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The Corporation of the Township of Hamilton

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July 10, 1990

Heritage Administration Branch
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture
77 Bloor Street West
7th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2R9

Dear Sir/Madam;

Re: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Lot 25, Concession 6, Township of Hamilton

Enclosed, please find reasons for designation and a certified copy of By-Law No. 90-84, passed by Council on July 3rd, 1990, regarding the above.

Should you require further information, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Peggy Caza, A.M.C.T.(A)
Chief Administrative Officer

PC/as
encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 90-84

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A LAND AND PREMISES
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
FOR [REDACTED]
PART LOT 25, CONCESSION 6, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes Council of a municipality to enact By-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and/or structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest, and;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton has caused to be served on the owners of lands and premises below, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and/or buildings and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks, and;

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

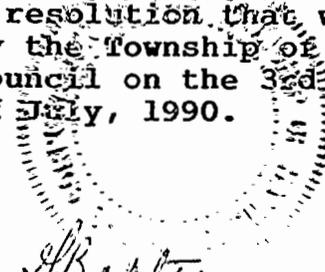
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton, ENACTS as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property as follows:
 - a) [REDACTED] - Part Lot. 25, Concession 6
R.R. #4
Cobourg, Ontario
K9A 4J7

- A 1877 storey and half red brick house with original cedar shake roof.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be registered against the properties 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 the passing of this By-Law to be published in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

This By-Law given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 3rd day of July, 1990.

I, Grace Bastin, hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was passed by the Township of Hamilton Council on the 3rd day of July, 1990.


Grace Bastin
DEPUTY CLERK

Charlotte Clay Ireland
REEVE

Grace Bastin
CLERK

WESTINGTON, [REDACTED]

Address: R.R. 4, Cobourg Ont. K9A 4J7
Lot 25, concession 6
Owner/Builder- Constantine Westington
Date- 1877
Present Owners- [REDACTED]

Historical analysis, Nov. 1989

In 1824 lot 25, concession 6, was granted to Joseph Bouchette, surveyor-general of Lower Canada. It was part of the 2000 acres in Hamilton Township granted to this absentee owner who conveyed his lots the next year to Archibald Campbell and Thomas Murphy. Lot 25 was not rented until the 1840s when the tenant built a one storey log house on the property.

In 1855 the lot was purchased by Thomas Eyre. Eyre lived on a farm on Highway #2 and was the father of the child who was lost for 5 days in August 1837 while blueberrying on the Rice Lake Plains. The Cobourg Star covered the story in great detail and was able to announce the happy news that 6-year old Jane was found near Cold Springs and had survived the ordeal. Her story was the inspiration for several writers, including Catharine Parr Traill's Canadian Crusoes (1851).

Lot 25 is bounded in front by Kennedy Road and the sixth concession line and rises to a high hill at the back. The land, like much of the Oak Ridge moraine, is a mixture of sand, gravel and clay. In 1856 Thomas Eyre sold the north half of lot 25 to William Ball, who called his half "Mount Pleasant", and the south half to a Scotsman, James Chalmers. Due to an error by the immigration department Chalmers was listed as Chambers and the family has retained this spelling. According to the 1861 Canada Census, Chambers had a storey and a half frame house. He secured a mortgage from Thomas Eyre but the mortgage was foreclosed in 1871. Chambers left the farm and moved to Midland.

The property was taken over by Constantine Westington (1819-1889) who had several farms in the vicinity and lived in a one storey log house on lot 24, concession 7. The Westingtons emigrated from Devonshire, England, c. 1850 and attended the Bible Christian Church at Bethel Grove where they are buried. Constantine (known as "Cuddy") married Mary Ann Johns and they had five children. In 1877 they built the storey and a half red brick house on lot 25. On Constantine's death the farm went to his bachelor son, William. William later gave the property to his two spinsters sisters, Myra and Emma Westington, who immediately sold it to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was sold to [REDACTED] who raised cattle and hogs. [REDACTED] sold it to the present owners in 1984. The house still retains its 112-year-old cedar shake roof but it is finally beginning to deteriorate.