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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18:

Plan 136, Part Lots 15 & 16,
Registered Plan 42R11285, Parts 5 to 7, north side of Cascade Street,
known municipally as 1 Cascade Street

Reasons for Designation:

- property upon which the house stands is part of a larger block of land purchased from William Beatty in 1886 by Joseph Farrer, Police Magistrate from 1887 to 1916;
- According to tax assessment records, it appears that this Queen Anne style home was built prior to 1907 and may have been the personal residence of Joseph Farrer, or a rental unit, as Joseph Farrer owned several buildings on the block;
- with the exception of a replacement front verandah, and rear addition, the building has been maintained in largely the same condition as when it was originally built: a square plan of two stories with full attic, and wood shingle-faced gable on each side with original wood fascias and soffits;
- regular course stone foundation;
- concrete lintels and sills;
- original single hung window sashes;
- exterior concrete "stone" block cladding is an early example of prefabricated cladding, unique in Parry Sound which saw little variation in cladding material other than wood frame and siding. This prefabricated material was marketed as fireproof rated, and available as part of housing kits by mail-order companies. For this reason, current research speculates that this may have been a "kit house".
- matching concrete "stone" block wall in front of house.

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 Town of Parry Sound before the 24th day of April, 2000.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Johnson
Executive Assistant

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