

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
PROPERTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29)

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the property municipally known as 219 Farley Road in the Township of Centre Wellington (Town of Fergus), as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, (Ch.O.18, Sec. 29).

Description of Historic Place: 219 Farley Road (formerly 7708 Colborne Street) is located on Plan 61M-245, Block 279 (formerly Lots 19 and 20, Concession 14), in the Township of Centre Wellington, County of Wellington (former Nichol Township). The property is located on the south-west side of Farley Road, north of Colborne Street. The property is approximately 0.3 acres and currently supports a single 1.5 storey former dwelling. It is surrounded by a new residential subdivision. The property is shown in the images below.



Photo of front façade (Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, prepared by Unterman McPhail Associates, 2012)

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: The cultural heritage value of 219 Farley Road resides in its design/physical value, its historical/associative value, and its contextual value.

Historical or Associative Value

The property is significant for its potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the early euro-Canadian settlement of the northeast part of Nichol Township, namely the Fergusson Settlement. The original farm property was settled by Thomas Curzon Allardice, who initially built a log house on the property around 1835. Thomas and his family

were heavily involved in the social development of the Township and engaged in local politics. The Allardice family was active in the local militia, school board and Presbyterian Church. The property also has potential to yield information about the pre-settlement history of the area as, according to local oral history, Thomas is said to have discovered large mammal bones, thought to belong to a mammoth, which he re-buried somewhere on the lands. He is also said to have found several Indigenous artifacts on the property which were passed down through his family, though no records of them remain.

Thomas' son William Allardice, also an owner of the property, later served as a Nichol Township Councillor and had a reputation for being a breeder of thoroughbred stock. The Allardice farmstead was known as "Murlingden", after Thomas' family home in Scotland, and was owned by the family from 1835 to 1921. In the early 1900s, Ann Allardice leased the land to several tenants. The Collie brothers (David and William), namesakes of the residential street "Collie Court", purchased the property in 1922 and owned the lands until 1953.

Design or Physical Value

The structure at 219 Farley Road is significant because it is a representative example of a former dwelling built in the Gothic Revival Cottage architectural style prevalent in rural Ontario at the time of construction. The 1.5 storey stone structure replaced an 1860s stone dwelling, destroyed by fire in 1881. There may be parts of the earlier house which were re-used in the existing residence. The structure has an L-shaped floor plan with a front section and a rear wing extending to the northeast. A frame addition with stucco cladding and 1-storey frame garage were added in approximately 1959 (still extant).

The main section of the original 3 bay front facade has a central gable peak and inset rounded arch window. It is constructed of split fieldstones of various sizes and colours. The front wall is constructed of mainly larger stones, accented with stone quoins, voussoirs and cut stone sills at the door and window openings. The white ribbon jointing provides visual regularity to the stonework. All of the original wood sashes on the front section and the rear wing have been replaced. Though original doors and windows have been replaced, the fenestration pattern on the main section appears to be original.

Contextual Value

The structure located at 219 Farley Road is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings. The stone farmhouse is the last remaining structure of the original 250 acre farm complex which was comprised of five buildings, including barns and/or stables. The property, albeit now on a much smaller parcel of land, is surrounded by a newly developed subdivision. As urban development increasingly surrounds the property, it is becoming a more significant link to its agricultural past and the history of the Allardice family.

Description of Heritage Attributes to be Protected

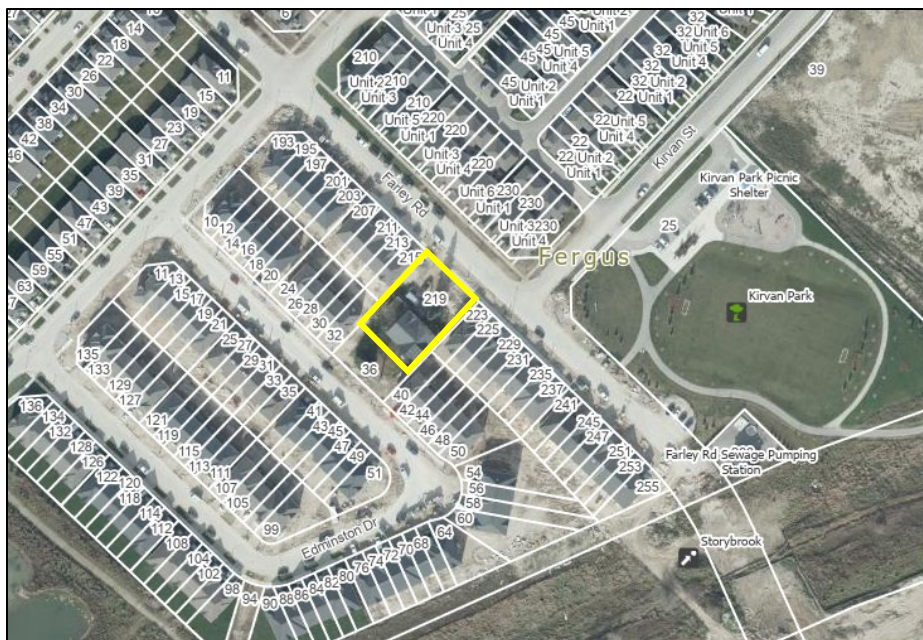
- Height, scale, and massing of the original one-and-a-half storey stone structure (former dwelling)
- Pitch of the end-gabled roof with central gabled peak (original entrance façade facing south) on the original section of dwelling
- Exterior fieldstone masonry walls
- Large cut stone quoins, stone sills and stone voussoirs
- Fenestration pattern of windows and doors, including two central arched window openings on the second storey of the south-east and north-east facing facades (original front and right facades)

Excluded from the Heritage Attributes to be Protected

- 1959 stucco clad addition and 1-storey frame garage
- Vestibule on north-east facing façade
- Footprint and form of the later additions
- Non-original windows and doors
- Cement block chimney
- Ribbon pointing detail on the masonry

For further information with respect to the proposed designation please contact Deanna Maiden, Senior Development Planner at (519) 846-9691, ext. 292.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served to the Clerk of the Township of Centre Wellington on or before November 5th, 2025.



Dated at the Township
of Centre Wellington
this 6th day of October
2025.

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