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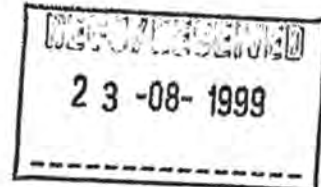
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NOTICE

In the matter of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, R.S.O. Chapter 0.18 Section 29, as amended  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AS DESCRIBED BELOW IN THE VILLAGE OF COLBORNE,  
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street, 2nd Floor,  
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Colborne has passed By-Law 99-11 to designate the following property as being of historical and architectural value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, R.S.O., Chapter 0.18 Section 29, as amended.

9 CHURCH STREET EAST

REAL PROPERTY INCLUDING ALL BUILDINGS, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS REID PLAN, PART 73,  
VILLAGE OF COLBORNE, COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

#### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. The name "Keeler" denotes a craftsman able to build the keel for ships, an important function in the days when people depended on wooden ships for travel and commerce.
2. The Owner of Keeler Home on Church Street East was Joseph Abbot Keeler (1788-1855), the fifth Joseph in the eldest son succession in the Keeler Family. He was born on July 26, 1788 in Portland, Vermont to Joseph Keeler the IV and Olive (Scripture) Keeler. His family moved to the Lockeport area in the late 1790's and are credited with settling this area.
3. Joseph V married Nancy Day before 1812 and they had a family of one son and three daughters. He is acknowledged as the founder of Colborne where he started a shop and post office in the centre of Colborne in 1815. He is also credited with building a flour mill in what was first called Piper's Corners and is now the hamlet of Castleton. The milling business was purchased SL. Pury in 1870. The Mill building still stands and is known as Pury Mill and is the last mill in the area still containing milling equipment.
4. A list of militiamen in the British Military and Naval Records of the War of 1812-1815 includes the name of "Ensign Joseph Abbott Keeler" of the first Northumberland Militia (RG8,C,1717,P 41) Reel C-3840.
5. The land at 9 Church Street East was purchased from George Palmer in 1812. By around 1820, the Keeler Home at the wharf on Lake Ontario was not really a suitable or convenient setting for a prosperous family. During this year Joseph V built a large house patterned after Grafton's Barnum House. It was located a block behind his store in Colborne and is widely known as the "Keeler" house. In it remain a few family artefacts including a pair of photo portraits of Joseph V and his wife Nancy (Day) Keeler, a lectern

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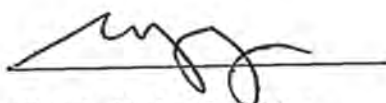
once belonging to a Keeler descendent Tom Brown, and roll top desk. The desk was used by Joseph V in the post office. It was later given to the "Grand Truck Railway Station", by his grand-daughter Mrs. George I. Merriman. When the station was demolished in 1972, it was purchased by [REDACTED] and returned to the Church Street Home.

### ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

1. Keeler House Circa 1820 is a Neo-classical large timber framed home, with two storey centre block and one storey wings extending to the side, and a large utility wing to the rear. The gabled roof forms a pediment crowning the facade over flush board siding. The rest of the house is clapboard covered. The side wings with verandas and delicate treillage is in the Regency manner. The door in the three bay block is round headed with carved pilasters and is placed at the left in an American Stylist adaptation. Some Victorian updates are most obvious, the glazed arched panels on the front door, veranda treillage, uncharacteristic 2 over 2 window.
2. Descriptions of doors, mouldings, trims and mantels see attachments of Architectural Drawings.
3. Descriptions and Scale of interior rooms see attachments of Architectural Drawings.
4. The visitor is greeted into the large entrance Hall by the open staircase on the left with walnut newel post and railing, and triple door opening with a delicate Regency treillage to the Living Room to the right. The six panel door at the foot of the stairs opens to the West Wing Library Room with its panelled bookcases and centred with a beautiful neo-classic mantel, there is an elaborate cast iron firebox with beautiful mosaic floral tiles and floor inset ceramic hearth tiles. The East Wing Room is echoed but is minus the fireplace.
5. The formal Dining Room is entered through the Living Room by the door left of the Neo-Classic fireplace, or by the door at the rear of the front Hall, it is a beautiful bright and cheery room. The eat in working Kitchen is to the left. There is a large beamed ceiling Family Room and Utility Rooms at the rear of the main block of the house, this is a single story and originally would be the drive shed.
6. The second story of the main block contains two large bedrooms. The main front room originally held a fireplace, with a bathroom and a smaller bedroom at the rear. The original back staircase leading to the rear of the house is now enclosed in the wall.

A copy of By-Law 99-11 is enclosed.

DATED at Colborne this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999 .



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THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF COLBORNE

BY-LAW NO. 99-11

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PART 73 REID PLAN, VILLAGE OF COLBORNE, COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, BEING OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29(4) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, PART IV, CHAPTER 0.18 authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Colborne has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at **9 CHURCH STREET EAST**, Part 73 Reid Plan, Village of Colborne, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once; and

WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk and/or Deputy Clerk of the Municipality:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF COLBORNE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as **9 Church Street East**, Reid Plan, Part 73, Village of Colborne.
2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be registered against the property described above 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 owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause Notice of Passing of the By-Law to be published in the newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.

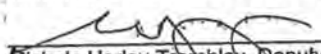
THIS BY-LAW GIVEN IT'S FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS and finally passed, signed, sealed and numbered by-law 99-11 of the Corporation of the Village of Colborne on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1999.



Reeve - George Boycott

  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer -  
Michele Herley-Tremblay

I, Michele Herley-Tremblay, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the Corporation of the Village of Colborne, do hereby certify that the above copy conforms to the original copy which has not been altered in any way. Dated at Colborne, Ontario on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

  
Michele Herley-Tremblay, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Corporation of the Village of Colborne