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Please find enclosed missing documentation for designated properties in St. Marys as requested.

Yours truly,

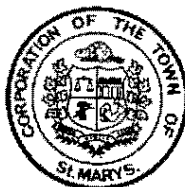
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# TOWN OF ST. MARYS

"THE STONE TOWN"

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act  
R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 18

And in the matter of the Lands  
and Premises known Municipally as  
196 Widder Street East  
in the Town of St. Marys in the  
Province of Ontario

## Notice of Intention to Designate

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 196 Widder Street East as a property of architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter 18.

## Reasons for the Proposed Designation

### 196 Widder Street East - James Craig House

This frame house was built in 1873 by James Craig and James Hamilton, two Scots prominent as builders in St. Marys at that time. Until 1880 it was the home of James Craig and his family.

The 1863 Perth Country directory lists James Craig as a carpenter, the 1867 directory lists both Craig and James Hamilton as carpenters, and by 1869 they were partners and proprietors of the Craig and Hamilton planing mill. This mill, located in what is now (1992) the Creamery Restaurant, produced sashes and doors as well; its owners by this time advertised themselves as builders and contractors.

This firm of Craig and Hamilton was awarded the contract for carpentry for at least three of St. Marys' most distinguished buildings: the St. Marys High School in 1875, the first Knox Presbyterian Church and the Oddfellows Opera House, both in 1879.

The house of James Craig, consequently, is of unusual interest among the buildings in St. Marys: we not only know its builders but we also know the exact source for the windows, doors and all woodwork such as door and window surrounds, etc which

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date from the time of its construction.

The original house consisted of the front section and a one-storey kitchen wing. This building is clearly visible in the August 1884 stereographic view of the North Ward taken by the Ingersoll photographer William Hugill.

From 1875 until 1917, this house was the home of another carpenter, Michael Tevlin. The second storey of the wing as well as the verandah were probably added by Tevlin around the turn-of-the-century.

Fortunately this house has not had its clapboarding covered with aluminum siding. This designation includes, in particular, the unusual, gently-looping bargeboard, the verandah with its fret-work, the double-hung sash windows with their six-over-six lights. Interior features included are the door and window surrounds, the skirting board in the front section, and the wainscotting in the kitchen.

One of the oldest remaining frame houses in St. Marys, this structure happily retains many of its original marks. Build into the North Ward Hill it stands in quiet contrast to its somewhat grander neighbours. A focal point, it is a rest for the eye on a street which combines as much interest architecturally as that of any Ontario town.

Any person may, before the 15th day of January, 1993, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of St. Marys notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of St. Marys will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at St. Marys, this 16th day of December, 1992.

K.G. Storey  
Clerk-Administrator