

Zion United Cemetery

Location: County Rd 17 between County Rd 14 & Manley Line
Year begun: 1889

THE EMANUEL CHURCH, on Lot 34 Concession 8 in Logan Township, Perth County, was burned in 1887. The congregation moved location, to Lot 2 Concession 8 of McKillop Township. In 1889, a new church was built, Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church. The cemetery was established adjacent to this church.

The earliest deaths recorded on tombstones are of Christopher Amstain on February 22, 1873; Antonia Schwandt on August 22, 1885; and Louisa Eggert, November 14, 1887. These graves were likely moved when the new cemetery was established. The congregation's German heritage is evident on the tombstones with German inscriptions. The cemetery was enlarged and improved in the 1960s and is still in use.



The original church was established in the area in 1870 and a parsonage was built in 1876. Each family contributed \$25, with the balance raised by notes. In 1882, the yearly cost of operating the church was 66¢ per family. Every family was to supply a ½-cord of wood sawn in 2½-foot lengths.

At various times throughout its history, the church was associated with Fullarton, Colborne, Rostock, Listowel and Sebringville charges. Zion Church was closed in 1971 and its members joined Cavan United Church in Winthrop.

