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February 9, 1999

[REDACTED]  
24 David Gohn Circle  
Markham, Ontario  
L6E 1A7

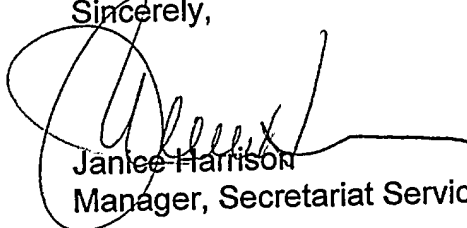
Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: By-law 13-1999 - To Designate a Certain Property  
as being of Historic and/or Architectural Value  
or Interest (The David Leek Sr. House -  
24 David Gohn Circle) File: 16.11.3

This will advise that Council, at its meeting held January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1999 passed By-law 13-1999 to designate "The David Leek Sr. House", 24 David Gohn Circle, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

Sincerely,



Janice Harrison  
Manager, Secretariat Services

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Encl.

c: The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
Mr. Regan Hutcheson, Senior Planner, Heritage and Conservation



# MARKHAM


## BY - LAW

13-1999

A by-law to designate a certain property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The David Leek Sr. House, 24 David Gohn Circle

WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

  
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Markham, Ontario  
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and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The David Leek Sr. House, located at 24 David Gohn Circle, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

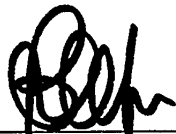
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The David Leek Sr. House  
24 David Gohn Circle  
Town of Markham  
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.



BOB PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK



DON COUSENS, MAYOR

I, B. PANIZZA, TOWN CLERK OF THE  
TOWN OF MARKHAM, CERTIFY THAT  
THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY.

  
B. PANIZZA

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 13-1999**

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property description as follows:

Lot 25, Plan 65M-2761

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# SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 13-1999

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## STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The David Leek House is recommended for Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its architectural and historical significance.

### Historical Reasons

In its original location on Lot 10, Concession 2, the David Leek house was well set back from Bayview Avenue on German Mill's Creek. Early land records show that the patent on all 200 acres of the property was taken out in 1807 by Peter Piney who immediately sold it to Ezekiel Benson. In 1809 the West 1/2 was sold to James Johnson who held it until 1818 when he sold it to Benjamin Hoshel who in turn sold it immediately to David Leek. In 1851 David Leek Sr. died and willed the property in 2 separate parcels to his sister Elizabeth Gates ( 50 acres ) and to John Ireland ( 45 ) acres. But in 1852 and 1853 they both sold their parcels to Jacob Munshaw. In 1865 Jacob Munshaw sold the property to Caroline Hoshel.

The McPhillip's 1853-54 map of Markham Township shows Jacob Munshaw on the West 1/2 of Lot 10 with a house and barn on the property. The York County Atlas map 1878 shows Mrs. Hoshel ( Hoshel ) as the owner with a house and orchard.

The 1851 and 1861 census data show residents only in the East 1/2 of Lot 10 but the 1881 census does show Caroline Hoshel living on the West 1/2 with her 6 children and a farm labourer.

David Leek is shown in Walton's 1837 Commercial Directory and register for the City of Toronto & Home District. In the 1846-7 Brown's Directory of Toronto City & Home District, David Lick Senr ( David Leek Senior ) appears and again in the 1850-51 Rowsell's Directory of Toronto & County of York. In the 1882 Directory, Caroline Hoshel is shown as the owner of the property.

Since David Leek is listed on the site in the 1837, 1846-47 and 1850-51 Directories, it is assumed that he built the house c. 1840.

The Leek ancestors were Lutherans who originated in the Rhine Palatinate and settled in Johnstown New York. David Leek came to Markham prior to 1813 and his brothers came about 10 years later. The corner of Leslie St. and 16th Avenue became known as Leek's Corners. The Leek's ( David Jr., Daniel and their families ) became active in the Headford Methodist Episcopal Church which was first known as Leek's chapel. David Leek Sr. was a trustee of the Thornhill Wesleyan Methodist Church whose congregation dates back to 1808.

In 1993, as a result of Highway # 407 construction, the David Leek Senior House was relocated to 24 David Gohn Circle.

### Architectural Reasons

The David Leek Senior House, built c.1840, is a two storey Second Empire house. Prior to its relocation in 1993, the house consisted of two separate self-contained units with entrances facing Bayview Avenue. The house was subsequently re-configured into a single dwelling i.e. with one main entrance. The house is clad in shiplap siding and is of frame construction. The original and earliest portion of the house was a plank-on-plank, probably 1 1/2 storey, Ontario vernacular style farmhouse with a tail on the south side, a gable roof, facing north. The mansard roof was added later.

The present day front facade is symmetrical with 3 bays on the first storey under the porch and 2 bays on the second. The windows are 2/2 on the first storey and 2/2 on the second. All windows have wooden frames and sills.

The North facade has three bays on the first storey and two on the second. The East facade has four bays on the first storey and one on the second. The South facade has five bays on the first storey and three on the second.

The David Leek house is significant as one of the few remaining examples of the Second Empire style in Markham.