



The Martingrove House is located at 1407 Flos Road 8 West, former Township of Flos. The house was built around 1906 and is of cultural heritage value as an example of an Ontario farmhouse, aptly named in honour of the Martin family who farmed the property for many years. Agriculture was very important and vital to the Township of Flos.

The Martin family came supposedly from the Eastern Townships in Quebec. Joseph Martin bought the house around 1917 with his son (Harold) owning the house and property until 2002. Throughout the home there are fleur-de-lis pattern stained glass windows, a stylized lily composed of three petals bound together near their bases. It is especially known from the former royal arms of France. These stained glass windows allowed the Martin family to keep their Quebec connection with them at all times. In a beautiful agricultural area, Joseph and Harold planted the wind break of evergreen trees along the north and west edges of the property. Thus keeping the house sheltered from the stormy winters.

The home displays unique architectural features including corbelling brick work around the foundation, uniquely shaped attic windows, detailed brick work, and transom windows above the doors.

## **Designated Features**

The architectural features worthy of designation in the house are:

### **Exterior Features**

- Portions of the brick finish including the corbelling rows and detail around the windows;
- Parlour window;
- Uniquely shaped attic window;
- Original lightning rods;
- Exterior wood trim.

**Interior Details**

- Original heating vent covers;
- Transom windows over bedroom doors;
- Wood worked trims and door frames;
- Door hardware;
- Stairways;
- Unusual placing of door in upper hallway.