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Reply To: Répondre à:
P. G. Pagé, City Clerk/Greffier

October 7, 1994

Chairman
Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor St. W.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa on the 21st day of September, 1994, established its Intention to Designate the interior of the property known municipally as 529 Richmond Road, in the City of Ottawa, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980. c. 337.

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Intention to Designate served according to the act.

Yours truly,

P.G. Pagé
City Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

The Corporation of the City of Ottawa on the 21st day of September, 1994, established its intention to designate the following heritage property for its architectural and historical value.

529 Richmond Road, Mapletawn

ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF REASON FOR DESIGNATION

Mapletawn, 529 Richmond Road, is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its architectural and historical significance.

Built between 1831-1834 by William Thomson, it is one of Ottawa's oldest homes. The original estate was built as a family farm, and at the time of Confederation, it was still three miles from the city of Ottawa. Thomas Cole purchased the property from the Thomsons in 1877. Later his descendants married into the Rochester family, prominent members of the local lumber industry.

In 1952, Mapletawn became the property of the National Capital Commission. At that time, the Rochester family leased back the house, and it continued to serve as the family home until 1989.

The most significant remaining aspect of the estate grounds is the original walled garden which is as old as the house, and was probably used as a kitchen garden in its early years. By the mid 19th century, however, it was also renowned as an ornamental garden, and the original four square plan is still evident today. This walled garden is considered to be the finest example, and best preserved, landscape of its type in Central Canada.

The 2 1/2 storey house at Mapletawn is one of only two remaining original stone estates on Richmond Road. The structure is executed in the Georgian style as typified by the regular plan, and the symmetrical arrangement of windows around a prominent central entranceway with fanlight and sidelights, and by the twin chimneys which flank the building. The use of casement windows, atypical of Georgian architecture, indicates the local influence of French Canadian building traditions on the domestic architecture of the Ottawa Valley.

ADDITION TO STATEMENT OF REASON

The interior of the original portion of Mapletawn is an excellent example of a classically-inspired interior and is characterized by an elegant symmetry and finely crafted details. The wide entrance hall features a semi-elliptical arch at its mid-point matching the door frame and an elegant curved staircase with a turned nested newel post and a carved stringer. Built-in interior shutters, deep baseboards and ceiling cornices distinguish the rooms that lead off the wide central hall of the main floor. Equally noteworthy are the plaster ceiling medallions found in the principal rooms of the main floor and the upstairs hall.

As a fine example of a classically-inspired interior, this designation includes the interior spaces of the main floor of the 1835 section of the house, the staircase and the upstairs hall.

OBJECTIONS

Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining reasons for the objections and other relevant information. These must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa either by registered mail or personally delivered by the 14th day of November, 1994.

DATED at Ottawa this 12th day of October, 1994.

P.G. Pagé
City Clerk



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Reply To/Répondre à:
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March 24, 1994

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77 Bloor St. W.
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The Council of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa on the 2nd day of March, 1994, established its Intention to Designate the property known municipally as 529 Richmond Road, Maplelawn, in the City of Ottawa, pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c.337.

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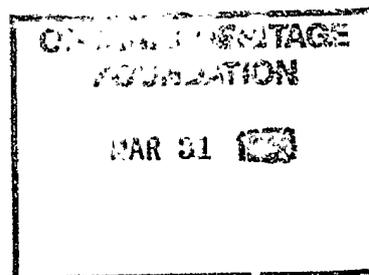
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Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining reasons for the objections and other relevant information. These must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa either by registered mail or personally delivered by the 25th day of April, 1994.

DATED at Ottawa this 26th day of March 1994.

P.G. PAGÉ
City Clerk