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April 9, 1997

[REDACTED]
28 David Gohn Circle
Markham, Ontario
L6E 1A7

Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-Law 43-97 – To repeal designation of the
following building under the Ontario Heritage Act:
– The Richard Lewis House, 3143 19th Avenue

and

By-Law 45-97– To designate The Richard
Lewis House, 28 David Gohn Circle, as
a property of architectural and
historical value or interest pursuant
to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act (16.11)

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on February 25, 1997, passed By-Laws 43-97 and 45-97, registered copies of which are attached for your information.

Yours truly,

Janice Harrison
Manager, Secretariat Services

- c. The Ontario Heritage Foundation
Regan Hutcheson, Senior Planner, Heritage and Conservation



MARKHAM

BY - LAW

45-97

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest -
The Richard Lewis House, 28 David Gohn Circle

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a municipality is authorized 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:

[REDACTED]
28 David Gohn Circle
Markham, Ontario
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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Richard Lewis House, 28 David Gohn Circle, being Part of Lot 16, Concession 7, and Lot 27 on Plan 65M-2761, Markham Heritage Estates, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

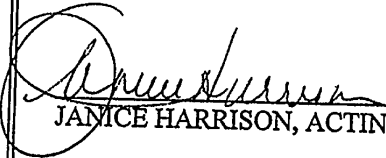
AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

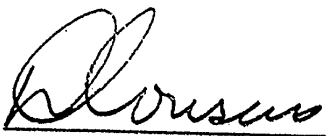
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The Richard Lewis House
28 David Gohn Circle
Lot #27, Plan 65M-2761
Markham Heritage Estates
2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1997.


JANICE HARRISON, ACTING CLERK


DON COUSENS, MAYOR

I, B. PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK OF THE
TOWN OF MARKHAM, CERTIFY THAT
THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY.


B. PANIZZA

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NO. 45-97

In the Town of Markham,
in the Regional Municipality of York,
legally described as Lot #27, Plan 65M-2761.

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW NO. 45-97

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

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

Historical Reasons

The Richard Lewis House was built c.1850 for the family of Richard Lewis on Lot 30, Concession 4 in the vicinity of the village of Gormley.

Richard Lewis was the operator of a General Store in the village of Gormley. Lewis was the son-in-law of Christian Steckley, an ordained Tunker Minister who leased the Clergy Reserve property at Lot 30, Concession 4 from the Crown in 1803 (The Tunkers were related doctrinally and historically to the Mennonites). In 1843 Richard Lewis purchased all 200 acres from the Crown.

Unfortunately, Richard Lewis was killed while blasting the stone for the foundation of his house, so the structure was completed by his son Joseph.

In 1875, the west 100 acres of Lot 30, Concession 4 upon which the house stands was purchased by William Francey, who was married to Jane Gormley, daughter of the Postmaster for whom the village of Gormley is named. The house and acreage remained in the Francey family for over 100 years. The Francey's were well known and successful in the area, operating a store and a large hotel in Gormley.

William Francey was also a blacksmith, noted for his great skill and practised his craft at his shop in Gormley. Mr. Francey's blacksmith tools and account books showing the birth-dates of his children are now at the Markham Museum.

The property is well known for the large Pennsylvania German style barn that was once situated on the Lewis-Francey Farm. In 1975, this fine hand-hewn barn was dismantled, numbered and shipped to its new site at the Riverdale Farm site in Toronto.

In 1988 the Richard Lewis House was designated under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. In 1995, after years of abandonment, the Richard Lewis House was relocated to 28 David Gohn Circle at the Markham Heritage Estates, where it was carefully restored by its present owners.

Architectural Reasons

The Richard Lewis House is a 1 1/2 storey red brick farmhouse and is an excellent example of a brick Ontario Cottage with Regency and Classical Revival Influence.

The house has a rectangular plan, three bays wide and two bays deep, and rests on a fieldstone faced foundation. The house is constructed of red brick in a Flemish bond pattern with contrasting buff brick used in the quoin pattern on the corners of the building and in the decorative pattern on the facade.

The roof is a medium pitch gable trimmed with generous returned eaves and a moulded frieze and soffit. Typical of the style are the two chimneys reconstructed according to the original patterns, symmetrically placed at either end of the house.

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The typical window on the house is a double hung 6/6, with radiating voussoirs in buff brick.

The facade faces north, and features a decorative pattern of buff brick just below the cornice. The centrally located entrance has partial sidelights, below which are detailed moulded lower panels. Centred above the main entrance is a small 4/4 window just below the roof-line. All other windows on this elevation are 6/6 double hung.

The west elevation has four symmetrically placed 6/6 windows with radiating voussoirs. The second storey windows appear to be slightly smaller than those used on the first storey.

In its original location the house stood on a stone foundation. In 1993, the Richard Lewis House was relocated to the Markham Heritage Estates Subdivision where it stands today at #28 David Gohn Circle.