



Gone but not forgotten



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St. Columban Cemetery Restoration Project

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Who we are:

Volunteer citizens who have a common:

Link: we are the descendants of the Irish settlers of St. Columban, Quebec, Canada.

Mission:

Honour our Irish ancestors by raising enough funds to erect a monument listing the names of the Irish people who lived and died in St. Columban.

Goal:

Restore a long neglected cemetery located in St. Columban, Quebec; a community formally established by our Irish Ancestors in 1835, but inhabited from the year 1820 and on.

What we found:

On October 1st 2005, we visited the St. Columban Roman Catholic cemetery located in the lower Laurentians; about 60 miles north-west of Montréal.

We found many of the final markers of our original Irish ancestors unceremoniously thrown on top of one another in the woods behind the church.

As well, we found some other broken headstones, still in the cemetery, laid out on the ground where they had fallen or propped up against other upright headstones.

Our Plan of Action includes:

Identification of broken stones :

- ♣ Fund raising for plaques and inscriptions;
- ♣ Construction of monument/wall to mount the plaques on;
- ♣ Restoration and return of the broken headstones.

Creation of virtual on-line cemetery index divided into three parts:

- ♣ Broken headstone section;
- ♣ Existing headstones;
- ♣ Individuals buried in the cemetery without a headstone.

Donations :

A Canadian tax receipt will be issued.

Payable to :

St. Patrick's Society of Montreal

Please specify on your cheque :

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Restoration Project**

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