

September 26, 1977

The Mayor and Council,
Victoria City Hall,
1 Centennial Square,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs,

The Hallmark Society is concerned about the fate of the heritage building at 968 Balmoral which has recently been boarded up.

Built in 1893, it is one of the few Italianate brick buildings in Victoria and is most worthy of preservation. It appears that the original owner of this residence J. F. Baker, was also the builder. He arrived in Victoria in 1864 and eventually established the Baker Brick and Tile Co.

We request that this building be designated as soon as possible. Considering the surrounding neighbourhood, it may be worthwhile investigating the possibility of designating a number of nearby buildings at the same time.

Yours truly,

THE HALLMARK SOCIETY

Pim Manning
President



City of **VICTORIA** *British Columbia*

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Centennial Square
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385-5711

October 5, 1977

The President
Hall Mark Society
P.O. Box 1204
Victoria, B.C.

Attention Mr. Pim Manning

Dear Sir

This will acknowledge your letter of September 26, 1977 requesting that the building at 968 Balmoral be designated as a heritage building as soon as possible.

Your letter has been referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration.

Yours truly,

Mark Johnston
Administrative Assistant
MHJ/p

cc Heritage Advisory Committee

968 Balmoral Rd. Request for design.
- approved

17 May 83

Poor Richard's Books Ltd.

968 BALMORAL ROAD (CORNER VANCOUVER STREET AND BALMORAL ROAD)
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8T 1A8
TELEPHONE (604) 384-4411



The Baker House

April 26, 1983

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The Mayor and Aldermen
Corporation of the City of Victoria
#1 Centennial Square
Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6

Dear Sirs:

Re: 968 Balmoral Road, Victoria, B.C., being Lot 1, Suburban
Lot 9, Victoria City, Plan 36186

The above property, the improvements thereupon being erected by J.F. Baker, onetime City Alderman, in 1893, was restored by us in 1982 and for which we gratefully received an Award of Merit from the Hallmark Society this year, is currently on the "A" List of Heritage buildings.

In order to obtain C1 zoning/^{we} assumed a Restrictive Covenant with the City of Victoria which under Article 3 states "No demolition or alteration of, or addition to, the building presently located on the lands shall be made without the prior written consent of the Grantee, granted pursuant to a formal resolution of it's Muicipal Council". This was registered against the Title under #K103082 on the 26th of October 1981.

We have never received any monetary assistance or grants of any sort and understand that none are forthcoming therefore we would ask the City Council, at this time, in view of these restrictions, to grant, if possible, full Heritage designation, including the brass plaque, recognition in exchange for the nominal consideration of say \$1.00.

Any consideration or guidance you might give us in this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Barney B. Hagar

Barney B. Hagar
Joanna C. Hagar
registered owners

A.B.A.C.



A.L.A.C.

Member of Antiquarian Booksellers Association of Canada

HERITAGE DESIGNATION - FOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND CITY COUNCIL

BUILDING ADDRESS 968 Balmoral

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

1893

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 1, Suburban Lot 9 Plan 36186

LOT SIZE

8,234 sq.ft.

CURRENT HERITAGE STATUS

"A" Registry Residential Bldg

HERITAGE DESIGNATION INITIATIVE

owner request

ZONING

C-1, Limited Commercial

ADJACENT ZONING

R-2, Two Family Dwelling District &
R-3, Multiple Dwelling District
\$1,114.64

TAXES

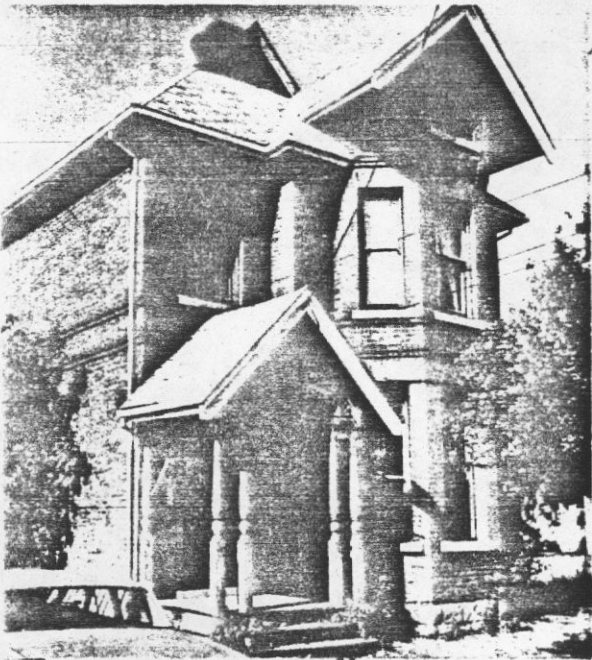
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PRESENT USE

"Poor Richard's Books Ltd"

PRESENT OWNER

Barney & Joanna Hagar

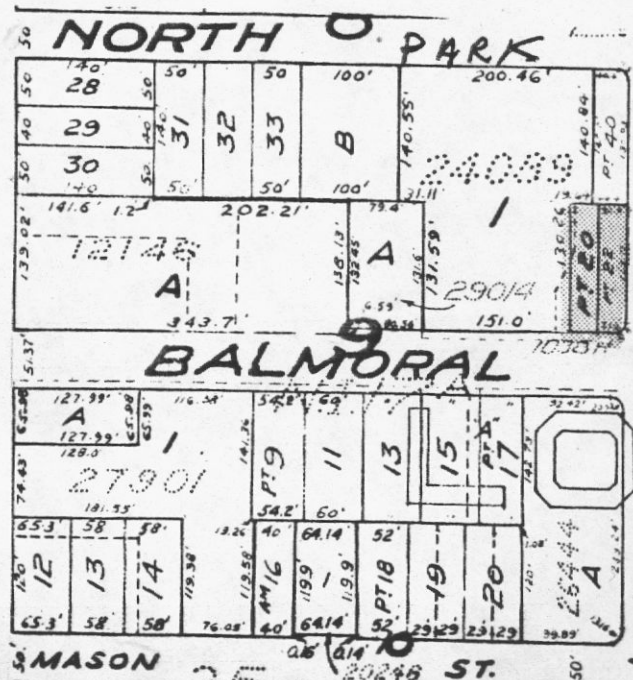


968 Balmoral Road

J. F. Baker House

1893

J. F. Baker, one-time owner of Victoria Ice Company and later of Baker Brick & Tile Co., as well as contractor and city alderman, built this very fine Victorian Queen Anne house—no doubt in part to advertise his company's wares. The multi-gabled hipped roof, detailed brick courswork, ashlar sills and strong vertical proportions were all hallmarks of this popular style.



THE CORPORATION
OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

NOTICE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION BYLAW

The City of Victoria intends to designate the building, structure and land at 968 BALMORAL ROAD, legally described as Lot 1, Suburban Lot 9, Victoria City, Plan 36186, pursuant to section 11 of the **Heritage Conservation Act** by finally adopted "HERITAGE DESIGNATIONS BYLAW (NO. 180)" at the regular meeting of Council to be held on **THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1983 at 7:30 p.m.**

The owner and occupier of the said land may object to the heritage designation by delivering written notice of the grounds of such objection to the office of the Municipal Manager not later than 24 hours before the Council meeting. If such notice has been filed, the owner and occupier may in addition appear in person or by counsel or agent for the said Council meeting to elaborate on the grounds of objection contained in the written notice.

City Hall
Victoria

Colin F. G. Crisp
Deputy Municipal Manager