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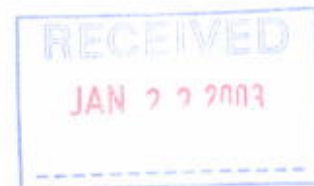
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SENT VIA REGISTERED MAIL: Jan 17/03

IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario Heritage Act,
R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Lands and
Premises municipally known as:
(a) 19-27 Mississaga Street East; and
(b) 45 Mississaga Street East
in the City of Orillia in the Province of Ontario



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
TORONTO ON M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia intends to designate the property municipally known as (a) 19-27 Mississaga Street East; and (b) 45 Mississaga Street East in the City of Orillia in the Province of Ontario as property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18:

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

(a) Kean's Block, 19-27 Mississaga Street East, Orillia, Ontario

Frank Kean was among the first to construct a building following the 1872 fire on the south side of Mississaga Street. Completed early in 1873, the style is more in keeping with commercial blocks erected in the first half of the nineteenth century. Constructed in a red and likely buff brick combination, the two storey form and triangular pediment present a simple but attractive row of storefronts.

As a businessman, owner of the popular Music Hall, politician, member of the Masonic Order, president of the Agricultural Society, and with other endeavours, Frank Kean's contributions to Orillia were many. Even with their deaths at a young age, his sons Albert, Milton, and Boulton are noted in Orillia's history. Kean's, later Devlin's Block, has housed a significant number of merchants and professionals. It is an important component of Orillia's commercial district.

(b) Gribbin (McMaster) Building, 45 Mississaga Street East, Orillia, Ontario

This three storey commercial building was built in 1874 as a general store for Francis J. Gribbin. It is one of the structures erected within the first years following the 1872 fire on the south side of Mississaga Street East. The original dichromatic (red and buff) brick patterning survives, without overpaint. Although a replacement, the attractive roof cornice is typical of this once common architectural element. The original window openings, in segmental and semi-circular shapes, have 2x2 sashes and are still ornamented with buff brick voussoirs or heads. In continuous commercial use since its construction, the street level storefront has undergone several changes. This is an important traditional building in the commercial streetscape of Orillia.

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Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the City of Orillia before the 16th day of February, 2003.

DATED at Orillia, Ontario

This 17th day of February, 2003

Laura S. Lee, Clerk

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