

PRESERVATION AGREEMENT

George E. Hodgkins and Louise C. Hodgkins, owners of premises at 80 East Street, Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, conveyed to them by deed recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 5495, Page 356, upon which is a house built about 1707 evaluated by the Historical Commission of the Town of Ipswich (the Commission) as having significant historical architectural value and being especially worthy of preservation, in consideration of such technical advice and assistance as the Commission may render, hereby agree for themselves and their heirs and assigns as owners of said premises with the Town of Ipswich not to permit any alterations to be made to the following exterior and interior features:

The exterior of the dwelling;  
The central frame including primary and secondary members;

unless with prior written approval of the Commission, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Commission shall act upon written request for such approval within thirty days of its receipt, and shall give notice of any disapproval to the owners in writing with reasons. If a request for approval is not disapproved by the Commission within thirty days, it shall be deemed approved. In case of disapproval the owners may within thirty days after the notice of disapproval request a review of the disapproval by a person of competence and experience in such matters, designated by the Massachusetts Historical Commission or its chairman or acting chairman. The finding of this review shall be made in writing within sixty days after the request, and shall be binding on the owners and the Commission. The cost of such review shall be shared by the Commission, unless otherwise provided for, but its share shall not exceed one-half the cost or one-half of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the building in question, whichever is lesser.

Ordinary and necessary repairs and maintenance not materially affecting features listed above shall not be considered alterations. In case of damage by fire or other casualty so serious as to cause reconstruction to be reasonably adjudged to be impractical, this agreement shall terminate, and otherwise shall remain in effect until 2100 A.D., or if approved by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ipswich and the Massachusetts Historical Commission, without limit of time.

The Ipswich Historical Commission acting on behalf of the Town of Ipswich pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8-D hereby accepts the above agreement.

Witness the execution hereof under seal in duplicate this *third* day of *June*, 1971.

*George E. Hodgkins*  
*Louise C. Hodgkins*

IPSWICH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

By *John H. Hony*  
Chairman

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss.

7-6-, 1971.

Then personally appeared the above-named *George & Louise Hodgkins* and and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, before me,

*Vernon S. Pedrick*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

