



This cemetery is located on land donated by Meredith Conn, an important figure in the development of the Dunwich area. Opened in 1870, it was originally a burial ground for members of the Methodist church (1855-1926) that was located in the village of Tyrconnell. This cemetery and the Anglican one down the road at St. Peter's are the final resting places of the pioneers that carved this township out of the virgin forest. The cemetery now operates under the patronage of the United Church of Canada.



Although we have told you of how this cemetery is full of the pioneer families and their descendants, if you stand anywhere on the grounds and turn yourself around in a circle you will read a great many family names that have no connection to the Anglo-Saxon, Scottish and Irish that made up those first immigrants to this area. The region continues to attract new residents from around the world and many have chosen this peaceful corner of Dutton Dunwich as their final resting place.



Tyrconnell Cemetery

28373 Lakeview Line,
Wallacetown



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Dutton Dunwich

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Eliza Bobier

This fine headstone has a motif of a hand holding a book. Some interpret this as a hand holding a Bible to demonstrate the piousness of the deceased. Tradition says that this motif is a hand holding the book of good deeds to be read out on the day of judgment. This design was often used for a individual that was giving and compassionate in life.

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Handshake

Unfortunately the stone is almost unreadable, but it still clearly shows two hands clasped in a handshake. This design is said to demonstrate our connection to the afterlife. It can be taken as either to be saying goodbye to the deceased or the dearly departed saying hello to us in greeting upon our own death.

3



George Crane

A grey stone marker resembling a tree trunk with an axe wedged in the base. This unique headstone signifies the pioneering heritage of this man and his family. Settlers who first came to the area were required to clear all of the land they were granted. This enormous task was accomplished with the only tool available to them: an axe.

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Page

Grey stone tree trunk with ferns at the base. This family marker indicates the pioneering sprit of this family. Page is still a well-represented name in Tyrconnell. This family headstone bears the names, birth and death dates of many prominent citizens of their time, some Page by birth, others by marriage. Many of the marriages brought together other well-known families and the stone bears witness to that with names like Braddon among them.

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Howard Church

A lamb atop a stone usually signifies a child lies buried beneath and tragically this is the case. Every pioneer cemetery includes many graves of young children, sometimes whole families buried in a row, all victims of diseases they were largely helpless to combat. The lamb signifies the child's innocence and purity, a lamb of God.

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Sherman G. Walters

Grey sandstone plinth with ivy around it and urn on top. Sadly another grave of a child. Sherman died on Oct 7th 1889 at the tender age of 6 years 3 months. The urn on top is a symbol of death and the return of the physical body to dust while the evergreen ivy signifies that the soul is everlasting--immortality.