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A Recognition of the Service Of Private Jacob Hess



06 October 2019, 2:30 p.m.

Welcome Iain S. Sneyd

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Invocation The Rev. Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning

Addresses Iain S. Sneyd

Reading: Joshua 4.1-9 John Dolbec

Intercession Greg Murray, ON

Unveiling of Monument Clare Stewart, ON

Prayer of Dedication The Ven. Dr. David Anderson

Act of Remembrance H/LCol Glenna E. Swing, ON, CD

Laying of Wreath Dunstan Jordan

Closing Prayer The Rev. Leon Burke

The Blessing The Ven. Dr. David Anderson

Closing Remarks Iain S. Sneyd

Thank-you for attending today's dedication ceremony.

The Church of the Resurrection would like to invite you to view the Hess Family tombstones downstairs in the Fireside Room and to share refreshments in the Mohawk Room.

Pvt Jacob Hess

Jacob Hess (15 Nov 1766-07 Oct 1823) was a member of one of the first families to settle on Hamilton Mountain. Jacob's father Michael (1740-1804) and his wife Charity (originally called Gertrude) (1744-1808), descendants of Palatinate immigrants, moved with their children to Canada from Mt. Bethel, PA, USA in May 1789 because of increasing fear of persecution for their loyalty to Britain.

The Hess family settled in the area of what is now West 5th and Mohawk Road West in Hamilton, ON, formerly Barton Township. Because of his large family, Michael received a land grant of 700 acres. Jacob petitioned for his own land grant and received 200 acres of land on Concession 8, Lots 15 & 16, south of his father's property.

Jacob married Elizabeth Horning (1767-1852) about 1793 and they had nine children, two boys and seven girls.

Jacob Hess served as a Private in Captain Charles Depew's company of the 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812. Jacob's brothers Samuel (1764-1861) and Peter (1779-1855) also served, Samuel as a Private in Depew's company with Jacob and Peter as a Lieutenant in Captain Peter Bowman's company, 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia. Jacob's eldest daughter, Hannah (1795-08 Aug 1872) married David Almas, Sr. (1786-25 Oct 1872) who was a Sergeant in the 5th Regiment Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812 and after the war a Lieutenant in the 3rd Regiment Gore Militia.

When Michael Hess died in 1804, he was buried in a small cemetery on the property of one of his neighbours, Henry Smith. In 1808, Charity was buried next to him. When Jacob died 07 Oct 1823 of unknown causes, he was buried next to his parents. Because of the prominence of the Hess's headstones, the cemetery came to be called The Hess Cemetery. This is the cemetery that is now in the care of our parish.

Author's Talk and Ceremony to Honour Veteran of War of 1812

01 August 2019

On Wednesday, 18 September 2019, at 7:30 p.m., the Anglican Church of the Resurrection, 435 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton (Mohawk & Garth), will host a talk by the noted author, John Terpstra. Mr. Terpstra will read from his book "Daylighting Chedoke" and talk about his research into the history of the West Mountain area. There is no admission fee but attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable item for Neighbour 2 Neighbour.

Mr. Terpstra's talk is a lead-up to an event to be held at the church on Sunday, 06 October 2019, at 2:30 p.m. There will be a brief ceremony to honour the service of Jacob Hess (15 Nov 1766-07 Oct 1823), an early settler in Hamilton, who served in the War of 1812, and who is buried in a small pioneer cemetery cared for by Church of the Resurrection. During the ceremony there will be the unveiling of a historical plaque and an 1812 Veteran's memorial plaque and a wreath-laying.

Representatives of the Lincoln & Welland Regiment, War of 1812 Reenactors, and members of the Royal Canadian Legion have been invited to attend the dedication of a historical plaque and memorial stone. Members of the public are welcome to attend this event.

Following the ceremony there will be an opportunity to view Jacob's tombstone and those of his parents Michael and Charity Hess.

For more information about Jacob Hess and the upcoming events please contact Church of the Resurrection, 905-389-1942 or oneresurrection@rogers.com, or Clare Stewart or Iain Sneyd at military.genealogy@cscomps.on.ca.