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THE CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA

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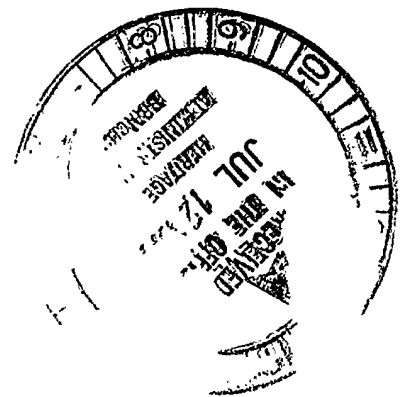


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DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK

July 11, 1977

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
Heritage Administration Branch
c/o Ministry of Culture & Recreation
77 Greenville Street
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2R9



Re: Ontario Heritage Act, 1974
Notice of Intention to designate property
of historic or architectural value

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29(3) of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, notice is hereby served on The Ontario Heritage Foundation of the Municipal Council's intention to designate a certain property to be of historic or architectural value or interest as described in the attached Notice of Intention.

W. S. Ross
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THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY OF HISTORIC
OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the City of London intends to designate as property of historic or architectural value or interest the following property for the following reasons:

PROPERTY: Eldon House, 481 Ridout Street

REASONS: Architectural Reasons:

Eldon House is a fine frame house designed in the Regency style and subsequently enlarged and adapted to suit climatic conditions. Eldon House and its grounds linking with Harris Park form an excellent north-west closure in the area of the Forks of the Thames.

Historical Reasons:

Eldon House is probably the most important historical home in London and was a centre of social and political events from its construction in 1834 until it became the property of the City in 1960. The first owner, John Harris, RN, was the Treasurer of the London District, that is the central part of the south-western peninsula of Ontario, and was a leading political figure in the local Family Compact. In 1837, he participated in the raid on the "Caroline" in the Niagara River and may have set fire to the ship. After his death, his wife, Amelia Ryerse, who came from the same prominent Ontario family as the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, continued to live in the house, which was greatly expanded in 1877. Later, occupants of the house included George Becher Harris, a prominent London lawyer and his daughter, Amelia Archange Harris (1868-1959), who was the last member of the family to live at Eldon House. She was prominent in many sporting and charitable institutions in London.

The house, with its original furnishings, provides an excellent example of the life of the gentry of the region for over a century. The variety of the contents, brought back from almost all corners of the world, show their wide interests and the broader connections and outlook of the region, which can be so easily forgotten.

A person who objects to the proposed designation shall within thirty days after the date of the first publication of this notice serve on the City Clerk, a notice of objection in writing, setting out the objection and all relevant facts.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON
City Hall
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON

W. S. Ross
City Clerk

Note:

1. THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, provides that, any notice required to be given, delivered or served is sufficiently given, delivered or served if delivered personally or sent by registered mail addressed to the person to whom delivery or service is required to be made at his last known address.
2. The act further provides that, where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board which, as soon as practicable, shall hold a hearing open to the public to determine whether the property in question should be designated, and the Council, the owner, any person who has filed an objection and such other persons as the Review Board may specify, are parties to the hearing. After the conclusion of a hearing, the Review Board shall make a report to the Council setting out its findings of fact, its recommendations as to whether or not the property should be designated and any information or knowledge used by it in reaching its recommendations. After considering the report, the Council without a further hearing shall,

(a) pass a by-law designating the property and cause a copy of the by-law together with the reasons for the designation,

(i) to be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office,

(ii) to be served on the owner and the Ontario Heritage Foundation,

and publish a notice of such by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; or

(b) withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property by serving and publishing notice of such withdrawal in the manner and to the persons as required for the notice of intention to designate under The Act.

and its decision is final.

DATED at London, Ontario this eleventh day of July, A.D., 1977.