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To Whom It May Concern:

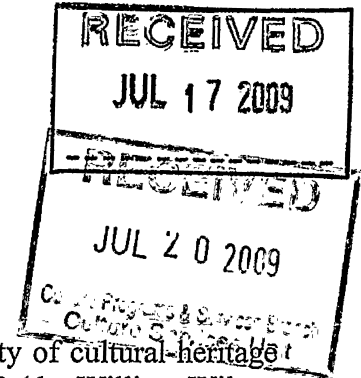
Please find enclosed Notice of Intention to Designate, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, 17007 Highway 12 (the William Wilson Cemetery) in the Town of Midland, County of Simcoe.

Please also be advised that any Notices of Objection must be filed in writing with the Town Clerk prior to Monday, August 17, 2009 by 4:30pm.

Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Andrea Rabbitts, B.A.  
Planner  
Town of Midland





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### **Notice of Intention to Designate: William Wilson Cemetery**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Midland, on Monday, June 29, 2009, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Pioneer Cemetery located in Part of Lot 101, Concession 1, County of Simcoe, formerly in Tiny Township now in the Town of Midland, County of Simcoe, having the municipal address of 17007 Highway 12 and known as the William Wilson Cemetery, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.18*, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

#### **Description of the Property**

The William Wilson Cemetery, founded in 1855, fronts along an unopened portion of the Penetanguishene Road bypassed by County Road 93. The cemetery is located on the one (1) acre of land donated by Wilson, making use of approximately one hundred (100) square feet of the available space. The subject property is uneven in nature due in part to the surrounding forest and informal manner of the site.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The William Wilson Cemetery is of cultural heritage value for its status as a 'pioneer' cemetery and as the burial site of an indeterminate number of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century persons. The cemetery was founded in 1855 with the burial of Henrietta (Jeffs) Wilson, William Wilson's wife, on the family property. Numerous other burials took place at the site, including William Wilson in 1870, additional members of the Jeffs family and travelers that perished along the Penetanguishene Road. The cemetery fell out of use after 1907.

#### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Attributes that express the cultural value and interest of the William Wilson Cemetery and make the subject property worthy of designation include:

- The design and physical value of the remaining headstone of Ester M. Wood and her two children, dated October 1866;
- The historical and associative value of the subject property's proximity and connection to the Penetanguishene Road;
- The contextual value of the site as a rural and informal burial ground for an indeterminate number of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century persons.

### **Objections**

As per the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person may, within thirty (30) days, present Notice of Objection to the proposed designation. All Notices of Objection must be presented in writing to the Town Clerk via registered mail or delivery to the Town Office, no later than Monday, August 17, 2009 at 4:30pm. Notices of Objection must include a statement of the reasons for objection as well as any relevant facts.

Notices of Objection may be directed to:

Andrea Fay, Clerk  
Town of Midland  
575 Dominion Avenue  
Midland, ON  
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Detailed information regarding the proposed designation of the William Wilson Cemetery can be obtained by contacting:

Andrea Rabbitts, Planner  
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The final date to submit a Notice of Objection is Monday, August 17, 2009 at 4:30pm.