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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

Winter Garden Estates Inc.
101 Bradwick Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
L4K 1K5


Dear Sirs:

Re: By-law 2003-238 & By-Law 2003-239 - Heritage Designation
The Josephus Reesor Tenant House - 7447 9th Line
The Josephus Reesor House - 7449 9th Line

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on July 8, 2003, passed By-law 2003-238 and By-law 2003-239, which designated The Josephus Reesor Tenant House - 7447 9th Line, and The Josephus Reesor House - 7449 9th Line, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

Copies of the by-laws with the pertinent registration data are attached for your information. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning at 905-477-7000, Ext. 2080.

Sincerely,


Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Encls.

c: R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning
Ontario Heritage Foundation

8/17/05
J. Reesor
entered



BY-LAW 2003-239

A by-law to designate a property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest
The Josephus Reesor House

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:

WINTER GARDEN ESTATES INC.
101 BRADWICK DRIVE
VAUGHAN, ONTARIO
L4K 1K5

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Josephus Reesor House, 7449 9th Line, 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 Josephus Reesor House
7449 9th Line
Town of Markham
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS
8TH DAY OF JULY, 2003.

"Patricia Miller"

PATRICIA MILLER, DEPUTY CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2003-239

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property description as follows:

PART OF LOTS, 3, 4 & 5, CONCESSION 9, DESIGNATED AS
PART 1, PLAN 65R-25746

TOWN OF MARKHAM
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2003-239

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Josephus Reesor House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

The house located at 7449 Ninth Line was built c.1855 on land, which was originally granted to Colin Drummond on Nov. 8, 1804. Colin Drummond sold the full 200 acre parcel to Peter Reesor in 1805. It appears that his father, Christian Reesor, was the actual owner of several properties throughout the eastern part of the township although all the deeds in the first few years were drawn up in Peter's name.

Peter Reesor, the eldest son of Christian, came to Upper Canada from Pennsylvania in 1802 as the envoy of his father. He made his way through the town of York and on to the Little Rouge River area in Markham alone on horseback. Finding this area suitable for his needs and those of his family he returned to York and made the necessary arrangements for securing these tracts of land. He would later divide these properties among his family members. While in York he traded his horse and saddle to Frederick, Baron de Hoen for 400 acres of land in Whitchurch, which was later divided and awarded to his daughters.

Christian Reesor with his wife Fanny Reiff arrived in Upper Canada in 1804 with their four sons, two daughters and their respective families. Elizabeth 1774-1835, Peter 1775-1854, Barbara 1777-1852, John 1784-1874, Abraham 1790-1831 and Christian 1794-1877. The Reesor family acquired 2,500 acres of land in Markham Township. Christian settled on Lot 14, Concession 10 near Locust Hill where he resided for only two years before he was accidentally killed by a falling tree. Peter settled on Lots 3 and 4, Concession 9 where the Little Rouge River takes a turn to the west and then flows south (east part alongside the 10th Concession). As such it was an excellent location for a mill, of which the family built two, a Saw Mill and a Grist Mill. He built his large stone house on the east part of Lot 4. The property on Lot 3 was most likely farmed in conjunction with the adjoining lots they owned. It would seem the land, although quite fertile, involved a great deal of work to clear with its heavy growth of trees and also the many large boulders, which were located on the property, evidenced by the number of stone dwellings constructed over time on Lots 3 and 4.

Peter and his wife, Esther Eby, had ten children together Veronica (Fanny) 1800-1833, Elizabeth 1802-1852, Christian 1804-1826, John Eby 1806-1864, Esther 1808-1878, Peter 1810-1887, Anna 1812-1902, Abraham 1815-1855, Samuel 1817-1901 and Josephus 1820-1916.

In 1849 Peter Reesor Senior gave to his son, Samuel, a gift of the east part of Lot 3, Concession 9. Prior to his death, Peter divided Lot 3 further for two of his sons. The western part was sold in 1853 to Josephus Reesor for 750 pounds and in 1852 the middle section was sold to Peter Reesor Junior for 1575 pounds (it appears that Peter Jr. never actually lived on this parcel, he continued to live at the family home on Lot 4). Research indicates that it was about 1853 that Josephus Reesor built the large 2 storey, stone house. He would have been 33 at the time. Josephus was married first to Susannah Baker and then to Elizabeth Pike Hoover (1824-1910). They had no children of their own. The 1861 Census report lists Josephus as a Doctor while the 1871 Census lists him as a farmer. Josephus became known as a skillful herb Doctor and many of his Indian remedies were passed down after his death. When Josephus retired from farming he moved into the village of Box Grove where he spent his last years living with his grand-nephew Menno Reesor. In January of 1901, Josephus and Elizabeth Reesor sold the W. part of Lot 3, Concession 9, 145 acres to Barnet Coakwell for \$8500.

Architectural Reasons

The house located at 7449 9th Line is a good example of a fieldstone Georgian style house constructed in the mid 1850's. The main part of the house has been altered very little over the past 150 years and retains much of its original details and character. A newer single storey wood frame addition with garage has been added to the east elevation of the original stone structure. The house is built of cut fieldstone, a full two storey, 3 bays x 2 bay with rectangular openings. The roof is hipped and of a low pitch. The windows are presently of a 1/1 pane division with plain wood trim with red brick lintels and lugsills.

There is a suicide door in the upper storey over the main front entrance. At one time there was a small open verandah, which was at a later date enclosed and having a side entrance. The verandah presently no longer exists. The main door is somewhat recessed and has transom and sidelights. There is a central red brick chimney slightly offset from the mid point.

Contextual Reasons

The Josephus Reesor house is of contextual significance for its association with the historic agricultural community surrounding the village of Box Grove. Together with several other farm residences in the vicinity, the area has become a reminder of some of Markham's earliest settlers, the descendants of Christian Reesor and son Peter Reesor who cleared heavily forested land in order to farm and operate mills in the area surrounding this part of the Little Rouge River system.