

Knox Presbyterian Cemetery

Location: Cranbrook Rd and McNabb Line, Cranbrook, Ontario

Year built: 1855

JAMES McNAIR WALKED from Cranbrook to Goderich in 1855 to purchase the land for the graveyard and church. The initial plan and book for the cemetery were completed in 1873 by Alex McNair. The cemetery is located behind Knox Presbyterian Church.



Headstones with Gaelic inscriptions lie next to the grave of Neil McNair, a native of Scotland.



A unique headstone resembling a tree stump marks the grave of Margret Akin Gardner who died in 1869.

The headstones reveal some of the history of the village. A large number of infant deaths in the 1870s is evidence of the impact of diphtheria in Cranbrook at the time.



The marker at right is inscribed in German and marks the resting place of Katharina, Wilhelm and Edward Zimmer.

The diversity of the village's population is shown by inscriptions in Gaelic, German and English. The older stones note the person's place of birth, for example, southern Germany, Argyleshire in Scotland, England, Ireland and Nova Scotia.

Burials were made here before 1855. The oldest plot, sold to William McKay, dates to 1858
