

FIGURE 1

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LOCATION MAP

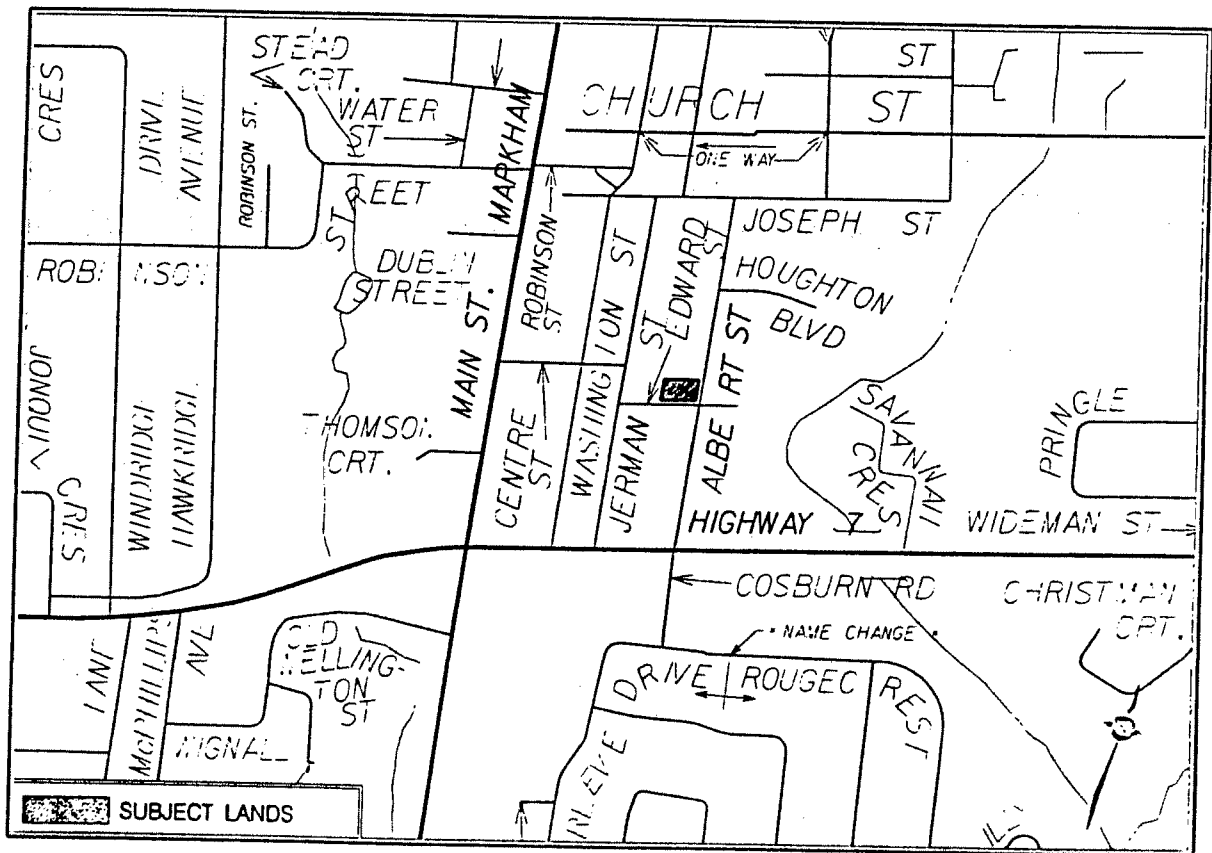


FIGURE 2
26 Albert Street



September 2007 ↑

March 2004 ↓





Town of Markham

Legend



Not To Scale



26 Albert Street, Markham

The James Campbell House

Date: 2002-11-19

JAMES CAMPBELL HOUSE
26 Albert Street

- Located on Lot 4, Block R of Plan 157, Markham Village which was registered by Joseph Reesor in 1856 (part of the west half of Lot 11, Concession 8)
- Joseph Reesor first sold the village lot to Catherine McConnell in 1863
- Henry Jerman purchased the lot in 1865 and subsequently turned the property over to his son John Jerman. John Jerman and his wife Mary lost the ownership of the property to James Ley in 1908 when they defaulted on the mortgage they had undertaken in 1894.
- In 1919, James Ley sold the property to Emily Bonsha. In 1973, the Ministry of Revenue certified the property as part of Clara M. Duncan's estate. In 1984, Vernon Allan Duncan acquired the property from Clara Duncan's estate.
- The Assessment Rolls from 1865 to 1872, and 1896-7 as well as the 1871, 1881 and 1891 Census Reports list the James Campbell family as the tenant/occupants of this home.
- James Campbell and his wife Sarah (née Turner) were born in Scotland. According to the birth places and dates listed on the Census Reports for their children, James and Sarah Campbell must have emigrated to Quebec by 1848 and then moved to Ontario by 1851. It is unknown when the Campbell family arrived in Markham but they are not listed on the 1861 Census for Markham. Further review of the Assessment Rolls prior to 1865 will verify when the family first moved into 26 Albert Street. Together, James and Sarah had ten children as listed on the 1871 Census.
- James Campbell was a shoemaker and his eldest son, Robert was a carpenter/wagonmaker who opened the Robert Campbell Furniture Store and Undertaker Parlour on the Main Street of Markham Village in the former General Store and Post Office owned by Archibald Barker.
- James Campbell is not listed on the 1881 Census and a memorial to the late James Hunter Campbell appeared in the Markham Economist on December 5, 1882 thus indicating that James Campbell died c.1881. Sarah Campbell, James' widow, is listed on the 1891 Census with 6 of their children as residing on Albert Street in a wooden house, with two storeys and 5 rooms. The 1896-7 Markham Village Assessment Rolls list Annie Campbell, the second eldest daughter in the family, on Albert Street, house/lot number 5.
- Henry Jerman arrived in Markham Village in 1832 and established a blacksmith shop at the corner of Jerman Street and Highway 7. His son John continued the blacksmith shop after his father adding a wagon works and furniture factory. For a time, John Jerman, whose sister, Anna had married Robert Campbell, was also a partner in Campbell's undertaking business. John Jerman was a member of the Markham Village Council from its incorporation in 1872 to 1882.
- James Ley, another blacksmith retired to Markham Village around 1907 and continued working the Jermans' blacksmith shop until about 1920.