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Ontario Heritage Foundation
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Dear Sir/Madam **Re: Designation of Riddle House - Town of Flamborough**

Enclosed is a duplicate certified copy of the registered copy of By-Law 98-126-H with regard to the above noted matter which was registered as Instrument No. L.T. 545940 on March 29, 1999.

Yours truly,


Alexandra Rawlings, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH

BY-LAW NO. 98¹²⁶. H

Being a By-Law to designate the Riddle House located on Part of Lot 18, Concession 8, formerly in the Township of Beverly, now in the Town of Flamborough, under the Ontario Heritage Act.

WHEREAS, Section 28 of The Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, 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 Town of Flamborough has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Riddle House, Part of Lot 18, Concession 8, formerly in the Township of Beverly, now in the Town of Flamborough and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid building and property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, one for each of three consecutive weeks, and;

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto, and;

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Riddle House more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is designated as being of architectural and historical significance.
- 2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" attached hereto 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 the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 26th DAY OF October, 1998.

Alexander Rawlings
DEPUTY CLERK

[Signature]
MAYOR

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY.
Alexander Rawlings
Deputy Clerk

By-Law No. 98-126-H

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION: The Riddle House
1561 Kirkwall Road
Kirkwall, Ontario.

The Riddle House is recommended for Heritage Designation for both its historical and architectural importance.

Historical Significance

The farm house is the original homestead of the Riddle family, part of the first group of settlers in the Kirkwall area. The home was occupied by the family for over 150 years, until 1975.

The house and property were originally part of a 600 acre parcel granted to Alexander Douglas and registered on May 17, 1802. There is no record of any occupant of the land, until 100 acres of the southern half of Lot 18, Concession 8 was sold by Alexander Douglas to Robert Riddle on February 24, 1835. The purchase price was 96 pounds, 7 shillings and six pence.

Robert and Elizabeth Riddle had arrived in Beverly Township in late August 1832, with eight members of the Dickson family. They had left Leith, Scotland in June 1832 and having been at sea for nine weeks and arriving in Montreal, traveled to Beverly using Durham Boats and ox wagons. The Riddles and Dicksons were part of the group of twenty-seven who were the first settlers in Kirkwall.

The first house constructed by the Riddles was approximately two hundred yards west of the present house. Following the purchase of the northern hundred acres of Lot 18 from Alexander Douglas on July 27, 1849 for the sum of 75 pounds, the Riddles built the present one and one half storey stone farmhouse, c. 1850.

Following the death of Robert Riddle in 1867, family members continued to live in the house until 1928. In that year, the house and property were sold to Erwin Jamieson of Beverly Township. Erwin's wife was Ida Riddle, and thus the house was retained by a member of the Riddle family.

Thereafter, the Jamieson family farmed the property until 1947, when they sold it to Mrs. Jamieson's sister and her husband, Nettie Mae and James Ernest Clark. The property was subsequently sold to [redacted] in 1968, but sold to [redacted] in 1969. [redacted] sold the property back to [redacted] in 1975, but only retained it for a brief period, selling it to [redacted] in 1975. This transaction marked the end of the ownership by the Riddle family. During their 150 years of ownership, the families were supporters of the Kirkwall Presbyterian Church.

Architectural Significance

The Riddle House is a one and one half storey stone farmhouse constructed c. 1850, in the simple, restrained "wilderness" Georgian style.

The austere, symmetrical three-bay facade is constructed of coursed stone punctuated by two 6/6 windows of original construction and a simple entrance with sidelights and transom filled with delicate geometric tracery and original glass. The windows and the entrance are surmounted by flat "soldier" arches of stones laid vertically. The wall is capped by a molded frieze board which is continued on the gable ends of the building and terminates in plain eave returns. The corners of the house are finished with large stone quoins, while the end walls and rear wall are constructed of uncoursed rubble stone and contain windows which, for the most part, appear to be contemporary with the house.

There is a stone addition, or ell, at the rear which is also constructed of uncoursed rubble and may be a slightly later addition. The wooden porch on this addition consists of molded piers surmounted by simple curved wooden brackets and arches.

Original interior features include heavily molded plaster cornices in the entrance hall and parlour and a plain wooden staircase with a slim carved newel post of Neo-Classical design and simple square balusters. In the parlour the deeply set windows with carved wooden trim, the unusual interior shutters, and the curious clock shelf add an air of elegance to this plain country farmhouse. The former kitchen contains original wide beaded board wainscot, pine floors and interesting storage drawers set beneath the deep window sills.

Designated Features

The exterior features to be designated are the exterior stone walls of the building, including those of the rear addition, the windows, front entrance with sidelights and transom, and wooden porch on the addition, including the molded piers, carved wooden brackets and arches.

In the interior, features to be designated are the wooden interior shutters and clock shelf in the parlour, the plaster cornices in the parlour and entrance hall, the wooden staircase and square balusters, and in the former kitchen, the wide beaded board wainscot, and storage drawers beneath the window.

Exclusions

Excluded from the designation is the land which surrounds the house.

SCHEDULE "B"

Schedule "B" is Plan 62R-2733 dated December 15, 1975