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In the matter of the Ontario
Heritage Act 1974, S.O.
Chapter 122

And in the matter of the
Lands and Premises known
Municipally as
89 Ontario Street South
in the Town of St. Marys in
the Province of Ontario

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 89 Ontario Street South as a property of architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

Erected, ca 1870, for C.S. Jones, a local lawyer, this magnificent residence set in its own four and one half acre park is built on the crest of a hill, the site was obviously chosen for its picturesque qualities. We can attribute its construction to Robert Barbour, a local architect and builder, who at this time was building the Oddy House which bears striking stylistic similarities.

This residence follows a type of plan known as the Georgian double-pile; to this are added Italianate details. A large front-to-back centre hall divides the house into two parts; upper and lower floor plans and rooms on either side of the hall are symmetrical. Rooms in the full third storey were finished for servants quarters.

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The house has a great Mansard roof which dominates all facades. The eastern front door is marked by two one storey bay windows, a front door with coloured glass on its transom and sidelights, a projecting verandah surmounted by a balcony. The south facade features French windows while both north and south walls have chimneys with intricately designed brick work. Brick quoins, elaborate brackets and a string course adorn every wall. An early carriage way leads from Thomas Street up the hill, circles in front of the house, and continues behind to the original board and batten carriage house which survives and is included in this designation. Remarkably, the interior of this house contains its original woodwork, decorative plasterwork and four fireplaces - all of which are also designated.

This designation is prompted not only for architectural reasons but also for historical associations. Since 1911 it has been the home (of the family) of the late William Dale one of the first professors of Latin at the University of Toronto. James Reaney's play *The Dismissal* is based on a dramatic incident in his life.

Any person may, before the 21st day of Sept. 1987 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of St. Marys notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received the Council of the Town of St. Marys will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at St. Marys, this 14th day of Aug., 1987

K. G. STOREY
Clerk Administrator

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