

Nobleton Community Cemetery

The land for Nobleton Community Cemetery was donated by Mr. Jacob Hawman and Mr. William Milligan, the total amount being approximately one acre in size. The actual date of the formation is unknown, but the earliest burial recorded is for 1833. But unfortunately because the cemetery was intended as a free burial grounds, as the years went by it fell into disuse and neglect.

The Nobleton Womens' Institute in May of 1944 called together a public meeting for the purpose of appointing trustees to organize a cemetery board. It was hoped that after the long years of disuse, the Cemetery could be restored to an appropriate condition. As it turned out, a board was created to carry out this purpose. They were:

1. Earl Edwards
2. Lyman Davis
3. Harold Taylor
4. George Hill
5. Howard Wellar
6. Delbert Arlow
7. Stokes Chamberlain
8. Arthur Kaake

This board cleaned the old cemetery to its proper condition, but the project was unfortunately not followed through. Still under the Institute, another public meeting was held on June 7, 1954 and Gordon Broad was elected as the president of the new Cemetery Board. He was assisted by Lyman Davis, Gilbert Faris, Fred Ascott, Howard Wellar, Hugh Sheardowne, and Harold Rose. These men each donated one hundred dollars in order to have the grounds surveyed and new burial plots set aside. In addition, approximately one half an acre was donated By Thomas Dodson in 1954 and as well the Board purchased more property from the Estate of the late Thomas Breedon to increase the area of the new Cemetery.

The Plan of Survey, the rules and regulations were all approved by the Department of Health of Ontario. Sixty- percent of the money received from the sale of the new plots was set aside and invested to ensure that the Cemetery was always to have

sufficient funds for perpetual care. This principle is still continued as of today, and it has enabled a ready supply of funds to ensure that the Cemetery will always be maintained.

On Sunday afternoon, July 7, 1957, at 3 p.m., an interesting event took place, when a service of consecration for the opening of the new Nobleton Community Cemetery was held. Around one hundred were in attendance. The service was conducted by Rev. R.W. French, Nobleton United Church minister, and he in turn was assisted by Rev. F.C. Shepherd of St. Paul's West King Presbyterian Church. The choir of Nobleton United Church, assisted by the organist and choir leader, Miss Ann Dumbleton, supplied the music.

A special order of service was prepared and much enjoyed by those present. The service opened by all repeating the 23rd Psalm in unison, and was followed by several hymns and anthems. The scripture reading John 14: 1-19 was read, and the consecration service was taken by Rev French and Gordon Broad, who assisted in place of Rev. Symons of St. Alban's Anglican Church.

Rev. Shepherd preached the sermon. Sixteen baskets of flowers, all supplied by Woodbridge Horticulture Society, decorated the Cemetery for the occasion, and Mr. William Egan of Bolton very kindly supplied the loud speaker and chairs.

The Cemetery Board has continued to maintain the Cemetery in proper care since its organization in 1954. Since then, the Board expanded the area of the Cemetery when it purchased two additional acres just west of the Cemetery from Norman Hill on July 30, 1962.

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Trustees

Gilbert Faris
Lyman Davis
Howard Wellar
Hugh Sheardown
Harold Rose
Gordon Broad
Fred Ascott (caretaker)



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