

# Johnston Cemetery (Pefferlaw)

Town of Georgina, Ontario

Lot 22, Concession 5,  
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This family burial plot is located on Main Street, Pefferlaw, between Cooke's United Church and the fire station. It is surrounded by a handsome wrought iron fence. The municipal designation is Lot 22, Concession 5, Town of Georgina.

Robert Johnston, brother of Captain William Johnson (buried in Auld Castle Cemetery GRG-001), came from Scotland to help establish mills and lumbering operations in Pefferlaw and at Baldwin. George Johnson, another brother in Scotland, sent funds and suggested that William call the place "Pefferlaw", the name of a field on the old homestead. It means "a beautiful green sward".

The cemetery, situated on a corner of the Robert Johnston farm, was established in 1860 when Robert Johnston's son William Johnston died. The cemetery is now closed to further burials and the descendants of Robert Johnston are now all deceased.

On July 22, 1989, Marjorie and Ron Stuart transcribed and photographed the cemetery as part of the ongoing project of the Ontario Genealogical Society to record all the gravemarkers in Ontario. Mrs. Ruth Thompson of Blackstock and Mrs. Mary Johnston Naylor of Beaverton provided family information and Marjorie Stuart compiled the above history.

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JOHNSTON CEMETERY (Pefferlaw)

1. (north side)  
 John JOHNSTON  
 died Dec. 25, 1980, aged 89  
 years.  
 Robert A  
 died June 1868  
 aged 5 mo's  
 children of  
 Henry & Elizabeth HARRISON
- (east side)  
 Robert  
 JOHNSTON  
 died  
 Sept. 26, 1870  
 aged 80 years.  
 Ann JOHNSTON  
 wife of C. T. NOBLE  
 died Nov. 16, 1925  
 in her 96th year  
 JOHNSTON
4. Harry
5. Nellie
- (south side)  
 Henry  
 HARRISON  
 died  
 March 23, 1929  
 in his 87th year  
 Elizabeth JOHNSTON  
 his wife  
 died Oct. 10, 1930  
 aged 90 years  
 Jean JOHNSTON  
 relict of the late John VEALE  
 died Mar. 4, 1917. aged 85  
 years.
- (west side)  
 Harry  
 HARRISON  
 born  
 1869 Died 1940  
 Nellie J. HARRISON  
 born 1875 - died 1969
2. William  
 died  
 Mar 22, 1860  
 aged  
 24 yrs. 5 mos.
3. George A.  
 died Oct. 1870  
 Charles  
 died Aug 1872

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## HARRISON

Charles.....3  
Elizabeth.....3  
Elizabeth (Johnston).....1  
George A.....3  
Harry.....1  
Henry.....1,3  
Nellie J.....1  
Robert A.....3

## JOHNSTON

Ann.....1  
Elizabeth.....1  
Jean.....1  
John.....1  
Robert.....1

## NOBLE

Ann (Johnston).....1  
C. T.....1

## VEALE

Jean (Johnston).....1  
John.....1

## LAST NAME UNKNOWN

Harry.....4  
Nellie.....4  
William.....2