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Corporation of the

Village of Bath

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Founded 1784

Incorporated 1859

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HERITAGE POLICY BRANCH

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BYLAW

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Bath has passed By-law number 705/92 to designate the following property as being architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Fairfield - Gutzeit House
341 Main Street
Bath, Ontario
K0H 1G0

The Fairfield - Gutzeit property is important for both historical and architectural reasons.

The builders were William Jr. and Benjamin Fairfield, both members of the Legislative Assembly. William also served as a Public Roads Commissioner and a magistrate, while brother Benjamin was a member of the Court of Quarter Sessions and an active business man in the community.

The original simple rectangular building, erected in 1796, was enlarged by a wing in the early nineteenth century. Later additions include dormers, gables and a verandah. These changes reflect the changing needs and tastes of later owners.

For nearly two hundred years this property has represented the history and stability of the Village of Bath.

DATED at the Village of Bath
this 14th day of December, 1992

Frances T. Bird
Clerk-Administrator
Village of Bath
352 Academy Street, Box 100
Bath, Ontario K0H 1G0



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June 28th, 1993

Ministry of Government Services
Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

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Dear Marilyn Miller,
Conservation Officer

Please find enclosed a copy of the recently Designated, Provincially owned property

By-law # 705/92.

Sincerely,

Anita Raymond-Young

Anita Raymond-Young
L.A.C.A.C. Secretary

*By Central Council
City of Bath
Village Council*

*1954 Amherst
1968 Bath*

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BATH

BY-LAW # 705/92

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 341 MAIN STREET, BATH, ONTARIO, KOH 1GO AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS

Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon; to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS

the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Bath has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as The Fairfield-Gutzeit House at 341 Main Street, Bath, Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper 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;

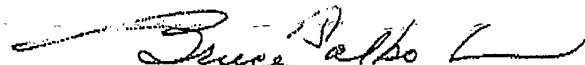
THEREFORE

the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Bath enacts as follows;

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as The Fairfield - Gutzeit House at 341 Main Street, Bath, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule A hereto.
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto 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 foressaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

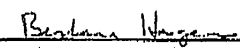
Read a first and second time this 14th day of December 1992.

Read a third time, passed, signed and sealed in open Council this 14th day of December 1992.


Reeve


Clerk-Administrator

Certified a true copy of By-law # 705/92
Passed by Council of the Village of Bath on
December 14th, 1992.


for Clerk-Administrator

SCHEDULE 'A'

In 1793, Lot 11, First Concession of Ernestown, was purchased from the Crown grantee, Lt. McGinnis, by William Jr. and Benjamin Fairfield.

The brothers were successful merchants and served their community in various capacities. William Jr. was a member of the Legislative Assembly, a magistrate and Public Roads Commissioner. Younger brother Benjamin also entered the Legislative Assembly and sat on the Court of Quarter Sessions.

The Fairfields erected in 1796 the house which left, and was later returned to family ownership by the purchase of Dr. & Mrs. Gutzeit (Nee Mabel Fairfield).

The Fairfield- Gutzeit House was built in the late eighteenth century, with some alterations being added in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The form of the building, a low storey and a half with five bay front and roof of medium pitch are features typical of the earlier period. The plan with one end chimney and the other centred between adjoining rooms also illustrates an early plan form.

A noggling of clay mixed with straw and split sticks which fills the main walls and an inside partition is another indication of the ascribed age. The cladding is narrow clapboard, gauged to windows and to wooden quoins at the corners. There are three chimney stacks, bricked ca. 1870, at the west gable end, east centre and north side of the original kitchen.

The south side verandah in Greek Revival style probably dates from the 1860 and extends across the main section of the ground floor. The north entrance door is reached by an open porch with columns which support an enclosed area above. The south principal entrance door is a single leaf, single panel type set within moulded wooden trim. The north principal door is an unmoulded four panel door internally, flush beaded-board externally.

Much of the 18th century interior trim survives, such as the horizontal broad board waincots with simple bases and dado rails, and fine door and window architraves. The staircase, with its high square post newels and necked and capped finials, is reminiscent of the late 18th century work. Early hardware such as brass thumb latches, Norfolk latches, rim locks and cast iron butt hinges as well as HL types survives.

There are four fireplaces with laid stone foundations, that in the dining room being a former bake oven.

A mixture of early and later features illustrate that changing lifestyles of the inhabitants over nearly two centuries and is an important site in the Village of Bath.