

PERPETUAL CARE PLAN OUTLINED AT
E D E N C E M E T E R Y D E C O R A T I O N

The fifth annual Decoration Day service of Eden Cemetery, held in the Baptist Church here on Sunday afternoon, was largely attended, and the graves decorated with beautiful summer flowers, made a colorful display.

The service was led by Rev. P.D. Augustine, pastor of the church.

Organist was Mrs. Cecil Ball, and Miss Marion Howey presided at the piano. They favored with two organ and piano duets, "In the Cross" and "Glory for Me".

The choir sang "Beyond the Hills". A trio, Misses Shirley Moody, Irene Wilson and Muriel Wilson rendered "Knocking at the Door".

Cecil Ball, secretary-treasurer of the Cemetery Board, welcomed the assembly and suggested that they reserve the first Sunday in September of every year as the date when they should attend the Decoration Day service at the cemetery here.

He felt that it was not necessary to give the early history of the cemetery because Mr. Nathan Gray had done so in his address in 1952, when he spoke at the first Decoration Day service, and Mr. Ayrest Stillwell had given his memories and impressions of the early days when he addressed the third service in 1954.

In his address, he discussed briefly cemetery activities since 1944, when the planned perpetual care of plots first began.

It was Rev. Frank Humphries, the pastor of the field at the time, who instigated the idea and worked tirelessly to promote the plan. Along with Cecil Ball, he was authorized to study and investigate perpetual care as it was being done in other cemeteries and report to the Cemetery Board and plot owners.

Their findings were encouraging and their report so satisfactory that the project received the support of plot owners, as well as the good wishes of the local township council. Rules and regulations were drawn up, approved and adopted, and the plan put into operation.

The first person to make the perpetual care payment on a plot was Mrs. Charles Kennedy of London. Others followed. The charge for perpetual care of the standard plot (12 x 16) was and still is \$ 50.00.

By the end of 1947, the sum of \$3,220.00 had been received. By 1951, it had amounted to \$5,123.00, and at the time of this 1955 report, it had climbed to \$6,386.00.

Although the response has been gratifying, there are still a number of plots which

have not paid the care. Of these, there are a few for which there is no living relative to whom an appeal can be made; other plots are unpaid because of the inability of relatives to meet together and apportion the payment; while in a few cases, the appeal from the board has received no reply.

Donations of many kinds have been made to the cemetery. The board and plot owners are grateful to the Gray family for originally donating the cemetery land. Mr. Camby Travis, who for many years kept the record of the sale of plots and during the recent years gave a donation to make a deep well pressure system possible, and water, thus, was piped into the cemetery. The Denton Estate made a gift of \$100.00 and many smaller donations were made by various others.

Cemetery expenses have been kept well within the income. Yet, substantial sums have been spent for several projects. The two beautiful stone gateposts were erected at a cost of nearly \$500.00. Landscaping, seeding, fertilizing and rolling have been added to expenses. Fences have been renewed and painted and two types of power mowers assist in keeping the grass well trimmed.

Wilfred Nelson has been the caretaker since 1944, and can be commended for a job well done. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Salcak, too, who each year give so freely of their many beautiful flowers to assist in the decorating of the cemetery, as well as the pulpit of the church, should be given special mention.

The Cemetery Board is composed of responsible and able men who freely and willingly give of their time to attend meetings at the call of the chairman. The first board appointed in 1944 was made up of Wilfred Nelson, Camby Travis, William Roloson, William White, N.H. Gray and Cecil Ball.

Others who have since served on the board are: the late Frank Travis, Harley Howey, Lorne Alton, George Moore, Jack Capling and Clarence Inman. The pastor of the field is called upon to serve as chairman of all board meetings.

Many people have expressed their gratitude for the care and attention their plots are receiving, and for the appearance and the general condition of the cemetery.

Speaker of the day was Glen Francis of Tillsonburg, who spoke on the topic, "Our Inheritance".

A MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY - 1

INSCRIPTIONS FROM A SMALL CEMETERY ON Lot 125, North Gore, Bayham Township, Elgin County. The land was donated by the Ketchabaw family in the early 1800's although there were no legal documents drawn up for the transaction. It is not known at this time who took this lot from the Crown. Today it lies in the middle of this farm and until this spring the stones were hidden by dense lilacs, etc.

Miss Peggy Andrews of Straffordville, Ontario, copied the available inscriptions and learned that this cemetery once belonged to the little church known as Maple Grove which was once on the same circuit as the Straffordville and Eden Methodists.

- 1 on the western fringe - Sandy S. d. Dec. 29, 1888 age 4 yr. 5 mos.
Charles H. d. Nov. 17, 1889 age 18 mos.
Children of L. & M. Ketchabaw
(ew & aria)
We loved these tender little ones and would have wished them to stay. But let our father's will be done.
They shine in enduring day.
- 2 just on the eastern side of the Ammerman plot

Ketchabaw in memory of Anna Maria, dau. of John and Abigail
d. Mar. 18, 1859 age 2 yrs. 10 mos. 8 days
- 3 beside 2 Thomas, son of John and Abigail Ketchabaw who died
Feb. 11, 1851, age 2 yrs. 10 mos. 11 days
- 4 beside 3 In memory of John and Abigail Ketchabaw who died
Aug. 14, 1850 aged 5 mos. 14 days
- 5 beside 4 In memory of William H., son of John and Abigail
Ketchabaw died June 13, 1861 age 1 yr. 1m. 13 d.
- 6 east of the Ketchabaw plot:
In memory of Jacob Ketchebaw who died
Feb. 28, 1866 Age 77 yrs.
Presented by George and Jacob Ketchebaw
- 7 7 to 13 are in the fence. Thomas Burn died Oct. 3, 1854 age 78 yrs.
- 8 Abigail Burns, wife of Thomas Burns d. Sept. 20, 1872
age 81 yr. 7 m. 6 d.
- 9 John Amerman (note only one 'M')
died Feb. 16, 1820 age 11 yrs. 5 days
- 10 Lewis Amerman d. May 17, 1817 age 34 yrs. 4 m. 3 d.
- 11 Elizabeth David, wife of Elijah David,
died Dec. 3, 1852 age 17 yrs.
- 12 memory of James Amerman who died Oct. 13, 1854
age 44 yrs.
- 13 In memory of Abigail, wife of Thomas Burns who died
Sept. 20, 1872 age 81 yrs. 7 m. 6 days.

Thomas Ammerman died Oct. 3, 1901 age 88 yrs. 4 mos. 14 days.
- Note: re Thomas Ammerman - this is the larger monument in the far corner of the fenced in area.
- 14 Mary A. dau. of -----? Burns died Sept. 16, 1868
age 14 mos. 23 days.
- Note: strangely enough this stone is situated outside of the family plot to the western side. It is between the 1. on this list and the fence.
- 15 Agnes J., dau. of Samuel and Abigail Baldon died Feb. 23,
1867 age 3 yrs.

16. Alzina, dau. of Samuel and Abigail Baldon died Mar. 31,
1875 age 9 m. 15 d. ^(win)

GONE TO BE AN ANGEL

- 17 In memory of William Kating (beside 16) who died
Dec. 20, 1875 age 20 yrs. 8m. 12 d.

The blooming rose did fade away to bloom in
everlasting day.

- 18 Alvaretta, dau. of Zacheus and Marilla Kennedy,
died June 19, 1871 age 15 days

This stone is about 10 feet east of 6. These are the
farthest stones east in the graveyard and by the trees
probably they mark the edge of the graveyard.

Sleep on sweet babe
And take thy rest,
God called thee home
He thought it best.

- 19 In memory of Uretta, dau. of Zacheus & Marilla Kennedy
died Jan. 7, 1876 age 2 yrs. 7 mos.
(This stone is near 18, just a little to the south east.)

- 20 One can't make out the writing on this stone.

RIDGE ROAD CEMETERY IMPROVED

1924

The Cemetery on the Ridge Road, south of Eden, has long been in a neglected condition and some months ago, Messrs. M. Ostrander and the late Elwin Stilwell took the matter in hand with a view to having it placed in proper condition.

Subscriptions were received in the amount of \$313.25 and the work of improvement was commenced.

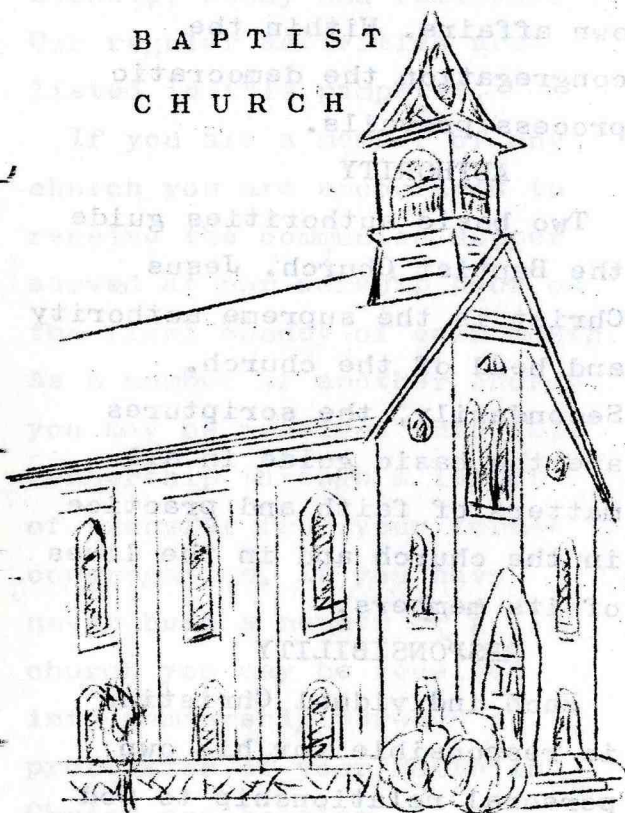
The lamentable death of Mr. Stilwell delayed matters somewhat but the improvements have been completed and below will be found a statement of the expenditures in connection therewith.

The cemetery has been cleaned up, a retaining wall built and a wire fence erected around the lot, all of which has made a wonderful improvement in the "City of the Dead".

Expenditures were as follows:

W. Lambden	cement	\$101.25
A. McDowell	work	122.00
Ira Stilwell	wire	19.50
M. Burwell	posts	12.00
A. White	drawing gravel	2.50
W. Shepherd	iron rods	2.00
E. Voaden	iron rods	3.95
B. Madill	staples	.75
M. Pembleton	blacksmith	1.00
R. Gibbons	drawing water	11.00
R. McDowell	drawing water	2.50
W. Kennedy	drawing gravel	15.00
C. Kennedy	drawing gravel	11.00
H. Howey	lumber	.75
L. Beaman	drawing cement	5.00
Imrie and McFarlane	nails	.25
	Total	<u>\$ 309.25</u>

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A brief outline of the organization and history of the Eden Baptist Church, compiled by the late Pastor Silcox and Nathan H. Gray.

The church at Eden was organized as the Second Regular Baptist Church of Christ, in Bayham, by seventeen members from the church in Goshen, dismissed, by letter for that purpose, these members being as follows:-

Simeon Rouse	Phoebe Leach
Abram Havens	Annie Rouse
Myndart Beal	Miranda Havens
Elijah Phelps	Elizabeth Beal
John Mabee, Sr.	Clarissa Phelps
John Mabee, Jr.	Mary Mabee
Daniel Leach	Eliza Mabee
Elizabeth Lundy	Margaret Leach
Sarah Stilwell	

A council was called by the church in Goshen, to meet on the 29th day of November, 1848, in a log schoolhouse, known as Beal's School, located near the old cemetery on the Ridge Road, south of Eden, the property now being owned by Claude Wilson and Son.

The following brethren constituted the Recognizing and Organizing Council viz:-

1st- Norwich--

Elder Rev. Wm. McLellan,
Robert Smith.

2nd: Houghton--

Deacon Hugh McGinnis,
Bro. Robt. Wade,
Bro. Peter Walker.

Fredricksburg: now Delhi--

Deacon John Kitchen,
Deacon Jacob Souverign.

Rev. Wm. McLellan was chosen Moderator and Bro. Robt. Wade Clerk of the Council.

The church was organized and recognized the following elected officers:-

Deacons, Abram Havens,
M. Beal.

Church Clerk, Elijah Phelps.

Simeon Rouse, a licentiate in charge of services.

The Council invited Elder Moses Hopkins and Deacon David Stilwell of Delhi to take seats on this council. Elder McLellan preached the sermon, Elder Hopkins gave the hand of fellowship and Deacon McGinnis offered the concluding prayer.

At the first business meeting of the church, held in Beal's school-house, on December 2nd, 1848, it was moved by the meeting:

That Deacon Abram Havens, M. Beal, Bro. John Mabee Sr., be our standing committee to transact business for the church;

That the Covenant Meetings be held the second Saturday of the month;

That no complaint be received against any offending brother or sister unless it first be delivered in writing, to the committee, with the nature of the charge, and the church to receive it through them;

That we invite Elder Baker to preach once a month, to attend Covenant Meetings and to administer the ordinances.

At the second meeting of the church, held January 16th, 1849, the editor of the Evangel Pioneer was requested to publish the recognition of the church. Deacon Beal was appointed to circulate a subscription to raise money to "satisfy" Elder Baker for his labour with the church.

At the third meeting, Abram Havens being elected Moderator, Deacon David Stilwell was invited to take part in the business. It was voted to call a council to ordain Simeon Rouse, the licentiate, who had charge of the services. George Gray was instructed to act as clerk to write letters to the following churches, inviting them to send representatives to an Ordination Council, to meet on the 29th day of February, 1849:- Goshen, Fredricksburg, Oakland, Townsend, Hartford, 2nd Houghton, and Charlotteville.

There is no record of this council ever having met but another, being called to meet on February 14th, 1850, when Simeon Rouse was ordained. At the business meeting calling the council, it was voted to join the Grand River Association and Pastor S. Rouse, Deacon Abram Havens and M. Beal were chosen delegates to the Association which met in Scotland, Ont. Elder Rouse resigned March 12th, 1853, after four years and three months successful connection with the church.

On the 11th of April, 1853, a council convened by the call of the church to examine, and if satisfied, to ordain Bro. H.A. Conrad as pastor for the church.

The council convened with Rev. Geo. Wilson as moderator and Rev. W. Lake as clerk of the council. They were satisfied and Bro. Conrad was properly ordained. This pastorate lasted for two years or over, closing in July, 1855.

During this pastorate the Goshen Church having ceased to exist, the members were taken into the Second Bayham Church at Eden, which by this time consisted of 41 members.

During Bro. Conrad's pastorate, a chapel was built about a half-mile east of the Village of Eden, but we find no record of the dedication of the building.

From July 7th, 1855, to March 13th, 1856, the church was supplied by Rev. Wm. Crossett, when, by the request of the church, Bro. B.P. Brown was ordained and called to the pastorate.

On February 8th, 1856, twelve members of the church, among them Rev. H.A. Conrad, asked for letters of dismissal to reorganize the Goshen church. This request was granted.

On July 2nd, 1859, the church met in Barton school-house, south of Talbot Street, where special meetings were being conducted by Rev. Wm. Crossett and Rev. S.W. Folger. At these meetings 22 members asked for letters of dismissal to organize an independent church. Their request was granted and the organization took place in January, 1860.

Rev. B.P. Brown appears to have been pastor of the church from March, 1856, to August, 1861, after which the Rev. Samuel Baker was called to take the pastorate, and continued in charge of the church until his death in November of 1865. These pastorates have all been fairly successful.

A call was extended to Rev. R.B. Smith of Fredricksburg. This call was accepted, and he began his labours on December 5th, 1865, on a salary of \$300.00 per year. This pastorate continued until January, 1870, four years and two months in all.

Courtland, then known as Middleton Centre, seems to have been an outstation, and a branch of the Eden church, supplied from Eden. This was a very successful pastorate, with very frequent additions to the membership.

Rev. R.B. Smith resigned and closed his labours with Eden on January, 1870, to accept a call to Forestville, being succeeded by Rev. S. Jackson in May of 1870, whose labours continued until May, 1872, when he resigned, at which time Rev. R.B. Smith was recalled to succeed him at a salary of \$400.00, Courtland contributing \$100.00 of this amount.

This pastorate began April 1st, 1873, and ended April 16th, 1876, owing to the ill health of the pastor. His death occurred in Newbury in August, 1876, and his remains sleep in the Eden cemetery.

During this pastorate, the chapel was moved to Eden and a parsonage built on the present site, which was donated by the late Edwin Gray, also three acres of land adjoining the church property for cemetery purposes, on the condition the church would raise \$200.00, all of which was to apply on fitting up the cemetery in proper shape. This was very thankfully accepted and fully complied with. Bro. Edwin Gray bore all the expense of moving the church, and putting it on a stone foundation suitable for brick veneering at some future date.

The membership in 1874 was 126. Bro. Smith's entire pastorate was seven years and two months. In November of 1874 special services were held in Courtland, with the result that 24 were baptized.

On January 24th, 1875, 39 members asked and received letters to organize an independent church in Courtland, which was organized on March 18, 1875. Bro. Smith was succeeded by Rev. C.W. Haycock, in July, 1876, his pastorate closing January 1, 1878. Bro. Haycock was a strong, forceful preacher, and loved a good debate.