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The Brown family's historic home, situated at 82 Charles St., was recently recognized by the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). The family, Michele and Richard Brown and children April, 9, Emily, 3, and Jonathon, 10, were presented with a Heritage Award.

It's one of just 10 designated as historically significant in town

By BRAD REAUME

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T BY ONE-TIME MILTON MAYOR and Halton coroner Dr. Clarkson Freeman, 82 Charles Street was designated an historic property in 1993. Current homeowners Richard and Michele Brown recently accepted the heritage plaque for display on the home. The Browns live in the house with their three children Jonathan, 10, April, 9, and Emily, 3

The house has been transformed from the original cottage built ' in 1856 by several additions, most done in Dr. Freeman's time, leaving the stately two-storey structure that exists today.

Mrs. Brown said she walked in the front door, prior to buying the house three years ago, and immediately knew it was right.

"They are going to have to carry me out of this house," she said. "I will never move out."

Originally a single story Regency cottage, the house-was given a second storey to make it more grandiose, according to Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). member Dorrie Greig, who was quoting the organization's research files. "The second storey and its architectural touches are the mark of someone with some money to spend; someone who. wanted all the accourrements of a two storey Victorian home," said Ms Greig.

Ten properties designated

The Milton LACAC has researched countless properties. There are currently 10 in Milton designated for preservation due to their architectural or historical significance.

In the case of 82 Charles Street, Dr. Freeman bought the property from prominent Milton physician James Cobban on March 8, 1856 and had a home built. The doctor served as mayor of

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