

# Reesor family celebrates bicentennial

On Canada Day weekend, members of the Reesor family will gather at Markham Fairgrounds to celebrate the 200th anniversary of their ancestors' arrival in Canada.

In 1804, Christian Reesor and his wife, Fanny Reiff, left Pennsylvania and settled on Concession 10 in Markham Township. A hundred years later, their descendants hosted a family picnic on Christian Reesor's homestead at Locust Hill. Close to 1,500 family members attended and the reunion tradition was born.

The last reunion was held at Markham Fairgrounds in the summer of 2000, bringing together more than

2,300 cousins including Amos Reesor of Stouffville, who was the oldest male cousin in attendance.

This year's celebration includes the Reesor Homecoming on the evening of July 2, a full day of events and activities at Markham Fairgrounds July 3 and a settlers' church service on the banks of the Rouge River on July 4.

On the morning of July 3, a horse drawn wagon train will wend its way on an 11 km. trek from the Reesor Gates, adjacent to Christian Reesor's old homestead, to the fairgrounds, to commemorate the original six-week journey from Pennsylvania in five Conestoga wagons.

For more information on the 2004 Reesor family reunion please visit [www.reesorfamily.on.ca/reunionh.htm](http://www.reesorfamily.on.ca/reunionh.htm)

## Spring Fling at library

This year's Seniors' Spring Fling at Whitchurch-Stouffville Library takes place April 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and will feature musical entertainment, stories and poetry.

Many local residents attend the popular event, which includes delicious refreshments and an opportunity to meet and mingle with friends and neighbours. Admission is free.



Cool shades, man. The Easter Bunny was good to Elizabeth and Alexandria Bowker, who joined a throng of eager children for the BIA Easter Egg Hunt on April 10. Local merchants and staff at the Latcham Gallery handed out candies and Elizabeth, 2 and Alexandria, 4 also had their faces painted as part of the fun.



At Latcham Gallery, Laura Ivens, 6 and Claire Summerhayes, 5, flank a shy young man while Alana Ivens, 2, hams it up for the camera. The three youngsters, who took part in the BIA Easter Egg Hunt on April 10, dropped into the gallery to check out the art and pick up a few more Easter treats for their basket.

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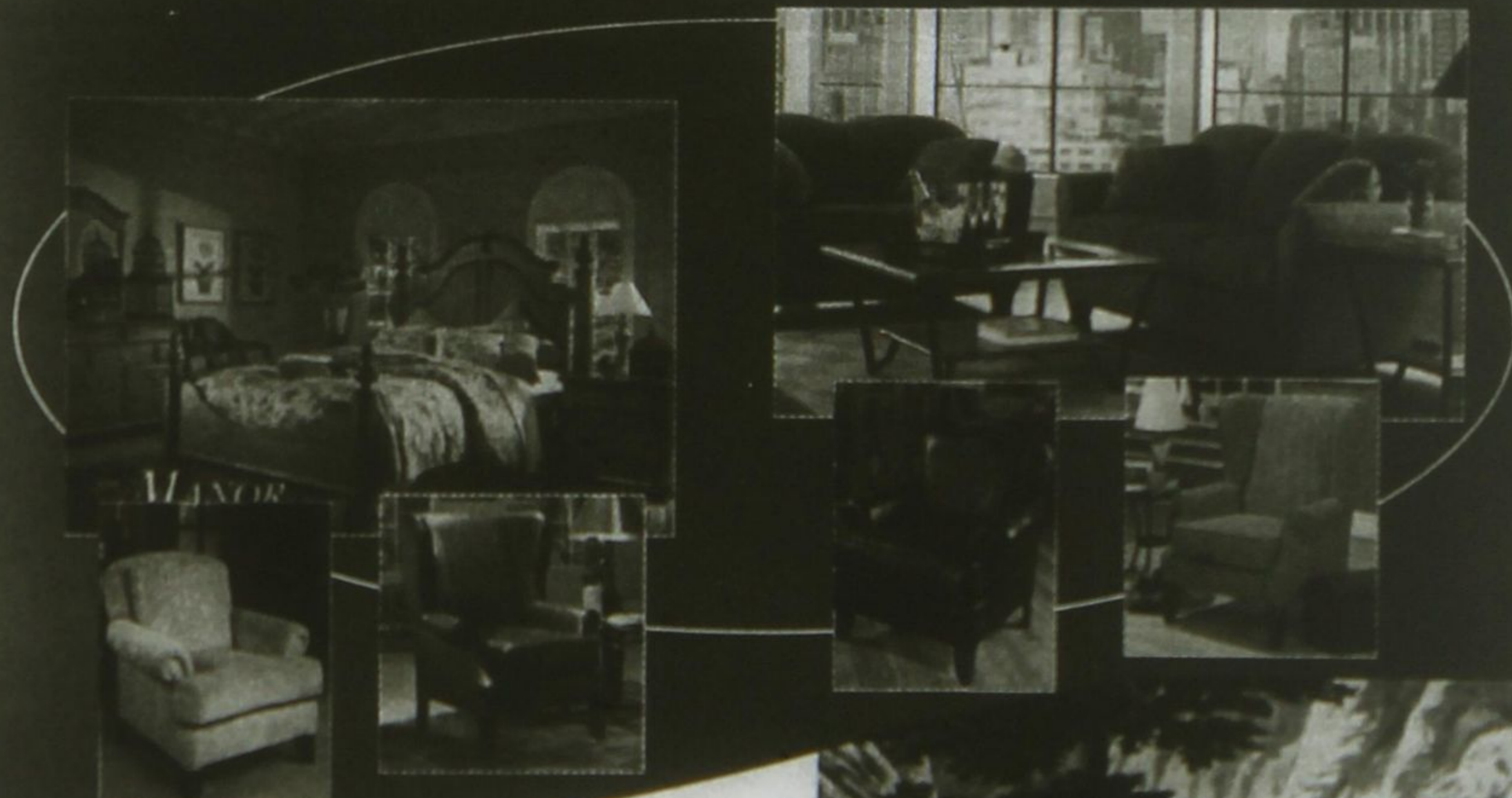
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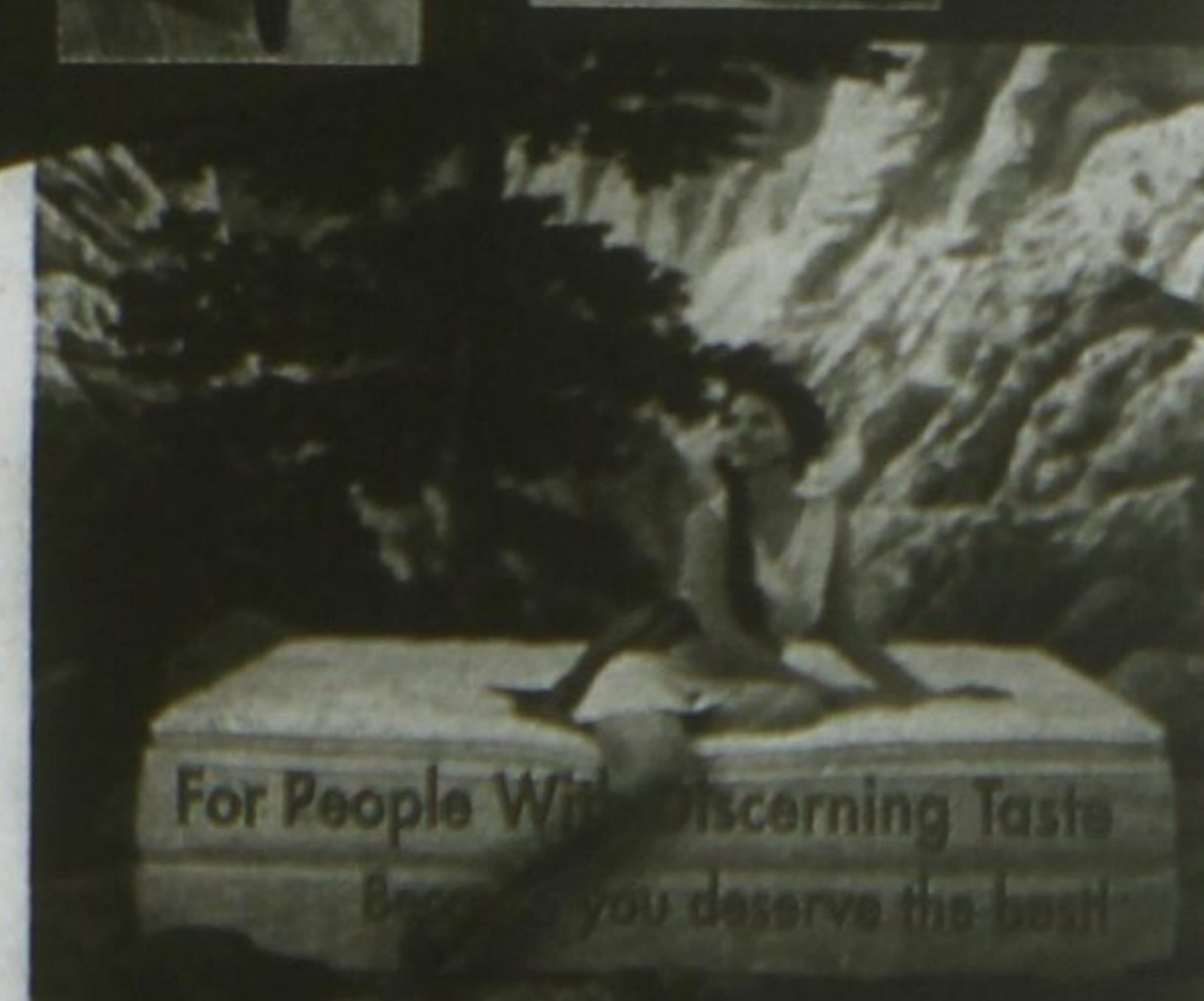
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