

BUCHANAN CEMETERY

Buchanan Cemetery, sometimes known locally as the McColl Cemetery and originally named The Ridge Burial Place is situated on three-tenths of an acre on the north-east corner of Lot twenty-eight, Concession twelve, Township of Plympton, County of Lambton. By a deed dated 16 February, 1874 Duncan Buchanan and his wife Anne received the sum of forty-eight dollars from Joseph Davis, John Pollock and John Napper, Trustees of The Ridge Burial Place. Elias George Conklin, Reeve of the Village of Forest was the witness. Included in the document was the following paragraph:

" nevertheless reserving a plot of ground one rod square used as a place of interment for one Hugh Fletcher and his family."

Hugh Fletcher's son Peter who died February 24, 1861 appears to have been the earliest burial. The oldest person buried here for which a stone could be located was Dugald McColl who died 14 December, 1867 age eighty-five. Forty-seven stones have been recorded. The cemetery is on the high sandy ridge which bisects Plympton from north-east to south-west and apparently its original name was derived from this fact. It has been in a very neglected condition for a number of years. In 1979 a committee of interested area residents was formed to restore the cemetery. This work is now in progress. All of the stones have been removed from their original locations and stacked in piles to enable the bulldozer to level the ground for reseeded. Restoration should be completed in 1980 but because of this it was very difficult to transcribe all the stones. The Cemetery List for this cemetery held at Lambton County Library was consulted with the result that six additional gravestone inscriptions, namely numbers 27, 33, 40, 43, 44 and 46 were added to this listing. The cemetery was recorded November 27, 1979 by E. Nielsen. From broken pieces observed it is felt that there were many more burials in this cemetery for which no stones have been located and possibly additional burials for which there were never any markers. No records for the cemetery could be located. The existing stones have been recorded in alphabetical order but it was felt that a map of the cemetery in its present condition would serve no purpose.