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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

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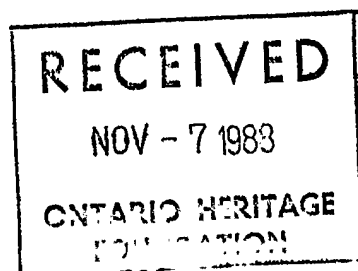
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November 4, 1988

Mr. John White,
Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Dear Mr. White:

RE: Town of Oakville By-law 1988-233 Designation of an
Historic Site, the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, we hereby serve you with notice of the designation of the property municipally known as 71 George Street as a property of historic and architectural value and interest.

Enclosed is a copy of By-law 1988-233 in its entirety, passed by Oakville Town Council on September 22, 1988, the reason for the designation being Schedule "A" to this By-law.

Yours very truly,

Rosemary Stefan McNeely

Rosemary Stefan McNeely,
Committee Co-ordinator,
TOWN OF OAKVILLE.

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Attach.
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*Repealed by
By-law 1989-169*

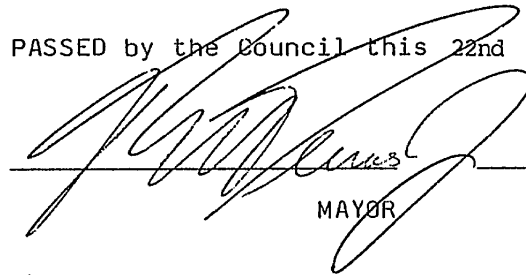
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1988-233

A by-law to designate certain property
as a property of historical and
architectural value and interest
(71 George Street)

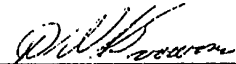
THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 71 George Street is hereby designated as a property of historical and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, for the reason set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law.
2. The property designated by this by-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this by-law.

PASSED by the Council this 22nd day of September, 1988.



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SCHEDULE "A"
to By-Law 1988-233

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The original owner of the property was William Chisholm, the founder of Oakville.

Chisholm sold the property to Mr. George Munro in 1840. It was then sold to James Kelley, Blacksmith, on October 8, 1850. Kelley came to the area in the late 1840's; the Tremaine Map lists James Kelley as a blacksmith in 1854.

Kelley believed in print advertising; his ads appeared in several local newspapers of the time. For example, Mr. Kelley used the following ad to increase business; it was printed in The Argus, 1873;

James Kelley Smith and Farrier Oakville, Ontario Horses shod in most approved styles to suite all seasons of the year. Charges moderate.

P.S. All notes and accounts of long standing must be settled immediately.

A similar ad appeared earlier in The Sentinel 1854.

At around 1878, Kelley established a hardware store near his blacksmith's shop which was located 2 doors east of the Royal Exchange on Colborne Street (now Lakeshore). The Standard and Halton and Peel Gazateer, October 24, 1878 describes Kelley's

new business in the local news item section. Found within this same edition is Kelley's advertisement for his new hardware store. He advertised a choice stock of general hardware, furnishings, field implements and hay rakes from Noxon Manufacturing Company of Ingersoll.

Kelley was also one of the first officers of the Oakville Masonic Lodge.

Kelley sold his property to Mr. Nesbitt John Wellwood on April 18, 1883. Wellwood was the Principal of Oakville High School since 1877. Originally from Ireland he came to Canada in his youth. He was educated at the common and high schools of Oshawa and Whitby. He continued his education and graduated from the Toronto University. When he graduated he obtained the post at Oakville High School.

The Globe, July 15, 1893, featured Mr. Wellwood. The article credited the success of many Oakville students to Wellwood's teaching. Wellwood resided in the house at 71 George Street until 1905.

Mrs. Caroline Chesterfield Doty, the wife of Mr. Charles F. Doty next purchased the property on March 23, 1905. Charles F. Doty was the son of Pharis Doty. Pharis Doty was a boiler maker originally from the United States.

In the 1860's Pharis Doty managed Thompson Smith's Sawmill. In 1882 the sawmill was destroyed by fire. Charles F. Doty rebuilt and managed the new sawmill. With the declining timber trade, Doty dismantle the machinery and sold it to Robert Fox of Omagh. The mill was demolished. After that Doty spent some time up north. It may be at this time Mrs. Doty purchased the property at 71 George Street.

When Doty returned he established a planing mill. In 1908, Doty went into a partnership with W.S. Davis to establish the Oakville Pressed Brick works. It is believed that many of the buildings of Oakville were built with bricks from this company. During the early 1920's many businesses flourished in Oakville. At this time Davis and Doty Company sold to contractors and home builders lumber, shingles, lath, interior trim and doors. The business eventually became what is known today as Beaver Lumber.

Charles F. Doty was also a Town Councillor. {

Subsequent owners of the property include the following families: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Architectural Significance

The building at 71 George Street is a good example of the vernacular version of the Ontario House. The Ontario House style is one seen throughout Ontario which is characterized by a rectangular facade at 1 1/2 to 2 storeys high. A distinctive feature of the style is the centre gable peak often decorated with vergeboard.

The building on 71 George Street exhibits decorative eaves including brackets and vergeboard.

Brick window head treatment is also a distinctive feature of the building. Greek revival details such as multi light transom and sidelights are also exhibited. A porch once located at the front of the house has been removed. The main door is centrally located.

The rear porch consists of posts and fretwork; a rounded window located on the second floor of the porch is also an interesting feature of the building.

Contextual Significance

The building at 71 George Street has contextual significance. It provides an important entranceway to the Heritage District area.

SCHEDULE "B"

By-Law 1988-233

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton and being composed of Lot A, Block 15 according to the Registered Plan of the Town of Oakville.