

Thornton House to be designated



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The Thornton House, 3 King St. W. in Colborne is now in the designation process to be declared a property of historical significance.



At the March 19 meeting of Cramahe Council a motion was passed and now a bylaw will be brought to council identifying the home. It will be declared culturally significant because of its design and historical values.

The home, now owned by Jirina Marton and Len D'Agostino, was built in the Georgian style of the period between 1720-1840. It has a five bay design and centre hall plan and includes a large central fireplace in the federal style. The windows in the two storey home are 12 over 12. It contains a priest's hole and a secret passage common in Elizabethan times.

It is thought to have been built between 1809-31, making it one of the oldest standing buildings in Cramahe. It was bought in 1831 by John Steele, a prominent newspaper man and one of the first members of the Board of Queen's University.

The Scougale family owned the home for 101 years. The family operated the Scougale Brothers Ladies' Clothing Store next door to the home

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