



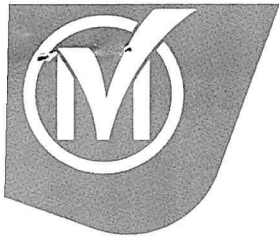
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October 1, 2024

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Ontario Heritage Trust

**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, WIDEMAN-COBER HOUSE, 3812 NINETEENTH AVENUE**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on September 25, 2024, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council state its intention to designate 3812 Nineteenth Avenue under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance

Please find attached the Statement of Significance which summarizes the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and provides a description of the heritage attributes of the property. Notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention on the City's website (publication will occur on October 7, 2024).

Click on the 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' icon on the City's landing page to find your address (<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>)

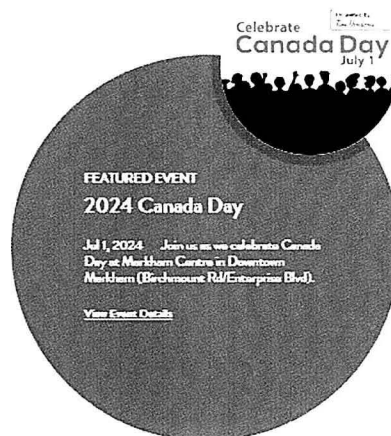
The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 2024

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WED | Special Development Services Committee Meeting
Live stream
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
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TUE | General Committee Meeting
Live stream
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM |
| 10
WED | Electronic Committee of Adjustment Meeting
Zoom Platform and Live stream
7:00 PM - 11:45 PM |
| 16
TUE | Development Services Committee Meeting
Live stream
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM |
| 17
WED | Council Meeting
Live stream
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM |

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 PAY A PARKING TICKET

 BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

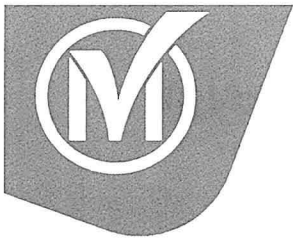
 ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT NOTICES

 MAYOR'S OFFICE

 CITY COUNCIL

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Should you have any questions regarding the Statement of Significance or the implications of heritage designation, please contact Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, at emanning@markham.ca

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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Attachment: Statement of Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wideman-Cober House

3812 Nineteenth Avenue
c.1890

The Wideman-Cober House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 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 Wideman-Cober House is a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling located on the north side of Nineteenth Avenue, west of the historic mill hamlet of Almira. The house faces south.

Design Value and Physical Value

The Wideman-Cober House has design and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular Pennsylvania German Mennonite farmhouse of the late nineteenth century. The Wideman-Cober House, built for a Pennsylvania German Mennonite family c.1890, is a restrained vernacular farmhouse without any strong stylistic influences. Dwellings of this type are sometimes fittingly classified as “Ontario Vernacular.” The building’s L-shaped plan reflects a departure from the basic rectangular Georgian form that characterized domestic architecture in Markham Township during the first half of the nineteenth century. The L-plan relates to the emerging popularity of the picturesque Italianate and Gothic Revival styles that began to influence the design of farmhouses and village residences in Markham in the 1860s. The house may have been constructed in two phases, with the front-projecting easterly wing added in the early 1900s.

Historical Value and Associative Value

The Wideman-Cober House has historical value for its association with the early cultural and religious diversity of Markham Township, namely the Pennsylvania German Mennonite and Tunker communities, and more specifically for its early association with the Wideman and Cober families. The house stands on the western quarter of Markham Township Lot 31, Concession 5, a property purchased by Pennsylvania German Mennonite farmer Jacob Wideman in 1875 to add to his adjoining farm on Lot 32, Concession 5. The property on Lot 31 later became the home of his son, Simeon Wideman, who is believed to have constructed a modest frame farmhouse on the property in c.1890. Simeon Wideman and his wife Elizabeth (Burkholder) Wideman later moved to Markham Village and in 1906 sold their small farm to George Cober and Annie (Reesor) Cober. The Cober family had a Pennsylvania German Tunker cultural and religious background. According to local history, George Cober was well-known in the community as a market gardener. The Cober family may have enlarged the former Wideman House in the early 1900s. They resided here until 1952.

Contextual Value

The Wideman-Cober House has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as the farmhouse that served this agricultural property from c.1890 until recent times. It is one of a number of nineteenth century farmhouses in the vicinity of the community of Almira that makes legible the agricultural history of the area.

Heritage Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Wideman-Cober House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06, criteria, as amended, below:

Heritage attributes that convey the property's design and physical value as a representative example of a vernacular Pennsylvania German Mennonite farmhouse of the late nineteenth century:

- L-shaped plan;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- The appearance of horizontal clapboard siding with narrow corner boards;
- Medium-pitched cross-gable roof with projecting, open eaves;
- Hip-roofed open front veranda in street-facing ell;
- Glazed and panelled wood single-leaf principal entrance door and secondary single-leaf door sheltered within the front veranda;
- Flat-headed rectangular and square window openings.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value for its association with the early cultural and religious diversity of Markham Township, namely the Pennsylvania German Mennonite and Tunker communities, and more specifically for its early association with the Wideman and Cober families:

- The dwelling is a tangible reminder of the Wideman and Cober families who historically resided on the property.

Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings:

- The location of the building on its original site, facing south, west of the historic mill hamlet of Almira where it has stood since c.1890.

Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:

- Modern windows within original window openings;
- Modern siding;
- Timber veranda posts and braces;
- Rear additions;
- Barn and other accessory buildings.