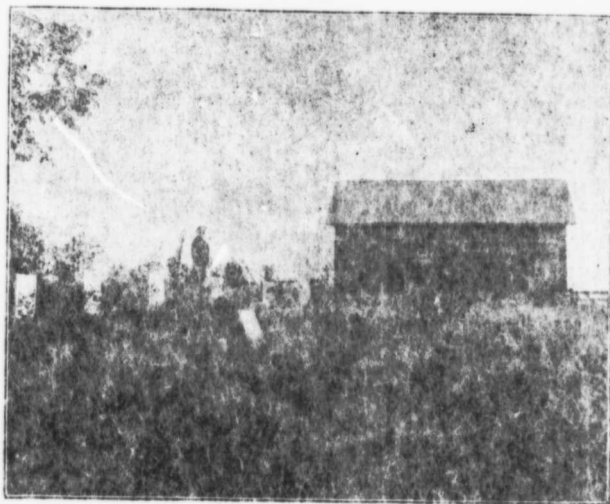


in Canada found their last resting place. It was formed in 1801.

The next record of that class is found in the minutes of 16th of fourth month, 1801, providing for the formation of the first Society in Prince Edward county. It is stated that, "After solid consideration thereon this meeting allows them to meet together for the solemn purpose of worship once in two weeks for three months, at the

throughout Canada but throughout the States, to all familiar with the operations of the Quaker body. There are now three meeting houses in existence and in use at Bloomfield, representing the three existing branches of the Society of Friends — Orthodox, Hicksites, and Progressives. There are also, we believe, a like number at Wellington, a few miles west, which were off shoots from Bloomfield, but



Quaker Burying Green, Adolphustown, first used in 1799. Mr. I. S. Barker standing near graves of his ancestors.

house of Coraeus Buant. That became a very large and influential society at what is now known as Bloomfield. It seems to be the only one of all that were in existence eighty or more years ago in the Bay counties that is to-day in active existence. It was for years and years the place of the half yearly meetings and other important gatherings of all the members from nearly all parts of the Province. There went out from that locality, from time to time ever since, workers whose names are well known, not only

they have dwindled to a very small number.

There were also meeting houses in Sophiasburgh township, where there were once numbers of very influential members, but the houses and the societies have now passed away. The same is true of the township of Thurlow, in Hastings county, of Murray, in Northumberland, and of Camden in Addington.

These minutes also show of similar steps for the formation of a Preparative meeting and oversight at Par-