

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 134-95

The Eliza Gaby House is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

This Classic Ontario village house was built by Levi Gaby circa 1886 for his widowed mother, Eliza. Eliza was the wife of Frederick Gaby, an English immigrant who initially settled in Thornhill, then came to Richmond Hill in the late 1850s. Census data list Frederick Gaby as a farmer.

Frederick Gaby assembled lands on Richmond Street, beginning in 1859 with the purchase of a quarter acre parcel from Martha Harrison. Levi Gaby's home was at 111 Richmond Street, the adjacent property to the west of 103 Richmond Street. He operated an express business to Toronto in the 1890s.

The Eliza Gaby House has the one-and-a-half storey height and centre gable typical of the Classic Ontario style. The original clapboard siding, corner boards, water table, and door and window architraves remain, as do a number of 6-over-6 sash windows on the east side of the building. The location of the original bellcast-roofed verandah shown in a historical photograph of the house is clearly indicated by markings on the siding.

A significant feature of the interior is a strip of early 20th century wall stencilling in the northwest ground floor room in the front section of the house.