

# Baptist Cemetery

(aka Pioneer Baptist Cemetery)

(South side of Columbus Road, East of Thickson Road, Brooklin)

This cemetery was established around 1843 by Reverend William Marsh, the first Baptist Minister in Whitby Township. He was buried here that same year. There was a church in connection with this cemetery which closed in 1884 when the congregation moved into Brooklin. The building was later moved to a farm east of the cemetery on the north side of Columbus Road. It is now used as a shed.

Buried in the cemetery are members of the Dryden family including the Honourable John Dryden, Ontario's first Minister of Agriculture from 1890 to 1905 and William A. Dryden, founder of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. In fact, this cemetery was run for many years by the Dryden family before being abandoned, placing it, by law, under the care, custody and control of the Town of Whitby who in turn have entrusted it to the Groveside Cemetery Board. There is still space available for burials.