

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1991-49

A by-law to designate 1481 Burnhamthorpe Road
East as a property of historical and
architectural value and interest.

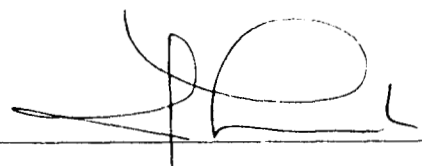
THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 1481 Burnhamthorpe 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



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SCHEDULE "A"

TO BY-LAW 1991-49

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The land which is known as 1481 Burnhamthorpe Road East was patented in 1808 by Mr. Hanna Young. Mr. Young then sold it to Michael Snider in 1810.

According to Ray McAdam in his 1989 history of his family, Michael along with his wife Catherine and their four sons, John, Jacob, David and Frederic came to Canada from Pennsylvania in 1802 and waited in a log cabin in Ryckman's Corners until land became available in Trafalgar Township. Michael, born in 1751 was 59 at the time that land was obtained, so that task of clearing the land on the property was left to his sons. This was interrupted in 1812 when the four men were called to "drop the axe and take the sword" to fight in the War of 1812.

After the war, John, Jacob and Frederick settled elsewhere in Ontario, but David continued to clear and work the Snider Farm which eventually passed into his ownership on Michael's death in 1826. Several of David's children eventually settled on lots of land surrounding the original Snider Farm.

In 1848, a house was built for David Snider and his family on the Snider Farm. This was soon followed by the houses of several of Snider's children and other settlers. By 1860, according to the obituary of Joseph Snider (David's son), a hamlet known as Snider's Corners, in honour of David Snider had emerged adjacent to the Snider Farm. The hamlet contained a Methodist Church on the corner of the Snider Farm (demolished 1965) and a one room school on the other side of the road (now converted into a residence).

As small as Snider's Corners was, the obituary goes on to state that in those days, the hamlet was the social centre of the surrounding community.

David Snider was under contract with the Post Office Department at \$13.00 per annum to transport mail to and from Oakville and the Trafalgar (Postville) post office, which was for a time, the only post office between Toronto and Dundas.

Later, David's son Joseph took over the contract and also became Post Master at Postville.

Following the death of David Snider in 1869, the house on the Snider Farm continued to remain in the possession of his descendants until 1968. The home was purchased by Scott and Susan Masterson in 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built in 1848 in the style of a simple vernacular wood-clad house with an asymmetrical five bay facade. The doorway exhibits neoclassical characteristics with fluted pilasters and a classical frieze.

There have been many changes in the appearance of the house since it was owned by David Snider. Changes include the addition of a full length verandah with fanciful late nineteenth century wood detailing, and the addition of a back extension and enclosed rear porch.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO BY-LAW 1991-49

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, in the Province of Ontario, and being composed of part of the Southwest half of Lot 6, in Concession 2, North of Dundas Street, of the said Township, being that portion designated as Part 2 on Plan 20R-2134.

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