

## TORONTO GORE TOWNSHIP NO. 1

### EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH CEMETERY

#### MISCELLANEOUS GENEALOGY

1. James Sleightholm Jr., and Rachel Ellerby, active members in the first church, were married Nov. 1st, 1857, by Rev. Jas. Clarke.
2. Francis Sleightholm, only son of the donor of the church grounds, and Sarah Allison, Jr., were married June 8th, 1847, by Rev. J. Towler.
3. Isaac Wilson and Jane Woodill, parents-in-law of Thos. Kellam, walked from Woodhill to Mason's Corners to be married by Rev. Matthew Nichols, then walked back to their home in Albion.
4. The east corner of Mr. James Sleightholm's farm, later known more familiarly as Mason's Corner.
5. In the absence of musical instruments in the early church, James Sleightholm, Jr., a singing master, and a fine singer himself, is the earliest on record to perform this service for Ebenezer.
6. The award of Bibles were given to children when the first Sunday School was established. Rachel Ellerby received a Bible in 1849, and to Mary Jane Saul in 1856, hers having the name James Sleightholm, Jr. as Secretary.
7. John Julian, Jr., and Bessie Fieldhouse, were presented with the customary Family Bible on the occasion of their marriage on June 25th, 1927. By Rev. G. R. Kitching.
8. Cecil Judge and Myrtle Hewgill were married in the church Oct. 29th, 1927 by Rev. G. R. Kitching.
9. Who remembers when Sharon Church was called Hainstocks?
10. In 1858, for the first time, the financial returns of Conference were given in dollars and cents instead of pounds, shillings and pence.
11. A letter written by Joseph Stonehouse, of Georgina, Ont. on March 31st, 1857, to his friend, William Dobson, Sr., "of Toronto Gore", contained the following: "we were glad to hear that they are going to build a new chapel at Ebenezer. I would like to hear a good sermon again". Georgina boasted neither church nor minister at that time.
12. John Smith, stepson of Jas. Sleightholm Sr., who was drowned June 11, 1836, aged 21 years, supplies the earliest death to be recorded in the cemetery. James Smith, died Feb. 11, 1848, aged 26 years, was the second burial. (note: Jas. Smith's stone reads 1843).