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Now known as
Hamilton, City of

THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH

BY-LAW NO. 95-66-HO

Being a by-law to designate the Wallace House, located on Lot 7, Registered Plan M-7 at 173 Main Street, North, formerly in the Village of Waterdown, now 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 Wallace House, Lot 7, Plan M7, formerly in the Village of Waterdown, now in the Town of Flamborough, fronting on Main Street, Waterdown 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, once 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:

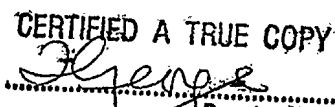
1. The Wallace House more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is designated as being of architectural and historical significance.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" attached hereto 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 THIS 24th DAY OF July

1995


DEPUTY CLERK


MAYOR

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

Deputy Clerk

SCHEDULE A

BY-LAW NO. 95- 66 -H

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION: The Wallace House
173 Main St.N. Waterdown, ON

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

Historical Significance

Over the last 200 years this property has been owned and inhabited by some of the most prominent families in Waterdown including the Griffins, the Greens and the Wallaces.

The house and property were part of an enormous parcel of land originally granted to Lieutenant Alexander MacDonnell in 1796. The land passed through a succession of owners, including Ebenezer Culver Griffin and his brother Absalom, during the next 35 years until it was sold to William Magill in 1846.

William Magill was possibly one of the sons of Robert Magill, a merchant and officer in the British Army who came to Canada with his family in 1832. In any case, William was almost certainly the builder of the house which was erected c. 1840-45.

In 1853 the property was sold to Hugh Green, "gentleman". In that same year James Kent Griffin built a toll road from Hamilton to Carlisle that passed along the east side of the house, possibly utilizing the laneway to the house from Dundas Street. After this toll road was in place, all houses were built facing onto Main Street.

Hugh Green bequeathed the house to his second daughter, Mary Patton and it remained in the family until sold to Robert and Sarah Lottridge in 1871. Robert was long time resident of Waterdown who served as its Postmaster and later owned a woollen mill and general store in the village.

The property was sold again in 1880, passing back into the Griffin family where it remained for over 60 years.

In 1951 the house was purchased by the renowned architect and restoration expert, Arthur Wallace and his wife Letitia. As a professional architect, Mr. Wallace was responsible for the design of such buildings as the Federal Building at Main and Caroline Streets in Hamilton. As a restoration architect his projects included the stone office structure on the west side of Hughson Street between Haymarket and Augusta Streets and restoration of Dundurn Castle. He was also a founding member of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and he amassed an enormous collection of architectural drawings and photographs, many of which are now held in the Archives and special Collections of the Hamilton Public Library and the Flamborough Archives.

SCHEDULE A - continued

Architectural Significance

As one of the earliest houses still extant in the village, c.1840-45, the Wallace house is perhaps the finest example of both the Late Georgian and Neo-Classical styles in Waterdown.

Built of rough cut limestone with massive stone quoins, the building, which has remained relatively unaltered over the years, has a symmetrical three-bay facade and the restrained feel of the Georgian style. However, the large windows with their six over six panes; the simple cornice frieze; the gentle pitch of the roof; and the wide recessed doorway with its transom and sidelights, applied pilasters and brackets are Neo-Classical elements.

The house exhibits two very unusual traits. Although constructed in the Georgian style, the building has been designed as a saltbox. Though this shape is common in New England, it is rarely seen in this part of Ontario and is even more rarely seen as a feature of stone construction. Secondly, the house faces at right angles to the street. This peculiar siting may be explained by the fact that Main Street was once the laneway to the house and provides an important clue to historical pattern of Waterdown's development.

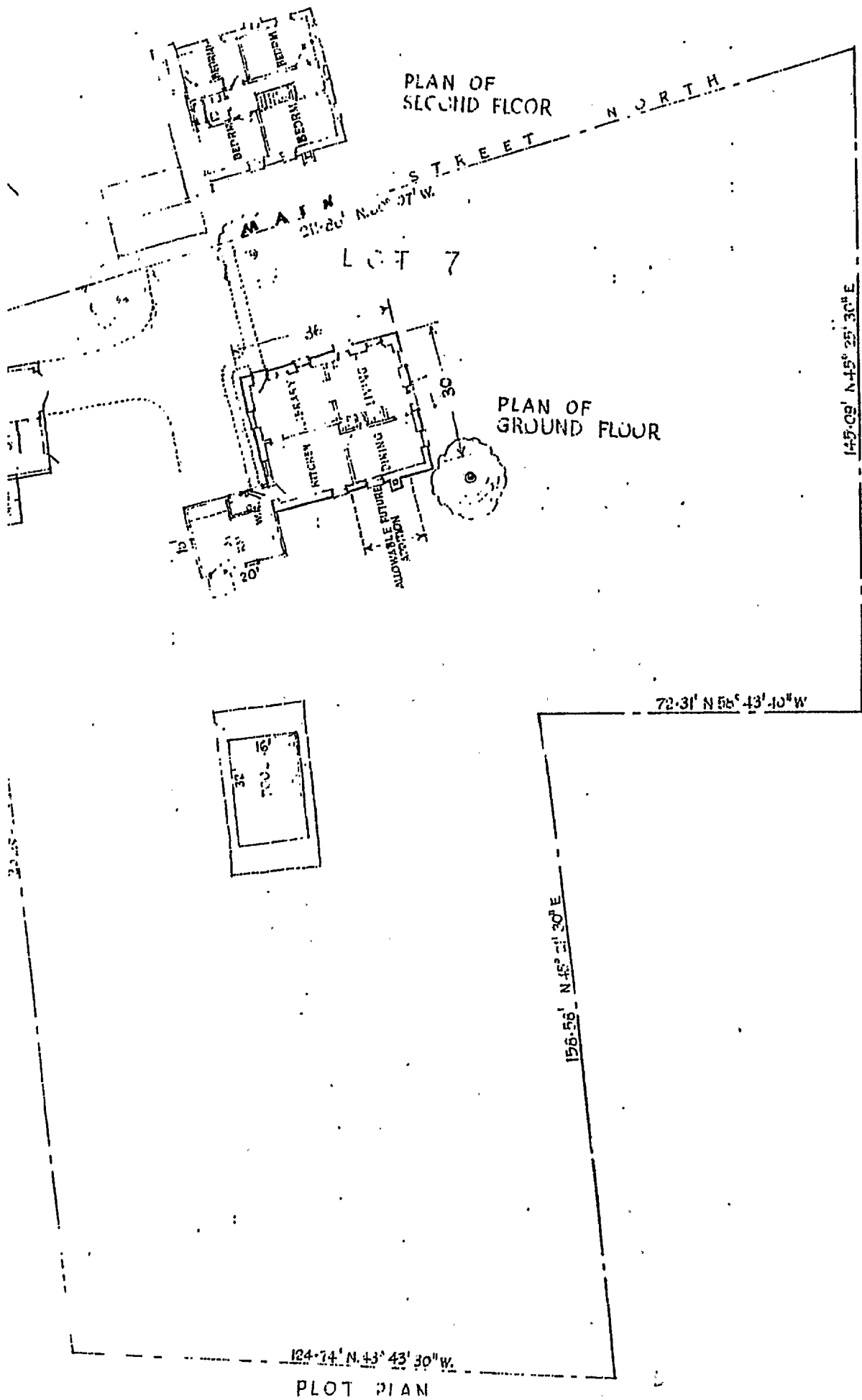
The property also contains a two storey stone carriage house, which also faces south and is located to the rear and east of the house, close to the street.

Designated Features

Important to the preservation of the Wallace House are all four exterior stone elevations including but not limited to the stone masonry; original windows and shutters; and the doorway with its transom and side lights. Interior features to be designated include the original wooden stair bannister, the original wood panelling in the living room, and the tin ceiling in the kitchen. In addition, the carriage house is to be designated.

Exclusions

Excluded from designation are the modern addition at the rear of the house and the land which surrounds the house and carriage house.



PLAN OF
SECOND FLOOR

N O R T H

MAIN STREET
21° 20' N 07° 07' W

LOT 7

PLAN OF
GROUND FLOOR

145° 09' N 45° 25' 30" E

72° 31' N 55° 43' 40" W

156° 55' N 45° 21' 30" E

124° 14' N 43° 43' 30" W

PLOT PLAN

SCHEDULE "B"

BY-LAW NO. 95-66 - H

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY - The Wallace House

Part Lot 7, Plan M-7 formerly in the Village of Waterdown now in the Town of Flamborough, municipally known as 173 Main St., N.