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TOWN OF ANCASTER

November 18, 1991.

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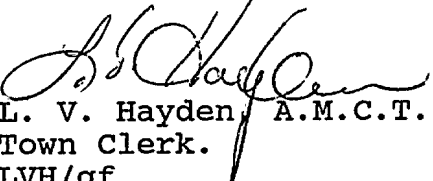
Ontario Heritage Foundation,
6th Floor,
77 Grenville Street,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Dear Sirs:

**Re: Designation of St. John's Church under the Ontario Heritage Act,
R.S.O. 1980**

Pursuant to Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, please find enclosed herewith, a copy of By-law No. 91-102 designating the above-noted Church under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 as lands and building of historic value, architectural value and interest under the said Act.

Yours very truly,


L. V. Hayden, A.M.C.T.,
Town Clerk.
LVH/gf
Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ANCASTER

BY-LAW NO. 91-102

To designate the Lands and Building municipally known as 272 Wilson Street East, in the Town of Ancaster, as Lands and Building of Historic Value, Architectural Value and Interest

WHEREAS this Council is empowered under subsection (6) of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, to enact By-laws to designate real property, including buildings and structures thereon, as described in Schedule "A" attached hereto to be of historic or architectural value or interest, and

WHEREAS this Council has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 272 Wilson Street East, in the Town of Ancaster, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in this municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks, and

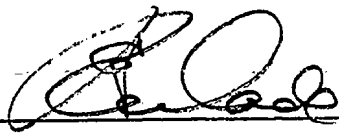
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation of the described property has been served on the Clerk of this municipality within the time prescribed by the said Statute, and

WHEREAS this Council's reasons for the proposed designation are as set forth in Schedule "B" attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ANCASTER ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this By-law the word "property" means real property and includes all buildings and structures thereon.
2. There is hereby designated as being of historic value, architectural value and interest the property municipally known as 272 Wilson Street East, in the Town of Ancaster, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
3. Town Solicitor Lee A. Pinelli, of the legal firm of Evans, Philp is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Wentworth.
4. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Ancaster.

ENACTED AND PASSED THIS 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 1991.



Mayor



Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

Description

Those lands being in the Town of Ancaster, in the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth (formerly the Township of Ancaster, in the County of Wentworth), in the Province of Ontario, and being composed of part of Lot Number Forty-five in the Second Concession, which said parcel of land and premises may be better known as described as follows, that is to say:

COMMENCING Fifty-six and Seventy-six One-hundredths Feet (56.76') distant in a Southerly direction along Wilson Street in the said Town of Ancaster from the South-westerly angle of former Village Lot Number Fourteen; THENCE South Sixty-eight Degrees (S 68° E) Two Hundred and Sixty-four Feet (264'); THENCE South Twenty-two Degrees West (S 22° W) and parallel with said Wilson Street Five Hundred and Thirty-five and Twenty-six One-hundredths Feet (535.26') to the dividing line between said Lot Number Forty-five and Lot Number Forty-four in the said Second Concession of the Township of Ancaster; THENCE North Thirteen Degrees West (N 13° W) Four Hundred and Fifty-five and Four-tenths Feet (455.4') to Wilson Street aforesaid; THENCE Ninety-nine Feet (99') more or less to the place of beginning.

The aforesaid lands commonly known as St. John's Church Property in the Village of Ancaster were first described in a deed dated the 1st day of September, 1829 and registered in the Registry Office for the County of Wentworth as number 24G on the 2nd day of September, 1829.

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 272 WILSON STREET EAST, IN THE TOWN OF ANCASTER

St. John's Church figures prominently in the history of Ancaster and plays an important role in the history of the Anglican Church in Upper Canada, when for some years, it was the only Anglican parish and the first Anglican church building at the Head of the Lake (now the Hamilton-Wentworth Region).

The first St. John's Church was built eight years after the arrival in Ancaster of the first resident Anglican priest, the Reverend Ralph Leeming, in 1816. Fifty-two years later the beautiful wooden building was destroyed by fire. A new stone building, the present structure, was begun almost immediately on the same commanding site, being completed in 1869.

St. John's Church was designed by Fundry and Langley of Toronto, architects well known for their work in Gothic Revival style. By the late 1860's, the Gothic Revival style with its emphasis on verticality, pointed arches and ornate carving, had become a pervasive ecclesiastic style for all denominations. St. John's Church is a simpler, stouter, more sober rendition of the Gothic, making it an early example of Late Gothic Revival.

The most distinctive feature of the building's exterior is the square stone tower over the narthex. Various fenestrated, the tower culminates in a crenellated wall with tall simple pointed finials on each corner.

The stone walls of the church have stout buttresses and the side walls feature buttress-like chimneys. A string course marks the main floor of the church on this sloping site. In keeping with their early Gothic derivation, the windows and doors are small relative to the area of the wall. The window and door opening have pointed arches and are topped by projecting stone labels, which terminate in carved label stops. The window frames are made up of two symmetrical trefoil windows crowned with one quatrefoil light. The wooden narthex door is not exceptional but sports ornate wrought iron hinges.

In addition, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the reasons for this Council designating the described premises include the intention that the whole of the exterior surfaces should be preserved in accordance with its original design, but this Council has no intention that any alterations, maintenance, repair, replacement or improvement of elements of the premises requires the prior written consent of this Council unless such affect the reasons for designation of the premises.