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MARKHAM

G.F. Roseblade, C.M.O., C.M.C.
Town Clerk

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Deputy Clerk

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July 11th, 1991

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2R9

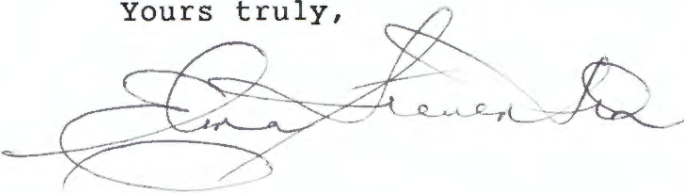
Dear Madam/Sir:

Re: By-law No. 116-91 - being a by-law to
designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural value or interest
Our File No. 36-0

This will advise that the Council of the Town of Markham, at its meeting held on May 28th, 1991, passed By-law Number 116-91 designating a property known as The Arch Tree House, being Lot N, Plan 335, municipally known as 128 Main Street Unionville, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act. Two certified copies of the by-law are attached for your information.

I would also advise that By-law Number 116-91 was registered as Instrument Number 569939 on June 10th, 1991.

Yours truly,



Elma Stevenson
Council/Committee Secretary

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Enclosure

c.c. - Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Heritage Co-ordinator

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

BY-LAW NUMBER 116-91

A by-law to designate a certain property
as being of Historic and/or
Architectural value or interest

WHEREAS Section 29, Subsection 6 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:


128 Main Street Unionville
Unionville, Ontario L3R 2G4

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Arch Tree House, municipally known as 128 Main Street Unionville, being Lot N on Plan 335, and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

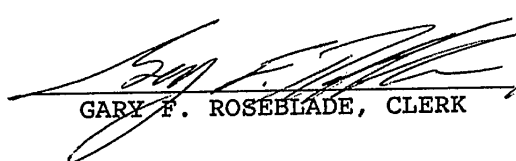
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

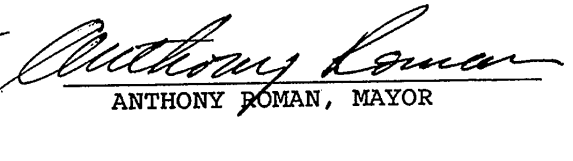
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, being The Arch Tree House, municipally known as 128 Main Street Unionville, being Lot N on Plan 335, is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest;


2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described herein in the Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY, 1991.
READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY, 1991.


GARY F. ROSEBLADE, CLERK


ANTHONY ROMAN, MAYOR

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING
TO BE A TRUE COPY


MUNICIPAL CLERK
Gary F. Roseblade, C.M.O., C.M.C.

THE ARCH TREE HOUSE

The Arch Tree House is recommended for designation because of its historical significance and stature as a social landmark. The home was built by Clarissa Ann Summerfeldt c. 1873 for her widowed mother, Euphemia (née Hagerman).

Clarissa Ann's great grandfather, John Henry Summerfeldt Sr., was not only one of the original Berczy settlers who arrived in Markham in 1794, but he also assisted William Berczy, serving as a sort of quartermaster for the group of German Immigrants until they were settled on their own land. Summerfeldt also accompanied Berczy during his negotiations for land in Upper Canada with Lieutenant Governor Simcoe.

The house has come to be known locally as The Arch Tree House because of the arched cedar trees growing in the north garden. These trees often served as the backdrop for photographs of couples recently wed in the Unionville United (formerly Methodist) Church across the street.

The house originally was a 2 x 2 bay L-plan, built in the Classic Revival style of architecture with Picturesque features. Two subsequent tail additions have been made to the west elevation.

Of frame construction, the house is clad in wooden vertical board and batten. The openings are rectangular with plain wood trim. Windows are double hung sashes with 2/2 pane division, lugsills, very simple entablatures and wooden shutters. The centre window in the front bay is blanked by two 1/1 windows and there is a half-round window located between the eaves and the verandah roof on the north facade. The main entrance has a three-pane, flat transom.

A one-storey open verandah is contained within the front enclave. Its shed roof is supported by a square wooden post and two matching pilasters. The solid wooden balustrade is covered with shingles.