

Gilliland Cemetery

Location: Community Centre Road, Lot 29 Con. 4

Number of Burials (2011): 96

The first burial on record in this cemetery is of John Adams in 1832. In 1860, the site was conveyed by James Gilliland to trustees of the Episcopal Church in Canada for five shillings.

A frame building, known as “Massey’s Episcopal Church,” was constructed, and its first minister was John Hill. The church was dismantled sometime after 1884 when the Wesleyan and Episcopal Churches became the Methodist Church.

Pioneer families include:

Adams, Blodgett, Clarkson, Deviney, English, Gilliland, Haynes, McArol, Mulholland, Noble, Nichols, Patterson, Ryan, Smilie, Thomas.

When this Cemetery was taken over, by the Township, in 1987 it was completely overgrown and Tombstones were mostly flat and buried. We are sure that many other names could be added to the list of pioneer families above but the stones are either lost or cannot be read.

Gilliland Cemetery has been designated as a **provincial heritage property**.

