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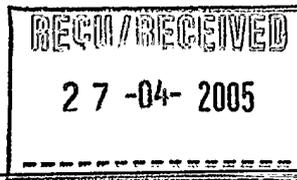
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.  
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN PART LOT 16  
CONCESSION 3 (MKM), PART 11 PLAN 65R15028, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY  
AS 2960 SIXTEENTH AVENUE, TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF  
ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3  
Attn: Catherine Axford, Chairman's Executive Assistant

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 2960 Sixteenth Avenue, 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 Daniel  
Quantz House, is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the  
Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 2005

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk  
The Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

April 26, 2005

# Daniel Quantz House

## Statement of Heritage Attributes

The Daniel Quantz House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value and interest containing the following heritage attributes:

### Historical Attributes

Melchior (Michael) Quantz, a native of Hamburg, Germany, was a member of a Hessian regiment that fought for the British side in the American War of Independence. He was listed among the Berczy group of settlers at Niagara, and was granted Lot 13, Concession 2, Markham Township, in 1802. The family were members of the Lutheran Church. Melchior Quantz had two sons, Frederic, born in London, England, in 1785, and George, born in 1786. The family homestead was located within a part of the township that became known as "Dollar" when a post office was established at the intersection of today's Highway 7 and Leslie Street, in 1869.

Frederic married Elizabeth Ritter. One of their children was Daniel (born circa 1830), who remained on the family homestead well into adulthood, along with two sisters, Margaret and Lydia. Daniel Quantz, a farmer, married Mary Ann Fierheller. He purchased 7 ½ acres at the south east corner of Lot 16, Concession 3, in 1868 (the site of 2960 Sixteenth Avenue), but continued to reside at the homestead until at least 1871, based on the local directory listings. By the time of the 1881 census, Daniel and Mary Ann had moved to Bliss Corners (the intersection of today's 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Woodbine Avenue). According to the census, both Daniel Quantz and his wife were 51 years of age and had no children.

The house at 2960 Sixteenth Avenue was built on a portion of a 10 acre strip of the east half of Lot 16, Concession 3, purchased from John Large by James Hunter in 1834. The 7 ½ acre parcel (the subject site) was created in 1860. According to the 1861 census, a number of frame dwellings were located on this part of Lot 16, one of which may have been 2960 Sixteenth Avenue. It is possible that Daniel Quantz moved into an existing house rather than building a new one. Alternatively, he may have replaced or substantially remodelled and enlarged a smaller, older home on the site. Previous research and architectural features of the house point to a date in the early 1870s for the house in its current form.

### Architectural Attributes

The Daniel Quantz house is a good example of an evolved heritage building. It began as a one and a half storey frame house with a simple rectangular plan and a balanced 3-bay front. There is a one storey, gable roofed rear wing located on the east half of the rear

(north) wall that appears to be the original kitchen. In the 1960s, the house was modified with the addition of a shallow, gable-fronted wing on the front (south) wall.

The walls are clapboarded with corner boards and simple trim around the window openings. Windows have flat-headed openings, a 6 over 6 glazing pattern, and projecting wood lugsills. The existing shutters are a modern design and are not considered significant. The roof is a medium pitched gable with projecting eaves and simple trim. There is an additional gable on the rear roof slope.

The projecting front wing, which was sensitively designed to complement the finish and proportions of the original building, has details that reflect the relatively modern period of construction, including a large front window and off-centre door, screened porch, second floor casement window with a multi-paned transom light. An exterior fireplace chimney in red brick is located on the west wall of the projecting wing.

#### **Contextual Attributes**

The Daniel Quantz House is of contextual significance as one of only four remaining historical attributes of the original settlement of Bliss Corners, located at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Woodbine Avenue. Together with the Bliss House, the Calvert House and the Francis Button House, the Daniel Quantz House helps to illustrate that a pioneer community was once located at this intersection.

#### **Significant Architectural Features to be Conserved**

- Overall form of the building, including the front and rear wings;
- Wood clapboard siding and associated trim;
- Medium pitched gable roof with projecting eaves and associated wood trim;
- Wood windows with 6 over 6 glazing, projecting lugsills and associated trim.

