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BY-LAW NUMBER 39 OF 1997

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS

Being a By-Law to designate the property known municipally as 347 Queen Street East as being of architectural 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, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 347 Queen Street East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

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

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property known municipally as 347 Queen Street East more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
- 2) The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9th DAY OF September, 1997.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9th DAY OF September, 1997.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 9th DAY OF September, 1997.

MAYOR

CLERK

"SCHEDULE A"

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

347 Queen Street East

This two-storey house is one of the oldest and most unusual of St. Marys' stone buildings.

The land on which it was constructed was sold by James Ingersoll on September 1, 1854 to one Elizabeth James for 13 10s.; she, in turn, sold it to Joseph Brown on July 1, 1861 for \$500. Presumably the house was built for her during this period.

The 1861 census lists Elizabeth James (age 75; born in England), her husband William, a cooper, (age 77; born in England), and (probably) a son Isaac, age 31.

According to local tradition, the stone mason responsible for the house was Henry Andrews who emigrated to Canada from Torquay, Devon in 1855. He settled first in London and then in June 1857 brought his family to St. Marys. He assisted at the building of the stone abutments of the London railway viaduct.

The local limestone is of rubble construction. The eaves dramatically hang over the upstairs windows. The front door is deeply recessed and contains three sidelights and transom. A set of antique eaves' returns is still in place.

A persistent oral tradition holds that the house was at one time a hotel. A long closed-up door opening to the right of the easterly window on the main floor may indeed have provided access to a store or bar room of a hotel. Certainly its location close to the eastern edge of the town would support this notion.

Like a few other buildings from the earliest period of construction in St. Marys, this dwelling is tight to the street. We can find it in J.L. Wilson's panoramic view of St. Marys taken in the winter of 1863. Further details of its architectural importance are provided in Larry Pfaff's **Historic St. Marys** (1995).