

SECOND KING BAPTIST CHURCH



This landmark in the Township of King was organized in 1848 and on September 8th, 1968 celebrated its one hundred and twentieth anniversary. By minutes in my possession, as Clerk of Second King, which dates back to 1864, I learned that there was no edifice in which to worship at this time, but services were held in the winter at Deacon Hugh Norman's home.

In June of 1864 a meeting was held at that same home to take into consideration the building of a Chapel and to appoint trustees to be in charge of the project. After due consideration it was unanimously agreed to build a Chapel upon the lot of ground offered by Mr. Woodrow on the corner of his farm on 18 sideroad between concessions seven and eight. It was moved by Mr. C. Finch, seconded by Brother H. McLaughlin; be it resolved that Hugh Norman, Chas. Finch, Robert Norman, Hugh McLaughlin, James Hutchison and Goerge Norman be appointed as Trustees of Second regular Baptist Church of King (one having previously been built on Concession Twelve of the Township). It was also moved by Hugh McLaughlin, seconded by Charles Finch and resolved that Bro. Hugh McLaughlin, George Norman and Chas. Finch be appointed to Building Committee, after which meeting closed in the usual manner by Hugh Norman, Moderator and George Norman, Clerk.

In those years my records show the salary for the Pastor was Fifty Dollars per year raised by subscription from the members. At the beginning of his term in 1866 the First King Church on the twelfth concession and the Second King Church joined together to have a Pastor to serve both Churches and a grant was asked for by the Home Mission Board, from which they received a grant of Sixty Dollars toward the Pastor's salary. The Pastors were many in numbers over the years and the means of raising money for salary was always by subscription. There was however, a collection taken at the Communion Service but it was not the custom to take a collection at regular services until a motion was passed on January 26th, 1880 by Robert Norman, seconded by D. Beaton, that they adopt the weekly offering system. The rent of the Pastor's house in 1883 was Seventeen Dollars for each five months and each Church paid Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents. In 1883 Rev. Alex Gay was ordained in the Church which had been built in Schomberg. He resigned in 1884 and was followed by Rev. Willet, who now took the services at the three charges. It was in 1888 that Mr. John Edwards' name was first entered in the Minutes, and here I will mention a few of the Church expenses: 3 pints Communion Wine - \$1.12; 1 gallon Coal Oil - .40¢, 1 pound putty - .4¢; 2 panes of glass - .16¢; 2 cords of wood - \$2.25; 2 lamp glasses - .10¢ and 1/2 gallon of wine - \$1.00. These were the expenses for one year.

In 1889 Rev. Bingham became Pastor and in that year the first Sunday School was formed. There were 23 scholars and five teachers from 1892 to 1912. At this time Mr. Robert Cook was Clerk and held the position until his death, when his son Ward took his office and he also held it until his death. Through the years the membership has been as many as forty to sixty, but today the membership numbers fourteen.

Many Pastors have come and gone - among them Rev. Daniel , who later became a Missionary in India, and is now head of the Baptist Home Mission in Toronto. More recent Pastors were Rev. Patterson, Rev. Ebersole, Rev. Warren, Rev. Bingham, Rev. Burgess, Rev. Broughton, Rev. Hardy, Rev. Wilson, Rev. Dunlop and Rev. Medhurst to name only a partial list.

The first known wedding in the Church was that of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fuller, but there have been several in later years.

In 1948 the church shed was torn down and a new roof put on the church, the outside covered in insul brick and the interior papered and painted. A small shed was built to hold wood for the church is still heated by a Box stove. In 1952 it was redecorated and a cement stoop built at the entrance. The original pulpit and Bible are still in use, but it is difficult to imagine what possesses the present generation when vandals have stolen the lamps that were on the window frames and two lovely old chairs that have been in the Church for generations.

- Contributed by Mrs. Mary Hamilton

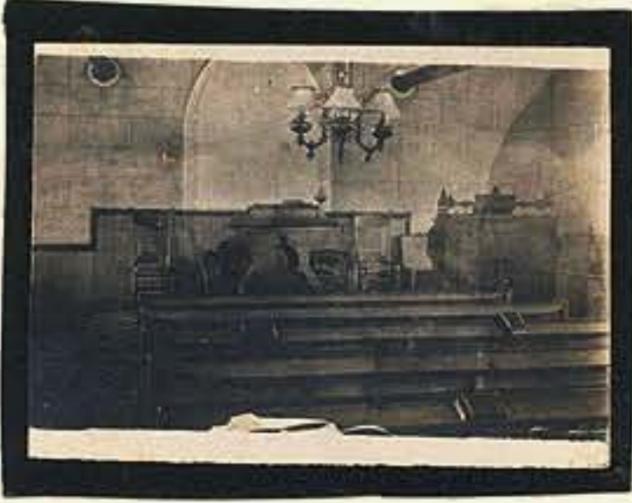
KING TOWNSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CORNER OF CONCESSION ELEVEN AND SIDEROAD EIGHTEEN.



There are many stories to tell of the various churches once built in King Township to serve the spiritual needs of the pioneers who hewed their homes from virgin forest. Unfortunately, their full history will never be known, as most of the churches have been destroyed and their records have gone with them. Many of the facts I have been able to gather have come from fifth generation descendants. Among these early churches was this lovely old building which stood on the corner of Concession Eleven Seventeen Sideroad, and was erected more than a century ago by the devout Presbyterians of the area. This fact is confirmed in information received from Mrs. John Rainey, whose grandfather, Mr. John Dodds, cleared the forest and built a home on the opposite corner over a hundred years ago. Her father, Mr. Ira Dodds, who was born one hundred and seventeen years ago, attended Sunday School there as a small boy, although they were of the Methodist persuasion. The Dodds farm is now occupied by the fifth generation.

The Church was built of hewn timbers covered with a masonry mixture. A shed to tie horses in was built at the west end of the church and the cemetery surrounded it as was the custom in those days. The Church was a part of the Laskey appointment and the minister, who lived in Laskay, served it, as well as one on the Tenth Concession, going from one to another on horseback. Only a few of the Ministers can be remembered



Interior of Church



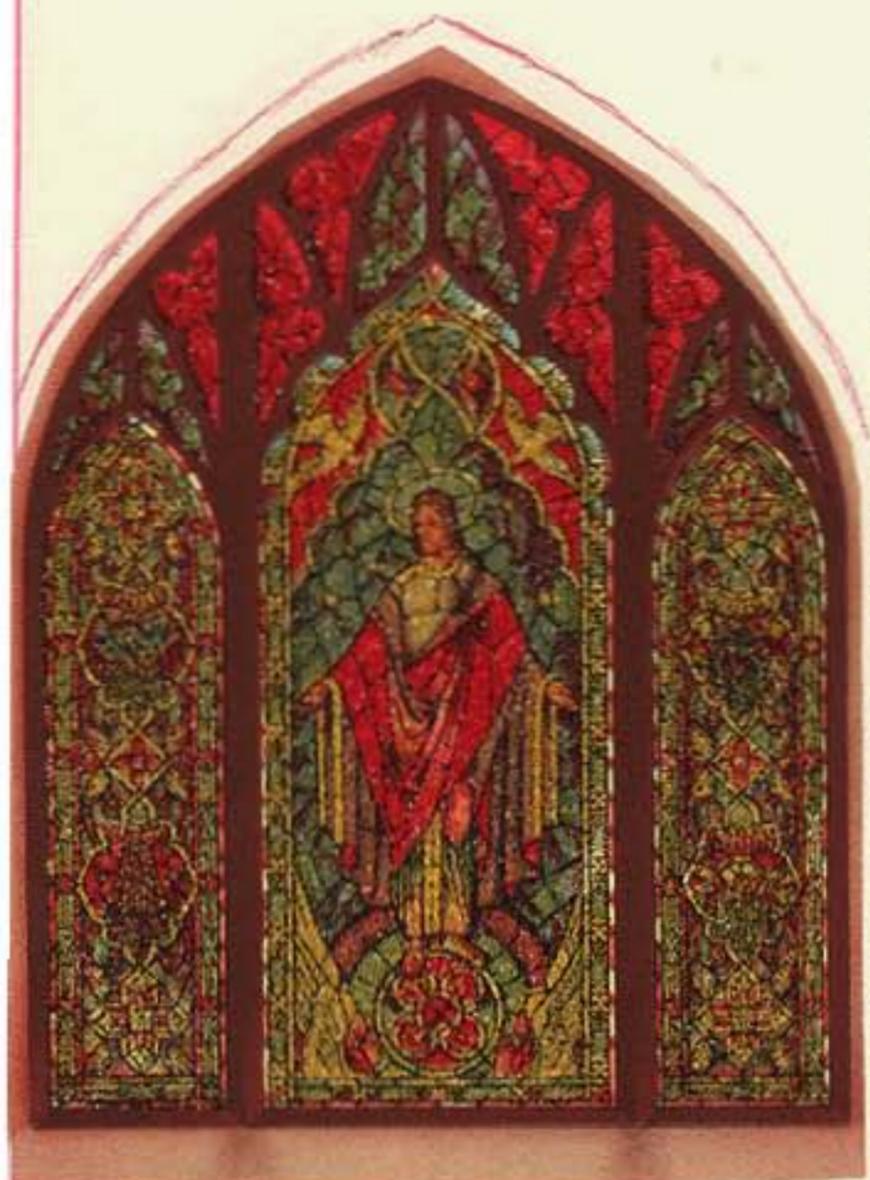
as the records have been destroyed, but a Rev. Simpson, Rev. Wilson and Rev. James H. Lemon remain in the memory of some descendants. It is also known authentically that an Irish settler names McAfee lived on the farm now owned by Mr. George Lister. Mrs. Lister's father, Mr. Thomas Clarke, was a descendant of this family and he later succeeded Mr. McAfee on the farm and married Ethel Mary Long in this church. That was the only marriage ever performed in the church and the congregation presented them with a Holy Bible which is now the property of their daughter, Mrs. Lister. The inscription states that Mr. and Mrs. Clarke were married March 22nd, 1905 by Rev. James H. Lemon. He was thought to be the last Minister in charge. Mr. McAfee is buried in the little cemetery and his tombstone still stands in a clump of lilacs in the centre of the grave yard.

Mr. Clarks was superintendent of the Sunday School until the church was condemned because the walls were badly cracked and it was considered unsafe. It was demolished around 1925 and the masonry covering was pulverized and used as gravel on the country roads. No one seems to know what happened to the pews, the pulpit, or the lovely old lamps which can be seen in the small picture donated by Mrs. Rainey, and for which we are very appreciative - as well as for the lovely enlargement of the Church donated by Mr. Alden Winter. The shed was taken down and sold to the congregation of St. Patrick's Church, who were at that time building their present church in Schomberg and used the material in the construction of their shed.

Nothing remains on this piece of ground but a few tombstones to mark the passing of the courageous pioneers who knew the need for a church as well as a home in the building of a life in pioneer country.



THIRD KING BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOMBERG



It seems strange that two Baptist Churches had been erected in the township before the followers of this faith had a Church of their own in Schomberg. The first regular church services held by the Baptists in this Village were held in the little "six square" Methodist Church, later known as the "New Connection" Church, which was almost on the site of the present Presbyterian Church. The first regular Pastor was Rev. Mr. Sinclair, followed by Rev. Mr. Wittit and then by Rev. Mr. Bingham. Some time later the Wesleyan Methodists built the Church that is now the Masonic Hall and the Baptists bought the little "six square" Church and continued to hold their services there until 1895 when they took down the old building and built the present Presbyterian Church.

In 1907 they received a request from the Presbyterian congregation to hold their services in their Church, as their location in Simpson's Hall was not suitable. For a rental of Seventy-Five Dollars annually they were allowed to hold an afternoon service, and later the same year the members of Monkman's Presbyterian Church were united with the Schomberg congregation, and they too worshipped there.

Since this was the only Baptist Church equipped for baptism by immersion, the congregations of both First and Second King Baptist Churches used it also for Baptismal Services.

After the advent of Church Union in 1925 the congregation declined and in 1928 it was sold to the Presbyterians. At the present time Second King is the only continuing Baptist Church in the Township, the story of which is told in the previous article.



Baptist Church and Market Building, Schomberg, Ont. Canada

Post Office Store,
Schomberg

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Wm. Perry
Bought of HUGHES & GRAY,
Dealers in DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CROCKERY
Hardware, Boots and Shoes &c. &c.
Clothing made to order

KEEP THIS BILL

Sold By

Expd. By

1/2 lbs. Mess. Cotton	3.90
2 - Mess. Oil seed Rais. 1 lb	3.20
1/2 Skein F. Yarn 8	32

7.92

By Balon Due bill 500
Paper Rais. 25 5.39
253

Also

1/2 Mess. Oil seed Rais. 1 lb
on app 1.75

This interesting old bill was given to Mrs. Henry Perry, (my husband's Grandmother), in 1877. The store owned by Hughes and Gray, stood on the site of the parking lot between the Imperial Bank and Trevor Graham's home. This building also housed the Post Office for many years and the Store Keeper was invariably the Post Master also.

Although it is difficult to decipher the articles, it is evident that payment was made by the trade method. It is interesting to note that fingering yarn was .8¢ per skein.

This bill is over Eighty years old.