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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY
In the Regional Municipality of Durham

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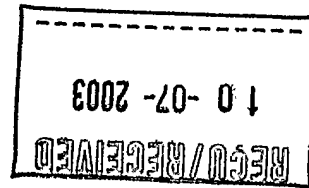
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
575 Rossland Road East
Whitby, Ontario
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July 4, 2003
File: A-2160 (LACAC)

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604 Brock Street South
Whitby, Ontario
L1N 4K9

Re: 604 Brock Street South
Town of Whitby
Heritage Designation, Part IV
The Ontario Heritage Act



At a meeting held on June 23, 2003, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby passed By-law No. 5270-03, a copy of which is enclosed, being a by-law to designate property municipally known as 604 Brock Street, Whitby, as a Heritage Structure under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Notice of Passing for By-law No. 5270-03 will be advertised in the July 9th, 2003 issue of the Whitby This Week newspaper.

Further information regarding the designation can be obtained by contacting Mr. John Taylor, Secretary of L.A.C.A.C. at 430-4306 extension 2275.

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Debbie Shields
Supervisor of Administrative Services

cc: The Ontario Heritage Foundation ✓
10 Adelaide Street East
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY

BY-LAW NO. 5270-03

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE STRUCTURE MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 604 BROCK STREET SOUTH AS BEING OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby considers it desirable to designate the exterior of the property hereinafter described to be of historic and architectural value and interest;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the said Corporation has caused to be served on the owners of the property municipally known as 604 Brock Street South, Whitby, Ontario, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of its intention to designate the structure at the aforesaid address to be of historic and architectural value and interest and has caused such notice to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Whitby;

AND WHEREAS, no person has served a notice of objection to the proposed designation on the Clerk of the said Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby enacts as follows:

1. The structure located on the property municipally known as 604 Brock Street South, Whitby, Ontario, and more particularly described on Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law is designated as being of historic and architectural value and interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B", attached hereto.
2. This designation shall not preclude any changes that may be deemed necessary for the efficient use of the structure provided that any changes shall be in keeping with the original and current character of the structure and shall be carried out in consultation with the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee of the Town of Whitby.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2003.


Donald G. McKay, Clerk


Marcel L. Brunelle, Mayor

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BY-LAW NO. -03
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Plan H-50032, Part of Lots 15 and 16, 6th Double Range,
as in CO233753,
in the Town of Whitby,
in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

SCHEDULE "B"
TO
BY-LAW NO. -03

HISTORICAL REPORT FOR
604 BROCK STREET SOUTH

HISTORICAL REPORT
THE WILLIAM WESTLAKE HOUSE
604 BROCK STREET SOUTH
BUILT, C. 1877
BY BRIAN WINTER, ARCHIVIST
MAY 1, 2003

THE WILLIAM WESTLAKE HOUSE

SOUTH HALF, LOT 16, SIXTH DOUBLE RANGE, WERDEN'S PLAN WEST OF BROCK ST.

604 BROCK STREET SOUTH

BUILT, C. 1877

The land on which this house stands was part of Werden's subdivision plan, owned by Asa Werden (1779-1866) of Athol Township, Prince Edward County. Werden purchased 200 acres of Whitby land in 1821. Lot 16 is mentioned in his will, dated Sept. 28, 1865. In the following years lots were sold by his executors for building purposes.

On Nov. 15, 1876, the south half of lot 16, 6th double range west of Brock street was sold to William Westlake. William Westlake (1847-1916) was a building contractor who specialized in brick work and masonry. He built many homes and public buildings in Whitby in the 1870s and 1880s. He was born, probably in England, on Jan. 17, 1847. His father, Nicholas Westlake, is listed as a laborer in Whitby in a directory of 1866 and William is first listed as a mason in Whitby in 1871. About that time, William Westlake formed a partnership with another mason contractor, William Dunkley (1831-1904) as Dunkley and Westlake. Among the buildings they constructed in Whitby were: The Ontario Block (1871), Gerrie's Blocks (1871 and 1873), Whitby High School (1872/73), Methodist Tabernacle (1875/76) now St. Mark's United Church and the William Green House (1876) at 616 King Street. William Dunkley left the partnership about 1880 and eight years later moved to Toronto. William Westlake, on his own, built the Brooklin House Hotel (1882/83) now the Brooklin Legion Hall, and the early buildings of the Whitby Buckle Factory (1887). Westlake also owned several farms in Whitby.

William Westlake was married twice, first to Susan Palmer (1849-1875) and secondly to Mary Ann Rogers (1850-1930). It is likely that he built the house at 604 Brock street South some time between 1877 and 1880 as his own residence. There is no reference to its construction in the Whitby Chronicle, although it is reported he built another house at the north-east corner of Byron and John Streets in 1877. By his second marriage, William Westlake had two children: Daisy Susan (1887-1972)

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and William R. Westlake (1889-1918). Daisy married Roy W. Talling and they lived in the house with her father at 604 Brock Street South. William R. Westlake was a grocer in downtown Whitby who died in the 1918 influenza epidemic. William Westlake died on Dec. 18, 1916 at Whitby and is buried in Union Cemetery, Oshawa.

On Dec. 30, 1916, the house was sold by William Westlake's executors to his wife, Mary Ann Westlake and son William R. Westlake. After William R. Westlake's death in 1918, Mrs. William Westlake and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Talling lived in the house. Roy W. Talling (1887-1960) was born in Bowmanville on May 17, 1887 and lived in Oshawa until he was married on his 18th birthday in 1905. In the 1920s and early 1930s he operated a men's wear store on Brock Street in Whitby. The Tallings moved to Toronto in 1932 and Roy died there on Sept. 21, 1960. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto. His wife died at Oshawa on Oct. 6, 1972.

Mary Ann Westlake, the widow of William Westlake lived with the Tallings at 604 Brock Street south until her death on Sept. 12, 1930. On Dec. 30, 1932, Roy and Susan Talling sold the house to Janet M. Montgomery (1896-1971). Mrs. Montgomery was the wife of Dr. Stanley Randall Percival Montgomery (1898-1959), a doctor on the staff of the Ontario Hospital (now Whitby Mental Health Centre).

Dr. Stanley Montgomery was born at Toronto on May 20, 1898 and graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto in 1923. The following year he married Janet Marguerite Hislop at Whitby and for three years he and his wife were medical missionaries in Southern Rhodesia. Dr. Montgomery had taken training in the treatment of tropical diseases at London, England. In 1928 they returned to Canada because the tropical climate of Africa was not suitable for Mrs. Montgomery and their children. Dr. Montgomery took a position as a doctor at the Ontario Hospital, Whitby, in 1928. He was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Whitby in 1933 and its third president in 1935/36. He was a member of the session and the Choir of Whitby United Church and superintendent of the Sunday School. He rose to the rank of assistant superintendent of the Whitby hospital and in 1939 was transferred to the Ontario Hospital at St. Thomas where he was also assistant superintendent. In 1941 Dr. Montgomery

became superintendent of the Toronto Ontario Hospital at 999 Queen Street. He served in the Royal Canadian Medical Corps in the Second World War and in 1949 became superintendent of the Ontario Hospital at Orillia. In 1951 he was appointed director of the child guidance clinic of the East York-Leaside Health Clinic in Toronto, a position he held until his death at Lindsay, Ontario, on July 27, 1959. Mrs. Montgomery was born in Whitby Township in 1896 and died at Toronto on May 23, 1971. Both are buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

It is likely that Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery moved to St. Thomas in 1939, but they retained ownership of the home in Whitby until 1946. It is likely they rented the house to tenants.

On Sept. 3, 1946, Janet M. Montgomery sold the Whitby house to Manning B. Larkin, who sold it on Sept. 22, 1948 to Joseph B. Wannop. On July 25, 1949, Joseph B. Wannop sold the house to Hildred H. Jackson. On Aug. 28, 1962, the executors of Hildred H. Jackson sold the house to Elizabeth M. S. Thompson and Patricia S. McIlraith. The same day, Thompson and McIlraith sold the house to John R. and Valerie J. Vickery. Nothing is known about the owners of the house between 1946 and 1962.

John R. Vickery (1931-1991) was born in Oshawa on May 22, 1931. In the 1960s he took over his father's business, Vickery Electric Contracting Ltd. which was founded in 1932 by John Wesley Vickery (1899-1977). Vickery Electric was involved in the construction of Whitby's schools in the 1950s and 1960s and did the work for the extensions to King Street (now R. A. Sennett School), Anderson Collegiate and Henry Street High School. The company also had a license to do inspections of boats on the Great Lakes. John R. Vickery was a founder of the Whitby Yacht Club and its commodore in 1968/69. He was also a member of David T. Campbell Masonic Lodge. John R. Vickery died at Whitby on May 14, 1991 and is buried at Grovside Cemetery, Brooklin. [REDACTED]

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The William Westlake House is in nearly original condition, and a good example of architecture from the late 1870s or early 1880s. Its exact date of construction is uncertain. Few houses were built in Whitby in the 1880s, so it is a rare example

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of that period.

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Brian Winter,
Archivist, Town of Whitby,
May 1, 2003.

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