

**Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (or Burial Ground) + 2025 Update by Keith Blades
(aka The Cemetery on the Ninth Line or the Canada Pioneer Methodist Cemetery)**

5716 County Road 29, Mississippi Mills, Lanark County, Ontario, Canada

South West 1/2 of Lot 13, Concession 9, Ramsay Township, Lanark County, Ontario

By Sarah More for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills' Heritage Committee

February 2025

Statement of Significance:

17 August 2025 will mark the 200th Anniversary of the Crown Patent of this lot and concession being assigned to Robert Mansell, (c1775-1847) a Methodist tanner on the 8th Line of Ramsay Township. In 1845, he bequeathed one acre to the Trustees of the Methodist Connexion [Church] shortly before being buried there, with his wife, and other probable family members. Several notable Pioneers have found their final resting place here, including The Shipman Family, who founded Almonte, and The Teskey Family, who founded Appleton.

Dates:

1827 (first two burials) - 1947 (final burial before being declared abandoned)(27)

Style:

Cemetery

Current Owner:

Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

History:

Prior to European settlement, this land was occupied by Algonquin Anishinaabe since time immemorial.

On 17 August 1825, a Crown Patent for 100 acres in Lot 13, Concession 9, Ramsay Township was assigned to Robert Mansell, tanner. His will, dated 25 November 1845, bequeathed one acre to the Trustees of the Methodist Connexion [Church].(18)

1925: The Methodist Church amalgamated and became the United Church.(19) *The Wesleyan Methodist burial ground was in continuing use until church union in 1925...It was declared abandoned in 1947 by the Ontario Government Cemeteries Branch...From its founding in 1965, The North Lanark Historical Society has taken an interest in the cemetery, and many members of the Society made an effort to clean up the plots and restore in part, the headstones and memorials.*(29)

The cemetery was deeded to the United Church of Almonte, "in whose hands it remains [1971]."(2)

"After the [re-]dedication in July [3 August 1980], the cemetery will be turned over to Ramsay Township which has agreed to maintain it in the fashion [Jean] Steel and [Dawn] Leduc [of the North Lanark Historical Society] feel the early settlers deserve."(26)

Jan 1998: The Townships of Ramsay, Pakenham, and the Town of Almonte amalgamated to form the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.(20)

Re-Construction History and Current Status:

Beginning in 1965, the North Lanark Historical Society, under the leadership of Steel and Leduc, with

numerous Volunteers, spent quite a bit of time and money caring for this cemetery.

1969-1979: Renovation led by Jean Isabel Steel (1921-2001), Dawn H. Leduc (1930-2007), and Marc Leduc.(22,23)

8 March 1978: “North Lanark Historical Society Receives Grant For Pioneer Cemetery Restoration.”
(see full article under Images)

31 May 1978: “Renovations Underway At Old Methodist Cemetery.”
(see full article under Images)

23 Aug 1978: “Renovations Are Continuing At Methodist Burial Grounds.”
(see full article under Images)

17 Jan 1979: “Official Re-Dedication... will take place... probably in May 1979.”
(see full article under Images)

3 Aug 1980: “Re-Dedication Service: Pioneer Methodist Cemetery, by the North Lanark Historical Society.” (see full bulletin under Images)

19 Jul 2022: “Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery and Private John Donohoe Sr.”
(see full article under Images; courtesy of John Dalgity & Rob Madore of the Almonte Legion)

Around 2022, it was discovered that War of 1812 Veteran, John Donohoe, Sr., is buried in the cemetery. Almonte Ward Councillor, John Dalgity, representing Municipal Council, collaborated with Rob Madore, representing the Almonte Legion. As a result, the Almonte Legion agreed, as a 2023 Bicentennial project, to open a designated account to receive donations to repair the several stone corner posts which have fallen into disrepair. Approximately \$20,000 is needed to repair the stonework. Donations can be dropped off at the Almonte Legion or e-transferred. Questions can be directed to info@rcl05240.ca .(32) John Dalgity also spoke with a stone mason who said the granite stones used were too heavy for their purpose and recommended using a different type or style.(33)

The 15 February 2022 Committee of the Whole Agenda, Minutes, and Video are available online.(35)

In February 2025, Joe Muller, Assistant Registrar of the Ontario Burials Unit, directed me to the Public Register of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (successor of the Ontario Government Cemeteries Branch). It twice lists the “Old Methodist Cemetery” under the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.(34) Unfortunately, it lists no additional information or pictures. Mr. Muller added his office has no additional information or pictures, either. The cemetery is not designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

3 February 2025: Additional repair work is needed according to Almonte’s Keith Blades, Heritage Consultant. Brush and small trees are beginning to obscure markers. Mature trees are contributing to the worsening condition of markers. Assembled during the 1979 restoration, *The masonry piers are currently partially collapsed, and the fence and gates are heavily rusted. The marble markers corralled into the concrete cairns are becoming increasingly deteriorated as a result of the incompatibility between the respective materials.*(31) (Please find Mr. Blades’ PDF report with pictures attached.) Please note page 6, note 5: *It is understood further documentation may be available on the MVTM database.* This should read the North Lanark Regional Museum according to Michael Rikley-

Lancaster, curator of the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (MVTM).

Notable Features & People:

Lot 13, Concession 9, Ramsay Township includes:

1 acre (in 1845) to the Trustees of the Methodist Connexion [5716 County Road 29], and 10 acres (in 1884) for Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery [5604 County Road 29], and 2 acres (in 1902) for the Union Almonte and Ramsay Contagious Hospital property [behind Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Fairbairn Bros. St. & King St., Almonte].(1)

About 180 epitaphs have been found and photographed. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be an original plot map. (This is confirmed by the United Church of Canada Archives in Toronto and the Regional Archives in Ottawa.) Jackson Brown and Dwayne Wilson, from the North Lanark Regional Museum in Appleton, were kind enough to share Jean Steel, Dawn & Marc Leduc's 1971 notebook of each epitaph they found. Unfortunately, I am unable to interpret their shorthand notes.

"J.F. Chatterton -- a congenial C.P.R. conductor, whose friends and fellow employees erected a large monument in his memory."(2)

"John C. Doherty -- also listed among the Emigrants of 1823."(3)

Sarah (Corry) Doherty (died 19 Apr 1872, age 57), wife of William Doherty & daughter of Sergeant Major William H. Corry (1795-1813) of the 6th Enniskillen Dragoons(4)

John Donohoe, Sr. (died 29 Mar 1857, age 88), War of 1812 Private(5)

Elizabeth (Foster) Drynan (died 9 Sep 1910 age 90 yrs) (obituary says 88 yrs), mother of John Drynan, Reeve of Almonte(6)

Eliza Jane (Dulmage) Dulmage (1826-1907), wife of Lawrence Dulmage & daughter of Col. Philip Dulmage EU, Grandniece of Barbara Heck, Founder of [American] Methodism(7)

"Lawrence Dulmage -- who is listed among the Emigrants from the south of Ireland who embarked on board the Hebe July 8, 1823."(3)

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Dulmage (1849-1947), daughter of Lawrence & Eliza Jane Dulmage & niece of John Dulmage, UE, killed 1812 at Battle of the Windmill. Hers' is the latest recorded monument in this cemetery.(8)

Robert Mansell (died 4 Aug 1847 age 72 yrs), married to Susannah, both natives of England. He donated the land for the cemetery. He had a Tannery on 8th line.(9)

"Thomas and Robert Mansell -- who came over in 1821 from the British Isles. The same Robert Mansell who willed the property to the Methodist Chapel in 1845."(2)

"Matthew McFarlane -- an early settler on the 9th Concession in Ramsay."(2)

"Edward Mitcheson -- who was another mill builder in Almonte in 1840."(2)

Susannah M. Morris (died 16 Dec 1827 age 25 yrs), married to Alex Morris & possibly the daughter of Robert & Susannah Mansell. She was one of two burials in 1827, the other being Marion, wife of

Matthew McFarlane. Susannah & Marion were the first burials in this cemetery.

“Ester Jane Noxon -- wife of Allen Noxon, M.D.”(2)

Lucina L. (Rose) Raines (2 Sep 1849 - 14 Apr 1923) married to Dr. Thomas William Raines (Almonte's first dentist), & Granddaughter of Daniel Shipman (Founder of Almonte)(10)

Thomas William Raines (7 Jan 1833, Alabama - 14 Nov 1898, Almonte), married to Lucina L. Rose, Father was a Methodist Minister, Parents were English. “...could well be... the first dentist in Almonte, and whose name may still be seen above the door of Donald Campbell's office.”(3,11)

“Edwin Ernest Rea -- son of James Rea, who is listed as a [Peter] Robinson Settler in 1823.”(3)

Catherine (Shipman) Rose (10 Apr 1823, Elizabethtown - March 23, 1897, Almonte), wife of Henry R. Rose & daughter of Daniel Shipman.(12)

John Scott (died 5 Jul 1892 age 81 yrs) born Glasgow, married to Mary Patterson. He was the 1st railway agent in Almonte & a County Councillor.(13)

Daniel Shipman (died 3 Oct 1853, age 62 yrs, 1 mo, 6 days), married to Prudence Boyce. He was an American Loyalist and the Founder of Almonte. “Came to what is now known as Almonte in 1823. In 1838, he outsmarted ten armed men of the Carleton Militia, who were searching for two men supposed to have escaped in the Prescott battle from the stone windmill fortress of the defeated invaders and rebels, who Shipman was falsely accused of hiding.”(3,14,16)

“Thomas Smart -- first settler in Ramsay in the year 1821, and his wife, Lois Buell who may be related to W.O. Buell, who fought and won a court case for the “McNab” in Perth 1843.”(2)

Albert Teskey (4 Apr 1887 age 73 yrs), married to Marion Hart, son of John Teskey Sr. One of the Founders of Appleton, Ramsay Reeve, Justice of the Peace for 30 years.(15,16)

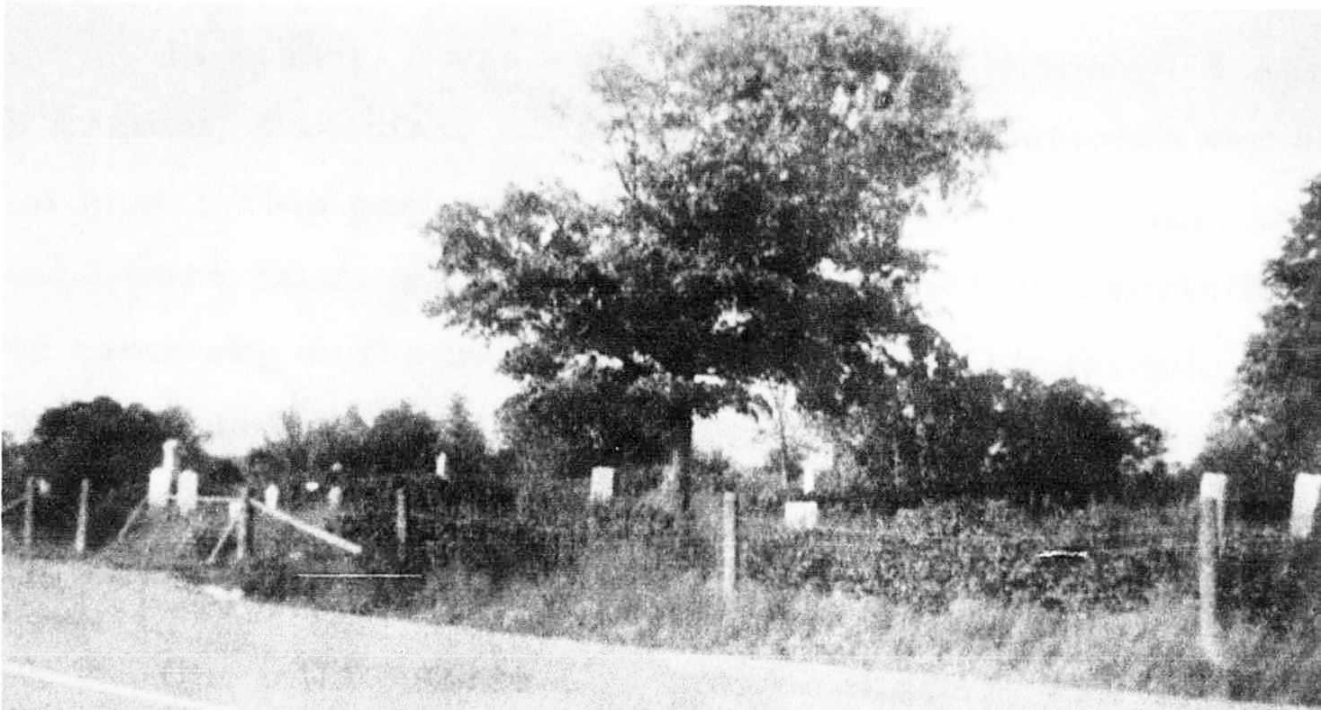
John Teskey (died 28 Mar 1879 age 71 yrs), son of John Teskey Sr. & one of the Founders of Appleton.(16)

John Teskey Sr. (26 Mar 1854 age 86 yrs), one of the Founders of Appleton.(16)

“John Teskey Sr., John Teskey Jr., and Albert Teskey -- who all arrived in Upper Canada in 1823, with the Peter Robinson group. These men settled and developed the town now known as Appleton.”(3)
Joseph Teskey (2 Jan 1866 age 67 yrs), one of the Founders of Appleton.(16)

William H. Tomlinson (1824, Co. Carlow, Ireland - 27 Sep 1896 age 72 yrs), millwright, married to Sophia Teskey, sis/o Rufus & J.A.(17)

Images



July 1971 by Jean Steel, Dawn Leduc, and Marc Leduc.
First cover photo of their book, *Canada Pioneer Methodist Cemetery*



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North Lanark Historical Society Receives Grant for Pioneer Cemetery Restoration

The North Lanark Historical Restoration Group, under the auspices of the North Lanark Historical Society, have been notified by the Hon. Monique Begin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, that, under the New Horizons projects, the group will receive a \$22,612 grant to restore the old Methodist Cemetery on Highway 29.

The Restoration Group plan to begin work on the cemetery as soon as weather permits, and hope to have it complete by fall, creating an historical landmark between Almonte and Carleton Place. The funds have been allocated to repairing and putting new bases on larger monuments, cementing the slab stones into walls, and building a wrought

iron and field-stone-post fence and gates. A smaller fund for incidentals is held by the Society and contributions will be gratefully received.

For several years, the North Lanark Historical Society had tried to whip up interest in this Cemetery, and made brave attempts at cleaning it up, without making much headway. They found a dogged champion in Jean Steel, who took up the cause in 1971, when she recorded the inscriptions on the tombstones, and who has never let up her efforts to return this burying ground to a respectable state. During the last two years, she and a handful of young boys have devoted all their spare moments to clearing out brush and lilacs,

filling ground hog holes, and digging up and cleaning sunken stones.

In 1976, Miss Steel formed the Restoration Group, consisting of Jean Steel, President; Gladys Kellough, second signing officer; Viola Reid, third signing officer and Annie Paterson, Beth Kirkland, Marguerite and Fritz Vontobel, Victor Kellough, Howard Sadler, Rev. R. McRae as directors. As a group, they applied to New Horizons, and were deemed worthy of help.

Miss Steel has been working in close conjunction with Ramsay Council on this project and has been accorded their complete cooperation. Council will assume responsibility, with continued help from the Society, for the ongoing upkeep of the Cemetery once it has been restored.

New Horizons enables retired people to create projects of their own choosing. It offers grants to groups of retired people who undertake activities for the benefit of themselves and others in their community. The accent is on local needs as seen by older people and on their willingness to meet such needs.

Church Women Observe World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 3rd at 2 p.m. with an attendance of approximately 75 representing the churches of Almonte.

Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, Mrs.

Mrs. H. Brown conducted a panel discussion on the program theme, which was prepared by the Women of Canada, "Community Spirit in Modern Living". Those taking part were Miss M. Moir, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. J. Elgood, Sister St. Clare and Mrs.

~ 8 March 1978, front page, *The Almonte Gazette* (courtesy of Mrs. Fran Cooper, 6 January 2025) <https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-03-08-01>



North Lanark Historical Society members Mabel Kellough, left, and Jean Steel proudly display a cheque in the amount of \$15,000 recently received from the Ministry of National Health and Welfare, as the first portion of a New Horizons grant totalling \$22,612 which the Society will use to restore the old Methodist Cemetery on highway 29 just south of Almonte. Work already started at the site will continue as soon as weather permits and is expected to be completed this summer.

~ March 15, 1978, front page, *The Almonte Gazette*
<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-03-15-01>

Renovations Underway At Old Methodist Cemetery

by--SUSAN HANNA

The next time you drive south on Hwy. 29, take a look at the old Methodist Cemetery. It's changing.

Under a New Horizons grant the North Lanark Historical Society and Ramsay Twp. council are renovating the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds, which were in use from 1823 until 1947.

Chairman of the grant committee, Jean Steel, says Ramsay Twp. had applied for two grants to restore the cemetery previously, but was turned down. So, she says, a group of senior citizens applied to the Ministry of Culture and Recreation under the New Horizons grant program for senior citizens, on the basis that the cemetery was historical and was an eyesore.

Due to neglect and vandalism, Miss Steel says, the cemetery was overgrown with grass, roots and trees, and many stones were buried, knocked down or broken.

But it has been a long battle. The abandoned cemetery has been a thorn in the side of the Historical Society for several years, says Miss Steel.

Seventeen years ago, Historical Society member George Dunfield worked on restoring the cemetery with a student laborer each weekend. Six years later a group from the Society restored the grave of one of Almonte's first settlers, Daniel Shipman.

Miss Steel and another Society member, Mrs. Dawn Leduc, with her three sons, had been working when they could on restoring the site.

Later, Miss Steel and Mrs. Leduc spent time in Scotland. During their visit they met a couple who recorded graves and researched the histories of the

deceased. Upon their return Miss Steel and Mrs. Leduc say they realized that no one in this area was recording cemeteries, so they decided to record the Methodist burial grounds. As a result of this work, says Miss Steel, they began to push for funds to restore the cemetery.

The two women are overseeing the work, and say they have found 19 grave stones that "haven't seen daylight since 1930". There are 118 stones in all says Mrs. Leduc.

Besides the grave of Daniel Shipman the cemetery includes the plots of the Teskey Bros. who founded Appleton, and of T. W. Raines, Almonte's first dentist, says Mrs. Leduc.

The cemetery used to be a farm owned by Robert Mansell, says Mrs. Leduc. On his death he willed the land to the Methodist Church, she says.

The New Horizons grant came through last March, and preparations are underway now for the installation of wrought iron gates and fence by Gerry Branje of Hilltop Welding. Cars will be able to drive into the cemetery and park, but the laneway will not be circular, says Mrs. Leduc. Four pillars, covered with fieldstone will mark the entrance, she says, and each will have a plaque mounted on it. One will name the cemetery, one will name the former owner, one will name those responsible for the restoration and one will name some of the more notable graves in the cemetery.

The larger monuments, says Mrs. Leduc, usually were erected to mark the grave of a family's patriarch. Most of these stones are still standing and only need to be cleaned. The rest of the

family members buried have smaller stones, she says, which have often been broken or buried. These will be restored and mounted in a small cement wall to be placed by the large family monument, says Mrs. Leduc. Families will be grouped together.

Single stones will be mounted together in a separate wall. All the stone work, she says, will be done by Mel Foster.

It is hoped that flower beds will complete the renovations, which the two overseers hope will be completed by the summer's end. The site will then be turned over to Ramsay Twp. after a rededication ceremony, says Mrs. Leduc.

Miss Steel and Mrs. Leduc wish to credit those who have spent time restoring the burial grounds. Special thanks are extended to Hoffman Concrete in Ashton for a donation of concrete, to Ramsay Twp. for donations of fill and use of machinery, to Bob Sadler who donated four bags of pre-mixed cement, to Joe Kelly who cut down the large trees in the cemetery, and to the Drummonds for the use of their machinery.

After doing extensive research on those buried in the cemetery, the two women are experts on the site and on the history of the deceased. They say they feel very personally involved in the work. Miss Steel says she has learned so much about those buried there that "they are all my friends".

And on one point both women agree. After years of work and frustration, the long-awaited restoration of the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds is to them, "a dream come true".



Many of the headstones in the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds were broken or buried before renovations began to restore the site under a New Horizons grant. Directors of the operations, Dawn Leduc (shown above) and Jean Steel found 19 new stones that had been buried since 1930. They have been cleaned with muriatic acid to restore their color and will be repaired.

~ May 31, 1978, page 3, *The Almonte Gazette*
<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-05-31-03>

Renovations Are Continuing At Methodist Burial Grounds

Work is progressing steadily on the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds, and North Lanark Historical Society President, Jean Steel, says renovations should be completed by late fall.

Under a New Horizons grant, the NLHS and Ramsay Twp. council are fixing up the cemetery which was in use from 1823 until 1947 and holds the graves of several of Almonte's historic settlers.

The land has been cleared of grass and weeds and several old, buried stones were unearthed. Now, fill has been added and a wrought-iron fence and gate has been erected.

Miss Steel says topsoil is now needed before grass can grow around the stones. "We also

need volunteers" she says, "to help fix up the stones". Such work would involve cleaning the stones with muriatic acid, or doing some putty-work, filling in cracks in the base of the stones.

Much of the final stone-work, such as putting groups of family stones together, mounted in cement, has been done by Mel Foster.

Groups from other townships have visited the site, expressing interest in doing similar renovations in their own historic cemeteries. Some have even approached Mr. Foster about doing the stone-work.

After renovations are completed, a re-dedication ceremony will turn the care of the cemetery over to Ramsay Twp.

~ 23 Aug 1978, front page, *Almonte Gazette*, (courtesy of Mrs. Fran Cooper, 6 January 2025)

<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-08-23-01>

Mel Foster (1918-2003)

<https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/melvin-foster-1066209880>



Activity around the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Ground on highway 29 has ceased for the winter months, following considerable work carried out during the summer and fall. All construction work has been completed, awaiting only the warming winds of Spring so that final landscaping can be done. Restoration work was done under a \$22,612 New Horizons Grant from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. Official re-dedication of the long-neglected pioneer cemetery will take place when weather permits, probably in May of 1979.

~ January 17, 1979, page 13, *The Almonte Gazette* (courtesy of Mrs. Fran Cooper, 6 January 2025)
<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1979-01-17-13>



Jean Steel and Dawn Leduc turn research program into 10-year cemetery restoration

— Mary Cook photo

Cemetery benefits from research

By Mary Cook

Citizen special correspondent

CARLETON PLACE — If you're looking for a challenge for the next 10 years, you might consider what Jean Steel and Dawn Leduc took on in 1969.

They accidentally started restoring an abandoned cemetery. Accidentally, because their original intent was to simply link up English, Scottish and Irish settlers from the valley with their ancestors from the homeland.

However, when their research took them to the Wesleyan Methodist burial grounds dating back to 1827 on the highway between Carleton Place and Almonte, they became so involved in the history of the people buried there that they could not leave the cemetery in the condition in which they found it.

It was closed as a cemetery in 1947, and years neglect took its toll. Steel and Leduc found broken stones, most of them buried so that they were completely hidden. Weeds several feet high, lilac and fruit trees, once planted to offer shade and protection, years later were nothing but brambles and brush with rotten fruit everywhere.

The cemetery offered a haven to skunks and groundhogs, and more than once the two women

fell down the holes in their attempts to unearth the stones.

But by this time they had developed an attachment to the place, and moved out from their Ottawa homes to a spot within a few miles of the cemetery. They found the graves of Daniel Shipman, founder of Almonte, and of Joseph Teskey, founder of Appleton; and by the time they were to complete their mountainous task 10 years later, they had uncovered 112 tombstones.

As well as finding a few remains, they also unearthed old coffin handles and a steel plate from the casket of Robert Teskey, a son of Appleton's founder.

Most of the tombstones have now been imbedded into several large stone structures. Since there was no official plan to the plots, it was impossible to put the stones back where they were originally. "We don't consider that important," Steel said. "As far as we are concerned this is all consecrated ground."

We are considering the entire cemetery. When we finished with the tombstones and a Carleton Place undertaker kindly took care of any remains we came across, we had a burial service, and in July we plan a dedication service of the finished cemetery."

As soon as word got around that the cemetery was being restored, descendants of those buried there began to show up from all over the country.

"We had relatives from as far away as New York and Washington. And they were all so pleased at what we were doing that without exception they gave us donations for our work and for the future of the graves."

By 1977, the two women had poured countless hours and their own money into the project, and realized that it was going to take many more dollars than they personally could afford.

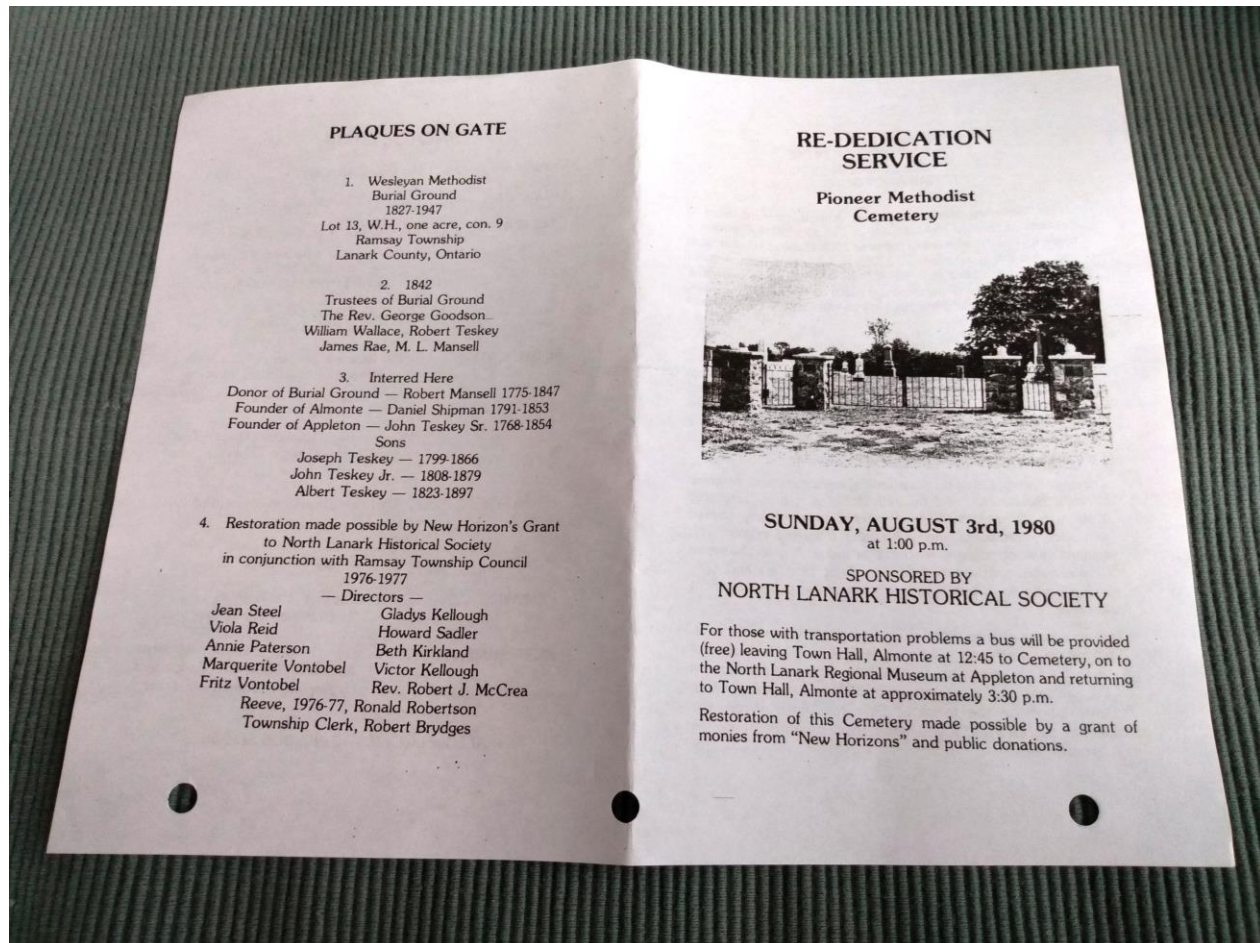
They applied for a New Horizons grant and received \$22,617. The bulk of the money has gone on stone work and fencing the entire property with a wrought iron fence and swinging iron gates.

"Everything has been unbelievably expensive," Steel said, "but we have a bit of money left which we will use for the final landscaping."

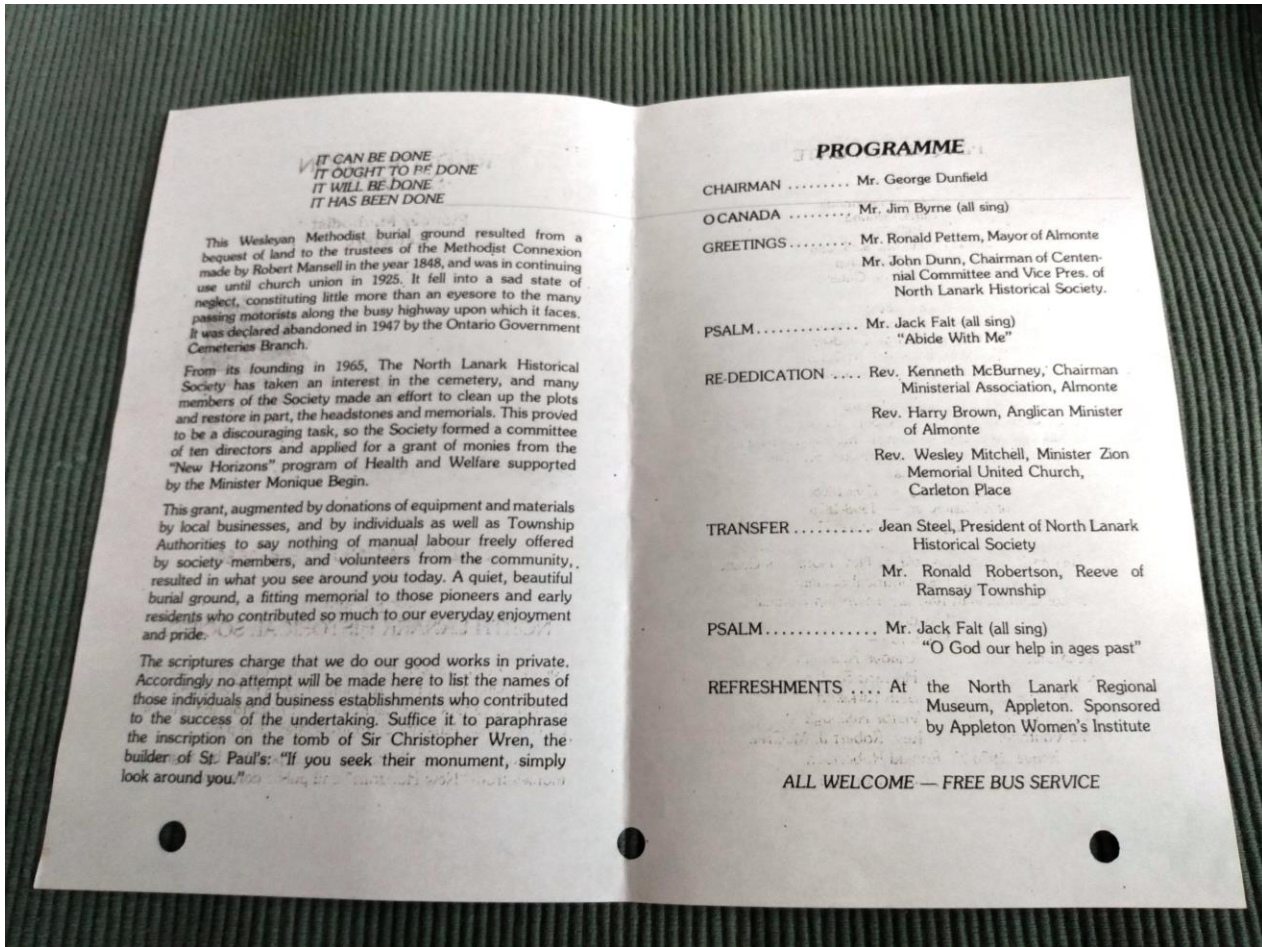
After the dedication in July, the cemetery will be turned over to Ramsay Township which has agreed to maintain it in the fashion Steel and Leduc feel the early settlers deserve. "People like those buried at Wesleyan made the history of this valley."

~ The Ottawa Citizen, June 26, 1979, page 3

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Re-Dedication Service: Pioneer Methodist Cemetery, [Bulletin], August 3rd, 1980, by the North Lanark Historical Society. Accessed 25 January 2025, at the North Lanark Regional Museum in Appleton, Ontario.



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Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery and Private John Donohoe Sr.

July 19, 2022

On May 14, 2022, a special ceremony was held at the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery on County Road 29, just south of Almonte. The ceremony included the unveiling and dedication of a plaque recognizing a Veteran of the War of 1812, Private John Donohoe Sr.

*Private Donohoe was a member of the King's 8th Regiment, his grave site is located in this cemetery and was recently recognized, marked and remembered by the **Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry**. The ceremony included local dignitaries, Canadian Fencibles, the North Lanark Historical Society, local Branch 240 President Rob Madore, Donohoe family members and guests.*

The cemetery itself opened in 1827, it also contains the remains of many early settlers of Upper Canada including Daniel Shipman, founder of Almonte, and Joseph Teskey, founder of Appleton to name just two.

The cemetery was closed in 1947 and over time fell into disrepair. In 1979, Jean Steel and Dawn Leduc spearheaded a drive to restore the cemetery in which many headstones were preserved by placing them in concrete.

The cemetery is fenced and contains several stone corner posts which have now fallen into disrepair. The Canadian Legion, Local Branch 240 wishes to raise funds to repair the posts for years to come

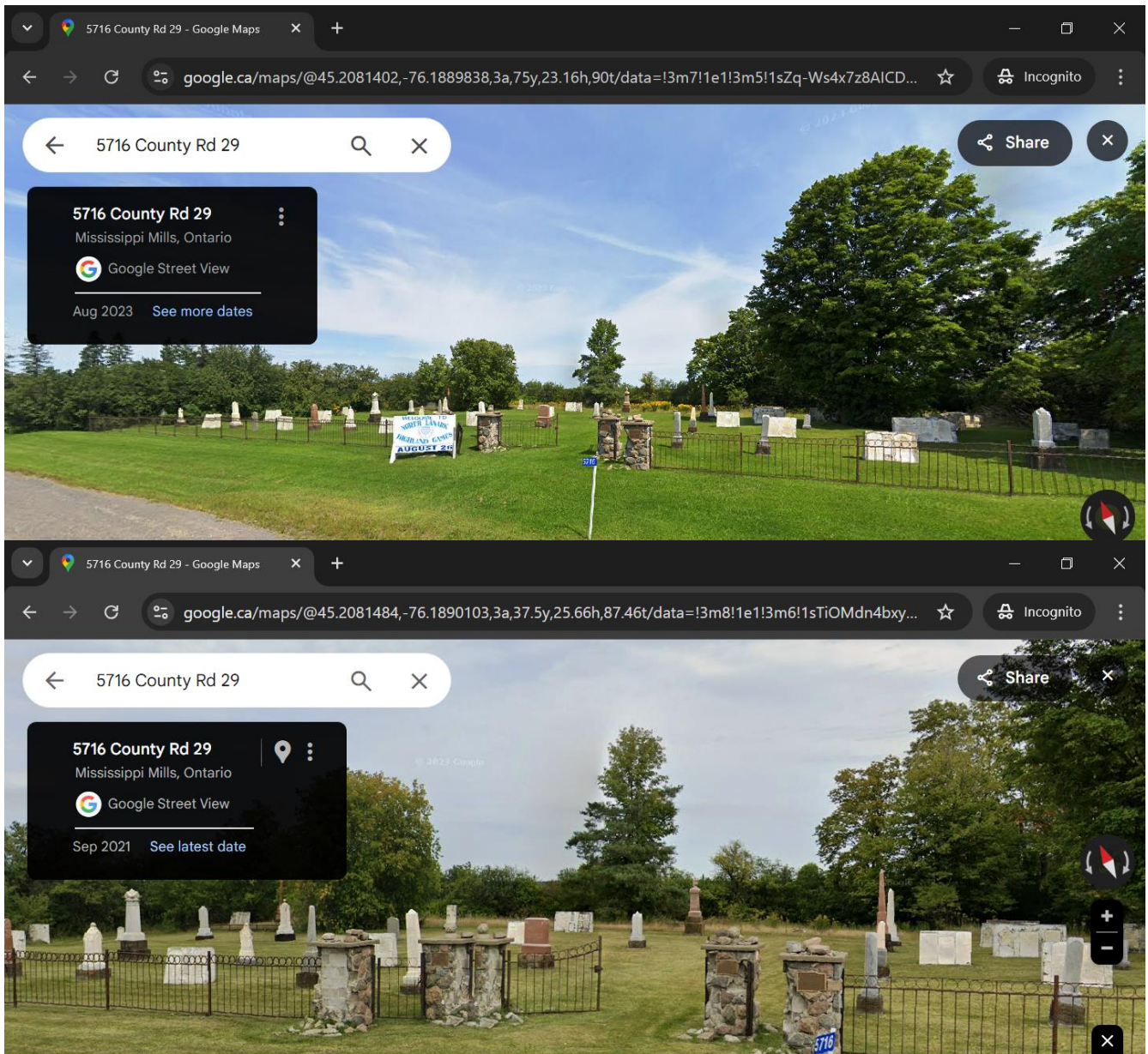
and hopes to complete this project for the 200 year Bi-centennial which will be held in the summer of 2023. Costs are anticipated to be approximately \$20,000 to repair the stonework.

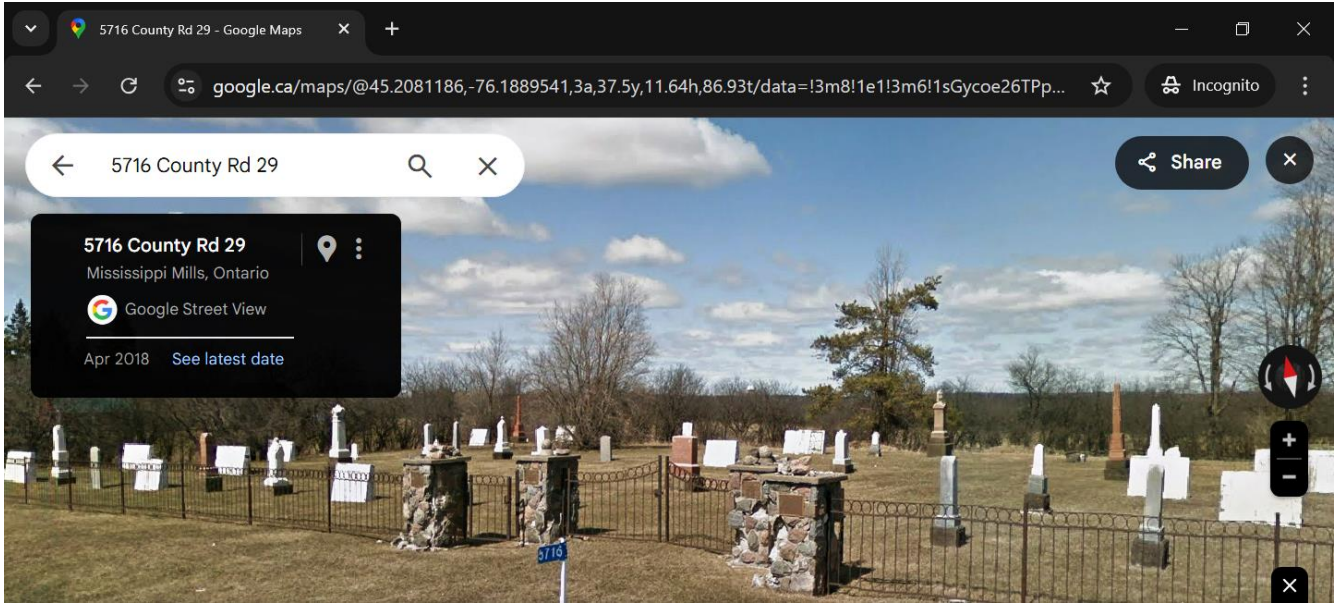
How you can help:

Donations to the project can be e-transferred to donations@rci05240.ca or dropped off at the Branch. We appreciate any and all contributions to this project for not only Veterans' of wars past as well as the founding fathers of our community that are laid to rest there.

For any questions, please contact info@rci05240.ca.

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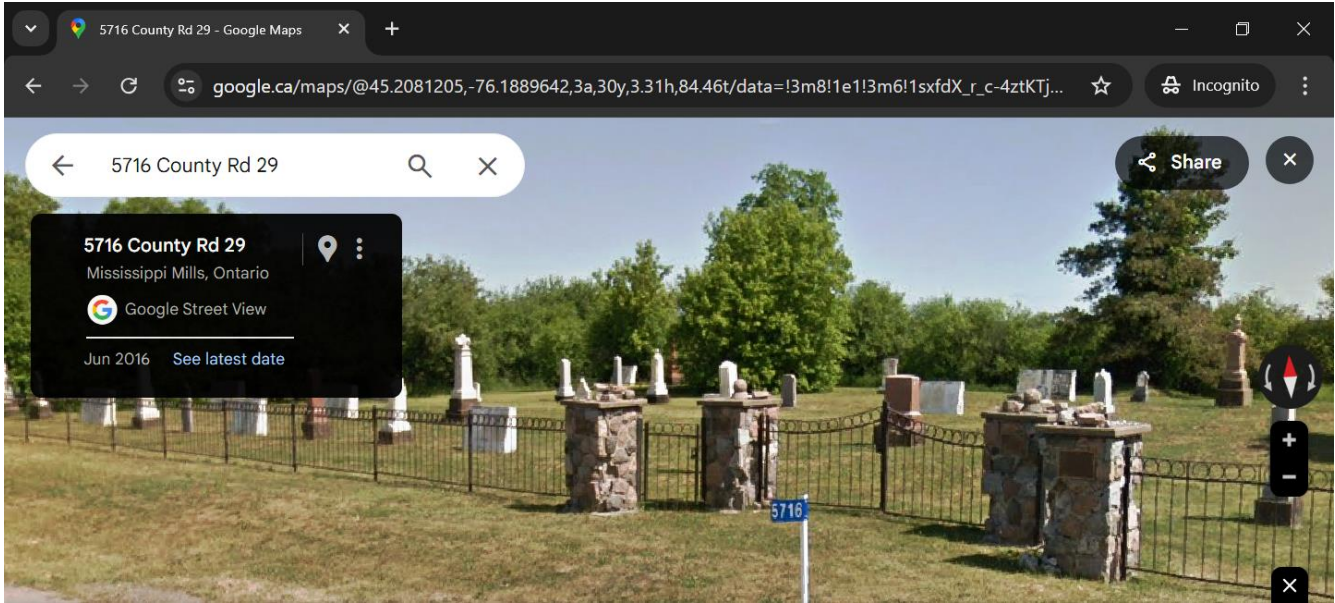
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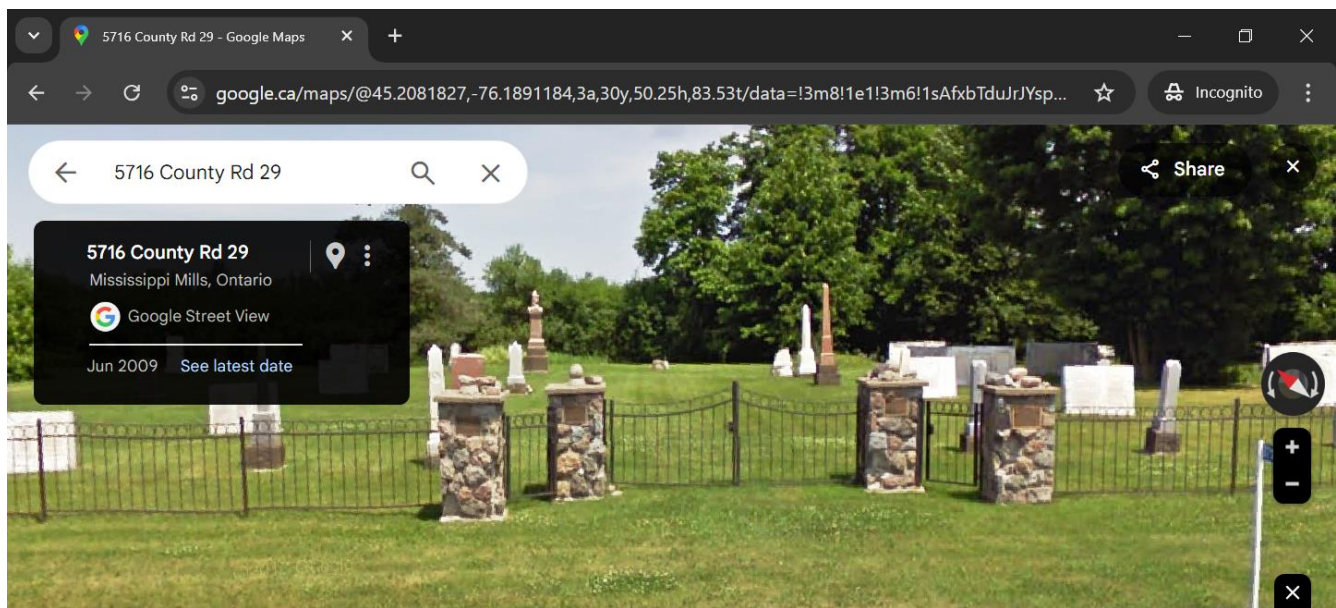
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32. Jan 23, 2025 email: Almonte Legion Representative, John Dalgity, wrote that during municipal budget deliberations, Council represented by himself, arranged with Rob Madore, from the Almonte Legion, to set up an account where donations could benefit the Methodist Cemetery [in 2022]. Jeanne Harfield or Ken Kelly can probably confirm.

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