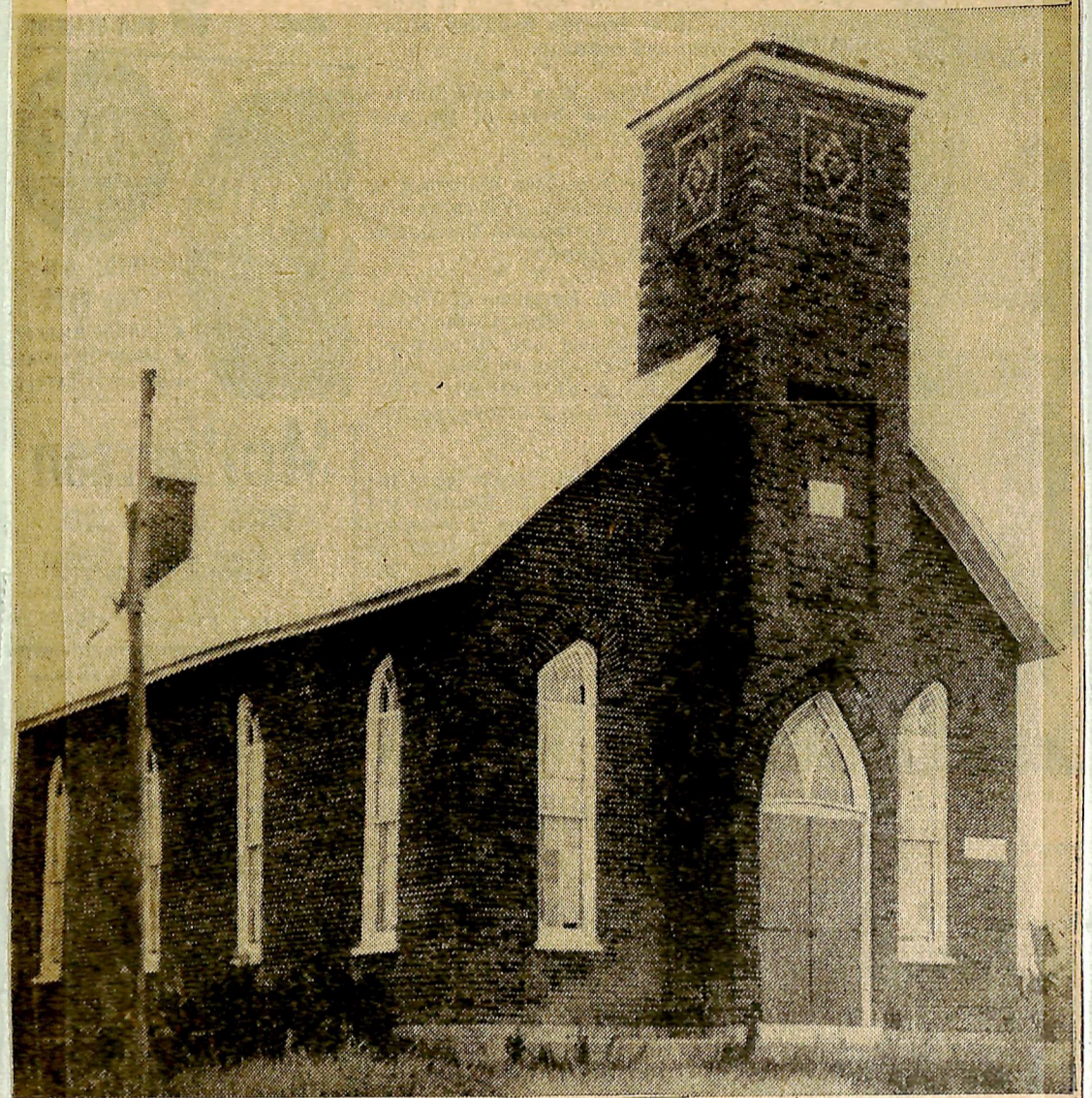




Johnstown Church Built In 1876 Community Boasts UEL Settlers A Symbol Of A Community



This church built in 1876 is the heart of the community of Johnstown. Situated high on a hill the church stands out as a monument to the work that this community put forth to build it.

On a hill where it is open to view for miles, the Johnstown Church looks over the pleasant farming community in Sidney township where it has been the symbol of the community since 1876. A community of some 30 families, Johnstown life is centered around this church which was built by volunteer labor in 1876, on land donated by Lewis Davis, which is now part of what is known as the Harder farm.

The Johnstown United Church started as a Methodist Episcopal Church, and it is believed that the total cost of construction was about \$2,500. This church, with Grace United Church, Trenton, became separate charges, with Rev. George Dewey as minister, in 1884.

This community received the name Johnstown due to the number of people who settled in it with the name of John. Some of these men were John Harry, whose descendants still farm here, John Stickle, John Simms and John Harder.

In 1874 Lewis Davis gave land to the Johnstown people to build a church. Before the year 1876 the people of Johnstown held services from house to house, going in sleigh loads in the winter.

John N. Stickle was of UEL stock coming to this community when he was very young. In 1813 his father moved to Lot Three, Concession Three, of Sidney. They made a clearing and built a log cabin, and it was in this cabin that the first religious services were held in Johnstown. This portion of the township was then a wilderness, without roads and with only a few paths through the wilderness where two or three settlers had preceded them. Walking along these paths was the only way which the settlers had, of moving from one cabin to another.

The church meetings were held every two weeks in this cabin and later when a frame house was built the meetings were held there, where there was more room. These services were continued until about 1840, when services were held

in the first Johnstown school house. They continued in this school until 1876, when the church was erected. The daughter of Mr. Stickle married a John Smith, who was the first person to be buried in White's Cemetery.

Until recently Rev. G. A. Pattenham has been the minister in charge of this church, as well as looking after the Grace United Church. The congregation of Johnstown church will have a new minister on August 1, when they will be connected with North Trenton United Church. A student minister is now looking after this charge and Rev. Brian Thrasher will take over these duties at that time.

The community of Johnstown is a farming community, where both dairy farming and the raising of cash crops is carried out. Some of the milk placed on the tables in homes in Trenton comes from this community, as the milk is shipped to dairies in Trenton.

As in most farming communities throughout Canada, the farms in this area are handed down from father to son, and it is not unusual to see three farm

name on the mail box. It is plain to see that these people have taken pride in these farms, as the houses and landscaping are well taken care of making a drive through this district a pleasure.

Have you given anything besides money to the Lord's work lately or ever? Contrary to what you think, "you are not your own".

"Declaration of Possession"
Dated June 14, 1972

In the matter of Title to part of Lot 6 Concession 3 Township of Sidney in the County of Hastings.

We - Carl Sticke, Arnold Harry, William S. Harry, Alex Vanderroot, Robert Bush, and Glen Stickle, all of the Township of Sidney in the County of Hastings. Trustees of Johnstown United Church, To the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, Bay of Quinte Branch R.R. 5th Trenton, Ont.

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