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MARKHAM

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REGISTERED

March 23, 1992

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: By-law Number 272-91 - Being a by-law to
designate a certain property as being of
Historic and/or Architectural value or interest
Our File No. 36-0

This will advise that Council of the Town of Markham, at its meeting held on December 17th, 1991, passed By-law Number 272-91 designating ~~your~~ property known as The George B. Quantz House, located on Lot 14, Plan 65M-2761, being 2 David Gohn Circle, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act. A certified copy of the by-law is attached for your information.

I would also advise that By-law Number 272-91 was registered as Instrument Number LT812358 on January 16th, 1992.

Yours truly,



Christine Palmer
Deputy Clerk

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Enclosure

c.c. Mr. R. Hutcheson - Senior Planner,
Heritage and Conservation
Ms D. Billich, Heritage Researcher



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

BY-LAW NUMBER 272-91

A by-law to designate a certain property as
being of Historic and/or Architectural
value or interest

WHEREAS Section 29, Subsection 6 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:



and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The George B. Quantz House, 2 David Gohn Circle, being Lot 14, Plan 65M-2761, and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, being The George B. Quantz House, municipally known as 2 David Gohn Circle, further described as Lot 14, Plan 65M-2761, is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described herein in the Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991.
READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991.


GARY F. ROSEBLADE, CLERK


ANTHONY ROMAN, MAYOR

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING
TO BE A TRUE COPY.


MUNICIPAL CLERK
"DEPUTY"

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW NUMBER

THE GEORGE B. QUANTZ HOUSE

The George B. Quantz House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of both its architectural and historical merit.

Architecture

The 1½-storey 3 x 2 bay Classic Revival house with Italianate features is a fine example of the plank on plank construction method. As this construction method was not overly common in the Markham area very few known examples exist.

Clad in wooden clapboard siding in cornerboards, the house has recently been relocated and set on a concrete foundation, faced in fieldstone veneer. A recent 1½-storey kitchen tail replaces a former addition, making the structure L-shaped in plan and 5 bays deep.

Openings are rectangular. Windows have been replicated from the dimensions of original openings. The upper windows are proportionally smaller than the lower windows. All windows have 6/6 pane division, moulded wood trim, lugsills and wooden louvered blinds. The main entrance is rectangular and centrally located on the north facade. Pilasters, a flat transom and shelf entablature frame the wooden Cross-and-Bible door. At one time, the front facade was four bays wide with two rectangular doors centrally located and most likely topped by flat transoms. Two other rectangular entrances are located on the east and west sides of the tail addition.

The roof is a low pitch gable with a plain boxed cornice and moulded frieze. The eaves are returned and dentils ornament the original portion of the house.

A one-storey verandah with square posts and decorative brackets has been constructed within the side enclave of the tail addition.

History

The house was constructed by George B. Quantz c. 1864 and is the only surviving remnant of a small hamlet that once existed on the 7th Concession Road now known as McCowan Road.

George B. Quantz was the grandson of Melchior Quantz, a soldier in a Hessian regiment of the English army during the American Revolution. After the war, Melchior returned to England but the Quantz family came back to the United States in 1791. There they joined the group of German settlers led by William Berczy and came to settle in Markham in 1794. Melchior Quantz was granted Lot 13, Concession 2 upon his arrival in the Township of Markham. His eldest son, Frederick carried on this family farm and later passed it on to his children.

George Quantz Sr. was Melchior Quantz' second son. He married Mary Ann Baker in 1807 and together they settled on the east half of Lot 14, Concession 6 having 11 children. In 1854, George Quantz Sr. began to subdivide this lot for his children. The group of lots soon became known locally as Quantztown or alternatively as Centreville because it was located in the "centre" between Unionville and Markham Village.

George Sr.'s third son, George B. Quantz, at one time took over possession of the family farmstead. He further subdivided the property and ultimately sold off all his holdings in the east half of Lot 14, Concession 6. Then in 1864, George B. Quantz purchased the southern one-acre strip of his brother John's parcel and constructed this home. In 1866, he sold the property to his nephew, John Shultz who, in turn sold it three years later to his uncle and George B.'s brother-in-law, George Haacke.