

HORTON CEMETERY

The cemetery a site of historic interest which dates back as far as the year 1861.

On November 15, 1861 a public meeting was held at Fergusons School Castleford, to see about making a cemetery on the north side of the Bonnechere River in Horton Township.

November 20th. 1861 at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Wm.

Janieson, then Reeve of Horton Township. It was decided to buy land from John Barwell on Lot 15, Con. 5. James Johnston was appointed first secretary.

First Trustees were Wm. Barton, James Johnston, Joseph New, for a term of three years.

The committee for cleaning up the ground before surveying were James New, David McQuitty, Jm. Janieson. A survey was then made.

December 7th. 1861 lots were offered for sale at a public meeting for \$1.25 each.

Wm. Bennet was paid \$3.00 for 500 cedar posts for to fence the cemetery.

January 14, 1874 a new board of trustees were appointed Thomas Edwards, Francis Humphries, John Johnston. Jan. 10, 1877 John Johnston sec. treas.

In 1895 Donald Henderson was paid \$15.00 for to put a wire fence across the front of the cemetery.

In 1906 two more acres of land was bought from Christopher Barwell for the sum \$5.00 to enlarge the cemetery.

1914 F. H. Johnston was appointed secretary treasurer.

In 1919 it was decided to clean up the cemetery and re-fence it, and keep the weeds cut George Piasetzki was first part time caretaker.

1938 we held our first annual decoration day service in the grove adjacent to the cemetery.

1939 the first full time caretaker Mr Henry Bennett was hired.