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## Notice of Intention to Designate a Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

### 46324 Sparta Line

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Central Elgin intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18:

The house on property known municipally as **46324 Sparta Line** and legally described as **Part of Lot 2, Plan 48, North Side of Main Street, Geographic Township of Yarmouth, Municipality of Central Elgin**. The west, south and east façades of the house are intended to be designated.

The full statements of cultural heritage value or interest is available in the Municipal Office at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, daily, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the municipal website, [www.centralelgin.org](http://www.centralelgin.org), under "Public Notices".

Any person may, not later than **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**, serve on the Clerk of the Municipality of Central Elgin a **notice of objection** setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Central Elgin this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012.

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## The Abby

### Architectural Qualities

The Abby was built in the early 1840s. It served as a residence for the Moedinger family for many years as well as being Louis Moedinger's furniture and coffin shop. It now serves as the private home and studio of [REDACTED].

The Abby is constructed in the Colonial Style. The structure sits on a sculptured cement block foundation and has a full basement. It is a two storey building at the front and has a one and a half story addition on the back. The facade is 12 metres long and has a depth of 10 metres. It is made of clapboard and supported by a wooden frame. The clapboard on the corners is corner board to make a nice finish. The structure is roofed by a medium gable. The building has projecting eaves, wooded verges, plain fascia, moulded soffits, and plain frieze. An asphalt roof replaces the original cedar shingles. There is one chimney on the building made of block and located left side, single mass. There is one doorway located in the centre of the facade. The entrance which was altered by the [REDACTED] is pilastered with square columns and entablature and features a half circled transom. The door has two lower panels and two windows above. The windows on the building are two sash, single or double hung with a 2/2 pane arrangement. The original windows would have featured a 6/6 pane arrangement but were replaced at the time the building was moved in the mid-1900s. There are half fan light windows in the peaks of the eaves. The windows feature a peaked upper frame. The building has an entrance porch with a railed top and two pillars that was also added by the [REDACTED] in the 1980s.

### Registry Office Material & Historical Significance

Jonathan Doan was deeded the land from the Honourable James Baby. Baby was a member of the Upper Canada Legislature, and he was given this land through the crown patent of 1799. Doan acquired the land in 1816 and later sold it to Saul Moore in 1820. The Moedingers purchased this plot and all the land to the 4 corners in 1869. It was owned by the [REDACTED] until 1978 when it was sold to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] acquired it in 1983.

Several key figures and events in the history of the community of Sparta occurred here. The newspaper "*The True Teller*" was published in this building in the 1840s. Louis Moedinger senior and later his son Louis Moedinger junior ran their furniture and coffin shop from this building. They also owned the building to the east now know as The Sparta House Tearoom and ran their undertaker business from this location. The building also served as an inn in the early days. In the mid-1900s it was moved from its original location on the lot just to the east to its current day location. After the death of [REDACTED] in the 1930s, the building was turned into two apartments and rented to a variety of families. In 1983 [REDACTED] bought the home, restored it and added on the back section for an art studio for [REDACTED]. They altered the front entrance at that time.

*Legal Description:*

Lot 21, Concession 4  
Plan 48 Part of Lot 2 North Side of Main Street  
Municipality of Central Elgin (Yarmouth)  
Part 1 & 4 on 11R-2237

Note: It is proposed to designate the exterior of the building.

