

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America*, passed in the year 1824.  
York: Charles Fothergill, 1824.

5 George IV – Chapter 34

**An Act to enable the Presbyterian Congregation of York to purchase one or more Parcels of Ground sufficient for the Erection of a Church and Burying-ground. Passed Jan. 19th, 1824.**

Whereas Jesse Ketchum, William Stevenson, Peter M'Phail, Harvey Shepard, and John Ross, on behalf of themselves and others, members of the Presbyterian Congregation resident in the Town of York, have, by Petition, requested a Legislative authority to enable the Petitioners, as Trustees in this behalf, and the Trustees hereafter to be chosen annually by the said Congregation for the same purpose, to purchase one or more convenient parcel or parcels of ground in the said Town and Township of York, and to hold the same in perpetuity, for the erection of a Place of Worship, with other necessary Buildings, and a Burying-ground:—

Be It Therefore Enacted, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "*An Act to Repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province,'*" and by the authority of the same:— That it shall and may be lawful for the said Jesse Ketchum, William Stevenson, Peter M'Phail, Harvey Shepard, and John Ross, or any two or more of them, as such Trustees, and their successors in office, annually to be chosen by the said Congregation, in all times hereafter, according to their present mode of vote, by the Pew-holders for the time being, to purchase, have, hold, receive, and take, a conveyance of any such convenient parcel or parcels of ground in the said Town and Township of York, not exceeding Three Acres in the whole, as they may be enabled to contract for, for the purposes aforesaid; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, so purchasing such parcel or parcels of ground, and their successors, as aforesaid, to have and to hold the same to and for the uses and purposes aforesaid; in perpetuity for ever.

II. And in order to prevent the failure of such estate in succession, Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees for the time being, and their heirs, shall continue to be the Trustees for the purposes of this Act, till the new election of others, as hereinbefore mentioned, notwithstanding the expiration of the year for which such Trustees for the time being may have been chosen.