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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES  
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
7th floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2R9**

**TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mariposa intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.**

**(a) Municipal Address                      Beecroft Farm House  
Part of Lot 3, Concession 1  
Township of Mariposa**

**(b) Reasons for Designation              See attachment**

**Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant fact may be served on the Clerk of the Township of Mariposa before the 22nd day of February 1997.**

**Dated at the Township of Mariposa  
this 22nd day of January 1997**

**Sandra Lloyd, Clerk  
Township of Mariposa**

**TOWNSHIP OF MARIPOSA LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

BEECROFT FARM, Part Lot <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Con 1, Township of Mariposa

According to [REDACTED], owner of the property:

"This property was settled by the Beecroft family some 180 years ago. [REDACTED] my son, who will inherit the property, is, by way of my wife [REDACTED] a direct descendant of the Yorkshire woman who trekked overland from Quebec with her children. Her husband died on the boat coming across from England and was buried on an island at the entrance of the St. Lawrence River.

When she settled here, she was fortunate enough to meet up with an older man who had settled here previously and lived in a shack on the hill by Lake Scugog.

She never married but this man died and was very fond of her elder son to whom he willed the property. This was the beginning of the family settlement. The other children went other places and their roots can be located at other places (Manilla, Woodville, Greenbank, Zion etc.)

The main centre of business when this property was settled was Manilla and later a Presbyterian church was established and this was their place of worship at that time."

Originally a frame house stood just south of the present building. In 1847 the property was registered in the name of David Beecroft. This may well have been the time when the present house was built. According to [REDACTED], the stone was cut by Scottish and English stonemasons who had worked on the Trent Canal at Lindsay (completed in 1843). The split lath found in the walls of the building indicate that it was built before 1850 (see photo).

The house is beautifully situated at the top of a hill overlooking Lake Scugog.

The following building description should be read in conjunction with the photographs:

The Beecroft farmhouse is 1½ stories high and is built of cut field-stone. Covering the front door is a closed in porch, probably built in the 1940s. The front door is framed by side lights and a transom light. It is flanked by a six-over-six window on either side and is emphasised by a central gothic window in the gable. The top part of the gothic window has been covered on the outside but is still visible from inside the house.

The east and west sides of the building are identical with four six-over-six windows on either side, the lower two in each case being larger than the upper two.

The kitchen wing as well as the south facing wall of the main part of the building are of rough field-stone. On the east side of the kitchen wing there is now a garage door where there was once a door and window. The south side has completely random openings. The three window openings are original with the doorway added at a later date. The gable of the roof of the kitchen wing is off centre.

The wood cornice which wraps around the main building is elegant with a deep fascia board. In the gable over the front door wavy bargeboard gives emphasis to the peak. As well, the bottom part of the pinnacle, which at one time crowned the peak, is still there.

The building currently has metal roofing, but originally would have been covered with cedar shingles.

Chimneys crown the east and west gables as well as the gable on the summer kitchen.

Worthy of mention in the interior of the house is, firstly, the generously proportioned centre hall with the staircase leading to the second story; and, secondly the woodwork throughout the house with deep window trim and high baseboards.