

# The South Perinton Cemetery

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Revolutionary War soldier Thomas Richardson Jr. (1747–1813) is believed to be the earliest burial at the South Perinton Cemetery on Wilkinson Road. The cemetery is two decades older than the South Perinton Methodist Church, located immediately in front of the burial ground. Together, they form a historic district officially designated as such by the town of Perinton in 1992. This is the only church in Perinton with an adjacent cemetery.

Veterans of the War of 1812 and the Civil War are also interred in the South Perinton Cemetery. The grounds of the cemetery are located in one of the town's most lovely areas, retaining its quiet, rural atmosphere not so different from a century ago.

The cemetery is managed by a small group of loyal volunteers, who make up the Board of Directors of the South Perinton Cemetery Association. For those who may be interested in getting involved, the Association is seeking volunteers in a few different areas to join in the mission of providing an essential service to our community. They hope to fill the positions of Secretary, Assistant Superintendent of the cemetery, and also to serve as the cemetery's webmaster.

Unlike some cemeteries in the town, the serene, beautiful grounds of the South Perinton Cemetery is actively offering new plots for purchase.

To learn more about the South Perinton Cemetery, visit their website: [southperintoncemetery.com](http://southperintoncemetery.com). Or for more information, contact Paul Richards, President, or Kathy Briggs, Treasurer/Acting Secretary, at [spcemetery1916@gmail.com](mailto:spcemetery1916@gmail.com).



A view of an early section of the South Perinton Cemetery, located adjacent to the almost two-century old South Perinton Church. They are located on Wilkinson Road, near the corner of Pannell Road.