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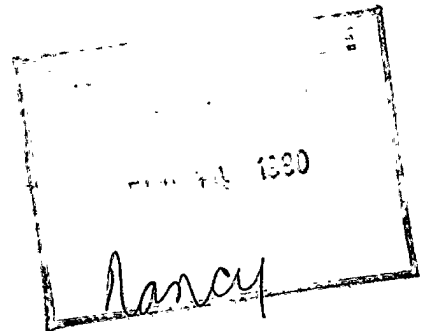
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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Designation of Property.

Pursuant to Section 29(14) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, I have enclosed a certified copy of By-Law 7-90 passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott at its regular meeting held February 5, 1990.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Andrew Brown,  
Clerk Administrator.

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT

BYLAW NO. 7-90

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE RANSON HOUSE, 533 KING STREET WEST AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1980, Chapter 337 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 Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommended to Council that the exterior of the building at 533 King Street West in Prescott be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act for the reasons as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as

THE RANSON HOUSE  
533 KING STREET WEST, PRESCOTT

AND UPON 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 once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board has held a hearing to determine whether the property in question should be designated and reported its findings of fact and recommendations to the Council;

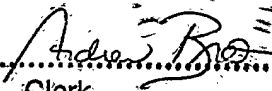
AND WHEREAS the Council has considered and agreed with the report of the Conservation Review Board;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as The Ranson Estate House, 533 King Street West, Prescott, more particularly described as Lot 32 and Part of Lot 31, Block 3, Plan 19 on the south side of King Street, west of St. Lawrence Street.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law together with the reasons for designation as detailed in Schedule "A", to be registered against the property described above in the local Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid 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 Town of Prescott.

I certify this to be  
an exact and true copy

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 5th DAY OF February 1990.

  
Clerk

Town of Prescott

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 5th DAY OF February 1990.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

DESIGNATION REPORT OF PRESCOTT LACAC

BUILDING: 533 KING STREET WEST, OWNERSHIP IN THE NAME OF CHARLES H. RANSON

LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE OF KING ST., WEST OF ST. LAWRENCE ST.,  
LOT 32 AND PART OF LOT 31, BLOCK 3, PLAN 19

DATE OF REPORT: JUNE 21, 1989

PREPARED BY: JIM PEETS, GERRY RUSTON AND SHIRLEY HODGINS

A: REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee recommends that the exterior of the building at 533 King St. West be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, for the following reasons.

1. The stone building is one of the older buildings in the town, believed to have been built in the 1840s. It is a good example of a modest residence from the period following Prescott's incorporation as a town. The house sitting close to the street is an important part of the historic fabric along this part of King Street.

B. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The lot was first granted from the Crown to Susannah Jessup as part of the west half of Lot 4 in Concession 1 of the Township of Augusta in 1800. [2]

The building is located on Lot 32, just east of the "Susannah Jessup Cottage". In 1843 John Furness bought this lot from Susannah Jessup. It was part of a larger parcel of land which Susannah Jessup acquired through a quit claim from Dunham Jones. This larger parcel extended from St. Lawrence St. west along King St. for 353 feet and included the land south of this line to the river. John Furness and Thomas Bowers, a mason, also acquired Lot 31, the lot to the east of Lot 32, from Susannah Jessup in 1845. When the two lots next changed hands in 1861, the value had increased by more than 200 %. For this reason it is believed the house was built following acquisition of Lot 31, in 1845. [2] It is possible that the house was built by Thomas Bowers.

The property has had very few owners since it was first granted to Susannah Jessup in 1800. In an account from Mrs. Harry Ranson in J. A. Morris's "Prescott-1810-1967" it states "our children are the sixth generation of that brave Coates family to live in this home." [3]

C. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Furness building is one of a collection of older residences forming an historic streetscape along this part of King Street. The house sits close to King Street, with the front door opening close to the sidewalk. The building is adjacent the west property line placing it in the northwest corner of the lot.

The building of stucco over rubble stone has very simple lines reminiscent of the Ontario cottage style. Its storey and a half rectangular plan occupies approximately 24' by 28', having an additional open porch on the southeast side and a single storey early addition (summer kitchen?) extending south for about 25' along its west side.

The medium gable ends on the north and south faces and the eaves have a plain

frieze and boxed cornice. The windows are double hung sash, again with plain trim. The main door is off centre on the north gable end opening to King Street. [1]

The front door has three sets of panels ranging from small to large with narrow moulding around the panels. Above the door is a flush light transom consisting of five square glass sections, the outer transom in the doorway having the same feature. The style of the front door suggests that it was hand crafted. The door step is cut stone.

There is a chimney at the south end of the main section. Above the one storey addition, a sun porch has been added at a later date.

The porch on the east side of the building is open with square pillars suggesting that it was built in the early 20th century when the arts and crafts style was in vogue.

1. Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings, Parks Canada, 1971.
2. Abstract Index for south side of King St., Lots 30, 31, 32 and 47, Block 3. Grenville County Registry Office, Prescott.
3. Morris, J. A., Prescott 1810-1967, St. Lawrence Printing Co. Ltd. Prescott, 1967.