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BY-LAW NUMBER 78 OF 1989
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS

Being a By-Law to designate the property known municipally as 136 Water Street South as being of architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural value or interest; and

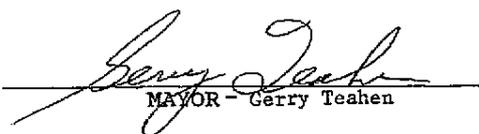
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 136 Water Street South and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

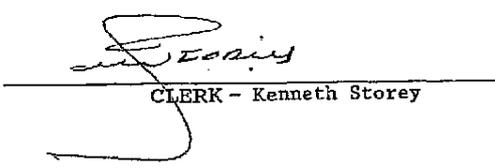
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property known municipally as 136 Water Street South more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
- 2) The Municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS TWELFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1989.
READ A SECOND TIME THIS TWELFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1989.
READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1989.


MAYOR - Garry Teahen


CLERK - Kenneth Storey

Additional Property Identifier(s) and/or Other Information

(5) DESCRIPTION

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of St. Marys, in the County of Perth Province of Ontario and being comprised of part of Lot "D" on the east side of Water Street in Treacy's subdivision of part of Lot No. 19 in the 17th Concession of the Township of Blanshard and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the easterly limit of Lot "D" distant 17 feet 2 inches measured northerly therealong from the southeasterly corner of Lot "D";

THENCE Westerly parallel to the Southerly limit of Lot "D" a distance of 126 feet 9 inches;

THENCE Northerly parallel to the Easterly limit of Lot "D" a distance of 57 feet 10 inches;

THENCE Easterly parallel to the Southerly limit of Lot "D" a distance of 126 feet 9 inches more or less to a point in the easterly limit of Lot "D", being the Westerly limit of Water Street.

THENCE Southerly along the Easterly limit of Lot "D", being the Westerly limit of Water Street, a distance of 57 feet 10 inches to the place of beginning.

The said lands are the same as described in registered instrument No. 20073 and the same lands as shown in red in a plan attached to and described in registered instrument No. 18773, both for the Town of St. Marys.

This limestone cottage was built in the 1860's almost certainly by James Whitson as his own residence. Whitson, a stone-cutter and mason, was prominent in municipal politics and also built the adjoining two-storey brick house (146 Water Street South) around 1903.

This cottage with its prominent quoins, pedimental lintels, neat rubble coursing in its side walls and pointed windows in its gables bears all the marks of special attention which a mason would lavish on his own house. Originally Whitson, like other stone masons, owned lots adjoining his house, from which he quarried stone and, in the winter months, finished it for building purposes. In the early days of this house "the downtowners" were still hoping that Water Street would win as the main street; the first town hall (later the "Lock-up school") was located just north of James Whitson's cottage.

This house, one of St. Marys' early stone dwellings, stands as a reminder of one of our first industries; as a building it is a model of elegant simplicity.