



"In this small corner sleep nearly all the early settlers, with the exception of John Harris and Daniel Silcox, who were buried at Frome; also Bryan Holme, who was buried on his farm, where a monument now stands to mark the spot where he, his first wife, and son sleep. First burial took place about 1816, being a man who was traveling through, and who died and was carried for miles by his friends in search of a suitable place. The place where the cemetery now stands was offered by Daniel McIntyre, its owner, and the man was buried. Shortly after, a man by the name of William Angus was killed and buried here...



...But the first recorded monument is one, the wife of Samuel Garnsey, who died in 1820, aged 68 years. Many monuments now stand to mark the last resting place of the settlers from this early date up to the present (1895). Many persons, whose exact place is forgotten, and now quite unknown, lie buried in this cemetery."

-from "School Section No. 10 Southwold", an essay by Mary Hamilton in *A Pioneer History of Elgin County*, published by James S. Brierly in The Southern Counties Journal.



Iona Cemetery

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Talbot Line, Iona



Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich

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Hiram Lumley

Stone depicts the weeping willow, which can symbolize grief, longevity, and immortality. The reasons for this is that the willow is “weeping” but also can survive storms and re-grow from branches planted in the ground. A number of Lumley family members are buried in this cemetery. They were an important local family. James Owen Lumley was the founder of the Lumley & Co. store. Others were builders and responsible for barns and the construction of the Iona Hall.

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William Lodge

A well-known farmer who died after 2 days of inflammation of the bowels. He'd been born in Dunwich but spent most of his life in Southwold. The *Dutton Advance* reported that "he was a man universally esteemed, and his sudden death is deeply regretted... The funeral was held on Monday to the cemetery on his own farm and was the largest seen in the neighbourhood for many years."

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Thomas Lumley

Thomas Lumley was born in 1808 and died in 1882. Many marble markers have not survived as well, but this one is of thicker construction.

Epitaph: *In labour and love allied, in death they both sleep side by side, sleeping in peace the aged twains, till Christ shall raise them up again.*

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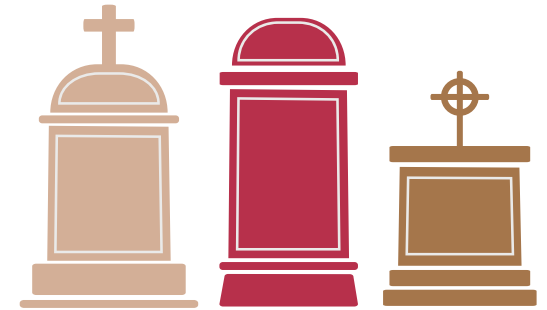


Maude Annie Burns

Was the wife of David Edward Burns and died in Toronto in 1886. This marker is of cast metal, likely made by a St. Thomas company that specialized in such markers. They have survived well and are readily legible. This marker is located next to a mausoleum.

Other Family Names

Armstrong, Bell, Benedick,
Bennett, Blake, Britton,
Brotherhood, Brown, Campbell,
Canfield, Carr, Cascadden,
Chisholm, Chiverton, Clay, Clark,
Corbit, Davis, Decow, Doan,
Draper, Elliott, Fletcher, Fillmore,
Garnsey, Gilbert, Griffin, Butch,
Hares, Harris, Hatton,
Henderson, Hepburn, Houghton,
Hubbard, Humphries, Jardine,
Keillor, Kerr, Lang, Lamb, Liddell,
Lowther, Martin, McColl, McGill,
McIntire, McIntyre, McLandress,
McLay, McMurrich, Milligan,
Mills, Mitchell, Morse, Near,
Packard, Palmer, Parker, Phelps,
Phipot, Piper, Robbins, Rogers,
Ross, Sanders, Saunders,
Shackleton, Shoup, Shipley,
Silcox, Sinclair, Stafford, Stuart,
Stephenson, Stillwell, Swisher,
Templer, Van Velsor, Warner,
Welch, Wellington, Willey,
Williams



Reorganization

The cemetery has been reorganized and most of the grave markers are no longer located in proximity to the remains buried there. This has happened to many closed cemeteries as markers fell, listed, or became broken.