



An agency of the Government of Ontario

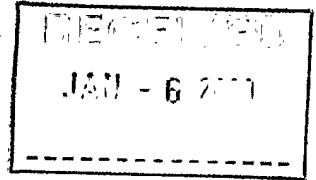


Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

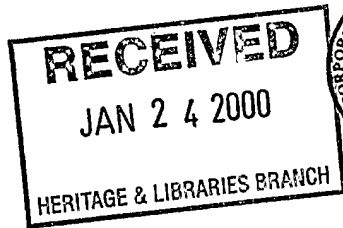
This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

(Durham)
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY
In the Regional Municipality of Durham



Telephone
905-668-5803
Toronto
905-686-2621
Fax
905-686-7005



MUNICIPAL BUILDING
575 Rossland Road East
Whitby, Ontario
Canada
L1N 2M8

January 4, 2000
File: A-2160 (LACAC)

REGISTERED MAIL

██████████
15 Princess Street
Brooklin, Ontario
L0B 1C0

Re: Benjamin Franklin Campbell House
15 Princess Street, Brooklin
Heritage Designation, Part IV
The Ontario Heritage Act

At a meeting held on December 13, 1999, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby approved Planning Director's Report, Item 257-99, to designate the Benjamin Franklin Campbell House located on property municipally known as 15 Princess Street, Brooklin, as a heritage structure under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Town Council has instructed that staff draft the necessary by-law, together with the reasons for designation, for Council's approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Intent to Designate which will appear in the January 12th, 2000 issue of Whitby This Week.

Further information regarding the designation can be obtained by contacting Mr. John Taylor, Secretary of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee at 430-4306, extension 2275.

D. Shields

Debbie Shields
Supervisor of Administrative Services

cc: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

REGISTERED MAIL

R. B. Short, Director of Planning
J. Taylor, Secretary, LACAC

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18
AND IN THE MATTER OF
LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS
15 PRINCESS STREET, VILLAGE OF BROOKLIN
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property, including the lands and building, at the following municipal address as property of historical and architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18.

**Benjamin Franklin Campbell House
15 Princess Street
Brooklin, Ontario**

REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF 15 PRINCESS STREET, BROOKLIN

Historical

Benjamin Franklin Campbell (1838-1918), 7th son of John Campbell (a British soldier in the American Revolutionary War), was born in Whitby Township on Jan. 28, 1838. For a number of years, Benjamin F. Campbell farmed on 242½ acres of Lots 30 and 31, Concession 6, Whitby Township. He retired to the Village of Brooklin and built his house at 15 Princess Street. Benjamin F. Campbell was a Whitby Township Councillor in 1871-72 and Deputy Reeve, with a seat on the Ontario County Council in 1873-76. He was also a bailiff for the Township of Whitby.

On April 6, 1962, Donald Creighton, a professor of history at the University of Toronto, bought the house in Brooklin so he could have a quiet place to do his writing. Donald Grant Creighton (1902-1979) is recognized as one of Canada's greatest historians. He became a lecturer in the Department of History at the University of Toronto in 1927, assistant professor in 1932, associate professor in 1939, professor in 1945, and Chairman of the History Department in 1955. He retired in 1975 when his health failed, and he started writing novels. He was a Companion of the Order of Canada and received honorary degrees from the University of Manitoba, McGill University, Queen's, and the Universities of New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, among others. He was awarded the Tyrrel Medal for History by the Royal Society of Canada in 1951, the University of British Columbia's Medal for Biography in 1955, the University of Alberta's National Award in Letters in 1957, and the Molson Prize by the Canada Council in 1964. In 1996, a postage stamp was issued in his honor, 17 years after his death. Donald Creighton died at his Brooklin home on Dec. 19, 1979, aged 77.

Architectural

Its architectural significance lies not in its landmark status, but in its simple relation to its historical context and to its environment. With neighbouring buildings, such as the smaller house at 1 Princess Street, the church and the mill building on Cassels Road, this house is a fine example of the mid-nineteenth century vernacular architecture of Brooklin. The Campbell House has been kept in good condition since its construction. While an addition to the rear of the building was erected in 1967 to house a library for Donald Creighton, the front and side facades have remained virtually unaltered.

From the street the facade of the building is a picturesque composition consisting of a large gable-end wall with a recessed porch and side wing. On the interior the plan is very similar to a typical centre hall plan with the exception that the room to the right-hand side of the hall has been altered to project into the garden like a side wing, flanked by porches. Rosette mouldings on the ceiling of the hallway and in the main room are quite elaborate and in good condition. The staircase's baluster and handrail are also original and in good condition. The Benjamin Franklin Campbell House is a distinctive Victorian house with Gothic Revival features. It greatly contributes to the heritage character of Princess Street and to the Village of Brooklin.

Any person may, before February 10th, 2000 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Whitby this 4th day of January, 2000.

Donald G. McKay
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Whitby
575 Rossland Road East
WHITBY, ONTARIO
L1N 2M8

PHONE (905) 668-5803, Ext. 4302

c.c: Al Claringbold, Administrator/ Director of Human Resources
D.G. McKay
D. Shields, Supervisor of Administrative Services
J. Taylor, Planner
Switchboard
Purchasing (4)
File: C-4200
A-2160 (LACAC)