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TOWNSHIP OF LONDON

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ONTARIO HERITAGE
FOUNDATION

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Intention to designate a place of historic
or architectural value or interest.
Township of London - "McRaes Country Store"

Pursuant to Chapter 337, Section 29 (3) (a) of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of the Township of London on the recommendation of the L.A.C.A.C of the Township, hereby gives notice of intention to designate the following property as a place of historic or architectural value or interest:

1. "McRaes Country Store" (Built 1876, Plan 361 Lot 1, Part Lot 2, 287 Main Street, Ilderton, Ontario.)

Please find enclosed a notice of the intention to designate the above-described property as historic or architectural in value or interest, together with the reasons for designation of the site.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Albert F. Bannister".

Albert F. Bannister, A.M.C.T.,
Administrator & Clerk,
Township of London.

Encl.

THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1980, C.337

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PLACES OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of London intends to designate as a place of architectural and historical value or interest, the following property:

" McRaes Country Store" (Built in 1876, Plan 361 Lot 1, Part Lot 2
287 Main Street, Ilderton, Ontario.)

The detailed "Reasons For Designation" of this property may be seen in or obtained from the Clerk, Township of London, 15 Medway Road, Arva, Ontario NOM 1C0, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday to Friday) .

Any person who objects to this proposed designation shall within thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, serve on the Township Clerk, in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts.

THE CORPORATION
OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LONDON
Albert F. Bannister,
Clerk & Administrator.

Dated at London, Ontario this 13th day of January, A.D.,1989.
THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON THIS 13th DAY OF January, A.D.,1989.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Schedule I MCRAES COUNTRY STORE

Parts of Lots 1 & 2, Plan #361 at 287 Main St.
Ilderton.

Schedule II

Historical Reasons

The first general store at the said location was built in 1876. It burnt down and was replaced by the present day structure in 1893 and again operated by Hunter and Hannah McRae. The store served as a community meeting place, post office, and general goods store. In 1983 the store was purchased by Margaret Wendy Pritchard who operates the Country Gift Store and Tearoom (main floor of the house).

Architectural Reasons

McRaes Country Store is noted for its boom town front on the store section to the west of the house. Its corbelling has chipped and the original wooden Victorian peak with side pillars has disappeared. The porch on the house and store had a balustrade with squared balusters. Their flat roofs have a mansard influence which were once covered with wood shingle in an imbricated pattern.

The lower railing and spindles of the house porch were replaced to copy the original remaining one in 1986. Two hand railings were then added. The store porch had a wide section of steps running half the width of the front porch. This was replaced in 1983 with a railing over plain spindles with a central flight of steps.

Victorian barge board exists around the eaves line of the yellow brick house which also features a slate roof. Rolled roofing exists over the main store while a metal roof is over the lower side store.

Galvanized metal evestroughing and down spouts encompass the roof lines. The property has two back porches off the rear of the store and house.

The inside of the main store boasts an original tin ceiling with elaborate corner pieces.

Several original windows exist in the premise. The most noteworthy are four original stained glass windows. All windows are encompassed by wooden sashes.