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Office of the Town Clerk**

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Via Courier

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Re: Notice of Passing of Heritage Designation By-law  
Thomas Gallagher House, 319 Dunlop Street West, Whitby

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Whitby passed By-law #6920-14 at its meeting held on September 8, 2014 to designate the above noted property in the Town of Whitby, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, O. 18, Part IV, Section 29.

A copy of the Notice of Passing of the by-law, in addition to a copy of By-law # 6920-14 has been attached for your reference.

Further information regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debi A. Wilcox".

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Encl.

cc: R. Short, Commissioner of Planning  
S. Ashton, Planner II, Planning Department



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# Town of Whitby Notice

## Notice of Passing of Heritage Designation By-law

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**Thomas Gallagher House  
319 Dunlop Street West  
Lots 5 and 6, Werden's Plan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Double Range West of Brock Street  
Whitby, Ontario**

### **Description of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest**

The Thomas Gallagher House is a brick Regency cottage, typical of many such homes built in Whitby between 1845 and 1865. It represented one of the homes constructed during the great building boom of 1852 to 1857 when Whitby was named County Town of Ontario County and experienced considerable growth.

The builder, Thomas Gallagher (1819-1882) was born in Tubrid, Ireland in 1819. His father came to the Whitby area in the 1840's and died at Columbus in 1850. Thomas settled in Whitby and is listed as a carpenter in the town directories of 1851 and as a watchmaker in 1857. About 1858 or 1859, he and his family moved to Ottawa where he worked for the Federal Department of Public Works for the rest of his life. Thomas Gallagher died at Ottawa on June 27, 1882 at the age of 63 and is buried in Beechwood Cemetery.

The property is associated with William Calverley (1841-1921), who came to Whitby in 1871, his birthplace being unknown. He lived in Whitby until 1916 when he moved to Toronto. In 1885 he was appointed High Constable for Ontario County and he was a member of Whitby Town Council in 1909-1910. He was the owner of a harness-making shop on Dundas Street West and conducted an orchestra in Whitby in 1909.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The Thomas Gallagher House is one of the finest examples of the Regency cottages built in Whitby in the 1850's. It dates from 1855, the year Whitby was incorporated as a town. It was built by a local builder who left Whitby after the building boom ended in 1857, and made a name for himself and his family in Ottawa.

A copy of the by-law is available from the Office of the Town Clerk upon request.

Dated at the Town of Whitby this 10th day of September, 2014.

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D. Wilcox, Town Clerk



# Town of Whitby By-law # 6920-14

## Heritage Designation By-law

Being a By-law to designate the Thomas Gallagher House, 319 Dunlop Street West, Lots 5 and 6, Werden Plan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Double Range West of Brock Street, Whitby as being of cultural heritage value and interest.

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby considers it desirable to designate the lands known as the Thomas Gallagher House on the property hereinafter described to be of cultural heritage value and interest;

And Whereas, the Council of the said Corporation has caused to be served to the owner, general public and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of its intention to designate the property known as the Henry Fliess House to be of cultural heritage value and interest and has caused such notice to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Whitby;

And Whereas, no person has served a notice of objection to the proposed designation on the Clerk of the said Corporation;

Now therefore, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby hereby enacts as follows:

### 1. General

- 1.1. The property known as The Thomas Gallagher House, 319 Dunlop Street West, Lots 5 and 6, Werden Plan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Double Range West of Brock Street, West and more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this by-law is designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest.

### 2. Schedule(s)

- 2.1. Schedule 'A' – Designation Statement and Report of 319 Dunlop Street West, Whitby as prepared on August 15, 2014 by D. Gardner.

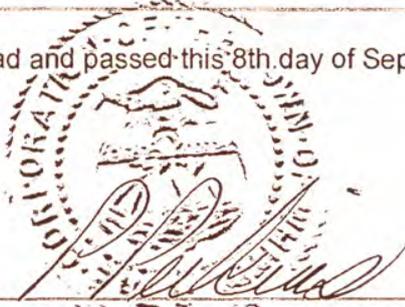
### 3. Effective Date

- 3.1. The provisions of this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

By-law Name: Heritage Designation By-law  
By-law # 6920-14

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By-law read and passed this 8th day of September, 2014.



Patricia Perkins, Mayor

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Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk

By law # 6920-14 - Schedule A

# DESIGNATION STATEMENT AND REPORT

319 Dunlop Street West  
Whitby, Ontario

PREPARED BY:  
DEIRDRE GARDNER  
8/15/2014



## DESIGNATION STATEMENT

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

#### 319 DUNLOP STREET WEST, WHITBY, ONTARIO

Lots 5 and 6, Werden Plan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Double Range West of Brock Street

### THE THOMAS GALLAGHER HOUSE

319 Dunlop Street West, known as the Thomas Gallagher House, is a one storey brick residential building located on the southeast corner of Dunlop Street West and King Street in Whitby.

### STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The cultural heritage value of the Thomas Gallagher House can be seen in the quality of workmanship, design and site arrangement. 319 Dunlop Street West is an excellent example of Regency Cottage Style constructed in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century in Whitby. Typical of this style, the well-proportioned building form and detailing are all essential to its character along with its street setback and positioning.

The house was constructed in 1855 by local builder, Thomas Gallagher during the building boom that occurred in Whitby from 1852 to 1857.

### DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Key exterior attributes that exemplify the heritage value of the Thomas Gallagher House as an excellent example of a Regency Cottage dwelling include:

- Rectangular plan with symmetrical front façade featuring a three bay design and incorporating a low hipped roof
- Polychrome brickwork which includes; alternating red and buff brick accents delineating quoins at the corners of the front façade; contrasting buff brick in the flat segmental arches located over the windows on the east and west elevations; tapered buff brick in the flat segmental arches over the front elevation windows
- Original 6-over-6 single hung windows on the east and west elevations
- Tall chimney on the western elevation



## **319 DUNLOP STREET WEST, WHITBY, ONTARIO**

Lots 5 and 6, Werden Plan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Double Range West of Brock Street

### **THOMAS GALLAGHER HOUSE**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**

319 Dunlop Street West, known as the Thomas Gallagher House, was built in 1855 by local builder, Thomas Gallagher.

The house was built on lots 5 and 6 of the Werden Plan. In 1854, Thomas Gallagher purchased lot 5 and 6 from Asa Werden, a prominent land owner who owned all of the land extending from Brock Street in the east to Henry Street in the west, Dundas Street to the north and Burns Street to the south.

#### **CONTEXT**

319 Dunlop Street West is a one-storey brick house located at the south-east corner of the intersection of King Street and Dunlop Street West. The house faces north onto Dunlop Street West and is situated on the north-east corner of the property which has a garden located to the west of the house. The house setback is similar to other heritage structures on Dunlop Street West. Although not visible on archival photos, the property is delineated by an undulating white picket fence, surrounded by shrubbery and mature trees. A paved walkway leads to the front entrance.

The Thomas Gallagher House is a red brick Regency Style cottage, typical of many of the houses built in Whitby between 1845 and 1865. The house was constructed in 1855 during the building boom that occurred between 1852 to 1857. At this time, Whitby was named County Town of Ontario County. An economic depression that occurred in 1857 diminished the growth period.

Thomas Gallagher, who was a local builder, may have purchased the property as a speculative venture in order to build a house for re-sale. Thomas Gallagher (1819-1882) was born in Tubrid, Ireland and settled in Whitby in the 1840s with his family. In the Town Directory of 1851, Gallagher is listed as a carpenter, and in the 1857 Town Directory, as a watchmaker. In 1858 or 1859, Thomas Gallagher moved to Ottawa to work for the Federal Department of Public Works and remained there until his death on June 27, 1882.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL STYLE**

The Thomas Gallagher House is built in the Regency Cottage Style. The style is often referred to as the Ontario Regency Cottage Style since it is one of the most identifiable Ontario house types.

This style is considered to have evolved from the Regency Style that emerged in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century in Britain during the period 1811-1820 when George Prince of Wales (later George IV) was the British regent. The style was influenced by English admiration for the picturesque in painting and gardens, and by architectural forms in other British colonies. The style arrived in Canada, imported by settlers retired from the British military, many of whom admired the single storey dwellings while living in British colonies.

Regency cottages were often built on large treed lots and were well-proportioned, often square or rectangular in plan. The houses incorporated symmetrical facades often with three or five bays. The



houses were single and one-and-half storey structures typically featuring low hipped roofs with broad eaves creating a villa or cottage appearance.

Regency cottages included central doors, often recessed, with a transom and in some examples sidelights. The houses included large window openings typically 6-over-6. The front façade often included French doors which opened onto a verandah that wrapped around one or two fronts. Verandahs often included finely detailed treillage.

The brickwork often included Flemish bond on the front façade and common bond brickwork on the other elevations. Many houses included polychrome brickwork incorporating contrasting shades of brick. Red brick was combined with buff brick accents at the corners delineating quoins, in segmental arches above windows, and near the stone foundations of the house. Tall chimneys could be centrally positioned or on a side elevation depending on the internal layout.

#### THOMAS GALLAGHER HOUSE

319 Dunlop Street has a symmetrical front façade featuring a three bay design and incorporating a low hipped roof. There is a tall chimney on the western elevation. The Thomas Gallagher House incorporates polychrome brickwork. Alternating red and buff brick accents delineate quoins at the corners of the front façade. Tapered buff brick is found in the flat segmental arches over the front elevation windows. Contrasting buff brick is used in the flat segmental arches located over the windows on the east and west elevations.

Archival photos suggest the front porch dates from circa 1920. The porch is flat roofed supported by four simple columns and detailed with a square saw tooth pattern along the roof.

The original windows on the front façade have been replaced. The top pane of each window on the front elevation includes a stained glass window. The original 6-over-6 single windows have been retained on the east and west elevations. Storm windows have been installed for all of the windows of the house.

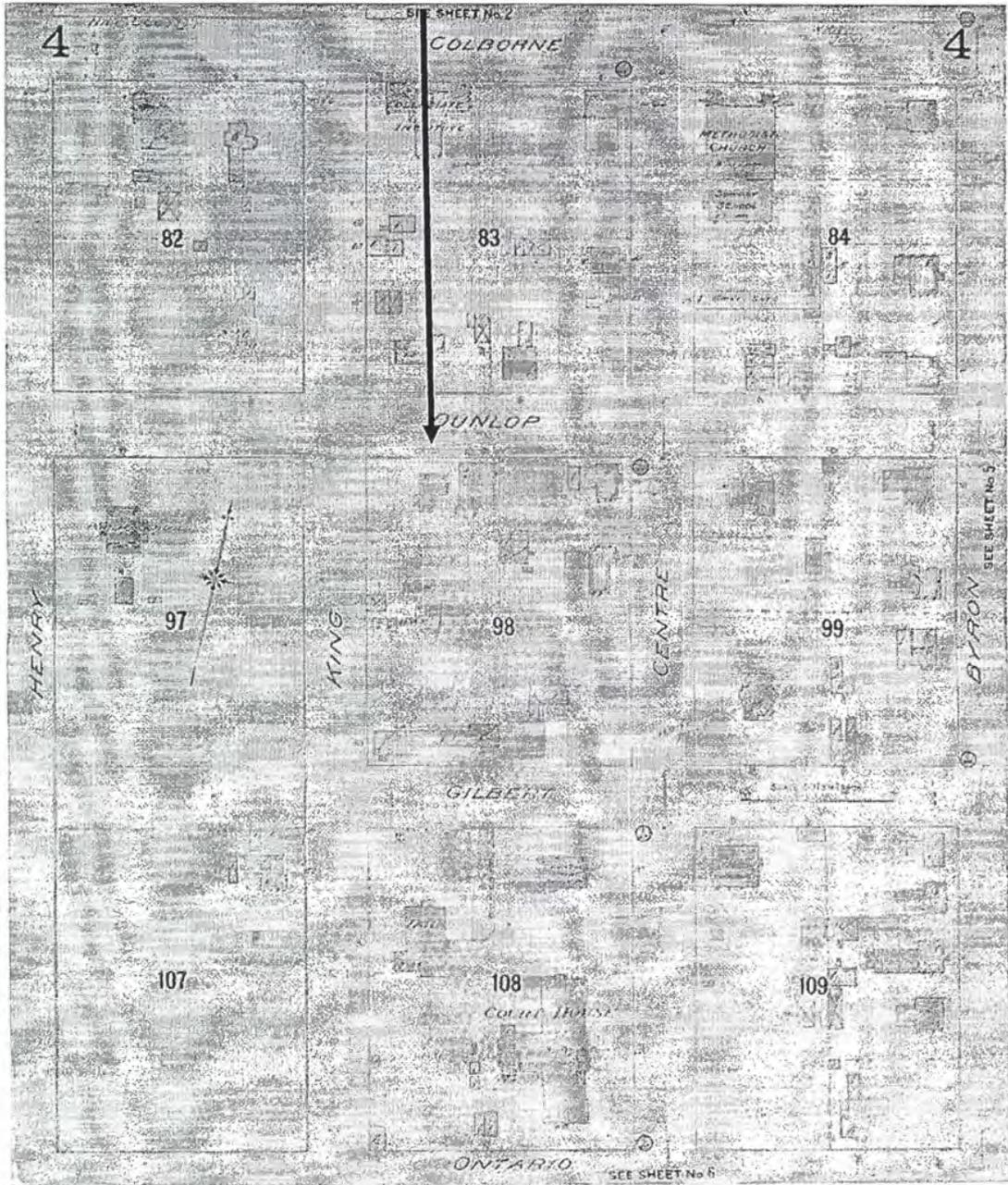
Attached to the south or rear elevation is a small one storey modern addition clad in panel siding. The addition includes a modern door with a 9 paned window and two 1-over-1 horizontal sliding windows.

#### OWNERSHIP HISTORY

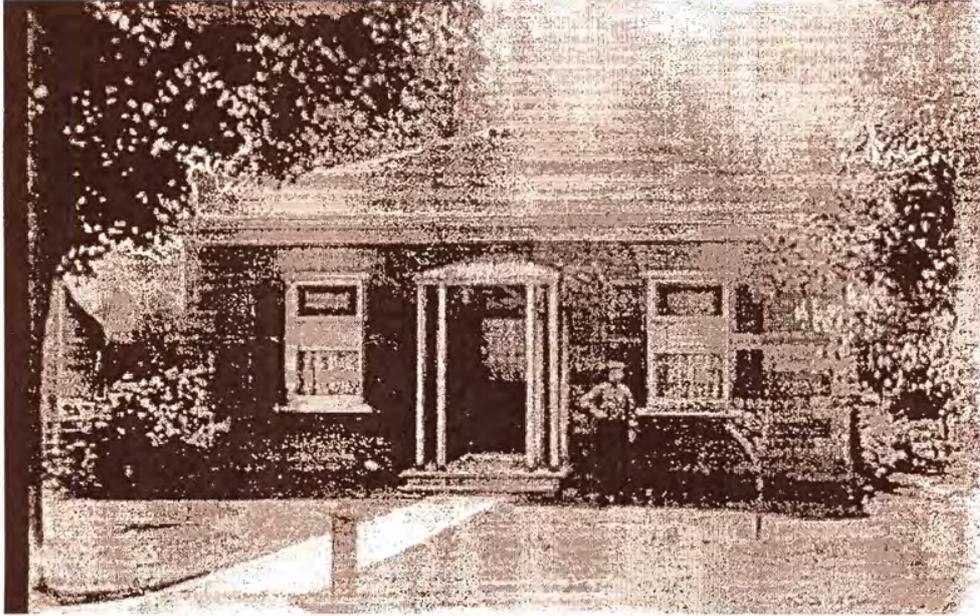
On January 23, 1855, Thomas Gallagher sold the house he had built at 319 Dunlop Street West to Mary Wright. Mary Wright remained the owner of the house for 22 years. In 1877, the house transferred to William Calverley and he remained the owner until 1904 when it was sold to William H. Hopper.

William H. Hopper (1858-1927) was photographed in front of the house in two archival photos, one dating from circa 1910, and another photo which shows that the front porch was replaced circa 1920. After the death of William Hopper, the house ownership transferred to his son, Albert. On February 20, 1929, Arthur Hopper sold the house to John Redverse Sawdon. On March 31, 1950, John Sawdon sold the house to Anne Thomas Kinsey Tamblyn. Mrs. Tamblyn kept the house as a rental dwelling. On May 19, 1953, she sold the house to sisters Charlotte Gulliver Sturgeon and Elizabeth Durant Gulliver. On July 17, 1964, the sisters sold the house to Bernard and Daphne Greening. On May 13, 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Greening sold the

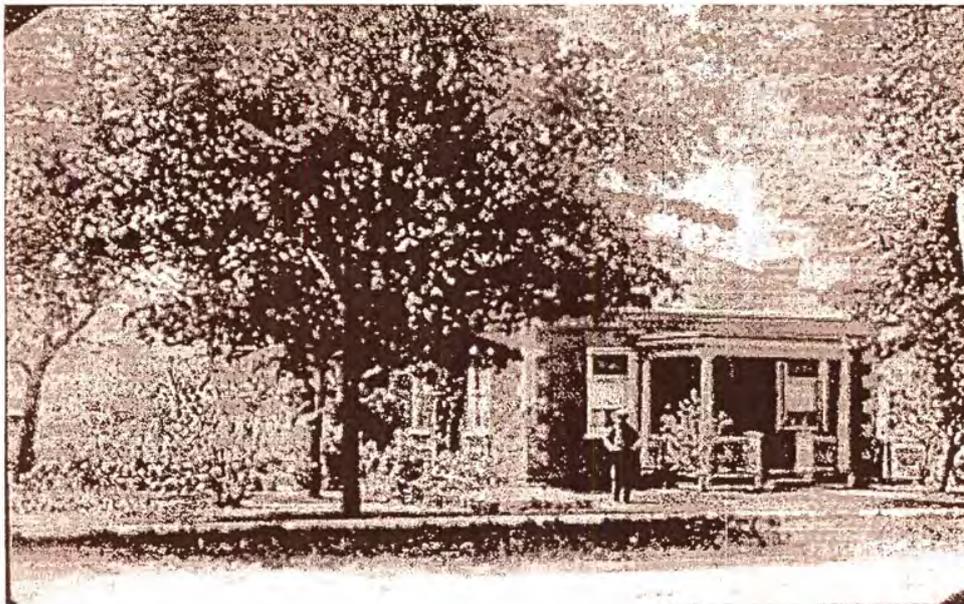
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Goad's Fire Insurance Atlas, June 1911 displaying the site arrangement.



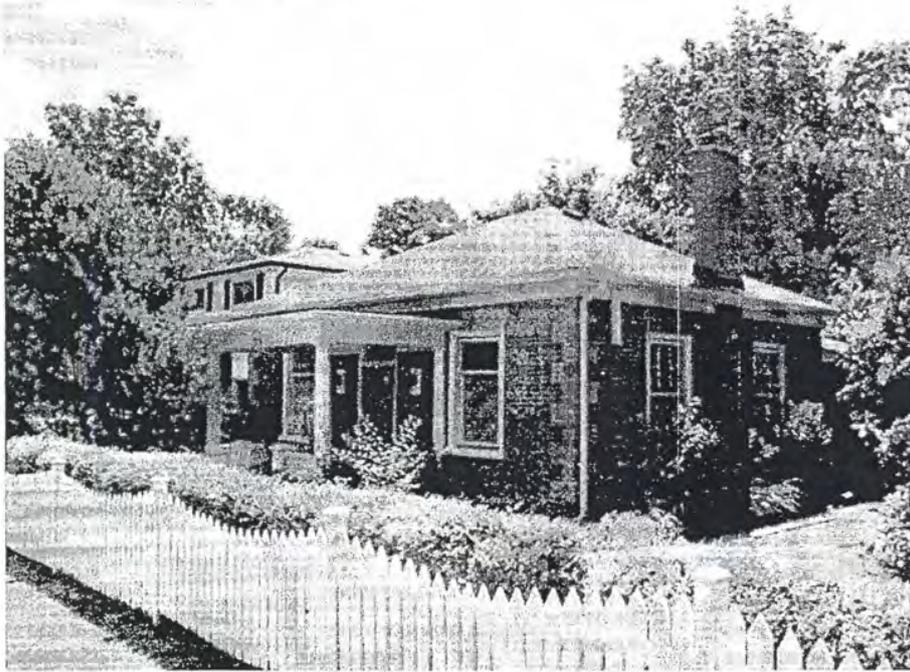
*Residence of William Henry Hopper, circa 1910 who is seen standing in front of the house. An outbuilding which is visible on the Goad's Atlas can be seen adjacent to the house. The front porch was altered later.  
(Whitby Archives Photo Collection)*



*Residence of William Henry Hopper, circa 1920 who is seen standing in front of the house. The front porch has been altered and the outbuilding has been removed. (Whitby Archives Photo Collection)*



319 Dunlop Street West, Whitby in 2014





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