

# Maitlandbank Cemetery

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Location: Line 36 between Roxboro Line & North Line

Year begun: 1874

THE FIRST METHODIST cemetery was opened on the same plot as the Wesleyan Methodist Church, on Concession 2 McKillop Township. A church was built here in 1859. On December 4, 1874 a stock company was formed to buy ten acres on Concession 3 McKillop Township from Thomas E. Hays, for a new cemetery, across from the original one. Graves from the original cemetery were reinterred here. Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church cared for the cemetery from 1875.



During the summer of 1876, a landscape gardener from London, S. Peters, was engaged to cut roads and make walks through the cemetery. The ½-mile road makes a complete circuit around the cemetery.



When the congregation of Duff's Church disbanded in 1962, funds were donated to the Cemetery.

The first reported burial at Maitlandbank was of Robert Hays, brother to Thomas E. Hays, the original owner of the site. Mrs. John Shaw and R.P. Rogers were buried here in 1877. Other tombstones have earlier dates, having been transferred from other burial grounds. From 1876 to 1967 there were 3,300 recorded burials, 1,000 in the original cemetery. In 1876, lots sold for \$10; one lot had six graves. The cemetery was expanded in 1926 and again in 1953.

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