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The Town of Richmond Hill

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE
ACT, 1980, R.S.O. CHAPTER 337

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, R.S.O. Chapter 337:

Municipal Address

29 Centre Street West, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

This one and one-half storey Georgian house, which appears to be red brick with white brick quoins, is actually built of soft multicoloured buff brick, probable locally made. The brick used for the south (front) and east walls has a red surface, giving the appearance of a red brick house. The south and east walls have been false pointed. The west and north walls are of untreated brick, being of less visual importance as one approaches from Yonge Street.

The interior double-flued chimneys, recently rebuilt, contribute to the Georgian Balance of this centre hall, three bay house.

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The bellcast verandah with hipped ends is supported by chamfered posts, with long elliptical arches between the uprights. The wooden porch floor sits almost at ground level, giving a sense of the house belonging on the site.

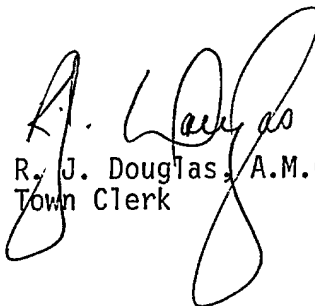
The flat-headed windows have sharply radiating voussoirs in red-surfaced brick. The lower windows are 6/6 and the upper are 6/3. The boxed cornice with plain frieze, and the return eaves (now on the south side only) are other significant features. The front door, and its flanking sidelights, replace the originals of similar design.

The property was purchased in May, 1864 by John Velie Sr., retired gentleman. It is assumed he built the house shortly thereafter.

This is the only house of its style remaining in the historic village of Richmond Hill, and is a landmark to residents and visitors alike.

Notice of Objection

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board.


R. J. Douglas, A.M.C.T.
Town Clerk