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CORPORATION OF
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUMFRIES

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November 22nd, 1990

Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor St. West,
TORONTO, Ontario
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Dear Sir:

Re: Bylaw 1279-90 "River House" Greenfield ([REDACTED])

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of North Dumfries passed bylaw number 1279-90 on November 19th, 1990. Enclosed please find a copy of the bylaw and the reasons for designation.

Yours truly,

Amelia S. Graham

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Deputy Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUMFRIES

BY-LAW NO. 1279-90

BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
PART LOT 38, CONCESSION 9, TOWNSHIP OF NORTH
DUMFRIES, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO
AND FAMILIARLY KNOWN AS "RIVER HOUSE",
GREENFIELD, ONTARIO ("RIVER HOUSE", GREENFIELD),
TO BE OF A HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE
AND INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.
1980 authorizes Council of a Municipality to designate property
within the Municipality to be of historic value of interest;

AND WHEREAS Council for The Corporation of the Township
of North Dumfries deems it desirable to designate the building
located at Part Lot 38, Concession 9, Township of North Dumfries,
Regional Municipality of Waterloo, familiarly known as the "River
House", Greenfield, Ontario, to be of historic and architectural
value and interest;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township
of North Dumfries has caused Notice of Intention to Designate to
be given in accordance with Section 29(3) of The Ontario Heritage
Act, R.S.O. 1980;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection has been served on the
Clerk within the meaning of Section 29(5) of The Ontario Heritage
Act, R.S.O. 1980;

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUMFRIES ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


1. The property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto
is hereby designated to be of historic and architectural value and
interest.

2. Section 33 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980 shall apply only to Part Lot 38, Concession 9, Township of North Dumfries, Regional Municipality of Waterloo and commonly known as "River House", Greenfield, Ontario.

3. This By-law shall come into effect on the final passing thereof by the Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Dumfries.


READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 19th day of November , 1990.

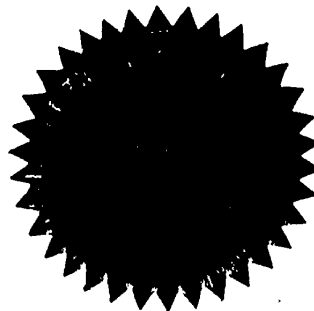

MAYOR


CLERK

PASSED this 19th day of November , 1990.


MAYOR


CLERK



REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Property at - Part Lot 38, Concession 9, Twp. Rd. #3,
R.R. #1, Ayr, ("River House", Greenfield).

Owners - [REDACTED]

Designation is intended to recognize the historical significance of the said property in the hamlet of Greenfield, and its association with the Goldie family and the Goldie Milling Company.

The house in its original form was a small frame one, of one storey, with the chimney on what was then the outer east wall, and the main facade facing west. George Hazel bought the south half of lot 38 from the Hon William Dickson in 1831. It is believed that shortly thereafter he built the house and settled here. He sold the house to Adam Hazel in 1844. It was also in 1844 that John Goldie Sr., a famed botanist, arrived from Scotland with his wife and family and purchased the neighbouring farm from Wm. Dickson, calling it Greenfield, named after a place near the family home in Ayrshire, Scotland. Eventually he started up a flour mill, which became very successful. A row of saltbox style cottages were built for millworkers as well as the "Manor House" for the Goldie family.

The "River House" was purchased by David Goldie, youngest son of John Goldie Sr., in 1860 from Adam Hazel. For a number of years it was occupied by a succession of head millers employed by the Goldie Mill, but remained the property of the Goldie family until 1910. After his marriage David Goldie and his family lived in the house from 1869 to 1878.

He gradually took over the responsibility of managing the Mill from his father. Not only was David Goldie a successful and respected businessman in his day, and one of the leading manufacturers in the Province, but he was a very influential member of the community.

This property forms an integral part of the unique community of Greenfield and its mill, founded by John Goldie Sr. Although the River House has been added to and altered over the years, this Ontario cottage with its encircling verandahs on two sides, possesses aesthetic and architecturally pleasing qualities in its present restored and renovated form and its picturesque setting along the Nith River.

It can be seen that throughout the years the history of the River House has been inextricably linked to the history of Greenfield, the Goldie family and the Greenfield Mill.