

## Gilbert Harris

1817-1887

The subject of this notice was born near the town of Cobourg, in the County of Northumberland, on the 29th day of June, 1817, and died at his residence, in the township of Delaware, on the 24th day of April, 1887. In 1836 he removed from Cobourg and settled in the township of Delaware, where, by habits of industry and due attention to secular interests, he succeeded financially. For many years he held positions of trust and responsibility, such as assessor, collector, councillor and reeve. In 1844 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Davis, daughter of the late Benjamin Davis, Esq., of Westminster, who, if our information is correct, was the first man married by a Methodist minister in the Province. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Henry Ryan, for which offence the venerable man of God was arrested and imprisoned.

Under the ministry of the Rev. Appleton Jones, Brø. Harris was brought to a knowledge of the truth. His conversion was clear and powerful, and he maintained ever a godly walk and conversation. In 1840 he connected