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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
RSO 1980, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS
AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL
ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

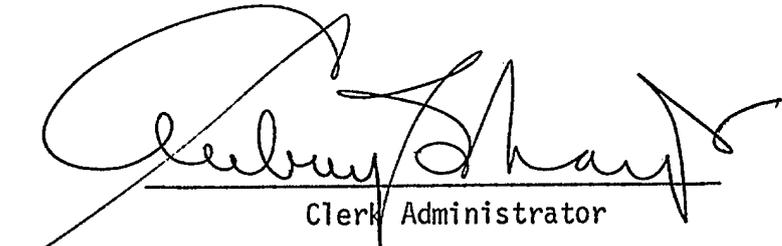
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the City of Trenton intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1980. The reasons for the proposed designation are attached.

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 City of Trenton before the 12th day of January , 1985.

Dated at the City of Trenton this 20th day of December , 1984.


Clerk Administrator

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TRENTON

SCHEDULE "A"

The property known as Blantyre, 196/198 Victoria Avenue, being Lots 18 and 19, Plan 76, City of Trenton, is recognized as being of architectural and historical value for the following reasons:

The one and a half storey dwelling called "Blantyre" was constructed circa 1873 of red brick with decorative white brick accents which creates an interesting polychromatic appearance. The white brick is used in the window and door arches and for two projecting brick string courses at the second floor level. Architecturally, the building is constructed in a Gothic Revival Style vernacular. The dwelling has a three bay (openings) facade with a projecting centre bay containing the front entrance. The entrance has a segmentally arched opening with a transom. The door has four panels; the upper two being glazed. Projecting bay windows on the front facade have each received a different treatment. The south bay on the front facade projects at a 45 degree angle; the window openings are a variation of a lancet (gothic) arch window. The windows are casement windows. The north bay on the front facade is a projecting box bay. The window opening has a segmental arch with vertical rectangle casement windows. Wood mouldings applied within the segmental arch reflects the gothic arch design. The windows in the front dormers are casement windows. The upper window in the projecting centre bay is a casement window in the variation of the lancet arch opening. The four openings on the south wall are french doors. A large segmental arch transgresses both french doors at the upper floor and probably helps distribute the weight of the brick over the openings while providing decorative interest. The medium to steeply pitched gable roof is decorated with a simple fretted bargeboard (gingerbread trim). Small brackets are located under the eaves along the front facade. The gable of the projecting centre bay exhibits a simple fretted bargeboard of a different pattern than the main roof. The chimney at the north end of the house is decorated with four recessed panels.

The dwelling was constructed by William Ireland. Ireland purchased the lands in 1869 and probably built the house about the time he secured a mortgage from James Biggar in 1873. The Hastings County Directory of 1879-80 reported the Ireland residence as being one of the finest residences erected of late in West Trenton. Ireland was a merchant specializing in family groceries, boots, and leather. The measure of Ireland's wealth can be imagined from a newspaper account of 1877 which reported Ireland had constructed a block of three double wide stores, 60 feet deep, on Front Street. However, it appears Ireland's finances declined and he may have defaulted on his house mortgage in 1881, resulting in a transfer of the land to the mortgagor, James Biggar, through a Vesting Order. In December of 1881, Anson Greenleaf Whittier acquired the property from Biggar. Whittier was a successful grain merchant with extensive interests in the shipping business. In 1887, Whittier was appointed to the position of Town Clerk. The house has been passed down through the [REDACTED] family and is now the home of [REDACTED].