

Church for the blessings of the past, humbly implore His guidance and presence in the future.

It is therefore proposed to give a short summary of the history of our congregation from its organization in 1841 to the present time.

To some amongst us these pages will doubtless recall the events of bygone days, scenes in which those who took a prominent and useful part, whose names are now lettered on their tombstones, and whose spirits have gone to join the ransomed Church of God.

In the year 1837, a memorable year in the history of Canada, being the year of the McKenzie Rebellion, the family of John Lawrie, from the County of Haddington, Scotland, settled on a farm about two miles north of this city. Mr. Lawrie and his family had been connected with the United Secession Church of Scotland, now the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. James Dougan, who had settled in this place a year or two previous, came from the County of Armagh, in Ireland, and was connected with the Irish Presbyterian Church, a Church whose principles and polity were much in harmony with those of the United Secession