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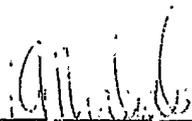
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1994-20

A by-law to designate the Cox Pioneer Cemetery on
Wedgewood Drive as a property of historical
and contextual value and interest

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property known as the Cox Estate Pioneer Cemetery,
located on Wedgewood Drive 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 14th day of February 1994.



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SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 1994-20

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Cox Estate Pioneer Cemetery located on the south side of Wedgewood Drive, was established circa 1833. The site is the resting place for some of Trafalgar Township's earliest settlers.

The absence of modern medicine in the Nineteenth Century meant that a large number of children died at an early age. This is evident in Oakville by the large number of grave sites for young children in Oakville's Pioneer cemeteries. The Cox Estate Pioneer Cemetery was evidently a resting place for young children. Two of the three marked graves are for the infant children of Samuel and Sophia Harris, who were most probably related to John C. Harris, who owned the property in 1823. The unmarked graves of other local children are believed to be located in this cemetery also. The earliest marked grave in the Cox Estate Pioneer Cemetery is for Mahettable Fish, the wife of Oliver Fish, who died on January 29, 1833, aged 21 years, 7 months and 15 days.

The Assessment Roll for 1847 shows John Moore assessed for 50 acres (25 cultivated and 25 uncultivated on Concession 3, S.D.S. Lot 7).

It was during John Moore's ownership of the property that the current fifty foot square was granted for the purposes of a burial ground. Every subsequent Bargain and Sale in the abstract deeds exempts the 50 foot square from the transaction.

After a series of owners, in 1909 the property surrounding the cemetery on present day Wedgewood Drive was purchased by Herbert Coplin Cox, President and later Chairman of the Board of the Canada Life Assurance Company. Cox purchased

the property as part of the grounds of his Lakeshore Estate. The cemetery has since been known as the Cox Estate Pioneer Cemetery.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Cox Estate Pioneer Cemetery is a 50 foot square of property set between two houses on Wedgewood Drive. The cemetery is accessed by a 10 foot corridor running south from Wedgewood Drive. Within the 50 foot square cemetery are three marble headstones laid flat in the ground surrounded by a stand of mature trees. South of the headstones are the concrete foundations for a water tower on the former Cox Estate. In addition to the three marked graves, it is believed that a number of unmarked pioneer graves also exist in the cemetery.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1994-20

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton, and being composed of Part of Lot 7, Concession 3, South of Dundas Street, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 20R-11245.

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