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The Corporation of the
Town of Orangeville



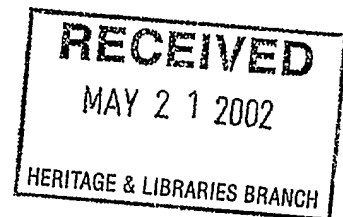
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May 10, 2002

Attention: Allan Gotlieb, Chair
Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Gotlieb:

Re: Notice of Passing of Heritage By-law
Town of Orangeville
125 Broadway ✓
67 Zina Street

13 -05- 2002

Please be advised that Orangeville Council, at the meeting held on May 6th, 2002, passed By-law No. 36-2002 for the purpose of designating the property located at 125 Broadway, and By-law No. 35-2002 for the purpose of designating the property located at 67 Zina Street as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

The attached notice of the passing of the by-law will be published in the Orangeville Banner newspaper on Friday, May 10th, 2002. Attached is a certified copy of the by-law, which is being provided to you in accordance with Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Johns
Cheryl Johns, A.M.C.T.
Clerk

Encl.

c: Heritage Orangeville

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 35 - 2002

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY SITUATED AT 67 ZINA STREET, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. (Lot 1, Block 8, Registered Plan 212)

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville has caused to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid real property and to The Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

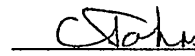
BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville as follows:

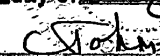
1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the land and building located on the real property described as Lot 1, Block 8, Registered Plan 212, known municipally as 67 Zina Street, Town of Orangeville.
2. The reasons for designation of the land and building on the real property located at 67 Zina Street, Town of Orangeville, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described as Lot 1, Block 8, Registered Plan 212, known municipally as 67 Zina Street in the Land Titles Division of Dufferin (No. 7).
4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid real property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL

THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2002.


Drew Brown, Mayor


Cheryl Johns, Clerk

Certified a true copy of By-law/
Resolution Number 35-2002
passed by the Municipal Council of
the Town of Orangeville on the
6TH day of MAY, 2002.

Town Clerk

Town of Orangeville

Criteria for Designation

67 Zina Street

Lot 1, Block 8, Plan 212

67 Zina Street

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Summary

This home was built by Thomas Stern Williamson and his wife Margaret Maria Williamson in 1877. It is typical of the homes built during Orangeville's economic boom of the 1870's which followed the arrival of the railroad.

Historical and Biographical note:

Thomas Stern and Margaret Maria Williamson bought this property from James Bryan and wife who then moved to Shelburne and established a hotel. The Williamson's began construction in the latter part of 1877 with Peter McNab and John Wallace as contractors. The structure was completed in 1878.

The Williamson's sold the property to John McLaren in May of 1886 and subsequently moved to Simcoe where Thomas was the proprietor of the Norfolk House and the Simcoe Mills. He died suddenly on 19 March 1888 at the age of 49, leaving his widow, two sons and three daughters. Thomas's obituary in the Orangeville Sun tells us that he was a man whose "great ambition was to improve the locality in which he had taken up residence. He gave a great spur to commercial enterprise and made citizens hope for better times."


The second resident, John McLaren, may well have been the same John McLaren who was the first Dufferin County Registrar.

Benjamin Cammell bought the property from John McLaren in 1889 and subsequently sold the property to John Sydie in June of 1892. John was born in Dundee, Forfarshire, Scotland in 1838, and emigrated to Canada at the age of 12. He conducted a successful harness and leather business in Tottenham for 30 years before retiring in Orangeville. His retirement was curtailed by his death on 25 April 1894. John's widow remained in residence at 67 Zina Street until 1905. John's daughter Anne became Mrs. A. D. McKitrick, Mr. McKitrick being the first mayor of the Town of Orangeville..

Architectural Evaluation

This substantial brick house with its steeply pitched roof, bay windows, wide main doorway and, most significantly, the simple lancet or pointed windows in the centre of the gables is a vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival style common for the period 1850 to 1900, and appropriately labelled Victorian Gothic. The decorative vergeboards and the dichromatic brickwork are vernacular attempts to achieve the polychromatic effects of Gothic architecture seen in central and southern Europe while the projecting east wing of the building is a reworking of the projecting porch variation of the Medieval box-hall plan common to Victorian Gothic structures.

The building has a red brick field with the quoining, panel detail under the windows of



the bays, and soldiering over the windows and doors in buff brick. The brick is most likely from one of the local brickyards of the day. The masonry had been painted over but the paint has now been removed and the masonry repointed as necessary.

The remaining chimneys are red brick with a buff brick base and raised cornice. The existing central chimney was built to accommodate the central heating when it was installed. The original chimney was on the west side of the house.

The soffits are finished off with a decorative cove at the wall. The ground floor bay roofs are supported by brackets and are shingled with shaped wood shingles. The gables are enhanced by the elaborate vergeboards which replace the originals that had been removed. The original wood pendants at the lower corners have also been removed.

The first and second floor windows are arch-topped, a style common to Orangeville buildings of the era while the third floor windows are lancet shaped. All windows have two over two pane arrangements. The original window sashes have been replaced with similar arch-topped sashes that incorporate thermal panes.

The original porch had a bell-shaped roof with brackets and shaped posts but was removed at some point in the past. It has been replaced with an appropriate though not original roof and post shape. The woodwork has been painted in an heritage three colour scheme.

Century old sugar maples and chestnuts on both the Zina and Clara Street frontages enhance the historic ambience of the exterior.

John Blumenson, Ontario Architecture: A Guide to Styles and Building Terms,
Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 1990

Orangeville Citizen. *Big houses are common feature of Orangeville*. Sept. 13, 1978

Dufferin County Museum and Archives. Archival database.

