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Ontario Heritage Foundation
2nd Floor, 77 Bloor Street West
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Re: Designation of 40 Sumner Road
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337

Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of London's intention to designate the properties identified above pursuant to Subsection 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, c. 337.

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Assistant City Clerk

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December 4, 1990

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40 Sumner Road
London, Ontario
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I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on December 3, 1990, resolved:

10. That, on the recommendation of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, notice of Council's intention to designate the property at 40 Sumner Road to be of architectural and historical value or interest be given for the attached reasons under the provisions of Section 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337. The owner concurred in the above recommendation on the understanding that the land to be included in the designation will be as shown on the assessment roll. (35.1.1)(10/28/PC)

K.W. Sadler for T.C.

K. W. Sadler
City Clerk
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cc: Ontario Heritage Foundation, 77 Bloor Street West, 2nd floor, Toronto,
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40 Sumner Road

Historical Reasons

The building at 40 Sumner (Pleasant Hill Farm) has been associated with the Sumner family for over 140 years. Cyrus Wareham Sumner (1803-1880) came to Westminster Township from England in 1819. He purchased 200 acres of Lot 19, Concession 2 in 1835. He married his cousin Rebecca Sumner and built a seven room house which faced Commissioners Road in the 1860's. The south extension of the existing house is a part of that original house. The original log support beams can still be seen in the basement. The house was frequently an over-night stop for travellers who received food, accommodation and feed for their horses. Cyrus Wareham Sumner was an innovative farmer. The windmill which was mounted on top of his barn drew water from the dug well a hundred feet away to the barn. Cement used in the basement foundations was mixed by windmill power with gravel from the Thames River brought by a team and wagon.

Cyrus Henry Sumner (1862-1941) built the existing red brick farmhouse in 1914. His son Ralph Alexander Sumner (1894-) took over the farm in 1925 and expanded the dairy operation. Sumner sold his milk to London Pure Milk Company until 1935 when he formed "Pleasant Hill Dairies". Sumner put in his own pasteurization plant and was producing 800 quarts a day. Farming operations ceased in the 1950's. In 1959, developer Herb McClure purchased all of Lot 19 and developed the Glen Cairn Subdivision. Both the Street names Sumner Avenue and Sumner Place honour the family who for 140 years was part of the fabric of Westminster Township.

Architectural Reasons

The Edwardian Style house at 40 Sumner was originally built in 1860 with addition being added in 1914. It possesses its original slate roof, wood porch and simple bay window on the east side of the house. The south side of the house dates from the 1860's; however, its original wood siding was bricked over to match the rest of the 1914 front addition.