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

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN LOT 32, PLAN  
65M-2761, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 6 ALEXANDER HUNTER PLACE,  
TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2R9  
Attention: Ms. Nancy Smith, Sr. Administrative Clerk

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 6  
Alexander Hunter Place, Markham, as a property of  
architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part 1V  
of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of  
The Robert Grundy House is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served  
on the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days of December 24,  
1998.

Bob Panizza,  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 9W3



## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Robert Grundy House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical and architectural significance.

### Historical Reasons

The Robert Grundy House located at 6 Alexander Hunter Place, Markham Heritage Estates was originally located at 9954 Woodbine Avenue, immediately south of Major Mackenzie Drive on Lot 20, Concession 3E.

The Crown granted the patent to the lot in 1804 to John Gray. The property was sold to Robert Grundy in 1819 for 100 Pounds. No further transactions occurred relating to the property through to the 1890s.

The directories of 1837, 1846 and 1850 list Robert Grundy on the property. The 1851 Census lists Robert with his wife Elizabeth and one child, plus three non-family members living in a 1 storey brick house. By the 1862 Census, only Robert (aged 72) and Elizabeth (aged 65) were residing in the house. Although there was no indication of the property changing ownership during the last half of the century, the York Herald newspaper indicates that there was a credit sale of farm stock of Robert Grundy in November 1861 and that he died on September 28, 1867.

Robert Grundy was a supporter of the Reform cause and in the election of 1832 was listed as voting for William Lyon Mackenzie. The Grundy family was active in the Methodist Church.

The 1871 directory and the map of 1878 indicates that an Edward Sanderson was on the property. Records indicate that Grundy's daughter, Isabelle was married to Sanderson. The directory also shows that the East ½ of the property was occupied by James Bell, who was a "tenant on the side road".

In recent years the house was owned and occupied by Dr. Ellen Brown who operated a veterinary practice from the residence.

The house is undergoing restoration by [REDACTED], who had the house relocated to the Markham Heritage Estates subdivision in 1998.

### Architectural Reasons

The Robert Grundy House is a good local example of Regency influenced Georgian Architecture, built c. 1840.

The house is 1 ½ storeys in height with a 3 bay facade and an end gabled roof. The roof features a substantial cornice and returns.

Features of the house include returned eaves, an original 6-panel front door, paired sidelights, an original 6/6 dormer window and multi-pane side windows. The original front windows are believed to have been 6/6. These were replaced later in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century with 2/2 pane windows. The original upper doorway moulding was existing c.1988, when it was recorded on a photograph taken for the Markham Inventory of Heritage Buildings. Beneath the aluminium siding on the dormer there was revealed an attractive Neo-Classical treatment.

The house is made from soft, local brick laid in common bond (1 row of header brick for 6 rows of stretcher).

In the upper brickwork, there is evidence of a veranda on 3 sides which would have given the house a Regency flavour.

The house originally had a wood shingled roof with chimneys on the gable ends.

The original orientation of the house was east facing. The house now faces Northwest.