

## Russ Creek Cemetery

**Location:** Russ Creek Rd., Lot 4 Con. 7

**Number of Burials (2011):** 77

This pioneer cemetery may appear quite small, however there are many graves that are unmarked. Boulders and white marble stones that served as markers, have since been removed or stolen. According to Barry King, the cemetery extends another 100 feet beyond what one can see. As well, it is stated on the deed that the cemetery sits on two acres. The property contains species of tallgrass prairie such as the rare Indian grass which are protected under the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust.

One of the youngest people to be buried is an orphan boy that lived with the Samis family. During the summer, the boy wanted to attend an event at the local school. The Samis family refused to allow him and he later committed suicide.

Pioneer families include: **Bradley** (oldest burial), **Hartford, Russ** (Jonathon was a surveyor and school trustee) and **White** (a blacksmith).

Russ Creek Cemetery has been designated as a heritage property. It is maintained by the Alnwick/Haldimand Township Heritage Cemeteries Advisory Board.

