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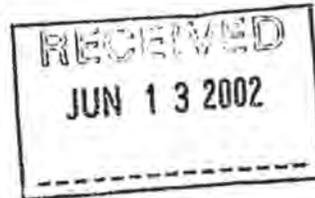
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Office of the Clerk

June 12, 2002
File #310701



REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate under the Ontario Heritage Act -
1340 Ridge Road, Town of Fort Erie**

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice to Designate the lands described therein as one of architectural and historical value.

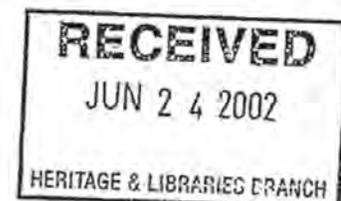
You will note that any person may, within thirty days of this notice, mail or deliver their objection to the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie.

Would you kindly notify us **before July 15, 2002** whether or not you have any objections to the Notice of Intention.

Yours very truly,

Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T.
Town Clerk
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990
CHAPTER 0.18, AS AMENDED
AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE
FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, described Part Lot 2, Concession 10, Niagara River in the former Township of Bertie, now in the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, designated as Parts 4 and 5 on Reference Plan 59R-2678, located on the east side of Ridge Road, as property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended. This house and property located at **1340 Ridge Road** is associated with the Fenian Raid. It is known historically as "The Red Brick House".

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

1340 Ridge Road at Bertie Road is the site where the Fenians, led by Colonel John O'Neill, made a stand against the poorly equipped local Militia units in 1886. The first shots of this brief invasion force into Canada were fired here.

The two-storey house on the site, built in 1840, is of cottage style covered in red clay brick. Chimneys at each end vent fireplaces that no longer exist. The house has four pane double hung windows on the main floor and six pane double hung windows at each end of the gable of the second floor. An eight-panel wooden door still graces the front entrance. The interior of the house has been extensively renovated over the years but still has some of the original floor planking.

FENIAN RAID

This house and property were taken over by Colonel John O'Neill and his men who made up the preliminary landing force in 1866. The site was chosen due to its high elevation overlooking the surrounding area making it an easily defendable location. The brick on the house still bears scars from shots fired. To the rear of the house is a restored field stone barn which is believed to have been used as a field hospital for the wounded during the brief skirmish that took place in the area.

If the U.S. government of the time had allowed the Fenian reinforcements to leave American soil land in Fort Erie and join up with the Fenian troops already at this site to carry out their entire plan, Canadian history may well have been a lot different. The building and property are of great historical value not only to Fort Erie but also to Canada.

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A search of title back to the original land grant and a history of this site has been conducted.

Any person may within thirty days after the date of the publication of this Notice of Intention to Designate, serve on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie Notice of Objection to the Intention to Designate setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing. However, any person who has served a Notice of Objection may withdraw the objection at any time before the conclusion of the hearing into the matter by serving a Notice of Withdrawal on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie. Where no Notice of Objection is served, the Council shall consider a by-law to designate the aforesaid property on July 22, 2002.

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 15th day of June, 2002

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Town Clerk
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