

From what we have learned of John Goodwill it is easy to infer a godly parentage, a pious upbringing, a sterling devotion to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we very much regret that time has not permitted us to secure authentic information as to many points worthy of remembrance of the man who so worthily established Presbyterianism in St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg.

John Goodwill was an able preacher and a faithful pastor who always went about doing good. He had a habit of performing his ablutions in the creek, and as he stood on the bank, he cut his long wiry hair, using the water as a mirror.

It was a great source of amusement for the youth of the village to watch the tall, wiry, black-haired preacher giving them a daily illustration of the adage that "cleanliness is next to godliness."

Mr. Goodwill also preached at Caledon, and in one of his journeys through the bush, he was surprised by a band of Indians, who he thought had hostile intentions towards him.

Mr. Goodwill had the gift of ventriloquism, and using this weapon in self defence, he threw his voice right into the midst of the Indians, who, thinking that an evil spirit intervened, turned and fled. Mr. Goodwill thought that this saved his life.



ANGUS McMURCHY, SR.,
AND WIFE.

Mr. Goodwill was again missionary in 1862 and in 1864, for several months each summer.

After the organization of the congregation and the ordination of the elders, those who were the first to join the church were:

Dun. McArthur, Mrs. Ronald McEachren, Mrs. Jas. Brown, Alex. Gray and Jinnet McDougall.

Angus McMurchy, Senior, was elected the first representative elder to Presbytery and Synod.

Angus McMurchy, Senior, came to Hillsburg in 1840 from near Tarbert, Argyleshire, Scotland, and settled on lot 24, concession 8.

Angus had a family of eleven sons and daughters. Archibald McMurchy, LL.D., Principal of Jarvis Collegiate, Toronto, was one of his sons who rose to eminence in his profession. A daughter of Archibald is Miss Dr. Helen