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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE BY-LAW 1993-59

A by-law to designate 1107 Rebecca Street as a property of historical and architectural value and interest

## THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The property municipally known as 1107 Rebecca Street 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 26th day of May, 1993.

A / MAYOR

A CLERK

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ASSISTANT CLERK

## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The house at 1107 Rebecca Street was built in 1916 by Albert Hitchcox. The land on which the house was built was patented in 1804 by Margaret Smith. Margaret Smith was the daughter of Robert Campbell, a Sergeant-Major of Butler's Rangers during the American Revolution.

As the daughter of a United Empire Loyalist, Margaret was granted Lot 22 of the 3rd Concession, Trafalgar Township, of which 1107 Rebecca Street is a part. Margaret was married to Joel Smith, a merchant of Nelson Township who was Colonel William Chisholm's partner at the time Oakville was founded. When Margaret and Joel were married, Joel was a shipwright in the nearby Township of Thorold.

In 1833, Margaret and Joel's son, Robert owned and built a sawmill on Lot 22 through which runs the Fourteen Mile Creek. Five years later, Joel Smith bought the adjoining Crown Reserve, Lot 23 from King's College, and built another sawmill. Robert's mill flourished, and in 1851, it was cutting 100,000 feet of lumber annually and employing 8 men. Hiram, another son of Joel and Margaret Smith gained fame during the 1837 Rebellion when, as Colonel, he was put in charge of the Oakville and Wellington Square Company, which fought against the rebels on Navy Island in the Niagara River.

In 1879, ownership of the property passed into the hands of Robert's son, Robert Walker Smith. He passed away one year later and ownership was transferred to his wife, Emma Anne Smith. The property was sold to Frederick Davis in 1909, and again in 1915 to John Wilson, son of John Wilson, Sr., a prominent Bronte resident.

In 1916, the southerly part of the property was sold to Albert Hitchcox, who shortly thereafter constructed the house at 1107 Rebecca Street.

Albert Hitchcox was a working man who was employed for a number of years at Appleby College. He was also involved in fruit farming, a major activity in Trafalgar Township during the early part of this century. His wife had 10 children, the youngest of which was Sederick Hitchcox who founded Hitchcox Motors. The Hitchcox family continued to live in the house at 1107 Rebecca Street for over forty years.

The house at 1107 Rebecca Street is a late representation of simple frame farm houses which were once spread throughout Trafalgar Township. The house is 1 1/2 storeys with a three bay facade. Although there have been several alterations, these have been sympathetic to the character of the house, and a number of original features, including the windows on the east and lower south facing facades, the chimney and the basic form of the house, have been retained.

The front porch with carved wood detailing, although not original, is reminiscent of those constructed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The roof is covered by asphalt shingle. The original roofing material was most likely wood shingle. A recently added dormer projects from the centre of the roof. The house was originally frame and covered in stucco, but more recently, a pebble siding has been added.

## SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1993-59

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, more specifically described as Part of Lot 22, Third Concession south of Dundas Street, and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at an iron bar planted in the northwesterly limit of the allowance for road between Concession 3 and 4 as widened, the said point being also the most southerly angle of Lot 1 on Plan 579 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Land Registry Division of Halton (No. 20);

THENCE northwesterly along the southwesterly limit of said Lot 1 in Plan 579, 151 feet 9 inches to an iron bar planted at the most easterly angel of Lot 39 on Plan 716 registered in the said Land Registry Office;

THENCE southwesterly along the southeasterly limits of
Lots 39 and 38, Plan 716, 112 feet 5 1/2 inches to an iron
bar planted;

THENCE southeasterly and parallel to the northeasterly limit of Lot 37, Plan 716, 151 feet 9 inches to an iron bar planted in the northwesterly limit of the allowance for road between Concession 3 and 4, South of Dundas Street, as widened aforesaid;

THENCE northeasterly along the last mentioned limit, 112 feet 5 inches to the place of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a right-of-way for all purposes to the Grantee, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns over a strip of land hereinafter described until such time as the said strip of land is dedicated as a public highway, which strip of land is more particularly described as follows; being part of Lot 22, Concession 3, South of Dundas Street;

PREMISING that the southwesterly limit of said Plan 579 has a bearing of North 44 degrees 47 minutes West and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at an iron bar planted in the northwesterly limit of the allowance for road between Concession 3 and 4 as widened, the said point being also the most southerly angle of Lot 1 on said Plan 579;

THENCE south 38 degrees 27 minutes West 112 feet 5 inches more or less to an iron bar planted;

THENCE south 44 degrees 47 minutes West 17 feet 1 1/2 inches more or less to a point;

THENCE north 38 degrees 27 minutes East 112 feet 5 inches more or less to a point;

THENCE north 44 degrees 47 minutes West 117 feet 1 1/2 inches more or less to the point of commencement.

PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 620434.