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Township of Front of Escott

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1367 COUNTY ROAD #2, R.R.#2

MALLORYTOWN, ONTARIO K0E 1R0

May 9th, 1996.

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation,
Cultural Program Branch,
Heritage Properties Program Unit,
77 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M7A 2R9.

Attention: Lyn Hamilton, Director, Cultural Programs Branch.

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Re: Registration of Designating By-Law Nos. 95-25, 95-26 and 95-27 - "LaRue Mills Cemetery", "Buell Cemetery" and "The Old Seaman House".

For your information, please find enclosed the above-referenced documents, which were registered at the Brockville Land Registry Office on May 3rd, 1996.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

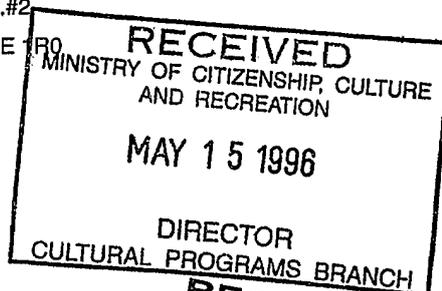
M. Noseworthy

Marilyn Noseworthy, A.M.C.T. (A),
Clerk-Treasurer.

MN:mn

Encls.

c.c. Joan Barrett





Document General

Form 4 - Land Registration Reform Act, 1984

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Toronto, Ont. M5B 1G3
Form L1208

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
LEEDS (26) BROCKVILLE

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Roger [Signature]
LAND REGISTRAR

New Property Identifiers

Additional:
See
Schedule

Executions

Additional:
See
Schedule

(1) Registry Land Titles (2) Page 1 of 1 pages

(3) Property Identifier(s) Block Property Additional See Schedule

(4) Nature of Document Registration of "Designating By-Law" as per Ontario Heritage Act

(5) Consideration Nil Dollars \$ Nil

(6) Description
Lot 8, Concession Broken Front, Township of Front of Escott, County of Leeds, Registry Division of Leeds.

The Property is more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

(7) This Document Contains: (a) Redescription New Easement Plan/Sketch (b) Schedule for: Description Additional Parties Other

(8) This Document provides as follows:

Subsequent to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter O.18, R.S.O. 1990, this document is to register a "Designating By-Law" on the property known as "The Old Seaman House".

Continued on Schedule

(9) This Document relates to instrument number(s)

(10) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)
Name(s) Signature(s) Date of Signature Y M D
... The Corporation of the Township of ... *M. Noseworthy* ...
... Front of Escott as represented by the ...
... Clerk-Treasurer, M. Noseworthy ... 96 05 03

(11) Address for Service 1367 County Road # 2, R.R. # 2, MALLORYTOWN, Ontario. KOE 1R0.

(12) Party(ies) (Set out Status or Interest)
Name(s) Signature(s) Date of Signature Y M D
COLLINS, Barbara

(13) Address for Service 28 Old River Road, MALLORYTOWN, Ontario.

(14) Municipal Address of Property
28 Old River Road
MALLORYTOWN, Ontario.
KOE 1R0.

(15) Document Prepared by:
Township of Front of Escott
1367 County Road # 2,
R.R. # 2,
MALLORYTOWN, Ontario.
KOE 1R0.

Fees and Tax	
Registration Fee	50.00
Total	50.00

The Corporation of the Township of Front of Escott

By-Law Number 95-27

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS THE OLD "SEAMAN HOUSE", LOT 8, CONCESSION BROKEN FRONT, TOWNSHIP OF FRONT OF ESCOTT, AS BEING OF HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 0.18, R.S.O. 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 Township of Front of Escott has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the old "Seaman House", Lot 8, Concession Broken Front, Township of Front of Escott, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real 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 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 Township of Front of Escott enacts as follows:

- (1) There is designated as being of historical value or interest the real property known as the old "Seaman House", Lot 8, Concession Broken Front, Township of Front of Escott, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- (2) A copy of this By-Law is to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" 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.

This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

READ a FIRST and SECOND Time this 18th day of December, 1995.

READ a THIRD Time and FINALLY PASSED THIS 18th day of December, 1995.



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[Signature]
CLERK

REGARDING THE HOUSE AT 28 OLD RIVER RD., ROCKPORT, ONT., ON LOT 8, BROKEN FRONT, PRESENTLY OWNED BY [REDACTED] AND KNOWN AS THE OLD "SEAMAN" HOUSE - BUILT IN 1857

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

1. HISTORICAL REASONS

(a) The Seaman Family

The Seaman house is a significant structure when taken in the context of the early history of the Thousand Islands. In 1790, a land grant was issued to Caleb Seaman (ca. 1740- ca. 1820) a recent United Empire Loyalist immigrant from New York. He received patent to the land from the Crown in 1803. While he worked in Lyn as a blacksmith, his son Smith (1786-1876) was cutting timber on the Rockport property, sending it down the St. Lawrence River for sale in Britain. Smith, who became a blacksmith later in life, built the stone house in 1857 sharing the premises with his son John (1813-1884) and John's large family. John was a timber merchant and farmer.

(b) A Front of Escott Weaver

John's second wife, Mary Dean Address (1833-1908), is commemorated in the Weavers' Attic at Springfield House as one of the women weavers of the township, active in the Confederation period.

(c) A Published History of the Early Seamans

Few families have books written about them, but the Seaman family does. Mary Beacock Fryer, another descendant of this family, has written and had published a number of historical novels for young people in which the family and the property are featured. They are: "Caleb Seaman: a Loyalist", "Escape: Adventures of a Loyalist Family" and "Beginning Again".

(d) Conclusion

The Seaman family has played a major part in the overall history and economy of Rockport. The stone house is still owned by their descendants.

2. ARCHITECTURAL REASONS

(a) One of the earliest stone buildings in the township

(b) The only one of its type in Rockport and a rare example of a stone house of this type within the township

(c) The builder was a well-known, local stonemason, a Mr. Lynch, who charged \$100 for his services.

(d) Local Stone

The stone was quarried from the cliff rocks behind the house both when it was built and when the house was later "remodelled" early in the 20th century. At that time the roof was raised to provide more space on the second floor, and the gable was removed, as were the original chimneys. Nineteenth century photographs of the house show a simple cottage with a symmetrically arranged façade, a gable over the front door with an upstairs window in the centre of the gable.

(e) Example of "Ontario Cottage"

In its present state, the house appears somewhat altered from the original Gothic cottage of one and a half stories built according to a pattern book plan for the "Ontario Cottage". Still, the basic structure retains many of the early elements in the lintels over the windows and doors.

(f) Conclusion

It is the existing stone façade which is earmarked for designation.