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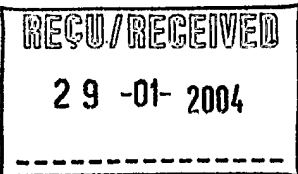
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Clerk's Department  
Corporate Services Commission

January 27, 2004

Mr. Bob Nicholson, Manager, Asset Management  
Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 9W3



Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Re: By-law 2004-1- To designate certain property as  
being of historic and/or architectural value or interest  
The Clendennen Cemetery

This will advise that Council at its meeting held on January 13, 2004, passed By-law 2004-1, which designated "The Clendennen Cemetery", Block 94, Plan 65M-3713, as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

A copy of the by-law, with the pertinent registration data, is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

Sheila Birrell  
Town Clerk

Encl.

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c: The Ontario Heritage Foundation,  
Mr. R. Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

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"Sheila Birrell" c/s

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM



## BY-LAW 2004-1

A by-law to designate a property as being of  
Historic and/or Architectural Value or Interest  
The Clendennen Cemetery

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WHEREAS Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate The Clendennen Cemetery, located in Markham, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest:

The Clendennen Cemetery  
Town of Markham  
The Regional Municipality of York

2. THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2004.

"Sheila Birrell"

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

"Don Cousens"

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2004-1**

In the Town of Markham in the Regional Municipality of York, property  
descriptions as follows:

Block 94, Plan 65M-3713  
TOWN OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2004-1

### STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Clendennen Cemetery is recommended for designation under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest containing the following heritage attributes:

#### Historical Attributes

The Clendennen Cemetery, located on Lot 17, Concession 8 Markham represents the last resting place of members of one of Markham's pioneer families.

The small cemetery, 12 feet by 12 feet in size contains five limestone markers in excellent condition with every word legible. Four of the markers are still standing and the fifth laid down but legible.

The gravestones in the cemetery commemorate members of the Clendennen Family. These include:

William Clendennen died March 22, 1855 and his wife Susanna (nee Stover), who died September 10, 1865 are commemorated along with three of their married daughters

Margaret Johnson (Clendennen ) wife of Cornelius Johnson 1807 to December 1856

Magdelene Holden (Clendennen) wife of Sinclair Holden

Mary McKinnon (Clendennin) wife of John McKinnon died August 1855

A broken, unidentified headstone fragment also site in the cemetery. The Clendennen Surname varies on the stones and on two of the markers there are two different variations transcribed (Clendennen and Clendennin).

The marble stones all feature a weeping willow marking. The weeping willow was often used on gravestones as an "emblem of sorrow".

The history of the Clendennen family on the property dates back to the 1804, when on November 2, of that year John Clendennen Str. Received a Crown Grant for Lot 17, Concession. John Clendennen Sr. Along with his sons, Adam, John Jr. and William farmed this property. The farm remained in the family until fairly recently. Genealogical sources show that John Clendennen Sr. died in August 1815 and his wife Magdaline died about 1825. Their burial location is not known. It is also believed that other family members have been buried in this location.

The Clendennen Cemetery remains today an important reminder of the last resting place of some of Markham's earliest pioneer settlers.

#### Architectural Attributes

The most visible features of the Clendennen Cemetery are the five mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century marble headstones. For approximately forty years, marble was the preferred gravestone medium and examination of these gravestones reveals the height of personalization and individualization. Marble gravestones engulfed the gravestone market beginning in the mid 1850's and by 1865, marble was the only medium employed for gravestones. Carved by local sculptors, marble offered personalization, plus elegance in the appearance of the gravestone.

However, by 1890, the less desirable aspects of this medium became evident. Marble weathered rapidly so that gravestones erected for only a couple of decades were already deteriorating. As a result, by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Granite became the preferred material for headstones.

While marble headstones often contained only basic information about the individuals and limited decoration, occasionally a symbol was used on the stone to symbolize the life and death of the individual. The remaining headstones of the Clendennen cemetery all contain a weeping willow decoration, which was used to symbolize sorrow.

Significant Heritage Attributes to be preserved:

- Historic Marble Headstones
- Historic 19<sup>th</sup> Century gravesite

Contextual Attributes

The Clendennen Cemetery is of contextual significance as an important reminder of the last resting place of members of one of Markham's earliest pioneer families. Together with the nearby Adam Clendennen House at 9516 9<sup>th</sup> Line, which has been designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the two sites form an important grouping of sites related to a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Markham pioneer family.