

CHURCHES.

NOBLETON UNITED CHURCH.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church was located one-half mile west of Nobleton. The land was bought from Samuel Sheardown. A quarter acre of land was bought on the 12th of March, 1846. An additional quarter acre of land was bought in 1874, from Mr. Sheardown. The building was of the choicest materials and of frame construction. In 1896, this church was taken down and a considerable amount of the material was used in the building of the present church in town.

The present church was built in 1896. One quarter acre of land was purchased from Mrs. Jas. Adams, the widow of the late Rev. James Adams. The excavation was carved out by "bees" and brick were made in Bolton by Asley Norton, costing \$7 to \$8 per thousand. Lumber from the local mill cost twelve to fifteen dollars per thousand feet. The cornerstone was laid in May of 1896, with Rev. R. Large of King City giving the address. The Nobleton Brass Band was in attendance. And on Sunday, October 18th, 1896, the present church was opened and dedicated. The minister at this time was Rev. C.T. Cocking. He was followed by Revs. Reuben Toye, Geo. Washington, W. Cannon, H.A. Fish, W.H. Thompson, T.R. White, W.H. Learoyd, J.W. Arnott, A.F. Bamford, S.J. Fortner, C.J. Bailey, W.A. Westcott, and the present minister the Rev. W. French.

The Sunday School was always a union school; the first one held with Isaac Snider as superintendent in the old Orange Hall. Then Sunday School was held in the Primitive Methodist Church under the superintendence of Charles Hambly who would not take a collection but paid for all supplies and awards from his own purse. In the present church, John Hambly was in charge until 1905.

Under the present minister, Rev. French, the Mission Band, Tyro, Explorers, and C.G.I.T. groups have been organized.

Mrs. G. Chapman.

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The United Church goes back 120 years to a pioneer Methodist congregation established in 1845. Two other small separate Methodist churches later merged with it in 1874 and 1884. It is 69 years since the present edifice was opened, built in 1896. One of the earlier Methodist buildings in use stood on the north side of the Bolton sideroad where the little cemetery now stands, near the Nobleton water tank.

About forty years ago hydro was installed in the church and what a wonderful improvement. At the time of Union the new United Church Hymnary was placed in the church. How we missed some of the good old hymns. Gowns were made for choir members - each girl responsible for her own gown and hat, complete with a white tassel. Eventually the men's section was introduced. How proud we were going to Anniversary Services, all in black, with white collars. The Junior choir acquired their gowns later.

The old shed was removed. For a while the cars parked in there, but we got along very nicely and the green lawn is an improvement.

The organ was changed to a new one, an electric, which we are presently using. The organ in the Sunday School disappeared and we are using the second piano.

The wood furnace which took so many long sticks of wood but gave such wonderful heat, has been replaced by an oil burning one, going continually during the cold months. A big change. There were very few fires before. Time was when we would have loved some heat with practices for special and regular services.

The foundation has been repaired and the basement floor replaced. It was covered with a hard wearing carpet. Hurrican Hazel came along on October 14th 1954 and practically ruined the carpet by flooding the basement. The choir loft is changed and the organ lowered in a pit with new carpeting, some new furnishings in the pulpit, new steps inside and outside of the church.

The ladies' organizations have certainly kept the dishes, chairs, cutlery tables, electric stove and everything so very nice for meetings, dinners, etc. as well as the renovation including painting of the interior. They are also building a very substantial fund for future needs when we can finance a new church building. With the prospect of further unions in the churches who knows what the future holds.

There are at present 175 on the roll of the United Sunday School (1965) The Superintendent is Mr. H. McDougal, with Mr. Don Dalziel as treasurer. Mrs. Murray Kaake has been the secretary for the past eleven years but has recently resigned and the position is being taken by Mrs. McMillan.

The following are the departments and the teachers -

Nursery :	Cheryl Mactaggart	
	Lorraine Flear	
Kindergarten:	Beverley McDougal	
	Jean Parker	
	Mrs. R. Kennedy	
Primary:	Linda Crocker	Angela Hughes
	Ted Westbrook	Sharon Bean
	Mrs. P. Hill	Mrs. Simpson
	Mrs. Merritt	Jean Armstrong
Junior:	Mrs. O. Chapman	
	Jane Owens	
	Mrs. K. Goodfellow	
Intermediate:	Mr. H. McDougall and Mrs. R. Kenney	



MR. TOM AGAR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Back row-Vera Hill, Gladwyn Pringle, Helen Davidson, Beverly Kaake Shurley Hill, Lorna Ellis, Velma Hawman,
 Front row- Edna Pringle, Betty Westbrook, Alvern McDiarmid, Ruth Hawman
 June Cherry.

Alterations and Improvements in Nobleton United Church

- 1927 Electricity installed.
- 1929 Choir loft altered and inside stairs to choir loft.
- 1940 New Espy organ purchased.
- 1944 Wider central stairway and doors to vestibule.
- 1945 Horse sheds dismantled.
- 1969 Addition to main building-
 new kitchen, furnace, washrooms, meeting room
- 1983 Two stained glass windows from Laskey United
- 1990 Addition to rear for office, meeting rooms;
 kitchen renovated; new gas furnaces;
 Ron Wilson Construction and much volunteer labour

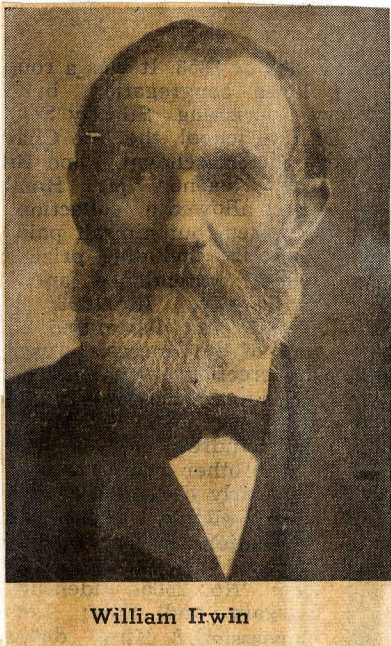
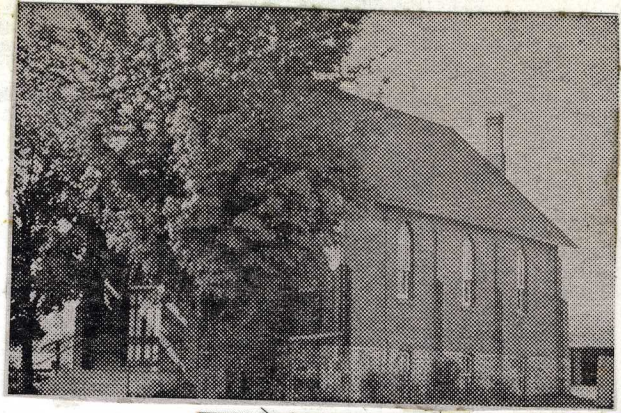
Ministers since church union

- 1924-29 A. J. Bamford
- 1929-37 S. J. T. Fortner
- 1937-45 C. J. Bailey
- 1945-52 W. A. Westcott
- 1952-62 R. W. French
- 1962-66 J. C. McLean
- 1966-71 Wm F. Reid
- 1971-79 A. Hamilton
- 1979-90 D. Walker
- 1990-91 P. Neary (interim student supply)
- 1991- E. Hughes

Nobleton United Church

Golden Jubilee

1896 - 1946



William Irwin



Rev. W. A. Westcott, B.A.
Minister of

Nobleton United Church
since July 1st., 1945



Rev. W. A. Macjaggart, B.A., D.D.,
A Nobleton "Old Boy".

Minister since 1906 of
St. Columba United Church, Toronto



MOST OF W. A. MEMBERS

Front Row—Mrs. Wm. Hawman, Mrs. C. Hill, Mrs. J. Pringle, Mrs. A. Hill, Mrs. F. Dobson, Mrs. W. Bishop, Mrs. S. Atkinson, Mrs. W. Hoover.

Back Row—Mrs. S. Cain, Mrs. T. Agar, Mrs. A. Kaake, Mrs. F. Mactaggart, Mrs. H. Dobson, Mrs. T. Mactaggart, Mrs. M. Hoover, Mrs. H. Cain, Mrs. H. Pringle, Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mrs. R. Mactaggart, Mrs. F. Chapman, Mrs. D. Arlow, Mrs. G. Irwin, Mrs. G. Malloy, Mrs. O. Emmerson, Mrs. H. Kelly, Mrs. M. Kaake, Mrs. P. Hill, Mrs. C. Hoover, Mrs. W. Westcott, Mrs. H. Hill, and Mrs. L. Goodfellow, president.

THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

SESSION



Rev. W. A. Westcott
 Roy Turton, R. J. Mactaggart
 Frank Dobson, George Irwin

STEWARDS



Murray Irwin, Elgin Waller, Walter Hill
 (At seat, Harold Pringle)



THE CHOIR

Back Row—K. Mactaggart, F. McCutcheon, Mrs. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. R. Snider, B. Goodfellow, K. Hoiles.
 Centre—A Hill, J. Cherry, H. Snider, J. Chamberlain, V. Hill, G. Pringle, B. Kaake, S. Hill.
 Front—F. Agar, B. Hoover, B. Westbrook, J. Hoover, L. Elliss, J. Pringle, R. Dusto,

YOUNG PEOPLES' UNION



SOME OF THE Y. P. U. MEMBERS
 L. Elliss, J. Cherry, Mrs. K. Goodfellow, J. Chamberlain, A. Hill, H. Snider, M. Cain, J. Hoover, B. Hoover, Mrs. K. Goodfellow, president, third from left.





Interior Nobleton
United Church



1991



Sign for church
made by Bob Walton

Florence and Bob
Walton

Rev. David
Walker



1990



Construction of
addition in 1990
by Ron Wilson
Construction.
Brick was recycled
from another church
that was torn down



1991