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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 LOT 1 AND 2,
RP 4387, LOT 15, CONCESSION 3 KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 2977
SIXTEENTH AVENUE, TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF
ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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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 2977
Sixteenth 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 Jonathan Calvert House is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served
on the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days of April 30, 1998.

Bob Panizza
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario
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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Jonathan Calvert House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its historical, architectural and contextual significance.

Historical Reasons

The Jonathan Calvert House located on the south-west corner of 16th Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, was originally located on the north-east corner of 16th Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, in Lot 16, Concession 4, and was built c.1878 by Jonathan Calvert.

The house was situated on the lot which was a crown grant to Henry Brown on November 7, 1844. Brown was a farmer born in Ireland around 1817. With his first wife Paulina, born c. 1825 and his second wife May born c.1835, he raised at least seven children: William, Thomas, John, Sarah, Martha, Lyman and Josephine. Mr. Brown sold off parcels of 75, 50 and 2 acres from his lot to the Frisby, Gauly and Wiley families respectively between 1848 and 1852.

On February 4, 1861, Henry Brown sold an additional 73 acres of his original lands in the southern half of the south-east quarter to Jonathan Calvert for 300 pounds. Calvert was a blacksmith and he built his home and shop on the corner lot probably soon after purchasing it and before 1878 when buildings are indicated on the county map.

Jonathan Calvert was born in 1832 and remained a bachelor throughout his life. His family came to Markham Township c.1842, from Dumfriesshire, Scotland. At the time, the family consisted of the parents, John and Elizabeth Calvert (Wilson) and seven children. They eventually had eight children.

The Markham Museum has a ledger belonging to Jonathan concerning his smithing business. The ledger indicates that he was a skilled blacksmith and was busy between 1854 and 1859. Jonathan Calvert had 4 brothers, three of whom were also blacksmiths. These included John Calvert (1835-1899) who was a blacksmith in Mongolia Village, Markham Township; George Calvert (1831-1913) who was a blacksmith in Green River, Pickering Township; and William Calvert (1836-1913).

Jonathan Calvert died in 1913. His house was later occupied by his nephew Jim Calvert (1872-1948) until his death in 1948 and then by Jim Calvert's wife until 1955.

From the 1960s to the 1980s the house was operated as the Village Forge Antique shop by Margaret Workshop. Later, in 1984 the house was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, when under the ownership of John Jones of Gormley. By the late 1980s the house was threatened due to a proposed widening of 16th Avenue to four lanes.

In order to preserve the house, John Capon had the house and the former blacksmith shop frame relocated to the opposite corner of the intersection. The house and blacksmith shop were connected together and restored.

Architectural Reasons

The building located at 2977 Sixteenth Avenue is an excellent example of an Ontario Farmhouse with Regency and Gothic Revival features. The historic forge is an excellent representation of an early rural blacksmith shop, adapted for modern use.

Clad in board and batten, the Calvert House represents a rural vernacular interpretation of then popular architectural styles. The three front bays are sheltered by a Regency style veranda. The veranda is supported by four regularly placed turned posts decorated with carved brackets.

The centrally placed front door retains its wooden storm door and a rectangular transom light. A pointed Gothic window in the central front gable is framed by shutters. The remaining windows of the main house are double hung wood sash with six panes over six. The medium pitched gable roof is trimmed with a frieze board.

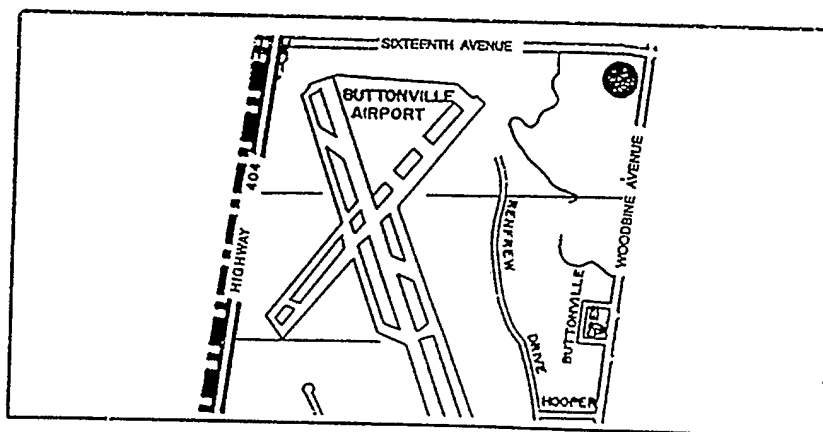
Contextual Reasons

Although relocated from its original site on the north-east corner of 16th Avenue and Woodbine, the Calvert House and Forge retain a strong contextual significance as part of the historic hamlet of Buttonville. Together with the two vernacular structures on the east side of 16th Avenue, the Calvert House serves as an attractive gateway into the Buttonville Heritage Conservation District Study Area.

TERMS OF REFERENCE


Under the conditions of a Site Plan Agreement, the owners of the property have agreed to allow the Town of Markham to designate the Jonathan Calvert House under the Ontario Heritage Act and register such title against the title of the lands.

SITE LOCATION



PRESENT LOCATION
2977 Sixteenth Avenue

IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	The Jonathan Calvert House, 2977 16th Avenue Lot 1 and 2, RP 4387, Lot 16, Concession 3
<u>Former Property:</u>	Lot 16, Concession 4
<u>Owners:</u>	
<u>Inventory No.:</u>	C5-13
<u>Assessment Roll No.:</u>	132-520-00
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	c.1878
<u>Style of Architecture:</u>	Gothic Revival
<u>Type of Structure:</u>	Farm Residence
<u>Number of Storeys:</u>	1.5
<u>Exterior Wall Material:</u>	Wood Board and Batten
<u>Special Features:</u>	Ontario Farmhouse, Board and Batten Original 6/6 wood windows, Gothic centre gable window