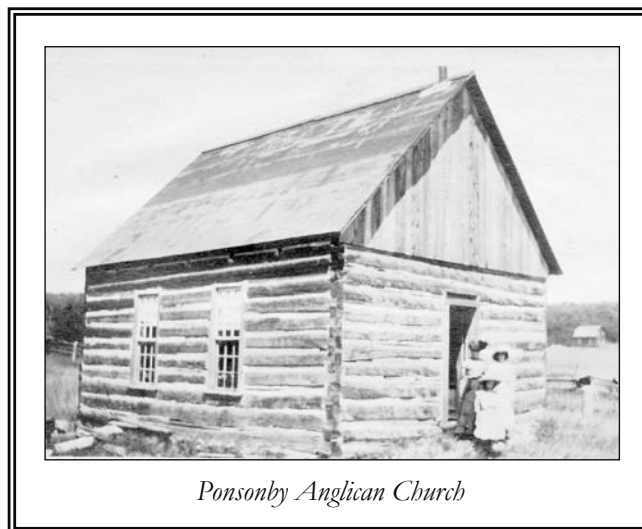


The Ponsonby Anglican Church

The local Anglican Church history dates back to before 1891. The first records indicate the Rev. W.C. Dilworth was responsible for the Ponsonby Parish from 1891-1892.

A small log church was constructed but it seems the adjoining cemetery was already in use. The second priest was the Rev. R.J. Hutchings from 1893-1902. The records indicate that there were regular (weekly, monthly ??) services in Ponsonby, Rockway, Arundel, Montcalm, Glen and Laurel. There appears to be a gap of



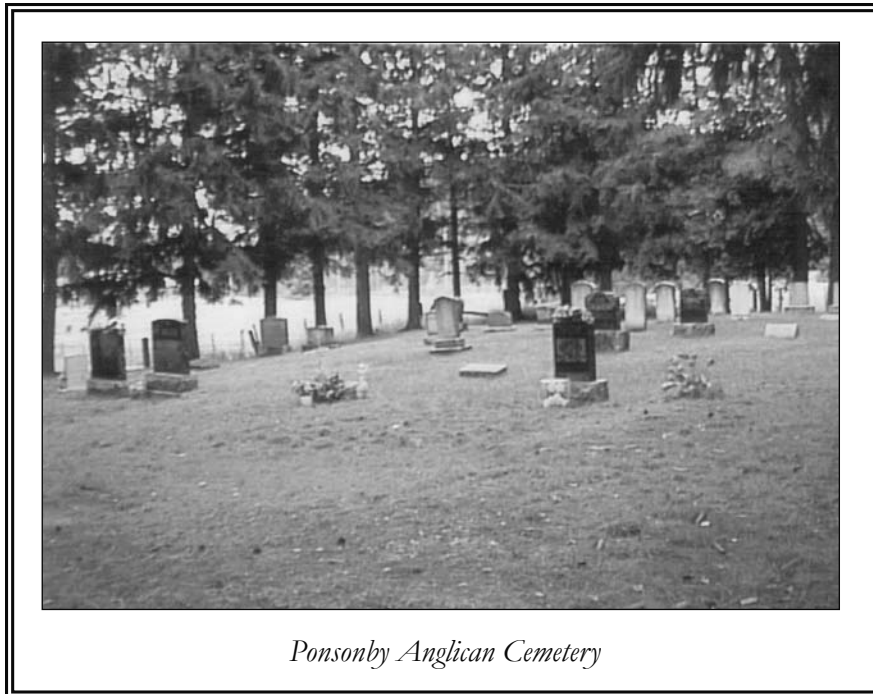
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one year 1903 when there is no mention of a priest. In 1904 Rev. H.A. Taylor was responsible for the Ponsonby Parish. He remained until 1910. There is a mention in the records that the Ponsonby Church and cemetery moved to Gramont during the time Rev. Taylor was priest. The earliest date on a gravestone is 1906, so if there was any move, it happened in 1904 or 1905. Elders of the community never spoke of there being a church move, so I surmise that this was more a confusion of names than an actual move of church. The name Ponsonby was used from the being but around the time Rev. Taylor was priest, the hamlet of Gramont was being developed. Rev. Taylor, not living near the hamlet, may have assumed that with the change of use of name, that the church and cemetery had moved. This, however, is merely my own personal theory. We do know that there was a first movement of settlement at Clark's Corner, which was on the Cross Lake Road just west of Bremer Lake.

The Rev. C.W.P. Baugh was responsible for the parish from 1910-1919. The Rev. Baugh traveled in from Morin Heights by horse and buggy. He would stay overnight at Adam Linton III and his wife Elizabeth Lukins. The next day, he would conduct his service and drive back to Morin Heights. It is doubtful that there were ever regular weekly services given the distance the priest had to travel and the means of transport as well as the number of parishes the priest had to cover.

The Rev. George H. Gagnon was responsible for the parish from 1919-1929. The records indicate that the church was closed in 1919. The last priest mentioned for the Ponsonby Parish was Rev. Gordon Phillips from 1929-1935. It appears the church was reopened for a period of time and then "pulled down". The demolition of the church appears to have been in 1935.

Today the cemetery forms part of the Anglican Parish of Arundel. The cemetery is still in use. Surrounded by beautiful mature red pines, it creates a quite haven for our ancestors. A committee, with Harold Linton as president, has been formed and the property is well maintained. A survey of the cemetery reveals the following names.



Ponsonby Anglican Cemetery

Dates Death	Dates Birth	Name	Relationship
1906	1834	William Stuart	
1906	1860	Walter S.M. Wilson	
1910	1898	Andrew S. Wilson	
1912	1903	Elsie Mapp	
1915	1849	David Broadfoot	
1921	1848	Stephen Barnes	
1926	1843	Alfred Clark	
1926	1912	Hellen Belle Linton	
1931	1831	Esther Stuart	
1934	1856	Isabella Jane Stuart	
1935	1856	J. Chapman Mapp	
1937	1864	Adam Linton III	
1941	1868	Josephine Mapp	(wife of Chapman)

1948	1891	Lewis Young Mapp	
1949	1882	Alexander Robert Wilson	
1951	1878	Mable Alice (Desfosses) Wilson	Wife of Alex
1953	1880	Samuel E. Smith	
1955	1887	Sarah J. Smith	wife of Andrew Currie
1956	1901	Jennie (Currie) Jones-Whitney	
1956	1954	Earl Currie	
1956	1876	Eb. Currie Sr.	
1957	1891	Walter S. Wilson	
1957	1864	Alexander McGinnis	
1958	1867	Elizabeth (Lukins) Linton	(wife of Adam II)
1959	1872	William Stuart	
1963	1875	Andrew Currie	
1964	1917	Alex Mapp	
1966	1873	Mary Elizabeth (Collier) Jones-Whitney	
1967	1901	George Wilson	
1967	1910	Alfred Edward Smith	
1967	1901	Etienne Maynard	
1968	1899	George Jones-Whitney	
1969	1901	Ella J. (Mapp) Maynard	
1973	1906	Jack (John) Linton	
1976	1884	Mildred J. Smith	
1983	1927	George Wilson	
1983	1902	Henry Currie	
1985	1896	Virginie (Drouin) Mapp	
1991	1896	Lillian Staniforth Wilson	
1991	1905	Robert Currie	
1992	1926	Irene (Mapp) Jones-Whitney	
1992	1904	Adam Linton IV	(husband of Rose Mapp)
1996	1928	Paul Mapp	
1998	1916	Blanche (Lauzon) Currie	(wife of Robert)
1999	1915	Rose (Mapp) Linton	
2000	1924	Charles Jones-Whitney	
2000	1905	Yvonne	(Charron) Currie

There are a number of unmarked graves as well as some, where the wooden markers are no longer there.

By Harold Linton