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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, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS
7639 REESOR ROAD, TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Attention: Ms. Rita Caldarone

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 7639 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 Lapp Brothers Cider and Vinegar Mill 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 21st day of June, 2001.

Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

May 22, 2001



DESIGNATION PROPOSAL



THE LAPP BROTHERS CIDER AND VINEGAR MILL

7639 Reesor Road
Part lot 5, Concession 10
Hamlet of Cedar Grove

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Lapp Brothers Cider and Vinegar Mill at 7639 Reesor Road is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

The Lapp's Cider Mill at 9001 Reesor Road was established in 1872 on Peter Lapp's farm, Lot 5, Con 10 by his sons Harry and George.

Peter Lapp was born in 1820, the son of Henry Lapp and Elizabeth Waldenberger of Pickering. Henry was the son of Johannes Lappe, b.1708 in North Germany, who sailed from Rotterdam via Plymouth to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he arrived on September 29, 1833 to settle in Bucks County.

Henry Lapp first came to Upper Canada in the early 1800s, as part of the large wave of Pennsylvania German Loyalists at that time. Setting his sights on Markham with its large German population, Henry bought Lot 2, conc. 10 in 1804 from John Campbell who held the town grant. As well, he acquired land in King and Pickering townships. Henry and Elizabeth had four sons, Jacob, Andrew, Phillip and Peter and a daughter Ida. They all eventually settled throughout Markham and Pickering Townships.

Peter Lapp (1820-96) remained on Lot 2, conc.10, but in 1855 acquired lot 5, conc. 10. Peter's family consisted of daughters Emma, Jessie and Clara, and his sons George W. and William Henry, who established the Lapp's Cider Mill. Harry was also involved in a number of other activities including serving as a teacher and Township Reeve.

When it was first built in 1872, the Lapps did custom pressing in their "handsome cider mill of board and batten construction".¹ In the early years, they did custom work in the fall. Farmers brought in loads of apples and waited for the cider, though if apple butter was to be made, it had to be picked up later.

The Lapps began to buy apples and produce vinegar which they bottled and sold. Work gradually extended well into the winter. After the passing of George W. Lapp in 1926 and the retirement of Harry Lapp, who passed away in 1948, Aubrey Lapp took over from his father Harry. With modern methods of storing apples and produce, the season was again extended. In 1955, Mr. Lapp sold the business, and until recently it was run year-round still under the Lapp Brothers name. In recent years, the mill was operated by Stanley Vaitkus. In the 1970s, the property was acquired by the Province of Ontario along with many of the surrounding lands in the Cedar Grove area.

¹ Markham Historical Society Markham 1793-1900.

Architectural Significance

The Lapp Brothers Cider and Vinegar Mill is an L-Shaped, wood frame building. Construction of the building began in 1872 and evolved over the next half century to form the complex that exists today.

The original part of the mill is the south portion, a 2½ storey truncated roof structure built c. 1872. This part of the mill runs in a north-south direction, fronting onto Reesor Road. On the south end of the building, the original vertical wood cladding remains.

Although, the northern section of the mill was built in the early decades of the 20th Century, it is an integral part of the historic mill structure.

On the west facade, the mill features regularly placed 2/2 windows on the two levels of the south wing, punctuated with a second level loading door at the south end. The north end, with its gambrel roof, is three storeys in height. This side of the building is clad in insulbrick. A chimney is visible from the centre of the building.

The north side of the building features loading bays, an elevator and a canopy over the loading area. The foundation is of concrete. The windows on the main part of the building are 2/2 rectangular wood, while in the gables the windows are 6/6. The elevator extends to the third storey. This part of the building is clad in vertical tongue and groove wood. A diagonal panel door is featured at the loading bay.

The east side is clad in insulbrick and features a one storey shed roofed wing running 2/3 of the way along the elevation, ending at a two storey tin clad addition. Much of this side is clad in insulbrick which is likely clad over vertical wood. The shed roofed wing has a brick foundation.

The south elevation, features the truncated roof with symmetrical windows on the second level, a ground level loading door and a ground level man door.

Architecturally, the Lapps Cider Mill is the most outstanding example of early pioneer industrial architecture in the present day town of Markham.

Contextual Reasons

The Lapp Brothers Cider and Vinegar Mill is of contextual significance as the landmark built heritage feature in the rural community of Cedar Grove. Because of the height of the building, it can be seen from a number of vantage points in the area. It was also for over 100 years one of the main gathering points in the community.