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# TOWN OF NEWMARKET

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January 9, 2006

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate  
Mary Ann Wilkin Home  
588 Gorham Street**

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This is to advise you that the Town of Newmarket is in the process of designating the Mary Ann Wilkin Home located at 588 Gorham Street.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the newspaper advertisement that will be published on January 17, 2006 for the first time, and one subsequent week thereafter.

If you have any questions pertaining to the above matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely

Anita Moore  
Town Clerk

AM:am

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1990, R.S.O. CHAPTER  
18, SECTION 29 (3).

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES located at 588 Gorham Street.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket intends to designate the lands known as 588 Gorham Street, Lt 18 S/S Gorham Street Pl 25, Newmarket as confirmed by 65BA237; Newmarket.

## REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The property was originally part of the land holdings of Eli Gorham who died in 1867. In April 1871 various lots and parcels of the land were put up for auction. The high bidder for some of the property, including Lots 16, 17 and 18 on the south side of Gorham Avenue, was John William Marsden, a miller from Yorkshire.

In May 1874, Marsden sold the three lots to Elizabeth A. Hunter, the wife of George Watson Hunter whose occupation was listed as a Carpenter. In March 1875, the Hunters sold Lot 18, the site of 588 Gorham, to Mary Ann Wilkin who was listed as a Widow. The plaque placed on the house, by a previous Heritage Newmarket Committee indicates that she was the first occupant and that the house was built circa. 1875. The property was transferred in 1911 for \$1.00 to Frances E. Foster who was likely Mary's daughter.

In December 1920, Frances sold the property to Charles H. Smith. Subsequently, the property has had a number of owners, including some who used it as a rental property, until the current owners purchased it in 1982.

The house was built in the Gothic Revival style, which was very popular in various forms during 19th century Ontario. The north or main elevation of the storey-and-half house has a central entranceway. There are two main floor windows on either side of the entranceway and a central, steep gable or dormer which highlights a lancet or arched window on the upper floor. During its history additions have been made to the house by its various owners.

A unique feature of the house is the stain glass window, which has been installed in the front, upper floor lancet window. The current owners purchased the window as part of a sale at the Christian Baptist Church on Main Street as a means of raising funds for the renovation. The window is of the same time period as the house.

The file is available for viewing at the Clerk's Office, Town of Newmarket, 395 Mulock Drive, Ontario.

Notice of Objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the first date of this publication.

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