

**TORONTO GORE TOWNSHIP**  
**CEMETERY NO. 1**  
**EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH CEMETERY**  
**LOT 5 CONCESSION 10**  
**PEEL COUNTY**  
**ONTARIO**

**Location:** Highway 7 East from Brampton to the Gore Road,  
north on Gore Road approximately ½ mile.  
The Church & Cemetery are located on the North East corner.

**Established:** 1847

**Cemetery Recorded:** 1973  
**Previous Recording:** Wm. Perkins Bull, 1930's  
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#### HISTORY

In the year 1847, James Sleightholm, Esquire, and Ann, his wife, deeded to the community the lot on which the present church stands, to be utilized for a church site and cemetery, for the small sum of five shillings, virtually a gift, and appointing as the first trustees John Kellam, James Nichols and John Ackrow of Vaughan, Francis Sleightholm of "Toronto in the Gore", and Thomas Horsley of Chinguacousy, their signatures and seals being attached to the deed, with Daniel Hewgill and Thomas Adams signing as witnesses, the last name being the minister in charge on Etobicoke circuit at that time. A proviso in the deed stated that there must always be five, or more, trustees. The deed was recorded in the Registry Office, York County, on February 3rd, 1848, at 1 p.m. Libra 18, pages 29, 30 and 31, No. 30745.

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. This is no proof, however, that the cemetery was in use at that time, for relatives state that his first burial was elsewhere, and his remains later removed to their present resting-place, quite possibly at the time of his brother's death in 1848, which is the second burial recorded.

A list of the families attending the first church would doubtless contain the following names: Ackrow, Agar, Allison, Elcoat, Ellerby, Fletcher, Foster, Hewgill, Horsley, Hutchinson, Kellam, Mason, Nattress, Nichols, Pierson, Robinson, Sleightholm, Sanderson and Saul.

Many members of the above families can be found in Hilltop Gore Cemetery which had been established in 1832 and appears to have been the area burial ground until the opening of Ebenezer in 1847.

In the spring of 1929, a project that had been under discussion for some time culminated in action. The cemetery was cleared of all undesirable trees and unsightly growth, the grounds were levelled, a new fence was erected and a fund had been subscribed by relatives of those interred for the perpetual care and upkeep of the graves. Mr. Samuel S. Hewgill attended to the mowing of the grass when necessary. Cemetery Committee: Jas. A. Sleightholm, J. Julian Jr., and W. T. Dobson.

This History has been taken from the *History of Ebenezer United Church, 1858-1933*.

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#### 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).

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1. Benjamin FIELDHOUSE, Sept. 8, 1860 - Dec. 10, 1941  
his wife, Annie Jane JEFFERSON, July 23, 1864 - Dec. 7, 1941  
Mary Edna FIELDHOUSE, Nov. 17, 1891 - Aug. 10, 1963  
George William FIELDHOUSE, Mar. 18, 1897 - Oct. 7, 1964.
2. Margaret A. ROBINSON, beloved wife of Allen C. MOODY, died Jan. 25, 1908, aged 28 yrs., 6 mos.  
their infant son, Willie T.
3. Abel ROBINSON, 1848 - 1927  
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4. Ida Frances FREEMAN, wife of H. S. MALTBY, July 31, 1893 - May 6, 1946.
5. Albert F. FOSTER, 1874 - 1920  
his son, Lorne D., 1906 - 1910.
6. John George JULIAN, died April 2, 1947, aged 85 yrs.  
his wife, Marjorie SHAW, died May 23, 1945, aged 80 yrs.  
his wife, Elizabeth GEE, died Dec. 14th, 1908, aged 44 years, 8 mos.  
George A., son of J. & E. JULIAN, 1905 - 1966.
7. Albert WILEY, Aug. 14, 1904 - Nov. 25, 1962, beloved husband of  
Sadie Irene PARR, Oct. 5, 1903 - Oct. 6, 1970  
son John A., died June 13, 1936.
8. William Andrew DOBSON, born April 2nd, 1847, died June 3, 1921  
Rachel AGAR, beloved wife of William A. DOBSON, born Nov. 1st, 1847, died Feb. 27th, 1914.
9. Thomas NATTRESS, 1849 - 1930  
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10. John PEACOCK, who died April 14, 1885, aged 55 years  
his wife, Mary Jane SAUL, who died Sept. 17, 1928, aged 82 years  
Allison PEACOCK, died Dec. 19, 1918, aged 52 yrs., 3 mos.  
Eva May PEACOCK, died June 22, 1937, aged 57 years.
11. Amos AGAR, born Sep. 18, 1819, died Jan. 27, 1899  
Hannah SLEIGHTHOLM, his wife, born May 25, 1822, died Nov. 21, 1863  
Elizabeth, their daughter, born July 20, died Aug. 3, 1846 [1841 - Wm. P.B.]  
Elizabeth, their third daughter, born Feb. 5, 1852, died Mar. 20, 1908.

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12. James SLEIGHTHOLM, died Sept. 9, 1881, aged 84 yrs. & 5 mos.  
And his wife died April 27, 1856, aged 65 years  
Martha, died May 3, 1858, aged 6 yrs. & 5 mos.  
John Allison, died May 4, 1858, aged 2 yrs., 11 mos.  
Martha H.R. SLEIGHTHOLM, 1868 - July 23, 1902  
J. Albert SLEIGHTHOLM, 1860 - 1940  
Francis SLEIGHTHOLM, 1824 - Oct. 1902  
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13. children of T. & J SLEIGHTHOLM NATTRESS:  
Arthur W.F. ,1883 - 1890  
Myrtle I.V.R., 1865 - 1890  
Martha W.B., 1888, aged 6 days.
14. Wm. DOBSON, died Aug. 28, 1896 in his 94 year; Native of Yorkshire, England  
Ann, wife of Wm. DOBSON, died Aug. 28, 1881, aged 77 yrs. & 9 mos.
15. Thomas DOBSON, died Sept. 20, 1901, aged 68 yrs., 4 mos.  
Millicent, his wife, died June 1, 1919, aged 78 years  
children of T. & M. DOBSON:  
Louise, died July 15, 1874, aged 12 yrs., 6 mos.  
Florence Maria, died Feb. 28, 1902, aged 22 yrs., 1 mo.  
William James, died Mar. 31, 1866, aged 1 month  
Emma, died Nov. 27, 1867, aged 4 months  
Melicent Lucilla, died Feb. 13, 1877, aged 3 yrs., 9 mos.
16. William Thomas DOBSON, born Nov. 28, 1869, died Nov. 30th, 1943  
Mary I.J. PEACOCK, beloved wife of Wm. T. DOBSON, born April 17, 1872, died May 5th, 1940.
17. Alfred R. LANSDELL, died June 5, 1905, in his 90th year; Native of Yorkshire, England  
Ann COOK, wife of the above, died July 15, 1901, in her 83rd year. Native of Yorkshire, England  
David ROBINSON, died Nov. 11, 1892, in his 45th year  
Mary LANSDELL, wife of the above, died Nov. 19, 1886, in her 39th year  
Annie M. LANSDELL, 1863 - 1961.
18. John CLARKSON, died Apr. 23, 1904, in his 63rd year  
Sarah Ann CLARKSON, died June 1st, 1896, in her 47th year  
Jet CLARKSON, died Mar. 13th, 1893, in his 8th year  
Amos CLARKSON, died Dec. 16, 1889, aged 10 mon., 21 dys.  
Mary H. CLARKSON, died May 15, 1872, aged 12 days.
19. John FLESHER; only son of John & Mary Alice GARNER, who died October 30, 1854, age 1 yr., 2 mo., & 7 days.
20. William J., son of Wm. & Elizabeth ELCOAT, died March 9, 1876, aged 2 ys., 1 mo.
21. Charles Robert, son of Chas. & Harriett STORR, died Mar. 22, 1866, age 1 yr., 9 mos.

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22. M-----ar (daughter?) of George ELCOAT, died April 27, 1881, age 37 yrs.
23. Ann SLEIGHTHOLM, who died April 27, 1856 aged 65 years (see also #12).
24. children of Francis & Sarah ALLISON SLEIGHTHOLM:  
Martha, died May 3, 1858, aged 6 years & 5 months  
John Allison, died May 4, 1858, aged 2 years, 11 mo. & 7 ds.
25. John & James, sons of John & Ann SMITH:  
John, died June 11, 1836, aged 21 years (first burial in Ebenezer cemetery)  
James, died Feb. 18, 1843, aged 26 years (second burial in Ebenezer cemetery).
26. Thomas, son of Jas. & S. COURTHARD, born at Grasmont, England, Aug. 21, 1867, died June 25, 1869  
also, John, their son, born June 16, and died Aug. 22, 1873.
27. James ROBINSON, born Nov. 22, 1865, died July 30, 1901.
28. Alice Ann SHAW, born July 23, 1870, died June 5, 1910.
29. Henry CORRIGAN, who died August 24, 1858, aged 42 years.
30. Mary Elizabeth, beloved daughter of William & Jane CARR, who died May 15, 1877, aged 9 yrs., 7 mos.  
and 19 ds.
31. Abel ROBINSON, native of Yorkshire, England, died Nov. 1, 1882, aged 67 years.
32. Mary SMITH, wife of Abel ROBINSON, who died Sept. 16, 1875, aged 56 yrs., 6 mos. & 9 ds.
33. Elizabeth, daughter of Abel & Mary SMITH, who died March 26, 1852, aged 21 days.
34. Alexander JOHNSTON, died July 3, 1855, aged 51 years.
35. William Schroeder, son of Alex. & Phillis JOHNSTON, born Dec. 21, died Dec. 26, 1880.
36. Robert JOHNSTON, who died Dec. 1, 1849, aged 82 years.  
also Hannah, daughter of Alexander & Mary JOHNSTON, died Aug. 24, 1849, aged 8 yrs. & 11 mos.
37. Mary Ann, daughter of Richard & Sarah HORSLEY, died Mar. 22, 1863, aged 2 yrs., 5 mo.
38. Richard HORSLEY, died April 3, 1862, aged 67 years.
39. Jane Elizabeth, beloved wife of Emanuel BROWN, native of Great Driffield, Yorkshire, England, who died  
Feb. 5, 1879, aged 41 yrs.  
also, Robert Boyle, infant son of the above died March 2, 1879, aged 1 mo. & 19 dys.
40. Abel ROBINSON, who died Dec. 27, 1851, aged 71 years.
41. Adam, son of Adam & Mary J. ROBINSON, died May 17, 1855, aged 22 days.

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42. sons of William & Sarah SHAW:  
Jabez, born Nov. 6, 1854, died Oct. 26, 1870, and  
George, born June 26, 1867, died Nov. 26, 1868.
  43. John TINDAL, who died Dec. 19, 1951, aged 60 yrs.  
Henry, son of J. & E. TINDAL, died July 16, 1854, aged 16 yrs.
  44. Rebecca, who died Oct. 7, 1872, aged 18 years & 6 mos., daughter of Morris & Lydia FINES.
  45. Mary Alice DOBSON, died March 11, 1882, aged 20 yrs., daughter of William & Ann.
  46. George DOBSON, son of William & Ann DOBSON, who died June 11, 1861, aged 25 yrs.
  47. John MASON, died Nov. 2, 1886, aged 87 years.  
Ann, beloved wife of the above, died Oct. 8, 1896, aged 94 years.
  48. Charles Piercie, son of Jas. & Eliz. HUTCHINSON, died Dec. 23, 1897, aged 3 yrs., 4 mos. 16 ds.
  49. Mary Ann, the beloved wife of John MASON and daughter of J. & A. MASON, who died Sep. 13, 1862, aged 31 yrs.
  50. Catharine (EAST or CASE), wife of James NICHOLLS, who died Oct. 21, 1872, aged 70 years.
  51. James NICHOLLS, who died Oct. 5, 1876, aged 76 years & 1 mo.
  52. Thos. PEACOCK, died April 15, 1872, aged 73 years.  
Mary, wife of above died Mar. 1, 1879, aged 76 years.  
[son, Thomas, died 5 June, 1855, aged 11 years. - Wm. P. B.]
  53. Rachel, wife of William TRUEMAN, who died May 2, 1864, aged 33 yrs.
  54. Robert BROWN, died Dec. 26, 1867, aged 25 years.
  55. Jonathan NATTRESS, died March 19, 1859, aged 31 years - erected by his widow.
  56. Domenico DECHIARA, July 17, 1902, beloved husband of Mary Louisa COOK, born Feb. 18, 1904, died Jan. 1, 1980.
- NOTE: The following stones can no longer be located. However, they were recorded by Wm. Perkins Bull in the 1930's.
57. Sacred to the memory of John ALLISON, who departed this life 1829, aged 39 years, born 1780.
  58. Sarah, beloved wife of Thomas Walker BLAND, died 1858, aged 19 years.
  59. Emanuel BROWN, born 12 Sept., 1828, died 6 Jan., 1908.

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60. William CAREFOOT, died Jan. 9, 1840, aged 60 years.  
Elizabeth CAREFOOT, died (no date), aged 61 years.
61. Emma, daughter of Francis & Mary FENWICK, aged 7 years.
62. Francis FOSTER, died 1833, age 34 years.
63. Richard HORSLEY, died 22 Apr. 1880, aged 47  
Sarah, died 23 Aug. 1878, aged 41  
James Albert J.B. (date?), aged 3 years  
Minnie Etta (date?), aged 6 mos.
64. Children of John & Rachel KELLAM:  
John, died Feb. 1862, aged 15 yrs.  
Sarah, died 1860, aged 2 yrs. & 8 mos.  
John, died 1842, aged 10 days  
[this stone is fastened to the base with 2 iron strips about a foot long and 2 inches wide. - Wm.P.B.]
65. In memory of Patrick McCORT, 1844 - 1886  
his wife, Susan, 1843 - 1876; Natives of Co. Fermanagh, Ireland.  
Erected by Hugh McCort and brothers.
66. John McCORT, 1843, parent Jane, beloved wife of John McCORT, died 1883. Native of Co. Tyrone, Ireland.
67. ROBSON, George, died 1862, aged 25 years.
68. In memory of Ann, wife of John SCAFE, died 1848, aged 62 years.
69. William SLEIGHTHONE, died Nov. 1, 1841, aged 72 years  
Rachel, his wife, died Sept. 24, 1854, aged 81 years.
70. Sarah WOODSWORTH, died 1872, aged 26 years, 11 months  
Erected by Thomas SWINNERTON, on account of her moral worth.  
Elizabeth, wife of John WOODSWORTH, died 1824.  
[this stone is also bolted to the base. - Wm.P.B.]
71. SHORSLEY (SHORKLEY): Mary Ann, daughter of Richard and Sarah SHORSLEY, died 1863.
72. [Hazel Mary Isabella HEWGILL, July 1899 - Dec. 21, 1905, daughter of  
Daniel Albert HEWGILL, Oct. 18, 1863 - Sept. 30, 1942  
his wife, Julia Hannah WARD, Feb. 25, 1868 - Oct. 19, 1944  
daughter, Alma Silva Alberta HEWGILL, July 13, 1895 - Aug. 8, 1984.]  
[information provided by Lois Knight]