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ONTARIO

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

December 22n, 1980.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
77 Bloor St. W.,
Toronto, Ontario.
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Dear Sir: SUBJECT: Designation of 43 Cross Street under
 The Ontario Heritage Act.

Our File: 10.08.05

Please be advised that it is the intention of the Town of Dundas to designate the above mentioned property under The Ontario Heritage Act.

Pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act the Notice of Intention to Designate will be placed in our local newspaper for its issue of December 24th, 1980 and two consecutive Wednesdays thereafter. For your information please find attached a copy of this advertisement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Robert Gerrie".

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J. Robert Gerrie, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Town Clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974 S.O. CHAPTER 122:

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION
AND MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas intends to designate property including lands and building exterior at the following location and municipal address being property of architectural and historical value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION

(a) 43 CROSS STREET

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

43 Cross Street has one of the most interesting stories behind it of any Dundas home. As with most stories it has one main character who was very important to this Town. This man is George Rolph. George Rolph came to Dundas in 1816 and by 1822 he was the second largest landowner in town. In that year he built his home, a log house, and a log office behind it. The original log structure has been added to by Rolph and other owners to create the present day 43 Cross. Originally, the house stood in the middle of Cross St. but was later moved to its present location. Because of the many changes, the house has a very unusual interior composed of three sections. On the upper floor and the kitchen old wooden beams from a barn can still be seen. Each of the three sections has a separate staircase, two of which wind and twist in a curious manner.

George Rolph too has an interesting history. He was born in England and came to Dundas to practice law. Throughout his life in this town, Rolph was never liked by fellow citizens because he always seemed to look down on them with contempt. In June of 1826 the frustrations of the townspeople broke loose and a group of Tory Party members entered his home and tarred and feathered him in his basement. But Rolph never seemed to repent. He built huge entrance gates for his home, planning to rival the home of a political adversary, Allan McNab. Ironically, the gates were as far as Rolph's mansion was ever to go. They now guard the York St. entrance to Dundurn Castle, the very home Rolph hoped to outdo.

George Rolph owned his home until 1875 when he was eighty-one. At that time his son-in-law Dr. Att Walker took possession of it. Dr. Walker never lived in the home, but rented it out. He converted it to two stories from one and a half.

In later years the house was owned by William Makket, a prominent Dundas hotelkeeper who owned the Riley House.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The original structure was a log house built on Cross Street in the 1820's. The log house was later moved to its present location and extensively rebuilt.

The house now stands as a rough cast frame two storey building and the present configuration is an outstanding example of Ontario vernacular architecture.

Any person may within thirty days of the first publication of this notice send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Dundas notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Dundas shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for hearing.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF DUNDAS THIS 24TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1980.

L. J. MIKULICH, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.,
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