

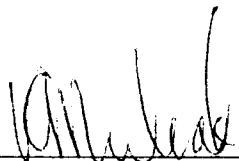
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1993-21

A by-law to designate Munn's Pioneer Cemetery
on Dundas Street East as a property
of historical and contextual
value and interest

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property known as Munn's Pioneer Cemetery, on Dundas Street East, is hereby designated as a property of historical and contextual value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this By-law is, the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.

PASSED by the Council this 29th day of March, 1993.



MAYOR



A/CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1993-21

Munn's Pioneer Cemetery, located on the southeast corner of the Sixth Line and Dundas Street East, was established circa 1820 on land that had originally been owned by Daniel Munn.

Daniel Munn secured a Crown Grant as a settler on Lot 15, Concession 1, South of Dundas Street in 1808. Although primarily a farmer, Daniel Munn established a tavern and stagehouse on the northwest corner of his property. This was the first tavern and stagehouse in the Township and became very popular with travellers on the Governor's Road. As a result, the intersection of the Sixth Line and Dundas Street, and the hamlet that grew around it became known as Munn's Corners.

As one of the earliest settlers in this part of Trafalgar Township, Daniel Munn was responsible for felling the trees on the property he had been granted. The first crops grown by Munn were wheat and corn, planted among the stumps. In view of the harsh early years of pioneers such as Daniel Munn, the earliest settlers realized that the only way to "lift" their lives was to build community schools and churches. On Daniel Munn's property at Munn's Corners, a log cabin school was erected which doubled as a church on Sundays. With a church established, the Munn's Corners community realized that there was a need for a cemetery. As a founding member of the community, Daniel Munn responded to this need by selling a small plot of his land for a moderate price, to a group of local yeomen who were responsible for the establishment of the cemetery.

Daniel Munn's farm remained in the name of his descendants until it was sold in 1983. The Ontario Historical Society reports Daniel Munn's life era as being from 1774-1822.

A 1953 newspaper article on the cemetery cites Daniel Munn's headstone as being the oldest in the cemetery. Unfortunately, the headstone has been lost or so badly eroded over the past 39 years that the location of Daniel Munn's grave is now not known. It is believed, however, that the grave of Daniel Munn lies in the vicinity of his wife, Millicent, who is also buried in Munn's Cemetery.

The names of many of the area's earliest families can be seen in Munn's Cemetery. Among them are Appelbe, Snider, Featherstone, Post, Freeman, Coyne and Bowbeer.

For over fifty years, the responsibility for the care of the cemetery was placed in the hands of King Henry Munn, the son of Daniel Munn. After his death in 1906, the upkeep of the cemetery was the responsibility of those whose parents and grandparents were buried there. In later years, the Women's Institute of Munn's Church maintained the cemetery.

During World War I, it became increasingly difficult for the institute to find people who were willing to care for the cemetery. As a result, Munn's Cemetery became overgrown and neglected for over four decades. In the late 1950's the cemetery's importance as a historical site was realized by the local population and an extensive restoration of the site was undertaken.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

At its setting on the southeast corner of Dundas Street and the Sixth Line, and across Dundas Street from Munn's United Church, Munn's Cemetery is an important reminder of the small Hamlet known as Munn's Corners.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1993-21

PART of the northwesterly part of Lot 15, Concession One, South of Dundas Street, Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton (formerly Township of Trafalgar, County of Halton) more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the southeasterly limit of Dundas Street, being also the northwesterly limit of the said Lot 15, has a bearing of North 38 degrees East and relating all bearings herein thereto.

COMMENCING at the westerly angle of the said Lot 15; thence South 45 degrees East along the southwesterly limit of the said Lot 15 a distance of 222.42 feet to a point;

THENCE North 38 degrees East parallel to Dundas Street a distance of 99 feet to a point;

THENCE northwesterly a distance of 224.40 feet to a point in the said southeasterly limit of Dundas Street;

THENCE South 38 degrees West along Dundas Street a distance of 139.26 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

BEING in the lands described in Instrument No. 5692S (Trafalgar).