

To the Peers and Councillors in Council  
assembled, for the Township of Westminster  
Gent<sup>l<sup>m</sup></sup>

We the undersigned Freeholders do  
enter as a complaint - that Thomas Cecil  
has obstructed the Road leading through  
his Land by a fence which is not more  
than five feet from the centre of the said Road

The said Road will be impassible during  
the ensuing winter, if the Honourable Body  
addressed does not see that the said fence be  
removed to a distance which will allow of  
the passing and repassing of Carriages.

John Wright  
James Rowley  
William Hughes

Petition to  
Open road through  
Cecil's Farm  
1865

Westmeath Oct 21, 1865

Wm Carnore Esq

Sir

In reply to your favour of the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst I wish to inform you that I have done everything reasonable in regard to the road running through my land I wished to get the original allowance of road opened, the Council authorized me to expend 12 days labour for which I received no other payment nor satisfaction in any shape I then tried to get the road established between my land & Mr Hughes (was to save me of double fencing) but still no satisfaction from the Council, I afterwards consulted Mr McAdam in Perth he found no record of a road and stated that all that the Council could claim was 9 feet the breadth of road actually occupied

I have not in any case infringed on that part and am willing to move my fence whenever the Council will

Show me any legal Bylaw or  
Record of a Road being established  
and surveyed through my land  
and also show where to put said  
fence for I cannot find any posts  
or monuments to guide me in said  
removal.

The road as it now runs is  
so crooked that it is a great inconvenience  
to me and would be much better for  
the public and me if it was made  
straight which could be easily done

I have the honor  
to be

Sir

Yours Truly

To the Townsh  
Clerk  
H Municipal  
Council of  
Westmount

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