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Ontario Heritage Foundation
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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a Notice of Intention to Designate the property known as the "Rice-Moore" home at 417 Tice Road in the Town of Pelham.

Yours very truly

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TOWN OF PELHAM
PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE STRUCTURE AND PROPERTY
REFERRED TO AS THE "RICE-MOORE" HOME
AND KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 417 TICE ROAD

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham intends to designate the structure and property known as the "Rice-Moore" home, 417 Tice Road as a structure of architectural and historical interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

When the hurricane of July 1, 1792, passed through the central part of Pelham, it was recorded that the buildings on Lot 8, Concession 6, were completely demolished, so there was a home, or homes, here before 1792. Christian Plato(e), a Butler's Ranger, owned this property since it was registered to him "before July, 1796." The original frame dwelling at the back of the brick one was built in 1800, but not by Mr. Platoe. It is certified in 1801 that John Crow was the first settler on Lot 8, Concession 6, and Peter Weaver settled on the same lot at the upper end. It is apparent that Mr. Crow and Mr. Weaver had an agreement with Mr. Platoe to "enjoy the lot," but it was not for sale. A map of Pelham Township dated September 20, 1811, shows both John Crow and Peter Weaver still occupying the premises. On April 14, 1836, when Peter Platoe was granted Lots 7 and 8 by the Crown, it stated that he received the land because he was "the eldest son and heir at law of Christian Platoe."

Peter Platoe, like his father, was a Butler's Ranger living in Bertie Township. He did not want to keep his inheritance, selling it in April, 1836 to Daniel Paulus, also of Bertie. Mr. Paulus kept it until November 3 of that year, when he sold it to Whitson Canby Moore, the pioneer who erected the triple brick house in 1850, attaching it to the old frame building. His workmanship was excellent, precise in every detail. The bricks were made in the Tice Brick Works some distance to the west on Tice Road.

In the large front room in the brick house, is a beautiful Maluchek miniature grand piano which Whitson C. Moore bought for his daughters, Emily Ann, Mary Annabella, and Sarah Jeanette, so they could have a musical education. Mrs. Howard Mosman (nee Marlon Morris) of Rochester, the great-granddaughter of Whitson C. Moore, owns the piano, but prefers to leave it in the old home. It is interesting that Mrs. Mosman's parents, George Ralph Morris and Hannah Mable Moore, were married in the room where the piano is, on September 8, 1910. The same gold and brown wallpaper covers the walls as on that happy occasion. We mention here that George Ralph's father, David Z. Morris, and his uncle, Edward C. Morris, managed Brown's Nurseries at one time.

Whitson C. Moore's wife was Ann, daughter of Joseph and Ann Willson, whose names all appear in the early annals of the Quaker Church in Pelham. After Whitson C. Moore died, his son Wortley inherited the property. Later, Wortley's daughter Sarah Jeanette married John Metler. They became the owners of the place, raised one daughter, Gladys Annabel. When they sold the home, they left Canada to live in the United States.

It was two Presbyterian ministers who purchased the property in 1916, - the Rev. William Rice and his brother-in-law, the Rev. John Martin Dickson, Mr. Rice buying the part on which the house stood. Mr. Dickson pastored the triple charge of North Pelham, Fenwick and Rockway, so he was living in the manse at North Pelham. These two men had taken their Arts at the same time at McGill, and their theology at Princeton, N.J., obtaining ministerial degrees there. When Mr. Dickson and his family left Pelham, taking up duties elsewhere, this place continued to be a home for the [REDACTED] and are still enjoying the old home with its broad lawn and trees.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation may be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham not later than the 26th day of August, 1994.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF PELHAM, THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY, 1994 A.D.

MURRAY HACKETT, CLERK/C.A.O.
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