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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 PART OF LOT 20,
CONCESSION 7, KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 9900 HIGHWAY #48, TOWN OF
MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Heritage Policy and Program Development Unit
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

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 9900 Highway #48, Markham, as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of The William Clarry 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 13th day of December, 2002.

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

November 12, 2002



RESEARCH REPORT



THE WILLIAM CLARRY HOUSE

9900 Highway # 48
Part Lot 20, Concession 7

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Historical Significance

The 1 ½ storey brick dwelling located at 9900 Highway # 48 was built on a 200 acre parcel which was originally a clergy reserve and leased in 1805 to Henry Shank. Shank was born in York Co., Pennsylvania in about 1780. His family moved to Rainham Twp., Ontario in 1800. Henry and his brother Michael traveled on their own to settle in Markham in 1804. On Christmas Eve in 1804 the two brothers applied for the Clergy Reserve Lots 19 and 20, Concession 7. They became part of the early group of Pennsylvania German Mennonites who came to Markham Township after the original Berczy Settlers. It appears that Henry lived on Lot 20 until at least 1836. He was married to Catherine van Hoben Wideman, daughter of Reverend Henry Wideman. They had two children, a son Jacob and daughter Catherine. Jacob purchased property in Pickering Township in 1832 and it appears that his parents followed him a few years later. In 1837 Henry is listed in Walton's Directory as living in Pickering Township, present day Cherrywood. It seems that both Henry and his 2nd wife died of smallpox and were buried on Jacob's farm in Cherrywood.

In 1845, Henry Clarry received the original grant to the eastern 100 acres, E ½ Lot 20, Concession 7. The next year, in 1846 the W ½, 100 acres was patented by Thomas Sanderson. Henry Clarry married Mary Crosby (sister of Chauncey Crosby) and together they had two children, Ann (Stotts) and William. It is interesting to note that Henry Clarry actually died in 1842, yet the patent was recorded in his name in 1845. Because of this, the patent was cancelled and reissued in 1870 to William Clarry, his son. Mary, Henry's widow, remarried in 1845 to Abraham Strickler, her neighbour, and together they lived on Lot 20, Concession 8. By this time 20 acres of the original 100 acre Clarry parcel had been sold off to James Thomas who purchased the S. part in 1864.

William Clarry married Jane Ann Reynolds, daughter of Samuel Reynolds, a loyalist who settled in Markham Township on Lot 10, Concession 10. In 1851, after her father's death they inherited 50 acres of this lot and it appears that this is where they lived until they constructed their dwelling on Lot 20, Concession 7. The census of 1851 indicates that they were living in a log house with their first child Albert. This particular census lists only the Thomas Sanderson family as living on Lot 20, Concession 7 on the W. ½. It is not until the Census of 1861 that the William Clarry family is listed as living in a 2 storey brick home on the E. ½ of Lot 20, therefore indicating that the home was built between the 1851 and 1861 Census reports.

The William Clarry house is illustrated on Tremaine's Map of 1860, the 1878 York County Atlas Map and the 1909 Canadian Topo. Map. Two structures are illustrated on the McPhillip's 1853/1854 Map in the approximate location of the William Clarry house. It appears that William Clarry continued to own this parcel until at least 1897.

Frederick Adolphus Clarry, William and Jane's fourth son, was the owner /operator of the Maple Leaf Woolen Mills, which was built in 1886. It was also known as the Ontario

Yarn Felt Company and was one of the largest mills constructed of brick in all of Markham Township. In 1917 the Mill was struck by lightning and was destroyed by the resulting fire.

Architectural Significance

The house located at 9900 Highway # 48 is a good example of a 1 ½ storey Georgian Cottage. The dwelling is built on a "T" shaped plan 3 bays across by 2 bays deep set on a foundation of stone. There is a 1 storey addition at the rear of the main structure and a large attached garage to the south side probably constructed within the last 20 years. It is possible that this rear addition was built early in the history of the house and incorporated into the larger dwelling. The original exterior wall material is red brick, which more recently has had a coat of stucco applied. There are presently areas where the stucco is thin and failing. The windows are rectangular with 1/1 pane division having plain wood trim with lugsills. The main entrance is centrally located on the front façade and the door has plain wood trim. The roof is a medium pitch gable with returned eaves and plain boxed cornice. Over the front entrance is a small shed dormer providing light to the upstairs hall. The single chimney is on the exterior of the building mid side right.

Contextual Significance

The William Clarry house is of contextual significance for its association with the historic farming community surrounding the village of Markham. Together with other farm residences in the vicinity, the area has become an important reminder of some of Markham's earliest farming families and is a good example of the rural landscape in north Markham.

IDENTIFICATION

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| <u>Property:</u> | The William Clarry House 9900 Highway # 48 |
| <u>Legal Description:</u> | Part Lot 20, Concession 7 |
| <u>Owners:</u> | 1065764 Ontario Ltd. |
| <u>Inventory No.:</u> | G4 - 16 |
| <u>Assessment Roll Number:</u> | 233-282-00 |
| <u>Date of Construction:</u> | c. 1860 |
| <u>Style of Architecture:</u> | Georgian Cottage, 3 bay façade |
| <u>Type of Structure:</u> | Farm Residence |
| <u>Number of Storeys:</u> | 1 ½ |
| <u>Exterior Wall Material:</u> | Stucco over brick |
| <u>Special Features:</u> | Shed dormer in upper storey |