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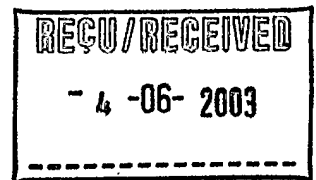


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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN LOT 11,
CONCESSION 10, WEST ½, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 7632 HIGHWAY #7,
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 7632 Highway #7, 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
Reesor Tenant House, is attached.

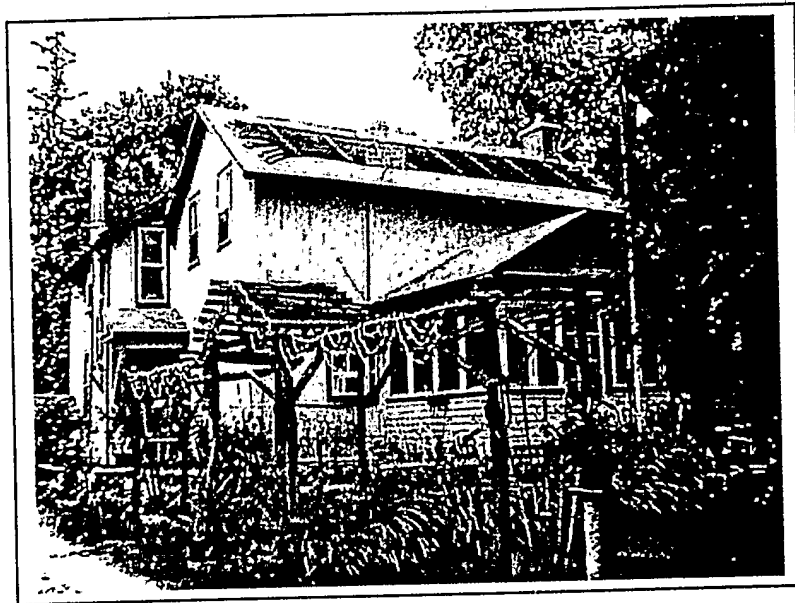
NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the
Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd
day of July 2003.

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

June 3, 2003



DESIGNATION REPORT



THE REESOR TENANT HOUSE
7632 Highway #7
Lot 11, Concession 10, West 1/2

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

Prepared By: Michael Seaman &
Marie Jones

STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Reesor Tenant 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 Reesor Tenant Farmhouse is located on the west ½ of Lot 11, Concession 10 which was originally granted to Abraham Moore in 1828.

In 1830, Abraham Reesor purchased the western 100-acres. Abraham died the following year and bequeathed the property to his older brother Peter. In 1853, Peter Reesor sold the west half lot to the youngest brother, Christian Reesor (1794-1877).

At some point, Christian Reesor granted his grandson Charles C. Reesor, a life lease on the property. No records list Charles C. Reesor as residing on the west half of Lot 11, Concession 10 but in 1874 he surrendered the life lease in exchange for 117 acres in Lot 15, Concession 10.

In 1877, Christian Reesor died and bequeathed the property to his son John Arthur Edward Reesor who was only 5 years old at the time. John A. E. Reesor married Alice P. Shelley and later moved to California.

The 1851 Census lists two dwellings on Lot 11, Concession 10: a one-storey log home and a 1 ½ storey brick home (William Button's home, St. Clair Farm, located on the east half). The 1861 Census describes 4 residences on the west half of Lot 11, Concession 10: 3- one-storey frame buildings and a open-storey log home.

The Ministry of Revenue, Regional Assessment records (Ontario Assessment System tape) list the date of construction for this building as 1860 under the category as "Year actually built".

The Reesors did not reside at this location but rented the property to others including Martin Bambridge, George Powell, William Trump and lastly, Johathan Jarvis who ultimately purchased the farm.

Architectural Attributes

The original front part of the building is a 1 ½ storey Georgian Cottage with Classic Revival features is rectangular in plan 3 bays x 2 bays. The dwelling is clad in a vertical wood plank and sits on a fieldstone foundation. A later 1 ½ storey addition was added to the rear. The gable roof is of a medium pitch with plain projecting eaves and verges.

The window openings are rectangular with 1/1 pane division and have plain wood trim with lugsills. The front entrance is centrally located with a one storey porch with pedimented roof that has been enclosed. The single chimney is mid side right.

Contextual Attributes

The dwelling located at 7632 Highway # 7 is of contextual significance for its association with the area surrounding the village of Locust Hill. Sitting at the edge of the village the house was part of the original vast land holdings of the Reesor family who arrived in Markham Township in the early 1800's and was constructed as a tenant/rental house for those who farmed the Reesor property.

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. The fieldstone foundation;
4. The original roofline;
5. Wood siding

IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	The Reesor Tenant House
<u>Legal Description:</u>	Lot 11, Concession 10, West 1/2
<u>Owners:</u>	Ontario Realty Corporation
<u>Inventory Number:</u>	K5-1
<u>Assessment Roll Number:</u>	256-272-00
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	c. 1860
<u>Style of Construction:</u>	Georgian Vernacular
<u>Type of Structure:</u>	Farmhouse
<u>Number of Storeys:</u>	1 1/2
<u>Exterior Wall Material:</u>	Vertical wood