

# Graves and Inscriptions in the Niagara Peninsula

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"Books in the running brooks,  
Sermons in stones and good in everything."

Sermons in stones! Yes and far more: History, pathos and humor, morality, religion, patriotism, warning, inspiration, what shall we not find? But of the nameless graves, whether in consecrated ground, or in the plain, the cultivated farm once the scene of bloody warfare, in the ruined fort, or in many a lonely spot we can never or rarely know the story. Many of these form a page of history never to be wholly deciphered, but let us try while we may, imperfectly though it be, to place on record, from moss-grown stone de-faced by time or perchance ruder touch, the names and what we can piece together of the early pioneers, whether men or women, poet or artisan, soldier or priest, legislator or farmer, teacher or sailor, and from these pages of the past we may learn lessons for the present or the future, lessons of courage, of unselfishness, of generosity, of friendship, of patriotism, of duty, of religion. Then they died, shot down by stealthy Indian, or French or American foe, as now they give up their young lives on Africa's arid veldt, but each inspired by the same adventurous spirit which has made the Briton, be he Celt or Saxon, the pioneer in the world's progress, one of the factors in that "morning drum beat which encircles the globe" and proud that he is one of a nation "on whose dominions the sun never sets."

While most of the graveyards in the Niagara peninsula have been visited and such help used as could be obtained from tablets on the walls of churches, monuments, church registers, tradition, historical records, it has been found that there has been as much change in the fashion as there is in dress or buildings. At one time the stately periods, or long high sounding phrase, the scripture texts or doggerel rhyme, the severe simplicity of name, date, age, or the fulsome flattery, or words of warning; in some the unlettered muse is much in evidence, "the uncouth rhymes and shapeless sculpture," or again the stately column or curiously carved figures. All materials have been used, the wooden slab, marble, iron, granite, or perhaps a huge boulder with initials, the language mostly English, but a few were found in French, German, and some in stately Latin. In early days before consecrated ground was set apart many were buried on the farm, in a plot generally fenced in, but in many cases the property has changed hands and the stones have been broken or even carted off, the field plowed over and no trace remains, or the plot stands still fenced in, but given over to burdocks and briars.

## **BUTLER'S FAMILY GRAVEYARD.**

Is situated about a mile from the town., at the west end, originally a part of the land owned by Col. John Butler; here was buried in 1796 the veteran of whose name so much obloquy has been heaped, undeservedly, we think. See Butler's Rangers by Gen. Cruikshank, who has done so much for the elucidation of many points in Canadian history. An erroneous opinion seems to prevail with regard to this spot that here are buried Butler's Rangers, that it is a military graveyard, But this is not the case, as it was a family burying ground and not that of the members of that famed regiment. The will of

Col. Butler directs that his body be interred in his family burying ground, and in the rooms of the Niagara Historical Society is a copy of the deed granted in 1832 to Warren Claus, John Claus, Ralfe Clench, Jas. Muirhead, Thomas Butler, Hugh Freel, giving the exact measurement from the boundary tree, of the half acre constituting the burial plot. The farm of two hundred acres has since been sold to two persons and the boundary line runs exactly through the centre of the burial plot. Beautiful old trees wave a requiem over the plateau which overlooks the meandering creek. Some years ago most of the inscriptions were copied by the writer; at a later visit the stones were found lying in all directions, broken by the fall of an immense tree which had been cut down, the vault fallen in and open to the inquisitive and irreverent gamin, who has been known to carry off bones which should have been safe from such desecration. Here are some of the inscriptions, the first peculiar in punctuation and orthography:

"Deborah Freel: died 1816 aged 70. My dere: children:  
Think on God; And His Commandments: An he will Think on yo: Observ your youth:  
dont lose no time. Least God should take you in your prime: Serve God above: And on  
this world fix not your lov."

Here is an example of the high sounding, carefully arranged periods of those days. In a country churchyard in Scotland I copied one to a divine in much the same style of carefully proportioned descriptive phrases.

"Here reposes Maria Caroline The generous hearted, high souled, talented and deeply lamented wife of Major Richardson, Knight of the Military Order of Saint Ferdinand, of the First-Class, and Superintendent of Police on the Welland Canal during the administration of Lord Metcalfe. This matchless woman died of Apoplexy and to the exceeding grief of her faithfully attached husband after a few days illness in St. Catharines on the 16th day of Aug. 1845 at the age of 37 years. It is remarkable how much the husband tells of himself in the wife's epitaph.

Here also are stones to Butler Muirhead, barrister, and James Muirhead, surgeon, (the former died in 1824), Mary, wife of John Gustavus Stevenson and daughter of James and Jane Butler, also one to Eliza, wife of Charles Richardson, a large flat stone mentions that it was erected as a family monument by Chas. Richardson, A. D. 1835 and reads thus: "Sacred to the memory of Ralfe Clench, died Jan. 1828. aged 66 years, Eliza Euretta Richardson, youngest daughter of Ralfe Clench and Elizabeth, and wife of Chas. Richardson, died Sept. 1833, aged 25 years, Jane, wife of Robert Rist, late Capt. of 37th Regt., and eldest sister of Chas. Richardson, (lied 1831."

The Major Richardson referred to was the author of *The Two Brothers*, *The Prophecy*, *Wacousta*, and a *History of the War of 1812*. Ralfe Clench was one of the Rangers, afterwards Judge, Member of Parliament, and when advanced in life, fought at Queenston Heights. A small enclosure has flat stones to two sons of Col. Butler, Thomas Butler and Johnson Butler, who died in December, 1812, and their wives, also Judge Thos. Butler, the son of Thos. Butler.

Another stone chronicles "Samuel Cox who was born on the ocean between Germany and New York 1759, died 1822." Col. John Butler himself, that doughty veteran has no stone to mark the spot where he is interred. Some years ago an attempt was made to locate the grave and bury the remains in St. Mark's but the design was

abandoned.

It is pleasant to record that the Park Commissioners, Niagara Falls, have lately placed a strong iron fence around the half acre and it is hoped a cairn will be placed with the names of those interred within.

### **SERVOS FAMILY BURIAL GROUND.**

In the Servos burial place on the farm of Mrs. Mary Servos, there are five generations buried. Here is the grave of the widow of Col. Johnson, who was killed at the taking of Fort Niagara, 1759.

"Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Johnson, who died 8th Nov., 1811, aged 104 years." She had thus survived her husband 52 years; another is to her daughter, Elizabeth Servos, wife of Daniel Servos, who died in 1821, aged 72. Here also is buried Magdalene Servos, wife of John Whitmore, the little girl who witnessed the killing of her grandfather in the Revolutionary War and was brought away to Canada several years after by her father, afterwards marrying John Whitmore, himself at one time a prisoner with the Indians, his nose and ears being slit by them; their daughter became the wife of our distinguished litterateur, William Kirby, F. R. S. C".

"Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth, relict of Cohn McNabb, Esq., of, near Niagara, who departed this life Sept. 26th, 1813, aged 44 years; also of their son, Cohn Alexander, Lieut. in H. M. late Nova Scotia Fencibles Regt., who departed this life Nov. 10th, 1820." In St. Mark's register is a pathetic reference to the former, as recorded by Mr. Addison: "On the day on which the engagement between Sir J as. Yeo and Commodore Chauncey took place on the lake, our dear friend, Mrs. McNabb, was buried in Mr. Servos's burying ground, 29th Sept., 1813."

A large monument is to Col. J. D. Servos, who died in 1847, aged 62, and another to Daniel Servos, Esq., who died 26th March, 1803, aged 65. In the Anglican Church at Virgil are two tablets on the walls to these, thus: "In Memoriam Capt. Daniel Servos of Butler's Rangers, United Empire Loyalist, who died March 26th, 1803, aged 65."

"Col. John D. Servos, born in Niagara, 1784, was Captain, of the Lincoln Militia during the war of 1812-15. Commanded the Militia at Chippawa during the Rebellion of 1837-8, died April 24th, 1847."

Other names found here are Tannahill, Fuller, Lowe, and several Indians here found sepulture, and one at least who could not have been a U. E. L., as a flat stone commemorates, Wm. Lowe, of the parish of Clogheen, County of Tipperary, Ireland, and his wife, who died in 1813.

On the farm was one of the first mills in the country, and part of the house still standing was built in 1784. Old account books of that date show curious items, and commissions signed by different Governors assert the military spirit of the family. The last interment was that of Mrs., Mary Servos, daughter of John C. Ball who fought at Queenston Heights.

## **BALL FAMILY BURIAL GROUND.**

The Ball graveyard at Locust Grove has also several generations buried in its enclosure. The Jacob Ball who came with his three sons, bringing forty men, in 1780, lies here. "In memory of Jacob Ball, born 1733, died 1810." Having fought in the Queen's Rangers and Butler's Rangers through the Revolutionary War, he was spared the second contest, dying two years before the war of 1812. The sons, Peter, John and George are buried here. The wife of Jacob Ball, the elder, Mary Ball, died in 1814, aged 78, in the midst of wars alarms and shortly after the family residence had been burnt.

How strangely occur references to the distant possessions of this vast empire, as here in this quiet country graveyard is buried a daughter of Major McKie, East India Company's service.

Another U. E. L. name is found here: Elizabeth Showers, wife of Peter Ball, born 1764, died 1844.

The last interred here was John W. Ball, 1813-1890, for fifty years an office bearer in St. Mark's, the son of George Ball, the fourth son, who came in 1784.

Peter Ball, 1755-1836; George Ball, 1765-1854; John Ball, died 1822, aged 62 years, also. Catherine Overholt, the wife of George Ball, who died in 1845, aged 59. "Eliza Maria, wife of John W. Ball, and daughter of Rev. Wm. Sampson, of Grimsby, 1818-1856." Margaret, second daughter of George Ball, 1808-1894. It was to George Ball that the nephew of Sir Isaac Brock gave the General's cocked hat, which came out shortly after the death of that commander, and by their descendants is entrusted to the Historical Society.

## **FIELD, BROWN, VROOMAN.**

Near the residence of Mr. Geo. Field, which is an historic house, having been used as a hospital in the war of 1812, is a graveyard in which are interred members of three families. The house near was built by Gilbert Field, the first brick house on the river road and before the beginning of the century. A tombstone tells us that he died in 1815, aged 50, while his son, Daniel Field, who fought at Detroit, Queenston, and Lundy's Lane, died in 1873, having received for his services a medal gained by the instrumentality of Hon. Wm. H. Merritt, as shown in a letter dated Quebec, 1852.

In another division of the plot is an inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Solomon S. Vrooman, born Dec. 5th, 1783, died Aug. 21st, 1874," also to his wife, Mary Brown. S. S. Vrooman fought at Queenston Heights and his picture appears in a group of eight veterans taken in 1869 in front of the monument, their united ages being 609. The position of Vrooman's battery is yet pointed out. A thick gray stone double, with a perpendicular division, with angels faces carved above, has these words:

"In memory of Joseph Brown, died 1821, aged 65, and his consort, Rebecca Johnson, 9th March, 1808."

"Remember men when thou pass by  
As you are now so once was I,  
As we are now so you must be,  
Remember men that all must die."

Two others of the date 1808 also have angel's faces.

"In memory of Nancy Vrooman, daughter of Solomon and Mary Vrooman, died April, 1808, in the 16th year of her age. Erected March, 1824."

Also Phebe Brown, died 1808, showing the early possession of the farm, still in the same name.

### **BELLINGER FAMILY BURYING GROUND.**

An almost forgotten family burying plot on the Cox farm, which, having passed through many hands in the century, we may readily understand why the stones are broken and almost illegible. This in old times was the Bellinger farm, there have evidently been nearly a score of graves: rough stones still stand, and from the dry bed of the brook we gathered fragments which we pieced together with some degree of success. On a brownish grey stone, with the lettering still quite plain on the one half yet standing, was a quotation from the Apocrypha, the first found from its pages of all so far examined, and in another respect this stone is unique as fuller particulars are given than elsewhere found: while others give year, month and day of birth and death these give the hour of both.

"In memory of Phillip Bellinger, who was born \_\_\_\_ 20th, 1725, between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, and died Feb. 16th, 1799, between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning."

"Here rests the body of Nanna Pawling, wife of G. A. Pawling, who was born Aug. 1802, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the

morning, and died June \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the morning.

She being made perfect in a short time fulfilled a long time, for her soul pleased the Lord, therefore He hastened to take her away from among the wicked. Eccles., chap. 4, verse 13 and 14."

I looked in vain in Ecclesiastes for this verse, then in Ecclesiasticus, finally found it in the Wisdom of Solomon, but with the word he instead of she. Since finding this inscription, placed here nearly a century ago, a pathetic interest attaches to it, as we find that these are the verses selected by the Princess Alice for her father's tomb, Albert the Good, and they certainly seemed appropriate in his case.

### **ST. MARK'S CEMETERY**

Will require a more lengthened notice, for not only are the inscriptions in the graveyard exceptionally interesting but the walls of the church both outside and in add their quota of history, romance or poetry. Here rest peacefully together different nationalities and denominations, for, as this was the first burial place, it was used by all at least forty years before other denominations provided a separate place, and to this day many bring their dead from distant homes to lie here beside kindred dust. The spot is an ideal one. Dean Stanley said, "This is a piece of old England, do not allow it to be touched." Graceful elms and drooping weeping willows lend their beauty, whose branches whisper a requiem to the quiet dead, the remains of rifle-pits constructed in the war of 1812 may yet be seen, stones hacked by the soldiery when in the hands of the enemy, all give a fitting setting to the old gray church with its tower and buttresses. The

parish dates back to 1792, while the church was built in 1805. The oldest stone may be found on the east corner in the vestibule, having been rescued; from the place where it was almost buried. The rude lettering shows an unskilled hand.

Lenerd Blanck,  
Deseaced  
5 Aug.  
1782

Perhaps the next in date is the following, but dear cut, as if done quite lately:

"Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Kerr, wife of Robert Kerr, who departed this life at Niagara, 24th January, A. D. 1794. at 32 years."

The husband, Dr. Kerr, died in Albany, in 1824, and was interred there with Masonic honors, being Grand Master. Mrs. Kerr was a daughter of Molly Brant and Sir William Johnson.

A large flat stone, hacked and marred so as to be almost indecipherable, having been used as a butcher's block during the war while the town was in the hands of the Americans, has this inscription:

"To the memory of Charles Morrison, a native of Scotland, who resided many years at Michilimackinac as a merchant and magistrate, and since the cession of that post to the United States, became a British subject by election for loyalty to his Sovereign and integrity in his dealings he was ever remarkable. He died here on his way to Montreal on the 6th day of Sept., 1804, aged 65 years."

Another altar tomb near, also defaced in the same way, reads:

"In memory of Geo. Forsyth, who in his long residence as a merchant and magistrate in the town was beloved for his mild manners and great worth, died Sept. 15th, 1806, aged 52 years"

In the porch at the north door of the church, (the older part,) is a tablet which, having fallen down in the graveyard, has been placed here, and is the only record we have here of those who fell defending their country from the invader on the memorable, 27th May, 1813, when a force of 6,000 landed, the Niagara frontier being defended by a force of 1500 only.

"In memory of Capt. M. McLellan, aged 42 years; Charles Wright and Wm. Cameron, in the 25th year of their age, of the 1st Regiment of Lincoln Militia, who gloriously fell on the 27th May, 1813, also Adjutant Lloyd of the 8th King's Regiment of Infantry.

"As lurid lightning's dart their vivid light, So poured they forth their fire in bloody fight. They bravely fell and served their country's cause, They loved their Constitution, King and Laws."

In the first poem published by Mr. Kirby, called the U. E., is a character called by him Ranger John. Here in the eastern side of the graveyard is a simple inscription to the old U. E. Loyalist from whom the character in the poem was drawn.

"John Clement, Esq., died Feb 11th, 1845, aged 87."

The name of Col. John Butler in certain histories is held up to obloquy, but as time rolls of the partisan spirit is dying out, and poet and historian will yet do late justice to the

leader of the irregular force called Butler's Rangers. On a tablet in the church may be read these words:

"Fear God and honour the King. In memory of Col. John Butler, His Majesty's Commissioner for Indian affairs, born in New London, Connecticut. 1728. His life was spent honorably in the service of the Crown. In the war with France, for the conquest of Canada, he was distinguished at the battle of Lake George, Sept. 1755; at the siege of Fort Niagara and its capitulation, 25th July, 1759. In the war 1776 he took up arms in defense of the unity of the Empire and raised and commanded the Royal American Regiment of Butler's Rangers. A sincere Christian as well as a brave soldier, he was one of the founders and the first patron of this parish. He died at Niagara, May, 1796, and is interred in the family burying ground near this town. Erected 1880."

Outside the eastern wall a brave young sailor who gave his life for his country is commemorated. Another tablet inside also records his name, the one erected by his nephew at the request of brothers and sisters, the other by Capt. Dobbs, R. N., at the request of his mother.

"Sacred to the memory of Capt. Copeland Radcliffe, OT His Britannic Majesty's Navy, who fell whilst gallantly leading on his men to board one of the enemy's schooners at anchor off Fort Erie on the night of the 12th Aug., 1814."

Near the north corner of the cemetery is a monument to.

"Col. Ralfe Clench, died Jan. 19th, 1828, aged 66 years, also Elizabeth, his wife, who died Aug. 15th, 1850, aged 78."

Reference has already been made to the honorable work of Ralfe Clench, the body buried first in Butler's graveyard, was removed here. It is recorded in the very rare copy of the proceedings of the Loyal and Patriotic Society formed during the War of 1812, that the house of Mr. Clench was the only one saved in the town from the conflagration, but it was accidentally burnt shortly after.

Not far from the church are the graves of two worthies yet unmarked, but who well deserve to be remembered. Dominic Henry, an old soldier of the army of Cornwallis, who afterwards took charge of the lighthouse which stood where Port Mississauga now stands, from 1803 to 1814. His wife who, on the 27th May, 1813, served out refreshments to our forces, had her services acknowledged by the Loyal and Patriotic Society, who presented her with £25, calling her "a heroine not to be frightened."

Another stone has the inscription:

"Hermanus de Graff, of Schenectady, who departed this life in 1802, aged 28.

Stop traveler and weep,  
For here beneath death's shade,  
Snatched from his friends,  
A lovely youth is laid.  
But sleep in hope,  
For soon hell burst this sod,  
And rise in air  
To meet his Saviour God."

"In memory of Col. Wm. Kingsmill, son of the late Major Kingsmill, of 1st Royals, died in Toronto, 6th May, 1876. aged 82. Col. Kingsmill served in H. M. 66th Regiment, in

the Peninsular War, and afterwards at St. Helena, during Napoleon's captivity. Subsequently in command of 3rd Inf. Corps, Batt. of U. Canadian Militia, and was Sheriff of the Niagara District. He was a gallant soldier."

The Kingsmills, must have been a military family, as in the church are two tablets to the sons of Col. Kingsmill, dying in places far distant, and a grandson is now in the Royal Navy.

"In memoriam Capt. W. D. Kingsmill of R. C. Regt.. born at St. Helena, 1818. Lieut. C. E. Kingsmill, of Ceylon Rifle Regt., died at Hong Kong."

Near this is an inscription in Latin to his wife by one who was an old U. Canada College boy:

In Memoriam  
Liviniae  
Nicol Kingsmill Uxoris  
Quae  
In hac parochia  
Prid. non . Aug.  
A.D., M.D.C.C.C.X.C.V. De Hac Vita Decessit Annos X. L. V. Nata  
Dilectissima.

In an enclosure facing the river is a stone with coat of arms and the motto, Denique Coelum.

"Robert Melville, Capt. H. M. 68th Regt., died 1845."

Also a stone to a son of Capt. Schonsuar, 1st Dragoon Guards.

Where so many military are buried there seems to have been some plan followed, as grouped near one another are soldiers of R. C. Rifles, again of 76th Regt., and in another spot of King's Dragoon Guards.

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Easton, late trumpeter H. M. Royal Artillery Drivers, who departed this life Feb. 24th, 1832, aged 56 years.

"Here lies within this silent grave, A Royal soldier, brisk and brave, Who suddenly was called away, From off this sodden foot of clay."

"Sacred to the memory of William Jolliffe and John Midgley, aged 20 and 21 respectively, who died July 17th, 1825. They belonged to the band of the 76th Regt., and were universally beloved and regretted by their comrades."

Near this lies an old Waterloo veteran, who for many years rode round the town decorated with his medals on the anniversary of the battle, 18th June: "Thos. Fletcher of the 76th Regt., died in 1847."

"Capt. Jas. Baxter, late 68th Regt., and Royal Canadian Rifle Regt., died Feb. 28th, 1865, aged 67 years."

A romantic story is attached to the name of one born in far Greece, but then, alas, Greece enslaved by the savage Turk.

"In memory of Katherina Haideen, a native of Missolonghi, Greece, wife of Frederick Paffard, born 1823, died at Niagara, 1883." As a child, a captive with the Turks, she attracted the compassion of an English gentleman, who bought her freedom,

and educated her in England as his own. The story recalls the fact that at a school in Niagara a collection was taken up to assist the Greeks in 1827, the year of the battle of Navarino."

In the east corner of the church is a tablet:

"Sacred to the memory of Henrietta Eliza Sewell, wife of F. J. Lundy, B. C. L., assistant minister of this parish, and daughter of the Hon. Jonathan Sewell, D. C. L., late Chief justice of Lower Canada, died 1847, aged 39."

On the outside wall:

"Anne, consort of Capt. Chas. Paynter, daughter of Sir Robert Ruthven, Bart., died 1836, aged 32. The body lies inside of the new part of this church, east side, parallel with and 9½ feet from the corner of the old wall."

"Capt. Geo. Deare, R. C. R., eldest son of the late Lieut. Col. Deare, 8th Hussars, who died at Niagara, 1851, aged 32 years. This tablet is erected by his brother officers as a testimony of esteem and regard."

From a tablet in the church we learn that others besides Gen. Brock were buried at Fort George.

"Donald Campbell, Islay, Argyleshire, Fort Major, of Fort George, died 1st Dec., 1812. Interred on west side of Garrison Gate. Fort George."

A handsome tablet commemorates another Peninsular War veteran:

"Sacred to the memory of Lieut. Col. Wm. Elliot, K. B., of the R. C. Rifle Regt. Colonel commanding Niagara frontier, who died at Niagara, Dec. 17th, 1845, aged 55 years. 39 years of his life were devoted to his country, he having served in most of the glorious victories of the Peninsular War. This tablet is erected by the officers of the Royal C. Rifle Regt., as a memorial of affection and of sincere regret for his lamented death."

On the outer wall, the sons-in-law of Rev. R. Addison are remembered:

"John Andrew Stevenson. Born in Dublin, 1790, died at Oakwood, near Niagara, 1832."

A letter has been lately found written to his father-in-law, Mr. Addison, after the disastrous battle of Chippawa.

"George Connoly, born in Dublin, 1784, died at Lake Lodge, near Niagara, 1857."

"In memory of Richard Hiscott, born in Wiltshire, England, 1790, died at Niagara, Canada, 1874. Deservedly esteemed both as a citizen and a soldier. In early life he served with honour in H. M. 76th Regt., of foot, and was in many battles of the Peninsular War and in Canada. He settled in Niagara,, where a large family of his descendants and numerous friends lament his death."

Two beautiful mural tablets in the transept read thus:

"In memory of the Hon. Robert Dickson, of Woodlawn. Niagara, member of the Legislative Council of Canada, who died at Leghorn,, Italy, 1846, aged 50. This tablet is erected by her who fondly cherishes the recollection of those endearing qualities which were: so long the solace of her life, and who mourns her with a hope full of consolation." The mourning widow, dying like her husband, far from home, is commemorated in fewer words:

"In memory of Jane Jones, relict of the Hon. Robt. Dickson, of Woodlawn, Niagara, who died at Montreal, 1854, aged 60 years.

In the graveyard is a memorial to the father of Hon. Robert Dickson:

"In memory of the Hon. Wm. Dickson, of Woodlawn, Niagara, born in Dumfries, Scotland, 1769, died at Niagara, Jan. 1st, 1846, and of Charlotte Adlem, wife of Hon. Wm. Dickson born in London, England, 1771, died at Niagara, Jan. 1st, 1826." This must have been she who, lying ill in bed, was carried out and lay in the snow watching the destruction of the house with its library worth £ 600, the day the town was burnt, her husband being a prisoner at Greenbush.

Length of service seems to have been the rule here, for besides the unique fact that in the hundred years of the church history, there were only three rectors, the parish clerk had a still longer term of office than the above average. On a small stone:

"To the memory of John Wray, 50 years parish clerk of St. Mark's, who died at an advanced age, Oct. 6th, 1846."

In the church at the north end is a large tablet let in the wall in memory of the first minister, whose circuit extended to Long Point, York, Grimsby, etc.

"In memory of the Rev. Robt. Addison, first missionary in this district of the Venerable the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. He commenced his labors in 1792, which by the blessing of Divine Providence, he was enabled to continue for 37 years. Besides his stated services as minister of St. Mark's in the town, he visited and officiated in different parts of this and adjoining districts until other missionaries arrived. He was born in Westmoreland, England. Remember them which have the rule over you." Near this is a large tablet to the second rector:

"In memory of Rev. Thos. Creen, late Rector of Niagara, born in Rathfriland, Ireland, Nov. 20th, 1799, died at Niagara, Jan. 6th, 1864. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings that publisheth peace. Isaiah 52, 7."

Mr. Creen was educated at Glasgow University, was a ripe scholar, and for several years taught the Grammar School. The tablet was erected by old pupils, members of a private class. One of the stained glass windows is in memory of the third Rector, Rev. Wm. McMurray, D.D., D.C.L.

Another teacher who also took his place in fighting at Queenston Heights and wrote a history of the war of 1812, printed at Niagara (now very rare) was a captain in the Royal Scots, David Thomson. An educator in another line an editor and publisher, Mr. Andrew Heron, lies here, his four wives beside him in an enclosure between the two defaced stones previously mentioned. The Gleaner newspaper published from 1817 to 1837, and many books which he printed are his monument. He was the founder, secretary-treasurer and librarian of the Niagara Library, numbering 1,000 volumes, which existed from 1800 to 1820. He was also the secretary and treasurer of St. Andrew's church for many years.

Many quaint and curious lines may be found on the old stones; as to a child who died Mar. 2nd, 1802, aged 4 years, Ann Graham.

"My time is short: the longer my rest  
God called me here because he thought it best  
So weep not; drier up your tears  
He must lie till Christ appears."

The exigencies of rhyme, rhythm and syntax are bold met and conquered; metaphors and similes, appropriate or not, abound.

"The fairest flower that nature shows,  
Sustains the sharpest doom,  
His life was like a morning rose  
That withers in its bloom.  
Weep not mother for John is at rest  
His sins forgot and in Heaven blest."

"Sacred to the memory of the two infant children of R.U. Turney, chaplain to H. B. Majesty's Forces, and Jane, his wife."

Does this mean that he was chaplain to the Forces and Jane his wife?

But verse is not yet exhausted. On the tombstone of two children of Alexander McKee, dying in 1813, are the following lines: it is told that the father was a prisoner at Fort Niagara and was allowed to come to the funeral. Losing his property when the town was burnt, he taught a classical School, assisted by his wife, and both lie buried beside their children:

"Ah here they lie as budding roses  
Blasted before their bloom  
Whose innocence did sweets disclose  
Beyond that flower's perfume."  
"Dear as thou didst in modest worth excell,  
More dear than in a daughter's name farewell,  
Farewell dear Maria; but the hour is nigh  
When if I'm worthy we shall meet on high  
Then shall I say triumphant from the tomb  
Come to thy mother's arms dear Maria come."

Another:

"Filial affection stronger than the grave  
From Time's obliterating hand to save  
Erects this humble monument of stones  
Over a father's and a mother's bones."  
"He's gone! No more his infant smiles  
The smile of innocence shall dart  
His power electric to expand  
And warm a tender parent's heart;  
His lips which I kissed are faded and cold  
His hands which I clasped are covered with mould  
His form which I clasped is crumbled away  
And soon by his side his weepers shall lay."

On the tombstone of a child, Mary Rogers, dying in 1812:

God plants his flowers at any time And, plucks when he thinks proper Then why should we repine?

William Grier, aged 27, died in 1813, the son of John Grier, a noted merchant:

“Ye mourning friends as you pass by  
This monument survey  
Learn ere your solemn hour draws nigh  
To choose that better way.”

Of "Jane Cassady, the wife of John Whitten," it is told that when a child she carried her younger brother on her back out to Butler's farm for safety the day the town was taken, 27th May, 1813. Who in this degenerate day deserves such praise as that in the line given below?

"Here lies as much virtue as could live."

"Man's life what is it? Tis a flower Looks fresh and dies within the hour."

These are all in the first years of the century and form a contrast with the brief lines on two monuments of late years.

"The memory of a life nobly rendered is immortal."

"Laid here in faith, hope and love all that is mortal of."

A trace of the rude hand of war is here recorded;

"Sacred to the memory of John McFarland, a native of Paisley, Scotland. He was taken prisoner at the capture of Fort George and escaped from Green Bush near the close of the war, 1815. He returned to his place, Niagara, and, finding his property burnt up and destroyed by the enemy, it enervated him so much that he died in a few months after, in the 64th year of his age."

On a tombstone near the north corner appears Pope's line, and the epitaph is unique as describing a man who had gained all the wealth he desired. We all know the story of the Ancient king vainly searching the world for a happy man.

"An honest man's the noblest work of God. In memory of Archibald Cunningham, who was born in Scotland and resided nearly 30 years in Canada. Having during half of that time by Strict Integrity and by persevering Industry in the Paths of Commerce acquired a competency equal to his wishes he retired to his Farm and there by a life of Frugal Simplicity and disinterested Benevolence he retained the affection of all his friends and procured the respect of all his neighbors. These sentiments, evincing the Esteem of those who accompanied him through Life, have by them been engraven on this Monument. Erected by a grateful and affectionate Friend, Oh. 21st Aug., 1804."

A grand niece, Miss Sibbald, was, by her request, buried beside him in 1904, a century later.

A naval hero, a beloved physician and a Methodist class leader, are thus commemorated:

"Sacred to the memory of Philip Hopkins, Commander of H. M. Cruiser Vandeleur, who departed this life July 11th, 1858, aged 75."

"In loving memory of Robt. M. Wilson, M.D., who died at Simcoe, May 31st, 1875. Their eyes shall behold the king in his beauty, they shall behold the land that is very far off." (This was a favorite verse of the deceased.)

"Andrew Brady, born at Queenston Heights Aug. 15th, 1789, died 1875."

Many remember him familiarly known as Father Brady.

A sad story is told on a cross in an enclosure with seven graves, of young men snatched from life suddenly.

"In affectionate remembrance of Robert C. Henderson, J. H. Murray, C. E. Anderson, Weir Anderson, Philips Braddon, C. V. W. Vernon, Vincent H. Taylor; who were lost on 11th July, 1874, by the foundering of the Yacht Foam."

One of the beautiful memorial windows is in memory of a merchant of the town, whose stately form and handsome face gave him the cognomen of "Lord John," a friend of the celebrated Mrs. Jameson, and referred to in her life, "John Lees Alma, 1890, by his wife and daughters." A daughter, Emily, was born at Valparaiso, Chili, and this shows again from what distant lands these inmates of "God's Acre" hail, as does the next inscription.

"Murray Powell, son of John Powell, Sub-Inspector of Mounted Police, Victoria, Australia."

Near this a noted lawyer of the town is commemorated by a stately ivy covered monument.

"Charles Letham Hall, Barrister at Law."

Here lies buried Capt. Alexander Garrett of the Grenadiers, who fought with Brock at Queenston Heights. On an old stone with the name of John Emery, 1813, the lines:

"Waken, O Lord, our drowsy sense to walk this dangerous road, And if our souls are hurried hence May they be found with God."

It is remarkable the number of retired clergy who lie buried here, Rev. Henry Cottingham, Rev. Romaine Rolph, Rev. Peter Roe, Rev. Matthew Ker, D. D., Rev. ~H. N, Philips, Rev. Canon Arnold, Rev. Prof. Beavan, Rev. John S. Clarke.

The third rector is thus kept in memory as well as by the beautiful memorial window:

"To the Glory of God and in memory of William McMurray, D.D, D.C.L., Archdeacon of Niagara and Rector of St. Mark's Parish for 37 years. Born Sept. 19th, 1810, died May 19th, 1894. Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth. Ps. 28, 8." Also, to his first wife "Sacred to the memory of Charlotte Johnston, wife of Rev. Wm. McMurray, died 1871, aged 71."

This was a sister of Mrs. Schoolcraft and daughter of Chief Johnston, an Irish gentleman of Sault Ste Marie, referred to by Mrs. Jaimeson in her "Summer Rambles and Winter Studies," as marrying an Indian Maiden, Ogeneboquab.

On a tablet in the church to Amelia Baxter, widow of Dr. McMurray, is found this praise:

"This woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did." Acts 9.36.

Another has the name of Elizabeth, wife of Senator Plumb, and daughter of Thomas C. Street.

Here too was buried Jean Baptiste Rousseaux, a native of Paris, Interpreter to the Indian Chief Joseph Brant, the great Thyendanagea.

The eminent virtues of a child of nine are not often spoken of:

"Sacred to the memory of Robert D. Wright, son of the late Chas. Wright of Niagara, who departed this life 9th June, 1822, aged 9 years and 7 mos.

Although I walk in Death's dark vale  
Yet will I fear no ill,  
For thou art with me and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

"This stone was erected by David Thompson, his step-father, as a memorial of his eminent virtues."

The father, Charles Wright, was one of the four who lie near, killed 27th May, 1813, and the stepfather, who fought at Queenston Heights and was afterwards a teacher in the town, lies near without any stone to mark his grave.

A brass tablet in the church commemorates the centenary of the church: "To the glory of God! This tablet is erected by the Congregation of St. Mark's Church, in grateful commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the foundation of this parish on the 9th July, 1792. The nave of the church was built about 1807 and burned during the war of 1812, the walls only remaining. It was restored in 1820 and enlarged to the present dimensions in 1843 During the century the living has been held by the following incumbents: The Rev. Robert Addison, 1792 to 1829; The Rev. Thomas Creen, 1829 to 1857; The Rev. William McMurray, D.D., D.C.L., Archdeacon of Niagara, to the present time, assisted since 1888 by the Rev. J. C. Garrett as curate in charge."

From the archives of Canada it is pretty conclusively shown that the church was built in 1804 and from the records of the S. P G lately received, service was not held in it till 1808. The number of interments in 1818-1826-7, seems remarkable, and almost without exception each stone has a verse, of varying degrees of merit or otherwise. A child, Mary

Ann Tannahill, 1826  
My Marian gone, a mother cries  
And soon the tomb will from me hide  
My life, my love, my infant dear  
To sleep in death and silence here.

Many soldiers of the 76th Regiment of foot are buried near one another, as in another part of the graveyard are members of the 1st or King's Dragoon Guards, also is found mention of the 100th Regt., Obadiah Creed, and still another arm of the service as "Alexander Gardiner, a native of Perthshire, North Britain, Master Mason in the Royal Engineer Department at this post during many years, a situation which he fulfilled with entire satisfaction to his superiors and the esteem of all his acquaintances," died 1824, aged 65.

The present day taste in inscriptions is... shewn in a memorial to a soldier of a later date: "In memory of Percy Beale, late Captain and Adjutant Her Majesty's 10th Foot, Lincolnshire Regt. Died at the bungalow, Niagara, 1902.

The day has sung its song of sorrow, and over the grave of the widow:

"After the day has sung its song of sorrow One by one the golden stars appear."

The small grey stone over the infant grandchild of Chief Justice Powell, dying here in 1812, has an appropriate couplet:

"Such the mild Saviour to his arms receives  
And the full blessing of His Kingdom gives.

A large flat stone commemorates John Wilson, a church warden for many years, whose will leaves property to his thirteen children; near by are inscriptions to three of his wives, Jane Wilson in 1808, Ann Wilson, 1819, and Mary in 1854. In the U. E. L. lists his father is called Irish John.

A group of tombstones seem to have formed a family burial plot, with the names of Rogers, Grier and Koune, all related.

Alexander Rogers, died 1818, aged 35.

Mary Rogers, relict of John Rogers, died in 1828, aged 78, having lived in Niagara since 1806.

John Rogers died, 1820.

James Rogers died 1854, aged 45.

Jane Grier died 1835, in the 84th year of her age.

The Harrington Hotel was kept by Alexander Rogers, and afterwards by his wife. Elizabeth, wife of Charles Koune, died 1844, aged 70, born in Ireland.

John Grier, born in 1761, died in 1833, was a noted merchant of the town and an elder in the Presbyterian church for many years. Letters in the Archives in Ottawa shew his claim for the damage to his tannery in the war of 1812-14.

An old grey stone bears the names of Richard and Diana Pointer, 1817 and 1818:

"A father kind, a mother dear  
In silent death doth slumber here,  
And Ben God's trump the earth shall quake  
In Christ we hope they will awake.  
Their offspring then to God be given  
And all enjoy sweet rest in heaven.

"Robert Wilson of Sunderland, Co., Durham, England, died July 1839."  
Farewell dear wife and children all wherever you remain, The Lord of Hosts be your defence till we do meet again.  
Followed by the rather singular addition: "Also to the Memory of Catharine Keo his mother-in-law, August, 1839."

A late inscription brings up several well known names:  
Eliza Addison Stevenson, 1827-1906, widow of John Cockcroft Kirkpatrick, daughter of John Andrew Stevenson, and grand-daughter of Rev. Robert Addison the first rector of this parish."

A tablet lately placed in the church to the memory of the veteran litterateur, William Kirby, has this inscription, said to have been composed by himself:  
"In memory of William Kirby, F. R. S. C., for twenty-four years Collector of Customs for Niagara. The author of *Le Chien dor* (the Golden Dog), *Canadian Idylls*, and other works of just repute, a true man, with the loyalty, courage and spirit of his race, born at Hull, Yorkshire, 13th Oct. 1817, died at Niagara 23rd June, 1906. Also in memory of his dear wife, Eliza Magdalene Whitmore, U. E. L., born in Niagara Twp., 14th Aug. 1817, died at Niagara 5th June, 1891."

An old grey stone brings up a story of the roar of cannon, of deadly strife, of blazing houses in bleak December, of the cries of children, despairing mothers brought out from sick beds:

"In memory of Mrs. G. Taylor, wife of Thos. Taylor, Esq., of Hamilton, Gore District, who departed this life 6th June 1833, age 46." Thos. Taylor was Fort Major, succeeding Fort Major Campbell in 1812, at Fort George. It is related that Mrs. Taylor and four children living at what is known as the "Wilderness," the Property of the Claus family, hid in what is called the "Pit," an old roothouse, their only shelter for some time, and that forty took refuge in an old dug-out when the town was burned, and lived there for the winter.

A beautiful memorial window copied from a celebrated painting in Italy, the Resurrection morning, the women at the tomb, commemorates Mrs. Fell of Buffalo.

The latest addition to this fine old cemetery is a handsome massive mausoleum, shewing filial affection; here are placed the bodies of the father and mother, Robert and Annie Carnathan, of Mrs. Baur, also that of her husband, Charles Baur, shewing too the love for Niagara, as Mrs. Baur, living long in Terre Haute, Indiana, returns to her birthplace, bringing her dead for sepulture in this old God Acre.

The quotations are from the Song of Solomon and Cardinal Newman's hymn:

"Until the day break and the shadows flee away."

"And with the morn those angel faces smile

Which I have loved long since and lost a while.

An old stone enclosure has two large flat stones:

"James Monro, Rossshire, Scotland, 1832."

With the rather unusual text:

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection, on such Death has no power."

Here, too, rests the body of Thomas McCormick, the manager of the old Bank of Upper Canada, and church warden for many years, 1784 -1867, and of his wife, Augusta Honoria, daughter of Secretary Jarvis, born in London, 1790, died 1848, and of Mrs. Wm. McCormick, nee Arnoldi, born 1765, died 1855, having been a widow for seventy years.

Two descendants of United Empire Loyalists are buried here; Col. Peter Servos and his brother, Daniel Servos part of the original house built in 1784 still stands on the Lake road.

### **ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY.**

In this enclosure, where the first church was erected in the town, in 1794, none were buried till 1833, the first to be interred, he who conducted the first Sunday School in the town for fourteen years, is in a few words mentioned:

"Sacred to the memory of John Crooks, died Mar. 31st, 1833, aged 36. A native of Greenock, Scotland."

He was the postmaster of the town, whose benevolent deed to prisoners in the jail confined for debt is mentioned in papers of that period, in sending firewood to them in the depth of Winter.

Next this enclosure is one covered with fragrant lilies of the valley. A small tablet in the wall has these words:

"The Minister's Burying Place." "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

Singular to say, in the century of its history, no minister this church has been buried here, only a small mound, that of an infant of a day, may be seen in the plot.

A few military heroes and several U. E. Loyalists found here their last resting place. as:  
"Sacred to the memory of Donald McDonald, of the 79th Highlanders, died 1846."

"Lachlan Currie, 68th Regt.; fought in the Peninsular

Of one U. E. Loyalist buried here the story is told that he was, when a child, a captive among the Indians for several years.

"In memory of Jas. Cooper, born in Scotland, 1770; emigrated to America in 1774; died 1856, in his 86th year."

"Elizabeth Hixon, his wife, born in the Province of New Jersey in 1773, emigrated to Canada in 1788, died 1855, aged 82."

Descendants of Capt. Jacob Ball of Butler's Rangers are buried here, Wm. M. Ball and his son, Robert N. Ball, both office-bearers in St. Andrew's church.

"John Eglesum, died 1851, aged 93."

A skilful physician and surgeon, the brother of Prof. Campbell of Edinburgh University, and who dying in Toronto, "wished to be buried "as near old St. Andrew's as possible," is thus commemorated:

"In memory of Duncan Campbell, M.D., of Edinburgh, died Feb. 4th, 1879, aged 68 years."

A later grave is that of "John Majoribanks Lawder, for many years judge of the County of Lincoln."

One of the fathers of the church, for fifty years was connected with it as an office-bearer, and was also an officer in the Lincoln Militia in 1812.

"Willam Duff Miller, 1786-1859."

A benefactor of the church who left a legacy of £750, which afterwards purchased the manse, is thus remembered:

"Sacred to the memory of Catharine Young, who died 1840, aged 67. This tribute of regard is erected by the relatives of her husband, Jno. Young, who was drowned in Lake Ontario, July 30th, 1840."

Dr. Whitelaw, a distinguished scholar who taught the Grammar School both in Niagara and Kingston, lies here, dying in 1850.

In the vestibule is a mural tablet:

"Sacred to the memory of John Young, Esq., long a merchant of Niagara. Returning home in pain and infirmity, he was drowned in Lake Ontario, where his body tests awaiting the hour when the sea shall give up her dead. In his last illness, concerned for the welfare of coming generations, he ordained a bequest for the perpetual maintenance of divine ordinances in this church. He met death July 29th, 1840, aged 73. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, because of the house of the Lord I will seek thy good." From him Youngstown received its name.

The Wagstaff plot commemorates settlers before and after the war of 1812.

John Wagstaff, a merchant of the town for many years, 1779-1852; Sarah Wagstaff, 1785-1854.

"Her virtues and her worth  
Shall fond remembrance cheer.

"Elizabeth Remington, wife of Richard Wagstaff

A few short years of evil past,  
We reach the happy shore.

Near this is the Davidson plot:

Walter Davidson, 1799-1850; his wife Sarah, 1792-1848, their sons, John, William, James, David.

Beside Dr. Whitelaw, the whole family, who died young, are buried.

The next plot is the McFarland's, whose brick house, built in 1800, still stands. They are all descendants of one who was a prisoner at Greenbush, referred to in St. Mark's. One of these, James, buried in another plot, was one of the guides to the force, which captured Fort Niagara, Dec. 19, 1813.

Joseph Barr, a victim of the Des Jardins canal tragedy, Mar. 12th, 1857.

John Ross, born in Montreal, 1781, died at Niagara, 1863.

John Mencilley, aged 86, for many years keeper of stores at Fort George.

Col. Robt. Miller lies here, and Wm. Wright, Royal Engineers.

John Rogers, an office-bearer of the church for fifty Years, like Col. W. D. Miller.

In an enclosure full of headstones lies John McCulloch, a noted merchant of the town, born in Wigtonshire, Scotland.

Jacob Field and Murray Field, descendants of U. E. L. families, lie here.

Janet McPherson, aged 93, wife of Neil Black, and the brothers, John, Alexander, Lachlan, aged 80, 89 and 99, respectively.

A few Africans who escaped from slavery lie here and lately were found the remains, no doubt hastily interred, of a soldier of the King's 8th, who fell 27th May, 1813.

A stout slab of oak, which has stood for over fifty years, while more modern marble stones have fallen, broken in two, tells of another soldier:

"Thomas Ferguson, Royal Canadian Rifles, of the parish of Pithenween, Fifeshire, died in 1852.

A faithful friend, a father dear,

A loving husband lieth here;

Great is the loss we now sustain

We hope in Heaven to meet again.

That of another gives a hint of the troubles and expense caused to the Canadian Government by the Civil War in the United States:

"In memory of Jas. Falconer, private of No.2 Co., of Central Administrative Battalion, who died while serving upon the frontier Mar. 1st, 1865.

"This monument was erected to his memory by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of his company."

Here lies a young surgeon from Edinburgh:

"John Fairweather, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, died, 1839, aged 28."

Many names shewing nationality are found here, as McFarland, McPherson Davidson, Dawson, Logan, Swinton, Currie, Forbes, Carnochan, Elliott, Gordon, McIntyre, Blain, Hutchinson, McMicking, Pringle. Lachlan McPherson had far passed the limit of the Psalmist, having attained almost his hundredth year.

The Centennial tablet reads thus:

"1794.- 1894."

"in grateful commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of this congregation, this tablet is erected by the members of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara. The first building, begun in October 1794 and erected on this spot, was burnt in the war of 1812-14. The congregation met in St. Andrew's schoolroom on the north corner of this

block for some years. The present church was built in 1831. The ministers have been Rev. John Dun, Rev. John Young, Rev. Jno. Burns, Rev. Thomas Fraser, Rev. Robt. McGill, D. D., Rev. John Cruickshank, D.D., Rev. J. B. Mowat, M. A., 1). D., Rev. Charles Campbell, Rev. Wm. Cleland, Rev. J. W. Bell, M. A., and the present pastor, Rev. N. Smith."

### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

The church was built in 1834; previous to this St. Mark's graveyard was used by all denominations. In the church is a tablet with this inscription:

"To the memory of Lieut. Adjut. Reginald McDonnell, Royal Canadian Rifle Regt., who died at Niagara, C. W., on the 20th Dec. 1851, aged 39 years. This tablet is erected by his brother officers as a testimony of regard." In the graveyard is a stone with a similar inscription.

In the enclosure of the McDougal family is the grave of Col. D. McDougal, treasurer of the united counties of Lincoln, Welland, and Haldimand for many years. He fought at Lundy's Lane and lay on the field all night, being reported as mortally wounded, but recovered, carrying in his body a bullet to his grave. In the Historical Room is the original document authorizing Daniel McDougal to enlist men in Glengarry to serve in the war, dated April, 1813, E. McDonell, Prescott.

Bishop McDonell, who ministered to the Catholic regiment from Glengarry, Scotland, was often entertained at Col. McDougal's in Niagara. The wife and her mother, buried here, show their Scottish origin, McNabb and McDonell.

Near this enclosure lies buried one of the benevolent ladies of the town, whose kind face and ready smile are not forgotten, Mrs. Stevenson. A letter in an old Niagara Gleaner of 1832, tells of the time when debtors were imprisoned and of the kindness of Mrs. Stevenson in sending comforts to prisoners.

A young and beloved priest, Father Lynch, lies here, his grave kept covered with flowers by loving hands. In a distant corner is a monument to mark the grave of Patrick Lawless, the fireman of the Steamer Zimmerman, burnt to death on board on the night of Aug. 21st, 1863.

Near this is a mark of filial affection. Father John Kennedy has placed this inscription to the memory of his father:

"In memoriam Bernardi Kennedy, cujus anima Ut Requie scat in pace, desiderantur fidelium suifragia mortuus est IV Kal Decembris A. D. 1857, Anno AEtatis suae 53, Grato animo filius ems Reverendus Joannes P. Kennedy Presbyter. Hoc eregi curavit."

Another mark of respect to parents buried years ago is the handsome mausoleum near the church erected lately by Hugh J. Chisholm, a millionaire of New York, the bodies of his father and mother, Alexander Chisholm and Mary Chisholm, first buried in the graveyard, having been transferred to this solid structure.

Not many old soldiers are buried here, but there is one inscription to the memory of James E. Burns of the Royal Canadian Rifles, Sergeant; also his father, Thomas Burns, a respected, pensioner, for many years belonging to the band of that Regiment.

Very few verses are found, but one attracts attention:

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Patrick McLaughlin, a native of Sligo, Ireland, 1853, aged 26.  
Remember me, my Christian friends,  
And, then in charity pray  
That God may blot out all my sins

The general judgment day.  
With humble prayers then may crave  
When you perceive that from my grave  
I ask my last request from you  
To whom I bid my last adieu.

The words on many, stones are, "Pray for his soul." The names found here generally show the nationality as Fagan, Brady, O'Neil, O'Donnell, Lynch. There are many fine monuments to members of the families of Doyle, Greene, Healey. Barron,, Gurvine, Murphy, Freel, Petley, McGuire, Walsh, Reilley, Kearins.

### **BAPTIST (COLORED) CHURCH**

This church, erected in 1829 by the exertions of John Oakley, who came to Fort George in 1814 and had charge of the Field Train Department, was removed some time ago, being no longer used. At one time several hundred escaped slaves found shelter under the British flag, and here are buried many of these dusky Africans, but one white child was buried here in 1832, that of the above mentioned Rev. John Oakley, who was a teacher and preacher.

Here too is buried a hero whose name should not be forgotten, though it is unrecorded in marble or granite. Herbert Holmes, a teacher and exhorter, who organized a band of colored men of several hundreds to surround the jail and pre-vent the return of Mosely, an escaped slave from Kentucky, who was by law ordered to be given up. The civil and military authorities were called out, soldiers, constables, sheriff, and the Riot Act read. The prisoner escaped, but Holmes and Green were shot and lie buried here, having given their lives to save their brother from slavery. Were not they heroes indeed, and should not their names be commemorated?

### **METHODIST GRAVEYARD.**

This congregation is also a century old. The church was built in 1823.

Here is found a monument to, John Boyd, who died here in 1885, aged 85. He, had been a teacher in the Old Blue (Grammar) School of Toronto, and was the father of Sir John Boyd, whose son has given his life in South Africa. Here are buried John Eedson and Salome Crane, his wife, of U. E. Loyalist birth, from Nova Scotia; George Varey, who played the bass viol in the church before the days of organs or melodeons.

Two old grey stones show burials here previous to any in St. Andrew's or St. Vincent de Paul.

"Sarah Laurence, died 1825, aged 64; Gideon Howell, died 1827, aged 22.

Here in the silent tomb beneath this miry sod  
Lies one who bore the Cross and trusted in his God;  
Farewell, dear wife and friends, and my dear little son,  
My work is finished and the prize is won.

### **FORT NIAGARA.**

Two graveyards on the opposite side of the river were visited and here were found several inscriptions interesting to us.

In the military graveyard of Fort Niagara, the post which has had such an eventful history, having, been in the hands of French, British, Indians, Americans, is, found a singular trace of the American occupation of Fort George III 1813. A young Frenchman, perhaps a son of one of those of that nationality who helped the Thirteen Colonies to gain their independence:

"I ci repose Marie Vincent Boisaubin, Lieutenant et ad-jutant dans le regiment d'artillerie legere des Etats Unis, decede au Fort George le 13 aout, 1813, a l'age de 22 ans, Ami fidele, fils tendre et sincere comment nous consoler dj'une perte Si severe.

A monument bears this comprehensive inscription:

"Erected to the memory of unknown soldiers and sailors of the United States, killed in action or dying of wounds in this vicinity during the war of 1812."

Here were buried in the precincts of the fort, but so far the spot is unknown and unmarked, two British officers, killed at the taking of the fort, 25th July, 1759. In the diary of Sir William Johnson, given in Stone's life of that distinguished man, are these words; "Today buried, Gen. Prideaux and Col. Johnson in the chapel with great form; I was the chief mourner." Should not some memorial be erected to these two British officers who died in adding a page to Britain's roll of fame?

John Ross Robertson, who has done so much to clear up many pages of Canadian history, has lately unearthed in England a map showing the position of the chapel in what is now the parade ground, and Peter A. Porter of Niagara Falls; N. Y., in an article in the Buffalo Express, has reproduced this so that one may almost pace off the distances and fix the spot.

Information has lately been given that in former days there was a stone near that of Sergt. Amasa Snow, with the name of General Prideaux, and the inference is that, the bodies of the two British officers were removed, to the military graveyard when the chapel was taken down.

"Sergeant Amasa Snow, died Apr., 1829.

Here lies brave Snow, full six feet deep,

Whose heart would melt when caused to weep.

Though winter's blast may freeze his frame,

Yet Death's cold grasp can't chill his fame.

This curious mingling of words Snow, melt, freeze and chill, referring to the brave Sergeant, is at least ingenious if not poetic.

A new cenotaph has been erected with an inscription slightly different "To the memory of unknown officers and enlisted men who fought in the early Indian wars on this frontier, and also in the Revolutionary War, whose remains are interred in this cemetery."

"Sacred to the memory of Adgt. Thos. Poe, Penn. Vols., who nobly died for his country at Lundy's Lane, July 26th, 1814." This burial must have taken place while Fort Niagara was in the hands of the British.

"In memory of John Christie, (son of the late Major Jas. Christie of the Rev. Army,) Colonel of the 23rd Infantry, Inspector of the Northern Division of the U. S. Army, died at Lewiston, July 23rd, 1813, aged 25 yrs. 6 mos. and 19 days."

This was the period of the American occupation of Niagara, when from the unsanitary condition of the camp many of the troops were removed to the higher land at Lewiston.

### **LEWISTON.**

Here too, in a beautiful well-kept graveyard near the Presbyterian Church, are traces of the contest of a century ago:

"In memory of the high respect and esteem which Major-General Stephen Van Renssalaer bore to Capt. George Nelson of the VI U. S. Regiment of Infantry, who on the 13th Oct., 1812, in the XXXVII year of his age, fell in the attack upon Queenston U. C., this monument is erected Feb. 22nd, 1813.

"Here sleeps a soldier, here a brave man rests."

The following shows the influence of a wife over a husband:

"Sacred to the memory of Nancy, consort of Fitz James Hotchkis.

Nancy, be thou my guide to point the road

That leads far hence to yonder blest abode.

Grant me her faith, thou good, thou great most high,

Let me like Nancy live, like Nancy die.

It is difficult now to know what crime committed by Great Britain is referred to in the following lines:

"In memory of Alexander Miller, who died Oct. 13th, 1828, aged 62, a native of Dundee, Scotland."

Far from his country and his native skies,

Here, mouldering in the dust, poor Miller lies.

He loved his country, loved that spot of earth

Which gave a Wallace, Bruce and Duncan birth.

But when that country, dead to all but gain,

Bowed her base neck and hugged the oppressed chain,

He viewed the approaching event with many a sigh.

He crossed the wide waves, and here untimely died.

Perhaps the Sutherland evictions are meant.

Of Miss Mary Attwater, who died in 1815, it is said:

"She needs no verse her virtues to record

She lived and died a servant of the Lord."

Another stone has the startling question:

"She is gone, but where?"

Another point in which the history of the two countries touch is found here. A broken tombstone, formerly upright, now lying flat, is that of

"Ashbel Sage, born 1777, died 1855. He was the pilot and guide who conducted the American army to Queenston Heights in the battle on the morning of the 13th October, 1812."

There was formerly a daguerreotype of this veteran inserted in the stone, but this has disappeared long since.

Here, too, lie Thomas Hustler and his wife Catharine, characters used by the novelist Cooper in "The Spy" as Sergeant Hollister and Betty Flannigan.

### **THE HAMILTON GRAVEYARD, QUEENSTON.**

The Hamilton residence in Queenston is a fine stone building on an eminence having the old colonial, pillars, and the family burying plot is on the property, surrounded by a low stone wall enclosing beautiful trees.

The Hon. Robert Hamilton, born in Scotland, and whose name we find so often as entertaining guests in Simcoe's time, died in 1809, aged \_\_, and is buried, here. This spot has to us a pathetic interest, since here for a year rested the remains of Gen. Sir Isaac Brock and his brave young adjutant, McDonell, who were four, times buried. First, at Fort George, where the bodies lay for twelve years, till the first monument was erected at Queenston, then, when the shattered shaft was taken down, the bodies were removed to the Hamilton burying plot till the vault of the present monument was ready in 1853.

One inscription reads

"Sacred to the memory of Robert Hamilton, born at Fort Niagara, 1787, died 1856. Mary Biggar, his wife, born at Dumfries, Scotland, 1790."

Alexander Hamilton died in Feb, 1839, aged 45. This must have been Sheriff Hamilton, whose death it is said, was hastened by the shock to his system from having to perform the office of hangman at Niagara jail. No hangman was to be found, and the sheriff, according to law, had himself to perform the revolting duty, 1838. In an account of a prisoner confined in Niagara jail for his share in the rebellion, this is confirmed.

A large altar tomb commemorates a member of the well-known Dickson family. , He was a merchant in Queenston and carried on an extensive business there.

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Dickson, who died in 1825, aged 50, also Eliza, his wife. He was a native of Dumfries, Scotland, came to this Province in the year 1789, and became a permanent resident of the District of Niagara, where he held various public situations, which he filled with credit to himself and advantage to the country, and as an active, intelligent and upright magistrate, a member of the Legislature and Colonel of Militia, none could have discharged the various duties incidental to the changeable situations with greater fidelity. In private life an affectionate husband and parent, a warm friend and kind neighbor, his urbanity endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

"Sacred to the memory of Eliza, wife of Thomas Dickson of Queenston, who, died 6th Sept., 1802, and of their only son, John Alexander, who died 18th July, 1821, in the 21st year of his age."

"Hannah Owen Hamilton, 1797-1888." This was the daughter of Wm. Jarvis, secretary, and wife of Alexander Hamilton, whom she survived almost 50 years.

"In memory of Caroline E. Hamilton, wife of Geo. Durand. At rest Nov. 26th, 1900; born Jan. 4th, 1835. Through the grave and gate of death to joyful resurrection."

"Our mother, Jessie A. Duff, died May 31st, 1890, aged 69

Midst war's alarms was born Mary Hamilton, 9th June 1813, only a few days after the battle of Fort George, when the town of Niagara was taken, 27th May.

Here again occurs an important name in the early history of our country:

"Hannah, wife of Wm. Jarvis, Secretary of the Province of U. C., died 1845, aged 84. Shed not for her the bitter tear, Nor give the heart to vain regret, Tis but the casket that lies here, The gem that filled it sparkles yet."

Another: "Robert Hamilton lies here; born 1808; died 1868."

As the Hon. Robert Hamilton was married twice and had a large family of eight sons, the family connection is large and there are many names to be found here from intermarriages, as Tench, Duff, Durand, Mewburn, Gourlay.

Here lies buried Capt. John Humphrey Tench, late of H.

M. 87th and 61st Regts., who died Xmas, 1851, also Maria

Tench, wife of above, also Margaret Carruthers, widow of Major Carruthers, late H. M. 55th Westmoreland Regt., and

Katherine Hamilton, wife of F. B. Tench, and Eliza Hamilton, wife of I. T. Townsend.

The family name has been well preserved, as the city of Hamilton thus derived its name, and the city of St. Catharines was named in 1809 from Catharine, the second wife of Hon. Robert Hamilton. The Hon. John Hamilton's residence, afterwards called Glencairn, by its owner, W. A. Thomson, was about two miles below Queenston, while that of Dr. Hamilton, another brother, was above the mountain. The Hon. John Hamilton, who has

been called the father of Canada's inland marine, and was long honorably connected with the shipping of Lake Ontario, is buried at Kingston.

### **BROCK'S MONUMENT.**

This noble shaft, says a late writer, is perhaps the finest isolated column, all things considered, in the world: 200 ft. high, the height of the figure 17 ft., and the situation unsurpassed, commanding a view of river, lake and plain. At some seasons of the year the varied colors of brown ploughed land, purple vineyards, the tender green of the wheat or brilliant crimson of the "maple forests all aflame," and the sombre pine woods, give the ennuied tourist at least a new experience.

The first monument was erected in 1824 and shattered with a gunpowder explosion by the miscreant Lett, in 1840, the present, begun in 1853, was finished in 1856; An immense meeting was held in 1840 on the Heights to devise means to replace the monument destroyed. Ten steamers bore representatives from Kingston, Cobourg, Hamilton, Toronto, and ascended the river in procession, while cheering crowds on the bank showed their enthusiasm. Eloquent speeches were made by distinguished men; nineteen motions afforded opportunity to twice as many speakers as movers and seconders. The first monument was erected by a grant from the Provincial Parliament, the present by voluntary contributions of the Militia and Indian warrior's of the province. A grant from Parliament was given to lay out the grounds. The armorial bearings of the hero are supported by lions rampant seventeen in height, the motto Vincit Veritas. On the north face the inscription reads:

"Upper Canada has dedicated this monument to the memory of the late  
MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ISAAC BROCK, K. B,  
Provincial Lieut. Governor and Commander of the forces in this Province, whose remains are deposited in the vault beneath. Opposing the invading enemy, he fell near these Heights on the 13th October 1812, in the 43rd year of his age, revered and lamented by the people whom he governed, and deplored by the sovereign to whose services his life had been devoted.

On a brass plate within the column is an inscription giving an account of the different burials, and on another a notice of Brock's brave A. D.C.

"In a vault beneath are deposited the mortal remains of Lieut. Col. John McDonnell, P. A. D. C., and aide-de-camp to the lamented Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, K. B., who fell mortally wounded in the battle of Queenston, on the 13th October, 1812, and died the following day. His remains were removed and reinterred with due solemnity on 13th Oct., 1853."

The cenotaph which marks the spot where General Brock fell has on the north side" Near this spot Major General Sir Isaac Brock, K. C. B.,  
Provincial Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, fell on the 13th Oct., 1812, while advancing to repel the invading enemy."

"This stone was placed by His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, 18th Sept., 1860.

The spot where Col. McDonnell fell has lately been marked by a brass tablet placed on an immense boulder on the site of the Redan Battery about half way down the mountain. "Near this spot Lieut.-Col. John Macdonell, Attorney-General of Upper Canada, was mortally wounded, 13th Oct., 1812.

"Erected by Lundy's Lane Historical Society, 1906.

A brass tablet inside the monument has the following inscription  
In a vault underneath are deposited the mortal remains of the lamented Major General Sir Isaac Brock, K. B., who fell in action near these Heights on the 13th Oct., 1812, and was interred on the 16th Oct. at the bastion of Fort George, Niagara, removed from there and, reinterred under a monument to the eastward of this site on the 13th Oct., 1824, and in consequence of that monument having received irreparable injury by a lawless act on the 17th Apr., 1840 it was found requisite to take down the former structure and erect this monument, the foundation stone being laid and the remains again reinterred with due solemnity, 13th Oct., 1853.

On carefully reading the inscription placed at the entrance it was discovered that a strange mistake had been made and it is almost incredible that this has never been noticed and that it has been allowed to remain in "enduring brass" all these years, the date of the destruction of the monument being given as 1838, instead of 1840.

"A monument was originally erected on this spot by a grant from the Parliament of this Province, and subsequently destroyed in the year 1838. The present monument was erected chiefly by the voluntary contributions of the militia and Indian warriors of this Province, aided by a grant from the Legislature, the authority for erecting the same being delegated to a committee consisting of the following gentlemen: Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Bart. Chairman; Sir John Beverley Robinson, Bart., Sir James Buchan Macaulay, Knt., the Honorable. Mr. Justice McLean, the Hon. William Hamilton Merritt, M. P. P., Thomas Clark Street, Esq., Col. the Hon. James Kerby, Lieut.-Col. Daniel Macdougall, David Thorburn, M. P. P., Lieut. Garrett, late 49th Regt., Col. Robert Hamilton, Capt. H. Munro, Secretary, T. G. Ridout, Esq., Treasurer, William Thomas, architect, John Worthington, builder."

## **ST. DAVIDS**

In the graveyard around the Methodist Church are many old Stones with no name or the stones chipped so as to be undecipherable. The name which appears most frequently is that of Woodruff, but the oldest date is Solomon Quick, who died in 1823, but many were buried here before that date, as St. Davids had a mill in 1782, and the village was burnt by the American's in 1814. Here is the grave of David Secord, of whom many stories of daring deeds are told in the Revolutionary War, and from whom the village received its name.

"In memory of Major David Secord, who died 1844, aged 85, also Mary Page, his wife

David Secord was a magistrate in 1796, and a member of the Legislative Assembly, U. C., in 1811. His claim for compensation for property burnt in the war was nearly £ 5000, as he owned many buildings. He was a Sergeant in Butlers Rangers and fought in the Revolutionary War.

Ezekiel Woodruff died in 1834 aged 73 and Samuel Woodruff in 1824. Richard Woodruff, born in 1784, died in 1872, was a Member of Parliament. His daughter is commemorated, recalling the name, of a celebrated railway king:

"In memory of Margaret Ann, wife of Samuel Zimmerman, daughter of Richard Woodruff, died 1851, aged 23."

Mr. Zimmerman was first buried at his home, Niagara Falls, but the body was afterwards reinterred in the vault prepared by him for his wife and sister. His name does not appear on the monument at St. Davids.

John Baptist Clement, died in 1833, and Mary Secord wife of Wm. A. Woodruff, born, 1818, died, 1895. An old stone has an inscription almost destitute of capital letters "Jane wife of John Prest, queenston late a native sennington yorkshire England died in 1831."

A monument near the church to Ursen Harvey, born in 1800, has also the names of his two wives, Esther and Caroline. Mr. Harvey was the father of Mrs. J. G. Currie, who has given us the life of Laura Ingersoll Secord and so many interesting reminiscences of St. Davids' old settlers.

The names of Wadsworth, Clement, Chrysler, and Clyde occur frequently. Many of these early settlers lived to great age as William Chrysler, died 1824, aged 92; Anne Clement Woodruff, born 1788, died 1878, aged 90 years, while Richard Woodruff, her husband, died 1872, aged 88. Major Adam Brown of Queenston, died 1874, aged 76, Col. Joseph Clement, died 1867, aged 76, and his wife aged 80. Maria Dewy, relict of the late Deacon Jacob Beam, died 1881, aged 88 years.

The name Secord is found frequently, as Azubah Hutt, wife of Philip Secord, aged 79. Riall Secord was evidently named from Gen. Riall of Lundy's Lane fame. Many rough, unshaped stones without letter or figure tell of those troublous times when the exigencies of war or refugee privations prevented the elaborate epitaphs of another period.

### **WARNER'S GRAVEYARD**

In the Warner family plot about two miles from St. Davids, are found the names of many U. E. Loyalists. Here again the surface lettering in the old stones is chipped off. There is a small frame church, now unused, which replaced an older one, built in 1801, the first Methodist church in the peninsula. A stone wall had surrounded the enclosure, the remains of which may yet be seen. One of the oldest stones is that to Stephen Secord, who died in 1808, aged 49. We find from early records that in the census taken by Col. John Butler at Niagara in 1783, the name Secord occurs more frequently than any other, as Peter, John, James, Thomas, Stephen. In Butler's Rangers there were seven Secords, and the Stephen Secord buried here was one of these. William Secord died in 1881, aged 83. We know from other records that John Secord was living near Niagara in 1782, and that the first white child born there was Daniel Secord. William Van Every died in 1832, aged 67, and Elizabeth, his wife, born Dec., 1764, died 1857. A pathetic story is told of members of the Van Every family and others in Ryerson's U E. Loyalists, Several German name's occur, as:

"In memory of Dinah, wife of Jacob Hostetter, second daughter of Joseph and Mary Van Every."

And near this is a stone to Margaret Clow, wife of Daniel Ostrander, died 1824.

"In memory of Nancy, wife of Malum Swayze, born 1800, died 1828."

The Christian names Lois and Charity, Asel and Christian, Peter, Stephen, and David, frequently occur.

James Durham, dying in 1832, attained the ripe age of 85.

In a square enclosed by a brick and stone wall are three old grey monumental stones, one to Jemima Hill, who died in 1817, aged 18; another to "Mary Margaret Dufelt, relict of the late Joseph Clement, died 1845, aged 80."

Another stone and iron enclosure has an old grey double stone to two children of Robert and Margaret McKinley, who died in 1841 and 1813 respectively. A monument to Margaret A. Berninger, wife of Robert McKinley, born 1769, died 1860, aged 91.

The name Warner occurs again and again and here are also besides those mentioned, Cain, Collard, etc. Christian Warner and Joseph Van Every were born here in 1809. The first Methodist class meeting in this district met at the house of Christian Warner, 1788, and the church was built in 1801.

### **HOMER, OR TEN MILE CREEK.**

Two miles from St. Catharines is an old graveyard where were buried many of the U. E. Loyalists. Six stately elms stand in a line at one side, while one lies prone near them. How few of those who fell when Niagara was captured, 27th May, 1813, have their names in consecrated ground, but here, unexpectedly, we find the name of one: "Erected in memory of George Grass, who was killed in the battle of Fort George, May 27th, 1813, aged 24 years."

A tablet in St. Mark's, Niagara, gives the names of four, the stone at Chautauqua marks the burial place of three unknown British soldiers who fell in that battle, and this of George Grass is the only other one we know of.

Here are found the names of many of the Secord family as

"In memory of Solomon Secord late Lieut. in Butler's Corps of Rangers, who departed this life Jan. 22, 1799, aged 43 years."

A large altar tomb has the inscription "Capt. Jacob Ball, died July 24th, 1820, aged 43 years." Another beside it "Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Fall, born 1790, died 1862."

We find from early records that Jacob Ball, the father, came in 1782 with his three sons, Peter, Jacob, and John. A fourth son, George, came in 1784. They received a grant of land of 1,000 acres and there is still in possession of the Ball family in the township, 750 acres.

The names of Stull and Goring, Secord, Ball and Schram occur again and again and the fondness for scripture names of the Puritans is shewn as Seth and Charity, Solomon, David, and Jacob. Very often a verse with halting rhyme, metre, or Syntax, closes the inscription. A double stone is divided Perpendicularly for two inscriptions to husband and wife, a Young couple, aged 24 and 37 respectively. Below the words:

"As God together did us join, So He did part us for a time. But now we both together lies Till Christ shall call us to arise."

Very few give the place of birth, but those given are far distant, as Yorkshire, Nova Scotia Vermont.

"In memory of George Read, who was born at Brenton in Yorkshire, England, 1763, and came to New York in 1773 to Canada in 1784, and departed this life Feb., 1834."

1784 was, we know, "the year of the coming of the U. E Loyalists.

"In memory of Margaret, wife of Col. Peter Hare, and formerly wife of Lieut. Solomon Secord. died 1851. aged 87 years. Erected by Mrs. R. Henery. My mother's grave."

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST. CATHARINES.**

This is an old cemetery; we know of one at least buried here in 1812, but many bodies have been removed to the new cemetery, but we still find traces of many of the early settlers. In the life of Hon. Wm. Hamilton Merritt is frequently mentioned Shipman's Corners, (near St. Catharines,) and here is the name of its founder:

"In memory of Paul Shipman, born 1756, died 1825, aged 69 years."

From him St. Paul Street was named.

Here is also the record of the father of the projector of the Welland canal:

"In memory of Thomas Merritt, Esq., Cornet of the Queen's Rangers under Col. Simcoe during the American Revolution, and Major commanding the cavalry on this frontier in the war of 1812. Appointed Surveyor of Woods and Forests on 20th May, 1800, and Sheriff of the Niagara District, 5th October, 1803. Departed this life 12th May, 1842, aged 83,

The next inscription brings up the thought of the heroine, Laura Ingersoll Secord:

"In memory of Maria, relict of the late Charles Ingersoll of Ingersoll, second daughter of Thomas and Mary Merritt, died 1850."

It is sometimes forgotten that the town of Ingersoll was named after Charles Ingersoll.

In the journal of W. H. Merritt the name of his wife's father and mother frequently occur.

"In memory of Penelope, wife of Dr. J. Prendergast, born 1774, in South Kingston, State of Rhode Island, died at the residence of her son-in-law, William Hamilton Merritt."

"To the memory of Jedidiah Prendergast, M. D, who was born in Dutchess County, N. Y died at his residence in Mayville, 1848."

This name occurs as one of the proprietors of the Niagara Library of 1800-1820. He then lived at Youngstown, NY. A large monument has this short inscription: "Commodore Job Northrop, a native of Woodbridge, Ct, born 1787, died 1833. He was noble hearted, generous and humane."

The monument was brought all the way from New Haven, Ct. In the memoir of Hon. W. H. Merritt, Coin. Northrop is mentioned as generous and even lavish, driving fast horses, giving good dinners, spending money prodigally. Employed in the Bolivian service, on his return his role seemed to be to spend money. When his horses ran away the vehicle was given to the finder, and to his daughter, after playing a tune on the piano, a bank note was often given.

"Sacred to the memory of the late Reverend Lewis Wilhams, a native of Hallan, Caermarthenshire, South Wales, England, who labored a faithful minister and servant of God at this place for several years, departed this life 26th Sept., 1822, in his 63rd year, much lamented."

"Here lieth the body of Rev. Richard Lyons McArthur, M.A., Trinity College, Dublin, and for some months curate of St. George's church in this town, departed this life 1857."

"Caroline, daughter of James and Caroline Gordon, died 1814."

"In memory of Sarah, widow of Wm. Dummer Powell, died 1834, aged 54."

This must have been the wife of W. D. Powell, the lawyer of Queenston, and one of the ten who formed the first Law Society in 1797, in U. Canada. From a letter in the possession of the Niagara Historical Society from Queen-ston, 1801, to Robert Nelles, 40 Mile Creek (now Grimsby,) we learn that the couple had eloped and driven all the way to Niagara to be married by Rev. R. Addison, and the letter written to thank Col. and Mrs. Nelles for their help also speaks of the fatiguing ride to Niagara.

**ST. CATHARINE'S CEMETERY.**

To this comparatively modern cemetery many bodies have been brought from private graveyards, or others being destroyed by the march of improvement. On an old grey stone may be read:

"In memory of Mrs. Hannah Frey, widow of the late Capt. Bernard Frey, who died 1834, aged 76."

On another, close by, a well-known incident of the war of 1812 is recorded:

"Sacred to the memory of Capt. B. Frey, of his Majesty's late Corps of Butler's Rangers, who was killed by a cannon shot at Niagara, 22nd day of November, 1812, aged 58."

The story is that he had picked up a cannon ball from the street and was carrying it under his arm when a spent ball from Fort Niagara struck that under his arm and he died in consequence, but without a wound. Part of the Frey family remained in the U. S., while this member preferred to join the U. E. L's. in Canada.

Some well-known names follow, as

"In memory of Stephen A. Secord, died 1884, aged 83."

"Samuel Street died at Thorold, 1854, aged 62."

"Sarah Street, beloved wife of John Gustavus Stevenson, died 1861, aged 37."

"In memory of Sarah Ingersoll, wife of Henry Mittleberger, born 1807, died 1826."

"In memory of William Street Servos, born 1787, died 1857, and Catharine Ball, his wife, born 1790, died 1875."

The bodies of the last two were removed from the Servo's burying ground when the farm was sold.

An unpretentious stone records the projector of the Welland Canal; that monument to his energy and foresight is quite near:

"Hon. Wm. Hamilton Merritt, born July 3rd, 1793, died July 7th, 1862."

"Catharine Rodman Prendergast, beloved wife of Hon. W. H. Merritt, born 1793, died Jan. 10th, 1862."

It is remarkable that husband and wife were born in the same year and died in the same year.

Hon. W. H. Merritt was Captain of Dragoons raised in the war of 1812, was taken prisoner at Lundy's Lane and was not released till the close of the war.

Two "beloved physicians" rest here:

"Theophilus Mack, M.D., died 1881, aged 61. The wise, beloved physician, the faithful friend of the poor and suffering, lie met death in conscious serenity, trusting with undoubting faith in the promises of the Redeemer. And I heard a voice write, blessed are the dead."

On the other side, "Galea Spes salutis."

"In memory of Chas. Rolls, born at Princes' Maston, Warwickshire, England, 1785, died 1867, also Henry Rolls, M. D., 1814-1887."

A monument to the father of Dr. Clark, who preserves the manuscript journal kept by his father, Col. Clark, from which have been gleaned many interesting particulars of early life in this province:

"In memory of Lieut. Col. John Clark, Canada Militia, born at Kingston, U. C., 1786, died at Walnutdale farm, Grantham, C. W., 1862, also his wife, Sarah Adams, born at Queenston, U. C., 1791, died 1864."

A large enclosure is sacred to the families of St. John and Phelps as Lois St. John, wife of Samuel St. John, mother of Abigail Phelps, of Kent, Conn., born 1756, died 1849,

aged 93."

"Orton Stone Phelps, 1812-1837, and Oliver Phelps of Conn., born 1779, died 1851."

A large vault has the name of Thomas Burns, the son of Rev. Jno. Burns, minister of Niagara and Stamford. Another has that of Richard Miller, Q. C.

### **TURNEY GRAVEYARD**

About two miles from St. Catharines lie the remains of this family, in which there were two famous soldiers, although here their names are not recorded. Particulars of the first are found in a memorial in the Canadian Archives.

"John Turney, Lieutenant in Butler's Rangers, born in Co. Down, Ireland; 1744, enlisted in King's 8th Regt., served as sergeant in Germany and America, and promoted to Butler's Rangers." In his memorial giving his services he says: "They (the Rangers) were Britons and the descendants of Britons \_\_\_\_\_ and trained to arms, determined to transmit to posterity the rights that are dear to man, or nobly perish in the defence of our King, and God, who never forsakes His people, brought us through many dangers and trials."

His son, Capt. George Turney, of the 2nd Lincoln Militia, was killed at the battle of Chippawa, 5th July, 1814 that day so disastrous to our forces. The name was originally written Torney.

# Graves and Inscriptions in the Niagara Peninsula

(By Janet Carnochan)

## STAMFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Presbyterian Church of Stamford was organized over a century ago, but unfortunately the early records are not complete. The church was built in 1787, ranking next to the Mohawk church near Brantford; the first church built in Ontario, but was replaced by the present one.

One of the oldest graves has this inscription:

"In memory of Leah, consort of John Rowe, who departed this life Sept. 5 th, 1793, aged 25 years."

John Rowe must apparently have soon taken another helpmate, who also died young:  
"In memory of Mary, consort of John Rowe, who departed this life Mar. 4th, 1797, aged 22 years."

Capt. John Rowe, 2nd Lincoln Militia, was killed at Chippawa, 5th July, 1814, and was formerly a sergeant in Butler's Rangers.

The following shows not only the early settlement of Stamford township, but the strength of the bond between master and servant in those early days, as shown by fifty years of service.

"In memory of Samuel Montgomery, who departed this life 28th October, 1838, in the 87th year of his age. He was a native of County Down, Ireland, and emigrated to America in the year 1768, and settled in Stamford, district of Niagara, in 1788, in the family of the late Archibald Thompson, where he resided till death."

Another tombstone tells of James Thomson, a native of Roxburgh, Scotland, who settled in Stamford in 1785, dying in 1831, aged eighty. The epitaphs of eighty years ago sometimes show an originality in orthography and syntax, as:

"In memory of Susanna McMicking, who departed this life Sept. 11th, 1821, aged 30 years.

Epetaf S. U.

Underneath this stone doth ly  
As much beauty as could die  
Which when alive did vigger give  
To as much virtue as could live.

"In, memory of Thomas McMicking, who was born April 11th, 1750, died Feb. 19th, 1830, in the 80th year of his age.

Stop passenger upon the road  
Don't overlook this shrine  
For if thou art a friend of God  
Here lies a friend of thine.

"In memory of James Middaugh, who departed this life June, 1839, aged 79 years.

farewell my wife my  
life is past my love to  
you so long did last, but  
now no sorrow for me

take, belove my children  
for my sake.

Here is another mosaic of history:

"Sacred to the memory of Daniel Keith, who died 28th Aug., 1824, by a fall from General Sir Isaac Brock's monument, aged 25."

The tragedy recorded above must have occurred during the erection of the first monument.

"In memory of Captain Giles Hale, who departed this life Dec. 2nd, 1816, aged 67."

No doubt a veteran of the war of 1812, and the next a U. E. Loyalist:

"In memory of Dorothy, wife of Abraham Vrooman, Senior, who was born in the State of New Jersey, April 16th, 1768, and died Oct. 12th, 1820, aged 52."

To Andrew Murray, who died on the Atlantic

"In memory of a loved one

Who was both true and kind, For health upon the ocean

He sought but could not find.

The faithful pastor for almost thirty years is thus commemorated:

"In memory of the Rev. John Russell, D D., pastor of the Associate Presbyterian congregation of Stamford, who died Mar. 3rd, 1854, in the 58th year of his age, and 28th of his ministry. 'After he had served this generation by the will of God he fell on sleep;' 'Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

Requiescat in Pace."

This congregation is believed to be the only one in Canada of the kind and is in connection with churches of the U. S. In the Session book it is called the Associate Presbyterian Society.

A teacher and preacher is buried here, though no stone marks the grave Rev. John Burns, the first teacher of the Grammar School in Niagara, founded 1808. He was a Presbyterian minister and officiated in St. Andrew's church, Niagara and in Stamford between 1805 and 1817. Indeed, a sermon of his has been printed, preached to encourage his people to defend their country in the war of 1812.

Of the Thomas McMicking referred to it is said in his Obituary, "he came from Galloway, Scotland, to New York, fought in the Revolutionary war, received a grant of land in 1783, and was an elder in the Presbyterian church for 30 years.

The monument of one who occupied many important positions as a leading merchant, a member of Parliament, Warden of the County for many years, has this very modest inscription:

"David Thorburn, Born in Roxburgshire, Scotland, died at Queenston, 1862, in his 73rd year."

In an enclosure there are eight Thomsons, all born at the Whirlpool and most of them died there, the first born in 1819.

"Archibald Thompson, 1800-1892."

"John Chisholm, emigrated to Canada 1779, born 1746, died 1830." This must have been one of the earliest of the United Empire Loyalists to come to this country.

A good soldier of the late Queen, as well as of his Heavenly Master, here found burial:

"Jas. Munro, Corporal of 93rd Highlanders, from Tam, Scotland, died 1845, aged 31. He was a good soldier of Jesus Christ, expert in using the sword of the Spirit in defence of the truth of the Gospel, which he adorned by a becoming conversation."

"Peter McMicking, a native of Colmonell Scotland, died 1823, aged 83." This was a United Empire Loyalist, as were Dorothy Bowman, born 1758, died 1861, aged 83, and Abraham Adam, born 1768, the one from the Mohawk river. and the other from New Jersey. Other names which are found here are Niven, Parker, Carnochan, and Wallace.

#### **ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH.**

This church was built in Stamford in 1825, when Sir Peregrine Maitland had his residence in this beautiful spot an ideal English village, its village green, still sacred to football and other games, it is said was laid out by the Governor. The records of the church as kept by Rev. W. Leeming from 1818 to 1837 are complete. None of the inscriptions are so old as those of the church nearly opposite, as 1833 was the oldest date found here.

Here is another bit of history of a later date, that of the Fenian Raid of 1866:

"Pro Patria ac Regina

"John Herriman Mewburn, Toronto University Rifles, 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own, only son of Harrison Chilton Mewburn, killed at Limeridge, June 2nd, 1866, fighting in defence of his native land against Fenian invaders, aged 21 years." This was the son of Mr. Mewburn, who, with other students, went from examination halls. The University Company lost most heavily, three of the number, giving up their young lives, Mewburn, McKenzie, Tempest.

"In memory of the Hon. Jacob AEmilius Irving of Ironshore, Jamaica, a member of the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada, and formerly of the 13th Light Dragoons; was wounded at Waterloo; born 1797, died at Drummondville, 1856." His widow died in her 91st year. We are told in a late paper of his fine literary taste, histrionic skill, and fine baritone voice. Drove four-in-hand from Bonshaw on Yonge St. He was the son of Paulus AEmilius Irving, who was at the capture of Quebec.

Another military man is buried here:

"In memory of Matthew Ottley, who died in 1845, in his 72nd year. His early life was spent in H. M. service, 23 years as paymaster of the 82nd Regt., came to Canada in 1827."

"Sacred to the memory of Andrew Rorback, born in New Jersey, Lieut.-Col. 6f 2nd Lincoln Regt., died at Stamford, 1843."

"In memory of Richard, son of late Rev. Beaumont Dixie, Rector of St. Peter's, Derby, brother of the late Baronet of that name, born 1782, died 1834."

"In memory of Robert H. Dee, who died in 1833."

There are in the church five memorial windows, principally to the families of Dee and Mewburn.

John Mewburn, M.R.C.S., died at Danby House, Stamford; Thos. Wilson, Commander R. N.

#### **LUNDY'S LANE.**

What memories cluster round this spot! The scene of a battle the most stubbornly contested in the war of 1812, a burial ground before that date, and now here stands a stately monument, an obelisk erected at a cost of \$5,000 by the Dominion Government; from the persistent efforts of the Lundy's Lane historical Society, headed by the Rev.

Canon Bull as President, and James Wilson, Secretary The inscription reads:  
"Erected by the Canadian Parliament in honor of the victory gained on 25th July, 1814, by the British and Canadian forces, and in grateful remembrance of the brave men who, died on the field of battle fighting for the Unity of the British Empire." The ground was given for a graveyard by Miss Jennie McKenzie's grandfather.

Close by is a beautiful church, built by the munificent gift of the late Wm. Lowell, the roar of Niagara's torrent lending its voice as an everlasting requiem to those who lie here on Drummond's Hill. Why has the name of the village been changed from Drummondville to Niagara Falls, South, making the confusion of names only more confounded? To this neglected graveyard, that of the village and not of the church, at one time weed grown, with thorns and briars contesting for supremacy, perhaps is due much of the historical work done in the last two decades of years. Rev. Canon Bull and Mr. Fenwick, High School teacher, formed an Historical Society and commenced with work nearest at hand, putting in order the grounds. Meetings were held, the public interested, historical pamphlets written, Parliament petitioned, till at last the monument was erected, and in the vault lie the remains of several officers and men which have been reinterred with fitting honors. How different now the Scene from that night when men came from the harvest field to help, on that field of blood where the next day a funeral pile of the dead was consumed in smoke and flame. And here Oh this battle field let military heroes have precedence.

"Sacred to the memory of Lieut. Col. the Hon. Cecil Bisshopp, 1st Foot Guards, and inspecting officer in U. C., eldest and only surviving son of Sir Cecil Bisshopp, Bart., Baron de la Zouche in England. After having served with distinction in the British army in Holland, Spain and Portugal, he died on the 16th July, 1813, in consequence of wounds received in action with the enemy at Black Rock, the 13th of the same month, to the great grief of his family and friends, and is buried here. This tomb, erected at the time by his brother officers, becoming very much dilapidated, is now, 1816, renewed by his affectionate sisters, the Baroness de la Zouche and the Hon. Mrs. Pechell in memorial of an excellent man and beloved brother."

In the parish church of his far off English home in Parham, Sussex, is a tablet recalling the circumstances of his death and burial:

His pillow, a knot of sturdy oak,  
His shroud a soldier's simple cloak,  
His dirge will sound till time's no more,  
Niagara's loud and solemn roar.  
There Cecil lies-say-where the grave  
More worthy of a Briton brave?  
And this recalls other lines on the same hero;  
Where sleeps the young and brave,  
And shed one tear on Cecil's grave.

"Thomas Teskey, 1822-1893. "They shall awake in everlasting life."

"Druzella Lymburner. Weep not, she is not dead but sleepeth."

"Peter Cunningham. "Thou shall call: I will answer thee." -Job 14: 15."

"To the memory of Lieut. Col. Gordon and Capt. Torrens of the Royals, killed at Fort Erie during the campaign of 1814. Erected by Major Barry Fox, late of said Regt., their friend and companion, June 20th, 1851."

Here must have been a real friendship after nearly forty years, showing the falsity of Swinburne's line:

"What love was ever as deep as the grave?"

"Sacred to the memory of Robert Dossie Patteson, Captain of the 6th Regt. of Infantry, Royal 1st Warwickshire, who, after serving under Sir John Moore and the Duke of Wellington, throughout the Peninsular War, fell before Fort Erie at the age of 26, Sept. 17th, 1814."

"Sacred to the memory of Lieut. Wm. Hemphill, of the Royals, who fell at the battle of Lundy's Lane on the 25th July, 1814. This stone was placed by his son, Lieut.-Col. Hemphill, of the 26th Cameronians, July 17th, 1854."

So far as known there is only one American buried here, but in their nameless graves lie here peacefully those who fought as foes that hot July day, alternately holding the hill till midnight, when our men were left in possession.

"Here lies the body of Abraham E. Hull, Captain in the 9th Regt. of U. S. Infantry, who fell near this spot in the battle of Bridgewater, July 25th, 1814. aged 28 years." There was a large gathering to witness the ceremony of re-interring the remains of American soldiers, and the unique spectacle of this international funeral, for both U. S. and Canadian soldiers took part. The inscription reads:

"The remains of nine soldiers of the 9th Regiment of United States Infantry. Killed at Lundy's Lane, July 25th, 1814, Re-interred Oct. 19th, 1901." In American histories the battle of Lundy's Lane is called Bridgewater.

"In memory of Philip Chesneau Delatre, late Lieut.-Col. in the British army, born 1777, died 1848."

"In memory of Major Richard Leonard, formerly of H. M. 104th Lt. Infantry, who died Oct., 1833."

"In memory of Alex. Ross, No.2 Co., 93rd Highlanders, who died 11th Oct., 1846, aged 24 years. This monument is erected by his comrades as a token of their respect."

"Sacred to the memory of Duncan Elphinstone Todd, Esq., late a Captain in Her Majesty's 37th Regt. of foot, who died Oct., 1837, aged 30 years."

Another page of history is unrolled by the two following inscriptions referring to two on opposite sides, each ill-treated in the troublous times of misrule leading to or during the Rebellion.

"In memory of Robert Randall, Esq., M. P. P., the victim of Colonial Misrule, who died May 2nd, 1834, aged 66 years."

In Lindsey's life of W. Lyon McKenzie in an impassioned speech occurs the name of Randall as a victim.

"Here rests in the hope of a joyful resurrection the mortal remains of Edgeworth Ussher, Esq., whose devotion to his sovereign and exertions in the cause of his country at a critical period in the history of Canada marked him out as an object of the vengeance of the enemies of peace and good order, by whom he was cruelly assassinated on the night of the 16th Nov., 1838, in his own house near Chippawa, at the early age of 34 years, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their irreparable loss."

But are there no inscriptions to the mothers of our land? First let us give that on an unpretentious stone, but which none the less records the name of a heroine indeed: Laura Secord, who, when Niagara was in the hands of the Americans and a force was sent to Beaverdams to cut off our small force, there, walked nineteen miles through mud and

mire, in danger from marauders, red or white, wild beasts as well, to give warning, and thus helped to bring about the surrender of the attacking force. These simple words, no more, were all that marked, till lately, the heroine's grave:

"Here rests Laura Secord, beloved wife of James Secord, died Oct. 17th, 1868, aged 93 years."

But in the summer of 1901 was unveiled a bronze bust on a stone pedestal with an inscription that tells the story:

"To perpetuate the name and fame of Laura Secord, who, on the 23rd of June, 1813, walked alone nearly twenty miles by a circuitous, difficult and perilous route through woods and swamps, over miry roads, to warn a British outpost at De Cew's Falls of an intended attack, and thereby enabled Lieutenant FitzGibbon, on the 24th June, 1813, with less than fifty men of Her Majesty's 49th Regiment, about 15 militiamen and a similar force of Six Nations and other Indians under Captains William Johnson Kerr and Dominique Ducharme to surprise and attack the enemy at Beechwood or Beaver Dams, and after a short engagement to capture Col. Boerstler, of the U. S. army, and his entire force of 542 men with two field pieces. This monument, erected by the Ontario Historical Society from contributions of schools, societies, Her Majesty's 49th Regiment, other militia organizations and private individuals, was unveiled 22nd of June, 1901."

The honor of first starting the scheme is due to Rev. Canon Bull of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society. It languished for some time, but finally taken up by the Ontario Historical Society, and the chief honor is due Mrs. E. J. Thompson, the convener of the committee, by whose energy and zeal it has been carried out so successfully in the midst of many difficulties, carrying out the dying wishes of the late lamented Mrs. Curzon, whose writings first drew attention to the deeds of Laura Secord. Hundreds of children contributed their mites, the idea being to have it a free will offering and not to ask for a government grant.

"In memory of Mary Earle, granddaughter of Sir William Johnson, Bart., who died 24th of April, 1820, aged 20 years, 6 months."

This last is on the Street lot.

"Erected by the Presbyterians of Drummondville to, the memory of Marion Watson, the beloved wife of Rev. Wm. Dickson, who died 24th of April, 1859, aged 32 years. A woman who feareth the Lord she shall be praised. Prov. 31, 30."

The first interment in this cemetery is supposed to have been that recorded below:

"In memory of John Burch; Esq., who departed this life March 7th, 1797, aged 55."

The name Street is well represented here, as well as in the neighborhood as Street's Mills, Street's Island, etc. Samuel Street was the wealthiest man of the district.

"Sacred to the memory of Samuel Street, of the Niagara Falls, Born at Farmington, Connecticut, March 14th, 1775. He settled in this district A. D. 1790, and died August 21st, 1844."

The name of Thankful, Nehemiah and Abigail Street are found, also Thomas Clark Street, M. P., who died at Clark Hill. The husband of Laura Secord, who was wounded at Queenston Heights, is thus recorded:

"In memory of James Secord, Collector of Customs, who departed this life 22nd February, 1841, aged 68."

**CHIPPAWA.**

The graveyard round Trinity Church is evidently old, as around the three sides may be seen the stumps of rows of immense trees which from their weather worn appearance must have been cut down long ago. From the fact of this having been the scene of a battle we might expect to find the graves of many military men, but evidently these had all been "heaped and pent, rider and horse, in one red burial blent," for here they are not found. The names most frequently occurring are well known to those who have studied the early history of this old settlement, Cummings, Clark, Street, Macklem, McMicking, Kirkpatrick. Here are found names showing foreign origin as Rapelje, Hugoe, Ives, Vinnidy, Bliling, Shoemaker, Sibbit, etc.

Close to the church in an enclosure covered closely with vines are two handsome headstones commemorating the first minister, whose register of births, deaths, and marriages from 1820 to 1837 has lately, been found.

"Sacred to the memory of Rev. Wm. Leeming, late rector of this parish, who was appointed a missionary to Canada by the society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts in March, 1820; born Feb. 25th, 1787; died June 1st, 1863. Thy will be done."

"Sacred to the memory of Margaret Hickson, for thirty years and upwards the affectionate wife of Wm. Leeming, first minister here, born Oct. 21st, 1777, died April 6th, 1853."

In a large square enclosure of stone and iron are two of the old altar tombstones.

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Clark, a native of Dumfries, Scotland, who died in 1837, aged 67 and for more than twenty years was an independent member of the Legislative Council of this province, having lived in this province from its earliest settlement, and by persevering industry and strict integrity procured for him general respect, while his kind disposition and becoming deportment endeared him to numerous friends, by whom his death will be long and deeply lamented. His sisters, in grateful recollection of their affectionate brother, have erected this tablet to his memory."

That to his wife is in similar form with a short and simple inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Mary Margaret Clark, wife of the Honorable Thomas Clark, and daughter of Robert Kerr, Esq., late Surgeon of the militia department in this province, who died in 1837, aged 45."

In another enclosure:

"In memory of Thomas Macklem, fifth son of James and Lydia Macklem, born at Chippawa, 1817, died at Magnolia, East Florida, 1859."

On the other side, "James Cummings, eldest child of Thomas C. and Caroline Macklem. Drowned in the Niagara river at Clark Hill, and whose body unhappily was not recovered. His mother, thus denied the consolation of laying it near his father, has caused this inscription to be placed here to commemorate his birth, 1852, and his melancholy death, May 6th. 1860."

In another enclosure are inscriptions:

"In memory of James Cummings, born 1789, died 1875, and Sophia, his wife, born 1800, died 1878, also Ann Macklem, his sister, born 1800. died 1886."

James Cummings was the son of Thomas Cummings, the first settler at Chippawa, coming in 1784, being town clerk, Justice of the Peace, performing marriages in that

capacity. The books kept from 17% by him and his son James are models of neatness and methodical habits.

Another large enclosure of stone and iron with many tombstones:

"In memoriam Oliver T. Macklem, fourth son of James and Lydia Macklem." On a square pedestal is a marble female figure, life size, "to' the eldest daughter of James and Adelaide Macklem, died at Toronto, 1889, aged 25."

One soldier's grave was found:

"In memory of Adam Ormsby, Esq., late Major of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, who died 9th October, 1835."

On old stones are inscriptions of I. Kirkpatrick, 1831, and Jane Cockroft, his wife, and a late one to Mary Howat Hurrell, daughter of John Kirkpatrick, also Mary Other McMicking, beloved wife of George McMicking.

As showing distant place of birth:

"Thomas Craine, born in Douglas, Isle of Man, and Ludwig Bliling and Fredericka, wife of Ludwig Bluing."

### **PRESBYTERIAN GRAVEYARD, CHIPPAWA.**

Here the names are almost all either of Scottish or German origin, the former predominating, as Menzies, Meikle-John, McKenzie, Dobbie, Fleming, Gowanlock, Aberdeen, and Flett, Kister, Lehrback, Oeppling, Lutes, Snider, Herber, and the places of birth, Dumbarton, Stirling, Banff, Renfrew, South Carolina, and Alsace, etc.

A granite monument is in memory of a valued physician and dignitary of the church In memory of Robert Aberdeen, M. R. C. S. E., born in Bervie, Kincardineshire, Scotland; born 1808, died 1879."

Here is the record of a railway tragedy:

"Elizabeth, wife of John Copfer, killed by accident at Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 29th, 1876."

And two from the German fatherland:

"In memory of Nicholas Willick, died March 25th, 1894, aged 78, a native of Upper Alsace, Germany."

And on an iron cross:

"M. Herber, Gestorben, 7th January, 1862, 70 jahr, und H. Herber, Gestorben, 5th October, 1869, 79 jahr."

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Fleming, a native of Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland, 1813-1861."

In that to Jeanie Fleming, wife of Addison Waud, is another example that the name of the first minister of Niagara was kept in memory.

The name of Jason Mogge, son of Jason and Caroline Plato, recalls the name of the Plato graveyard near Fort Erie.

One of the few verses in this graveyard is of a higher order than the frequent doggerel:

Now low in earth

That form of love decays unseen

Yet not forgot;

Above in angel light arrayed

Beyond the stars

Some more exalted form

His spirit wears.

**THOROLD DECEW'S.**

Near this was the spot, sought by Laura Secord in her memorable walk, 23rd June, 1813. On a hillside is an old graveyard, some of the dates going back to the time of the war.

"In memory of George Couke, who departed this life Dec. 4th, 1812, aged 55. His wife, buried beside him, must have survived him many years, dying 1838, aged 86. We learn from other sources that George Couke was a private in the 2nd Lincoln Militia. Andrew Hansel, born 1747, died 16th May, 1818, aged 70; and John Hansel, May 29th, 1813.

George Hoover died 15th February, 1827, aged 90.

In an iron fence enclosure with a large Aberdeen granite monument:

"In memory of Jonathan Hagar, died October 10th, 1813, his wife Azubah, died 1847, aged 78." Also Mahitable, daughter of Jonathan and Azubah Hagar.

Mary Seburn and Stephen Seburn died in 1828 and 1830 respectively. The name Swayze, occurring in the first Parliament, also the name given to a delicious apple in this peninsula, is here found:

"In memory of Hannebel, son of Malum and Mehitabel Swayze."

"Mary Swayze, wife of Hiram Swayze, died 1818, aged 32."

Is this an ancestor of one of our missionaries in China?

"In memory of Thomas Goforth, died 1844, aged 88."

It is remarkable how few here give the place of birth, but that below shows pride of country though destitute, or almost so, of capital letters:

"Sacred to the memory of Wallace Bell, who departed this life August 31st, 1828, aged 35, he was a native of Colcleugh, Northumberland, Old England.

Here Wallace Bell lies in the dust

When his time comes to die he must.

The rest is indecipherable.

On one stone is the name of Jacob Hansel, and on that beside it Israel Hansel, near them Oran Theal, Zalma Theal, and the names, Tuer, Marlatt, Lutz, Metler, Griffiths, Hopkins are found, and among Christian names Ephraim, Andrew, Jacob, many reaching extreme old age as 88, 93, etc. Many old stones are chipped so as to be unreadable.

A short distance from this is the Decew Church, with a graveyard of later date with the names of Detler, Warner, Ash and Fawell, Merethew, Vanderburgh. An inscription in German with the English translation below:

"Anna Marie Egister, Ehefrau von Joseph Ziegl gest 17 Mai 1874 alter 29 Jahre."

The verse following the next inscription rises above the ordinary range.

"In memory of Rebecca, wife of Hugh James, Sr., born in Locherea, Ireland, born 1775, died 1869, aged 73.

Rest weary head,

Lie down to slumber in the peaceful tomb,

Light from above has broken through the gloom;

Here in the place where once thy Saviour lay

Where He shall wake thee in a future day

Like a tired child upon its mother's breast Rest, sweetly rest.

#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

In the register kept by Rev. Wm. Leeming, 6f Stamford and Chippawa, is often mentioned as the place of marriage, burial, or baptism, the "German Church," and here

near Thorold is the graveyard, although the church no longer exists, as it was taken down to make way for the new canal.

Many of the bodies buried here were removed to the beautiful new cemetery, but the greater part of the old graveyard remains. The site is fine, undulating ground, almost hill and valley. While copying inscriptions in this city of the dead it was strange to see a vessel passing so close to us that we could hear every word spoken.

The church was built chiefly by the exertions of George Keefer, whose history is the history of the early days of Thorold, he having been the earliest settler. His body was removed with the old stone which bears the simple inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of George Keefer, born in Sussex County, colony of New Jersey, Nov. 8th, 1773, died at Thorold, June 28th, 1858, aged 84 years."

He was the director of the Welland Canal Co., and turned the first sod. In the history of Thorold are the picture of himself, his two wives, and fifteen children. His first wife was Catharine Lampman, and here no doubt is a memorial of an ancestor of the gifted poet Lampman, who died lately at Ottawa:

"In memory of Peter Lampman, who died in 1834, aged 86. He came from New York to this province in 1783 with his family and has resided fifty years in the township of Niagara. He was always a pious, faithful and respectable member of the German Lutheran Church."

In the marriage record of the Stamford Associate Church nearly all the licenses were granted by Robert Grant, Esq., and here is his grave:

"Sacred to the memory of Robert Grant, Esq., born at Inverness, Scotland, 16th Nov., 1776, died at Queenston, U. C., 16th May, 1838. This monument is erected by his daughter Christina, wife of Jacob Keefer, Esq., of Thorold."

Here occur the wellknown names of Ball, Clement Hoover, Seburn, Field, Ker.

Walter H. Ball died in 1822, and Jane Catharine Ball in 1818, while Henry Clement Ball, born in 1789, and Mary Ball, born in 1796, must have been born here soon after the family came, in 1782; Charity Ann Hoover was buried here in 1829, Margaret Hoover in 1826, and Jacob Ball in 1819.

#### **ALLANBURG.**

The land for this graveyard was given to the village by Mr. John Vanderburgh, who came in 1781, and obtained 700 acres. The oldest grave is,

"In memory of Noah Davis, son of Wright Davis, who departed this life Dec. 29:h, 1813, aged 21 yrs."

"In memory of Mary Crysler, who departed this life on the 14th Dec., 1815, in the 52nd year of her age."

Deborah Davis, wife of Thaddeus Davis, died in 1818, aged 82, and Captain Davis, 1830, aged 55. Across the street was an inscription to Major A. Upper, who died Sept. 21st, 1853, aged 82, also Jos. Upper, jr., aged 76."

The names of Crysler, Vanalstine, Upper, Swayzie, Bump, Moshier, Walkinshaw, Ranne, are found here.

#### **WELLAND BURGER'S.**

Near Welland, close to the canal, is an old private burying plot belonging to the Burger family, in which is found great uniformity, as at least a dozen white marble slabs can be seen with a weeping willow carved at the top. The oldest interment is thus

recorded:

"Sacred to the memory of Ann, wife of Joseph Burger, born 1774, died 1814."

Joseph Burger himself was born 1773, died 1848, and a second wife also, Ann, died 1833.

Joseph Priestman, aged 79, and Peter Burger and many others of the same name lie here on this corner, as it were, between the river and canal. Also near Welland is the Farr burying place, where a Methodist church formerly stood.

Here are buried Farris and Browns, where now cattle roam at will.

### **BROWN PLOT.**

Across the river is the home of Miss Brown, who has an interesting old account book dating back to 1793, showing accounts of a distillery in Chippawa as it is spelled.

The great grandfather, Lieut. Jno. Brown, was one of the first settlers on the Welland river, fought at the side of Wolfe at Quebec and assisted to carry him from the field when wounded, as narrated by his granddaughter, and found stated in "Wolfeland," that he was supported by Lieut. Brown of the Grenadiers; a young Irishman, born about 1739, and thus about twenty. He returned to Ireland, married, came to New Jersey and to Canada in 1789. On the Brown farm, originally 300 acres, is the burial place of the old soldier, a creek meanders its way, solemn pines wave their branches, and an oak tree stands between the graves of husband and wife. A pathetic interest attaches to the spot, for here an old negro and his wife, who had faithfully nursed Capt. John Brown when ill with smallpox, are buried. The son, Alexander Brown, who was in the Incorporated Militia in 1812, is buried on the Farr farm, and his son, Capt. John Brown, who was out in the Rebellion, is interred at Fonthill.

### **FONTHILL A QUAKER GRAVEYARD.**

There are here two old Quaker graveyards, the two meeting houses still stand, the one of brick, the other a small frame building.

These early settlers, Mennonites and Quakers, seemed to have carried out their ideas of plainness and simplicity in their last resting place. Rows and rows of low stones not more than a foot high above the ground, but in some cases a foot square, sloping back, the inscription merely name and age, not even the birthplace is recorded, no titles, no praise, no high sounding epitaph. There are a few attempts to ape modern ideas higher stones and in one case a low granite monument dares to raise its head, showing that modern ideas begin to prevail. In the oldest graveyard rows and rows of graves with nothing to mark their identity, merely a rough common stone from the field without even initials. A few low stones similar to those in the last graveyard are seen. Frequently the Expression "9th month" "3rd month" occurs, instead of our names of Latin origin. None of the stones with names are very old, showing that in early days even this slight mark of remembrance was condemned and looked on as unnecessary. The oldest is to Eliza Carl, died 1826. Many reached old age, as Thomas Spencer, aged 88; Peter Singer, died 1869, aged 81; Jacob Gainer, born 1815, died 1900, aged 85; Jane Laird, relict of late Samuel Taylor, aged 81. A few have a line of quotation as,

"Orin Bemis, born 1809, died 1886: Gathered into the garner."

"James Spencer, died 12th day of 3rd month, 1870."

"Jonathan Page, aged 79, died in the 8th day of 10th month.

We will meet on the other shore."

"Hannah Gould, died 1850.

"Severed foreer from busy life They sleep in this lone spot, But oh, amid earth's joys,  
They neer shall be forgot."

A young wife has a modern stanza:

"Margaret Beckett, wife of John Vanderburgh, died 1878, aged 29.

Do you mourn When another star

Shines forth in the evening sky?

Do you weep when the noise of war

Or the rage of the conflict die?

Then why should your tears roll down

Or your hearts be sorely riven

For another gem in the Saviour's Crown,

For another soul in Heaven?

The names of Chester, Carl, Taylor, Betts, Hill, McAlpine occur frequently.

#### **FONTHILL CEMETERY.**

"In memory of Geo. Misener, died August 17th, 1802, aged 18 months 1 day. The first grave in this yard."

"In memory of John Misener, died August 23rd, 1832, aged 12 years, 10 months, 17 days."

We learn from residents that this is misleading, as the statement of the first grave refers to the latter inscription, as the body of the child, who died in 1802, was brought here afterwards, no doubt from a family burial plot.

In old Niagara papers the name of D'Everardo, suggesting a French origin, occurs frequently in the official advertisements.

"In memory of Dexter D'Everardo, born in Paris, France, 28th Dec., 1814, died at Welland, Ont., July 28th, 1891. Registrar of Deeds 1852. Registrar of Surrogate Court 1856. First appointment in Welland County."

Mr. D'Everardo was also Superintendent of schools in united counties of Lincoln and Welland before their separation

Here lies a patriarch indeed, who reached far past the Psalmist's three score years and ten:

"In memory of Elijah Phelps, who died March 15th, 1843, aged 103 years."

"In memory of Jean, beloved wife of John Watson, formerly of H. B. M. Royal Artillery, died Jan. 19th, 1865, aged 50 years. Also Elizabeth, their daughter, who was drowned in the Welland river; April 29th, 1865, aged 15 years.

"In memory of John Frazer, M. D., born in Ayrshire, Scotland, March 14th, 1806, died Oct. 7th; 1882."

Dr. Frazer was a member of Parliament for Welland.

"In memory of Jacob Brackbill, born Feb. 1st, 1777, died 26th August, 1847. Sarah, beloved wife of Jacob Brackhill, born 4th Jan., 1779, died 21st April, 1846."

The following is one of the first interments

"In. memory of Catharine, wife of Thos. Bald, who departed this life April 18th, 1834, aged 38 years."

"In memory of Robert Hobson, Sheriff of Welland for 25 years. Died August 16th, 1881, aged 76 years."

A teacher and apparently a stranger, has his name preserved by those among whom he labored.

"Fides ad astra.

"Erected by a few friends in memory of Freeman Eldridge, for a number of years a school teacher in Pelham, a native of Maine, U. S., who died Sept. 26th, 1845, aged 40 years. Requiescat in Pace."

Whether these were twin brothers who died at the same age is not quite clear:

"In memory of Thomas Rice, M. D., who died Nov. 7th, 1864, aged 31.

"Also Harley Rice, who died Jan. 24th, aged 31

"Thomas Rice was drowned in Mississippi river near Grand Gulf, while in service of the U.S.

The remains of Harley Rice are interred here.

In memory of Elizabeth Randall, wife of John Brown, born in Nova Scotia, 1833, died 1896."

A double stone with the words "Mother, Father," commemorates natives of Gloucestershire, England, "Mary Chaplin and Robert Chaplin, who died in 1877 and 1873 respectively, aged, the one 81, and the other .77 years." The names of many found on United Empire Loyalist lists abound, as Secord, Hare, Overholt, McClellan, Bowman, Swayzie, Vanalstine, Vanderburg, Bouk.

"George Sidey, born in Perthshire, Scotland, 1815, died 1897."

"Danson Kinsman, postmaster of Fonthill for 27 years, born 1818, died 1889."

#### **FORT ERIE.. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.**

Since this is an old settlement and here so much fighting occurred in the war of 1812, it might be expected that there would be found the graves of many military heroes, and indeed military and naval heroes abound, but there are few dates farther back than 1820 in any of the numerous grave yards here. At that dreadful holocaust, when the explosion occurred at the attack on Fort Erie no doubt the most were buried where they fell. It has been already seen that one naval hero was buried at Niagara and another at Lundy's Lane. Many retired officers must have settled here, as witness:

"This monument as a tribute of love and affection is erected by their thirteen surviving children to William Stanton, Staffordshire, England, Dep. Ass. Com. General, died 12th June, 1833, aged 77."

Here lie three members of one family, a father and two Sons, all officers:

"Lieut.-Col. Arthur Jones, C. B., 71st Regt., 1836.

"Lieut. Arthur Jones, 71st Regt., 1856.

Lieut. P. Jones, R. N., 1839."

In Niagara we have already seen the record of Col. Kingsmill and two sons also officers

"Sacred to the memory of Col. John Warren, J. P. and M. P. P. for the county of Haldimand, who departed this life 5th Sept., 1832.

"Deeply and deservedly regretted."

It is told of this veteran that he was defeated in a Parliamentary election by John Brant, who was, however, unseated, being an Indian.

An East Indian veteran has on his tombstone within a medallion surmounted by a crown, an elephant, in the circle around the words, "Hindoostan Peninsula LXXVI. Major Rooth, 1849, aged 65."

In the United Service Journal it is told of Benjamin Rooth that he had fought at Copenhagen and was one of those who laid the gallant Sir John Moore in his grave in the ramparts of Corunna, "the sod with their bayonets turning." Five days after his death his Peninsular medal arrived with clasps for Nive, Nivelles, and Corunna.

"Sacred to the memory of Col. the Hon. Jas Kerby, 2nd Lincoln Militia, died June 20th, 1854, aged 69. He was a faithful subject of the Crown and for his gallantry during the war of 1812 received the thanks of his country and was presented with a valuable sword by the Leg. Assembly of U.C. In private life he was esteemed for his amiable qualities, his generous and benevolent disposition and for his exemplary character as a parent, a friend and a Christian."

A tablet and a monument commemorate the first rector of the parish:

"Sacred to the memory of Rev. John Anderson, born 1805, died 1849. For twenty years rector."

Near Fort Erie are numerous family burial plots on the farms of the first settlers.

### **McAFEE GRAVEYARD.**

An old frame building, no longer used, is called the Mc Afee Church, and opposite it is the enclosure with graves. Of Mr. McAfee it is said that he was a sympathizer with Wm. Lyon McKenzie, who came here after the skirmish at Montgomery's tavern and crossed the river from this place. The name occurs thus:

"In memory of Veronica, wife of Daniel McAfee, died 1850, aged 50."

Here lies an old Butler's Ranger:

"Lewis Mabee, died Oct. 12th, 1823, aged 85."

A small stone has an inscription in German:

"Hier ruhet der verstorbene Benjamin Hersche ward geboren im jahr 1741, und gestorben im jahr 1820 den 29 October." The original spelling in this and other instances is reproduced.

### **GRAHAM FAMILY BURYING GROUND.**

The Graham enclosure, with beautiful forest trees near, seems to have been used by several families, who buried their dead in long rows. Here is a wellknown name:

"In memory of James Wintermute, born March 17th, 1782, died June 25th, 1858."

"In memory of Richard Graham, born 1759, died Dec. 15th, 1812, aged 53."

### **HERSHEY FAMILY BURYING GROUND.**

Not far from this is the Hershey plot, this being the English spelling of the name Hersche, and here occurs in this neighborhood almost the only reference to the place of birth:

"In memory of Benjamin Hershey, born Lancaster Co., Pa., 1776. Came to Canada 1795, died 1831, aged 55." This is doubtless a son of the Benjamin mentioned before. Here are found the names of Abraham, Randolph, and Christian Hershey, all attaining great ages.

### **PLATO FAMILY BURYING GROUND.**

This is about two miles from the village. The name is spelled Platow in the original map, the family came from the Mohawk valley and the name is found in Butler's Rangers. Here may be seen the names Benner, Beam; Jansen, Sabine, Spear, and among the Christian names are Cornelius, Christian, Christianna, Jacob, etc. In a graveyard near St. John's Church is the name of another Ranger:

"In memory of John G. Anger, died 1813, year. Abigail, his wife, died in her 81st year:"  
in his 77th

Many German names are found, as Rohr, Huffman, Jansen; the names Scarlett and House occur frequently and again extreme age is recorded.

### **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BERTIE.**

In this graveyard are found several inscriptions, which, if not of historic or poetic value, are amusing or otherwise interesting.

A tombstone with the accustomed yew tree has the words:

"Alas poor Powell who departed this life 25th January, 1867, aged 66."

We learn his first name from the next stone:

"In memory of Rebecca, wife of William Powell."

Whether Isaac Brock, who died 1864, aged 41, selected the following lines, showing very primitive taste, or whether selected by his friends, we know not:

Isaac Brock is my name

Canada is my nation

Canada is my dwelling place

And Heaven is my expectation.

Not satisfied with this, four lines of the same order follow. Although heard of before, only now did I actually see this old rhyme:

When I am dead and in my grave

And all my bones are rotten,

This little verse will tell my name

When I am quite forgotten.

"For Thomas Spedding, who died in 1876," a more dignified verse is selected:

"I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith."

A Loyalist and his wife attained great age:

"In Memory of John Laur, who died 1844, aged 83; and Sarah, his wife, aged 89."

The lines following are certainly original and unique, if not poetic:

"In memory of Isaac H. Jun. son of Isaac H. and Meryum Allen.

I. H. to visit friends did go

Was to return in a day or so,

But sickness overtook him soon

Sleeping in death he was brought home.

He's gone the loved and cherished one

Like some bright star he passed away,

Death claimed his victim and he sank

Calm as the sun's expiring ray,

No more we'll hear at morn

His feet upon the stair

Death hath our I. H. borne

From this world of care.

As a contrast to this we find a few lines from Longfellow's beautiful poem, Resignation, on a more modern stone: "In memory of Lawrence Zimmerman, died 1889, aged 25.

There is no death

What seems so is transition;

This life of mortal breath  
Is but the suburbs of the life Elysian  
Whose portals we call death.

Here are found the names of Duncklee, Buck, Wilds, Adair, Shotwell, Strowe, Spedding, Stevenson, Hibbard, Krafft, Knoll, Miller.

A drive along the beautiful Ridgeway road past the scene of the battle of Ridgeway brought us to Zion Methodist church and the first tombstone commemorates one of a wellknown family:

"Sacred to the memory of Rev. S. E. Ryerson, Methodist Episcopal minister, who died April, 1863, aged 51.

Servant of God, well done,  
The glorious warfare passed,  
The battle's fought, the race is won  
And thou art crowned at last.

This populous graveyard has many foreign names, several of them Loyalist families, and many have attained great age, as:

"Joseph Danner, aged 96, died 1870. Rebecca, his wife, aged 82."

"Josiah Bearss, died 1879, aged 87."

The names Zavitz, Plato, Burger, Leiffer, Krafft, Jansen. Anger, Teal, Paulus, Athoe, Fliege, Haworth, Rice. Ellsworth, are found.

A pastor's wife is thus spoken of:

"In memory of Maggie, beloved wife of Rev. J. W. Butler, died 1872.

"She was beautiful, affable and Christian."

"Chauncey M. Hibbard and Asenath Humphrey, his wife," a mingling of American and Egyptian names.

An inscription in German also found here

"Andenken an Anna R Singer Geb. 7 Sep. 1806, Gest Feb. 1886, alt 79 jahr.

Under Leben vahret siebenzig.  
Jahr und vemis hoch Kommt so  
Sund's achtzig und vernis Kost  
lich gevesen is; so ist's  
Muhe und arbeit gevesen.

This somewhat free translation of the words of Moses in the 90th Psalm is not in orthography or syntax above criticism, but the words are appropriate for one who had passed the three score and ten limit.

### **RIDGEWAY**

The oldest inscription was 1836. The Hershey, Gorham, Disher, Sloss, Troup, Dickout, Hannsen, show foreign origin.

A striking line seen here lingers in the memory

"She always made home happy."

### **BENNER FAMILY BURYING PLACE.**

In this small enclosure are ten graves, of which eight are Benners, all recording great ages, as 81, 84, 88, and one even reaching 99. Jacob Benner, one of Butler's Rangers,

died in 1817, and his wife, Susanna, in 1822, aged 99. One wife is recorded as having been 27 years older than her husband.

#### **MENNONITE GRAVEYARD, CLINTON.**

"In memory of John Claus, who was born April 10th, 1730, and departed this life June 18th, 1824, aged 94 years."

"Daniel Hock, Geböhren Den 11 ten April, 1773, ist Gestorben Den 20 ten November, 1812, Hat Gelebt 39 Jahr 7 months und 9 tags."

#### **DISCIPLES' CHURCH, JORDAN.**

In memory of Peter Hare, Senior, who was born May 11th, 1748, and departed this life April 6th, 1834, aged 85 years 11 months."

Peter Hare was a captain in Butler's Rangers and was latterly known as Col. Hare, probably from rank in the Lincoln Militia. His widow, as we have seen, is buried at Homer near St. Catharines.

#### **PORT MAITLAND**

A tragedy is recorded in the inscription on two monuments in this old graveyard near Dunnville.

" The officers, noncommissioned officers and privates of the Reserve Battalion 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers have erected this stone to mark the spot where lie the remains of Asst. Surgeon Grantham and twenty-four men, women and children, of that Regiment, who perished near the shore by the sinking of the steamer Commerce on the night of the 6th May, 1850, whilst on their route from Montreal to London, C. W."

At the late Historical Loan Exhibit in Toronto a candlestick, found in the bottom of the lake belonging to the Regiment, was shown. A letter from a lady near Dunnville dated May 9th, 1850, says: "The Despatch Str. ran into the Commerce, which sank in fifteen minutes, and forty men, women and children were drowned, seventy escaped. The other three officers were saved, among them the Ensign, Sir Henry Chamberlain. The regimental plate, wine and stores are lost, and much money. The people of Dunnville supplied the survivors with all the bedding, blankets, etc., they could."

The bodies were laid in a long trench, which may be plainly seen.

"Sacred to the memory of Dr. Grantham, Asst. Surgeon 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers S. aged 35 years, son of S. Grantham, Esq., Lewes, Sussex. Eng., who was drowned in Lake Erie on the night of the 6th May, 1850. A young widow and infant daughter are left to lament his sudden and melancholy fate."

" To the memory of John Johnson, late Lieutenant Colonel of the Bombay Engineers and Companion of the Bath. who departed this life on the 11th of February, 1846, aged 77 years.

"In memory of Dederika, widow of the late Lieut. Col. John Johnson, C. B., who departed this life on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1850, aged 74 years."

Capt. Cotton of the 69th Regiment is also buried here.

#### **BURKHOLDER'S PRIVATE BURYING GROUND.**

Two miles from Hamilton this may be seen; the oldest inscriptions go back to 1820, and here are found the familiar texts and doggerel verse common to that period. The first two are evidently father and daughter, only separated for a few months:

"In memory of Barbara, daughter of John and Magdalene Neff, died November 13th, 1820, aged 18 years. The Lord is nigh to them that call upon Him."

"John Neff, died January 30th, 1821, aged 50 years."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

"In memory of Christian Burkholder, born Dec. 14th, 1772, died Sept. 17th, 1843, aged 71."

Remember me as you pass by, As you are now so once was I

As I am now so you must be;

Prepare for death and follow me.

"In memory of Peter Burkholder, who died 21st Dec., 1867, aged 73.

Enter thy Master's joy."

Rest from thy loved employ,

The battle fought, the victory won,

Servant of God, well done,

His wife, Susannah Burkholder, died 1875, aged 78.

"In memory of Obadiah Taylor, a native of Long Island, State of New York, who died March 2nd, 1856, aged 86 years.

Afflictions sore long time I bore,

Physicians were in vain;

At length God pleased to give me ease

And freed me from my pain.

A slab to Eleana Goldsmith, who died in the last decade, praises her in both prose and verse, thus:

"Her whole life was a fulfillment of John, 15th chapter, 2nd verse. Every branch in me that beareth fruit He purgeth that it may bring forth more fruit."

"Her real merit was known by those who knew her best.

The friend of sinners was her friend,

Trusting to him she met her end,

Nor in the judgment shall she fear,

Then shall her friend as judge appear;

By faith in Jesus' conquest she relied

In Jesus' merits ventured all and died.

#### **HAMILTON CEMETERY.**

The city cemeteries offer little in the way of early settlers or curious inscriptions, as in general the old graveyards, gradually surrounded, are destroyed and built over in the inevitable march of improvement, but here is the name of one of the family which gave the name to Hamilton.

The inscription on a large granite monument reads;

"Sacred to the memory of Robert Jarvis Hamilton, born May 29th, 1812, died 1892.

Catharine, his wife, born 1818, died 1847. Mary Jane, his wife, born 1829, died 1899."

Many of the family are buried in the Hamilton family burying ground at Queenston.

A large altar tomb has the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Lieut.-Col. Gourlay, who died at his residence, Barton Lodge, 1867. He was for 25 years an officer of the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, serving with the Regiment in France Spain and various British stations and in the Canadian Rebellion

1837-8. He was a sincere Christian and in all the relations of life, public and private, an honourable and upright man

"Sacred to the memory of Right Rev. Thos. Brock Fuller, D. D., first bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, born at Kingston, 1810, died 1884, also his wife, Cynthia Street, born 1816. died 1892."

Col. Robt. Land was the first settler at the head of the lake, of whom a very romantic story is told, the husband and wife, each thinking the other dead, meeting here after many years.

### **BEAMSVILLE.**

In Beamsville, on rising ground next to the Baptist church, is a stone to one of the early settlers, who gave the name to the village.

"In memory of Jacob Beam, Sr., born Nov. 29th, 1728, died May 10th, 1812, aged 83, also his wife, aged 83."

A more pretentious granite monument to Jacob Beam, Jr., aged 85.

There are many old grey stones with the peculiar round or angled tops. It is remarkable that such old stones are so legible, but it is said that Mrs. Bougner, a daughter of Elder Hill, paid to have these cleared from moss and mould.

A long line of Adairs, a dozen at least, shows that they were among the earliest settlers.

"In memory of David Adair, aged 77, died in 1811. Jesus wept. His wife Abigail, aged 77."

One peculiarity of this graveyard is the number of Bible texts and also of verse, we will not say poetry. There is also an entire absence of military dignities, at least if such, it is not recorded.

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"In memory of Anna Adair, daughter of Joseph and Charity Adair.

"My body lies beneath the dust, my soul has gone on high to dwell with Jesus and the just in peace and love and joy."

"Sacred to the memory of Mercy Hixon. died 1828, aged 24

Weep, weep and mourn

The tomb has swallowed up my friend.

A long row of Merrills and another of Skelleys. Not a few in this ground show the place of birth.

"In memory of Henry Rolt, born in Pennsylvania, 1778, died 1874, aged 95," and "John Beam, born in New Jersey, emigrated to Canada in 1788. died here, aged 82."

"In memory of Charity Adair, wife of Joseph Adair, died 1837. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The same text is on the tombstone of Elizabeth House, daughter of Conrad Weir, born 1800, died 1825.

"In memory of Daniel Skelley, who departed this life Dec. 15th, 1823, aged 23.

"Reader, although my body lies Beneath the silent clod, Yet every turf above me cries Prepare to meet thy God."

Of Joseph Merrill it is said, "He lived, he died, he lives to die no more."

"Samuel Corwin and his wife, born in New Jersey, 1767."

"In memory of Christopher, son of Jerry Trion and Alice Kentner, aged 28.

A pale consumption gave the fatal blow,  
The stroke was struck but the effect was slow;  
In wasting pain Death saw him long oppressed,  
Pity'd his sorrow and kindly brought him rest.

A large upright stone in memory of:

"Elder Thomas Hill of Dunstable, England, born 1780, died 1839."

Two verses below are in honour of himself and wife.

A long row of Bougners, born in New Jersey, who came like others in 1788, all remarkable for great age, as Martin Bougner, aged 84; his wife came in 1793, and died aged 81.

A modern granite monument has replaced an older one and records the virtues of a pastor:

"Sacred to the memory of Rev. Thomas Morgan. He was born in Cardiffshire, North Wales; he emigrated to the United States in 1817 and was ordained a minister of the Baptist Denomination of Utica, N. Y. He came to this province in 1824, and became pastor of the Baptist Church in Clinton, where he laboured for three years with acceptance. As a preacher he was warm and energetic, commending himself to every man's conscience; he was unwearied in his exertions to promote the Redeemer's kingdom, traveling from house to house, warning every man as in the sight of God. As a Christian in his daily walk he commended the Gospel which he preached. As a husband and father he was tender and affectionate. He died in the triumphs of faith and the hope of a glorious immortality on the 9th Feb., 1837, in the 40th year of his age."

"In memory of Charlotte, wife of Jas. Freed, daughter of Thos. and Martha Hill, departed this life in the assurance of a glorious immortality, 1841. aged 37.

Dreary dying world adieu,  
Brighter scenes appear in view,  
Jesus calls and I must rise  
To join the mansions in the skies;  
Glad to obey the signal given,  
Death is but the gate to Heaven.

A more modern monument shows that a stranger dying in a distant land is gratefully remembered:

"Rev. John Callander, M.D., from Falkirk, Scotland, died Toronto, 1853, aged 34."

On one side is the single word "Resurgam," and on the other:

"Erected by his friends in Clinton as a tribute of respect for his manly qualities and Christian virtues."

"With uncouth lines and shapeless sculpture decked."

Mary wife of Daniel Danghethy. blessed are they that die in the Lord."

The names of House, Couse, McIntyre, Hilburn, are also seen frequently.

An old stone forms a contrast and calls up Gray's line;

An old record book of the Baptist Church dates back to 1807. A deed of land of two acres from Jacob Beam for the church and graveyard is shewn, and the names of early members. Elder Morse is mentioned in 1807.

### **STONEY CREEK.**

Near the battlefield of Stoney Creek, on a slight rising ground. on land given by the Gage family, is the graveyard. Till quite lately here stood a frame building, a Methodist

Church, in the walls of which might be seen the bullets fired on that day of June, 1813, but it has been pulled down by modern iconoclasts. The oldest stone found was chipped so as to be almost illegible, a reddish stone from the neighborhood, something in color like the Credit valley stone.

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Phebe Bates, wife of W. Bates, born in Stamford, Connecticut, died in this province, Dec. 16th, 1807, aged 46.

"Pause reader and behold my fate,

How soon my race is run

Eternal my state

Before my life is gone."

On an old grey stone "Erected to the memory of Wm. Gage, from Ireland, Co.Derry, died Sept. 11th, 1820, aged 76."

A smaller stone to his wife, Susan Gage, died 1821, and a more modern one:

"In memory of Capt. John Gage, who died May 16th. 1860, aged 66."

The Gage homestead has been lately fitted up as a museum by the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, and from it may be seen the scene of the conflict. A massive monument of granite commemorates another member of the Gage family. "Catharine Gage, wife of Wm. Jones."

In the inscriptions there is a great uniformity of verses as, "A faithful friend, A husband dear, A tender parent lieth here," one being evidently copied from another, but here is one certainly original if not poetic, an old grey stone, but quite legible:

"This stone is erected to the memory of Thos. Fanning, died 1827, aged 22.

The rose of health bloomed on his cheeks

And joy attend his youthful breath

The rose was nipped in one short week

And all was sunk in gloomy death.

Hark death can speak my warning keep

My warning word poor Thomas cries,

A few short hours near you I sleep

But we together both shall rise.

Oh may the living wisdom learn

from my sepulchred mouldering clay

from death's sad stings to swiftly turn

prepared to meet the judgment day."

And this the tribute of a friend "In memory of Jas. Lee, aged 57.

Beneath this lies my bosom friend,

One whom I long adored;

He's gone and left me to depend

On God for evermore.

The names Nash, Fox, Lee, Glover, Potruff, Jones, occur frequently. Three small stones have on each the words

"The family of the late Richard London," while other stones commemorate Richard London himself and his wife.

There is little of a military nature, but one stone tells of a young soldier:

"In memory of Lieut. G. G. Brabazon, late of Her Majesty's Royal Fusiliers, died 1851, aged 29."

The dreadful railway accident near Hamilton here found a victim:

"In memory of Robert Crawford, who came to his death by a Disaster on the Great Western Railroad, at the bridge across the Desjardins Canal, March 12th, 1857."

"In memory of Jno. W. Crawford. "Dear as thou wert and justly dear, we will not weep for thee; One thought shall check the parting tear,

It is that thou art free!"

There are many records of extreme age, as Jas. Lambier, aged 81, Stephen Land, evidently a descendant of the first settler in Hamilton, aged 74, but the oldest recorded is Christina Green, died 1882, aged 102.

A few show the birthplace, as "Sacred to the memory of Stephen Bedell, died 1837, aged 92, a native of Staten Island."

"Mary, wife of John Yeager, daughter of A. Green, born in Sussex, New Jersey, 1791."

Another bears the names of two husbands "In memory of Rachel Soules, wife of Joseph Penfold, and relict of the late Alphaus Gorman, aged 82."

Two large altar tombs are respectively to Clares, wife of John Galbraith, 1835, and to John Fox, 1834.

To one who died in early youth the text below seems appropriate:

"Rebecca Jones, aged 19.

"Her sun is gone down while it is yet day."

The same text is on the tomb of Clara Fortman, wife of Edw. Norton.

There is also a large vault for the family of R. Squires.

### **GRIMSBY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

This graveyard seems to have been used by all denominations at first. The number of large altar tombs and other solid headstones show the early prosperity of the people. Here are found many names well known in Canadian history.

"In memory of Col. Robert Nelles, who was born 6th of October, 1761; in Palatine, on the Mohawk river, State of New York, and died 27th July, 1842, at Grimsby, after a residence of 62 years in Canada."

His wife, Elizabeth, died 1813, and the name of second wife, Maria, is recorded. The commissions of Col. Nelles as Lieut., Capt., Col., signed by different governors, from the year 1788 to 1831, are in the Niagara Historical room.

"In memory of the Hon. Abraham Nelles, born 4th Dec., 1775, died 7th July, 1839.

"Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which God hath prepared for those that love him. -1 Cor. 2, 3."

Among the oldest interments are "In memory of John Moore, died May 16th, 1803, aged 64, and Dinah his wife, died Nov. 9th, 1804, aged 68."

These, however, were removed from an earlier graveyard near the lake.

An old grey stone has the following inscription "Here lies the body of Isaac Chambers, who was born 1762,

"O Lord, my days is wasting here And I draw near to death, Give me a land of joyful cheer,

When I shall leave the earth."

"In memory of Elizabeth Friller, wife of Abraham Pettit, born 1778, died 1875, aged 97 years."

"In memory of John S. Pettit, born 1788, died 1888. Mary Glover, his wife, born 1791, in New Jersey, died 1856."

"In memory of Emmeline Bergman, wife of Jonathan Wolverton, M.D., born at Germantown, Pa., January 31st, 1816, died at Grimsby, June 29th, 1874."

The first Missionary of Grimsby has left neatly kept records of his five years pastorate, from 1817 to 1822, in which latter year his death occurred by accident.

"In memory of Rev. Wm. Sampson, first Missionary of Grimsby, eldest son of Rev. Dr. Sampson, born at Wadsworth, Surrey, England, 1790, died at Grimsby, U. C., April 18th, 1822."

A later minister also died here:

"In memory of Rev. G. R. F. Grout, of Quebec, rector of this parish for 22 years, during which lengthened period he labored faithfully and zealously, being the friend and adviser of old and young, died 1849, aged 45.

"This monument was erected by his attached parishioners as a tribute of affection to one they loved.

"Remember those which have the rule over you who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow. Heb. 13: 7, 8."

The author of the first poem published in Upper Canada, "A Day at the Falls," published in York, 1825, was then a teacher in York Grammar School and became incumbent of Saltfleet and Binbrook.

"In memoriam Rev. James Lynne Alexander, born at Glenhead, Antrim, Ireland, 1801, died at Grimsby, 1879.

"When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

A number of altar tombs commemorate members of the Crooks family, whose name is so well known.

"Sacred to the memory of William Crooks; who was born at Kilmarnock, Scotland, 6th August, A. D. 1776, and after a residence of 44 years in U. C. died at Niagara 31st December, 1836. Job. 9, 12."

"Sacred to the memory of Mary Butler, relict of Wm. Crooks, who departed this life at St. Anns, Nelson, 30th Dec., 1851, aged 70. Watch for the morning.-Ps. 130, 6."

The following inscription offers a refreshing contrast to the general dead level of those commonly found.

"In memory of Caroline, consort of A. A. Wolverton, who was removed to the spirit world Sept. 23rd, 1849, aged 30 years. The material body is all that lies here, the substantial has gone to the spiritual sphere.

Where kindred spirits unite in one,

Forever to dwell in their heavenly home.

"In memory of Jonathan Wolverton, who died 1831, aged 77 years, and his wife Mary, who died 1804, aged 33 years."

Another early settler who died young is thus recorded-"Here lies the body of Rose Beamer, who was born 26th January, 1783, and departed this life May 19th, 1806, aged 23.

"Now I have passed through death's dark door

No eye on earth shall see me more;

Prepare to meet me here above."

"Here lies the boy of Lydia Merrill, who was born 1791, died 1804. aged 13.

My aged friend to me attend And wipe your weeping eyes, No longer mourn your daughter gone To reign above on high."

"Beneath this stone lieth the remains of Margaret Crooks, late of the kingdom of Scotland, who was born in Edinburgh, 23rd April, A. D. 1753, died at Ancaster, in the province of U. C. 2nd October, 1826, aged 74 years.

"This testimony of Filial respect erected to her memory by her affectionate children."

"IN PACE.

"Jonathan Wolverton, M. D., born Feb. 22nd, 1811, died April 12th, 1883."

"In memory of Hannah Simmerman, wife of Jas. N. Simmerman, born 1816, departed this life 1835, aged 19."

Still in Him she firm confided

Who in love bestowed the rod

Desirous that each child residing

In this region turn to God.

"Here lies the body of Sarah Walker, wife of William Walker, who departed this life 6th April, 1806, in the 60th year of her age.

"Remember me as you pass by As you are now so once was I As I am now so you must be, Prepare for death and follow me."

It might be interesting to note where and at what date this last time worn verse is found.

"In memory of William Kitchen, born Jan., 1761, died May 28th, 1813, aged 52 years."

"Stephen Coon, died 1805, aged 41."

"In memory of Dennis Wolverton, born in New Jersey on New Year's day, 1790, emigrated to Canada in 1798 and settled at Grimsby. Member of the Legislative Assembly,

U. C., 1836-38, and of the Niagara District Council for many years. Died May 23rd, 1875. He trusted in Jesus."

There were many deaths in 1813 from an epidemic of typhus fever.

The names Book, Pettit, Nixon, Anderson are found repeatedly.

### **PRESBYTERIAN GRAVEYARD, GRIMSBY.**

In this burial place, not so old as that near it, are many from Muir's settlement of great age. The families of Muir and Douglas seem to have intermarried often and to have been a long-lived race.

"Sacred to the memory of Jas. Douglas, born at Whitburn, Scotland, died at Grimsby 1831, aged 89."

"Barbara, daughter of Jas. Muir, of Brieck Mills, Scotland, in her 92nd year."

"George Muir, aged 90."

"Douglas Muir, aged 87, of West Calder, Scotland."

"John D. Beamer, died 1872, aged 72."

His second and third wives are here buried, Sarah and Catharine, and a long row of Beamers lie buried near.

From these crowded burial grounds many bodies have been removed to the beautiful new cemetery, already with many occupants.

# Graves and Inscriptions in the Niagara Peninsula

(By Janet Carnochan)

## -Part 3-

### **ANCASTER.**

This is an old settlement and the graveyard is filled with all varieties of tombstones in memory of the dead; there are dozens of large altar tombs. Here are found the graves of U. E. Loyalists, military and naval men, the stranger, and the fashion of long labored inscriptions and original verses prevailed to a remarkable, almost an alarming extent.

One of the oldest stones is that to a husband and wife who died on the same day. "Sacred to the memory of Alexander Richie and Mary Lucia, his wife, who both departed this life at Ancaster, 11th April, 1823."

Here near the church is a large altar tomb to one (described in "Summer Rambles" by Mrs. Jameson), who died here while visiting her sister, Mrs. McMurray, the wife of the rector, afterwards Archdeacon, of Niagara.

"In memory of Jane, wife of Henry R. Schoolcraft, Esq., born at St. Mary's Falls, 1800; died at Dundas, May 22nd; 1842, in the arms of her sister, during a visit at the house of the rector of this church, while her husband was in England and her children at a distant school. She was the eldest daughter of John Johnston, Esq., and Susan, daughter of Waubojeeg, a celebrated war chief and civil ruler of the Odjibwa Tribe.

Carefully educated and of polished manners and conversation, she was early fitted to adorn society, yet of retiring and modest deportment. Early imbued with the principles of true piety she patiently submitted to the illness, which for several years marked her decline and was inspired through seasons of bodily and mental depression with the lively hope of a blessed immortality.

Here rests by kindred hands enshrined  
All of the loved one earth could find,  
The form, the eye, the heart, the hand  
So gentle once, so kind, so bland.  
Death came unlooked for, yet his tread  
She met so calm, so free from dread,  
Like angels winged to happier spheres,  
She smiled to quit a world of tears.

We mourn not then as those who see  
No glorious bright eternity,

But while this stone fond hearts upraise Grief best bespeaks our love and praise.

This memorial (the maker from Albany, N. Y.) is no doubt placed here by her husband, the Schoolcraft who wrote such valuable works on the North American Indian.

A granite monument lately placed is to the first rector:

"Sacred to the memory of Rev. Ralph Leeming, of Yorkshire, England, ordained by the Bishop of London, first Missionary, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, to the Gore District and first Rector of Ancaster, born 1,89, died 1872, aged 83."

A large flat stone tells a pathetic story, showing that the "stranger within the gates" was not neglected:

"Eliza M. Johnston, of Rochester, N.Y., died 1827, aged 17.

"A strangers grave. Placed here by her local respected friends."

Among a row of stones, all with the name of Durand, a large altar tomb bears the following:

"In memory of James Durand, born in England, 1775, died 1833, resided in the Canadas 34 years. Served his country as a Legislator and as a Captain during the late war with honour and uprightness, but above all, his Maker, as an honest man. Do unto others as you would have others do to you was the great motto of his life. His children will ever remember him as the kindest parent, and the Canadas as a patriot and friend."

"The following beautiful lines were written by himself in memory of his lamented consort Keziah Durand:

"High in the Heaven of Heavens I trust  
You now repose among the just,  
Thy virtues well earned meed:  
The pleasing hope my soul inspires  
As wages grief my bosom fires  
And gives me joy indeed.

Jas. Durand."

Other lines below are written in memory of Jas. Durand by Charles Durand, who has lately published his Reminiscences continued to the present date.

"Sacred to the memory of John Palmer Battersby, Commander R. N., born 1797, died 1888.

"Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

To his son Edwin "He giveth his beloved sleep," and to his wife Maria "The price of a virtuous woman is far above rubies, her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her."

"Sacred to the memory of Major Daniel Showers, died 1858, aged 71.

"Man soon discussed Yields up his trust  
And all his hopes and fears  
Lie with him in the dust.

"Elizabeth Showers, his wife, born Stamford, 1787, died in Ancaster, 1848."

This last shows the early settlement of Stamford.

"In memory of Lient. W. Milne, of the Royal Navy, born at Falkirk, North Britain, A. D. 1766, died at Springfield, Ancaster, 1826."

"In memory of Helen Eliza, wife of Robt. Berrie, and daughter of the late Lieut.Col. Johnson Butler, died 1841, aged 35."

"In memory of Capt. John Urquhart, died 1882, aged 79, native of Inverness, Scotland." The next is evidently a foreigner:

"Otto Ivese, died at the Hermitage, late of Aloumouth, Eng., died 1835."

The father of the rector died here "In memory of Wm. McMurray, died 1878, aged 82, a native of Co. Armagh, Ireland."

A granite monument to John Aikman, who died 1878, aged 86. The name Aikman frequently occurs, and the name Rousseaux brings up the recollection of Jean Baptiste

Rousseaux, the interpreter of Brant. George Rousseaux and Margaret Rousseaux lie here, while the father is buried at Niagara.

#### **PRESBYTERIAN BURYING GROUND, ANCASTER.**

"In memory of the Rev. George Sheed, A. M., who planted this church, and having faithfully watched over it for the space of six years, was removed to his reward 1832.

"His friends have erected this stone as a memorial of their esteem for his worth as a man and his zeal and abilities as a minister."

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

"Sacred to the memory of Euphemia Melville, wife of Capt. Alex. Roxburgh, Glengarry Light Infantry, daughter of Alex. Melville, of Farquhar, Scotland, who died in the prime of life at St. Margaret's College, 1831."

"In memory of Capt. Alexander Roxburgh, born 1774, died 1856."

"In memory of C. R. McHaffee, wife of Robert Gardener, who died at West Flamboro, 1848."

A modern granite monument with coat of arms and motto has this short inscription:

"In memory of Duncan Matheson, Lochalsh, Rosshire, Scotland, born 1782, died 1849.

"Fac et spera."

#### **VIRGIL METHODIST CHURCH.**

In this small graveyard is a stone to one who is called in Carroll's Case (the history of Canadian Methodism) a saint; lie was a prisoner at the capture of Niagara and was long a class leader in the village named after him.

"George Lawrence, born March 26th, 1757, died August 5th, 1848, AE. 91 years."

The names of Casselman, Cassaday, Caughill, Cushman, Haines, Cain, are found. Barney Cain fought at Lundy's Lane. This village has rejoiced in many names The Cross Roads, Four Mile Creek, Lawrenceville, and now the classic name of Virgil to correspond with that of Homer, six miles distant.

On the Corus farm near Virgil;

"To the memory of Caspar Corus, died Nov. 24th, 1835, aged 96 years."

"In memory of Wm. Casselman, who departed this life Jan. 11th, 1847, aged 53 years."

#### **CLEMENT FAMILY BURYING GROUND.**

Several old grey stones bring to mind names well known in this peninsula.

"Sacred to the memory of James Clement, born 15th July, 1764, died 8th March, 1813, aged 49."

"Sacred to the memory of Catharine Clement, consort of the late James Clement, who departed this life 13th July, 1813, in the 45th year of her age, at the birth of her eleventh child."

"In memory of Sarah Clement, daughter of John C. Pettitt, and consort of Joseph Clement, who departed this life 9th June, 1824, aged 34."

"Sacred to the memory of Martha Pettitt, consort of John Clement, who departed this life 10th Dec., 1828, aged 59.

"Eliza Matilda Ball, daughter of Jacob H. and Katharine Ball, died Dec. 3rd, 1823, aged 11.

"My parents dear I bid farewell,  
My life was short on earth to dwell,

My maker's call, I must obey,  
Prepare yourselves to follow me.

In the Stevens graveyard, very near, is buried George Caughill, killed at Lundys Lane. It is told that he was carried from the field by Barney Cain, who is buried at Virgil. The house of James Clement, who died in 1813, still stands, though built in 1805 in good repair with its fine old mantels and queer old stairs a trap for the unwary.

#### **GONDER GRAVEYARD.**

On the Gonder farm near Black Creek are inscriptions to several of this U. E. family.

"In memory of Jacob Gonder, a native of Pa., Lancaster Co., who died Nov. 8th, 1846, in the 71st year of his age."

"Gone Home, Mary A., wife of Jacob Gonder, died Sept. 28th, 1886, aged 82."

"Michael D. Gonder, died Stpt. 28th, 1886, aged 82."

In an old private burial place on what was formerly the first Gonder farm, (now the Stoner farm, near Welland,) was buried in 1813, Michael; Gonder, who came to Canada in 1787 and lived at Niagara for some time. David Price, who married Margaret Gonder, was Indian Interpreter at Niagara, and is buried here.

"In memory of David Price of the township of Crowland, died 26th Feb., 1841, aged 91."

PORT DALHOUSIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Being a lake port there are many references to sailors and loss by water or accidents. Several of the gravestones have carved the figure of a ship with canvas spread. The following inscription is unique:

"In memory of John Lawrie and Margaret Davidson, who were horn 26th Sept., 1786, married 5th July, 1811, parted 13th Sept., 1863, by his death, aged 77 and again united by her death, 15th Mar., 1865, aged 78 years. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death were not divided."

Two children have on the tombstone the quotation:

"It was an angel that visited the green earth  
And took the flowers away.

Another quotation is: "God is the orphan's stay and the stranger's shield." Another the simple words: "Beyond the river." Many of those buried here hail from Scotland, and the device of a thistle is frequent.

"In memory of Capt. Jas. Neil, a native of Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland, 1876, aged 70."

Some fond parent has given these pathetic lines:

"In memory of little Donald  
"His face was gentle as the light  
Of yonder deep blue sky,  
Yet, like the flowers in the vale,  
He bloomed but bloomed to die.

What tragic scenes caused these inscriptions ?

Charles Robertson of St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., aged 26, who met with a premature death by the falling of the boom on board the Kate Robinson of Sackett's Harbor off Port Dalhousie, 1856."

"John Aird, who was killed while on board the barge Ark, aged 14 years."

"Henry Gallagher, drowned at Port Dalhousie; erected by his affectionate mother, Rachel Davidson."

Names from the land of heather abound, as Muir, Dickson, McDougall, Anderson, Aird, Donaldson, Blair, McCulloch, Stewart, White; while other nationalities are shewn, as Ohneth, Tremaine, Pawling, Coons, Zimmerman.

PORT DALHOUSIE, CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Here are found a greater number of devices, and greater variety in the nationality, as a Bible, anchor, cross, crown, ships, Masonic emblems abound, while natives of places as far distant as Flores, Massachusetts, Ireland, Italy, England; have here found a resting place for their dust, and many names shew a German origin. The lines following the name of a mariner are appropriate, as is the device of a ship with three masts and all sails set.

"In memory of Capt. Thos. Fagan) a native of Strangford, Co. Down, Ireland, died 1858, aged 57.

"The Lord himself will keep His people safe from harm, Will hold the helm and guide the ship With His almighty arm."

Two other captains of ships, Capt. Thos. Murray and Capt. Jas. Kelly lie here.

An inscription of two words reminds us of those in the Catacombs of Rome, thus:

"Elizabeth Cole

Sleeps

Solomon S. Cole

Rest in peace.

"Our father and mother: James Neelon, 1857, aged 63; Nancy, his wife. Rest precious dust."

A longer inscription on a large monument "Sacred to the memory of Thos. Read, died 1853, aged 53.

Sincerely lamented by all who knew him. His Christian faith was manifested in his life, for along with being a most affectionate husband, a kind father and a faithful friend, he was always foremost in every good work, tending to the glory of God and the good of his fellow men. Laying up for himself a good foundation.

The only reference to the first settlers is on a fine red Aberdeen granite monument "Lt. Col. P. Gregory, of U. E. Loyalist descent, died 1882, aged 72." The next were early called away.

Near this, "John F. Gregory, B. C. L., died at Toronto, aged 27."

"Surg. Major General Jago T. Hill, aged 28," and one younger still, "Elizabeth Walker, only daughter of Major Jno. Weyland, wife of Ambrose A. Hill, M D., aged 18 years, 1875."

"William Hill, eldest son of Solomon Hill, M. P., died 1853, aged 69."

From what distant lands came these?

"Dorothy, wife of Columbus Gildia, died 1850, aged 66 years."

"At rest, Joseph Franklin, a native of Flores, 1830-1903."

The verses here are of a higher standard than those of an earlier date:

"True to the last. Malissa, wife of Geo. Brooks, aged 35.

Here autumn winds their requiem sing

As though they mourned your early doom,

And springs first flowers each year will rise  
As if in fondness oer your tomb.  
Another asks a question, like that in the Lewiston grave  
"O sacred grave, what precious dust  
Is here committed to your trust,  
But oh, the soul is that on high  
To shine forever in the sky?  
Though not mentioned, the next must have been one of the earliest to come from the  
United States in Revolution times  
"Adam Bowman. died 1865, aged 89."  
As showing different nationalities, are found the names of Thuresson, Culp, Powell,  
Ismond, Hill, Goold, Woodall, Furminger, Pawling, Martindale, Rose.

#### THOROLD CEMETERY.

The largest monument is of grey limestone with white marble tablets, to George Keefer and his four wives. On one side is the old and much shattered tablet brought from the old Lutheran graveyard close to the canal and bears this inscription

"George Keefer "Born in the State of New Jersey, 8th Nov., 1773, died at Thorold, 25th June, 1858.

"Catherine, first wife of George Keefer, born 26th April, 1778, died 4th Jan., 1813.

"Jane, second wife of George Keefer, born 8th March, 1785, died 6th Jan., 1833."

"Charles Henry, M.D., of McGill Coll., died of fever contracted in the emigrant sheds, Montreal, in 1847, aged 24 years.

"Alexander, Barrister of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and Barrister and M. P. in Victoria, Australia, died in 1862, aged 36 years, the youngest son of the alcove."

"Mary, third wife of George Keefer, born, died 25th June, 1838."

"Madeline, second daughter of a U. E. Loyalist, 4th wife of George Keefer; born 14th June, 1793, died 7th Sept., 1871."

Another side has:

"George Keefer Founder of Thorold, was the son of George Keefer, a native of Alsace, France, who settled in New Jersey when it was a British Province, lost his life and property as a Loyalist in 1776, and was buried on Staten Island, New York. He came to Canada in 1790, served through the war of 1812-15, was the first president of the Welland Canal Company, and also of the Thorold Bible and Temperance Societies. He married, in 1797, Catherine Lampman, the daughter of a U. E. Loyalist."

The second wife was Jane Emory, widow, nee McBride. There were fourteen children, ten sons and four daughters, the only one now living is Thomas Keefer, C. E., C. M. G.; in Ottawa.

The largest granite monument is to

"John Battle, a native of the county of Sligo, Ireland, 1824-1891. In thee O Lord have I trusted."

He was proud to acknowledge that he began life as a day laborer on the Welland Canal. He became the wealthy head of many business enterprises.

"Erected by the L. O. Association to the memory of our late brother, James Shannon, born in Glenbuck, Co. Antrim, Ireland, 1807, died at Thorold, 1865. We shall inscribe his name in our memories and our works shall exhibit it."

"In memory of George Baxter, late Judge of the county of Welland, died 1893, aged 62 years. I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness. Ps. 17.15."

"John McDonagh, born 1822, died 1905. Fell asleep, Victory through his cross alone."

"Sophia Williams, relict of Bernard Frey Ball," "having a desire to depart and be with Christ."

Margaret Boyle, relict of John Rowe, aged 66: "She hath done what she could."

An old grey stone, evidently brought from the old cemetery "Joseph Clement Ball. born 1828. died 1830.

"Dear little child thy time and worth How short was yielded from thy birth, Thy dying cares and pains are oer, Parted from them to meet no more."

"Jacob Ball, born 1786, died 1849."

The following inscription takes us back to the frightful Civil War of the neighboring Republic

"In memory of William Alfred Walker, who died at Andersonville, Georgia, 1864, aged 20 years. A private in C. Co., 122 N.Y. S. V. A prisoner of war."

Here are buried James Munro, born in Thurso, Scotland, 1821, long an elder in the Presbyterian church, and his wife, Elizabeth Patterson, born in Glasgow, Scotland, 1823, who has the remarkable record of having been a Bible Society collector for over fifty years.

#### **BAPTIST GRAVEYARD, VIRGIL.**

"In memory of Alexander H. Thompson, born 1797, died 1861. His wife, Jane McLelland, born Jan. 24th, 1805, died Oct. 20th. 1867"

"In memory of Margaret Maria, (laughter of John C. Ball, and wife of Daniel Secord, died 1848, aged 32."

The names of Bogardus, Stevens, Anderson, Ball, Secord, Thompson, are found. A monument lately erected is to Frederick Stevens. aged 90.

#### **JORDAN STATION.**

On a stone with Masonic emblems and motto is the following inscription:

"Here lieth the remains of an unknown brother, whose body was washed ashore near the residence of Abram Martin, Esq., Louth, on 20th Apr., 1877.

"This tombstone is erected to show that while deceased had only on his person certain symbols to distinguish him as a Free Mason, yet were they sufficient to secure for the remains fraternal sympathy and Christian sepulture.

"Dead, voiceless, battered, tempest-tossed,

A stranger, friendless and unknown,

The wave gave up its dead,

A brother came and saw

And raised above his lonely head

This sculptured stone."

"The mystic points of Fellowship prevail

Death's gavel cannot break that sacred tie

'Gainst Light, the powers of Night can naught avail

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

"Rosanna, wife of Wm. Carr, born in Co. Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, 1773, died 1863, aged 90."

"Sacred to the memory of Mark Thomas, Ensign of the late 98th Regt. of Foot, died 1866, aged 72. A native of Co. Galway, Ireland.

"But Lord to Thee I shall direct

My supplicating eyes,

O leave not desolate my soul

Whose trust in Thee relies.

"Erected by his sorrowing wife, S. E. Thomas."

"Jane Seymour, much beloved wife of Mark Thomas, a native of Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, Ireland, died 1862, aged 56.

"Sheltered beneath the Almighty's wing

Thou shalt securely rest,

Where neither sun nor moon shall thee

By day or night molest.

This must be to the first wife by the husband, and to him in turn the second wife dedicates a verse.

"John Spence, a native of Tanderagee, Ireland, 1879 aged 75.

"Susan, wife of John Spence, 1895, aged 87. Erected by herself."

A few words added to name and dates are noticeable, as "As a wife devoted, as a mother affectionate, as a friend ever kind."

And "a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland. In life beloved, in death lamented."

Among the names are several of German origin; a few are given, more familiar to the ear, Terryberry, Hunsberry, Moyer, Myers. Troup, Hare, Overholt, High, Price.

#### **MENNONITE GRAVEYARD, VINELAND.**

There are two churches very near to one another. The inscriptions are remarkable for their uniformity; No information as to nationality or date of coming to the country, no title, no description, no verses, no texts, except in a few instances. Names mostly German, in which language are some of the inscriptions. Many of the old brown stones are almost illegible. The graveyard is surrounded by a stone wall, covered with wood at the top, which, in its turn, is covered with sheet iron. The oldest burial, which could be found, seemed to be 1811.

"David Hoch Gebehrenden 11 ten April 1773 ist Gestorben den ten November 1812 hat Gelebt 39 iah 7 monath und 9 tag."

On an old brown stone "Here lies the body of Peter Couse, who departed this life in August, 1812, aged 45 years These died in the midst of war's alarms. Scripture names abound, as near together lie Joshua, Abraham, David, Jacob Grobb, and one old stone has the name of Jonas Grobb, 1811.

As a contrast a handsome granite stone is to John F. Rittenhouse, who died in 1903, and Elizabeth Honsberger, his wife, 1899.

One quotation from holy writ appears, thus:

"Text: The rich and the poor meet together, the Lord is the Maker of them all. Prov. chap. 22, verse 2," and shewing that modern ideas were creeping in "In memory of John, son of Wm. and Rosanna Everett, who departed this life 1st Jan., 1841, aged 17 years.

"Pray all young men as you pass by

Upon this grave but cast your eye;

I in my prime was snatched away,

As you may be this very day.

And to make up for the lack of others, the next stone has two verses.

"In memory of Joseph Honsberger, who died in 1872, aged 33.

"You are most near and dear to me,

I have you in my heart;

Yet the best friends must severed be,

So you and I must part

Although I leave you for awhile

I'll meet you once again,

And if it is not in this world

'Twill be on Canaan's plain.

Does the last line but one anticipate Sir Oliver Lodge's attempt to communicate with the other world?

The most common name is Grob others are Gratz, High, Kratz, Hoch, CuIp, Hipple, Swartz, etc. The only title found in the whole graveyard reads thus:

"Rev. David High. died 1887, aged 72.

"When from the dust of death I rise

To claim my mansion in the skies,

Even then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died for me.

The only stone which gives a hint of the place of birth is to

"Jacob High, Sen., who died 1856, aged 78. A native of Pennsylvania."

"M. H. Rittenhouse, died 1888, aged 73. Let my sudden exit from the earth cause thee for Heaven prepare."

On the stone to Jacob Issler and Sarah, his wife, Titus 2, 14, is quoted, "Text chosen by her: Who gave himself for us.

These early settlers attained great age, as witness Lawrence Hipple, 80, Catherine Bushay, his wife, 83; Nicholas Clause, 80, Margaret Clause, 82, John Fretz, 96.

#### **DISCIPLES CHURCH, JORDAN.**

The same peculiarity as at the last, with regard to titles, place of birth, the utmost reticence is observed. Many of the same names occur also, Renner, Immel, Bradt, Konkle, Burtch Snure, Doughty, Hamer. But in a few cases the rule is broken, as in the well known name

"In memory of Peter Hare, Sen., who was born May 17th, 1748, and departed this life Apr. 6th, 1834, aged 85."

"Major Peter Hare, of the 5th Lincoln Battalion, born 1794, died 1856. aged 62."

"Thos. Foly, born in Sligo, Ireland, 1814."

David Bradt, erected by John Bradt, in memory of his father. Amos Clendennen, 1819-1898.

"In memory of Philip Willis, 1786-1867, aged 80:

"Servant of God, well done;

Rest from thy loved employ,

The battle fought, the victory won,

Enter thy Master's joy.

Which is an improvement on the quaint verses of the old time elegiac order.

#### **MENNONITE GRAVEYARD.**

In the Mennonite graveyard near Jordan are buried many old pioneers or their descendants.

"In memory of Nicholas Clause, died Sept. 18th, 1876, "Rosanna Everett died Nov. 6th, 1876. aged 82 years." "Moses Grobb died May 2nd, 1877, aged 70 years."

"In memory of Thomas Waters, died Dec. 4th, 1849, aged 88 years. Judy Waters died Jan. 18th. 1837, aged 75 years."

"In memory of Samuel Moyer, born in Pa July 25th, 1798, died Oct. 4th, 1874, aged 76 years."

"Henry Orth, died 1834, aged 53 years."

"Here lies the body of Peter Couse, who departed this life Aug. 26th, 1812, aged 45 years. The rich and the poor meet together."

"Philip High died Sept. 15th, 1838, aged 69 years. Elizabeth High died Oct. 21st. 1860, aged 86 years."

### **BROCK MEMORIAL CHURCH, QUEENSTON.**

Here, in the church of St. Saviour, the chancel window has a beautiful design. The window was to be contributed by the York Pioneers, but was finished by a general subscription. Joshua and the angel are represented with the words, "Art thou for us or for out adversaries?" The words beneath are, "In memory of Major General Sir Isaac Brock, born 14th Oct., 1769, fell in action at the battle of Queenston Heights, 13th Oct., 1812." On one side is the British coat of arms, on the other the Canadian; above are standards around drums and warlike weapons; above this a crown on one side and the words, "Magna Charta," with sword and crozier, above, a shield with laurel leaves, scallop shell of Crusaders, lion and Prince of Wales feathers. There are in the church three small memorial windows. On one, "In memory of Caroline Maria Hamilton, organist of this church, obit Feb. 6th, 1897." On the second window. "I am the resurrection and the life. In memory of Robert Charles Chilton Mewburn, born Feb. 25th, 1850, died Sept. 9th, 1854." A third small window was contributed by the children of the Sunday school, the design being a dove, lamb, vine and cup, with grapes and leaves.

### **STAMFORD S.S. NO.5.**

Near the Old Red Meeting House.

Near the school house in a neglected spot where briars, thorns and weeds abound, were found a few tombstones, the oldest 1820: "In memory of Joseph Corwin, who departed this life Apr. 10th, 1820, in. the 19th year of his age."

On a large gray slab, now fallen flat, "In memory of James Boyle, who died 1823; also his children, aged 9, 13 and 15," respectively.

In contrast to these early deaths there are inscriptions to several octogenarians and nonogenarians: Israel Swayzie, aged 92; Lydia Corwin 82, Abigail Swayzie 87, and Jacob Kilman, the last buried here, in 1886, aged 81 years.

There are only two places mentioned, one of these the place of birth, and only a few verses "In memory of John Fawcett, from Yorkshire, England, died in 1849

"Dear wife thou hadst but little strength

To tread life's thorny track,

So peaceful dost thou sleep in death

Twere pain to call thee back:

The music of thy gentle tone

Tho to my bosom dear,

And though my heart is sad and lone,  
I would not wish thee here.

The titles in the next are rather unusual:

"In memory of Sally Ann Howey, daughter of Mr. Isaac and Mrs. Jane Howey, died 1833, aged 19 years."

A rather unusual name is that of Christopher Spetigue.

Two verses follow the name of Robert Patterson of Thorold, of the usual type, "Weep not for me, my mother dear, I am not dead. but sleeping here." etc.

### **DUNDAS GRAVEYARD.**

The most difficult place for a stranger to find was this, strange to say, on a hill, where it should be conspicuous, but the beautiful trees which are always in evidence, walnuts, oak, maple, elms conceal the spot. Such walnut trees would be difficult to find in any other town. No very old stones were found here, but many interesting inscriptions; here the nationality is recorded, the greater part being from Scotland, some from England and Ireland, one from France, one from Massachusetts.

The most familiar name found here is that of Crooks, members of which family are buried in Niagara and Grimsby. James, John and William were early property holders in Niagara, as shewn in maps of 1795. This monument was erected by Miss Jane Crooks, the bodies being brought from West Flamboro, where they were first buried. Francis Crooks, we find, was a member of the Agricultural Society formed in Niagara in 1792 and in Washington Irving's Astoria we find the adventures of Ramsay Crooks, another member of the family, on the Pacific coast.

The following is the inscription, in which no words are wasted:

"Hon. James Crooks, 1778-1860. Jane Cumming, his wife, 1791-1861."

"Children

"Francis, 1821-1890. Charles, 1830-1851. Archibald, 1835-1886. Leah E, daughter of Thomas Crooks, 1841- 1862. James Crooks, Jr. 1811-1841. Eleanor Dickie, his wife, 1816-1884. Children, James Ewart, 1838-1842. Ellen Eliza, 1841-1863."

From other graveyards we find that John Crooks was born in Greenock, Scotland, and William in Kilmarnock, but this monument gives no evidence of what city was the place of birth of the Hon. James Crooks. From the inscription in Grimsby, the family must have come to Canada in 1791 or 1792.

A large monument has the record of a faithful minister of the gospel:

"In memory of Rev. Mark Young Stark, A. M., for 31 years minister of the Presbyterian church of Dundas. He was a faithful pastor, an earnest preacher, much beloved of his flock, highly esteemed by his brethren in the ministry, respected by all who knew him and especially endeared to his family.

"This stone is erected by his bereaved and sorrowing widow and children. He was born at Dumfermline, Scotland, 1799, ordained in 1833, died in Jan. 1866. Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord."

"Agatha B. Street, his wife, died 1898, aged 82."

"In memory of Alexis Fidele Begue, a native of France, died at Dundas, 1872, aged 66."

Another faithful and able minister is commemorated:

"In loving memory of John Laing, born 1832, died 1906, a native of Lanarkshire, Scotland. Lord thou hast been our dwelling place. Ps. 90, 1."

"Mary Gartshore, relict of the late Alex. Laing, died 1869, aged 65 Yea though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill."

"In memory of Jane H. Davidson, wife of Rev. J. S. Muriow, Indian missionary, A. to K. A., died at Jerseyville, Ont., 1888, aged 62. "At evening time it shall be light". Zech. 14, 7. "I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness". Ps. 17, 15."

"In memory of Alexander Ogg and Eizabeth Airth, his wife, natives of Aberdeenshire"

"Wm. Baker, a native of Barnard Castle, Durham, England."

"Amos Parmenter, born in Framingham, Mass., U. S., 1797-1850. John 11.25."

The two little children, aged 4 and 6, of Rev. J. Philp, are briefly commemorated by the words:

"The angels took her," and "Called Home."

The names of Overfield, Roxbrough, Notman, Moir, Scott, Gamble, Fleming, McKee, Cumming, Kilpatrick, Weir, Knox, Steel, occur, and some of the places of birth are: Hurllet, Dunfermlme, Fifeshire, Aberdeen, Scotland, and Warrington, England.

### **ST. ANNS**

This, like Dundas graveyard, is situated on hill, but, unlike it, is quite conspicuous from a distance with its many" monuments and the Presbyterian church near it, which this year of 1909 is about to celebrate the centenary of its formation as a congregation.

Here are found many proofs of the early settlement of this district, as several old stones are marked 1807, and one which could not be found has the name of Jane Kennedy, died 1797. Traces of Canadian and British history are here found, as the Northwest Rebellion and the Boer War, in this little country village, as well as of the Revolution and the U. E. Loyalists driven here by illtreatment for faithfulness to their King. A tall monument, the second in size, also of a pioneer in the ministry, bears the inscription:

"In memory of Rev. D. W. Eastman, died Aug., 1865, aged 87 years. Mr. Eastman was born in Goshen, N. Y., in 1778. Came to Canada in 1801, and at once entered on the work of the ministry with great energy. He was the father of the Presbyterian churches in the Niagara and Gore Districts, and for more than half a century was eminently useful as a faithful and zealous labourer in his Master's vineyard. His wife died in 1844; having lived a pious and useful life, she died a calm and peaceful death."

"Bridget, second wife of Rev. D. W. Eastman, died 1853, in her 71st year."

All four sides of the monument are covered.

Two daughters married clergymen: "Phebe, wife of Rev. J. H. Rice, aged 27, and Lydia, wife of Rev. R. H. Close, died 1843, in her 28th year. Catherine Keefer, beloved wife of Wm. O. Eastman, died 1892, aged 84 years."

Each name, except that of the veteran preacher, is followed by an appropriate text: "He giveth His beloved sleep, Blessed are the pure in heart, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the (death of His saints, There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God."

"In memory of Theresa M. Johnson, wife of John A. Gowanlock. who, on April 1st, 1885, was taken prisoner by Big Bear during the massacre at Frog Lake, N. W. T., and after two months captivity was rescued by Col. Strange. Died Sept. 12th, 1889, aged 36 years.

"In memory of Lieut. John E. Burch, son of O. and E. J. Burch, born at St. Anns, 1874, killed in South Africa while leading a charge against the Boers, July 16th, 1900."

Of a different type, is the next, spending the most of his long life near the site of his interment:

"In memory of John, son of John and Charity Kennedy, born in Sussex Co., N. J., 1787, came to this province June, 1795 died 1874, aged 87. Was an honored elder of the Presbyterian church for more than fifty years. A man ready for every good work. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Several small brown stones have merely initials and date, as skilled workmen no doubt were rare. One has the words, "A. G. Snyder, 1807," and another a little larger, "Here lies the body of Elizabeth Snyder, wife of Adam Snyder, 1807, aged 66." The lettering was rude, and some lines below indecipherable, being filled with mould. A device formerly used, the energetic use of a brush and water was not available, and, thinking some valuable information was hidden, various plans were tried, the successful one being a strong hairpin, the only result being these lines:

"My friends, mourn not for me, For why? My race is run; It was the will of God, So let His will be done."

The names most frequently found were Roszel and Snyder. The largest monument is to Jacob Roszel, bearing Masonic emblems. An old brown stone tells that "Here lies the body of Charles Roszel, who was born 1742, and departed this life 1817, aged 75 years."

Many seem to have attained great age, as Joseph Snyder, born in New Jersey, 1780, died at St. Anns, 1861, aged 81. His wife, 1872, aged 85.

"Benjamin Roszel, died 1869, aged 89 years. "The righteous hath hope in His death."

"Peter Snyder, born in New Jersey, 1783, died in Gainsborough, 1868, aged 84."

"Here lies the body of Mary, wife of Charles Roszel, died 1835, aged 89 years."

"Adam Snyder, died 1826, aged 86."

One whose span of life was shorter:

"Here lies George Hansel, born 1789, died 1824:

" My flesh shall slumber in the ground Till the last joyful trumpet sound, Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, And in my Saviour's image rise.

And one still younger"William Misner, killed by the falling of a tree, aged 17.

Where we oft have met in gladness

On the holy Sabbath day,

Slowly now with tearful sadness

Each pursues his lonely way.

Another young life

"Caroline Hoffman, aged 23.

"Perhaps our time may be as short,

Our days may fly as fast,

O Lord impress the solemn thought

That this may be our last

Scripture names abound, as Zedekiah Snyder, Israel Taylor, Azuby, his wife, (probably Azubah), Israel Felker, etc.

Other names found were Lampman, Pew, Mingle, Merritt, Bowman, Freas, Ryckman, Havens, Huntsman, Erion, Hitchcock, Fisher, Beamer.

## **SMITHVILLE METHODIST CHURCH.**

Although Smithville was settled very early, named from Smith Griffin, (Nathaniel Griffin came in 1794,) there are very few inscriptions to show early interments. Three wives of Abishai Morse are recorded:

"To the memory of Sally B. Morse, consort of Abishai Morse, died 1835, aged 26. This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal immortality."

"Sarah, consort of Abishai Morse, Esq., born 1811, died 1840, in the 30th year of her age."

"Hannah, consort of Abishai Morse, Esq., died 1847, aged 47. A true and devoted Christian, a devoted wife, an excellent and affectionate mother. Her last words were, "It is well."

"The children of Abishai and Sally B. Morse. It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth him good. Isa. 14, 18."

"Abishai Morse, j. P., son of Peter and Deborah, born at Moravia, N. Y., 1805, died 1887. An able minister of the Lord Jesus, patriotic and useful public servant, and a leader in every good cause. Know ye not that a Prince and a great man hath fallen this day?

"In memory of Peter Morse, 1773-1832."

"In memory of Simon Emerson, born in Manchester, New Hampshire, U.S., 1810, died 1860."

The oldest inscription found was to Hiram Shaval, died 1807.

"John Henry Miller, who was killed by the fall of a horse, 1833."

"In memory of Maria Bridgman, 1806-1903, aged 97. I have kept the faith."

John P. Bridgman, Jacob M. Griffin, Abijah Urquhart

"In memory of Michael W. Turner, M. D., died 1861, aged 29. Prepare to meet thy God." Of a goodly age were H. Howard and wife, 88 and 85 years respectively.

The names of Nixon, Buck, Merritt, Teeter, and Russ are found here.

#### **SMITHVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

In this, the place of birth given is generally Scotland and Scottish thistles are found on the tombstones.

"In memory of Thomas Irvine, born at Deerness, Orkney, Scotland, 1809-1891. I shall rise.

"In memory of John Tait a native of Peebleshire, Scotland."

"In memory of Amelia,, daughter of Rev. Charles Neale, B. A., formerly rector, of Turk's Island, Bahamas."

"In memory of Richard W. Grobb, born in Pavilion, N. Y

"John M. Durkee, aged 21. It is well."

A husband and wife attained a goodly age R. C. Griffin, 1805-1886, and Mehitabel Acker, wife of R. C; Griffin, 1808 -1892.

Other names found were, McMunchee, Roy, Hull, Theal, Ness, Patterson, Hill. Oill, Field, Pysher.

#### **HESS BURIAL GROUND.**

One of the earliest families to settle here, owning many acres, and here it is estimated there were 210 burials. Unfenced for years, there is now a fine group of trees and the graves and tombstones are difficult to trace from the rank weeds and shrubs. The oldest inscription is that of the first owner:

"In memory of Charity Hess, who died 5th Nov., 1804, aged 64 years."

"In memory of Jacob Hess, who was born Nov. 16th, 1766, and departed this life Oct. 7th, 1823, aged 57 yrs. 9 m., 7 d.

"In memory of Michael Hess, who died, 5th Nov., 1808, aged 67."

"John C. son of D. K. and Catharine Servos, died Sept. 19th, 1821, AE 2 yrs., 1 m., 9 days."

These stones are all of grey limestone.

Several small ones, very old, have merely initials, "M. R.," "A. R." another "S. R.," supposed to represent the Rymal family.

"In memory of Jane, wife of John Snyder, born 11th Apr., 1781, died 11th May, 1820."

This is a very massive stone.

A small marble stone has this inscription:

"William, son of Isaac and Sarah Swackhammer, died 1862, aged one year, 8 mos.

"We loved this tender little one

And would have wished him stay,

But, let our Fathers will be done;

He shines in endless day.

### **GEORGE HAMILTON, FAMILY GRAVEYARD.**

Here on the mountain were interred many members of the family of, George Hamilton, from whom the city was named. Other families availed themselves of this beautiful spot, but as the city grew the land was needed, and in 1894 the city became the owner, granting the family a plot in the cemetery and erecting an imposing granite monument to George Hamilton. The remains of the dead were removed with one exception, and interred in the city cemetery, so that now there is little trace of this old burial spot.

### **BARTON GRAVEYARD.**

The land for the church was granted by the Rymals. A stone wall surrounds the two acres of ground and many modern as well as old tombstones and monuments are found, as well as unmarked graves of early settlers. The earliest here were the families of Filman, Rousseaux, Secord, Rymal, Terryberry, Kern. The first church was Union, and built about 1824, and at one time was used as a hospital during a period of fever and cholera, 1832. On a large heavy grey headstone a rather remarkable effusion in verse appears:

"In memory of Alice, wife of, Jas. B. English, who died 1837.

"Mourn not for me

My partner dear,

Low I must lay

Till Christ appear,

At whose arrive

A joyful rising

I hope to have

From the grave.

"Sacred to the memory of Philip Flock, who died 1828, aged 71. Funeral text Ecc. 9th chap., 12th verse: For man also knoweth not his time."

"Anne May Flock, died 1820. Deborah Kern, 1835."

Near the church, "Sacred to the memory of his reverend father, John French, who died 1825, Trusting in his Saviour's merits."

One branch of the Secord family settled here, as well as of the Servos family, though the greater part of these U. F Loyalist families settled near Niagara. Here are buried Col. D. K. Servos, and his wife, Catherine Rousseaux, daughter of Jean Baptiste Rousseaux, of the Indian department; also Mary B. Rousseaux, wife of Major Elijah Secord.

Here also rests the body of Jacob Rymal, who died 1856. aged 66 years.

### **FORT ERIE**

On the pillar erected at Fort Erie, where by an explosion at the attack of the Fort just when the British had gained an entrance, and fearful loss of life ensued, the nephew of General Drummond, who conducted the siege, being among the number, is found this inscription:

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mon. In memory of the officers and seamen of the Royal Navy, the officers, noncommissioned officers and privates of the Royal Artillery. Royal Engineers, Royal Marines, 1st Royal Scots, 19th Light Dragoons, 6th, 8th (King's), 41st, 82d, 89th, 103d, 104th and De Watteville's Regiments, the Glengarry Light Infantry and the Incorporated Militia, who fell during the siege of Fort Erie, August and September. 1814.

"Officers killed during the siege of Fort Erie Col. Hercules Scott, 103d Regt.; Lieut. Col. William Drummond, 104th Regt.; Lieut. Col. John Gordon, Royal Scots; Capt. R. D. Patteson, 6th Regt.; Capt. Torrens, 8th Regt.; Capt. J. M.

Wright, 82d Regt.; Capt. Ed. Walker, Incor. Militia; Lieut. Coples Radcliffe, R. N.; Lieut. Noel, Royal Scots; Lieut. J. Rutledge, Royal Scots; Lieut. Barstow, 8th Regt.; Lieut. Pillichody, De Watteville Regt.; Ensign E. Langford. 82d Regt."

As it is well for us to remember the names of those who gave their lives in helping the mother country in the late Boer War, the following list is given from the monument in St. Catharines, originally erected for one man, and he a private:

"Erected to the memory of Private Alexander Watson, 90th Winnipeg Batt. Rifles, Canadian Volunteers, and his companions in arms, who fell in battle during the Rebellion in the N. W. T., A. D. 1885. Dulce et decorum est pro patria mon.

"Lt. Col. A. T. H. Williams, Battlefield Rifles, N. W. M. Police; Corp. W. H. T. Lowry, R. B. Sleish, Const. P. Burke.

Boulton's Scouts; Capt. E. L. Brown, J. French, Intelligence Corps, at Duck Lake, Fish Creek, Cut Knife, Batoche; W Cook, W. Phillips, C. Co., I. S. C.; Private J. Watson, Bugler H. Foulkes, G. G. F. Guards; Private J. Rogers; Private Osgoode, 10th Royal Grenadiers; Lient. W. Fitch, Private T. Moore, 90th Battl'n Rifles; Lient. C. Swinford, Corp. J. Code, Private A. W. Ferguson, J. Hutchinson, W. Ennis, R. R. Hardisty, J. Fraser, G. Wheeler, Private T. H. Damanolley, Liet. A. W. Keppen.

"Major Henry M. Arnold, 90th Winnipeg Rifles, Capt. 2nd Special Service Battalion, R. C. R. I., died Feb. 23d, 1900, from wounds received in action at Paardeburg Drift. South Africa Feb. 18th, 1900.

"Lieut. J. Edgar Burch, Adj. 2d Dragoons, attached to 1st Battalion C. M. R., on special duty, killed in action near Pretoria, South Africa, July 16th. 1900.

"Private Archibald Radcliffe, 1st Battalion C. M. R., 2d Troop, A. Squadron, Field Force, South Africa, killed near

Belfast, S. A., Sep. 23rd, 1900; Corp. Robert Irwin, 19th St. Catharines Regt. wounded at Houtuck, South Africa. May 1st. 1900. died in Bloemfontein, S. A., July 1st, 1900."

### **HISTORICAL INSCRIPTIONS.**

A few inscriptions omitted in their proper place here follow. When excavating for the Welland Canal, the bodies of sixteen American soldiers, who had fallen at the battle of Beaverdams, were found. A monument was placed with the simple inscription:

"Beaver Dams, 24th June, 1813."

Since this is the record not only of graves but inscriptions, there must not be omitted the inscriptions placed lately by the Niagara Historical Society in the town and neighborhood. Seven of these are of Queenston stone three feet high eighteen inches square, eighteen inches above the ground with sloping face for inscription. The eighth is a white marble tablet placed on the wall of a building. The first at Fort George:

"Near this spot Gen. Sir Isaac Brock was buried from 1812 to 1824."

In the Chautauqua grounds, formerly Crookston, where the American soldiers landed:

"Here were found in Aug., 1899, the remains of three soldiers who fell in defense of their country, May 27th, 1813."

On the common near Butler's Barracks:

"The site of the Military Hospital and Indian Council House.

"This inscription is placed by the Niagara Historical Society, 1901."

I quote from memory, from an unknown writer, perhaps with interpolations of my own:

"Of those who have gone over to the silent majority, who lie under costly monuments, in unknown graves, or under modest tombstone, soldiers or pioneers, O strong hands, O stout hearts, O brave souls, so long dust who bore the brunt of privation and danger, who fought and bled that we might have full and plenty, we would not that your names, nor your deeds be forgotten, and so we pen these lines to your memory."

At the foot of King street:

"The site of the Gleaner Printing Office, 1817. and Masonic Hall. 1792."

At the old King's Wharf:

"The site of Navy Hall, the long low building near is supposed to have been one of those used by Gov. Simcoe in 1792."

About three miles up the River Road:

"House of Count de Puisaye, a French Refugee, 1799."

In the market square close to the court house:

"Government House. built in time of Gov. Simcoe, burnt in 1812."

On the building;

"Niagara Court House, built for United Counties of Lincoln, Welland and Haldimand in 1847."

Seven were placed in 1901. The last in 1902. To each of these is added the words 130

### **ON THE COURT HOUSE.**

"In grateful memory of Henry Pafford. 1824-1912. For 26 years Mayor of Niagara, 45 years an officer of the Public Library, and 10 years vicepresident of the Historical Society and one to whose good taste and energy we owe the Beautiful trees on our streets and in our park. Erected here by the Niagara Historical Society, 1924."

"To commemorate the raising of the Niagara Light Dragoons which first assembled for service at this spot on 28 June, 1812. Engagement of corps, Fort Erie 9 Oct. 1812, Queenston 13 October, 1812. Major Thomas Merritt, Commander."

TABLETS IN ST MARKS CHURCH, NIAGARA.

"In memoriam. This entrance is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Pafford born May 24. 1824 died January 3, 1912 and of Hannah Elizabeth his wife, born December 24, 1825, died Feb. 10, 1899, who for many years worshipped in this Church. Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth. Ps. 26.8."

The Bells of St Marks. Six bells were presented to the Church in 1877 by Walter Augustus Dickson and John Geale Dickson in memory of their wives Catherine and Maltilda. Three Bells were added in 1917 by the Ladies Parish Guild with the proceeds of a legacy from Emma Josephine Brown, in memory of her mother, Mary Jackes Brown. Laus Deo."

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

" Take heed that Ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in Heaven. St. Matt. XVIII 10.

"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hedley Leeming Anderson M. D. for more than forty years our beloved physician Erected by friends as a testimony of their affection."

"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Charles Houghton 15th Can. Highlanders, killed in action at Hill 70 Aug. 15th 1917 and Tom Hadley Houghton, 4th Can. Battalion, killed in action near Abancourt Oct. 1st 1918, in the Great War 1914-1918. This token of affection is placed here by their parents Joseph and Emma Houghton and their brothers J. Herbert and F. Harold.

A LITANY DESK

"In memory of Norman Cummings Nelles, 2nd Lieut. Northampshire Regt. B. E. S. Killed in Flanders Jan. 29th 1915 aged 21 years."

" Their name liveth for evermore". Erected in, Honor of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1919. Robert Best, William Mercer, Robert Houghton, Thomas Houghton, Norman Nelles, Harry Pierre, \*Lawrence Sands, (This should be Leonard Sands The Word "Lawrence" is an error in the inscription.) Reginald Thomas.

In St. Mark's School Room Maple Leaves Sunday School War Memorial "One Church One Country, T. H. Houghton, R. F. Best, R. C. Houghton, Carleton Nash, Reginald Thomas. 1918 to 1919."

In the Graveyard "Private George Mills, C. R. T., C. E. F 4th Oct. 1918. Third son of L. and M. Mills. Born in Liver pool. At rest."

"Private Roland Hughes, C. G. R., C. E. F. 14th Oct. 1918."

"Private George Nattily, Cent. Ont. Regt. C. E. F., 16th Oct. 1918. Gone but not forgotten."

"John Richard Kirby, B. A. Sc. 2nd Lieut. Royal Air Force Born in Toronto Aug. 14th 1890. Killed in an Aeroplane accident at Worthdown England in the service of his King and Country, Dec. 16th 1918.

"38 Corporal Joseph G. Keith, Welland Canal Force, 29th Oct. 1918."

"Bugler Gordon Blake Ryan of the 92nd Highlanders. Died in active service Jan. 31, 1915. Aged 22 years.

Not lost to memory

Not lost to love

But gone to the Father's

Home above.

"Robert Follett beloved and only son of T. F. and J. F. Best." 1901-1918.

"Sergt. Ernest J. Saunders 109th Batt. Can. Militia. Born in London England. Jan. 4 1879. Died in Niagara Camp Hospital Feb. 17, 1919. Until the day break."

"Private Norman Ian Macleod, Cent. Ont. Regt. C. E. F. 25th Sept. 1918. Born in Jamaica B. W. I. 7th August 1898. Rest in Peace."

"Lieut. George Thairs, 1850 - 1924. His son Lieut. E. F. Thairs, France 1918."

"Col. James Fraser Macdonald, August 28th 1867July 28th 1922. Lieut. Strathcona Horse, S. A. 1900. Capt. 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, S. A. 1902. Principal Ordinance Officer for Canada 1912-1918.

"Lieut. Col. W. P. Butcher, R. C. M. 1885-1909. Permanent staff 1909-1919. Born 1866, Died 1921.

IN ST VINCENT DE PAUL CEMETERY.

"Private Francis J. McCarthy, 24th Batt. C. E. F. 14th Oct. 1918."

CLOCK TOWER.

"To the memory and in honor of the men of Niagara-on-the-Lake who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918.

Best, Robert F.

Currie, Wm. Perry.

Houghton, Tom Hadley.

Longhurst, Herbert.

Nisbet, Walter L.

Ryan, Gordon B.

Shepherd, Edwin C.

Thomas, Reginald.

Thompson, Charles T.

Their name liveth for evermore.

THE POLISH SOLDIERS PLOT.

In the westerly corner of St. Vincent De Paul's Cemetery at Niagara-on-the-Lake, directly opposite St. Mark's Church, there is a green plot enclosed by a neat iron fence. That is unique, since it contains a permanent reminder of the closing days of the Great War.

When a foreign army was training on Canadian ground for a dual purpose viz: to help the allies achieve victory and to free their country (Poland), from her oppressors. In this plot 25 soldiers of the Polish Army are sleeping men who were born in Poland, emigrated to the United States or Canada, where they enlisted for service in France during the time that Army was in training here, (Sept. 1917Mar. 1919), and who died at Niagara camp of Influenza.

The plot is marked by a simple yet beautiful memorial; The Cross of Sacrifice resting on the Stone of Remembrance, while each lowly grave is marked by a neat, small headstone on which the name plate of the death of the soldier is inscribed. The large Cross has inset in the Central portion, The bronze Cross of the Vertuti Militari" and around the decoration Is the inscription "Decorated by General Jos. Hailer of Poland, Nov. 27th 1923". On the Stone of Remembrance is inscribed the words "Zycie Oddaii Za Polski, Died for Poland."

Both inscriptions tell a story of Polish patriotism and self-sacrifice and fully prove that "there are sermons in stones The Polish Plot was given free of charge by the church authorities to the Govt. of Poland as a. tribute to the splendid patriotism of these soldiers and its maintenance is paid for under an arrangement between this govt. and the church authorities.

To the Polish People this plot is a sacred spot, a shrine to which every year there is a pilgrimage and a service of remembrance, in which hundreds of people of Polish birth from all parts of Canada and the United States participate. It is an indissoluble bond of friendship between Niagara and the Polish People. This little "corner of a foreign field, That is forever Poland."

RIDGEWAY.

In the Methodist church at Ridgeway, known as the Memorial church, is a tablet erected in memory of the volunteers killed at the Battle of Ridgeway in what is known as the Fenian Raid. The base of the tablet was laid 15th Sept. 1874, under Masonic auspices, with a very imposing ceremony. The marble tablet bears the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of the Ridgeway martyrs, who fell defending their country in the attempted Fenian invasion, June, 1866. Malcolm McEachren, Ensign Queen's Own, killed. Hugh Matheson, Sergeant, Queen's Own, died of wounds. William Smith. Queen's Own, killed. Christopher Anderson, Queen's Own, killed. John H. Mewburn, Queen's Own, killed. Francis Laky, Corporal, Queen's Own, killed. Mark Defries, Queen's Own, killed. William F. Tempest, Queen's Own, killed. Malcolm McKenzie, Queen's Own, killed."

"Go strew his ashes to the wind  
Whose sword or voice has served mankind  
And is he dead whose glorious mind  
Lifts him on high?  
To live in hearts we leave behind  
Is not to die.

"Erected by citizens in the vicinity of the battle ground, 1874."