Grace Anglican Cemetery

GPS: 43° 49.917 -80° 32.701

Location:
333 Smith St. N.
Arthur, ON

Historical Township:
Town Lot 6, Arthur Village
Arthur Township
Wellington County

Established: 1846
OGS Cemetery ID 4276
ON Cemetery Registration No. 4629

Status: Closed
Inscriptions last recorded: 2010

Tombstone Transcriptions:


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• Wellington County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society.  http://www.ogs.on.ca/wellington/
• Ontario Genealogical Society e-Store.  http://www.ogs.on.ca/ogsnewcart/

Transcriptions are also available through Pay-Per-View via the Ontario Genealogical Society Ontario Name Index (TONI) website.  http://www.ogs.on.ca/home/TONI.php

Tombstone Images:

Digital photographs of each tombstone have been recorded and the originals are held by the Wellington County Museum & Archives.  http://www.wellington.ca/en/museum.asp

History:

In 1846 the Government of Upper Canada granted a five acre parcel of land, Park Lot 6 on the south side of Smith Street between Conestoga and Preston Streets in Arthur, to the Toronto Church Society. Anglican services were held in the homes of the settlers up until 1854 when the first Anglican Church of Arthur was erected on Lot 6. Since there is no register for these early years it is uncertain when the cemetery was first used. Although Parish Register A of Grace Anglican Church began in 1859, the entries in the Burial Register did not begin until 1861. There are also notable gaps in the Burial Register: 1866 through to Dec 1870, and the period 1874-1875. Nonetheless, based on the remaining stones in the cemetery, the cemetery was in use between 1860 and 1877 and likely before this period. Following the appointment of Rev. Rixon in 1878 the original church was abandoned. Vestry meetings were held in the Baptist Church and the process for erection of a new church, at a new location on Frederick St., began in February 1880. Abandonment of the original Grace Anglican Church building also coincided with the discontinuance of further burials in Grace Anglican Cemetery. The cemetery is located in a wooded area near the back part of the lot; the front parcel is now a park. Three surviving tombstones have been gathered and placed at the south-west corner of the park.

References:


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