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Mr. Michael D'Mello,
Registrar, *Cemeteries Act (Revised)*
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Consumer Protection Branch
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Dear Mr. D'Mello:

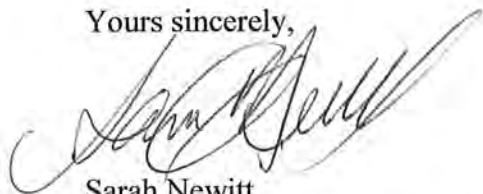
As promised in our letter dated December 5, 2011, The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) and The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) are submitting the first installment of our documentation on unregistered cemeteries in the Province of Ontario.

This initial submission consists of unregistered cemeteries in the Counties of Algoma and Brant. The OGS and the OHS are committed to providing additional information in order to positively identify the location of the unregistered cemeteries itemized in a list presented, by both societies, to the Honourable John Gerretsen, then Minister of Consumer Services, in May 2011. Our volunteer committee has made every effort to provide the Ministry of Consumer Services with as much information as possible for identifying unregistered cemeteries in Algoma and Brant.

Because this is an ongoing project, we will continue to deliver, as soon as they are completed, lists of unregistered cemeteries organized geographically by county. We will also continue to provide any new information received relating to counties or districts already submitted.

Our expert volunteers are working hard to complete this important project as soon as possible so that all cemeteries in Ontario are equally protected under current legislation. We look forward to continuing this partnership with the Province of Ontario to complete this historic initiative.

Yours sincerely,



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