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and east sides of the two storey part of house; centre peak with original wood trim north side of house; arched attic opening with stone sill and new wooden louvered shutter (2005); all original soffits; Italianate-style covered porch added in 2006 to blend with original intact details; all original double sash windows; all original brick.

Interior Details Worthy Of Designation:

All original window casings in the parlour and dining room; plaster ceiling medallion in dining room.

HISTORY OF HOUSE

Lot History:

- Built for David Agnew, locomotive engineer, Grand Trunk Railway, in 1880.
- David Agnew one of the best known railwaymen in the city. He was born in Brantford but spent most of his life in Stratford. He was an engineer for the railway for thirty years. He died in March, 1915.
- The Agnew family owned and lived in the house 1880-1918.
- The second long-term owner was Frank E. Baker, who purchased the house in 1922. He was a conductor for the Canadian National Railway. He was born in Stratford on July 11, 1883. He died in April, 1959. He lived in Stratford all his life.
- The Baker family owned the house 1922-1938.
- The third long-term owner was Fred J. Buckingham, who purchased the house in 1946. He was a machinist for the Canadian National Railway. He was born in Buckinghamshire, England and was the son of George and Sarah Buckingham. He came to Stratford in 1910. He was a machinist with the CNR until the shops closed in Stratford. He served overseas in the First World War. He was past president of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 8, Stratford, and had received the highest award in Zone C2 (the Legion Meritorious Service Medal). He died in April, 1989.
- The Buckingham family owned the house 1946-1986.
- The house was duplexed in 1958 or 1959.

NOTE: This house has a connection with the railway history of Stratford. Besides David Agnew, Frank E. Baker and Fred J. Buckingham, these other railwaymen lived in the house: Howard King (worked for CNR), George F. Foster (special agent for CNR), Edgar Thomas (worked for CNR). For 106 years railway people occupied the house.

If any person wishes to object to the proposed designation, a Notice of Objection, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, must be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on December 4, 2006. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served on the Clerk, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the City of Stratford
this 4th day of November 2006.


Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk