



13 November 2010. Ken Young using auger from tractor pto, assisted by Gerry Kenney



13 November 2010. Ken Young using a cutting torch to sever gas well pipe into sections suitable for the 6 corner posts marking the perimeter of the Cemetery.



13 November 2010. Tractor with auger, Left to right, Gerry Kenney, Ken Young, David Faux, and Tom Nelson. Ken's highly unique Chevy truck to far right.



13 November 2010. A view of the survey stake at the southwest corner of the Cemetery looking northwest across the line of three stakes to the truck of David Faux.

2 November 2011 Since we had planned to do a number of tasks that needed to await the removal of this year's crops, the author continued to monitor the situation for signs that the corn was about to be harvested. In addition the weather was largely rainy and windy as well as cold. Hence when there was a forecast for sunny weather over a series of days, we decided to act. Unfortunately, work commitments kept Gerry from participating in the work slated for Wednesday. Tom and the author parked at the western end of the site, a long walk along the margin of the corn and grass to carry materials. We found the site, no easy task, and began to assess the situation. Curiously there were three paths carved through the corn and leading to the Cemetery – likely put there by the County in order to maintain the Cemetery grounds. The vegetation had been kept flush and was at least green, creating a very pronounced green patch in the midst of a sea of corn. When it was discovered that only one of the caps obtained by the author for the top of the posts (generally with a somewhat jagged cutting torch edge), he found another path back in order to drive to Home Hardware and obtain a total of 6 fluorescent coloured plastic caps. Upon arriving back, Ken Young was at the parking spot and assembling the UEL plaque on an 8 foot 4x4 post. We decided that the best approach, considering the amount of materials, would be via the access at the top of the hill. Ken then drove down a steep incline to the field and along the edge of the field and turning to drive right into the Cemetery grounds. Very little damage was done to any of the crops in the process in our attempt to respect the owner's property. It should be noted that the owner (Timmerman) had sold the entire 660 acres in 4 parcels and at present we do not know who will be the new owner.



So by then Tom had dug around all posts and used a wire brush to scrape away any rust crusts. There was not much, the posts were pitted in places but in good shape, having been underground gas pipe, solid and not heavily oxidized. We all got into the act and primed the posts, then painted them white. Ken installed the plaque 4 feet down in Sakrete. We all added some of our drinking water as a ritual – all of our DNA will be in the Sakrete. In about 3 hours the job was done and the plastic caps installed and we were ready to take pictures and congratulate ourselves on completing another important step in the Cemetery restoration. Here follows some pictures of the occasion:



Path, likely created by County, that allowed us to bring in supplies



Plaque installed at west end of site. Picture taken from cornfield



Plaque and Ken's truck at west end of Cemetery (knoll)



North to south along edge of Cemetery and cornfield



The gang on November 2, 2011. Left to right: Ken Young, David Faux, Tom Nelson

5 November 2011 On this golden sunny day Gerry Kenney and the author met at the parking spot near the YTBG and trundled the gear we needed to the site. Our goal was to put a second coat of paint on all posts and mound up the earth around each. This was accomplished in two hours. We are now ready for the next phase of the restoration work. Gerry took some readings with this GPS as follows: location at the center of the grounds. 42d 59m 40s N 79d 52m 10s W Elevation 199 meters.



The above aerial view from Google, via Gerry Kenney, shows the middle of the Cemetery where coordinates indicate, and the red box surrounds the location of the Young Family Memorial stone.



Gerry Kenney standing by the plaque, whose post just received a second coat of paint

The above is a work in progress. Updated text and pictures will be added as the project continues. For a list of those known or strongly suspected of being buried in the YTBG [click here](#).

It is important to note that since 1975 the laws in relation to the discovery of any human remains and the location of abandoned cemeteries has changed dramatically – for the better. For example, Haldimand County now provides specific guidance to citizens who discover human remains, as outlined in the following link:

<http://www.haldimandcounty.on.ca/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=5390>

Hopefully these and other legislative and societal changes will ensure that no one has to go through 30 plus years of agony to see justice served.

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