



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act e-Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre électronique, tenu aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

County of Brant

R.E.F. (Ron) Eddy, Mayor
Rick Fiebig, C.A., Chief Administrative Officer
County Administration Office
(519) 449-2451
(519) 449-2454 (FAX)
Web Site <http://www.county.brant.on.ca>

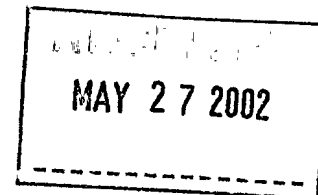


Paris Service Area Office

Planning, Building & Economic Development
Department
66 Grand River Street North
Paris, Ontario N3L 2M2
(519) 442-6324
(519) 442-3461 (FAX)
e-mail : janet.crook@county.brant.on.ca

Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East,
Toronto, Ont. M5C 1J3

May 23, 2002



To Whom It May Concern;

Please find enclosed for your edification two by-laws pertaining to properties that have been designated under the Heritage Act by the County of Brant.

Please contact me at the Paris Service Area Office if you require further information.

Thank-you.

Yours truly;

Janet Crook
Planner



*updated in the HFD
Nov. 22/02
LH.*

file.

- of -

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To designate the property known municipally as 676 Mount Pleasant Road, Part of Lot 6, Range 1 E.M.P.R, geographic Township of Brantford, County of Brant, as being of architectural and historic value or interest

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 to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises, being the original house circa 1840, comprising the center and north wing of the current residence at 676 Mount Pleasant Road, Part of Lot 6, Range 1 E.M.P.R., geographic Township of Brantford, County of Brant 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 a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

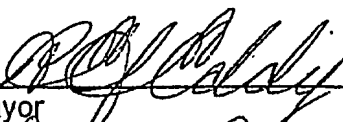
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:


1. THAT the real property, being the original house circa 1840 comprising the center and north wing of the current residence, at 676 Mount Pleasant Road, Part of Lot 6, Range 1 E.M.P.R., geographic Township of Brantford, County of Brant, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest..
2. THAT the municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. THAT 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 the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a first and second time, this 19th day of March, 2002.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 19th day of March, 2002.


THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT



Mayor


Clerk

CERTIFIED TO BE
A TRUE COPY



Clerk
COUNTY OF BRANT

Date: May 6/02

SCHEDULE "A" DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

In the County of Brant, in the former Township of Brantford being composed of Part lot 6, Range 1EMPR, municipally known as 676 Mt. Pleasant Road, and more particularly as follows:

In the Township of Brantford, in the County of Brant, in the Province of Ontario, being composed of Part of Lot 6 in the First Range East of the Mount Pleasant Road in the said Township.

PREMISING the bearing of the Eastern boundary of Mount Pleasant Road to be North 10 degrees 50 minutes East as shown on Registered Plan 815, may be more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the Eastern boundary of the said road distant 105 feet measured Southerly thereon from its intersection with the line between Lots 6 and 7;

THENCE South 10 degrees 50 minutes West along the said Eastern boundary, a distance of 221.4 feet;

THENCE South 65 degrees 35 minutes East, a distance of 225.90 feet;

THENCE South 15 degrees 11 minutes West, a distance of 201.50 feet;

THENCE South 63 degrees 50 minutes East parallel to the said line between Lots 6 and 7, a distance of 518.52 feet;

THENCE North 10 degrees 50 minutes East parallel to the said Eastern boundary of Mount Pleasant Road, a distance of 524.40 feet to a point in the Northern boundary of the said Lot;

THENCE North 63 degrees 50 minutes West along the said line between Lots 6 and 7, a distance of 470.45 feet;

THENCE South 10 degrees 50 minutes West parallel to the said Eastern boundary of the Mount Pleasant Road, a distance of 105 feet;

THENCE North 63 degrees 50 minutes West parallel to the said line between Lots 6 and 7, a distance of 260.00 feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING by admeasurement 6.89 acres, be the same, more or less. All as shown outlined in Red on the Plan attached to Instrument No. A94674.

TOGETHER WITH a Right-of-Way, 14.50 feet in perpendicular width which may be more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the point of commencement of the hereinbefore described parcel;

THENCE Northerly along the Eastern boundary of the said road, a distance of 15 feet;

THENCE Easterly parallel to the Northern boundary of the said Lot, a distance of 260 feet;

THENCE Southerly parallel to the said Eastern boundary, a distance of 15 feet;

THENCE Westerly parallel to the said Northern boundary, a distance of 260 feet to the place of beginning. All as shown outlined in Yellow on the Plan attached to Instrument No. A94674.

Being the same lands as described in Instrument No. A308144.

4

SCHEDULE "B"

BY-LAW NUMBER 58-02

BRYNING –O'BYRNE RESIDENCE DESIGNATION REPORT

This residence at 676 Mount Pleasant Road in the Village of Mount Pleasant is one of the oldest surviving residential buildings in the community, with important links to the architectural, religious, and social history of Mount Pleasant the County of Brant.

The original house, built c1840 by the Presbyterian Reverend John Bryning and his wife Nancy Lee Byrning, comprising the centre and north wing of the current residence, is a fine early example of the Gothic vernacular or carpenter Gothic style (1830's – 1850's) popularized through the writing and work of the American architect and landscape planner Andrew Jackson Downing, who in turn drew on the earlier work of Alexander Jackson Davis.

In later renditions the style became highly ornamental with the fanciful decorative bargeboard, gable posts and finials, and exuberant porches now usually associated with the style. In general, vernacular Gothic "cottages" were rural, middle – class versions of the formal Gothic Revival architecture.

As befitting a Presbyterian manse in a rural pioneer community, the Bryning residence is a restrained almost austere, one and a half storey version of the Gothic vernacular, but nevertheless exhibits the essential pure elements of the evolving style: post and girt framing; vertical pine tongue and groove siding with bevelled battens; steeply pitched roof; gothic windows as focal points in the principal front facing gables; and front porch with a bell-curved roof and somewhat whimsical trim featuring a spades motif on the wide and flattened arches between the columns.

It reflects the design principles of proportion, unity, simplicity, and symmetry, with the six over six window pattern a prominent aspect of this.

Interestingly, the style was considered symbolic of the teachings of virtue and order and the sentiments regarding the importance of religion, character, goodness, truth, and family typical of the period.

The most significant changes to the house have been the addition of the south wing (1968), and a tail wing (1992), both architect designed to be compatible with the original manse in proportion and scale, and through repetition of gables, siding, sash, and millwork, thus protecting its historical architectural integrity.

Although needing further restoration, particularly replacement of the wood foundation sill beams and some repair to the siding, the exterior remains essentially as built, including the original sash, glazing, and front door. Plans also include replacement of the missing shutters on at least the front elevation. The interior is not the subject of the designation request, but it is worth noting that it also retains many original features, such as room layout, pine floors, millwork, and interior doors.

Reverend John Bryning was a colourful, important, and very active teacher, spiritual advisor, and ordained minister in Canada West from his arrival in the 1820's until his death in 1853. Described as a man "of decided piety, mighty in the Scriptures, and of marked ability as a public speaker," he conducted religious services in Forestville, Normandale, Scotland, Oakland, Burford and Mount Pleasant. He was formally ordained as a pastor of the Presbyterian churches of Mount Pleasant and Simcoe on November 3, 1830.

In later life, "becoming unable to travel from the infirmities of age, Reverend Bryning continued to preach from his own home."

Reverend Bryning settled on an 8 56/100 acre plot for a home on Lot 6 in the First Range East of the Mount Pleasant Road (Port Dover Road) prior to 1830, and received his quit-claim deed to the property long after the fact from land speculator Absalom Shade in 1850. His settlement date raises the possibility that the house is earlier than the c1840 date assigned to it.

Based on its architectural merit, its survival in relatively pure form as an example of its period and style, and its important association with the early history of Mount Pleasant, Brant County, and Canada West the original portion of the Bryning - O'Byrne residence is worthy of designation.

The owners, [REDACTED] are in full agreement with the designation.

The Brant County LACAC recommends that the County of Brant Council designate the exterior of the centre and north wing of this residence, incorporating the Bryning manse, under the Ontario Heritage Act.