

## HISTORY OF FULLARTON CEMETERY

The oldest monument located in this cemetery is that of David K. Davis, December 9, 1827 to July 16, 1850. He was interred in the South West corner of the Fullarton school grounds and the monument relocated here in Fullarton Cemetery in more recent times. He was the great Uncle of the Davis' families present here to-day.

The earliest record of a burial in this cemetery was that of Daniel Hurlburt who at age 51 died on March 24, 1853 and interred here. Lorna McCallum and Noreen MacDougald are descendants of his and I will now introduce Lorna to tell us of that history.

William and MaryAnn Francis, Lot 22, Concession 8, Fullarton Township provided use of these grounds as a burial site until February 26, 1869 when the Trustees of the Bible Christian Society purchased 1¼ acres for \$120.00. James Baker Sr., Wm. Vanstone, Wm. Munro, Wm. Rogers and Thomas Greene, minister were listed as the Trustees.

Except for Lot 5 sold to Malcolm McNeil in 1876 for \$5.00 written records are non-existent until after the turn of the century when Fred Haynes and Sam Davis drafted a map with lot numbers and names of the lot owners. The tombstones/monuments however, give us a great historical record which were first read and recorded in the 1970's and since by the Perth County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (O.G.S.) in 1984 and updated again in 1997.

By 1935, the Women's Institute of Ontario promoted and indeed initiated care and maintenance of many cemeteries. At that time Fullarton cemetery was updated and improved. Funds were raised to create a perpetual care fund to pay for cutting grass and other maintenance. For 22 years the Sam Davis family were the caretakers. For the past 15 years the Hartley Davis family have been caretakers of the cemetery grounds. From 1958 to 1987

others were Allan McPhail 2 years, Gordon Ruddy 8 years, Dorothy Marshall family 7 years, Richard and Marlene Leonhardt 3 years, Clifford Scott 4 years, Greg & Tammy Richardson 4 years, Ellen McKone 2 years.

Many of our ancestors interred here lived a long life. Surprisingly over 26% lived beyond the age of 80 years, nearly 6% of those more than 90 years. At the opposite end of the scale many died young, 39% before the age of 30, 8% of those as children under 10 years.

John & Prudence Haynes suffered the loss of 5 children, one at 2 months, James & Elizabeth at age 26, Albert age 28 and Margaret age 34.

Alexander & Elizabeth McConochie lived well beyond 80 years of age, but suffered the loss of all five daughters from Tuberculosis (T.B.), sometimes called galloping consumption if death came quickly.

Emmanuel & Wilmot Pomeroy suffered the loss of three children under the age of three years, Gordon, Lulu and Albert as well as daughter Elizabeth at age twenty-six.

Hartley & Marguerite Davis donated and erected the Fullarton Cemetery sign twenty-five years ago and have renewed it again this year. As storekeepers in Fullarton Village they were frequently asked directions to the cemetery. This sign provides proper identification and we thank them for their initiative.

Richard "R.H." Pomeroy interred here was the longest serving Clerk of Fullarton Township, 1910 to 1944. His predecessor John W. Wilson also interred here was Clerk 1879 to 1910.

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Richard & Susan Pomeroy's granddaughter Helen "McIntyre" Rostoker resident in California provides funds each year for the flowers on the three Pomeroy monuments.

In 1916, Richard Pomeroy bought the 1¼ acre triangle of land east of the cemetery from James Rogers. Roy Reed, Bill Reed and now Reg and Susan Reed have owned it. Reg & Sue have generously donated eighty feet of the frontage for this extension of the cemetery. We, the Board members acknowledge with appreciation this generous act, as well as Reg's leadership as chairman of our board.