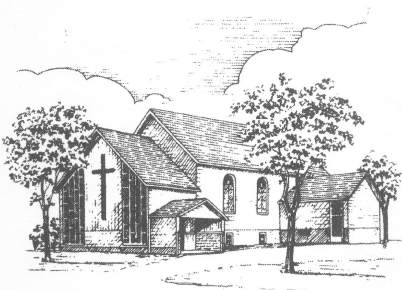
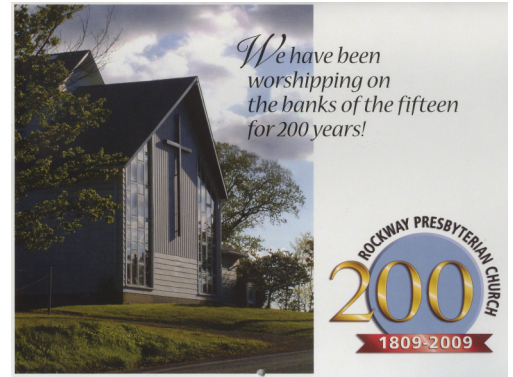
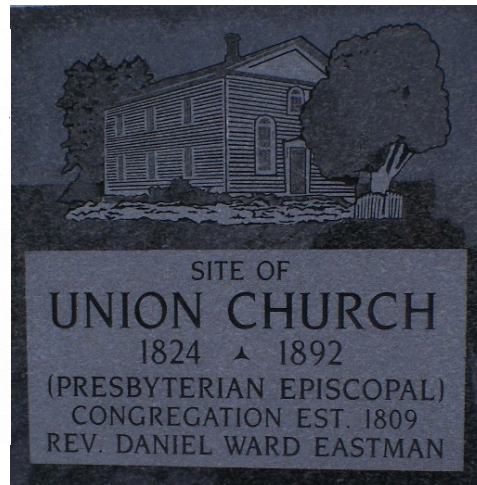


Memorial to George Cosby, Loyalist in Rockway Presbyterian Church Cemetery



Rockway Presbyterian Church



Rockway Presbyterian Church and Cemetery is near the junction of four townships: Pelham, Gainsborough, Lincoln & Louth (on the outskirts of St. Catharines) in Lincoln County, Ontario. The church does not have a mailing address (or mailbox) but has a location (street address) of 2100 Regional Road 69. Regional Road 69 runs parallel to Highway 8. If approaching it from St. Catharines, stay on Pelham Road, which becomes 8th Street. 8th Street is also known as Regional Road 69.



This church and cemetery is about 3 miles from George Cosby's land grant on Lot 20, Concessions 1 & 2 on Victoria Avenue North (Regional Road 24).

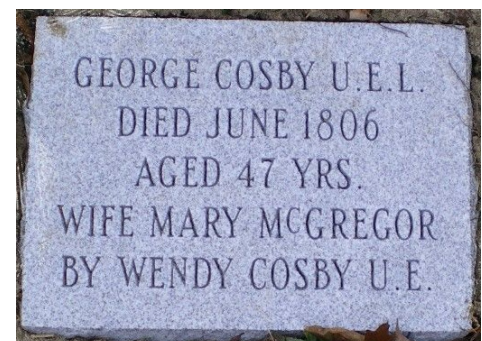
George Cosby died 06 June and was buried 09 June 1806. It is not known for certain where he is buried.

Though Rockway Presbyterian Church was established in 1809, three years after George died, the cemetery may well have preceded it. Close to his home, and next to the son he brought with him from New Jersey, Rockway Cemetery seemed to be the most logical choice to place a memorial to this Loyalist.



Father, Son and Grandson: George, George, and Henry

This monolith is dedicated to Henry Nelson Cosby (1828-1898) and family. The memorial stone to his grandfather, Loyalist George Cosby lies in front. The memorial stone to his father, George II, lies to the right.





Left Photo:

Original gravestone of George Cosby II located to the right of Henry's monolith, as it sits today in two pieces. He accompanied his parents from New Jersey to Niagara as a child in 1788.

Born: 14 June 1785, New Jersey

Died: 21 November 1860, Pelham, Ontario.

Middle Photo:

George Cosby II, original tombstone in two pieces.

Bottom Photo:

New memorial to George Cosby II and his wife, Catharine [Katherine] Frank. Located at the base (right) of Henry's monolith next to the original stone now in two pieces.



George Cosby, the eldest son of Loyalist George Cosby, was born 14 June 1785 in New Jersey. He would be one of the children named in the following oath:

I Certify that the Bearer
George Causby Came into this
Province in the year 1788 [6?]. Brought
With Him a wife and two Children

Given under my Hand ~
This 2nd Day April 1797

David Secord

An interesting note: The next eldest child recorded born to George and Mary is John Alfred Cosby, born 25 April 1790 at Pelham Union.

If David Secord's witness statement is to be believed, what happened to the second child George & Mary brought with them in 1788?

If one of the two children they brought with them died, let this notation be its memorial.