

Founders Wason's Cemetery

West Hawkesbury Township
Prescott County

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Founders Cemetery

This abandoned "Founders Cemetery" is located on the north side of Sandy Hill Rd. in Prescott co, West Hawkesbury twp, Hawkesbury ON and is next to the French Public School which just west of where the train tracks cross the road.

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After further research, primarily after having recorded the funeral records of Archie McRae, it is now believed to be what is referred by him as Wason's cemetery.

It is now just a plot of land with many fine trees on it. Over the years we believe many tombstones have been destroyed. There are only a few tombstones left and with the exception of one stone still standing, to James Shield, all stones are damaged and laying on the side of a mound of earth. There are various small pieces of tombstones laying about which are not decipherable.

Any errors (and there are likely some) in this booklet are not intentional and yet we must accept the responsibility for them. We have attempted to provide the best interpretation possible.

Acknowledgements

We are thankful for the permission to include the following records. In 1968 Ethel Byers recorded some of the stones and again in 1983 Bill Byers also recorded some. These records are included herein.

Notes:

In this booklet we have used the following symbols.

/ denotes next line on the tombstone

_____ denotes a space left on the tombstone for a future date
(words in bracket) denotes comment by the authors.

It is our hope that this information will provide a source of help for genealogical purposes.

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Founders (Foundry) Cemetery

West Hawkesbury tp ON

Tom bstones in the abandoned "Founders Cemetery" on the north side of Sandy Hill Rd. next to the French Public School which is just west of where the train tracks cross the road.

No.	Surname	Inscription
1	Higginson	This stone erected by Geo. Higginson / in memory of his late wife Harriet / dau of Samuel Stevens / of Hawkesbury who departed (stone broken in half) the 32 year of her age / also their son George / who died Jan 5 1854 / aged 5 years. (the stone is broken in half and likely the date of her burial was there) (Recorded in 1983 as follows) Erected by George Higginson in memory of his wife Harriet, daughter of Samuel Stevens, died July ? 1852, aged 32 years and his son George, died January 5, 1854, aged 4 years.
2a	Stevens	(There are two tombstones to the name Darwin Stevens and this one is the same style as the one to Higginson and in fact could have been the bottom of the same stone) Darwin Stevens / drowned at Hawkesbury Mills / July 23 1888 Æ 67 yrs / Sylvester Stevens / died Oct 30 1868 Æ 36 yrs
2b	Stevens	Darwin Stevens / bom at Petite Nation Mills / U Canada / Oct 24 1823 / Drowned / at Hawkesbury Mills / July 23 1888 (Remains later moved to Hill Side cemetery)
3	Beggs	Martha / Carey / wife of / Robert Beggs / died July 3 / 1889 age 59 yrs / Native of Belfast / Ireland
4	Cobb	Mary Griswold / wife of / Baxter B. Cobb / died Sept 27 1853 / aged 20 yrs (when recorded in 1983 it was also shown as including) wife of Sylvester Cobb
5	Shields	To the memory of James Shields / who was drowned at the Hawkesbury Mills / on 23 May 1858 age 23 years (Recorded in 1983 as follows) James Shields, died at Hawkesbury Mills, May 27 1858, aged 25 years
6	Kelly	In memory of / Charles Kelly (the rest of the stone is missing. It was recorded in 1968 as including,) died 1861
7	Bancroft	Asa Bancroft, died July 2, 1841, aged 57 years his wife, Mercy Tyler, died May 25, 1840 aged 56 years / Natives of Mass (the top of the stone is now missing)
8	Bangs	Charlotte M. Bangs / beloved wife of / John McLaughlin / died / July 13 1893 / Æ 46 years 8 mos / & 20 ds / Charles S. / Bangs / died Apr 15 1904 / aged 61 years

9	Sheilds	Erected / to the memory / Agness Sheilds / daughter of Sam & Matilda Sheilds who departed this life / June 1855 / aged 10 mos (in 1983 it was recorded as including) 10 mos, 18 days
10	Bangs	(Stone recorded in 1983) Charles M. Bangs died April 15, 1904 aged 61 years
11	Stevens	(Stone broken and in pieces recorded in 1983 as follows) Anna Whitcomb, died December 31, 1939 Elvira, died May 2, 1835, aged 10 months Harriet, died July 5, 1852, aged 32 years Sylvester Stevens, died October 30, 1868, aged 36 years
12	Stevens	(Likely the same stone as 11 and 2a, recorded in 1968 as follows) Samuel Stevens died April 16, 1867 Anna Whitcomb, his wife, native of Vermont, died 1839, aged 40 years Elvira, died May 2, 1835, aged 10 months Harriet, died July 5, 1852, aged 32 years Darwin Stevens, drowned at Hawkesbury Mills, July 23, 1888, aged 64 years Sylvester Stevens, died October 30, 1868, aged 36 years
13	Blackadder	(Recorded in 1983) Thomas Blackadder, native of Scotland, died May 18, 1845, aged 37 years