

SOUTH PLYMPTON CEMETERY

Also known as Kertch Burying Grounds. South Plympton Cemetery is situated on the east side of Lot twenty-one, Concession four, Township of Plympton, County of Lambton approximately one half mile south of Highway number seven on Twenty-one sideroad. It is approximately two miles east of Reece's Corners and is clearly visible from Highway seven because of its location in a grove of evergreen trees on the highest ground in the vicinity. On 13, July, 1862 George Forbes and his wife Mary Ann sold one half acre of their farm to the Trustees of the Kertch Burying Grounds for the sum of thirty dollars. The trustees were John Dewar, Ephraim A. Jones, James Williamson all of Plympton. The witnesses were George Dewar and Merrill Jones.

The document reads, in part:

"To have and hold the property in trust for the use of a burying ground
for the inhabitants of said Township of Plympton •••• "

In 1870 a Presbyterian Church was built directly across from the Kertch Burying Grounds. It was known as South Plympton Church and it appears that gradually this name came to be applied to the Cemetery as well. The church, which since 1925 was a United Church, was closed in 1963. It has since been removed. A plaque erected on the Cemetery property bears the following inscription:

" Across from site of
South Plympton Presbyterian Church
1870 – 1925
United Church of Canada
1925 – 1963."

The earliest recorded burial was that of an infant, David Shea who died 20 October, 1854. The oldest person buried here. was Alexander Dewar who died 18 April, 1865 at the age of ninety six years and six months. Ninety-three stones were recorded. The Cemetery is in a well kept condition.