

Ross Free Presbyterian Cemetery

Location: 74836 Hwy 4 south of Brucefield, Ontario

Year begun: 1847

ROSS FREE PRESBYTERIAN cemetery is located on Lot 27 Concession 1 Tuckersmith Township, south of Brucefield. In 1847, William Robertson was granted Lot 27 by the Canada Company. That same year, he granted a portion of the lot to James Gordon, Neil Ross and George Walker, trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Hay, Stanley and Tuckersmith Townships.

Although the cemetery was opened earlier, the first known burials were in 1852, e.g., Eliza, the first wife of Rev. John Ross, and Don McLaren. James McDonald died at age 102 in 1857 and was buried here.



The large red headstone marks the final resting place of Rev. John Ross and his two wives.

The log manse of the Free Church was just south of this graveyard. Rev. Ross served as minister of the Free Church when it remained separate from Presbyterian Union in 1875 until his death in 1887. He lived with his family in this log house and later, in 1879, in the brick cottage that replaced it.

The Free Church property was sold in 1895. A few remaining members carried on worship in Hart's Hall, Baird's Hall, and later, in George Forrest's home. The services were conducted by members. They petitioned and were granted status as a mission in 1902 until about 1912.
