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And in the Matter of the Lands and Premises
Known Municipally as 156 Church Street, Bowmanville,
in The Municipality of Clarington

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

Notice of Intention to Designate

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To: The Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

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Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington intends to designate the building located at 156 Church Street, Bowmanville, in the Municipality of Clarington, as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

Reasons for Proposed Designation

Description of Property

156 Church Street, known as the Shaw House, is a two storey brick house built in the Italianate style and located on the north side of Church Street in downtown Bowmanville.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The heritage value of 156 Church Street, Bowmanville resides in the fine Italianate brick house was built circa 1890. It replaced an earlier brick home, both owned and occupied by members of the Shaw family.

In 1845 Thomas Shaw (1819-1885) emigrated to Canada from England with his wife Jane (nee Newby 1815-1901) and daughter Mary Elizabeth (1843-1920). Although no records of the family's early life can be found, it seems probable that they came to Bowmanville almost immediately, as Mary Elizabeth's obituary in 1920 states that "she lived 75 years on Church Street". At least four more children were added to the family: Thomas Junior (1848-1884), Cornelia (b.1851) Anna (b.1852) and Oratis Franklin (1856-1882).

In the 1861 Census, Thomas and Jane are living in a brick house on Church Street in Bowmanville and Thomas' occupation is given as "hotel keeper". It is fair to assume that he is managing the Alma Hotel, built on Lot 156 Church Street in 1856 and owned by Samuel Mason. In 1869, Jane Shaw purchased Lot 155 from William Dean, (this was possibly the house she and Thomas were already living in) and in 1872 Thomas purchased the Alma Hotel from Samuel Mason. The Alma was a handsome, three-storey brick building located at the busy corner of Church and Temperance Streets. From a photograph taken on July 5th 1886, it appears to have in excess of 30 rooms, and was undoubtedly a very successful family enterprise. Originally a temperance house, this seems to have changed with Shaw ownership - in the 1881 Census Thomas Junior's occupation is described as "bar keeper."

Over the course of two years, Thomas and Jane lost their eldest grandson Newby Muir (January 1882) and both sons - Oratis Franklin (known as Frank) in April 1882 and Thomas Junior in September 1884. Thomas Senior did not long survive them, dying in May 1885. Then, on July 7 1888, a fire began in the hotel stables which quickly spread to the hotel, the Shaw residence and ultimately to the Congregational church. All were lost. The Shaw residence and church were rebuilt, but the Alma Hotel was never replaced.

After re-construction, Thomas Shaw Senior's widow, Jane, moved into the new house at 156 Church Street - a residence considerably larger and more elegant than its predecessor. Originally set back from the street, it was one of the most imposing homes in Bowmanville.

In the 1891 Census, Jane's daughter Mary Elizabeth Muir (now a widow), grand-daughter Annie Muir and grandson James Marriner Muir (a teacher) are all living with her. In 1892, James leaves for Hawaii, where he marries and raises a family of his own. By the 1901 Census Jane, Elizabeth and Annie are sharing the house with four young boarders, all described as "sandwich makers".

After Jane Shaw's death on November 11 1901 her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Muir inherited the property under the terms of Thomas Shaw's Will. In 1918, Mary Elizabeth Muir deeded 156 Church Street to her daughter Annie, and in 1919 sold Lot 156 (site of the Alma Hotel) to The Bell Telephone Company for \$2,000. Following Mary Elizabeth's death in July 1920, Annie sells the property to William Claude Caverley for \$6,000. Annie does not long survive her mother, dying in Toronto on May 15, 1921.

156 Church Street remained in the Caverley/Oliver family until 1955, when it was sold to local doctor Allen B. Sylvester. In 1968, Dr. Sylvester sold the property to Dr. Harold Anfossi who, in turn, sold it in 1975 to the Regional Municipality of Durham. At present, it houses a Regional Day Care Centre.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The Shaw House is beautifully proportioned, with sophisticated detailing. Dichromatic brickwork is used effectively, and the contrast between buff and red brick forms a distinctive pattern between the storeys. Buff brick also accents the solid quoins and double rows of hood mouldings above the paired windows. The broad eaves are supported by elegant brackets below a hipped slate shingled roof. The recessed central bay is unique, enclosing an intricately detailed storm porch with panelled double doors, sidelights and three rounded transom lights.

156 Church Street in Bowmanville is a fine Italianate brick house built circa 1890. The craftsmanship of its construction is extraordinary and is evidenced in its exterior and architectural features which include:

Exterior

- dichromatic brickwork (buff and red brick)
- buff brick also accents the solid quoins and double rows of hood mouldings above the paired windows
- the elegant brackets below a hipped roof on the broad eaves.
- the recessed central bay
- the double doors, sidelights and three rounded transom lights of the front porch
- the slate shingles on the angular sides (hipped) of the roof

Any person may, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, send by Registered Mail or deliver to the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of Clarington, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Municipality of Clarington this 9th day of May, 2018

C. Anne Greentree, BA, CMO
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