



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

# BY-LAW

Number 225-88

To designate "Churchville Cemetery"  
as a property of historical and  
architectural value and interest

WHEREAS section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act,  
(R.S.O. 1980, c. 337, as amended) authorizes the council  
of a municipality to pass by-laws designating properties  
within the municipality to be of historic or architectural  
value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the  
City of Brampton has given notice of its intention to so  
designate the property known as the "Churchville Cemetery"  
located at the west half of Lot 15, Concession 3, West of  
Huronario Street in Brampton, in accordance with the  
requirements of section 29(3) of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection has been served  
upon the Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Brampton  
within the time limited for so doing, as set out in section  
29(5) of the said Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the  
City of Brampton hereby ENACTS as follows:

1. The property known as the "Churchville Cemetery"  
and described in Schedule A to this by-law is  
hereby designated to be a property of historic and  
architectural value and interest.
2. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule  
B to this by-law.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD and Passed in OPEN  
COUNCIL this 12th day of October, 1988.

KENNETH G. WHILLANS

MAYOR

LEONARD J. MIKULICH

CLERK

Located at the west half of Lot 15, Concession 3, West of Hurontario Street, Brampton, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing where a stake has been planted on the easterly limit of the Travelled Road leading into the village of Churchville at the distance of 513.48 feet southerly from the junction of the said limit with the southerly limit of the road allowance between the Townships of Toronto and Chinguacousy. Thence north seventy-two degrees twelve minutes east 31.02 feet to a stake. Thence north forty-six degrees thirty-seven minutes east 442.20 feet to a stake. Thence south forty-three degrees seventy-three minutes east 264.00 feet to a stake. Thence south forty-six degrees thirty-seven minutes west 326.04 feet to the eastern limit of the Old Cemetery. Thence north eleven degrees forty-three minutes west along the said limit or boundary 174.24 feet to a stake. Thence south seventy-two degrees twelve minutes west along the southern boundary of the said Old Cemetery 264 feet to the said easterly limit of the said Travelled Road. Thence north nine degrees fifty-three minutes west along the last mentioned limit 14.52 feet more or less to the place of beginning, containing one acre and ninety-one one hundredths of an acre be the same more or less.

Reason for the Designation of the "Churchville Cemetery"

Historical

Apart from the cemetery's association with the Whitehall property, is also significant because of its role as the last resting place of many individuals who were prominent in Churchville's early history. Amaziah Church, believed to have been the founder of the village, lies at the top the hill near the front of the old section. Rhoda Church Stoyell, who with her husband Thomas Stoyell ran gristmill and sawmill on the Whitehall property from 1831 to 1835, is also here. So is Orange Church, a village innkeeper and Erastius Wiman, once owner of the Churchville General Store, William Elliott, M.P. for Peel from 1878 to 1882, Joseph Hutton, founder of Huttonville and Joseph Miner, owner of the Churchville distillery.

Many families who have persisted in the Churchville area for over one hundred years have several generations of their members buried in Churchville cemetery. Examples are the Huttons, the Laidlaws, the McClures, the Lettys, the Copelands to name a few. Clearly, this cemetery has profound significance for the descendants of those who rest there, and is an important link in local traditions.

Architectural

When the Churchville Cemetery was expanded in 1892, a survey and an elaborate landscaping plan were produced. Although the plan was never fully carried out, the details of it -- including the specifications for a fence, species of trees planted and the layout of pathways, gates and plantings have survived in the cemetery records and could be duplicated. Hence, the cemetery potentially has value in enhancing our understanding of local landscape design principles in 19th century Peel.

It can be said that Churchville Cemetery incorporated scenic and aesthetic qualities consistent with the broad definition of heritage. Certainly its attractive natural setting, many mature trees and gently rolling topography combine to create a place of serenity and peace in an increasingly urbanized area.

The monuments and grave markers have architectural value as examples of local craftsmanship in various materials and styles. Of special interest is the wooden marker -- probably a duplicate of the original -- on the grave of Amaziah Church. There are many examples of white marble headstones, most of which have unfortunately been severely affected by weathering, air pollution and fungal growth. There are also some fine examples of granite monuments.