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**RE: INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, CHRISTIAN AND ANNA HOOVER HOUSE, 11274 HIGHWAY 48**

To whom it may concern:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on December 13, 2023, Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

**That Council state its intention to designate 11274 Highway 48 under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in recognition of its cultural heritage significance**

Please find attached the Statement of Significance which summarizes the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and provides a description of the heritage attributes of the property. Notice of objection to the notice of intention to designate the property may be served on the clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention on the City's website (January 13, 2024). Refer to 'Ontario Heritage Act Notices' at the link below. The notice of objection must include the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home>

Should you have any questions regarding the Statement of Significance or the implications of heritage designation, please contact Evan Manning, Senior Heritage Planner, at [emanning@markham.ca](mailto:emanning@markham.ca)

Kimberley Kitteringham  
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Attachment: Statement of Significance

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Christian and Anna Hoover House

11274 Highway 48  
c.1860

The Christian and Anna Hoover House is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

#### **Description of Property**

The Christian and Anna Hoover House is a two-storey fieldstone dwelling located on the west side of Highway 48 in the historic community of Dickson Hill. The house faces south and is set well back from the road near the Little Rouge Creek.

#### **Design Value and Physical Value**

The Christian and Anna Hoover House has design and physical value as a locally rare example of a two-storey, mid-nineteenth century fieldstone farmhouse in the Mennonite Georgian architectural tradition. The small attic windows and kitchen siding are distinctly Pennsylvania German Mennonite features that have been applied to a vernacular Georgian design. The general character of the house is formal and conservative with a simple front entrance rather than a more elaborate Classic Revival doorcase seen in many mid-nineteenth century farmhouses in Markham. The presence of a doddy house enhances the dwelling's traditional Pennsylvania German Mennonite character. The two-storey height is locally unusual and noteworthy because the majority of rural dwellings in Markham Township built before 1900 were one-and-a-half storeys in height.

#### **Historical Value and Associative Value**

The Christian and Anna Hoover House has historical value as it makes legible the impactful early nineteenth century immigration of Pennsylvania German Mennonites to Markham Township, and for its association with the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase. Daniel Hoover was one of three Pennsylvania German Mennonite brothers who came to Markham Township in 1804. The brothers were sons of Ludwig Hoover and Margaretha Graff of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In 1811, Daniel Hoover purchased the eastern half of Markham Township Lot 29, Concession 7. One of his sons, Christian Hoover, became owner of the property in 1832. The family of Christian Hoover and Anna (Barkey) Hoover first resided in a one-storey log house. The log house was replaced by a fine fieldstone farmhouse which was completed in 1860. The farm remained in the Hoover family for four generations. Samuel Carl Hoover and Howard A. Hoover, great-grandsons of Christian and Anna Hoover, were the last of the family to farm the property.

### **Contextual Value**

The Christian and Anna Hoover House has contextual value as one of a number of nineteenth century farmhouses located in the general vicinity of the historic rural community of Dickson Hill, and because it is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to the farm property where it has stood since 1860.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Christian and Anna Hoover House are organized by their respective Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria, as amended, below:

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's design or physical value as a locally rare example of a two-storey mid-nineteenth century fieldstone farmhouse in the Mennonite Georgian architectural tradition:*

#### **Main Block**

- Rectangular plan of the main block;
- Two-and-a-half storey height of the main block;
- Fieldstone walls trimmed with red brick quoins and red brick splayed arches and quoin-like margins around door and window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting boxed eaves and modified eave returns;
- Single-stack red brick chimney at west gable end;
- Three-bay configuration of the facade;
- Single-leaf front door with three-paned rectangular transom light;
- Rectangular single-hung windows with six-over-six panes;
- Small rectangular attic windows in the east and west gable ends;
- Early twentieth century hip roofed front porch supported on square Classical columns resting on a fieldstone base with concrete copings.

#### **Sidewing**

- Rectangular plan of sidewing;
- One-storey height;
- Fieldstone walls trimmed with squared stone quoins and red brick splayed arches and quoin-like margins around door and window openings;
- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting boxed eaves and modified eave returns;
- Single-stack red brick chimney at the east gable end;
- Full-width shed roofed veranda on south side, supported on turned wood posts;
- Three-bay configuration of the front elevation;
- Single-leaf front door;
- Rectangular single hung windows with two-over-two panes.

#### **Frame Wing**

- Rectangular plan of frame wing;
- One-and-a-half storey height;
- Vertical tongue and groove wood siding;

- Medium-pitched gable roof with projecting, open eaves;
- Three-bay front;
- Single-leaf door;
- Rectangular single hung widows with two-over-two panes;
- Diamond-shaped window in south gable end;
- Square window in knee wall.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's historical value, making legible the impactful early nineteenth century immigration of Pennsylvania German Mennonites to Markham Township, and the property's association with the nineteenth century trend whereby farmsteads were improved as the agricultural community progressed past the early settlement phase:*

- The design and configuration of the dwelling is a tangible reminder of the four generations of the Pennsylvania German Mennonite Hoover family that historically resided here, and the family's transition from a log house to a fine two-storey fieldstone farmhouse in 1860.

*Heritage attributes that convey the property's contextual value as a building that is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings:*

- The location of the building facing south, within the historic rural community of Dickson Hill, where it has stood since 1860.

*Attributes of the property that are not considered to be of cultural heritage value, or are otherwise not included in the Statement of Significance:*

- Aluminum soffits and fascia;
- Aluminum door and screens on front porch;
- Barn.

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