

- . The house where the murders took place was on Bold St. at the rear of Central School.
- . She had been employed by Mr. Ralson for about six months as a housekeeper and nanny.
- . There were three Forbes children - a daughter Kate and two boys Erney (sic) and Willy.
- . Kate was recorded as both 17 and 19 years of age at the time. Ernie was 9 and Willy 7.
- . Kate Forbes was living with Mr. Bateman on Victoria Avenue at the time of the murders.
- . The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Prudence's murder was premeditated.
- . Prudence was buried at Tapleystown.

The Spectator's 23 June 1882 morning paper carried the following death notice for Prudence Forbes:

"DIED. FORBES - In this city, on Wednesday, the 21st inst, Prudence Forbes, aged 37 years, second eldest daughter of John Norton, Esq. of Tapleystown.

Funeral will start at 10am from 71 Cathcart street north on Friday, the 23d inst, for Tapleystown M. E. Church. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this notice."

In the summer of 2010, Debbie Havens, great granddaughter of Kate Forbes visited the author in Burlington, from her Colorado home. Debbie had been unaware of the tragedy surrounding her two times great grandparents until Alan Norton's investigation the year before. The author was able to show Debbie where the murders took place and the locations where the bodies now lay - Prudence in Tapleystown Cemetery beside her mother and father, while Alexander is in Hamilton Cemetery, in an unmarked grave.

From any indications in Debbie's family, her great grandmother Kate Forbes was a kind loving woman but not surprisingly, never discussed having witnessed the violent death of her mother Prudence. The author has never been able to ascertain where the Forbes potash factory was in Palermo and would welcome any information from readers.

Church On The Hill- Written by Ross Wark



**Primitive Methodist Connexion Church
1848-1914**

There has been a church presence in the community of Drumquin since 1823. A sturdy log structure, located across Trafalgar Road from the current Bethel United Church, served as a schoolhouse. Community meeting place, and Methodist church.

In 1848, a frame building called the Primitive Methodist Connexion Church was constructed. By 1851, land for a cemetery had been donated by John and Jane Featherston and Thomas and Mary Wise. The remains of both families rest with many early pioneers to this area of Trafalgar Twp.

Many people helped prepare and haul lumber for the new church. Trees had been cut at Howes' sawmill, while John Featherston transported the first load of timbers for this structure. After serving this community so well for many years, it was replaced in 1914 by the brick building we see today. With church union in 1925, this Methodist church became Bethel United

