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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 92-60

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A LAND AND PREMISES
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
FOR "HOMWOOD", [REDACTED]
LOT 25, CONCESSION 1, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, authorizes Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and/or structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest, and;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton has caused to be served on the owners of lands and premises below, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and/or buildings and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks, and;

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

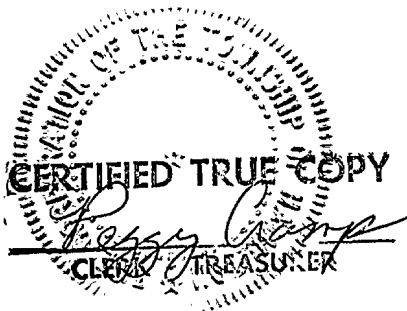
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton Council ENACTS as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property as follows:
 - a) The "Homewood House"
[REDACTED], Lot 25, Concession 1
R.R. #4, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4J7
 - Good example of a triple red brick farm house with Regency Style features.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be registered against the properties described above in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-Law to be published in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

This By-Law given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of September, 1992.

Charlotte Clay-Trelond
REEVE

Peggy Cramp
CLERK



HOMEWOOD, [REDACTED]

Owners: [REDACTED]

Address: Highway 2, R.R.4, Cobourg, Ont. K9A 4J7
Lot 26, concession 1

Original owner/builder: William Lemuel Burnham (1842-1919)
Date: 1867

Historical Analysis, May 1992

The patent for lot 26, concession 1, was granted to David Karr in 1801. In 1811 Zaccheus Burnham purchased lot 26 and around 1820 also obtained the patent for lot 25, concession 1 from the clergy reserve. In 1825 he employed Niram Burnham, likely a relative, to operate the 400-acre farm. Niram later purchased lot 18, concession 2, from Zaccheus (see Burnham/Foster House history in LACAC records).

On the death of Zaccheus Burnham in 1857 the trustees of his vast estate conveyed lot 25 and the east half of lot 26 to his widow, Elizabeth. She remained in Whitehall, the Burnham home on lot 22, and rented the Homewood property to Robert Brown, who occupied a one and a half storey frame house (1861 Canada Census). According to the Northumberland and Durham Atlas this house appears to have been located near Highway 2 in the southwest corner of the west half of lot 26 but it no longer exists.

In 1860 Homewood was purchased by a nephew, Asa Allworth, son of Asa Burnham U.E.L. (1775-1813). Asa Allworth served as M.P.P. for Northumberland 1851-4, Mayor of Cobourg 1861-2, Member of Legislative Council 1863 and was appointed to the Senate in 1867 where he remained until his death in 1874. He had eight daughters and two sons, Asa of Chicago and William Lemuel.

On the marriage of William Lemuel Burnham in 1865 his father began building him a house on lot 26 surrounded with spacious grounds. William had 14 children and family tradition says the house was finished just before the birth of his second daughter, Mabel, November 21, 1867.

The substantial red triple-brick farmhouse was built in Regency style with a hip roof and quarters at the rear for hired help. It originally had awning-roofed verandahs on three sides and shutters adorned the six over six windows. Only one verandah survives at the front. The eaves decorated with brackets and drops give the house an Italianate appearance. There are four fireplaces and two have carved marble surrounds and marble mantels. The 11-foot ceilings in the sitting and living rooms are bordered with ornamental plaster work around the walls and centre light fixtures.

Homewood farm is now owned and operated [REDACTED]