



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Rec'd
Sept. 4/03

REGISTERED MAIL

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 PART LOT 23,
CONCESSION 3, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 10372 WOODBINE AVENUE,
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 10372 Woodbine Avenue, 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
Henry Arnold House, is attached.

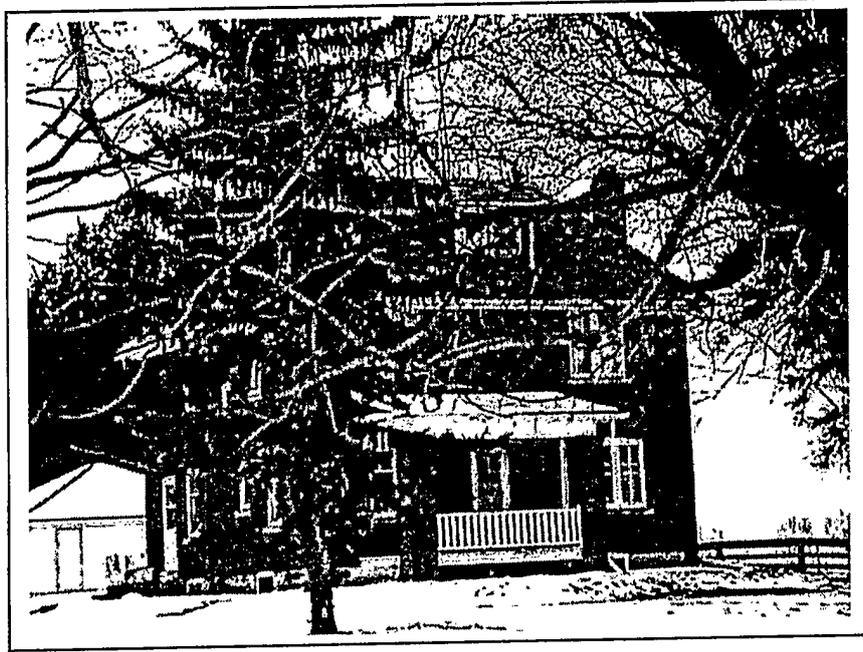
NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the
Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 9th
day of October 2003.

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

September 9, 2003

RC ✓

DESIGNATION REPORT



THE HENRY ARNOLD HOUSE
10372 Woodbine Avenue
Part Lot 23, Concession 3

Prepared For: Heritage Markham

Prepared By: Marie Jones

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The Henry Arnold 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 house located at 10372 Woodbine Avenue was built c.1920 by Henry and Josephine Arnold. Lot 23, Concession 3 was originally drawn in 1794 by John Dietzmann, one of the group of the first Berczy settlers. The Berczy census of 1803 lists John, aged 32, and his son John of 13 years as living on Lot 23. John Sr. passed away 18 months after his arrival in Markham Township and therefore did not fulfill his settlement duties on Lot 23. John Jr. later purchased the property to the north, Lot 24, which he eventually received the patent to, but not until 1816. In 1804 the patent was granted to William Weeks (Wicks). It appears that Weeks did not settle here, for one year later he sold the full 200 acre parcel to William Cooper for 200 pounds.

In 1806 the property was sold to Thomas Gough who two years later sold it to Thomas Gray. It was in the possession of Gray for twenty years when in 1827 he divided off the west 100 acres which he sold to Christian Henricks for 150 pounds. The remaining east ½ of 100 acres was sold to John Frisby in 1829 for 500 pounds. The census of 1851 lists John, aged 51 his wife Lucy and two sons Thomas and William. They were living in a 1 storey log building. The George McPhillip's Map of 1853 illustrates the dwelling on the property set back from the third concession road. It seems that the property was eventually passed down to William Frisby who lived here until 1870 when he transferred title to his brother-in-law, John Forrester for the sum of \$8,000. William moved to Lot 25, Concession 4, which had been the property of his brother Thomas. It appears that John Forrester did not reside on Lot 23, but was living in Gormley with his wife Sarah Frisby and children. The farm was rented out to tenant farmers until 1899. Robert Carver was on the property for about twenty years, as tenant, before it was left to John Forrester Jr. after his fathers death in 1897.

In 1919 John Forrester and his wife Mary sold the property to Henry Arnold for \$20,000. It is not known why, but just two years later Arnold sold the parcel for \$30,000 to Henry S. Ferris. This significant increase in the value of the 100 acre lot would probably indicate that a new home had been built at sometime during this two year period by Henry Arnold and his wife Josephine. Henry Arnold was active in the horticultural scene in Richmond Hill during the 1910's and 1920's and owned the Bedford Park Floral Company located north of the Dunlop greenhouses. About this time Richmond Hill's major source of employment was the horticultural industry.

By 1941 Samuel Brumwell had purchased the property and owned it until 1954. The Brumwell family were prominent members of the Victoria Square community.

Architectural Attributes

The Henry Arnold house is a good example of an Edwardian house built in the first quarter of the 20th century. The house represents the significant changes in architecture that were taking place in Markham Township at this time.

Built on a square plan the substantial structure is 2 ½ storeys, 3 x 4 bays and constructed of red brick on a fieldstone foundation. The roof is of a high pitch hip with plain boxed cornice trim. There is a centrally located front facing shed dormer in the upper storey. The front entrance is segmental and central on the building. The original windows are segmental with plain wood trim, most being 1/1 with radiating voussoirs and lugsills. The one storey front verandah is approximately half the width of the building and is to the south side. Its shed roof is supported by brick posts, a plain wood railing and 1 x2 inch pickets. There are two exterior chimneys one on the north elevation and one on the south. At the rear is a one storey brick addition with an upper storey porch with wood railing and similar pickets to the front.

Contextual Attributes

The Henry Arnold House is of contextual significance for its association with the historic agricultural community in this area. The house forms part of the greater community of Victoria Square. The house represents the introduction of a greater prosperity into the area at the turn of the century. It is part of a cluster of rural farmhouses that exist in this area.

Significant Heritage Attributes

1. All wood windows on all elevations;
2. All original exterior doors and storm doors on the east, west and south elevations;
3. The original roofline;
4. The original footprint and form of the dwelling;
5. The two brick chimneys;
6. The red brick of the exterior;
7. The front verandah and rear rooftop porch

South Elevation



IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	The Henry Arnold House 10372 Woodbine Avenue
<u>Legal Description:</u>	E. part of Lot 23, Concession 3
<u>Owners:</u>	King David Developments Ltd.
<u>Inventory Number:</u>	C3 - 2
<u>Assessment Roll Number:</u>	0201-152-570-00
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	c.1919
<u>Style of Construction:</u>	Edwardian
<u>Type of Structure:</u>	Farm Residence
<u>Number of Storeys:</u>	2 ½
<u>Exterior Wall Material:</u>	Red Brick