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In The Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, as amended.

And In The Matter of the lands and premises known Municipally as 45 Muskoka Road in the Town of Bracebridge, in the Province of Ontario.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO:



Ontario Heritage Foundation

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge, on the 14th day of September 1977, decided to designate the lands and buildings, known Municipally as 45 Muskoka Road, in the Town of Bracebridge in the District Municipality of Muskoka, as a property of architectural value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, as amended.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE
PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The house named Woodchester in Bracebridge was built in 1882 for Henry James Bird and was named after his family's Elizabethan manor in Yorkshire.

It is considered to be a classic example in Ontario of Orson Squire Fowler's octagonal plan and had several unique architectural features for its time including central ventilating shaft and dumb waiter, water pressure tanks, inside plumbing, speaking tubes and observation galleries.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the 12th day of January 1978.

DATED at Bracebridge, this 12th day of January 1978.

K.C. Veitch
Municipal Clerk