Bethel Pioneer Cemetery

GPS: 43° 55.747 -80° 43.577

Location:
9278 Con Road #11, at Sideroad 4
Wellington North, ON

Historical Township:
Con 11, Lot 10
Arthur Township
Wellington County

Established: 1845
OGS Cemetery ID 4278
ON Cemetery Registration No. 4630

Status: Closed
Inscriptions last recorded: 2008

Tombstone Transcriptions:


Copies of the above publication can be purchased from the following sources:
- Wellington County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. http://www.ogs.on.ca/wellington/

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:

Bethel Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in the area. A newspaper clipping dated 9 July 1948 shows a picture of Brock Davis of Drayton viewing the oldest monument. It marks the first burial, that of John McDermaid in 1845; he was a native of Islay, Scotland. Many of the pioneers of Minto Township were buried in Bethel Cemetery including Mr. and Mrs. Martin from the 2nd Line of Minto, and Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Ross who came from Scotland; Mr. Ross in 1863, Mrs. Ross in 1866. Bethel Presbyterian Church was located across the road from Bethel Cemetery on Con. 10 Lot 10. The Church building was erected in 1895. Bethel Presbyterian Church was closed in 1965 and the building was demolished the following year. Prior to the County assuming maintenance of the site circa 1953, Duncan Sinclair had voluntarily kept the cemetery ground clipped and in good order for many years prior. A new fence and gate were erected in 1964.

References: