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TOWNSHIP OF LONDON



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October 15, 1987.

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Dear Sirs :

Re : North part Lot 5, Concession 6,  
Township of London,  
Property Designation Registration.

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Pursuant to Chapter 337, Section 29 (6) (a) (ii) of the Ontario Heritage Act, please find enclosed a duly signed registered copy of a property designated in the Township of London which was registered as Instrument Number 782777 on October 14, 1987.

A copy of the relevant by-law and the "Reasons for Designation" are also enclosed.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Albert F. Bannister, A.M.C.T.,  
Administrator & Clerk,  
Township of London.

Encl.

I, Albert F. Bannister, Clerk of the Corporation  
of the Township of London do hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a true copy of By-Law  
No. 5740, of the Township of London

  
Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONDON

BY-LAW NUMBER 5740

Being a by-law to designate the Denfield General  
Store and the Talbot-Fitzgerald House as places  
of historical and architectural value or interest.

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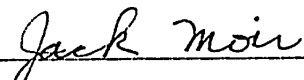
WHEREAS pursuant to Chapter 337, Section 29,  
subsection (6) (a), R.S.O. 1980, of the Ontario Heritage Act,  
Councils of local municipalities are authorized to pass by-laws  
designating places of historical and architectural value and  
interest;


AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to pass a  
by-law authorizing the designation of properties as historical and  
architectural in value or interest;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of  
the Township of London enacts as a by-law as follows:

1. That the Denfield General Store (Built 1877, west side of Main  
Street, Denfield) be designated as a place of historical and  
architectural value or interest.
2. That the Talbot-Fitzgerald House (North-half lot 5, Concession VI)  
be designated as a place of historical and architectural value or  
interest.
3. That the detailed "Reasons for Designation" are attached hereto  
and form part of this by-law as Schedule "A" and Schedule "B".
4. This by-law shall come into force and take effect from and after  
the final passing thereof.

READ a First, Second, and Third time and finally  
passed this 17th day of March, 1987.

  
Reeve

  
Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A"

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

DENFIELD GENERAL STORE-Built 1877, West side of Main Street, Denfield.

#### Historical Reasons:

The Denfield store served as a central meeting and trading post in the township community. It is known today by the many travellers who frequent the Denfield Sideroad. Travelling south, one sees the full impact of the stores central location and while passing observes its elongated original layout, which is typical of many country general stores, in addition to viewing the "false front". Early general stores had the residence on the second floor, a feature of the Denfield store.

#### Architectural Reasons:

Situated on the east side of the main street in Denfield, the Denfield Store has on the front of the building an original two-storey verandah (now supported by metal posts rather than the original wood pillars). This verandah displays gingerbread work (originally on both levels) which gives an arched effect and is joined to a false front. The store front holds the original windows running the full height and width of the ground floor on either side of the original main doors and extends above the upper storey to the false front where small gothic windows exist on the east and west ends of the second floor. An attached one and a half storey lean-to is attached on the east side of the store. The original V-grooved tongue and groove siding exists on the front and west sides. New stone work was done along the foundation on the west side. The full length of the building and the side porch on the southwest can be easily viewed because of its unobstructed corner location. Part of the original counter remains in a new position. The roofing, constructed originally of cedar shingles, was replaced in 1979.

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SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

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THE TALBOT-FITZGERALD HOUSE-North Part Lot 5, Concession 6

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Historical Reasons:

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The Talbot-Fitzgerald land was first settled in 1818 by the present occupants great-great-grandparents from Tipperary Ireland. An eight page document REF. A101 was submitted as a description of the ancestral life blood borne by the Township. The Talbot-Fitzgerald holding through the century, touching the families of Fitzgerald, Talbot, McGuffin, Howard, Shoebottom, Harrison and many more.

Architectural Reasons:

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The Talbot-Fitzgerald house is representative of an early field stone farm dwelling built from readily available materials adopting a country Georgian Style of Architecture by Patrick Fitzgerald for George Terrance Fitzgerald. The home is highlighted by the combination of un-uniformed brick and stone and the symmetrical layout of the chimneys and front entrance, the twenty-two (22) inch thick foundation walls, and eight (8) and twelve (12) pane windows. The remarkable early fireplace stands to reveal its importance in the early house and is also worthy of preservation.

Description:

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This one and a half storey farmhouse was built circa 1833 from stone with irregular sized bricks (handmade on the premises) around all doors and windows. The window sash vary from the three original twelve panes over eight on the ground floor, to the newer sash of six over six panes. The north face of the building holds the main door with five panes in the transom balanced by symmetrically placed windows. The twenty-inch thick field stone foundation supports large stone quoins at the house corners. Unusual exposed sections of timber are evenly placed, existing below the original twelve (12) inch fascia stonework is also found in the interior fireplace located on the west side, complete with stone hearth and wooden mantel. Originally there was another fireplace at the east end of the building where a new window was installed in the 1870's. A chimney still exists at each end of the building. The house originally had cedar shingle roofing.

North half of lot 5, concession 6, Township of London;

South and east road widening being by-law 2624 registered as instrument number 96740;

South and east those lands in instrument number 10341;

South and east part 4 33R-1507;

South and east lands in instrument number 278159;

Being the whole of the remainder of the north half as in instrument number 51884 and instrument number 51885.