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CITY OF VAUGHAN

In the Matter of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337;

- and -

In the Matter of The Lands and Premises at the following Municipal address in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario.

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
2nd floor
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2R9

REGISTERED MAIL

NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW

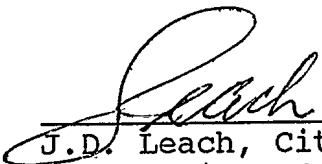
TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan has passed a by-law designating the property at the following municipal address, as property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Maple Cemetery Vault
Part Lot 21, Concession 3
Maple

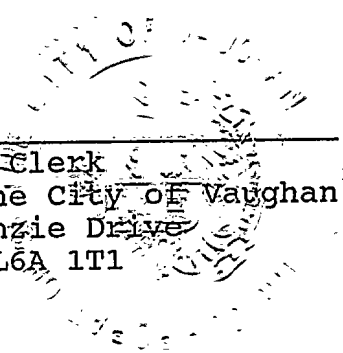
The Maple Cemetery Vault, located on Maple Cemetery grounds, part of the southwest half of Lot 21 in Concession 3, has been designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for architectural and historical reasons.

Maple Cemetery has been an integral part of the community of Maple since its establishment in 1871. The Maple Cemetery Vault was built of stone in 1882. The building has a square plan with a black slate roof covering the structure. The Maple Cemetery Vault is unique in its design in that it is perhaps the only Gothic Revival structure in the Municipality constructed of stone. The vault was constructed for the purpose of safekeeping the deceased during the winter months when the ground was too hard to dig. The structure is illustrative of the funerary customs used in 19th-century society.

DATED at the City of Vaughan, this 11th day of September 1991.



J.D. Leach, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Maple, Ontario, L6A 1T1





THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 255-91

A By-law to designate the Maple Cemetery Vault, located on property known municipally as Part Lot 21, Concession 3, Maple, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and/or historical value or interest; and,

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as the Maple Cemetery Vault, Part Lot 21, Concession 3, Maple, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto; and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and,

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality:

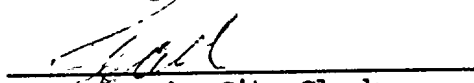
NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

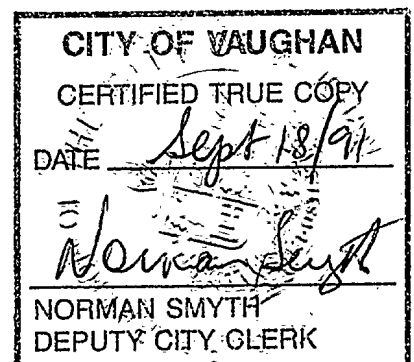
1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the building known as the Maple Cemetery Vault, located in the Maple Cemetery, Part Lot 21, Concession 3, Maple, in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

2. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A", attached hereto, in the proper land registry office.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the Owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper in which notice of intention to so designate was published once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 11th day of September 1991.


L. D. Jackson, Mayor

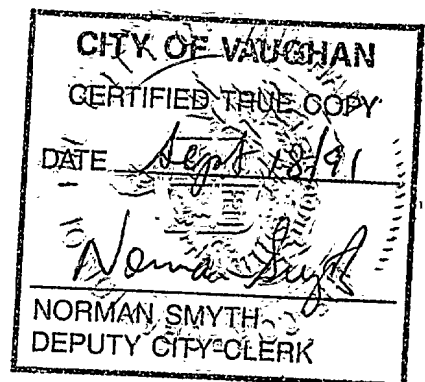

J. D. Leach, City Clerk



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 255-91

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS

The lands situated in the City of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario, being composed of Lots 81, 82, 83, 95, 98, 99, 102 and part of Lots 84 and 94, Registered Plan 72 and being Part 1 shown on Reference Plan 64R- 1425, filed in the Registry Division of the Land Registry Office of York Region, save and except all of Lot 81 and parts of Lots 82 and 94, Registered Plan 72 designated as part 1 on Plan 64R-1654.



MAPLE CEMETERY VAULT**Part Lot 21, Concession 3****Maple**

SHORT REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Maple Cemetery Vault, located on Maple Cemetery grounds, part of the southwest half of lot 21 in concession 3 (west of Major Mackenzie Drive and Hill Street) is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for architectural and historical reasons.

Maple Cemetery has been an integral part of the community of Maple since its establishment in 1871. The Maple Cemetery Vault, built in 1882, was constructed for the purpose of safekeeping the deceased during winter months when the ground was too hard to dig. It is a socially significant structure as it demonstrates funerary cus-

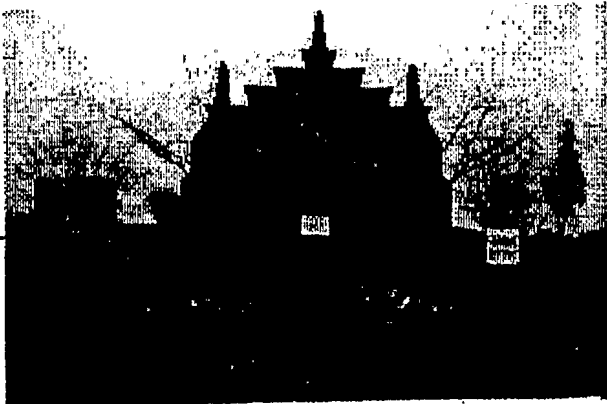
toms used in 19th-century society.

The vault was built of stone in 1882 in the Gothic Revival style. The structure has a square plan with a black slate roof covering the structure. The Maple Cemetery Vault is unique in its design in that it is perhaps the only Gothic Revival structure in the Municipality constructed of stone. The quality of workmanship employed to construct this stone structure and its slate roof demonstrates the care and concern the early Trustees of the Maple Cemetery procured for those deceased and their resting place.

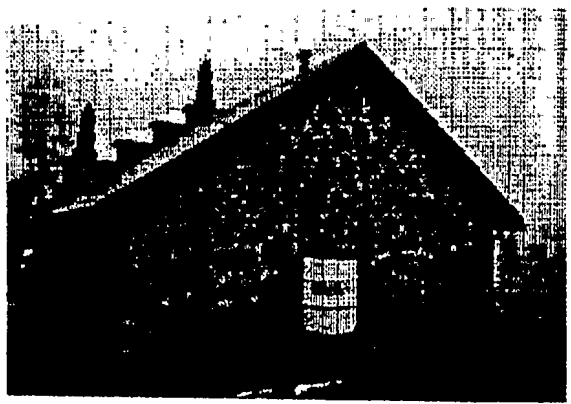
MAPLE CEMETERY VAULT

Part Lot 21, Concession 3

Maple



(Above) South elevation (facade).
1. Gothic entranceway



(Above) North elevation.



(Above) South elevation (facade) showing stepped parapet.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Maple Cemetery Vault was built in 1882 in the Gothic Revival style. The structure has a square plan with a black slate roof covering the structure.

The vault has a stone and mortar exterior, appearing to give the structure an earlier date. The facade extends upward from the south wall to

form a stepped parapet with decorative egg-shaped, moulded sandstone on a square base, on the steps (seven steps) of the parapet. The ornamentation is symmetrically balanced on the facade: two mouldings one positioned on the lower level and a third on the highest centre point.

Most of the structure appears below ground as the

north, east, and west elevations are constructed in a sloped bank at the centre of the Cemetery.

Two diverse types of stone textures appear on the structure: on the north, east and west elevations the stone appears as rubblestone surrounded almost entirely of mortar; while larger cut stones and supporting stone buttresses are found on the south elevation (facade).

Reiterating the gothic design of the structure, a

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The west half of lot 21 in concession 3 (100 acres) was first granted to Joseph Fraser in 1845 by the Crown. The property was thereafter subdivided into smaller parcels creating, in part, the mainstreets (northeast corners of Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive) for the village of Maple.

In 1871, the congregation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, having built a new church on the west side of Keele Street south of Major Mackenzie Drive, decided to purchase about two acres of the southwest corner of lot 21 in concession 3 for a cemetery. The cemetery was to be used by members of the Wesleyan Methodist congregation in the area.

The deed of purchase, written in 1871, and registered 21 November 1873, shows the purchase by the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church (now known as the Maple United Church), of the two acre parcel from Doctor Oliver Rupert (at that time a Trustee of church) and his wife Agnes Rupert for the price of \$132.00. The Deed states the Trustees of the Maple Wesleyan Church as being the following: Peter Frank, yeoman; Henry Dickout, yeoman; Adam Rupert, gentleman; J.P. Rupert, merchant; B. Andrews, yeoman; Henry Frank, yeoman; Hugh Devlin, yeoman; Doctor Oliver Rupert; John Dickout, yeoman; and Daniel Kinnee, yeoman.

The Cemetery Vault at the Maple Cemetery was constructed in 1882 for the purpose of maintaining the bodies of the deceased during the winter

pointed (gothic) door and entranceway is centrally located on the facade (south elevation).

The Maple Cemetery Vault is unique in architecture in that it is perhaps the only Gothic Revival structure constructed in stone found in the Municipality. Its diverse design and slate roof demonstrates the care and concern the Trustees of the Maple Cemetery procured for those deceased and their resting place.

when the ground was too hard to dig. Such a structure was necessary since adequate machinery to dig through the winter frost was not readily available.

A Registry of the Maple Cemetery dated 1883, outlines the cemetery's by-laws and regulations and makes reference to the cemetery vault as follows:

All bodies over twelve years of age that may be deposited in the Vault, a fee of \$2.00 for the first month and \$1.00 thereafter.

All bodies under twelve years of age, the sum of \$1.00 for use in the first month and \$.50 thereafter.

No body shall be deposited in the Cemetery Vault who has died of the following diseases: smallpox, cholera, scarlet fever, typhus fever or any other contagious disease.

In 1883 the price of a single plot was \$7.00, while a larger family plot (16' X 16') was sold for \$15.00. The Cemetery Trustees left aside plots for individuals that could not afford to pay for a proper burying place.

Beginning in 1929 the administration of the cemetery was under the auspices of the newly formed Maple United Church Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board consisted of volunteers, appointed by the Maple United Church, interested in the care of the Cemetery (perhaps owning a plot themselves or caring for a family member's plot). As the Board became a somewhat independent

organization from the United Church, the cemetery eventually became non-denominational.

The Maple United Cemetery Board established a Perpetual Care Fund to care for the plots, plants, and maintain the cemetery's upkeep (basically among other things to pay for a caretaker's salary). In 1933, the Cemetery Board developed a Pioneer Fund to receive donations to pay for the care of the early graves that no longer had family member in the area to pay the Perpetual Care costs.

In 1930, Memorial Day Services began at the Maple Cemetery and were held once a year in or around the month of June. This day was set aside to honour and remember those individuals buried at the Cemetery. This event would attract many people from the village of Maple.

The Cemetery gained wide publicity when a photograph in the January 15, 1932, edition of the Toronto newspaper *The Globe* (forunner of the *Globe and Mail*), was published with the following headline and caption:

" *DESCENDANTS CARE FOR GRAVES - Maple United Cemetery is one the outstanding examples of Ontario burial grounds which through the efforts of the descendants of the early pioneers, have been carefully preserved. At no time in its history has the cemetery been neglected, and with improvements of a more recent date, it is widely known for its natural beauty and layout.*"

Since its establishment in 1871 with a two acres parcel, the cemetery expanded in size. In 1913 the Methodist Church bought a parcel of land to

the west of the cemetery from Sarah Shunk and Mary Ann Buckle for \$237.50 . At this time the Trustees of the cemetery were as follows: Thomas Cousins, Thomas H. Keys, Fredrick W. Routley, Henry C. Bailey, James A. Rose, John Coombs, John A. Kinnee, Thomas Oliver, Joshua Manning, Leeds Richardson, James Downey, and Wilbur Keffer.

In 1941, the cemetery again expanded in the westerly direction when the Cemetery Board bought property from the executors of the David Rumble Estate for a price of \$2400.00. This parcel of land not only consisted of property for burials but also a house that was rented out (5 Station Street) to the full-time caretaker.

Additional property was again bought in 1947 by the Trustees of the Maple United Cemetery (Trustees included at this time Morley J. Kinnee and I.B. Mussleman) from Mrs. Bone.

By 1970 the Cemetery Act allowed for Municipalities to have the power to administer cemeteries. On April 5, 1971, active and inactive cemeteries in Vaughan were transferred to the care of the Municipality and a Cemetery Advisory Committee to Council was established.

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