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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON



DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK  
K.W. SADLER, CITY CLERK

July 24, 1986

REGISTERED MAIL

Ministry of Citizenship & Culture  
Heritage Branch  
7th Floor  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2R9

Re: Designation of 198 Elmwood Avenue East  
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337

Please find enclosed, a certified copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-2904-335, entitled "A by-law to designate 198 Elmwood Avenue East to be of historic and architectural value.", passed by the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London on July 7, 1986.

*R. J. Tolmie/WJR*

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Secretary  
Board of Control

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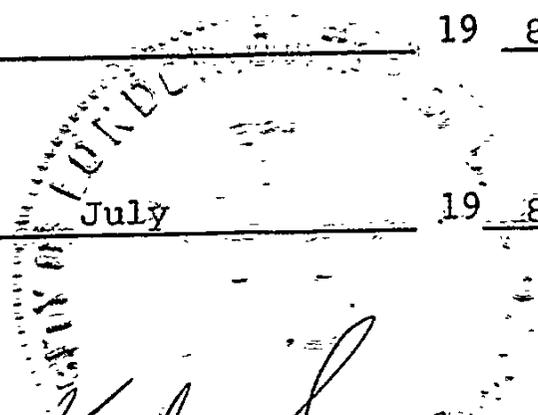


CITY OF LONDON

BY-LAW CERTIFICATION

I, K. W. Sadler, Clerk  
of the Corporation of the City of London, hereby certify that the By-law  
appended hereto is a true copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-2904-335  
of the City of London, passed on July 7, 19 86.

DATED at London, Ontario this 25th day of July 19 86.



K. W. Sadler

Signed

Bill No. 371  
1986

By-law No. L.S.P.-2904-335

A by-law to designate 198 Elmwood Avenue East to be of historic and architectural value.

WHEREAS pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337 the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 198 Elmwood Avenue East has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received.

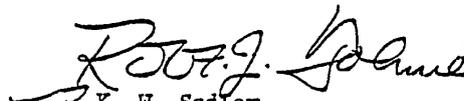
The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic and architectural value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, at 198 Elmwood Avenue East, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the London Free Press, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on July 7, 1986.



T. C. Gosnell  
Mayor



FOR K. W. Sadler  
City Clerk

First reading - July 7, 1986  
Second reading - July 7, 1986  
Third reading - July 7, 1986

SCHEDULE "A"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2904-335

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of London, in the County of Middlesex and Province of Ontario and being composed of Part of Lots Numbers Five (5) and Six (6), on the West side of Ridout Street (formerly Queen Street), according to Registered Plan Number One (1) and which may be more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the Southerly limit of said Lot Number Six (6), being the Northerly limit of Elmwood Avenue, distant 80 feet Easterly from the Southwest angle of said Lot Number Six (6);

THENCE Easterly along the Southerly limit of said Lot Number Six (6), 52 feet 4 1/2 inches more or less to a point distant 94 feet Westerly from the Westerly limit of Ridout Street, being also the East limit of Lot Number Six (6);

THENCE Northerly parallel to the Westerly limit of Ridout Street, 106 feet to a point;

THENCE Westerly parallel to the Northerly limit of Elmwood Avenue, being also the Southerly limit of Lot Number Six (6), 52 feet 4 1/2 inches more or less to a point distant 80 feet Easterly from the Westerly limit of said Lot Number Five (5);

THENCE Southerly parallel to the Westerly limit of said Lots Five (5) and Six (6), 106 feet to the place of beginning (as in Instrument 670312).

SCHEDULE "B"

to By-law No. L.S.P.-2904-335

Historical Reasons

The house at 198 Elmwood Avenue East is one of the oldest remaining buildings in London. It was built about 1849 for James Hamilton (1792-1858), Sheriff of the London District from 1836 until his death. At that time, the 2-storey frame dwelling was part of a 106-acre estate, known as Sheriff Hamilton's Bush; the house faced Ridout Street, then called Queen Street. The property passed out of the Hamilton family in 1862. About 1905 the building was moved around the corner to its present site on the north side of Elmwood Avenue East.

Sheriff Hamilton came from a family that was prominent in the early settlement of South-Western Ontario. His father, Hon. Robert Hamilton, founded Queenston; the City of Hamilton was named after his brother, George.

Architectural Reasons

Several features of this 2-storey dwelling, such as the long narrow windows, echo the Regency style of architecture. The well-proportioned, 5-bay house retains many of its early architectural details although significant changes were made when it was moved to its present site in 1905 and placed on a stone foundation. Alterations made at that time include the addition of a front verandah, demolition of a rear wing and covering the original frame structure with a veneer of orange-red bricks. Later the fenestration on the east and west façades was drastically altered. The house has retained its low hip roof capped by a belvedere, an early rear porch, a central classical doorway and long, narrow 9-over-6 pane windows on both the first and second storeys on the front elevation. The belvedere is notable for its cresting and wooden quoins.

In 1940, the details of the interior on the two main floors were destroyed when a fire broke out while the house was being converted to four apartments. The belvedere fortunately escaped the fire. In the attic interior, the pegged post and beam construction and planks up to approximately 32" wide from the original house are still exposed.