

NORTH PLYMPTON CEMETERY

Also known as the McKAY CEMETERY. North Plympton Cemetery is situated on the southwest corner of Lot nineteen, Concession thirteen, Township of Plympton, approximately five miles west of Highway twenty one on the twelfth Concession road. On 25 November, 1868, for the sum of one dollar, an acre of land was purchased from Duncan and Mary Smith by Duncan MacKinlay of the Township of Plympton and the trustees of Smith's Church, North Plympton. The trustees were Donald McMillan, Hugh Hunter, John Cairns, Archibald McLean and Samuel Stoop. Witnesses to the transaction were Farquhar Smith of Croachy, Scot land, labourer and Duncan McNeill of Tyaurich, Aberarder, Scotland, ploughman. Duncan Smith also gave his Scottish address Dunmaglass, Strathnairn, Invernesshire, Scotland. The following: year a presbyterian church was built. It became known as the McKay Church. In 1885 a Presbyterian church was built at Aberarder, one concession 10n road south. The McKay Church stood empty until 1888 when the local families purchased the building from the Presbyterians and converted it to a Congregational Church. In 1925 it became North Plympton United Church and was closed in 1965. The building was moved to the Lambton United Church Centre on Lake Huron and is in use there today. The Cemetery reflects the Scottish heritage of the former church members. It is in excellent condition. The earliest recorded burial was that of Donald Smith who, died 30 August, 1855 aged forty-two years. The oldest person buried here was Robert Blain who died in 1951 aged one hundred and two years. Twenty-nine stones were recorded. North Plympton Cemetery is situated on the southwest corner of Lot nineteen. Concession thirteen in Plympton Township.