

Springville Cemetery Sign – Proposed Wording

Springville Pioneer Cemetery

The hamlet of Springville was settled in 1818. The Cavan Cemetery, also known as the 10th Line Cemetery and Springville Cemetery, was established by the late 1830s. The first burial record was for Alex Robinson (1839). Folklore indicates that the last known burial at the Cemetery were the remains of an unknown man whose body was found in the woods on the south side of the C.P.R. rail line.

The cemetery is marked in the current landscape by a cairn surrounded by Bell, Lillico, Bothwell/Padan, McIntosh, Laing and Goodfellow grave markers.

The original log and frame church associated with the Cemetery, known as the Springville Presbyterian Church, was built in 1847. A new brick church was built on the North Monaghan side of Highway 7 in 1857-58. The original frame church remained standing on the Cemetery lands until 1903 when the building was closed and eventually abandoned and demolished.