



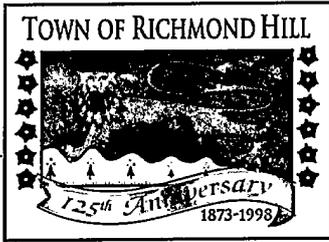
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, RSO 1990
CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES
IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the following property, including lands and building, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18:

Municipal Address: 12 Mathias Court, Richmond Hill

Historical Reference: The John Bestard House

Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The John Bestard House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The Bestards were among the early Markham families associated with the Tunker or Brethren in Christ Church at Heise Hill. John Bestard, an English-born farmer, and his Canadian-born wife Mary Williams, of Pennsylvania German ancestry, settled on Lot 32, Concession 2, Markham, in 1879. The family lived in a 1 ½ storey frame house. The present brick dwelling is believed to have been built for the Bestard's adopted son, William, in the mid 1890's. John Bestard retired from farming and moved to the village of Richmond Hill in 1900, selling his Markham farm in 1904. William Bestard moved to the hamlet of New Gormley, and in 1909 built a new house of moulded concrete block. At the time, his profession was given as "mechanic".

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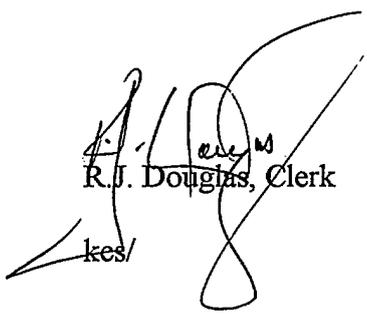


Typical in scale, design and choice of materials for the period, John Bestard chose to build a fashionable urban style house in a rural setting. The architecture of the white brick, two storey house is representative of the vernacular Queen Anne Revival style popular throughout North America at the time. It has an irregular plan that was once accented by porches that have since disappeared, but have left their outline on the surface of the brickwork. The steeply-pitched cross-gable roof is ornamented with decorative panelled bargeboards and spindlework brackets on the front projecting bay, and panelled bargeboards on the north and south gables. Windows are typically wooden, segmentally-headed, one over one units, except for the front bay, which features a large, single-paned sash with an art glass transom light above, and a double one over one unit on the second floor. The front door is a single leaf with applied corner blocks, and an upper glazed section which may have contained art glass at one time.

A modern bungalow, also on the property, is not included in the Reasons for Designation.

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill before the 13th day of May, 1999. Service may be made by delivery personally to the Clerk or by registered mail.

If service is made by registered mail, it is not effective unless and until it is actually received by the Clerk and the responsibility for ensuring it is received within the prescribed time rests with the person filing the objection. If such a notice is actually received after the prescribed time, it will not be accepted by the Clerk as a valid objection.



R.J. Douglas, Clerk

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D. McLarty, Director of Administrative Services
G. Duncan, Planning and Development