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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS **630 KING STREET, MISS YOUNG'S SCHOOL** (LOT 22), IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TO: THE ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST, 10 ADELAIDE STREET EAST,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO, M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property, including the lands and building known municipally as **630 KING STREET, MISS YOUNG'S SCHOOL** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

#### **Description of Property**

Miss Young's School is located at 630 King Street on the southern end of King Street, between Paffard and Cottage Streets in Old Town, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The cultural heritage value of the property at 630 King Street lies in its connection to early settlers in Niagara. The dwelling was constructed by George Young, master carpenter at Fort George who also supervised the construction and repair of Fort Erie and Fort York. He had been a private in the Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812, and was also a founding member of St. Andrew's Church. George Young acquired the lot from Walter Dickson. In 1825, Miss Young held a private school in the dwelling.

Miss Young's School is also of cultural heritage value because it is the last known log dwelling in Town and one of the earliest buildings. The one and a half storey dwelling represents a high degree of craftsmanship with its squared log construction with dovetailed corners. The original form of the building has been well preserved over the years including the centered chimney with its three fireplaces and unique mantles. The exact age of the structure is unclear. It is possible that George Young built the dwelling before the War of 1812 as the log structure and interior details are pre-War in style. His 1815 war losses claim did not include a dwelling which could indicate that the house survived the 1813 burning of the Town by American forces. It is also possible that the house was built around 1816, as suggested in Janet Carnochan's History of Niagara, with salvaged materials from older buildings lost during the war.

#### **Description of Key Heritage Attributes**

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of Miss Young's School as a rare and unique example of early architecture in Upper Canada include:

- The original log structure
- Medium gabled roof with wood shingles
- Centred brick chimney stack
- Original three bay front façade in Georgian style
- The original door casing with narrow transom and neo-classical details
- Wood windows and openings
- Wood clapboard siding on the exterior of the dwelling
- Original portion of wall from rear wing which has since disappeared

Key Interior attributes that embody the heritage value of the home as a representative example of early architecture in Niagara include its:

- Original post and beam structure
- Original fireplace hearths and mantels
- Original pine floors
- Original rafter system with sawn logs

N.B. An old photograph shows a rear wing which has since disappeared, that housed a cooking fireplace, a bake oven, and built in cupboards. A small portion of the wall remains at the rear of the property.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from Planning Staff.

Any person may, not later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake notice of their objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2015.



Holly Dowd,

Clerk