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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 3, CONCESSION 10, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 7399 REESOR ROAD, 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 7399 Reesor Road, 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 William Lapp House, is attached.

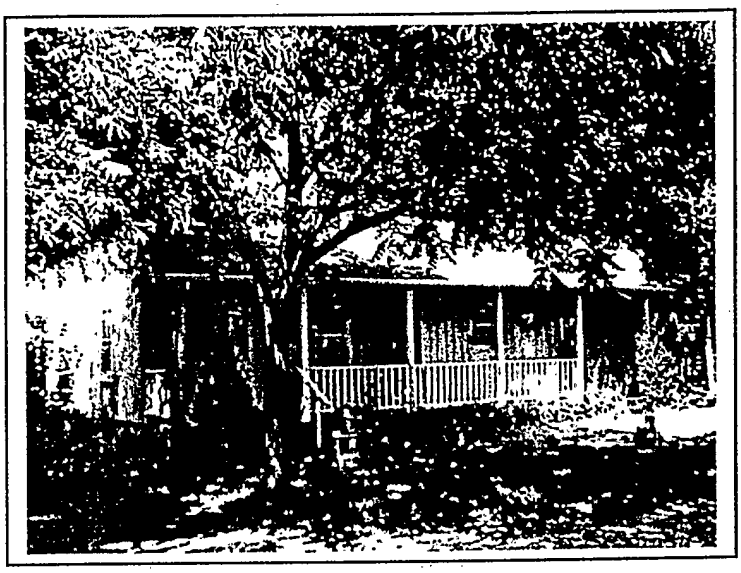
NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day of July 2003.

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

June 3, 2003

APPENDIX 'D'

DESIGNATION REPORT



THE WILLIAM LAPP HOUSE
7399 Reesor Road
Lot 3, Concession 10

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

Prepared By: Michael Seaman &
Marie Jones

STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Willaim Lapp 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

The house located at 7399 Reesor Rd. was built on the W. part of Lot 3, Concession 10. Originally a Crown Reserve, the lot was leased to the Reesor and Lapp families early in its history. In 1847 Samuel Reesor received the patent to the E ½ 100 acres and in 1859 the patent to the E ½ of the W ½, 50 acres. David Lapp, son of Henry Lapp, received the patent to the remaining 50 acres of the W ½ of the W ½ in 1859. It appears from the census of 1851 that David (b.1830) was living on the property with three of his siblings, Peter (b. 1821), Joseph (b. 1833) and Mary (b.1835) in the frame house close to the 10th Concession. As part of the Village of Cedar Grove, Lot 3 was the site of the first P.O., and early general stores in this busy little hamlet.

Henry Lapp arrived in Upper Canada in about 1803 where he first settled in Ancaster before petitioning for land in Markham. It seems that his first request was refused. In 1804 he came to Markham and purchased Lot 2, Concession 10 from John Campbell. Henry and his wife Elizabeth Waldenbarger lived on this lot in a log house until his death in 1844. They had ten children together. After Henry's death the 200 acres of Lot 2 was left to his wife until she remarried. In 1851 she and William were living together and the other children had moved to Lot 3.

After the time of her marriage to John Schnell, in 1862, Elizabeth divided the lot between three on her sons. David received the centre 68 acres, Joseph the W part, 65 acres and William the E part of 66 acres. These three parcels and the adjoining lot on the W part of Lot 3 (50 acres) seemed to be pass back and forth among the brothers during the next 20 years. Henry had also owned property in both Pickering Township and Uxbridge at the time of his death, which was divided between his children.

In 1857 William Lapp purchased 1 ½ acres of Lot 3 and it seems that it was about this time that he built the 1 ½ storey frame building. It is not known whether William resided at this house or if it was built for his mother before her second marriage. The census of 1861 lists his mother Elizabeth and her husband John Schnell, a post master and Inn keeper, as living in the 1 ½ storey frame dwelling. William eventually moved to Uxbridge where he operated a business in marble monuments. He was a noted stone mason throughout the area.

Architectural Attributes

This 1 ½ storey frame, Georgian Vernacular Style house is 5 bays x 2 bays (originally 2 x 2) and built on a T- shaped plan. The original front entrance appears to be on the front facing gable end. The kitchen tail has been widened to fill in what was once an enclave with verandah. The cladding is of vertical board and batten and the roof is of a medium pitch gable with plain boxed cornice. The rectangular window openings are of a consistent size with 6/6 pane division. Plain wood trim surrounds both the doors and windows. There is a 1 storey full width open verandah on the front of the house.

Contextual Attributes

The William Lapp house is of contextual significance for its association with the village of Cedar Grove and the surrounding agricultural areas. Henry Lapp was one of the earliest settlers to arrive in this part of Markham in 1803 and many of his descendants continue to reside and farm in the south east part of Markham.

Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations with a 6/6 Pane Division;
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the west, east and south elevations;
3. The fieldstone foundation;
4. The original roofline;
5. The original footprint of the front part of the dwelling;
6. Board and Batten Siding.

IDENTIFICATION

Property:	The William Lapp House
Legal Description:	Lot 3, Concession 10
Owners:	Ontario Realty Corporation
Tennant:	[redacted]
Inventory Number:	K7-6
Assessment Roll Number:	251-534-00
Date of Construction:	c. 1851
Style of Construction:	Vernacular - Georgian
Type of Structure:	Residence - Village
Number of Storeys:	1 1/2
Exterior Wall Material:	Board and Batten Wood