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TOWN OF ST. MARYS

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
136 Water Street South
In the Town of St. Marys in the
Province of Ontario

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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 136 Water Street South as a property of architectural value of interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

This limestone cottage was built in the 1860's, almost certainly by James Whitson as his own residence. Whitson, a stone-cutter and mason, was prominent in municipal politics and also built the adjoining two-storey brick house (146 Water Street South) around 1903.

This cottage with its prominent quoins, pedimental lintels, neat rubble coursing in its side walls and pointed windows in its gables bears all the marks of special attention which a mason would lavish on his own house. Originally Whitson, like other stone masons, owned lots adjoining his house, from which he quarried stone and, in the winter months, finished it for building purposes. In the early days of this house "the downtowners" were still hoping that Water Street would win out as the main street; the first town hall (later the "Lock-up School") was located just north of James Whitson's cottage.

This house, one of St. Marys' early stone dwellings, stands as a reminder of one of our first industries; as a building it is a model of elegant simplicity.

Any person may, before the 20th day of November, 1989, 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 17th day of October, 1989.

K. G. Storey
Clerk-Administrator
Town of St. Marys
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