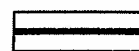


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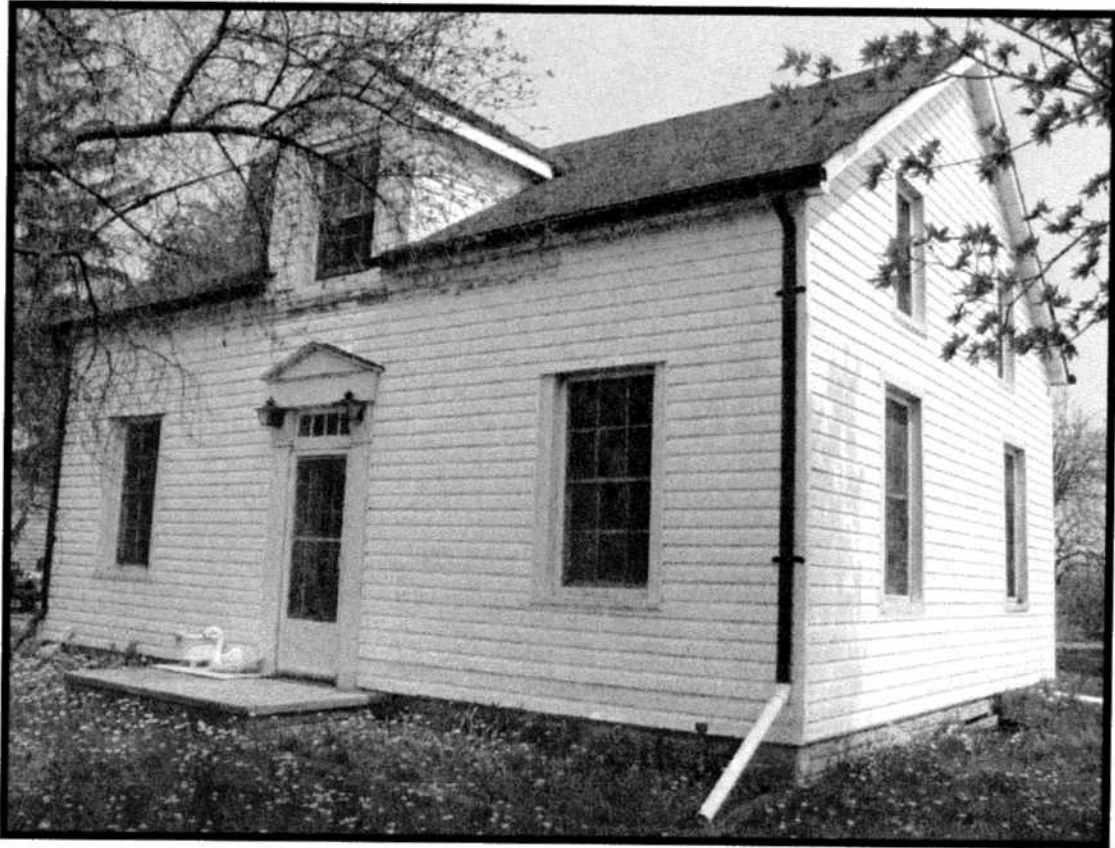
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FIGURE 3: The Sylvester Tomlinson House



REASONS FOR DESIGNATION – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sylvester Tomlinson House

West Part, Lot 7, Concession 9

7943 Ninth Line

c. 1853

The Sylvester Tomlinson House is recommended for designation under Part IV 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 Sylvester Tomlinson House is a one and a half storey frame farmhouse. In 2008 it was relocated to a new lot on Ninth Line in 2008, from its original location further to the east, but still with the historic farm property. The house is located with the Box Grove Secondary Plan area of Markham, and is historically associated with the Box Grove community.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical Value

The Sylvester Tomlinson House, constructed circa 1855, has cultural heritage value for its association with the Tomlinson family and the historic community of Box Grove. Sylvester Tomlinson's father Joseph was among the earliest settlers of Markham and was listed in William Berczy's Census of 1803. Joseph Tomlinson's last marriage produced 11 children including Sylvester's brother Alfred, who was credited with constructing a dam on the Rouge River that led to the establishment of a sawmill, a woollen mill, and a shoddy mill. These mills formed the economic nucleus of a community which was originally named Sparta.

The name was changed from Sparta to Box Grove by Sylvester's father Joseph when he applied for a post office in 1867 and found out that another community named Sparta already existed in Ontario. It is thought that Joseph Tomlinson may have chosen the name "Box Grove" after boxwood trees growing in the vicinity. His son, Sylvester, was a farmer and resided on his father's property on Lot 7, Concession 9 as early as 1853. In 1861, the farm was sold to Sylvester Tomlinson for one dollar. He and his wife Sarah (Gohn) Tomlinson raised a family of 6 children on the property, none of whom ever married.

Architectural Value

The Sylvester Tomlinson House is a representative example of a modestly-scaled, mid-19th century Markham Township farmhouse. It possesses the classic simplicity and balance of the vernacular Georgian tradition. This common house form is characteristic of mid-19th century Ontario and is evocative of a period in the area's history when the settlement period was long over, and Markham's agricultural community was well-established and prospering. Many early homes were replaced or substantially improved

during this time. Sylvester Tomlinson Although some of the details of the Tomlinson House have been covered over with modern materials, and alterations have been made, the original design intent of the builder and the proportions and form of the house remain faithful to the Georgian architectural tradition.

Contextual Value

The Sylvester Tomlinson House is of contextual significance for its association with the rural farming community that once surrounded the hamlet of Box Grove. The Sylvester Tomlinson House is one of only two buildings in the area that remain to commemorate this prominent Box Grove family.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Sylvester Tomlinson house include:

- the house's simple rectangular form and 1 ½ storey height;
- the placement, size and shape of door and window openings;
- the trim, transom window, and classical entablature associated with the entrance door;
- the moderately pitched gable roof;
- the 3 bay principal façade;
- the original wooden clapboard siding concealed beneath the modern vinyl siding.

APPENDIX B

From the Secondary Plan for the Box Grove Planning District

Appendix III - Heritage Buildings

Address

8285 9th Line
8192 Reesor Road
8042 Reesor Road
7960 Reesor Road
7943 9th Line

7871 9th Line
7801 9th Line
7775 9th Line
6772 14th Avenue
6814 14th Avenue
6788 14th Avenue
6840 14th Avenue
6864 14th Avenue
6882 14th Avenue
7124 14th Avenue
7166 14th Avenue
7085 14th Avenue
6889 14th Avenue
6827 14th Avenue
7739 9th Line
6731 14th Avenue

7662 9th Line
7696 9th Line
7651 9th Line (Box Grove Community Centre)
7560 9th Line
7530 9th Line
7449 9th Line
7447 9th Line
7790 9th Line
6722 14th Avenue (Box Grove United Church)

pendix IV - Land Use
'Urban Residential'
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