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MEMORIAL CAIRN IN BLYTH

CONCESSION 10, LOT 2

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This cairn is found in the SE corner of Blyth in the Horticultural Park on Dinsley Street (Con.10, Lot 2).

There is a plaque at the top of the cairn with the inscription:

Erected to the
Memory of the
Pioneers
By the
Horticultural
Society
1951

The cairn is made of fieldstones cemented together, with 14 tombstones imbedded around its sides - 2 on the north side, and 3 each on the other sides, plus 3 around the top. The stones are in fairly good condition.

From the Centennial Book (1867-1967) for East Wawanosh Township, we note the reference on page 123 to the history of the Presbyterian church. This dated "back to 1854 when an attempt was made to organize a congregation and build a place of worship. Prior to that services were held at the home of J.B.Taylor on Con.9, Morris. Different sites were proposed for a church and finally in 1858 it was decided to build a church on Dinsley Street, where the graveyard was and where the Horticultural Park is now."

From this we can assume that the graveyard was for the Presbyterians and was in existence before 1854.



South: 7-8,9,10
East: 11-12,13,14

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From a book about Blyth compiled in Centennial year (1967) we find more about this Presbyterian church on page 124:

The first church erected within the present village limits was the Canadian Presbyterian church. It was erected in 1850, but the history of Presbyterian worship in Blyth began several years before this. The first Presbyterian services were held in the home of J.B. Taylor on the 9th concession of Morris. Services were held there until 1854, when the local Presbyterians decided to organize a congregation and make an effort to build a church. With this in mind, they appointed a Board of Management consisting of J.B. Taylor, Kenneth Bain, Thos. Ritchie, John Laidlaw, Walter McGowan, and a Building Committee consisting of Andrew B. Stewart, James Stewart, Malcom Campbell, Walter McGowan, H. Richmond. They were not successful in their attempts to build a church, and services were held for the next three years in Kenneth Bain's barn and also in the building on Queen Street..... Among the ministers who conducted services in these places were: Messers. John Rennie, McKay, and McRobbie.....

Efforts to obtain a permanent church continued, and in 1858 construction was finally begun on Dinsley Street on land donated by Lucius McConnell, Blyth's first settler. The church was dedicated in September of 1859, and the first regular pastor, Rev. Alex Currie arrived in 1860 to serve Blyth, Hullett, and Auburn congregations.

This information probably originated from an earlier book, "Blyth United Church 1960" Much interesting information about this early congregation can be found in this Blyth booklet.

This cemetery was recorded and checked by Alison Lobb and Yvonne Porter in April 1982. Indexing and typing by Alison Lobb.

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Same information.

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1. In memory of
ELIZA
wife of
THOMAS GOSMAN
died Feb.28,1881
AE 28 yrs.
She's yours, the loved
and cherished one
Like some bright star
she passed away.
Death claimed his victim
and she sank
Calm as the suns
expiring ray.
2. Sacred to the
Memory of
MARET.
wife of
GIDEON RITCHIE
died/ May 25, 1879/
aged/ 54 years.
Farewell partner and
children dear
I little thought my
time so near
Weep not for me, its
all in vain
And hope in heaven to
meet again.
3. Sacred to
the memory of
MARY/ wife of
THO'S BROOKS
who died
June 20, 1876
aged 44 years
Farewell partner and
children dear
I little thought my
time so near
Weep not for me, its all
in vain
And hope in heaven
to meet again.
4. Farewell
In memory of
JOHN
beloved husband of
4. MARY McALLISTER/died
Aug. 18th 1873
aged 54 yr's 2 m's
& 25 days.
Native of County Down
Ireland
We miss thee in the circle,
around the fireside
We miss thee in devotion, at
peaceful eventide,
The memory of thy nature,
So full of truth and love
Shall lead our thoughts to
seek thee, Amongst the
blest above.
5. Erected
In memory of
CHARLES RODGER/ who died/
July 27, 1874;
aged 45 years,/ also
THOMAS H.
Son of the above
died Nov. 9, 1870
aged 3 years
Farewell partner and
children dear
I little thought my time
so near
Weep not for me, its all
in vain
And hope in heaven to
meet again.
S & V Goderich
6. Sacred to
the memory of
ELIZABETH/ wife of
WILLIAM BAIRD/ died
July 15, 1876,
aged 28 years/ & 2 mo's.
Native of
Barrichshire, Scotland
There's a little parting
word
Which few can say without
a sigh
No wonder when its sounds
heard
It claims a tear from
every friends dry eye./ S & V

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7. In memory of
MARY/ wife of/
WILLIAM MAGILL
died Apr.23, 1872
aged 27 years/ & 8 mo's
But shall a.....
Do you ask him, she.....
Do you ask him, she.....
8. My Life is Yours
Erected/ in memory of/
MARY/ beloved wife of
PETER ROSS,/ who died
Sept.4, 1875;
aged 39 yrs/ & 4 mo's
9. My/ Husband's/ Grave
in memory of
JOHN SPAFFORD/ who died/
Sep.8, 1871;
aged 65 years/ & 5 mo's.
Friends or physicians
could not save,
This mortal body from
the grave.
Nor can the grave confine
it here,
When Christ your Saviour
shall appear.
10. In memory of
CATHERINE/ beloved wife of
JOSHUA TENNANT./ died
Dec.26, 1866;
aged 25 years./ also
EDITH MARIE
Child of the above
died Apr.10, 1864
aged 11 months.
11. In memory of
RACHIEL CHRISTANA/ CURTIES
daut. of (crack across name)
..... CURTIES/ died
Feb.1, 1865
AE 2 yrs & 6 mo's
11. Native of County Down
Ireland.
13. Sacred to the memory of
GEORGE ROBERTSON
and
JANET RUSSELL
spouses
Natives of Stirling Shire
Scotland.
who died at Blyth, Ontario
& are buried here.
JANET RUSSELL/ died
Mar.18, 1864;
AE 65 years
GEORGE ROBERTSON/ died
Aug.24, 1872;
AE 81 years.
S V. & Co, Kin.
14. Sacred to
the memory of
JESSIE.
Dau. of
JOHN & ELIZABETH/ PORTER/
died Oct.11, 1879;
aged
17 years/ & 7 m's
A loving daughter
a sister dear,
A faithful friend,
when she was here,
She lived in hope,
she died in peace.
We trust her joys
will never cease.
S & V Goderich
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12. To the/ memory of
ROBERT McALLISTER/ who died
Oct.28, 1872;
AE 41 years

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Alphabetical listing of stones

* No burial records have been found

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McALLISTER
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PORTER
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RITCHIE
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RODGER
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ROBERTSON
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RUSSELL
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ROSS
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Other names inferred

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BROOKS
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GOSMAN
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MAGILL
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McALLISTER
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PORTER
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ROSS
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TENNANT
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