

Offertory Collections Basket

from the Burns Presbyterian Church, Cambray

An offertory basket, also known as a collections plate, holds a family or individuals weekly financial contribution to the church.



Offertory Collections Basket from the Burns Presbyterian Church, c. 1900
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The first purpose built religious building in Cambray was the Union Meeting House. Built on Lot 20 in 1857 on land donated by Joseph Wilkinson, this building hosted early Salvation Army, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal and Anglican services. The congregation of the Presbyterian Church used this space until the early 1860s when it was decided that the Church would have their own building.

On land granted to Robert Douglas and the Trustees of the Church by again Joseph Wilkinson, the Burns Presbyterian Church was opened on January 17, 1864. At capacity, hosting about 100 people, the first service was officiated by Rev. Patterson of Cambray, the Rev. John McTavish of Woodville and Rev. D. Burns of Toronto.

In 1868 Rev. Binney served Cambray and in 1870 Rev. J. R. Scott served both Cambray and Islay communities.

Following the 1875 Union of the Canadian Presbyterian Church and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Rev. D. McDonald (b. 1836) was inducted in June of 1876. A year following his arrival a manse was built in Cambray, however, in 1881, Rev. MacDonald moved to Glenarm to serve Knox Presbyterian.



Canadian Presbyterian Church
(C. P. C.)
James A. Patterson, County of
Victoria Map, 1877



The former Burns Presbyterian Church,
now a private residence, 2021

The Church sat empty for four years after its closure in 1914, and at the price of \$655.00 was sold to the Trustees of School Section #1 Fenelon Township.

Burns Presbyterian survived the Cambray fire on May 6, 1920.

After being used as a community hall until 1977, the original contents of the church were sold and eventually so was the church. The building is now a private residence.

It would be wonderful to be able to include memories with this church's 50-year history. If you remember this church and have memories of it, we would be honoured if you shared them. Please email llove@kawarthalakes.ca.

Resource

Fenelon Township Bicentennial Committee, A History of Fenelon Township, 1987

Burns Presbyterian Church, 1970

Lindsay Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) collection.



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