

## APPENDIX A

855 Twenty Road

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"The former Buckbee Inn"

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Roll No.: 273201000801700

Legal Description: CON 1 PT LOT 17 RP 59R9933 PART 4

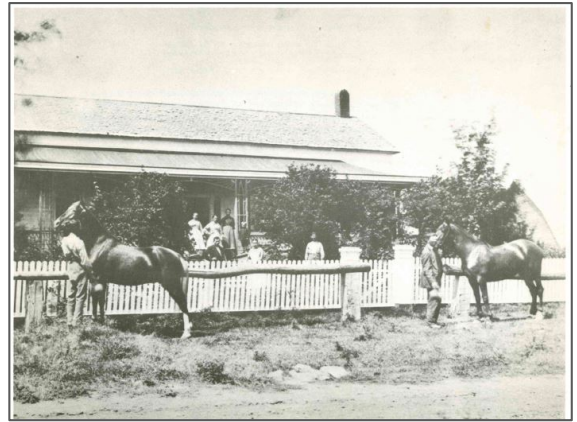
Date of Construction: approximately 1820

Architectural Influence(s): Regency/early Classical Revival

Historical Association(s): John Buckbee

Heritage Evaluation Grade: A

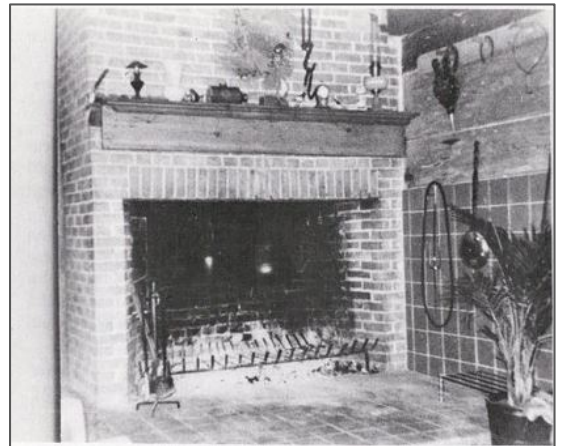
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### Statement of Design and/or Architectural Value and/or Interest:

The original design of the Inn was "picturesque Regency" or "colonial cottage style", which was an architectural vernacular popular in Upper Canada in the mid-nineteenth century. The home was one and a half stories, square and symmetrical, with a shallow pitched roof and a broad front veranda. Two entrance doors were set in large frames with neo-classical flanking columns and square panels. One notable feature that has been written about in Pelham history books is the old fireplace found inside. It is made of brick in a stylized pattern, with a wooden mantel set a short distance above it.

In 1902, structural changes were made to the home, with a large back kitchen added with two bedrooms above it and a wood-house added with a work shop above as well. There were three upstairs sections at this point, each with a separate access staircase. The interior has remained styled as an Inn as much as it always was, and has been renovated over time with attention paid to maintaining the old features.



The current house has been quite noticeably modified, however many of its defining features have been preserved and it still visibly depicts that the house once served as an inn at a previous point in time. While the original veranda has been shortened, the house now features a partial front porch with one-story classical columns and unique fish-scale shingling inset in the front gable and the front porch roof. The residence features two chimneys which appear to be from the original home – another indication of its previous use as an inn – as well as a third chimney off the back of the home which was likely added with the third upstairs section and addition to the back of the home. There are a number of 9-over-9 double-hung sash windows, and a double casement window on the upper floor.

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### Statement of Historical and/or Associative Value and/or Interest:



The property at Lot 17 Concession 1 was originally a Crown grant to Isaac Swayze in 1797. In 1834, John Buckbee was owner and the property remained in the Buckbee Family until 1868. Buckbee ran an inn during this time which served as a resting point for travelers on the Indian Trail from Brantford to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

In the back of the Inn, there was a cooper's shop and a weaver's shop where tubs, barrels and hand-woven articles were produced. From 1856 to 1862 but possibly for longer, the Inn also served as a post-office for Pelham Union. In addition, the Inn was a business centre in the smuggling and sale of tea – at the time, tea was \$4.00 a pound, so J.C Buckbee and neighbours would drive to Niagara and smuggle tea home to sell to friends and members of the community.

Parmer Buckbee was deeded the property in 1867, which was 84 acres for \$2,500. His daughter Eleanor married Simon Beamer, and in 1902 the house property was willed to John Murray Beamer. The old Inn had hydro installed in 1954. Ownership continued in the Beamer family from one generation to the next until 1975 when Charles Beamer's three daughters – heirs to the property – sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Longhouse. Consequently, the Longhouse's then sold it to Betty de Jong in 1978. Ms. de Jong willed the property to her son and his wife who now use it as a private residence, from which they operate an antique shop as well.

### Statement of Contextual Value and/or Interest:

855 Twenty Road is located half way between Beamer Street and Maple Street, north of the village of North Pelham in one of the most rural areas of the municipality. The residence is surrounded by agricultural and farm land, and there are relatively few other homes located in close proximity.

Source: Pelham Historical Calendar, 1978

### Additional Photographs of 855 Twenty Road:

