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ship of Cavan Monaghan. Below is a list of some of the local properties designated as historically significant under the Ontario Heritage

This Walking Tour provides information on just a few of the historical properties in Millbrook and the Town-

Interested in learning more?

Three publications are available: This Green & Pleasant Land—Chronicles of Cavan Township, and Significant History of North Monaghan Township, and Significant Architecture of Millbrook.

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Verandah: Roofed "porch" on the front or sides of a

**Spoolwork:** Decorative trim on porches and verandahs. A later form of gingerbread.

sard roofs and dormer windows.

Second Empire: Style imported from France with man-

sweeping verandahs.

Regency: Style has the symmetry of Georgian aesthetics combined with ground-hugging lines and

characterized by two slopes on each of its sides with dormer windows (see Second Empire).

a inrei. Mansard Roof: Four-sided, gambrel-style, hip roof characterized by two slopes on each of its sides with

and watchtowers. Keystone: Centerpiece of an arch. A one-piece arch is

Italianate: Style based on ancient villas of Tuscany, uses windows with rounded tops, cornice brackets,

placed door. **Gothic:** Style based on medieval cathedrals defined by pointed arches and buttresses.

Georgian: Style defined by balance with its symmetrical arrangement of windows around a centrally

the walls meet the roof. Finial: Spike-like ornament located at the peak of a

have windows.

Dentil: Rows of small rectangular blocks along a cornice which get their name because the look like teeth.

Cornice: Comprises the fascia, soffit, and frieze where

**Belvedere, lantern or cupola:** A rooftop dome or tower used to ventilate the attic. Belvederes and lanterns

**Balustrade:** A low railing used on the edge of roofs, porches, and verandahs.

## Architectural Terms

## Welcome to Millbrook-the village in the valley!

Nestled in the rolling hills of Cavan, with Baxter Creek flowing through the valley, Irish-born settler John Deyell recognized that this was the perfect spot for a mill in 1816. Partnered with his brother James, John Deyell built the first mill in the village at the same location where Needler's mill stands today. His mill was the first of many, and in Millbrook's heyday, seven mills operated which established the village as a commercial centre for the surrounding area.

In the mid-1850s, the Port Hope-Lindsay-Beaverton railway was built, with a branch line to Peterborough added in 1858. With the railway and the mills, Millbrook prospered and grew with banks, hotels, commercial enterprises, schools, and churches being built to service the growing population.

In the later 1800s, the Canadian west opened up with promises of larger tracks of land and golden opportunities. This "call to the west" was answered by 1000 village residents who pulled up stakes and moved to Manitoba—cutting the local population in half. In time, as with many smaller communities, progress paved the roads, built highways, and made larger centers more attractive, slowing growth in Millbrook. This slower growth resulted in less development which left the heritage properties in the village mostly intact. Today the village has over 45 heritage-designated properties—a veritable treasure of historically significant, early Canadian architecture.

