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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: DESIGNATION OF 185 BURNHAMTHORPE ROAD WEST, OAKVILLE**

Pursuant to Section 29(6)(a) of the Ontario Heritage Act, attached is a certified true copy of By-law 1992-237 being "A by-law to designate 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West as a property of historical and architectural value and interest".

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

*Gloria Collier*

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Committee Assistant  
TOWN OF OAKVILLE

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cc: Ramona Boddington, Heritage Planner  
Planning Services Department

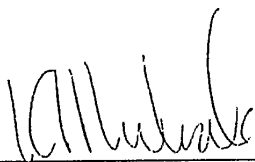
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE  
BY-LAW 1992-237

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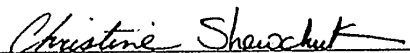
THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West is hereby designated as a property of historical and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.

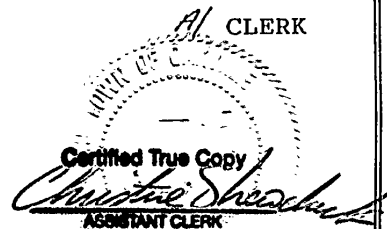
PASSED by the Council this 7th day of December, 1992.



MAYOR



CLERK



Certified True Copy  
Christine Sheuchuk  
ASSISTANT CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1992-237

The house at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West was built c. 1870 for the Featherstone family, farmers on the southern half of Lot 17, Concession 2, S.D.S., since the mid-nineteenth century. Lot 17 of the Second Concession north of Dundas Street was patented from the Crown by Kings College, Toronto, in 1828.

In 1844, the southern half of the property (100 acres) was sold to John Featherstone, who was born in Weardale, County Durham, England, in 1790. In 1815, he married Jane Hodgins. John Featherstone was a miner by trade. Times became hard for miners in England at the outset of the Industrial Revolution, and in 1829, John Featherstone decided he should embark for the new world of Canada.

After a lengthy sailing voyage, the Featherstones reached their homestead near Drumquin in North Trafalgar Township, in the spring of 1830. A humble log cabin was erected, and the family began the hard task of clearing the land for a farm. Although it is possible that he farmed the property at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West, John Featherstone did not live there as he is recorded as living at his Drumquin farm.

John Featherstone sold the farm at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West to his son, also named John, in 1865. John Featherstone Jr. had been working the land at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West for some time before his actual purchase of the property. When he arrived at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West, the property was covered with trees, so John Featherstone Jr. set up a sawmill on the northern end of the property and cut lumber for sale. John Featherstone Jr. used some of the lumber to build a small frame structure for a temporary home, however, within a few years (circa 1870) he had built the 1 1/2

storey Victorian home which still stands today. The original temporary home was incorporated into the structure as a kitchen. In later years, the kitchen was demolished and replaced by another of similar scale.

After farming his property for over three decades, John Featherstone Jr. passed away in 1899, and the property passed into the ownership of his son, William E. Featherstone. Although the Featherstone family continued to operate the farm at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West, W.E. Featherstone kept his principal residence in Oakville. W.E. Featherstone was a prominent citizen in Oakville at the turn of the century. In 1914 and 1915, he served as Mayor of Oakville and for some time, also served on Council. In 1915, W. E. Featherstone served as Worshipful Master of the Oakville Masonic Lodge.

In 1934, William E. Featherstone sold the property at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West to his son, Emerson Featherstone. The property is currently owned by [REDACTED], the son of Emerson Featherstone. In 1975, [REDACTED] followed in the footsteps of his grandfather when he served as Worshipful Master of the Oakville Masonic Lodge.

The house at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West, built circa 1870, is a good example of the Victorian Gothic style. The house is 1 1/2 storeys in height and is of frame construction. Beneath the aluminum siding, the house retains its original tongue and groove cladding, a rarity in Oakville. Other features include the central gable with a Gothic arched window, gingerbread trim, the original wood and glass door and the original double hung 2/2 windows with rounded heads. The roof was originally clad in wood shingles which continue to remain beneath the

current asphalt shingles. The house at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West has a number of significant interior features including high baseboards, original wooden floor and ornate ceiling molding.

The house at 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West is an attractive setting and presents a good example of a rural Oakville farmstead.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1992-237

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, in the Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part of Lot 17, in the 2nd Concession, north of Dundas Street, in the said Town, and which parcel may be more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the bearings herein are astronomic and are referred to the northerly limit of the allowance for road between Concessions 1 and 2, north of Dundas Street, in the said Town of Oakville, assumed to be north 38 degrees east, and relating all bearings herein thereto:

COMMENCING at a point in the southeast limit of the said Lot 17, distant 386.90 feet measured north 38 degrees east, therealong from the southerly angle of the said Lot 17:

THENCE north 47 degrees, 07 minutes, 30 seconds west, a distance of 412.56 feet to an iron bar planted:

THENCE south 37 degrees, 59 minutes, 20 seconds west, a distance of 373.30 feet to an iron bar planted in the line of a post and wire fence marking the line between Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2, north of Dundas Street:

THENCE south 45 degrees, 18 minutes, 30 seconds east, along the last mentioned line, a distance of 184.76 feet to an iron pipe planted:

THENCE north 38 degrees, 05 minutes, 10 seconds east, 149.78 feet to an iron bar planted:

THENCE south 45 degrees, 16 minutes, 40 seconds east,  
228.81 feet more or less to a point in the southeastern  
limit of the said Lot 17:

THENCE north 38 degrees, 00 minutes east, along the last  
mentioned limit, 236.77 feet more or less to the point of  
commencement.