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CULTURAL PROGRAMS
HERITAGE UNIT

May 10, 1996

Ms. Lesley Lewis
Executive Director
Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide St. East
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa on the 1st day of May, 1996, established its Intention to Designate the property known municipally as Booth Barn Complex (Bldg. #114-118), Central Experimental Farm, in the City of Ottawa, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990. c.0.18.

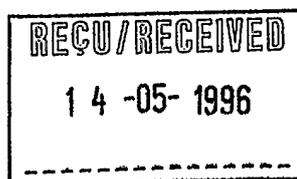
Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Intention to Designate served according to the act.

Yours truly,

P.G. Pagé
for P.G. Pagé
City Clerk

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Enc.



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT.

The Corporation of the City of Ottawa on the 1st day of May, 1996, established its intention to designate the following heritage property for its architectural and historical value.

Booth Barn Complex (Bldg. #114-118)

STATEMENT OF REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The Booth Barn complex merits designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its eloquent statement of agricultural barn construction at a time when the land upon which it stands, now well inside urban borders, was open countryside. It is also associated with J.R. Booth, the most long-lived of the lumber barons who soared to astronomical wealth on the forest resources of the Ottawa Valley. Booth owned the barn complex and its surrounding acres from 1886 until his death in 1925, at age 99. The Booth complex and farmland was expropriated by the Federal government in 1929. It is further distinguished by its association with the pioneering research of the Central Experimental Farm's Animal Husbandry Division.

The actual date of construction is unclear, but all four parts of the U-shaped barn complex were built between 1867 and 1890, during most of which time the farm was owned by Donald Kennedy. The oldest unit was originally a hay and grain barn, but after Central Experimental Farm acquisition it, along with the three smaller components, was converted to a cattle barn, its last use in the 1980s. The two silos are of much later vintage. The Hay Barn is the most prominent component of the complex with its high gabled roof. It is square-timber framed, with painted walls of vertical battened siding. Traditionally, agricultural structures are modified and added to as a farm needs change. By virtue of this reality, the other three barns and two silos, although of more modest design and size, are integral to the history of the complex and the cultural landscape.

The interior is not included in this designation.

OBJECTIONS

Any person wishing to object to this designation may do so by letter, outlining reasons for the objections and other relevant information. These must be received by the Clerk of the City of Ottawa either by registered mail or personally delivered by the 17th day of June, 1996.

DATED at Ottawa this 15th day of May, 1996.

P.G. Pagé
City Clerk