

# ELIZABETH STREET PIONEER CEMETERY

This old Wesleyan Methodist cemetery on Elizabeth Street (formerly Mill Street) is one of Ajax's oldest burial grounds. It is also the site of one of the earliest churches in Duffins Creek (Pickering Village). The original church building, a white wooden structure built in 1843, was located at the north end of the cemetery. This church was used until 1879 when the congregation moved to a much larger brick structure on Old Kingston Road. Wesleyan Methodism is a precursor of the present-day United Church of Canada.

Many of Pickering Village's prominent families and their descendants are buried in this cemetery. Reading the names on the gravestones is like reading a history book. The earliest interment in the cemetery was carried out in March 1842.

Located on the bank overlooking Duffins Creek, this was a scenic location for a church and a peaceful resting place for those buried here.

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