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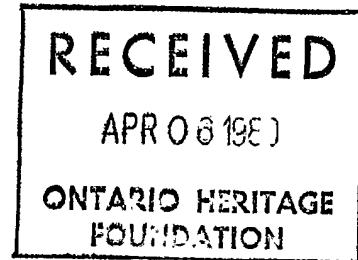
# TOWNSHIP OF LONDON



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March 29, 1989.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Registration of place designated as historical  
or architectural in value or interest.  
Township of London - "McRae's Country Store"

Pursuant to Chapter 337, Section 29 (6) (a) (i) of the Ontario Heritage Act, please find enclosed a duly signed registered copy of a property in the Township of London which was recently registered. "McRae's Country Store" was registered as Instrument Number 831384.

A copy of the relevant by-law and the "reasons for designation" for the property is enclosed for your reference.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

*Joni Anderson per*

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

Encl.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONDON

BY-LAW NUMBER 5945

Being a By-law to designate McRae's Country Store  
as a place of historical or architectural in value  
or interest.

WHEREAS pursuant to Chapter 337, Section 29,  
subsection (6) (c), R.S.O. 1980, of the Ontario Heritage Act,  
Councils of local municipalities are authorized to pass by-laws  
designating places of historical or architectural in value or  
interest;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to pass a  
by-law authorizing the designation of properties as historical or  
architectural in value or interest;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of  
the Township of London enacts as a by-law as follows:

1. That McRae's Country Store (Plan 361 Lot 1, Part Lot 2 - 287  
Main Street, Ilderton) be designated as a place of historical  
or architectural in value or interest.
2. That a description of the lands being designated are attached  
hereto and form part of this by-law as Schedule "A".
3. That the detailed "Reasons for Designation" of the property  
are attached hereto and form part of this by-law as Schedule "B".
4. This by-law shall come into full force and take effect from and  
after the final passing thereof.

READ a First, Second, and Third time and finally  
passed this 21st day of March, 1989.

  
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Reeve

  
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Clerk

THOSE lands and premises located in the following municipality, namely, in the village of Ilderton, in the County of Middlesex and Province of Ontario and being composed of Lot Number One (1) on the South side of Main Street according to municipal registered plan Number 361;

and SECONDLY - ALL and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of London, in the County of Middlesex, and being composed of a part of the North half of Lot Number Twenty-five (25) in the Tenth Concession of the said Township and being part of Lot Number Two (2) on the South side of Main Street according to registered Plan Number 361 described as follows:

COMMENCING at the North-West angle of said Lot Number Two (2);

THENCE Easterly along the Southern limit of Main Street, being the Northern limit of Lot Number Two (2) Six feet (6');

THENCE Southerly parallel with the Westerly limit of said lot, one hundred and thirty-two feet (132') to the Southerly limit of the said lot;

THENCE Westerly along the said Southerly limit six feet (6') to the South-west angle of said lot;

THENCE Northerly along the Westerly limit of the said lot One hundred and thirty-two feet (132') to the place of beginning.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATIONSchedule I MCRAES COUNTRY STORE

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

Schedule IIHistorical 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

McRae's 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.