

# On The Main Street

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Did you ever visit an old cemetery in the country? A cemetery where the green grass grows, where some of the tomb stones date back well over one hundred years; where the monuments, commonly known as tombstones have withstood the ravages of time (rain, sun, sleet, wind); where some of the monumental stones are only a foot and a half tall and are pure white; where some lie flat on the ground and others are tall and topped by replicas of old time urns or vases, by hands clasped in reverence and where graven leaves of the Bible can be noticed?

Did you ever pause while strolling through the "City of the Dead" to read the inscriptions, many referring to the pioneers of the times.

The burying ground at Zion, Fenelon Township — Northeast of Cambray is one of this type of cemeteries, and one of the monuments bears the name of Elford and in this connection it is interesting to learn that there were 13 members in the Elford family and the majority of whom reached the venerable age of 100 years and over.

Two of the Elford family, Lena and Charles, are now residents of Islay, a few miles from the Cemetery. It might be noted that on Sunday next the Elford Memorial Vault will be dedicated at Zion Cemetery.

When ex - Warden and farmer, a pleasant and interesting conversationalist, Wilber Worsley, was noticed in a field across from the Zion Cemetery expertly using a gadget for the eradication of weeds along the fence line, he paused "to pass the time of day" and it was then that the writer learned that the first log church at Zion occupied a position in the corner field at the Worsley farm.

This farm, was owned and operated by the John Moynes family. Later on a then more modern log church was then erected on the farm near the homestead and this building stands today. A couple of hundred yards distant is the new brick church on the opposite side of the road, built in 1904. It has the old time church effect with arched windows and a ribbon of blue glass running around the borders.

The old cemetery which contains a number of ancient and modern tombstones was donated by the Moynes family . . . and the majority of memorials bear the names of Worsley and Moynes and their offspring. The first log church was built in 1864 and according to the cemetery stones the first internment was just a hundred years ago in 1866.

Zion being in the Township of Fenelon, it is interesting to chronicle the fact that the

monuments include the name of several past Reeves and Deputy-Reeves and Councilors, as well as at least three former Wardens of Victoria County, namely Taylor Parkin, his son George Parkin and George Parrington. Incidentally as well, Mr. Wilber Worsley is also a past Warden but is (as many friends will rejoice to learn) hale and hearty.

The Moynes and the Worsley families with a large spreading geneology family tree, have been associated with the district of Zion for well over a Century. Both families are of English descent. The Moynes family has many branches in the Township, several originating from the Thos. C. Moynes and John Moynes family.

A glance at the many monuments in the Zion Cemetery reveals the following names of pioneer residents as well as a number of interesting dates: Hill, Wm. Marshall Moynes, 1868; Thos. Webster, 1873; John Denby Naylor, May 10, 1917 -- on Vimy Ridge, France; Everson, Worsley, Dewell. Wm. Smithson, 1828-1898; Parrington, Sarah Jane Copp-Everson, Feb. 18, 1866; Marsh, Antis, Boyd, Shea, McNevan, Rev. Ashley-Dorothy Moynes, wife; James Moynes; Isaac G. Moynes; Louisa Moynes., Moore; Louis J. Moynes; Beggs; McKee; Neisbett; Cooper; Mark; Burrridge; Isaac Elford, 1894; Green, Kennedy, Slater, Nesbitt; Wm. John

Moynes; Josiah Wilson, Louisa, Moynes; Cunday; Frise; DesForges; McFadyen; Lاندall; Webster; Fowler; Imrie; Risdon; Charlotte Lytle, 1867; Tamlin; Ray Fittal; Timothy Wood, 1872; Geach; Daniel; Mary Elizabeth Moynes; Mary Wakely Moynes, 1888; John Moynes, 1893 and wife Mary Jane Moynes; Joseph Henry Moynes; Nancy A. wife of Isaac Moynes, June 12, 1882; Bonney — 1899 and his wives Ann Brian, 1871 and Sarah Webster, 1906 and son John Cephas, 1898; Pearn; Hockin, 1896; Joseph Worsley, 1886; Pethick; Jane N. Moynes; J David Moynes; William Hore; Elizabeth Wilmott; Elizabeth Foley and Robert Phillips; Hill, 1898; Thomas C. Moynes, 1898; and his wife Sarah Sinclair 1895; Sarah Green, 1896; Jonh Colin Moynes, 1877; Charles MacGregor; Oliver; William Marsh; Taylor Parkin; Elizabeth Greenwood Parrington, 1888.

It is understood that a \$1,400 Memorial fence will be built around the church and the cemetery grounds.