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CORPORATION OF THE



CITY OF WOODSTOCK

CITY HALL  
P.O. BOX 40  
WOODSTOCK, ONT.  
N4S 7W5

June 2, 1976

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation  
London Diocese  
210 Vansittart Avenue  
Woodstock, Ontario

Re: Ontario Heritage Act, 1974  
Notice of Intention to Designate  
property of historic or  
architectural value

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock intends to designate as property of historic or architectural value or interest the following property for the following reasons.

PROPERTY

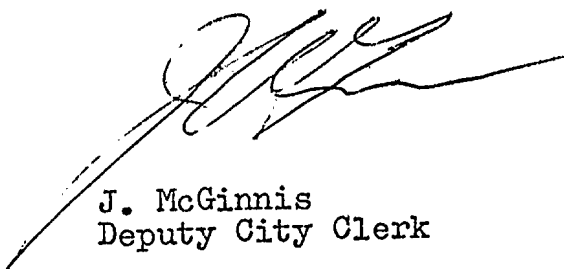
T. L. "CARBIDE" Willson  
House  
210 Vansittart Avenue

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

This house was built in 1895 by Thomas Leopold Willson, an electrical engineer who discovered the first commercial process for the production of calcium carbide, a chemical compound used in the manufacture of acetylene gas. He was born at Princeton, Ontario and educated in Hamilton where he performed his early experiments. The discovery which earned him his nickname was made at Spray, North Carolina in 1892. In 1896 he established a carbide works at Merritton, Ontario. After establishing a similar plant at Shawinigan, Quebec, he settled in Ottawa in 1901. His varied scientific achievements were recognized in 1909 by the University of Toronto which awarded him the first McCharles Prize.

A person who objects to the proposed designation shall within thirty days after the date of the first publication of this notice serve on the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk, a notice of objection in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts.

Yours very truly,



J. McGinnis  
Deputy City Clerk

JM/dm