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CULTURAL PROGRAMS
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November 22, 1995

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: 9940 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill

Legal Description: Part of the road allowance between Lots 20 & 21, Concession 2 and part of Lot 20, Concession 2, EYS, Town of Richmond Hill, (geographic Township of Markham), in the Regional Municipality of York, more particularly described as Part 2 on Plan 65R-17524.

Historical Reference: The Jacob Horner House

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Reasons for the Proposed Designation:

The Jacob Horner House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The house was built circa 1860 by Jacob Horner, the grandson of Daniel Horner I, a Pennsylvania-German immigrant who leased the property from the Crown in 1806. Daniel Horner I's son, Daniel II eventually purchased the farm from King's College in 186. The Horner family remains the owners to the present day.


The Jacob Horner House is the last remaining early dwelling on the west side of Leslie Street in the vicinity of the hamlet of Headford. It is a true vernacular building, exhibiting a traditional rural form while incorporating elements of the classic Revival style.

Significant features include the T-shaped plan with pantry in the northern ell, asymmetrical 3-bay front, front doorcase with sidelights, 6-over-6 and 2-over-2 windows, pediment-headed door and window frames and medium-pitched gable roof with centre gable.

A more detailed Reasons for Designation is available for viewing at the Office of the Clerk, Ground Floor, 225 East Beaver creek Road, Richmond Hill.

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 22nd day of December, 1995. 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.


for David M. Calnan
Deputy Clerk

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Long Form

The Jacob Horner House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

Daniel Horner I, a Pennsylvania-German immigrant, was NA early tenant on Lot 20, Concession 2, Markham, originally a Crown reserve. In 1807, he purchased Lot 21, Concession 2, Markham to become the family homestead, but continued to lease Lot 20. In addition to farming, Daniel Horner I operated a blacksmith shop. During the Ward of 1812, he joined the local militia under Captain John Arnold and was stationed at Fort York.

Daniel Horner II, the son of Daniel Horner I, purchased Lot 20 from King's College in 1836. By 1860, he had moved to the homestead on Lot 21. Jacob Horner, a son of Daniel II, was listed on Lot 20 in a 1866 directory of Markham Township. The property has stayed in the Horner family's ownership to the present day.

The Jacob Horner House is the last remaining early dwelling on the west side of Leslie Street in the vicinity of the hamlet of Headford. It is a true vernacular building, exhibiting a traditional rural form while incorporating elements of the Classic Revival style. With its centre gable, a later addition, the dwelling has evolved into a Classic Ontario farmhouse.

The house has a T-shaped plan, an asymmetrical 3-bay front and a medium-pitched gable roof. A pantry infills part of the northern ell. The pediment-headed door and window frames, 6-over-6 and 2-over-2 double hung windows and flat-headed 2-over-2 front gable window are significant features, as is the front doorcase with its sidelights.