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MAYNARD CEMETERY BOARD

February 19, 1914, a meeting for the purpose of appointing trustees for Maynard Cemetery was held in Victoria United Church. Mr. J. B. Scott was named Chairman for the meeting, and Mr. E. D. Perrin, secretary.

It was moved by Robert Simpson, seconded by Walter Dulmage, that seven trustees be elected.

Nominations were held, and voting by ballot resulted in these 7 men being elected (in order of votes received)

Ebin D. Perrin

Joseph C. Whitney

J. Bass Scott

Robert Simpson

Wesley McLean

Joseph A. Barton

Joseph S. Lane.

Others nominated were: Will Smith, Will Place, Judson Polite, George Carson, Carman Hough, Edward Young, Moses Shannon, George Robinson.

The elected members then chose as Chairman J. Bass Scott, Ebin D. Perrin, secretary, and Joseph C. Whitney, treasurer.

March 1914 Wesley McLean resigned, and Freeman Toppin was chosen to replace him. Both these men lived in Roebuck, and it was thought wise to continue having a representative from that area.

A committee was appointed to buy more land, fence and gates. An acre was purchased from Edward Young at \$150. The Maynard Women's Institute gave \$75, and the rest was raised by public subscription.

The Maynard Women's Institute, which had been caring for the grounds, appointed James Simpson, Alex Robinson and Augustus Whitney to attend to their interest in the cemetery work.

In 1916 the Methodist Chapel lot was purchased by the Institute and deeded to the trustees of the Board for a "tying ground". At that time, Women's Institute could not hold land. Mr. Ed Sawdon burned the grass and cut the brush for \$5.00 that year.

In July 1918, Mrs. Fraser, Prescott, left in her will \$100 to be put in Post Office Savings Department, interest to be used for the care of William Alder plot and 2 feet around the outside. With the permission of all concerned, the Board deemed it more advisable to purchase a Victory Bond, and this was done. This proved to be the first of many endowments.

In December 1919, Mr. William J. Barton was appointed to replace Joseph Barton, who died November 15, 1919.

In 1920 the Soldiers' Memorial Monument was purchased from Victor DeCarle, Brockville at a cost of \$915, without the lettering. This was done at an added cost of 65¢ per letter. The co-operation of the Women's Institute made this project possible.

In 1921 a toolhouse was built. J. B. Scott gave saw logs for the framework. James Fraser, local carpenter, built the building the next year, 1922.

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In 1924 a box social was sponsored by the Board in the Baptist Church to raise money to carry on necessary work. It was held on February 14, and a motion of congratulations was passed, extending best wishes to the treasurer of the Board, Joseph C. Whitney, it being his 84th birthday.

In 1922 Mr. Wallace Bain was first hired as caretaker for 4 months, beginning May 1st, at \$40 per month. He was rehired yearly, and complimented on the fine work he did and for his interest shown in the upkeep of the grounds. In 1925 he was instructed to get extra help and improve the conditions in the old part of the grounds.

May 13, 1926, the name plate was erected over the gate at the cemetery. Miss Maud Row, for many years treasurer of the Women's Institute Caretaking Fund, resigned and Mrs. Nellie Barton was elected to that position. Her duties were to collect the annual fees and pay the running expenses of the caretaking. The Women's Institute made up any deficit, and the Board contributed the interest on endowments.

January 2, 1928, Mr. J. C. Whitney died, and on the Board, Robert Simpson was named treasurer. Mr. Herb Whitney was appointed trustee in place of Joseph Whitney. The building at the cemetery was insured for \$150, later this was increased to \$300.

In 1929 the Board asked the Augusta Township Council for tile in the driveway to relieve flooding conditions each Spring. None was forthcoming at that time, and flooding continued for a number of years until they were received and proper drainage arranged. That year too, it was decided to purchase more land to the north and for a driveway on the eastern boundary. Thus 114 ft. north, 205½ feet east, being .537 acres from Ed Young, at a cost of \$107.56 (\$200 per acre) From Suzie Palmer a total of 1.1475 acres at cost of \$229.51 was secured.

By 1932 the Board had \$1500 invested in bonds. This money was received from endowments, and only the interest could be used.

In 1933 Joseph S. Lane died, November 16. He was replaced on the Board by Willard Fretwell. Mr. and Mrs. Lane had entertained the trustees many times in their home at meetings and suppers following, and there is a motion on the books at one meeting which says that, since Mr. Lane is such a genial host, and the dinner of such high order, that all meetings should be held there. Their home was on the corner of the 3rd concession and Blue Church Road, southeast corner.

In 1936 Wallace Bain's 15th year as caretaker, he was receiving \$50 per month. Mr. Bain and daughter Margaret lived in the western part of Suzie Palmer's house, adjacent to the cemetery grounds.

In 1938 two bylaws were passed:

1. No endowments shall be received of less than \$50
2. The price of plots be raised from \$5 to \$10

In 1939 Ivan Lane was made assistant to the chairman, J. B. Scott who was in failing health.

In 1940 sand was hauled to be used in levelling the grounds. Messrs Wm J. Barton, Augustus Whitney and Ebin Perrin built a cement platform around the well. J. B. Scott became Honorary Chairman and Ivan Lane acting chairman, with Freeman Toppin, vice-chairman.

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MAYNARD CEMETERY

MAYNARD CEMETERY is located on land, the first of which was purchased for the purpose from Mr. Ebison Fretwell who owned the farm, Concession 3, Lot 11, at that time. The burying ground was located immediately north of the little Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, built 1818, on the site now occupied by the Soldiers' Memorial Monument. Mr. Fretwell stipulated that it must be a public buying ground, with no regard for race or religion, colour or creed. Such it remains. The original plots were laid out by Mr. John Place, each 16' x 16', according to provincial statutes. No record remains of how the lots were allocated, but evidently each family chose a spot as the need arose.

On the site of the Memorial Monument there was erected in 1818 a small brick church, of attractive design, and lovely interior, by the Wesleyan Methodists. It is believed that the first burials were made to the north of the church by parishoners. There are field stone markers with names and dates scratched thereon. These are arranged in rows, facing the rising sun, as was the custom of the time. Inscriptions on many are no longer legible, the oldest that can be read is that of Ruth, daughter of Joseph and Louisa Scott, aged 16 years, 5 months.

Following the organization of the Maynard Women's Institute, the members of that group concerned themselves with the appearance of the cemetery, and organized many bees when the men worked at the grounds, cutting brush and burning long grass. The ladies provided the dinner for all. They hired casual labour to assist with caretaking when the need arose, usually Mr. Ed Sawdon. They also decorated graves of their members at a Decoration Day Service in August. This was the forerunner of the annual Memorial Service which includes all in its scope, and is always held on the last Sunday Afternoon in August at the cenotaph.

In February 1914 a public meeting was called to name trustees for a Cemetery Board which would organize the work. Named to the Board were the following:

Chairman - J. Bass Scott

Secretary - Ebin D. Perrin

Treasurer - Joseph C. Whitney

Other members were: Robert Simpson, Wesley McLean, Joseph A. Barton,
Joseph S. Lane.

Mr. McLean resigned almost at once and was replaced by Freeman Toppin, also of Roebuck. It has always been the custom to have one representative from that community, since the people there use this cemetery.

From time to time the grounds have been enlarged, with the Women's Institute assisting financially, and public subscription doing the rest. A tool shed was built in 1921-22, with James Fraser, local carpenter doing the construction. A well was drilled, and later electricity been made available to light the grounds and to pump water.

In 1916 the Women's Institute purchased the grounds of the Methodist Chapel and gave it to the trustees for a "tying ground". They also sparked the movement which led to the purchase in 1920 of the Soldiers' Memorial Monument from DeCarle, Brockville at a cost of \$915.00. Names of casualties in the township were inscribed on the stone at a cost of 65¢ per letter.

To attend to the Caretaking accounts, the Women's Institute appointed a secretary-treasurer. In the first instance this was Miss Maud Row, who carried on until 1926 when she resigned and was replaced by Mrs. Nell Attridge. This lady filled the office for more than 25 years, until illness forced her to leave. She was succeeded by Mrs. Goldie Connell. This office attends to collecting caretaking fees and paying expenses incurred at the grounds.

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The first endowment for perpetual care was received in 1918, when Mrs. Fraser of Prescott, left in her will \$100 to be put in Post Office Savings, the interest to be used for the care of the William Alder plot and 2 feet around the outside. With the permission of all concerned, it was deemed more advisable to purchase a Victory Bond, and this was done. Now the Board has more than \$15,000 invested in various securities, with the interest only being used for upkeep.

The first caretaker was Ed Sawdon, who worked on a daily basis in the Spring to clean up the grounds and burn the grass. In 1922, Mr. Wallace Bain was hired for 4 months at \$40 per month. He showed great interest in the work, and continued to be employed for the summer months each year until his final illness in 1947. He died November 1, 1947, after 25 years faithful service. Mr. Bain and his daughter lived in the west part of the home occupied and owned by Miss Suzie Palmer immediately adjacent to the cemetery grounds.

Mr. Victor Robinson's tender was accepted for the job, and he continued in the employ of the Board until ill health forced his retirement in 1958. Claud Cheetham was next to be hired, and is still there, with time and salary increasing with need and the times. In 1980 he worked for 20 weeks at a wage of \$85 per week. He and his sons also open and close graves, an additional source of income.

In 1948 bronze plaques were purchased and placed on the Soldiers' monument, inscribed with the names of those who gave their lives in the World War II. This was paid for by a grant from the Augusta Township Council, Maynard Women's Institute, and public subscription.

Across the front of the grounds, along the 3rd concession road, were, for many years, several very old pine trees. Robert Simpson placed their age at more than 100 years, having been a good-sized tree when the Simpsons came to live across the road. However, they became decayed and broken by storm, and seemed to endanger the stones beneath, as well as the hydro lines and the road itself. In 1955 they were removed by the H. E. P. C. The interior of some were found to be filled with wild bees and much honey....dark and strong.

A map of the grounds was prepared by Miss Rhett Murray, when her father, Rev. J. Holt Murray, was minister at the Victoria Church. In 1954 this was revised by Miss Bessie Lane, working with Robert Simpson. It is on the wall of the toolshed, protected from the weather in a wooden case.

Men who have served on the Board over the years included, as well as those already mentioned, the late Herb Whitney and Willard Fretwell. Present members are:
1963 Chairman - A. Ivan Lane, Sec. - John M. Robinson, Treas. - W. B. Weir, Wm. J. Barton, Charles Whitley, Will Glasgow, Robert Simpson, Egbert Fretwell, Edward Byers, William Durant and Mrs. Goldie Connell. The president and secretary of Maynard Women's Institute are also members of the Board during their term of office.

1980- To bring this up-to-date -

Chairman - Egbert Fretwell Recording Sec. - Mrs. Mildred Weir
Treasurer - Mrs. Irene M. Robinson Caretaking Fund - Goldie A. Connell
Members - John M. Robinson, Edward Byers, Gordon Conklin, Elton Bass, Leslie Dulmage, William Durant, Carl Durant, Gerald Hough.

MAYNARD CEMETERY is located on land, the first of which was sold for the purpose by Mr. Ebison Fretwell. At that time he owned the farm immediately north and east of the little brick church, the Methodist Meeting Chapel, erected 1818, Concession 3, Lot 11. In turning over the land, Mr. Fretwell requested that it be a public burying ground, with no regard as to race or religious affiliation.

Even before the Chapel was built, there were burials recorded in what is now known as the 'Old Part', the section where the stones are of the older types, and some are of field stone.

The earliest known burial was made August 1, 1814, directly back of the present cenotaph. A small stone there, still legible, records the burial of RUTH, daughter of JOSEPH AND LOUISA SUTTI, aged 16 years, 5 months. Other earlier burials, with stones still legible are those of SALLY, wife of ROBERT RALSTON, July 1818, and ELEN SHERWOOD, August 1818. A number of the field stones cannot be read, but do signify early interments.

The middle section of the grounds was laid out by Mr. John Place, with plots 16' x 16', according the Provincial statutes. Pathways were left, as will be seen on the map, some 18" and some 3' wide.

In the Old Part, the arrangement of the headstones shows each plot facing the rising sun, in accord with the custom of the times. In the Middle and other sections, an effort has been made to line up the stones in straight lines for ease in mowing the grass.



Herb Whitney
Trustee 1928-56



Mr. + Mrs. Joseph Whitney
"Uncle Joe and Aunt Abbie"
He served as Treasurer
1914 - 1928

-Photos

Mr. + Mrs. E.D. Perrin

THIS INDENTURE made in duplicate the 20th day of July, 1880
in pursuance of the Act respecting short forms of conveyance

BETWEEN Ebison Fretwell of the Township of Augusta in the County of Grenville and province of Ontario, Yeoman, of the first part
William James Bass, Rufus Samuel Throop, Jossph Scott, the younger, Amos Barton and Richard Birks, all of the said Township of Augusta, Yeomen, trustees as thereafter mentioned of the "Union Burying Ground, Augusta" of the second part and Jane Fretwell, wife of said Ebison Fretwell of the third part.

Whereas certain inhabitants of a certain locality in the said Township of Augusta, at or near the Canada Methodist Church, situate on lot number 11 on the third concession of the said Township of the lot the number of ten desire to take a conveyance of the land hereinafter described for a burying ground, not to belong exclusively to any particular denomination of Christians and such persons at a public meeting called for that purpose at the said church on the tenth day of July, duly appointed the parties of the second part ipsofacto trustees, to them and their successors in perpetual succession by the name The Trustees of "the Union Burying Ground, Augusta", might take, hold and possess the said land in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter limited as provided by Chap 171, Revised Statutes of Ontario (1877)

and Whereas the said party of the first part hath agreed to convey the land hereinafter mentioned in Trust accordingly.

Now Therefore This Indenture Witnesseth that in consideration of two hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents of lawful money of Canada, now paid by the said parties of the second part to the said party of the first part (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge) the said party of the first part doth grant the said parties of the second part and their successors.

Middle section of grounds



DECORATION SERVICE

In Memory of the Departed Members of
Maynard Women's Institute

Maynard Cemetery

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1931. 2.30 p.m.

Hymn 174—

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight!
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Hallelujah!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Hallelujah!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine!
Yet ~~all are~~ one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Hallelujah!

Scripture Lesson and Prayer.....Rev. J. Holt Murray

Roll Call.

Address.....Rev. E. Lacey

Hymn 662—

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

Benediction.

Decoration of Graves.

President of Maynard W.I., MRS. WM. CONKLIN.

Courtesy - M. Weir

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As we observe this memorial service to the dear ones resting here, our ancestors, relatives, neighbors and friends who lived for us and set us examples for our future conduct, it is appropriate that we should at this time truly remember with our hearts, those of our sons and neighbors who, heeding the call of duty, left home and loved ones and marched away in defence of our Sovereign, our homes and our Country.

In so doing they faced the terrible unknown. They suffered the pangs of separation and endured hardship and toil as well as suffering the strain of the long hours of battle.

In so doing they made the supreme sacrifice that we may live in peace.

Well may we remember them and strive to emulate their wonderful example.

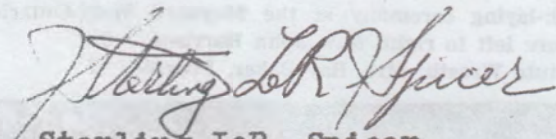
I endeavor to commemorate their sacrifices in the following verses:-

"In Flanders Fields the Poppies grow"
To mark the place where patriots rest.
In far Korea, row on row,
Of crosses to our brave attest.
And in our hearts our love we show
For those asleeping row on row.

In hallowed places far away
Our warriors paid for peace the price,
And we enjoy that peace today
Bought by their splendid sacrifice.
So, sound last post and bow each head
In honour to our glorious dead.

(Let us bow our heads while we observe two minutes of silence.)

August 29, 1954.


Sterling LeR. Spicer.

Canadian Legion, Prescott Branch No. 97.

Address—Hon. A. C. Casselman

Reeve W. B. Weir, Augusta Council

Duet—Mrs. C. D. Perrin and Mrs. Arthur Johnston.

Accompanist—Mrs. Geo. T. Birch

Offering

Address—Rev. Wm. Wright, Chesterville

God Save the King.

Benediction—Rev. Wm. Wright



Sec.-Treas.
Mrs. B. R. Connell,

President.
Mrs. M. Hough,

Maynard Women's Institute



Plaque Committee—

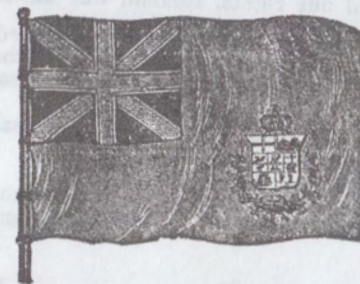
Mr. A. I. Lane, Mr. W. L. Durant, Mr. Elton Bass,
Mr. Chas. Whitley, Mr. Russell Brown, Mr. Geo.
Seeley, Mr. Willard Fretwell.

MAYNARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

AND UNVEILING OF THE

Maynard War Memorial Plaques



MAYNARD CEMETERY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1948

AT 2.30 P.M.

Plaques honouring the memory of the boys from
the district who laid down their lives in the
Second World War.

Chairman—Mr. Robt. Simpson

Bugle Call

Hymn—"O Canada" Mrs. P. E. Fretwell, Organist

O Canada! our fathers' land of old,
Thy brow is crowned with leaves of red and gold,
Beneath the shade of the Holy cross
Thy children own their birth,
No stains thy glorious annals gloss,
Since valour shields thy hearth.
Almighty God! On thee we call,
Defend our rights, fend this nation's thrall.
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Altar and throne command our sacred love,
And mankind to us shall ever brothers prove.
O King of Kings with thy mighty breath
All our sons do thou inspire,
May no craven terror of life or death
E'er damp the patriot's fire,
Our mighty call loudly shall ring
As in the days of old, "For Christ and the King!"
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Scripture Lesson and Prayer Rev. David Gray

Solo Miss Bessie Lane

Hymn—"O God our help in ages past"

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Statement regarding Memorial Plaques

Unveiling Service Lt.-Col. Sterling Spicer

Unveiling Plaques Miss Dureen Throop

L/Cpl. Carl N. Throop July 30, 1944
P.O. Irwin E. S. Robinson November 28, 1942
Sgt. J. Bowman Spero September 14, 1941
L/Cpl. Elmer G. Swan June 6, 1944
Pte. Kenneth L. Baker August 30, 1944
Pte. Clarence N. Vickery October 16, 1944
Sgt. Robert J. M. Attridge December 2, 1942
Gnr. Laurence Williams May 15, 1944
Pte. James S. Hall March 16, 1944
Pfc. Clifford G. Young April 26, 1945
Tpr. Donald W. Coville April 13, 1945
Pte. Gordon S. Fox Dec. 26, 1943
Pte. William R. Vandusen October 14, 1944
Pte. Sydney Shobbrook July 25, 1944

Last Post

Hymn—"Nearer, My God to Thee."

Nearer, My God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross,
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
'Nearer, my God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!"

Though like a wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone.
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Or if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot,
Upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
'Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!"