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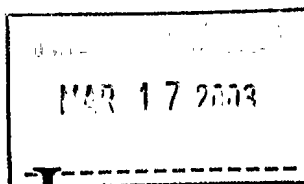
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The Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake



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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN
MUNICIPALLY AS **507 BUTLER STREET, THE WILLIAM STEWART
HOMESTEAD** (Part Lot 337, Township Plan 86), IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-
ON-THE-LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: THE ONTARIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION, 10 ADELAIDE STREET
EAST, TORONTO, ONTARIO, M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property, including the lands and building known municipally as **507 BUTLER STREET, THE WILLIAM STEWART HOMESTEAD**, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

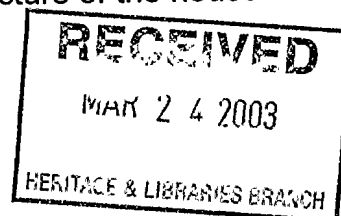
Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The William Stewart Homestead is recommended for designation primarily for historical reasons.

It is historically significant as one of the few surviving intact examples of houses built by and for Niagara-on-the-Lake's early Black settlers. William Stewart, a black teamster/yeoman was one of 17 Black men who signed a petition in 1837 asking that an escaped Black slave not be returned to the United States. The property is also associated with Andrew Butler, son of Colonel John Butler and with John Oliver, a pro-abolitionist farmer whose land became the site of the Black Baptist Church.

Architecturally, the house is best described as Neo-Classical in the simple vernacular style of the early 19th century, unpretentious, small and with a few characteristic but basic details of its period. It reflects the simpler dignified structures of the early Town and resembles other early houses such as the Dover-Daly House on Platoff Street and the early part of the MacMonigle-Craik House on Gate Street.

This designation applies to the entire exterior façade and structure of the house including the exterior portion of the chimney.



Any person may, not later than the 14th day of April 2003, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake notice of their 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 Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 12th day of March 2003.

Holly Dowd
Holly Dowd, Clerk