

# **Bishop Fauquier Memorial Chapel Cemetery**

**1540 Queen Street East**

Sault Ste. Marie

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Within the bounds of Sault Ste. Marie there is a cemetery and burying ground consecrated by the Church of England in Canada.

Segregation has only recently been completely abandoned in Canada; however for a century, dating to shortly after our Nation's founding, this unique and hallowed area has the distinction of being the repository of the mortal remains of many outstanding citizens of two cultures. There is a monument to Bishop Fauquier (second Bishop of Algoma) and to many pioneer clergymen associated with the Diocese especially in the field of Indian Education, such as the names of Fuller and (Greaves?) are perpetuated. There are also interred in the same sanctuary, the names of prominent Indian families of the area at the time immediately following Confederation. In addition, there are the names of successive Indian students who died prematurely while attending the Church sponsored Indian school. The early age of many of these burials could indicate how the mortality rate of a century ago was influenced by infectious disease.

In a sylvan atmosphere surrounded by hardwood trees and indigenous wild flowers such as violets (yellow, white and blue) and covered by a ground cover of myrtle (or periwinkle), it is truly a hidden sanctuary far removed from the steel and concrete jungle of urban life. In essence it could be described as Canada's replica of the country churchyard perpetuated in poetry by Grey in his eulogy.

Regretfully this sacred landmark, wedged between Algoma College and Thornloe Crescent, might in the future be threatened by development. It is of paramount importance that this cemetery be preserved for posterity with its background of church history, and its relationship to education and liaison with one of our indigenous cultures. It is also recommended that certain debridement or grounds keeping be applied to the surrounding area without disturbing the natural environment.

### **Reasons for Proposed Designation**

For a century dating to shortly after our Nation's founding, this unique and hallowed area has the distinction of being the repository of the mortal remains of many outstanding citizens of two cultures. Those interred in the cemetery include Indian students, clergy and educators.

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