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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 158 JAMES STREET SOUTH, HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation, 77 Bloor Street West, 7th Floor, Toronto, Ontario.
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton intends to designate the following property, including land and buildings, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act: 158 James Street South, Hamilton, Ontario.

THE REASONS for the proposed designation are set out in Schedule "A" annexed hereto.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE is being published in The Spectator once a week for each of three consecutive weeks, commencing on the date set out below.

ANY PERSON may, within thirty days of the date set out below, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the City of Hamilton will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the City of Hamilton this <sup>1ST</sup> day of <sup>OCTOBER</sup>,

Mr. E. A. Simpson, City Clerk, City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. L8N 3T4

## SCHEDULE "A"

## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

## 158 James Street South, Hamilton

The rowhouse at 158 James Street South is part of the historic stone terrace situated between Bold and Duke Streets. Constructed in the 1850's, the block is one of the most notable examples to survive from Hamilton's pre-Confederation era. Its stone construction, simplicity of design and high quality masonry work are hallmarks of this important mid-century building period. Although built by three different owners, the terrace is unified into one overall design, each structure a vital component in the total scheme. As a whole, the block constitutes a rare and well-preserved example of an early Victorian neighbourhood. It is also a major anchor block in the historic streetscape of James South.

158 James St. South was built for Alexander Gordon, a shoe manufacturer, between 1853 and 1858. In 1861, MP Samuel Mills, a noted Hamilton politician, entrepreneur and philanthropist, acquired the property. It remained in the Mills family ownership for over seventy years.

Important to the conservation of 158 James St. South is the preservation of the original features of the front facade.