



Additional information concerning Zion Wesleyan Methodist Church - continued  
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The Church that was to serve the needs of the people of the community was not complete without a cemetery. A farm owned by Samuel Youker - Lot 10 Con. 8 had some land adjoining the church property and he donated some of this land to become the final resting place for many of the residents of the surrounding area. Unfortunately no record of this transaction can be located, however the cemetery is marked in the 1878 atlas. To-day this farm is owned by Sherwin Cronkright, son of the late Ernest Cronkright who had purchased the farm from Samuel Youker.

After the decision had been reached to make Bethel church the place for worship for the both little congregations the old church was taken down. The old school, so long known as Zion Hill School had also been taken down - in the name of progress. The name "Youker" is but a memory to a few of the older residents and with a desire to retain the name of Zion Hill the old Youker Cemetery is now known as "The Zion Hill Cemetery".

Sherwin Cronkright straightened some fences and at a later date donated some more land, making the area of the cemetery to be approximately three (3) acres.

A cemetery committee has been appointed and a caretaker engaged to keep the grass neatly mowed. The present caretaker is Bill Sills.

The following page displays the picture of the new gates erected to the entrance of this hallowed spot.

The plan of the cemetery shows Samuel Youker's plot with his dates Aug. 9/1818 - Nov. 2, 1891.  
Caretaker - Luella Sills 1988-89.