

**LACH- September 11, 2019 – Comments on the HIA for 1-3 Bathurst Street and 269-281 Thames Street**

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Comparison of 1855 and 1892 drawings, Rev. 1907 FIP

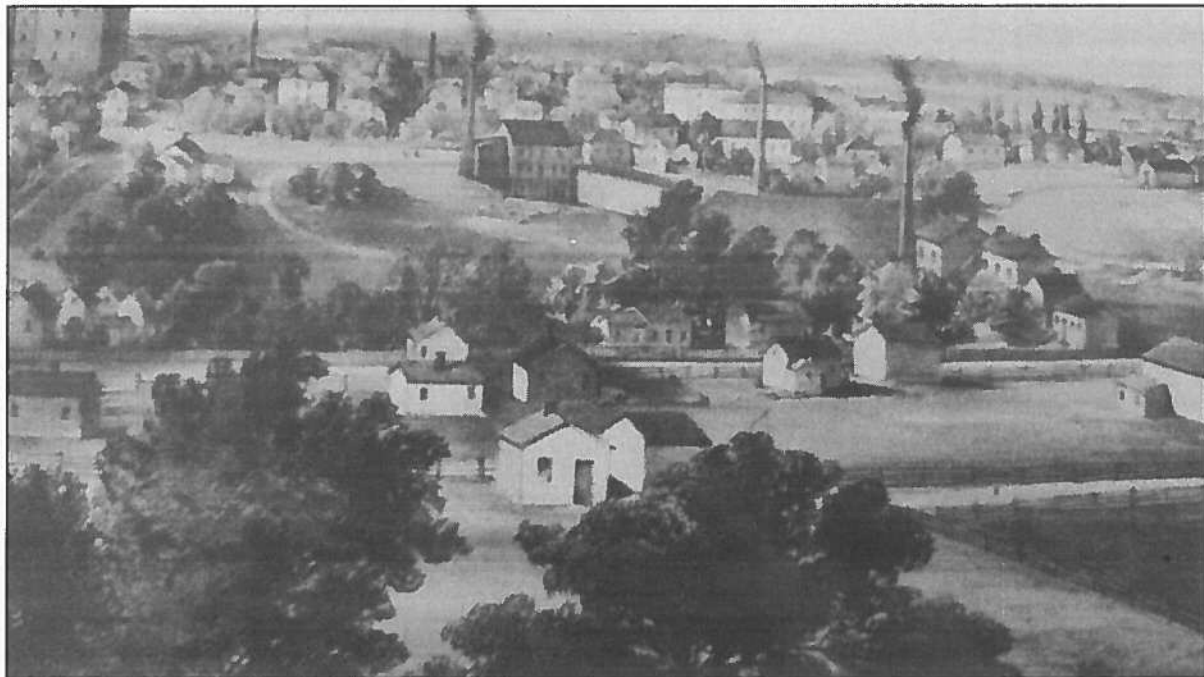
Comment: It is important to document the land use history fully and completely at this stage in the HIA since it may frequently be referenced in future development plans, road improvement plans, etc., especially if there is a possibility a remaining building is related to the Underground Railroad era.

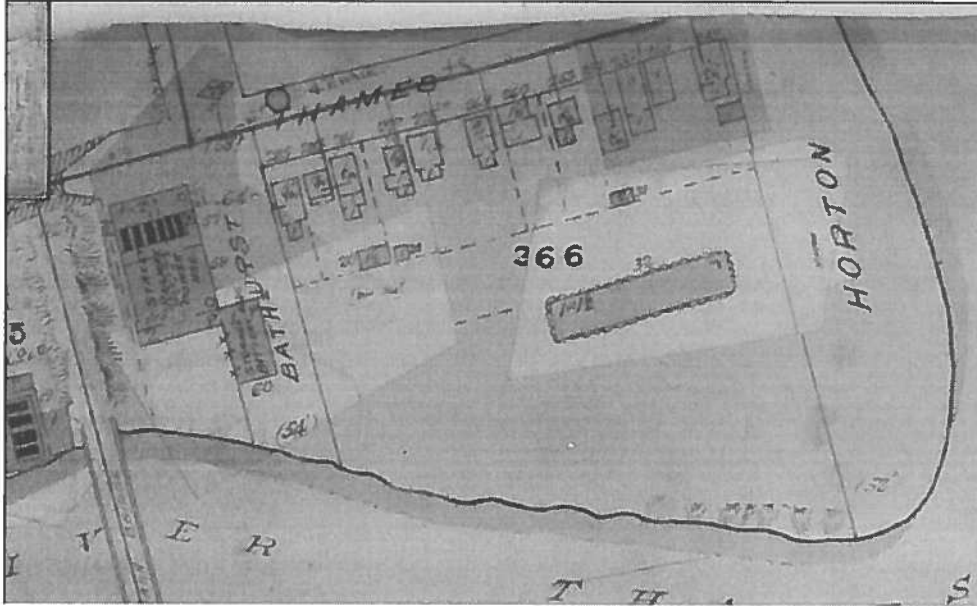
Observations:

269- already removed

263 - The 1855 drawing demonstrates that the house was likely present as seen with the small single storey addition at the rear (Whitefield, 1855). \*This corresponds to the footprint of the house numbered 263 on the 1892, Revised 1907 FIP (which should be added to the HIA).

- Note the current aerial view of the house may show where the previous small rear addition was present.





267- This house is present by 1907 as shown in the 1892, Revised 1907 FIP. It is likely a mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century building. It is not likely depicted in the 1855 painting.

257- The 1892, Revised 1907 FIP is important since I believe it demonstrates that the rear of 257 (single storey) is older than the front of the house. The 1922 FIP illustrates the house is long and aligned with 263. This single storey may have been set back as shown in 1892, since a previous farmhouse was removed, as depicted in the 1855 painting.

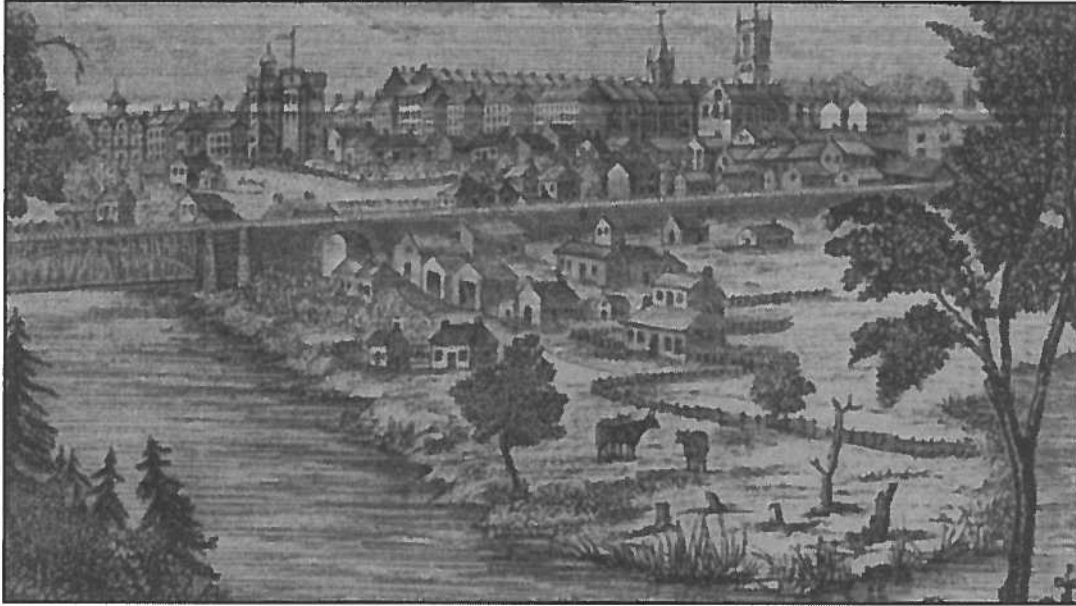
**Conclusion:**

267- built post Underground Railroad era

263- is likely mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and therefore was erected about the same time as the Chapel.

**Recommendations:**

1. Update report to include these graphics
2. Update report to state that 263 may be an earlier building related to the Hollow. This includes Reg. 9/06 to be amended (meets 2.i)
3. Include the earliest depiction of the rail in 1853 (below)



#### Vibration Monitoring:

##### **Recommendation:**

4. Change wording in Table 4 (6.1). Vibration monitoring should be completed **prior** to construction and investigated thru an engineering assessment- as well as any necessary mitigation measures prior to construction, if needed. This should be completed for 267 more specifically since it is within 10-15 m of construction (a red flag for many municipalities).

- 7.0- add that staging and construction activities are necessary to avoid negative impacts to identified resources.

#### Appendix Commemoration:

-I believe the contents of the plaque on the site of the chapel should focus only on the Black history of the Hollow (include history on the Underground Railroad in London) with the proximity to rail acknowledged. The plaque is in commemoration of one event and not three. Perhaps a separated plaque at a different location on site can be erected to commemorate the site's industrial component.

##### **Recommendations:**

5. Revise text in *Approach* so that signage is only commemorating Black history (including the Hollow, Underground Railroad and Fugitive Slave Chapel)

6. Add text indicating the plaque should contain textual and graphic material.

#### Heritage River:

##### **Recommendation:**

7. Add a separate section on the Thames River as a Heritage River signifying its importance to Indigenous history.

8. Add an impact assessment portion to determine if the plan directly impacts the heritage river. Why does study area project thru the river and what impact does this have on the river?

##### **Additional Recommendation:**

9. Page 212 currently states there are no physical remains of the Chapel. Revise to state that there are no physical **above-ground** remains. There still is potential for below ground remains.