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## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys intends to designate 285 Emily Street as a property of cultural historical value or interest under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended.

### **Property Description**

The subject property is described as LOT 73 EAST SIDE WATER STREET PLAN 248 ST MARYS, BEING PT 3 44R-402 ; ST MARYS

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

**Design and Physical Value:** The plan for this house is to run east to west with the main entrance facing Emily Street and the longitudinal L shaped section runs this way.

The roof is saddle back style with a single steep pitched centre cross gable, from the front of the house into the main ridge board running longitudinally north/south; as well as a lesser pitched roof running from the ridge board east to form the L shape part of the house.

The west façade is limestone regular cut ashlar, with a central protrusion which contains the entrance and the second storey window centred in the cross gable. The north/east extension and southern walls are limestone, irregular coursed rubble. The rear wall or east extension has a field stone ground floor with a wood plinth separating it from the second level; which matches the other walls of the extension in limestone rubble.

**Historical Value:** 285 Emily has a long and interesting history, with connections to the early flax milling industry that took place in St. Marys along the Thames River, the Knox Presbyterian Church, a family of Olympic runners, and Thamescrest Farms.

**Contextual Value:** 285 Emily Street is located in the North Ward of St. Marys, on a street overlooking the Thames River. It is located on the former land of Thamescrest Farms, near the sites of several former mills that were powered by the Thames River.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

- Site of residence, located on Emily Street on former Thamescrest Farm site.
- Saddleback style roof with large central gable on the west façade.
- L-shape design with central protrusion at west façade entrance.
- Two limestone chimneys, on the north and south ends of the Emily Street façade. The north chimney was fully rebuilt in 2023 using limestone to closely match the original.
- All exterior limestone masonry walls.

### **Notice of Objection**

Any person may serve their notice of objection to the proposed designation to the Town Clerk within 30 days of the date of this notice, and no later than 4:30 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Objections should be directed to the Town of St. Marys, Box 998, St.

Marys, ON N4X 1B6, Attention: Jenna McCartney, Clerk, or by email to [clerksoffice@town.stmarys.on.ca](mailto:clerksoffice@town.stmarys.on.ca) A notice of objection must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts