. lot 10, Block. 10, Plan 212

#12 Faulkner Street, Orangeville

Criteria for Designation -- *McGowan/Preston House*

Summary

This McGowan/Preston house is a good example of the *Queen Anne* or *Queen Anne Revival* style of architecture and the main building remains relatively unaltered from the time of construction. The home is associated with the Prestons, who had strong connections in the community and county.

Historical & Biographical note:

The lot on which this house sits is part of the McCarthy and Fead survey of 1872. Assessment rolls up to an including 1888 show it as a vacant lot, although it had changed hands several times since it was registered. In November 1888 the lot was sold to Elizabeth McGowan, and the following April the assessment was \$1,500.¹ Listed as taxpayer was Alexander Magowan (sic), a traveler [traveling salesman] with five persons resident. From this information we can deduce that the house was constructed between 1888 and 1889.

The McGowan's sold the house in 1903 to the Forsyth family, who held the property for five years. In 1909, George Boulton and Margaret Boulton sold it to Col. J. A. V. Preston, local Registrar of the Supreme Court, Surrogate Court and Clerk of the County Court of Dufferin, and his wife Charlotte.

At the outset of W.W.I Preston, who had been an officer in the Riel Rebellion of 1885, was commanding officer of the 46th Durham regiment at Port Hope. In December 1914 he was appointed to the command of the 39th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and went overseas in 1915. Mrs. Preston joined her husband in England; they returned to Orangeville in 1917.²

Col. Preston was active in St. Mark's Anglican Church, chairman of the Orangeville Hospital Board, on the public school board and the Board of Trade. He was also an active Mason and member of the International Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Preston was very involved at St. Mark's and with the Lord Dufferin chapter of the I.O.D.E.

Architectural analysis

This large red brick house is built in a variation of the *Queen Anne* or *Queen Anne Revival* style, popular in Ontario between 1880 and 1910, usually in urban areas. No longer bound to the balanced symmetry of styles such as *Ontario*

¹ Town of Orangeville Assessment Roll, 1889

² If These Walls could Talk, pg. 48

Regency, architects and builders used their imaginations and created fanciful homes with irregular roof lines, projecting bays and turrets and highly decorative trim. The house at 12 Faulker is a local or “vernacular” expression of this style.

This is a single detached unit currently used as a single family residence, situated on its original lot. It is built to a rectangular short facade plan, with two additions built at the rear, both two storeys in height. The main part of the house is two storeys high; the turret is two and a half storeys. The visible foundation is biscuit or buff-coloured brick.

The main exterior wall material is red clay brick, laid in common and stretcher bond patterns. Buff-coloured brick has been used for details and accents.

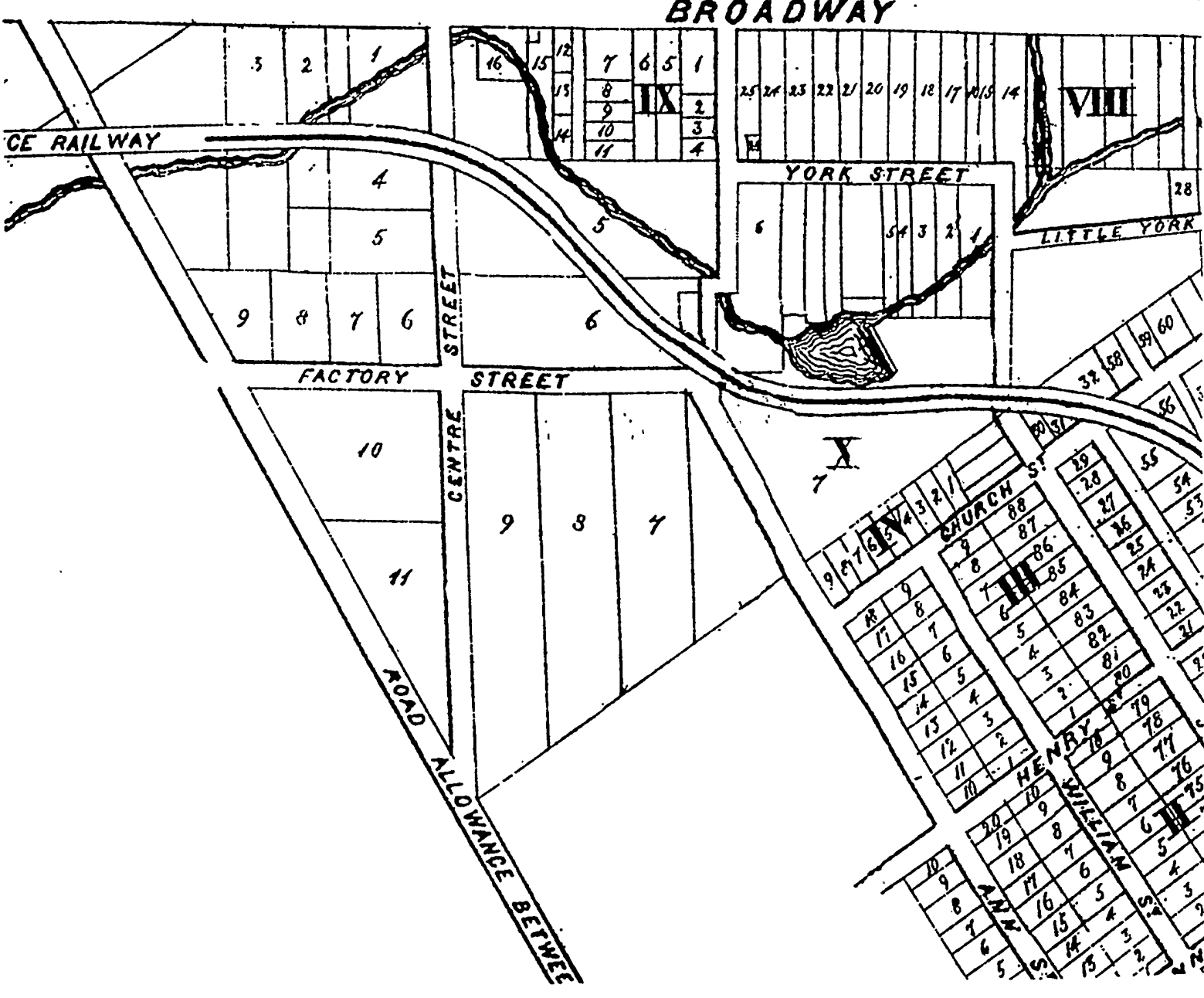
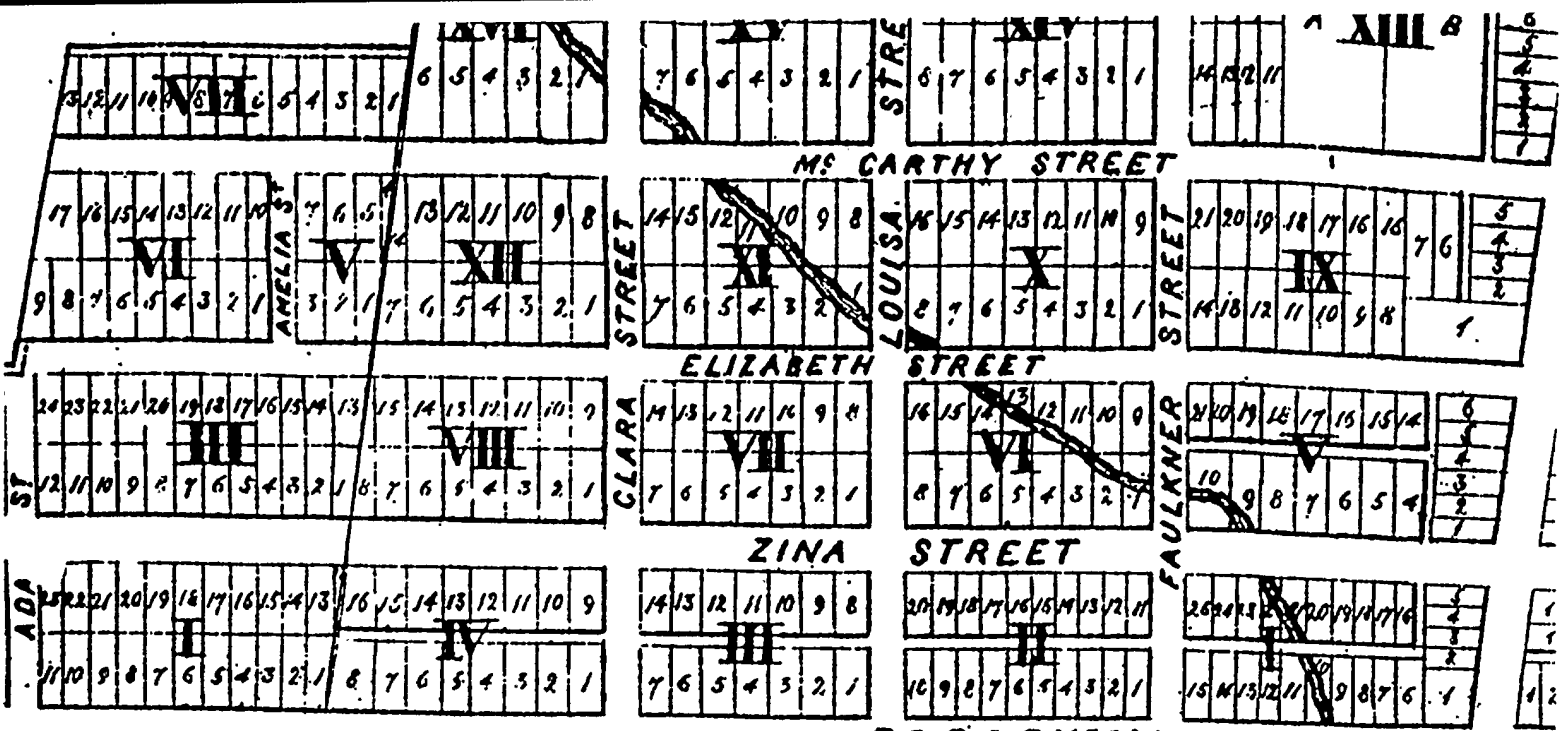
The main facade second floor has a double french door leading to a balcony over the front verandah. The roof types are pyramidal and medium gable, with a conical roof over the turret; all clad with asphalt shingles. Eaves are trimmed with plain wooden soffit and fascia, and projecting wooden verges. The tower is located on the left side of the building and sports two gable dormer windows. Each of these flat topped windows is surrounded with fretwork.

The windows in the body of the turret and main house are flat topped with flat arch vertically joined brick voussoirs in buff-coloured brick. Bands of buff-coloured brick wrap the turret at window sill height. Window sills are plain stone lugsills. The trim within the window opening is plain. Each window has two sashes which are double hung, featuring large panes of glass. There is an ellipse or oval window on the north side elevation; semi-circular windows in the south and north gables and an octagonal window in the gable of the first rear addition. The main entrance is located off-centre on the main facade. Entrance way trim is wood, with a single light flat transom. The main door has two leaves. The main door opens on to an open one storey verandah with posts. One end of the verandah is enclosed with glass units.

The building is flanked on the north and south sides with two storey projecting bays each featuring with three flat topped windows on each floor. The buff-coloured brick banding ties the projecting bays to the turret at the second and third storey levels.

A large brick addition exists to the rear of the building. The designation does not cover this addition, but it does cover the smaller and older addition abutting the main part of the building.

The McGowan/Preston house is a visual anchor on its corner. It is one of the few remaining homes in the “Quality Hill” area of Orangeville which has not been converted to apartments or other uses. It poses many of the architectural details which typify the *Queen Anne* style in the late Victorian era.



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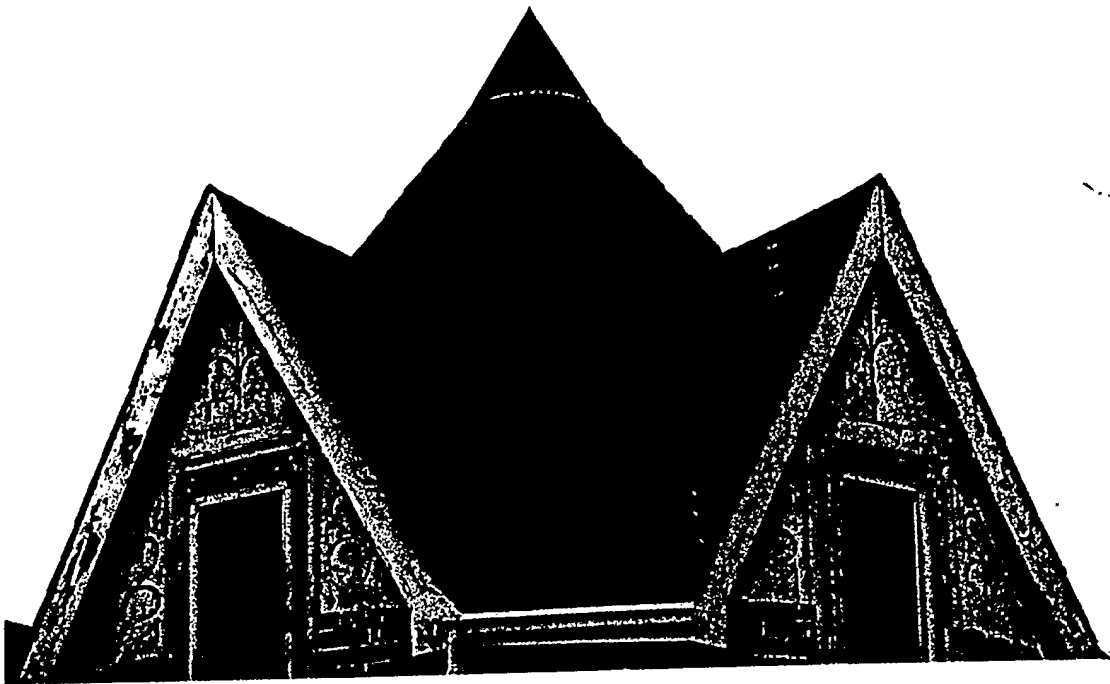
Upper: McGowan/Preston House: view from Faulkner Street, 1998

Lower: McGowan/Preston House: main facade as seen from Faulkner, 1998



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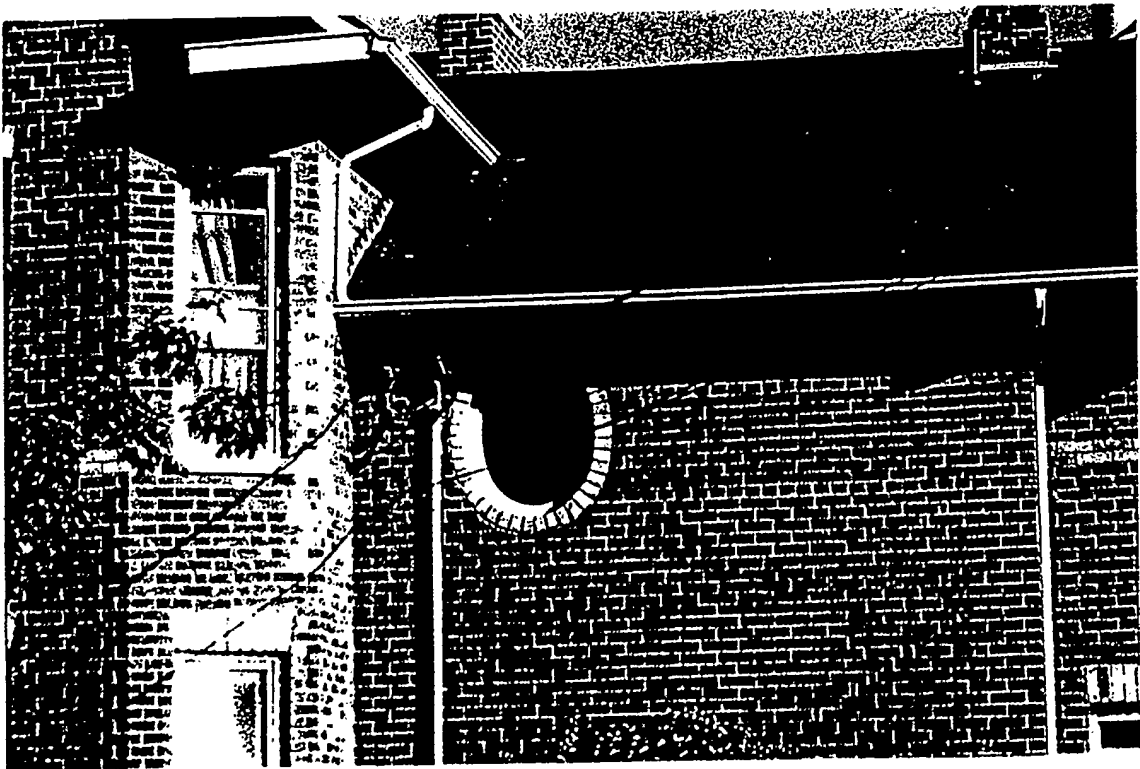
Upper: McGowan/Preston house: fretwork details in conical roof gables, 1998
Lower: McGowan/Preston house: semi-circular window, brick banding in gable of south facing bay. Small octagonal window visible to the left, in gable of addition.



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Upper: McGowan/Preston house: north facing bay, first addition and second addition (garage), 1998

Lower: McGowan/Preston house: elliptical window, 1998

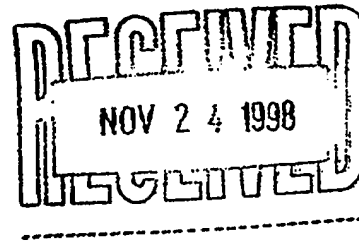


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Illustrations:

Detail from map of Orangeville, *Walker and Miles Illustrated Historical Atlas of Peel County, 1877*. Region of Peel Archives.

McGowan/Preston house photos taken in 1998 by Heritage Orangeville members.



We, [REDACTED], owners of the property located at 12 Faulkner, Town of Orangeville, described as Part of Lot 9, Part of Lot 10, Block 10, Plan 212, have received the "Criteria for Designation" report and authorize the Council of the Town of Orangeville to proceed with designation.

Dated at Orangeville, Ontario this

24th day of *November*, 1998.

