

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1988-78

NO. N4167

*A by-law to designate certain property
as a property of historical and
architectural value and interest
(289 Trafalgar Road)*

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. *The property municipally known as 289 Trafalgar Road, The Captain Francis Brown House, 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 7th day of April, 1988.

M.A. Bonnie Brown
A/MAYOR

C. G. Best
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Designed by an architect or master builder, the house was built circa 1870. The eighteen inch stucco-covered walls were constructed of random beach stones set in thick mortar. The front verandah and widow's walk are gone but the patterned transom-light, casement windows and shutter-blinds remain as built.

Francis Brown was born in *Ringwood, England* and went to sea at an early age. He was attracted to *Canada* by the news of the discovery of oil in south western Ontario and arrived in Oakville in 1867. He became the owner of the brewery on *Trafalgar Road at MacDonald Road*, married *Hannah Moore* and in 1870 built the house at 289 *Trafalgar Road*. A local depression forced him to close the brewery and in 1879 he returned to sea. He sailed from *England* to *Africa* and later to *Japan* where according to *Oakville and the Sixteen* he remained for some twenty years sailing ships for a Japanese steamship company and opening for trade every port from *Vladivostok* to *India*. He shipped home many objects of art which were the basis for the *Oriental Bazaar* run by his family in *Galt* where they moved in 1876. The house at 289 *Trafalgar* was sold at this time.

In 1893, the house was threatened by fire which destroyed *McDonald's planing mill* which was across the street. As stated in *Oakville and the Sixteen*, "the two black walnut trees which today flank the entrance walk to the house . . . are said to have sprouted from the stumps of those killed by the fire which destroyed *McDonald's planing mill*". The house at 289 *Trafalgar Road* is listed in the *Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings*.

SCHEDULE "B"

to By-Law 1988-78

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, in the Region of Halton, in the Province of Ontario and being composed of part of Park Lot J as shown on a plan registered in the lands registry office for the Region of Halton (No. 20) as Number 1 and which parcel may be more particularly described as follows;

PREMISING that the bearings herein are astronomic and are referred to the southwesterly limit of Park Lot J, assumed to be North 62° 10' west and relating all bearings herein thereto;

THEN COMMENCING at the most westerly angle of the said Park Lot J;

THENCE south 62° 10' east along the southwesterly limit of park Lot J, 108.85 feet to an iron bar found at the most westerly angle of the lands described in Instrument 216260;

THENCE North 38° 37' east along the northwesterly limit of the last mentioned lands a distance of 229.02 feet to an iron bar found at the northerly angle thereof;

THENCE North 51° 42' west 108.08 feet to an iron bar planted in the northwesterly limit of the said Park Lot J;

THENCE South 38° 20' west along the line between park Lot J and Park Lot K a distance of 244.73 feet more or less to the point of commencement.