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OF THE

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Being a by-law of the City of Cambridge
to designate the exterior of the Old
Log House at Morningside Drive as a
property of historical significance.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Notices of Intention to so designate the Old Log House at Morningside Drive, Cambridge, Ontario, have been duly published and served;

AND WHEREAS it is considered desirable to designate the property known as the "Old Log House", Morningside Drive, Part of Lot 10, Beasley's Old Survey, Cambridge, Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:-

1. THAT there is designated as being of historical significance the exterior of the original structure located on the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as the Old Log House, Morningside Drive, Cambridge, Ontario. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. THAT the City of Cambridge is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the said property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Cambridge.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME, THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 1984.

READ A THIRD TIME, ENACTED AND PASSED, THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 1984.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW NO. 204 - 84

OF THE

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ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate,
lying and being in the City of Cambridge, in the Regional Municipality of
Waterloo and Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part of Lot 10,
Beasley's Old Survey.

SCHEDULE "B"

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Reasons for Designation

The former Wismer property located on Morningside Drive in the Blair section of Cambridge is recommended for designation for historical reasons. In the investigation of heritage buildings carried out by L.A.C.A.C. since its inception, this is the first log house (as opposed to a cabin) to be discovered. It was built on land purchased in 1800 from Richard Beasley by Joseph Wismer, one of the twelve original settlers of Waterloo County and passed on through Joseph's son, Henry Wismer to Henry's son-in-law, Amos Clemens.

Although the exact date of construction is not known, the house is recorded on the 1853 Assessment Roll of the Township of Waterloo, Ward 5, and is clearly marked on the 1861 Tremaine Map. Physical evidence indicates an even earlier date: the rafters and floor joists show clear evidence of vertical saw cuts. Virtually all saw mills had converted to circular saws in 1850. Other features of this early method of construction are rafters which are joined at the ridge with an open mortise and tenon joint with one pin, and which had a "saddle-cut" at the lower end forming a compression joint on the top log of the house; dove-tail keying used to join the corners of the logs; floor joists housed into the beams. Forty-two foot hand hewn logs span the main facade.

DATED: SEPTEMBER 10TH, A.D., 1984

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1ST READING: SEP 10 1984

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3RD READING: SEP 10 1984

J. ANDERSON
City Clerk