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January 21, 2016

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 City 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*:

William Mergen House
10855 Kennedy Road
Markham, ON

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016** at the following address:

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

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

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham'.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Mergen House 10855 Kennedy Road c.1863

The William Mergen 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 William Mergen House is a two storey frame building located on the east side of Kennedy Road, next to the historic Cashel Cemetery, a short distance north of Elgin Mills Road East.

Historical or Associative Value

The William Mergen House is of historical or associative value as the c.1863 home of Prussian immigrants William and Mary Catherine Mergen, who came to Markham some time between the 1851 census and 1861 census and settled in the crossroads hamlet of Cashel. William Mergen was primarily a labourer but in the mid 1860s he was a broom and basket maker. The family owned the property until 1939.

Design or Physical Value

The William Mergen House is of design or physical value as a representative example of a modest dwelling of a labourer and his family within a hamlet setting. It is a simple vernacular building displaying the symmetry of the Georgian architectural tradition in the placement of the entrance door and windows on the front façade, but without decorative embellishments such as a door surround that would typically be seen in a more upscale building. Originally a one storey dwelling, it was raised to two storeys in the late 19th century.

Contextual Value

The William Mergen House is of contextual value as one of a cluster of cultural heritage features that form what remains of the historic hamlet of Cashel. Immediately next door to the south is the former site of St. Helen's Presbyterian Church that stood here between circa 1827 and 1865-66, and the small cemetery associated with it.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the William Mergen House include:

- Overall form of the building, including the main two storey rectangular block, one storey kitchen wing and lean-to;

- Masonry foundation;
- Frame wall construction and underlying historic cladding, if present;
- Gable roof with projecting eaves;
- Existing rectangular door and window openings.