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January 19, 2012

Jim Leonard
Registrar, Ontario Heritage Trust
Heritage Programs and Operation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Jim Leonard,

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, Ontario Heritage Act

The Council of the Town of Markham intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV:

John B. Miller House 7134 Major Mackenzie Dr. E
James Brison Johnson House 10295 Ninth Line
John Boyles House 11190 York Durham Line
Richard Tarr House 7368 Elgin Mills Road E
David Burke House 10531 Reesor Road
Wellington Wideman House 11201 Reesor Road
James Collins House 11223 Reesor Road
Noble Tenant Farmer's House 11122 Reesor Road
Adam Betz House 10676 Reesor Road

Notice of objections will be received **on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at the following address:

Clerk's Department, Town of Markham
Attention: Judy Carroll
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Fax, 905-905-479-7771

The Corporation of the Town of Markham • Clerk's Department

Anthony Roman Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3 • Tel: 905.475.4744 • Fax: 905.479.7771 • www.markham.ca

A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

For Heritage Designation By-Law for 11122 Reesor Road

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Noble Tenant Farmer's House

East Half Lot 28, Concession 9

11122 Reesor Road

c.1840

The Noble Tenant Farmer's House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Noble Tenant Farmer's House is a one and a half storey frame dwelling located on the west side of Reesor Road, approximately half way between Elgin Mills Road East and Nineteenth Avenue. The house faces east, and is set far back from the road.

Design or Physical Value

The Noble Tenant Farmer's House is a typical example of a modest tenant farmer's house in the vernacular Georgian architectural tradition. The asymmetrical arrangement of the door and window openings on the front façade is an indication of an early date of construction and a common element of vernacular architecture where the practicality of the interior plan took precedence over the exterior design. The front veranda is an early 20th century addition. A barn associated with the house is located to the west.

Historical or Associative Value

The Noble Tenant Farmer's House has historical value for its association with Ambrose Noble, an American immigrant from Massachusetts who came to Markham in 1816. Ambrose Noble and his son, Charles, operated a tannery from their home farm at Mount Joy in the mid-19th century. By 1861, the family concentrated on farming. The Noble family did not at any time reside on this property; rather it was occupied by tenant farmers. The rear wing may be the initial phase of construction of the existing house, perhaps dating from as early as c.1840, when the land was purchased from King's College.

Contextual Value

The house at 11122 Reesor Road remains in a rural setting, and is a significant remnant of the agricultural community surrounding the historic crossroads hamlet of Mongolia, originally known as California Corners.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Noble Tenant Farmer's House include:

- Overall form of the building, including its one and a half storey height, L-shaped plan incorporating a one storey rear wing, and the volume of the structure;
- Frame wall construction with the original finish concealed beneath later claddings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves;
- Simple front door opening;
- Flat-headed windows openings, with wood 2 over 2 sash windows;
- Hipped-roofed front veranda supported on simple wood posts.