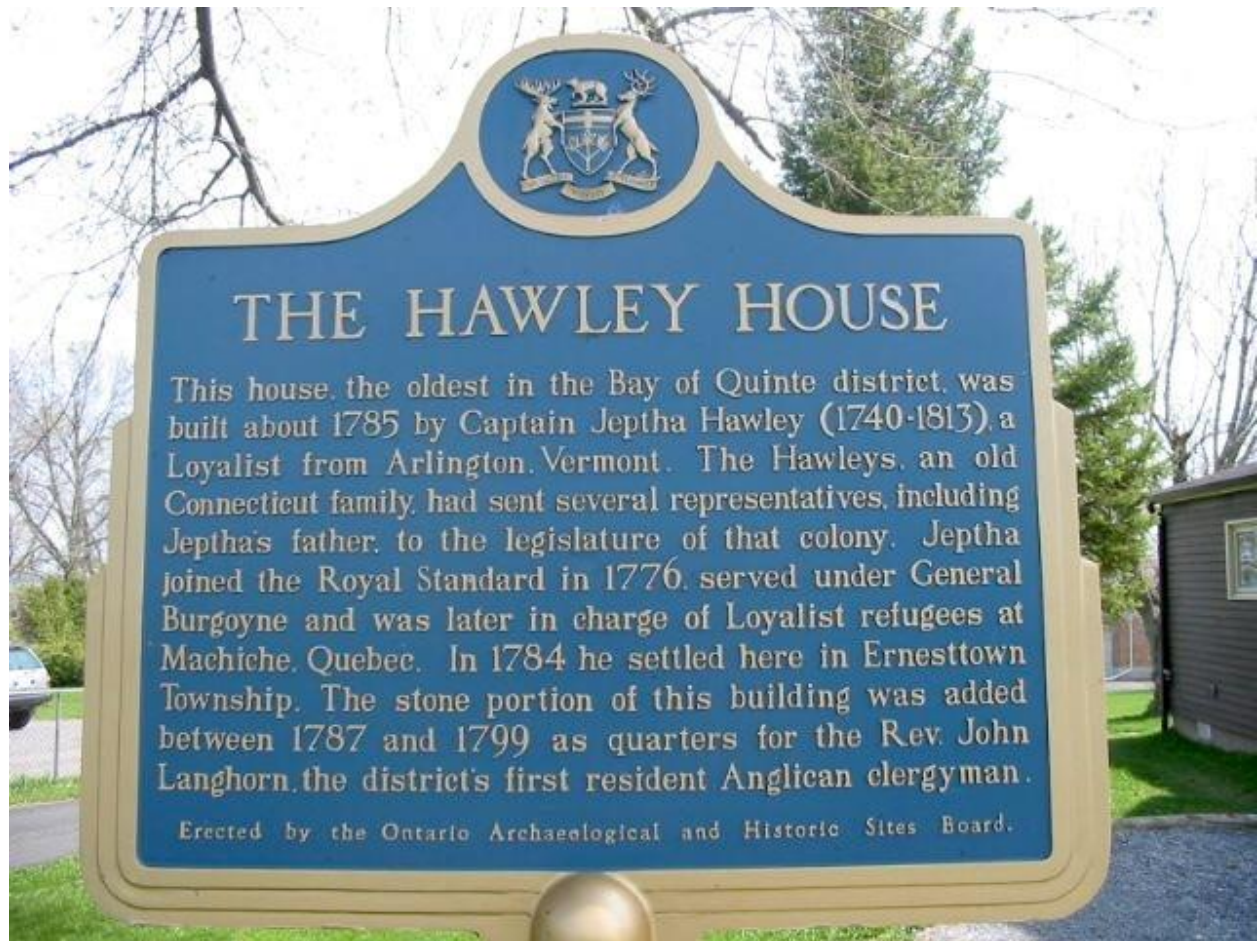


# Help Protect The Jephtha Hawley House c.1784



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Jephtha Hawley's House, in the stone portion of which Mr. Langhorn lived.



## **HELP PROTECT THE JEPHTHA HAWLEY HOUSE c. 1784**

**As a group of concerned citizens, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in emphasizing the importance of the Jephtha Hawley House in Bath, Ontario by contacting the Mayor and Council of Loyalist Township in support of its preservation before the July 9<sup>th</sup> township council.**

### **THE CURRENT SITUATION**

**The Loyalist Township Heritage Committee recommended that Council place the house on the municipal register of places of cultural heritage interest or value on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The placement is referred to as listing.**

**The current owners of the property have asked to be removed from the register.**

**Listing is not the same as a heritage designation. Listing only places one obligation on the property owner. They must provide 60 days notice of their intent to demolish or remove a structure from the property.**

**As a normal demolition permit must be issued in 10 days, through provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the province has allowed municipalities to use the listing provision so the township can consult with the heritage committee, community and property owner in the 60 day window of interim protection to see if a demolition permit should be issued or denied. If the decision is to deny, the township must give notice of intent to designate the property.**

**Naturally, one hopes that the owner of the Hawley House is sympathetic to the rich cultural heritage significance of the house and that decision will never have to be made.**

**Along with the connection to Jephtha Hawley and being one of the oldest continually occupied residential structures in Ontario, we aim to get people to understand that the late 18th and early 19th century architecture in Ontario is of as much importance to Canadian history as the structures built by puritans in New England. Both tell the struggle of individuals carving a homestead out of the wilderness and laying a foundation for generations to come.**

**If Hawley House is removed from the Register, this historic structure would lose the 60 day interim protection period in which designation could be considered as the means for preserving this significant building.**

**Loyalist Township Council will be considering this request at the July 9th council meeting.**

**If council approves the request, the Hawley House is at risk of potential demolition for the purpose of building a new structure with waterfront access.**

**HERE ARE THE REASONS THE JEPHTA HAWLEY HOUSE IS INCLUDED IN  
THE LOYALIST TOWNSHIP REGISTER OF CULTURAL HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

This house, built c. 1784 by United Empire Loyalist Jephtha Hawley, has provincial and national significance and has been marked with a provincial plaque since 1959 as one of the oldest houses in Ontario.

Architecturally, this frame, one-story settlers' house with a stone wing is the oldest continuously occupied residence in Ontario.

Historically, Jephtha Hawley has significant associations with the start of settlement in this township. As a Loyalist, he served with the British as early as 1776. Hawley commanded fifty men in General Burgoyne's ill-fated expedition into New York state by way of Lake Champlain. Hawley was paid as a lieutenant in Captain Adams Rangers 1777 – 1780. Captain Hawley was overseer of the refugees at Machiche, where sixteen of Loyalist Township's original settler families were living until June 1784. This was his role when families departed Machiche and started their trip up river to the township where they would receive grants of land.

After settlement, Hawley's house was used as the place for Church of England worship. By the fall of 1787, the stone wing of the house was rented to Rev. John Langhorn until 1813. Langhorn was the Quinte region's first resident Anglican clergyman and missionary.

**HERE IS HOW YOU CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE  
PRESERVATION OF THE JEPHTA HAWLEY HOUSE**

**Email or write to Loyalist Township Mayor & Council**

- Express your appreciation for the heritage values associated with the building.
- Make clear that the Jephtha Hawley House needs to remain on the Loyalist Township Register of Properties Of Cultural Heritage Importance Or Value.
- If you favour it someday being protected by designation, please say so.

Please address your thoughts - before the July 9th council meeting to:

Mayor Bill Lowry & Loyalist Township Council  
Loyalist Township Municipal Office  
Box 70, 263 Main St.  
Odessa, ON  
K0H 2H0.

Email address: [blowry@loyalist.ca](mailto:blowry@loyalist.ca) Fax: 613-386-3833

So we can measure the level of support, it would be greatly appreciated if you could copy your email to [kcp1967@gmail.com](mailto:kcp1967@gmail.com)

### **Be a delegate**

Attend and speak as a delegate at the Council Chambers at 263 Main St, Odessa on July 9th. Council meeting starts at 7 PM.

The house is most likely the oldest continually occupied wooden house in Ontario and has no protection through designation.

Your support of keeping the Hawley House on the Loyalist Township Register Of Properties Of Cultural Heritage Importance Or Value would be greatly appreciated.

Further information on Jephtha Hawley:

<https://www.hawleysociety.org/connecticut-line/samuel-hawley/ephraim-hawley/jehiel-hawley-1712-1777/jeptha-hawley-ue-1740-1813/>

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