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BY-LAW NUMBER 1 OF 1993  
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS

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Being a By-Law to designate the property known municipally as 107 Water Street North as being of architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as 107 Water Street North and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


- 1) There is designated as being of architectural value or interest the real property known municipally as 107 Water Street North more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
- 2) The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1993.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY 1993.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

Town of St. Marys, County of Perth being composed of Part of Lots 8 and 9, East Side of Water Street, Registered Plan 225, being part Lot 17, Concession 17 (formerly in the Township of Blanshard) and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of Lot 9, (being the intersection of the Easterly limit of Water Street with the Southerly limit of Widder Street);

THENCE Southerly along the Easterly limit of Lots 9 and 8, 99.56 feet;

THENCE Easterly and parallel to the Southerly limit of Lot 9, 83.16 feet to a right-of-way;

THENCE Northerly and parallel to the Westerly limit of Lots 8 and 9, 99.56 feet to the Northerly limit of Lot 9;

THENCE Westerly along the Northerly limit of Lot 9, 83.16 feet to the place of beginning, containing by admeasurement nineteen-hundredths of an acre of land be the same more or less, together with the right and privilege to the Grantees their heirs, assigns, tenants, servants, workmen and agents of the lane or right-of-way lying immediately Easterly from the lands herein described and of the even width of 26 feet throughout, said right-of-way being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the Northerly limit of said Lot 9 (being also the southerly limit of Widder Street), distant 83.16 feet East of the Northwest angle of said Lot 9;

THENCE Southerly and parallel with the Easterly limits of said Lots 9 and 8 a distance of 118.14 feet to a point;

THENCE Easterly and parallel to the said Northerly boundary a distance of 26 feet;

THENCE Northerly and parallel to the Easterly limit of said Lots 8 and 9 a distance of 118.14 feet to the Northerly limit of said Lot 9;

THENCE Westerly along said Northerly limit to the place of beginning.

As in Instrument 247741

"Schedule A"

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

107 Water Street North - Joseph Stafford House

This cottage is one of four houses built for Fanny Moore Adam around 1870 on adjoining lots bounded by Wellington Street North, Widder Street East and Water Street North. The present 106 Wellington Street North was erected in 1869 (Stratford Beacon, May 14, 1869) and occupied by Fanny Adam's sister Margaret Beattie and her family; the present 100 Wellington Street North was occupied by Fanny Adam herself; 99 Water Street North was occupied by Robert Dickson (related to Fanny Adam through his wife, Jenny Nicol); 107 Water Street North was occupied by another sister, Jane Stafford and her family. The Beattie and Dickson houses are constructed of stone; the Stafford and Adam houses of yellow brick. The Beattie and Adam homes are built into the hill and are full two-storey houses; the Stafford and Dickson homes are cottages.

The four houses are said, in the obituary of one of his daughters (Journal Argus, December 7, 1933), to have been built by Robert Barbour, a prominent architect and builder of the period. Each of these houses possesses certain features of the Regency style and also the Ontario cottage style but they are neither. They are Robert Barbour's version of the St. Marys cottage.

The Stafford house is a one-storey, yellow brick house with a three-bay facade. The four-panel door of the front entrance has sidelights and a transom. The interior has a symmetrical plan (identical to that of 108 Robinson Street only on a larger scale): a centre hall with square rooms on either side leads to a dining room, itself with smaller rooms on either side. The kitchen wing still possesses its original windows with six-over-six lights.

Happily the windows of the front part of the house still have their six-over-six panes as well. This designation also includes the original interior woodwork (baseboards, four-panel doors, and the wood panelling beneath the two windows in each of the front rooms). All window sills and door sills are limestone.

The lawn at the front of the house is raised and supported by an original limestone retaining wall and limestone steps leading to the lawn level. This wall and steps are part of this designation.

This house has preserved many of its original features. For this it is important in its own right but it is also notable as a member of the remarkable ensemble of four houses on the North Ward Hill all built for one woman by one builder.