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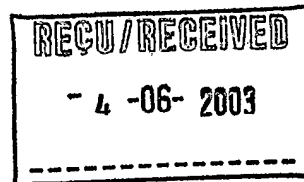


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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.  
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN LOT 4,  
CONCESSION 9, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 7450 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

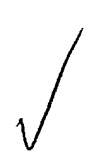
TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town  
of Markham intends to designate the property, including land and  
building, known municipally as 7450 Reesor Road, Markham, as a  
property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part  
1V of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of The  
Samuel Reesor Homestead, 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



DESIGNATION REPORT



**THE SAMUEL REESOR HOMESTEAD**  
7450 Reesor Road  
Lot 4, Concession 9

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

Prepared By: Michael Seaman &  
Marie Jones

## STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Samuel Reesor Homestead 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 Samuel Reesor Homestead was built in the 1840s by Samuel Reesor. After a fire in the 1920s, the building was remodeled incorporating much of the original structure, including the stone walls.

Located on Lot 4, Concession 9, 7450 Reesor Road, Markham, the Samuel Reesor Homestead is located behind the Rouge Valley Mennonite Church

Samuel Reesor (1817-1901), helped his father Peter Reesor operate a saw and flour mill on the Rouge River. Samuel married Fanny Brownsberger (1819-1890) who came from Lancaster Pennsylvania with her family and settled just north of Ringwood in Whitchurch Township. This house, built in late 1840s was their home. In the 1920s, the structure was badly damaged by fire and was re-built with a cottage roof, reminiscent of the Edwardian Style, which was popular at the time.

The house passed out of the Reesor name in 1945.

### Architectural Attributes

The large 2 storey dwelling constructed of local fieldstone is Georgian in style 3 bays x 2 bays. The square plan house, constructed c.1840, has a medium pitch hip roof with a shed dormer in the upper storey (attic) on the front façade. The rectangular windows have 1/1 pane division and plain wood trim with stone lintels and lugsills. The front entrance is centrally located on the east elevation. The full width open verandah wraps around the east and south sides of the building with a hip roof, which is supported by classical wood columns set on stone piers. There is a frame 1 storey addition at the rear south side with more modern windows and cladding. There are 3 brick chimneys, one located mid side left, one mid centre and one on the rear addition.

#### Contextual Attributes

The Samuel Reesor Homestead is of contextual significance as a significant architectural landmark of the community of cedar grove. The house sits on a now abandoned roadway which was once a major thoroughfare in the community until the dam was removed across the Rouge River.

#### Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations;
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the west, east and south elevations;
3. Original Fieldstone Walls;
4. The c.1920s roofline;
5. Wood windows;
6. The brick chimneys;
7. 1920s wrap around porch;

## IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	The Samuel Reesor Homestead
<u>Legal Description:</u>	Lot 4, Concession 9
<u>Owners:</u>	Ontario Realty Corporation
<u>Inventory Number:</u>	J7-8
<u>Assessment Roll Number:</u>	251-036-00
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	c. 1840
<u>Style of Construction:</u>	Georgian modified to Edwardian
<u>Type of Structure:</u>	Residence
<u>Number of Storeys:</u>	2 1/2
<u>Exterior Wall Material:</u>	Fieldstone