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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 18, PLAN  
65M-2761, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 10 DAVID GOHN CIRCLE,  
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 10 David  
Gohn Circle, 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 John McCreight 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

## Identification

Name: John McCreight House  
10 David Gohn Circle  
Markham Heritage Estates  
(Originally located on Part Lot 8, Conc. 9)

Owner: [REDACTED]  
10 David Gohn Circle  
Markham, ON

Inventory No: 483

Assessment Roll No: 231-47136

Date of Construction: c.1875

Style of Construction: Gothic Revival

Type of Structure: Residential

### General Characteristics:

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| i)   | <u>plan:</u>         | T   |
| ii)  | <u># of storeys:</u> | 2   |
| iii) | <u># of bays:</u>    | 5 x 2   |
| iv)  | <u>material:</u>     | brick   |
| v)   | <u>foundation:</u>   | fieldstone  |
| vi)  | <u>roof type:</u>    | medium pitch gable  |
| vii) | <u>wall finish:</u>  | stretcher bond red brick veneer with<br>buff brick decorative detailing |

### Specific Features:

- i) Porches: A single storey, restored verandah spans the full width of the front facade. Its foundation is concrete faced with wood and turned wooden posts with decorative brackets support the roof.
- ii) Windows: The windows are rectangular double hung sashes with contrasting radiating voussoirs and lug sills. Second storey windows are narrower than those on the first with two pairs of very narrow windows located under the gable on the front facade. All windows have one over one pane window.
- iii) Gables: The gable end of the T and single dormer located on the tail produce a double gable effect on the front facade. A second dormer has recently been added to the west elevation.
- iv) Chimney: One centrally located at the north end of the T, another centrally located at the east end of the tail.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

John Reesor Sr., acquired the crown grant for the western quarter of Lot 8, Concession 9 in 1836. In 1865, Benjamin Reesor purchased the 50-acre property and then sold it to John McCreight four years later.

John McCreight, an Irish Presbyterian farmer purchased the property, Part Lot 8, Concession 9, in January of 1869 but continued to reside in Scarborough. In 1874, Andrew McCreight, John's son is listed on the assessment roll as the tenant farmer while John remains to be the non-resident owner.

Examination of the foundation as well as the inspection of structural building material reveals that a smaller, rectangular home, probably 1 1/2 storeys, was originally constructed on the site. Later, the second storey was taken down, the tail of the T added and then a full second storey rebuilt. A farmhouse is outlined in the western quarter of Lot 8, Concession 9 on Tremaine's 1860 map of Markham Township. This suggests that the original structure was constructed prior to 1860. An increase in the assessment value for the property indicates that the McCreights made the substantial renovations to their brick home in 1875/76.

After 1876, John McCreight is no longer listed on the assessment rolls as a 'non-resident' owner for Part Lot 8, Concession 9. The 1881 census however, lists only Andrew and his younger siblings, Isabella and Thomas as the residents on the 50-acre parcel on Lot 8, while John and his other sons James and John Jr. are located on a neighbouring property. Members of the McCreight family continued to occupy the home until 1939 when John McCreight's last descendants passed away.

In 1988, the McCreight House was approved for relocation within the Heritage Subdivision. Because of the deteriorated condition of the building, dismantling was required for its relocation. Careful cataloguing ensured that the original materials were used in their original locations as much as possible. Where materials had been damaged too extensively for re-use, cannibalized materials were used. As an example some of original floorboards were used on the walls. Materials reclaimed from other sites, fieldstones for the foundation and some of the bricks for example, were also used where needed. The use of reproduced materials on the exterior was minimized as much as possible.

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The two-storey, T-plan farmhouse is set on a reclaimed, semi-dressed fieldstone foundation. Because of its unusual orientation, the side of the T forms the front facade rather than the top of the T as is more commonly the case. Hence, the home is five bays wide and two deep.

The framed house is sheathed in red brick stretcher bond veneer with contrasting buff quoins, radiating voussoirs and a five course decorative band along the tieline under the front gable and dormer. A buff brick plinth, five courses high, encompasses the home.

The windows are rectangular, double hung sashes with one over one pane division and plain wooden trim within the structural openings. All of the second storey windows are slightly more narrow than those on the first floor except on the east elevation where the first and second storey windows are the same size. As well, there are two pairs of very narrow windows located under the front gable.

Doors on the front facade are rectangular with plain wood trim within the structural opening. A two-pane transom is located above the main entrance.

Along the front or south elevation, starting at the left and moving right, on the first floor there are two windows and a door located in the gable end with another window and door on the tail section. Second storey front windows include 2 pairs of narrow windows under the gable and a single dormer window. The east elevation has two windows: one centrally located on the first floor and one on the right side of the second floor. On the first storey of the north elevation there is a window and door equally spaced along the tail of the T as well as a door and very narrow window located within the left half of the gable end. Two second storey windows are evenly spaced under the north gable. Originally, the western elevation had only two windows equally spaced on the first floor. Two windows have since been added so there is a dormer window on the second storey and three irregularly spaced windows on the first; the left two being situated more closely together.

The roof is a medium pitch gable trimmed with molded wood fascia. The wooden soffits are plain and there is a narrow, molded wood frieze under the projecting eaves and verges.

There is a single dormer located on the tail section on the front facade. Another dormer has recently been added during the re-assembly, on the western elevation.

A single storey, open verandah spans the full width of the front facade. It's foundation is cement faced with wooden planks. Finely turned wooden posts with decorative brackets support a low pitched gable roof.

A two-storey complimentary addition has been added to the north elevation.

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