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TOWN OF FERGUS

"HOME OF THE HIGHLAND GAMES"

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

December 29, 1994

Pam Craig

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fergus intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

396 St. Andrew Street East, Fergus, Ontario

Reasons for the Designation:

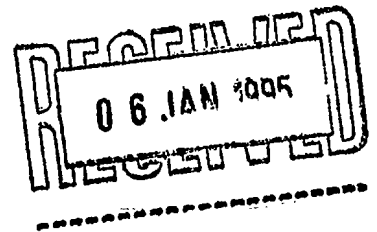
This regency-style limestone cottage was built between 1858 and 1868 by William Rennie, a local farmer and real-estate investor, on the easternmost of four adjoining lots that he purchased in 1858 from James Webster, co-founder of Fergus.

Sited on a steeply-sloping lot between St. Andrew Street and the Grand River, the house presents an elevation of one story at the front and two stories at the rear. The symmetrical three-bay front is noteworthy for its elegantly detailed entrance, which features a semi-elliptical top light and matching side lights, all with their original glass. The large front windows, one in each bay, contain their original double-hung sash, with six panes in each unit. The ashlar pattern of the front masonry (an unusual use of the local material) adds a further note of formality to the facade. The whole is surmounted by a hip roof, superposed on a deep frieze board ornamented with rectilinear dentils.

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The upper section of the rear facade displays similar elegance. A central door, leading to an elevated verandah, is surmounted by a semi-circular top light and arch, and is flanked by floor-to-ceiling windows in the adjoining bays.

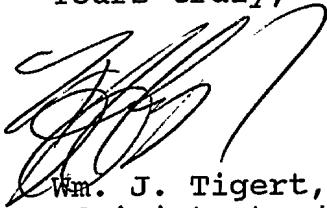
Except for the loss of one chimney and the replacement of the original rear verandah, the house has not been subject to any significant exterior alterations or additions, and it presents itself almost exactly as it was built.

The house is one of a set of five adjoining stone houses, built between 1857 and 1908, which together provide a unique illustration of nineteenth-century tastes in house design.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Fergus before the 16th day of January 1995.

Dated at Fergus, Ontario this 29th day of December, 1994.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W. J. Tigert', written in a cursive style.

Wm. J. Tigert, B. Comm., A.M.C.T.
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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