

LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DESIGNATION OF BUILDINGS

Building No. 5

THE ERMATINGER HOUSE

Owner

City of Sault Ste. Marie
Box 580
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Legal Description

831 Queen Street East
Part 625, West 93' of Lot 5, East 12' of Lots 25, 26, and portion of land adjacent to lots 25 and 26
Old Stone House

Reasons for Designation

The Ermatinger Old Stone House dated 1814 stands as a reminder of one of the earliest settlers in Sault Ste. Marie, Charles Oakes Ermatinger, a member of a prominent Montreal family. Prior to the war of 1812, he joined the Northwest Company and settled on the north bank of the St. Mary's River near the rapids. His marriage to Charlotte Katawabeda, the daughter of the Paramount Chief of the Ojibway, assured the success of the trading post. The house he built of red sandstone, in the style popular in early Quebec, served as the center of government in the northwest part of the province, the first court house, a hotel, and a post office. Another notable point about the house is that it is the oldest remaining stone structure north of Toronto.

The house has been fully restored and is operated by the City as a historic site, therefore is in no immediate danger and its future is secure.