


THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE  
BY-LAW 1991-48


A by-law to designate 1475 Lakeshore Road East  
as a property of historical, architectural and  
contextual value and interest.

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 1475 Lakeshore Road East is hereby designated as a property of historical and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for the reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this by-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this by-law.

PASSED by the Council this 26th day of March, 1991.

  
MAYOR

  
D/ CLERK

## SCHEDULE "A"

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### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The land which is known as 1475 Lakeshore Road East was patented in 1806 by John Bradley Sr. Mr. Bradley then sold it to Barnett Griggs. Mr. Griggs came to Oakville with his wife and his brother, George, from New Jersey. He then settled on Lot 6 of Third Concession SDS. In the book Oakville and the Sixteen it states that "when the States of Michigan and Illinois were being settled, many migrating families from New York passed this way (through Oakville) and found a night's lodging with Barnett Griggs." Word soon spread that one could find a night's accommodation at Barnett Griggs' house, this persuaded him to enlarge his house into an inn. In 1828 he was assessed as having a one-storey frame house with a fireplace. A few short years later Griggs was assessed for a two storey house with three fireplaces, and shortly after that Barnett Griggs was listed as an innkeeper. One of the main reasons why Barnett Griggs' Inn did so well was that it was almost exactly halfway between Toronto and Hamilton. This is the reason for the name Halfway House. The Lakeshore Road was well travelled by many stage coaches; these carriages sometimes stopped at Barnett Griggs Halfway House where there were fresh teams of horses available.

Barnett Griggs sold this property to Thompson Smith and in 1866 Thompson Smith sold it to Barnett Griggs Moore (grandson of Barnett Griggs). James Ryrie, a jeweler from Toronto, purchased one-third of this property in 1906 and the remaining two-thirds in 1911. It states in the book Oakville: A Small Town that "After the first World War Mr. Ryrie moved Halfway House some distance back from the road". It was then occupied by his newly married son, Harry. Harry and his brother Grant then began to grow fruit on the property and they became well-known for the excellent fruit which came from their orchards.

### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house, which was built in the 1830's, exhibits some of the classic characteristics of the Georgian style of architecture. Some of the strong Georgian features are the large amount of wall space between windows, the steep roof, the multi-paned windows, the symmetrical placement of the windows between storeys, and the chimneys at either end of the house. This house has some Neoclassical features as well, for instance the entrance way is a Neoclassical style entablature.

There have been many changes in the appearance of the house since Barnett Griggs owned it in the 1830's. Some of the changes include the tearing down of the Georgian style front verandah and putting up a Neoclassical entablature. There have been shutters placed on all the windows. The curvature at the top of the windows has been squared off. Finally, the window above the entrance was reduced to half its original size. However, even through all the changes, this house still exhibits classic Georgian characteristics and closely resembles the Halfway House Barnett Griggs owned in the 1830's.

### CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

1475 Lakeshore Road East is set back far from Lakeshore Road. There is very mature vegetation within the lot, especially facing Lakeshore Road East.

SCHEDULE "B"

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ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, and being composed of part of Lot 6 in the Third Concession, South of Dundas Street, in the said Town, which said parcel may be more particularly described as follows:-

COMMENCING at a point in the northwesterly limit of the King's Highway Number 2, distant 775 feet measured on a course of south 38 degrees 18 minutes west from the most easterly angle; of said Lot 6.

THENCE north 49 degrees 40 minutes west, 440 feet;

THENCE south 38 degrees 18 minutes west, 331 feet, 8 1/4 inches;

THENCE south 44 degrees 52 minutes east, 442 feet, 11 1/2 inches to a point in the northwesterly limit of Number 2 Highway, distant 220 feet measured northeasterly therealong from the most southerly angle of Lot 6;

THENCE north 38 degrees 18 minutes east along the last mentioned limit, 368 feet 9 inches to the point of commencement as previously described in #300863.