

Figure 1

Historic Roof Signs in Markham

A) Cashel, B) Thornhill,
C) Unionville, D) Markham

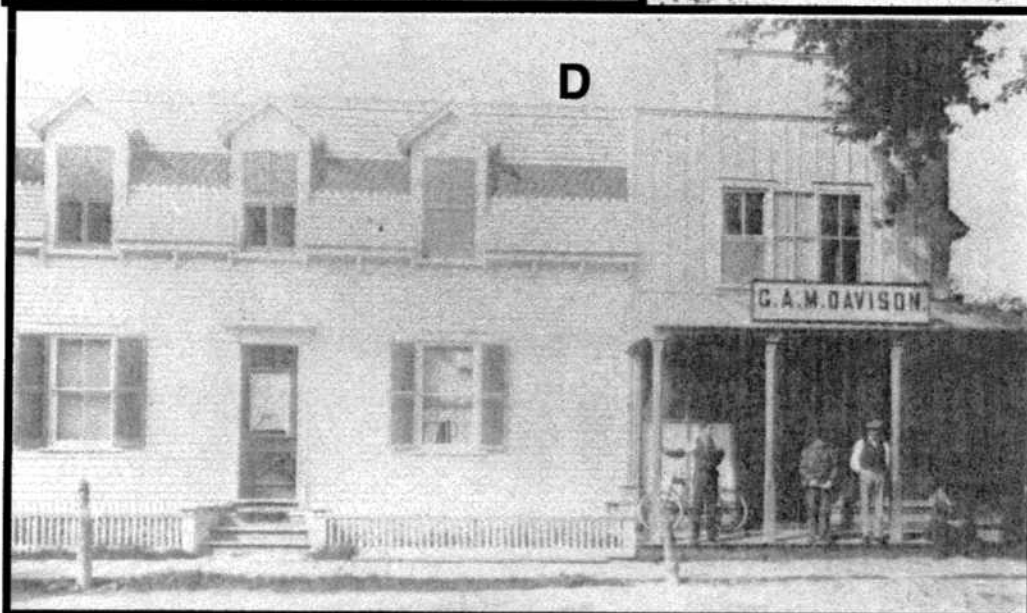
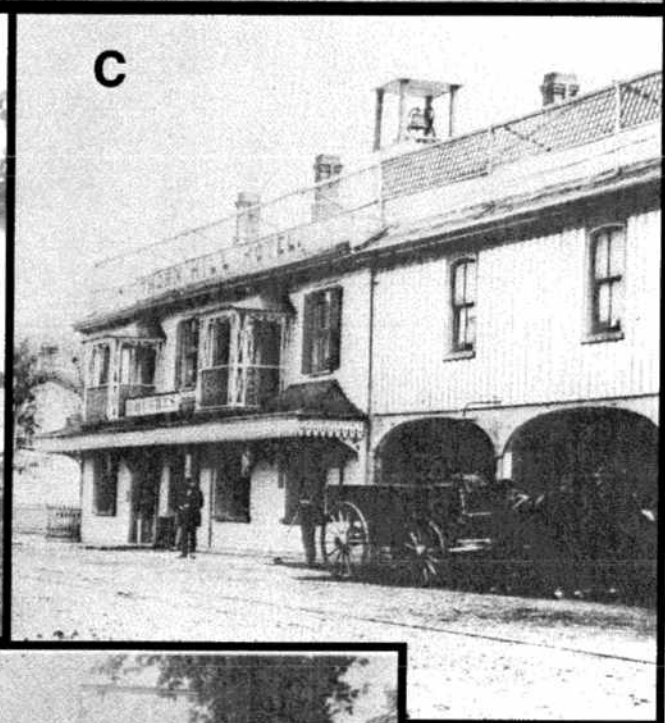
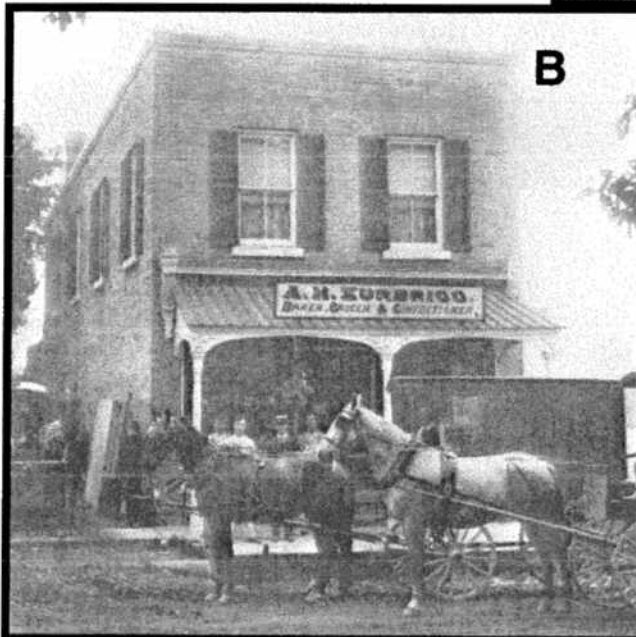
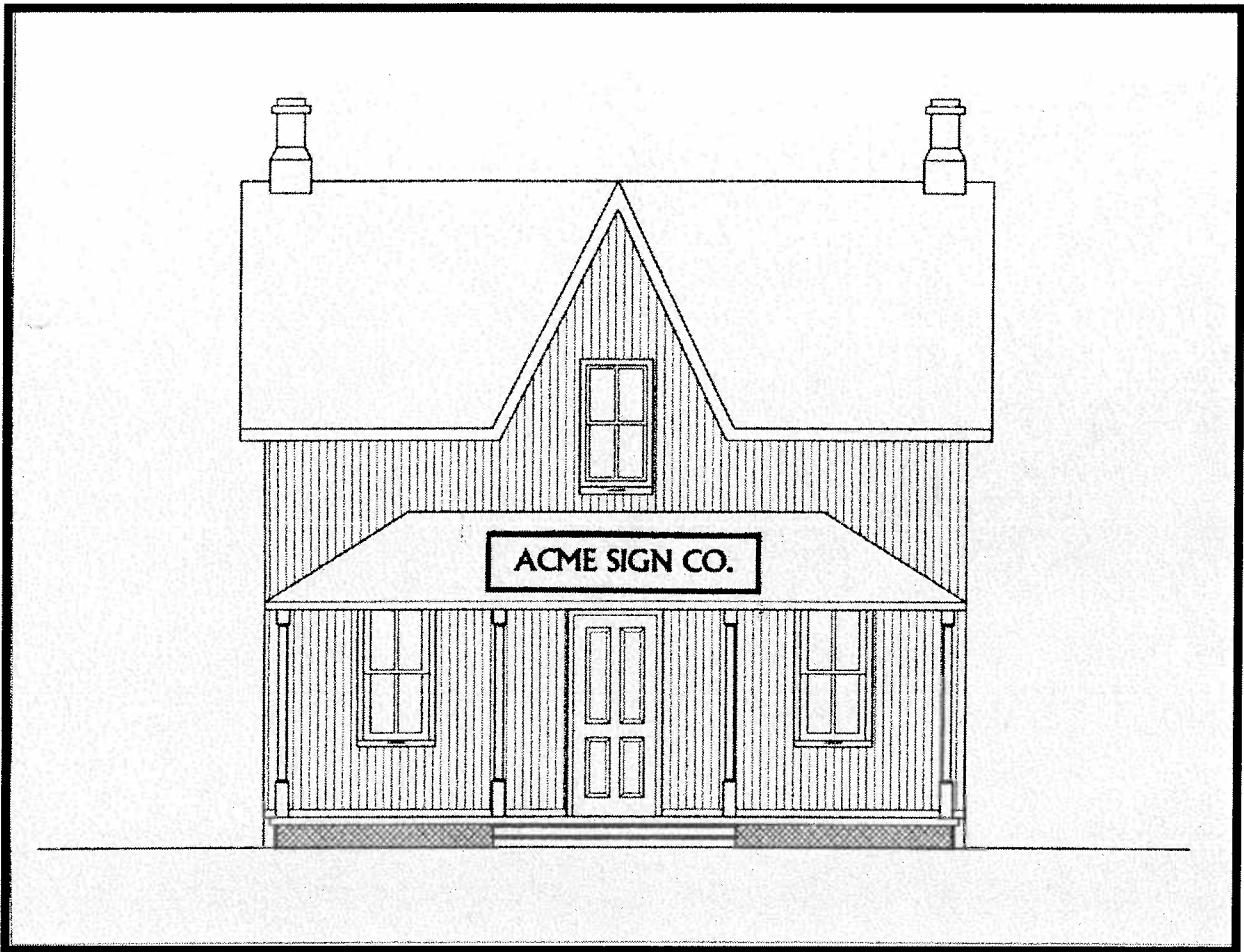


Figure 2



Because Roof Signs are not permitted by the Town's Sign By-law, the owner of 2977 16th Avenue chose to suspend a wall sign from the eaves of the veranda as there was not sufficient space elsewhere on the front façade. This has resulted in the views of the front door being blocked from several vantage points. Amending the By-law to permit roof signs would allow the owner to place the sign on the roof of the veranda above the front entrance which is historically and functionally more appropriate.

Figure 3



Example of a similar style house shown in Figure 2 with a roof sign conforming to the provisions for wall signs contained in Section 10.0 of the Sign By-law regarding size, materials, and placement on the façade.

APPENDIX A

HERITAGE MARKHAM EXTRACT

DATE: January 25, 2010

TO: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM # 12 OF THE FIRST HERITAGE MARKHAM
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2010

12. PROPOSED TOWN INITIATED AMENDMENT
TO SIGN BY-LAW 2002 – 94 (16.11)
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
P. Wokral, Heritage Planner
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The Heritage Planner explained the proposed amendment to the Sign By-law to allow roof signs, particularly on verandas, on a case-by-case basis, secondly, the Sign By-law only applies to properties in Heritage Districts, whereas the amendment would extend the Heritage Sign By-law requirements to individually designated properties.

HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

THAT Heritage Markham supports a Town initiated amendment to the Section 10.0 of the Sign By-law to:

- a) permit the use of roof signs on a case by case basis provided that other provisions of section 10.0 are met and the proposed roof sign is appropriate to the architecture of the particular building and the surrounding historical context;
- b) extend the By-law provisions of Section 10.0 to commercial properties individually designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act located outside of Special Sign Districts.

CARRIED