

## **DUNLOP CEMETERY**

Also known as Mandaumin Cemetery. Dunlop Cemetery is situated on the south east corner of Lot three, Concession three, Township of Plympton, County of Lambton. It is four miles west of Wyoming and one mile east of Mandaumin. Dunlop's School house, built on this site during the early settlement of Plympton Township was used for years as a meeting house for religious services by Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists. As the need arose for a burying ground, burials were probably made around the building. In 1859 the Presbyterians built a church in Mandaumin and two years later, in 1861, Brooks Church was built on the Plympton Enniskillen townline by the Methodists. The Baptists continued to use Dunlop's School house until 1881 when they built a brick church across the road.

On 16 October, 1862 William Polly sold to John Donald et al the South-east corner of Concession three, Lot three, one half acre for use as a Cemetery. On 14 April, 1868 Official Cemetery Plan #8 was registered at Lambton County Registry Office by John H. Jones for John Donald et al. There were fifty plots on the original plan, with names of twenty-six plot holders. The earliest burial recorded was that of Ellen Williams, an infant who died 7th September, 1841. The oldest person buried in the Cemetery for which there is a record was Janet, wife of Hugh Park who died 20 October, 1879 aged eighty-eight years. Few burials were made after 1900, the last being the burial in 1957 of Effie Carolina Chesnut, daughter of the Rev. James W. Chesnut. Forty-five stones were located and recorded. In 1974 there was no building remaining on the site and the Cemetery was in a very run down condition. Since that time, due to the efforts of the Mandaumin Cemetery Board, under whose jurisdiction this Cemetery remains, it has been very efficiently restored and a cairn has been erected on the site of the Dunlop's School house.