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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
SECTION 29, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18

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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

And in the matter of the lands and premises
at the following municipal address in the
City of Stratford in the Province of Ontario

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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02 -03- 2004

TO:

63 William Street
STRATFORD ON N5A 4X9

AND TO:

Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO ON M5C 1J3

Ministry of Culture
Heritage & Libraries Branch
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
TORONTO ON M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Section 29, of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18*:

63 WILLIAM STREET, STRATFORD— REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS:

Gothic Revival Style; very good example compared to buildings of similar style designated in Stratford; excellent remaining example of board and batten construction; excellent proportions; building has excellent visual quality; excellent attention to details in construction; original except for east side second storey which is a slightly later addition; addition very sympathetic to original; interior original, floor plan and trim; storm porch and lower front window beautiful design and well-kept; original front door and windows; original materials excellent; functional design of building excellent; quality of workmanship, handling of materials and state of repair excellent; building conspicuous and familiar in the neighbourhood; relationship to original site remains very high; one of original homes in area and on river; sets standard for quality of buildings to follow; one of few remaining frame buildings in city.

EXTERIOR ELEMENTS WORTHY OF DESIGNATION:

Entire board & batten exterior of house; original windows; "Stratford storm porch" and adjoining veranda, posts and decorative brackets; earlier second storey dormers.

INTERIOR ELEMENTS WORTHY OF DESIGNATION:

Original doors and casings; original window casings and baseboards; staircase.

HISTORY OF HOUSE:

- Built 1875 by Thomas Todd. The Todd family were carpenters. Tax Assessment rolls indicate an addition to the house by John Gaudy circa 1887.

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- *Carolynn Bart-Riedstra states that this home has been on the archives and Heritage Stratford list of desirable homes to designate for 20 years.*
- *She also states that we are losing our early board and batten homes and that this is a desirable property to designate, particularly considering its prominent location on Lake Victoria.*


OWNERS OF THE HOUSE:

- *The Todd family (built by them) 1875-1880*
- *The Gaudy family 1881-1959*
- *The Posliff family 1961-Present*
- *The house has been owned by only three families in 128 years. It has been a significant part of the streetscape for a very long time.*
- *Thomas Todd, the builder of the house is mentioned in Tax Assessment rolls in Stratford as early as 1859 and may have been a lot owner (as Thomas Tod) as early as 1858. (He owned property at that time on Douglas Street.*
- *William Todd, presumably his son, was in charge of the running shed of the Grand Trunk Railway in its early days. The running shed was formerly the Buffalo and Lake Huron freight shed.*
- *W.C. Todd was the son of William Todd. He was one of ten children in the family. He wrote a very interesting article about early days in Stratford in the Beacon in 1932. He moved to Manitoba but was part of Stratford's early history.*
- *John Gaudy (died Dec 12, 1889 at the age of 54 years) - marble cutter*
- *He had a business in Stratford in the 1850's and 60's as a marble cutter, a creator of tombstones and a dealer in lime and cut stone. This was one of the earliest businesses of its kind in the city. Samples of his work may be seen in Avondale Cemetery. Ill health, which resulted from his occupation, caused him to give up his business and become an employee of Gadsby and Sharman, marble cutters. He died at 63 William Street at the relatively young age of 54.*
- *Elizabeth Gaudy (wife of John Gaudy), died Jan 30, 1923. She lived in the house, after John's death, from 1889-1923. No occupation except widow of John is listed for her. This may indicate a certain prosperity on the part of her husband although she was obviously assisted by the work of her daughters (Jennie, a dressmaker and Jessie C. a school teacher at Romeo School for many years.)*
- *Jessie C. Gaudy - daughter of John and Elizabeth - school teacher at Romeo School*
- *That the family was somewhat prosperous and well-respected is indicated by the fact that she was elected President of the Women's Canadian Club in Stratford in the 1940's and Regent of a Stratford Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE), in the 1950's.*

The property is currently owned by [REDACTED]

If any person wishes to object to the proposed designation, a Notice of Objection, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, must be served on the Clerk of the City of Stratford NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2004. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served on the Clerk, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the City of Stratford
this 28th day of February, 2004.


Joan L. Thomson – City Clerk