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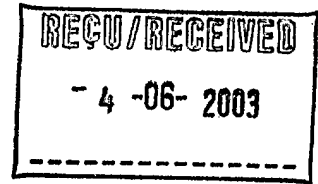
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CONSERVATION REVIEW
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN LOT 13,
CONCESSION 10, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 8847 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 8847 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
John Wurtz House, is attached.

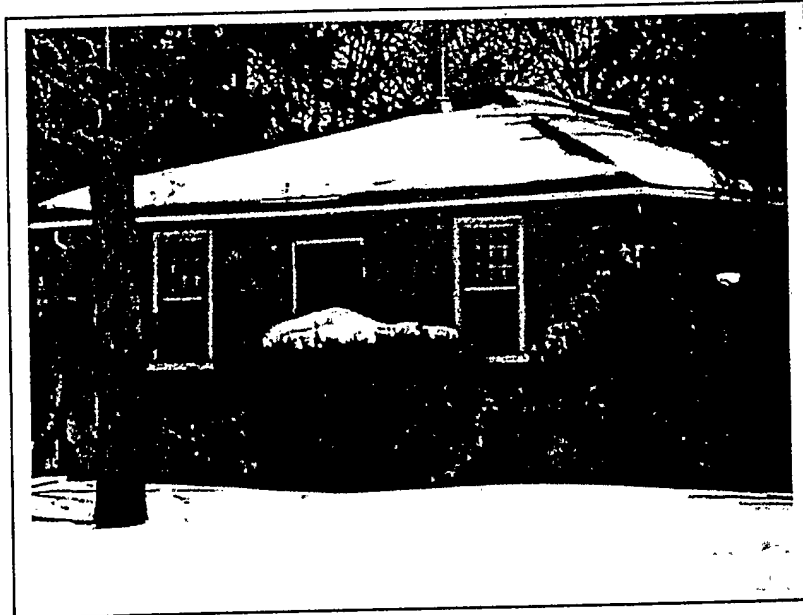
NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the
Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd
day of July 2003.

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

June 3, 2003

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DESIGNATION REPORT



THE JOHN WURTZ HOUSE
8847 Reesor Road
Lot 13, Concession 10

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

Prepared By: Michael Seaman &
Marie Jones

STATEMENTS OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The John Wurtz (Wurts) 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 John Wurtz House is believed to have been built c.1835 by John Wurtz. John Wurtz received the patent to Lot 13, Concession 10 in Nov. of 1802. In 1830 he sold the E ½ 47 acres to Joseph McNeely for 87.10 pounds. In 1843 John Wurtz sold the W ¾ to his son Elias Wurtz (b. 1821). The remaining 150 acres remained in the Wurtz family until 1857 when it was sold to Francis Pike.

John Wurtz, (1766-1855) his wife (Westbrook) and his family of eight children arrived in Niagara from Pennsylvania in 1799. It appears that the Wurtz family along with families of Abraham Moore, John Marr and Issac Westbrook traveled together reaching Markham Township in 1802. According to the Berczy Census of 1803 John's wife had passed away within a year of arriving in the township, leaving him with 7 children. John was married a second time to Mrs. John Marr (Barbara Brooks) about 1808. This union produced another ten children. (Over the years the Wurtz name was changed in spelling to Wurts.) It is believed that the stone house was constructed c.1835, according to local assessment. George McPhillips Map of 1853 illustrates the dwelling in the same approximate location as it exists today.

Elias Wurts was born April 17, 1821 in Markham and on Dec. 28, 1843 was married to Mary Burkholder. It was after his marriage that John Wurts, his father, sold the W ¾ to Elias for 250.0 pounds. John died in 1855 and was buried in the family cemetery at the back of the property overlooking the Little Rouge River. His first wife was probably the first burial in this family cemetery in 1802, although no marker exists for her now. Elias sold the property to Francis Pike in 1857. It was on the north part of this property that the school for section # 22 was constructed. Descendants of Francis Pike continue to reside and farm this property.

Architectural Attributes

The John Wurtz House is a square 1-storey, Regency Style house constructed out of fieldstone with a hipped roof. The windows on the building are wood, double hung and of a 12/2 pane division. It is believed that the windows were originally of a 12/12 pane division. The west façade, facing Reesor Road is 3 bays wide with a center doorway flanked by two 12/2 windows. On the south elevation, the façade is an asymmetrical four bay façade.

The house features large basement windows with an 8/4-pane division.

It is believed that the south façade was the main entrance to the building.

The east elevation features a newer small frame addition. Also visible on this façade is an original brick chimney.

Contextual Attributes

The Elias Wurtz House is an important contributor to the historic agricultural landscape along the rouge river and is one of the earliest reminders of the Loyalist settlement along the Rouge Valley in the vicinity of Locust Hill.

Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood double hung windows on all elevations with multi-paned windows;
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the west, east and south elevations;
3. The fieldstone wall with brick voussiors;;
4. The original roofline;
5. Brick Chimney
6. Frame addition on east elevation;
7. The original footprint of the front part of the dwelling;

IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	The John Wurtz House
<u>Legal Description:</u>	Lot 13, Concession 10
<u>Owners:</u>	Ontario Realty Corporation
<u>Inventory Number:</u>	1982- 50
<u>Assessment Roll Number:</u>	257 419 00
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	c.1835
<u>Style of Construction:</u>	Regency Cottage
<u>Type of Structure:</u>	Farmhouse
<u>Number of Storeys:</u>	1
<u>Exterior Wall Material:</u>	Fieldstone