



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

23 Mountain Street

TAKE NOTICE that Grimsby Town Council, on December 4th, 2023 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate LT 119, Corporation Plan 4; GRIMSBY as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Reason for the Notice of Intention to Designate is to recognize the physical, associative and contextual value that **23 Mountain Street** contributes towards the Town of Grimsby's inclusive heritage.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

23 Mountain Street is representative of the Italianate architectural style, Italianate buildings in Ontario are typically large multi storey buildings, elements such as bay windows, towers, pediments and widow walks are commonly seen. The Italianate style used heavy materials such as cast iron porches and decorative window lintels with stone detailing. The structure at 23 Mountain Street was built around 1855. The key identifying Italianate features of 23 Mountain Street include: the exterior clapboard, the low pitched roof line, symmetrical design, wide eaves with corbels, eave returns, bay window on the right side, window openings with peaked window lintels, two storey porch with square columns, single centrally located front entrance with side lights and transom.

The structure was unique to Ontario in the mid-1850s. The unique design elements included a two story square residence with projecting eaves and ornate cornice brackets. The style was promoted by The Canada Farmer Journal in 1865, ten years after the construction of the dwelling. This residence provided a classical and symmetrical alternative to the Gothic Cottage.

23 Mountain Street has direct associations with the Grout Family. The Rev. Grout was the third Minister to St. Andrews Church and was widely loved and respected within the community. Rev. Grout married Miss Eliza Walker of Montreal, the newly married couple resided first in the cottage at the corner of Maple and Main Street West, then moved across the street to the house built for them by George's father John in 1832, located at 159 Main Street West. Unfortunately, Rev. Grout passed at the age of 45 in May 1849, he and his wife had 6 children, one of which was John Henry Grout went, John went on to build the Grout Foundry.

John Henry Grout is the third son of Rev. Grout and Eliza, he was born in 1834 and married Jane Nelles. John established the Grout Agricultural Works in 1856, the building was located at the corner of Mountain and Elm Street. John and his company became very well known for his farm equipment which he both produced and invented. Another invention by John Grout was the Sulky Plow, which allowed the farmer to ride the plow instead of having to walk behind it. The invention won prizes at the Dominion Industrial Exhibition in Toronto, the Great Central Fair in Hamilton and the Monck Agricultural Fair. John served as the first Reeve of Grimsby when it was incorporated as a village in 1876, John also built his family home at 23 Mountain Street. His son Kenneth Nelles Grout worked with his father in the foundry, he also was a member of the

village council in the 1890s. Kenneth lived in the house at 19 Mountain Street, a house down from his childhood home. He married Katherine the daughter of Dr. Alexander, and granddaughter of Robert Nelles. He was also an active member of St. Andrews Church. Kenneth died in 1937.

23 Mountain Street supports the character of the area along the Mountain Street corridor. This structure provides a greater understanding of how the corridor evolved. The structure has direct connections to Grout family, their successful foundry inventions and business. The structure was built at a time when the foundry was at its height of production. This dwelling is a strong example of what affluent & early housing for wealthy tradesmen would have looked like within the Town of Grimsby. This structure provides a greater understanding of how the area looked during the height of industry.

23 Mountain Street is historically linked to its surroundings. The property is located along the Mountain Street corridor, one of the main access points up the Escarpment. The structure was built to serve as the household for the Grout family, while the foundry itself does not exist anymore but the house remains, showing the remnants of the supportive housing for the Grout family and their foundry business. Historically the foundry was located just to the North of the property.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES TO BE DESIGNATED

The Heritage Attributes to be designated at 23 Mountain Street include:

- The exterior clapboard
- Symmetrical design, two storey building
- The low pitched roof line
- Wide eaves with corbels
- Eave returns
- Bay window on the right side
- Window openings with tapered window lintels
- Two storey porch with square columns
- Single centrally located front entrance with side lights and transom and front door
- Stone Foundation
- Wooden sash windows and storm windows

OBJECTIONS

Any objection to this designation must be filed no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention in a newspaper. Objections should be directed to Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk, Town Clerk, 160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 0J53.

MORE INFORMATION

Any inquiries may be directed to Bianca Verrecchia, Heritage Planner at 905-945-9634 ext. 2122 or by email bverrecchia@grimsby.ca

Last date to file Notice of Objection: February 3rd, 2024