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TOWN OF GEORGINA Office of the Clerk Civic Centre Keswick, Ontario Canada L4P 3E9 York

File No. 91-115

May 3, 1991

#### REGISTERED MAIL

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

### Dear Sir/Madam:

I advise that the Council of the Town of Georgina at a meeting held on April 25th, 1991, passed By-Law No. 91-57 (H0-1), being a by-law to designate the "Manor House" located on Block 53, Plan 69, in the Town of Georgina.

A certified copy of the by-law has been enclosed for your reference in this matter.

Yours truly,

FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

Larry Simpson, A.M.C.T.

Town Clerk

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### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

IN THE

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BY-LAW NO. 91- 57 (HO-1)

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A MUNICIPAL RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF GEORGINA AND/OR BUILDING OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE.

WHEREAS THIS COUNCIL HAS the authority under subsection 6 of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act to enact by-laws to designate real property, including exteriors of buildings, as described in Schedule "A" attached hereto to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS THIS COUNCIL has caused to be served upon the owners of lands and premises know municipally as Part of Block 53, Plan 69, and identified as Roll No. 080-058 in the Town of Georgina and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the described property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in this Municipality, once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS THIS COUNCIL'S reasons for the proposed designation are as set forth in Schedule "B" attached hereto;

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK HEREBY ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- There is hereby designated as being of architectural value and/or historical value or interest, the real property and exterior of the property known municipally as Block 53, Plan 69, and identified as roll number 080-058 in the Town of Georgina, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Land Registry Office.
- The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause a notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Georgina.

READ a first, second and third time this 25th day of

April

., 1991.

Mayor, Robert

Johnston

Larry (R/ SIMPSON CLERK

TOWN OF GEORGINA

Clerk, Larry Simpson

# SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 91-57 (HO-1)

DESCRIPTION OF THE "MANOR HOUSE"

ALL AND SINGULAR THAT certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Georgina in the Regional Municipality of York, and being composed of Part of Block 53, Plan 69, and identified as Roll No. 080-058 according to the Assessment Rolls.

## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF THE "MANOR HOUSE"

## 1. <u>Architectural Reasons:</u>

The Manor, built in 1846 by J. O'Brien Bourchier as his second home, is one of the finest pioneer homes in the Town. Two stories in height and built of brick, its symmetrical facade is surrounded by a low graceful veranda. It is built in the Loyalist Georgian style suitable for the village's most important citizen. The exterior is of classical proportions with a large brick kitchen wing and a wooden summer kitchen beyond. One of the two remaining bell towers in Georgina rises over the kitchen wing. The design results in excellent fenestration typical of the style including a period front door with sidelights and transom. The interior is a centre hall plan, the upper and lower hall casings, door hardware, baseboards and trim as well as much of the original wood flooring and interior window trim still remains.

Most of the original out buildings are gone but a very fine brick stable still stands intact and represents an excellent example of period style. The Manor remains in excellent condition in a picturesque setting within the heart of the old Village of Sutton situated on lovely manicured grounds which fittingly and purposely highlights and focuses attention of all passers by on the house and stable. In addition long associated with the property and forming part of the grounds were large mature Eastern Cottonwood trees of which one survives and continues to complement the property.

## 2. <u>Historical</u>

James O'Brien Bourchier, who built the Manor, was the founder of Bourchiers Mills which became the Village of Sutton in 1857. He was without a doubt the settlements leading citizen as well as a person of considerable influence in Upper Canada. He had been a midshipman in the British navy during the Napoleonic wars and came to Canada in 1814 to join his older brother Captain William Bourchier. His brother had received a grant from the Crown of 700 acres which included latter day Sutton, Jackson's Point, and other properties. James O'Brien Bourchier was made Justice of the Peace in 1829, built and owned the grist mill, saw mill and woolen mill. In the politics of Upper Canada of the day he was a staunch and loyal supporter of the Family Compact particularly during the rebellion of 1837. He was also Sutton's first postmaster and was active in establishing the first churches and schools in the area. His lineage dated back to John Bourchier, Earl of Essex and included in his ancestors is the Archbishop of Canterbury who crowned Richard III. When he died at home, in 1872, his prominence within the province was apparent by the fact that the flag over St. Lawrence Hall in Toronto was flown at half mast and his death was widely reported.

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