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**RE: DESIGNATION OF 3557 COLONEL TALBOT ROAD – MATHERS CEMETERY
THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

Enclosed for your information is notice of the Council of The Corporation of the City of London's intention to designate the property identified above pursuant to Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

Kevin Bain
City Clerk

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cc: Chris Nelson, Heritage Planner
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January 23, 2007

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I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on January 22, 2007 resolved:

3. That, on the recommendation of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, notice of the Municipal Council's intention to designate the Mathers Cemetery located at 3557 Colonel Talbot Road to be of historical and architectural value or interest **BE GIVEN** for the attached reasons under the provisions of subsection 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*; it being pointed out that the owner of the subject property (The Corporation of the City of London) has concurred in the above recommendation on the understanding that the land to be included in the designation will be as shown on the assessment roll.
(3/3/PC)


Kevin Bain
City Clerk
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cc: R. Panzer, General Manager of Planning and Development
R. Sanderson, Manager Realty Service
G. Barrett, Manager, Land Use Planning Policy
D. Menard, Heritage Planner
R. Verhoeven, Documentation Services Representative
Chair and Members, London Advisory Committee on Heritage

Reasons for Designation

Mathers Cemetery, 3557 Colonel Talbot Road:

Mathers Cemetery is recommended for Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a site of heritage value. The cemetery contains graves of three members of the Mathers family who were early pioneers of Westminster Township.

Historical Reasons

The Mathers Cemetery is located at Lot 74 West Talbot Road (WTR), the northeast corner of the former Mathers Farm which is now called North Lambeth Subdivision. The cemetery plot size is 20 feet by 20 feet with one large pink granite monument set on a concrete base in the centre.

Stephen Mathers was born in England. In 1815 he petitioned Colonel Talbot for 200 acres at Lot 74 WTR. He was granted the property in 1836. Stephen married Elizabeth 'Betsy' Patrick and they had nine children. The Patrick family was one of the first settlers in the area. A one storey log home was built at the rear of the farm property on the east bank of Mill Creek, now known as Dingman Creek. In 1840 Stephen was murdered near the St. Clair River while delivering a horse that he had sold. The family located Stephen's body but found that the money had been stolen.

James Mathers, oldest son of Stephen, married Mercy McNairns and they had ten children. The homestead was sold to James and Mercy in 1843. James served as school trustee of SS #17 Westminster Township for several years. He was Deputy Reeve for the Township for 1875-76.

James Mathers laid out plans for a cemetery for the Mathers family in the northeast corner of the farm. The first burial was his son John, who had never married: born 1853 - died 1889. James's wife, Mercy is buried there also: born 1820 - died 1892. In October 1892, James married Mary Ristotle, daughter of Samuel and Margret Ristotle. Andrew, the youngest son of James and Mercy, and his wife Elizabeth continued to farm the lot until James's death in 1901. James is buried in the cemetery: born 1829 - died 1901. Mary sold the farm a short time after James's death to Thomas Vanstone and George Bogue.

Andrew and Elizabeth, who had farmed with James, moved to Lot 31 Concession 4 Westminster Township.

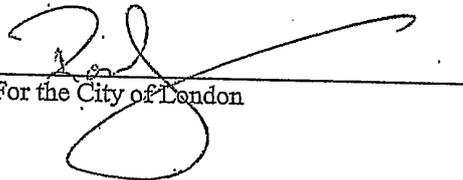
Architectural Reasons

The single monument in the cemetery is a pink granite square column. The cap has gothic gables set in each face. The main body of the spire has names in reverse etching on the east face. The other three faces are blank. The pink granite continues into a base block for the spire. The spire is set on a two-level concrete base. The upper level is cast with the Mathers name in relief and the lower level is cast in a rusticated pattern.

There are also two granite foot stones separate to the east of the column, one is etched 'FATHER', the other 'MOTHER'. Posts and chains delineate the south and west sides of the plot and the two southerly corners are also marked with white granite posts set slightly above ground level, both engraved 'M'.

Owner's Declaration - Agreement with Reasons

On behalf of the City of London, the current owner and steward of this property, I am in agreement with the Reasons for Designation as written above.


For the City of London

Nov 29th 2006
Date