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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION (39 Colbourne Street, Thornhill)

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The double house comprising 37 and 39 Colbourne Street in Thornhill Ontario is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons as a good example of a type of building prevalent to the area in the middle of the 19th century. The double or semi-detached house was a common sight in the early stages of Canadian domestic architecture, especially in milling villages such as Thornhill. This particular double house was owned by Thomas Hamill Robinson, a carpenter, and he most likely rented it to workers from Thornhill's mills located along the nearby Don River.

The dwellings are important in terms of the local streetscape as the easternmost units of a series of houses between Yonge Street and Church Lane. This area forms the best preserved and perhaps the most typical section of the old village of Thornhill.

The original unit is one and a half storeys high, six bays wide and is frame with a horizontal plank shell.