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REGISTERED MAIL

DESIGNATION

ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

IN THE MATTER of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, and in the matter of lands and premises at the following municipal address in the Town of Lincoln, Province of Ontario:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended.

INTENT TO DESIGNATE - ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

"Woodburn Cottage", 4918 King Street, Part of Lot 174, Corporation Plan 3, Beamsville, former Township of Clinton, now Town of Lincoln

The land on which the house sits was originally deeded by Crown Patent to Jacob Beam in 1801. The house was built c.1834 for James B. Osborne, a merchant, postmaster and private banker who immigrated from Ayrshire, Scotland. A prominent member of the community, he gave land where Trinity United Church now stands and eventually turned property over to what became Mount Osborne Cemetery. He was also one of the founders of the Mechanics' Institute and a member of the local school board.

The name "Woodburn" is said to have derived from J.B. Osborne's second wife's family. The house remained in the family for three generations, being passed on to J.B.'s youngest son, E.B. Osborne, then to Janet (nee Osborne) Hayes, until it was sold in 1979 to barrister and music teacher Donald Bradbury and his wife Elizabeth, R.N., who operated a satellite home for senior citizens here for 14 years. Since 1996, new owners Michael and Jane Wilson have worked to transform the property into a bed and breakfast establishment.

The house is Regency Cottage in style, with many borrowed features from J.B.Osborne's native Scotland. Believed to be the first brick home in the village, it is most probably the work of architect and builder John G.Howard, who was active throughout Upper Canada during this period. Built of Flemish double stretcher bond red brick on top of a fieldstone foundation, the front façade features an impressive double-door with sidelights and a signature fan transom housed in an arched brick surround. Flanking the doorway are four large, shuttered windows, each with 12 panes and flat stone lintels on top. The hipped roof has double-flued, corbeled chimneys on each corner and is surmounted by a large belvedere.

The interior of the three front rooms have cornice moldings and wide baseboards throughout, while the entry hall features a mid-19th century rosette in the plaster ceiling. The fireplace mantelpieces in the dining room and sitting room adhere to the empire and Greek revival styles respectively. An arched cutaway spans the length of the sitting room and original interior front window shutters are still intact. Etched into these windows are the initials of J.B.Osborne's daughters, Jessie and Bessie. The design of the basement rooms are consistent with the upstairs, and remarkably, a "dumbwaiter" still exists. The addition to the rear of the house was built approximately ten years later.

Any person may, within 30 days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Lincoln, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of reasons for the objections and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Town of Lincoln this 24th day of June, 1998.

Kyle S.Kruger
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Road
Beamsville, ON LOR 1B1