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January 19, 2012

Jim Leonard  
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust  
Heritage Programs and Operation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard,

**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act**

The Council of the Town of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV*:

John B. Miller House 7134 Major Mackenzie Dr. E  
James Brison Johnson House 10295 Ninth Line  
John Boyles House 11190 York Durham Line  
Richard Tarr House 7368 Elgin Mills Road E  
David Burke House 10531 Reesor Road  
Wellington Wideman House 11201 Reesor Road  
James Collins House 11223 Reesor Road  
Noble Tenant Farmer's House 11122 Reesor Road  
Adam Betz House 10676 Reesor Road

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, Town of Markham  
Attention: Judy Carroll  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3  
Fax, 905-905-479-7771

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A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and lines, positioned above the printed name.

Kimberley Kitteringham  
Town Clerk

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 10531 Reesor Road

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### **David Burke House** **North Half Lot 24, Concession 10** **10531 Reesor Road** **c.1850**

The David Burke House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

#### **Description of Property**

The David Burke House is a two storey fieldstone dwelling located on the east side of Reesor Road, just south of the intersection of Elgin Mills Road East and Reesor Road. The house faces west and is set back from the road.

#### **Design or Physical Value**

The David Burke House is an exceptionally fine example of fieldstone construction. The large, squared, multi-coloured fieldstone on the front wall is a rare treatment in Markham. On the rear and side walls, the fieldstone treatment is more informal. The full two-storey height and remnants of Venetian windows on the ground floor front are uncommon locally for a farmhouse of this period and are therefore noteworthy. Stylistically, the house is a good example of vernacular Georgian tradition architecture, with its façade exhibiting a formal symmetry. A frame, one storey siding is an unusual 19<sup>th</sup> century addition, contrasting with the more common practice of adding wings at the rear of rural dwellings.

#### **Historical or Associative Value**

The David Burke House has historical value for its association with David Burke, an Irish immigrant who received the Crown patent for this property in 1838. The size and quality of the house is an indication of David Burke's success as a farmer in the country he chose as his new home.

#### **Contextual Value**

The house at 10531 Reesor Road remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community surrounding the historic crossroads hamlet of Mongolia, originally known as California Corners.

### **Significant Architectural Attributes**

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the David Burke House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its two storey height, rectangular plan, the volume of the structure, and its one storey frame siding;
- Fieldstone wall construction with squared stone on the front wall and coursed rubblestone on the side and rear walls;
- Stone arches above door and window openings on the front wall, and brick arches above window and door openings on the side and rear walls;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves, eave returns and associated wood mouldings;
- Front doorcase with sidelights with wood panels below, and panelled wood door;
- Flat-headed windows openings, including the bricked-in remnants of original Venetian window on the ground floor front with a 6 over 6 glazing pattern and projecting window sills.