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## Township Of Centre Wellington

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**CONSERVATION REVIEW  
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January 23, 2003

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor St. W.  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington intends to designate the properties, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal addresses as property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 (Ch.O.18, Sec. 23)

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATIONS:  
290 ST. DAVID ST. S., FERGUS**

This large two-storey limestone structure was built as a horse stable and carriage house in 1855 by John "Yankee" Thorp, hotelkeeper and livery operator. Since passing from Thorp family ownership in 1868, the building has had a succession of owners, among whom were: Dr. Abraham Groves, the County of Wellington and Tweddle Chick Hatcheries Ltd. It has been put to a variety of uses, including works garage, chick hatchery, shoe factory, school annex and business office.

The Tweddle Chick Hatchery was started in 1925 using several Fergus buildings including this one. In 1948 the Savage Shoe Company took over the whole building with a staff of 50.

It was owned in the 1970's by a car club before being converted to its present use as a private residence. The conversion was effected with minimum impact on the original structural elements and the historical function of the building remains evident. Its size and prominent location make it a local landmark that figures in the memories of many Fergus residents.

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**290 TOWER ST. S., FERGUS**

This single detached dwelling was constructed in the late nineteenth century of handmade yellow stretcher brick with ornamental quoins. It has two and a half storeys and a medium gable roof of asphalt shingles with projecting eaves and verges, with a plain fascia and soffit throughout. The footprint is a "T" plan with a long façade and a central wing at the rear. The main entrance is central front with a 2/2 sash window on each side. There is one centre chimney and one right side chimney, both of matching brick. The main entrance is a flat opening with an open porch and a single leaf door and glass side lights.

**6377 SECOND LINE, WEST GARAFRAXA**

This one-room schoolhouse is in excellent condition and is entirely original except that the boys' entrance door has been converted into a window. It is built of squared and coursed limestone with finished limestone quoins but the rear wall is stone rubble. The schoolhouse has a regular plan with a short (36 foot) façade and a long (50 foot) side. A stone plaque set in the wall shows that it is School Section No. 1 built in 1887. The roof brackets are original. There are four original 6/6 sash windows on each side with finished stone facings and lintels. There is a half-basement with a firewood trap door. This designation covers the original exterior only.

Notice of objection to the proposed designations, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Centre Wellington before the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

Dated at the Township of Centre Wellington this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

Carolyn Hacking, Clerk, A.M.C.T.  
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