

In 1973 Mr. Allen Forrester was hired as deputy clerk-treasurer. The total expenditure on township roads this year was \$67,365.75. The township purchased a 15 ton truck, snow plow equipment and reversible box for the sum of \$22,149.43. An agreement was made between West Oxford and the town of Ingersoll in relation to supplying water to the Kirwin and Centennial Court subdivisions. On completion the township assumes the services.

On May 6, 1974, the council resolved that - We the council of the Municipality of West Oxford oppose any change in government, whether regional or restructured until such time as the majority of the ratepayers in this municipality direct us.

It was moved by Charles Shelton, seconded by Vincent Kloefer. In spite of this, restructured government came to Oxford County, and West Oxford township ceased to exist as a separate entity.

From 1850 to 1974 the Township of West Oxford has had nine Wardens, 44 Reeves and seven Clerks holding office. Their names are as follows:

**Wardens:** Jacob Topping 1865, Gordon H. Cook 1875, Thomas R. Mayberry 1888, George J. Cook 1912, James Pullin 1916, James Innes 1925, Arlington D. Robinson 1934, Thomas F. Pellow 1953, J. Vernon Cuthbert 1967.

**Reeves:** Benjamin Thornton 1850, John McDonald 1851, Charles Mason 1852-1853, Walter B. Mabee 1854, Thomas Holcroft 1855-1857, Wright Sudworth 1858, Henry F. Martin 1859-1860, James Harris 1861-1862, Seneca Lewis 1863, Jacob Topping 1864-1866, Walter B. Mabee 1867-1870, Gordon H. Cook 1871-1875 and 1877-1879, Nicholas Smith 1876 and 1880, Thomas Hislop 1881-1882, Freeman Karn 1883-1885, Thomas R. Mayberry 1886-1889, John Cuthbert 1890-1894 and 1903-1904, John Prouse 1895-1896, James S. Cuthbert 1897-1898, Donald Guthrie 1899-1900,



**Jacob Topping, first warden from Oxford West, 1865.**

Frank Folden 1907, William Pullin 1908-1909, George J. Cook 1910-1911, James Pullin 1912-1917, William Longworth 1918-1920, James Bastedo 1921-1922, James Innes 1923-1925, P.N. Langford 1926, Charles Brink 1927-1930, Arlington D. Robinson 1931-1934, Stanley Allin 1935-1936, Wesley J. Cuthbert 1937-1940, Basil Wilson 1941-1942, Charles Swartz 1943-1946, Percy M. Sage 1947-1948, Thomas F. Pellow 1949-1953, John R. Hargreaves 1954-1957, Wilbur W. Budd 1958-1960, George Wallace 1961-1963, Elmer Karn 1964-1965, J. Vernon Cuthbert 1966-1967, Bruce Amos 1968-1970, Archie Longworth 1971-1972, George F. Jakeman 1973-1974.

**Clerks:** James Berry 1856-1861, Charles Mason 1861-1886, W.G. Francis 1886-1903, Thomas R. Mayberry 1903, 1909, B.G. Jenvey 1909-1918, Fred W. Curry 1918-1945, Leslie B. Curry 1945-1975.