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## Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

### 45922 Sparta Line

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18:

House located on property known municipally as **45922 Sparta Line** and legally described as **South Part of Lot 19, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin.**

The entire façade of the house, excluding the extension at the rear, is intended to be designated. The house was built between 1845 and 1855. The simplicity of the building epitomizes the Provincial Greek Revival style in which it was built.

The full statement of cultural heritage value or interest is attached. A copy of the statement is available in the Municipal Office at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, daily, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the municipal website, [www.centralelgin.org](http://www.centralelgin.org), by clicking the "Notices-Other" Quick Link on the homepage.

Any person may, not later than **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, serve on the Clerk of the Municipality of Central Elgin a **notice of objection** setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

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## The Davey House

### Architectural Qualities

The exact date of construction of the Davey House is unknown, falling somewhere between 1845 and 1855. The simplicity of the building epitomizes the Provincial Greek Revival style in which it was built. It also has pilastered doorways with entablatures, and a solid frieze, similar to other houses in the village of Sparta that date back to the 1850s.

The house is a long, rectangular building with an extension built off the back. It is one-and-a-half storeys high with a full basement. It sits on a fieldstone foundation and measures 11m long by 7m deep. The building is a clapboard frame house with corner board detailing.

The roof is a simple, medium gable with projecting eaves and moulded fascia and soffit. There are projecting verges on the house, which also have moulded fascia, soffit, and frieze; there are also returned eaves, as was common in the Greek Revival style.

The windows are flat squares with plain, flat heads. The insides of the windows are made of wood and built plainly using mortise and tenon construction with pegs, as is the plain slip sill. The windows themselves are 2x2 paned, with two single-hung sashes. Originally the windows would have been 6x6 paned but were replaced in the 1870s or 1880s. The protruding bay on the west side was added in 1887. This bay features Italianate brackets on moulded fascia, soffit and frieze. The upper windows are still the 6x6 paned, two being original and the other two were reproduced by Wade using old glass and wood.

There is a small, plain step leading to the main entrance, which is set in the centre of the facade. The doorway is pilastered with Doric columns and entablature. The door itself is four-panelled with the upper panels in glass and the lower panels in wood.

The Davey house is an excellent specimen of its type, and the rear extension, added in the 1940s is sympathetic to the original structure being clad in clapboard. The Daveys have restored most of the changes made over the years to the windows and doors to their original forms.

### Registry Office Material and Historical Significance

The property on which the Davey House sits was originally deeded by the Crown to the Honourable James Baby. Baby sold the property to the Jonathan Doan in 1813, who then sold it to his son, Israel Doan in 1843. The Martin House in Sparta which is designated was also built by Israel Doan in the same style in 1850s. The [REDACTED] purchased the house in 1990 and have made considerable effort to restore it.

### Legal Description

45922 Sparta Line

Concession 4, Lot 19 South section

Municipality of Central Elgin (Yarmouth Township)

Note: Proposed designation is of the entire exterior of building, excluding the extension at the rear

