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The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 87-246

To Designate:

THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 158 MARY STREET

As Property of:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST

**WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Hamilton did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 29(3) of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection was served on the City Clerk as required by subsection 29(5) of the said Act;

**AND WHEREAS** it is desired to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with clause 29(1)(a) of the said Act.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The property located at Municipal No. 158 Mary Street, and more particularly described in schedule "A" hereto annexed, is hereby designated as property of historic and architectural value and interest.

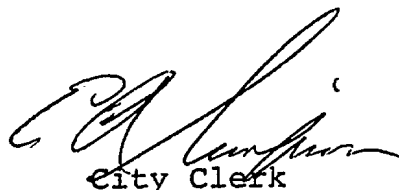
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation set out in schedule "B", to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,

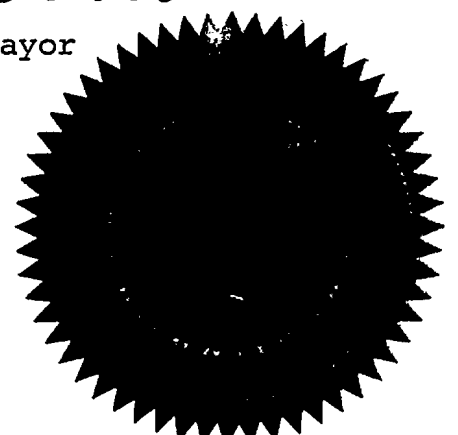
(i) to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation to be served on the owner and The Ontario Heritage Foundation by personal service or by registered mail;

(ii) to publish a notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of the City of Hamilton, for three consecutive weeks.

**PASSED** this 1st day of September, A.D. 1987.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor



SCHEDULE "A"

To

By-law No. 87- 246

158 Mary Street,

Hamilton, Ontario

Lot Lettered "F" in D.A. MacNab's Survey of  
Lots numbers Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen in Peter  
Ferguson's Survey in the City of Hamilton, in the  
Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth,

COMMENCING at the south-west angle of said  
lot;

THENCE NORTHERLY along the east limit of  
Mary Street forty feet nine inches to a point;

THENCE SOUTH seventy-one degrees forty-seven  
minutes east eighty-one feet to a point;

THENCE SOUTH eighteen degrees thirty-eight  
minutes west forty feet ten inches to the north limit  
of Cannon Street;

THENCE WESTERLY along the north limit of Can-  
non Street eighty feet seven inches to the place of  
beginning.

The legal description herein conforms to Plan BA786  
Registered on December 23, 1975 as Instrument #400467  
AB pursuant to an Order of The Directors of Titles  
under the Boundaries Act, dated September 30, 1975.

SCHEDULE "B"

To

By-law No. 87- 246

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

158 Mary Street,

Hamilton, Ontario

The stone house at 158 Mary Street was built in 1855-6 for customs surveyor William Pring. Located at the north-east corner of Mary and Cannon Streets, the house originally backed onto Archibald Ferguson's farm. Since the late 19th century, it has been surrounded by residential and industrial buildings, with a row of Victorian houses to the north and a manufacturing complex to the south.

Historical Significance

William Pring only lived in the house for about four years, moving to Port Colbourne in 1860 to serve as customs officer. He sold the stone house in 1871 to Duncan MacNab who rented it out for the duration of his thirty year ownership.

The house was purchased in 1908 by William B. Hopkins, a physician, and was owned and occupied by his family until 1940. His son, Beamer W. Hopkins, had a particularly distinguished career as a politician, judge and public servant, serving at various times as alderman, controller, vice-president of the Parks Board, police commissioner and city magistrate.

Architectural Significance

158 Mary Street is a relatively rare example of pre-Confederation stone architecture in Hamilton. Representative of the substantial, two-storey stone residences built in the city during the 1850's, this four-bay house features a simple gable roof, parapet end walls with built-in double chimneys, a dressed stone front (west facade) and coursed stone end wall (south facade), corner quoins, double-hung windows which originally had six-paned sashes, and a semi-circular attic window in the end wall. Somewhat unusual is the distinctive Renaissance Revival entrance, which comprises a wide doorway flanked by stone columns supporting a semi-circular voussoir arch and traceried fanlight.

Of special interest are several interior features, notably, an elegantly proportioned spiral wooden staircase and the two rounded corners of the dining room with their curved panelled doors.

Designated Features

Important to the preservation of 158 Mary Street are the original features of the west and south facades including but not limited to the stone masonry, the original window openings, the front entrance (excluding the present front door and the 20th century porch addition) and the interior spiral staircase.