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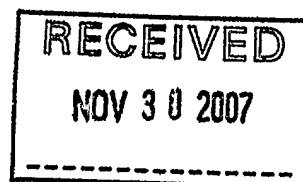


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REGISTERED MAIL

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.  
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY  
AS 8953 WOODBINE AVENUE, TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF  
ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3  
Attn: Catherine Axford, Chairman's Executive Assistant

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town  
of Markham intends to designate the property, including land and  
building, known municipally as 8953 Woodbine Avenue, Markham,  
as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under  
Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of The  
Tomlinson House and Store, and Craig Blacksmith Shop, is  
attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the  
Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of December 2007

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk  
The Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

November 29, 2007

## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jonathan Tomlinson House and Store  
And Craig Blacksmith Shop

8953 Woodbine Avenue, Buttonville

The Jonathan Tomlinson House and Store, and Craig Blacksmith Shop are recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property having cultural heritage value and interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance:

**Description of Property**

The Jonathan Tomlinson House and Store, and the Craig Blacksmith Shop, are located at the north east corner of Woodbine Avenue and Buttonville Crescent East, in the southern portion of the historic mill village of Buttonville. The house and store, located at the front of the property, were restored on the exterior in 2007, and complementary new additions were made to the heritage building at the same time. The Craig Blacksmith Shop, located toward the rear of the property, has also been restored and is now connected to the main building.

**Historical Value**

The Tomlinson House and Store is of cultural heritage value or interest as a remnant of Buttonville's early history as a 19<sup>th</sup> century mill village. The oldest part of the building is believed to date from c.1851, and according to local tradition functioned as the first store in Buttonville, operated by Jonathan Tomlinson, a shoemaker. From 1856 to 1864, the local post office operated from the premises while it served as a general store. The building ceased to function as a store and was enlarged and remodelled in 1893 when it was purchased by William Craig Jr. Craig operated a blacksmith shop at the rear of the lot in a building that was relocated to the property from its original site at the north end of the hamlet. The blacksmith shop is of cultural heritage value as a typical example of the premises of a once-common type of local business in rural Markham, and as a remnant from Buttonville's early history as a mill village.

**Architectural Value**

Architecturally, the Tomlinson House and Store reflects the common local vernacular form of an L-plan dwelling with the vertical wood tongue and groove siding characteristic of old Markham Township during the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Its earlier history of combined commercial and residential use cannot be visually discerned from its current appearance, which reflects its 1893 period of remodelling. The 1893 stage of this building's history is well preserved and has been enhanced by the restoration of the vertical tongue and groove siding and the verandah in the ell facing Woodbine Avenue. The blacksmith shop to the east of the house, though altered over time, is a significant remnant of an essential 19<sup>th</sup> century business that once operated in the hamlet. The gambrel roof replaced the original gable roof following a fire some time during the 1915-1920 period.

### **Contextual Value**

The Tomlinson House and Store, and the Craig Blacksmith Shop, form a significant component of the cultural heritage landscape of the mill village of Buttonville. Located at the corner of Woodbine Avenue and Buttonville Crescent East, this heritage property is a prominent entry feature when approaching Buttonville from the south.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Exterior, character-defining elements that embody the cultural heritage value of 8953 Woodbine Avenue include:

- L-plan of the 19<sup>th</sup> century building
- one and a half storey height
- fieldstone foundation
- vertical wood tongue and groove siding
- medium pitched gable roof
- flat-headed 2/2 sash-style wood windows with associated wood trim and sills
- glazed and panelled wood front door
- recreated late Victorian verandah with turned wood posts and associated wood fretwork
- frame blacksmith shop with gambrel roof and vertical wood siding