

**6. St. Paul's United Church (Presbyterian)**

Lot 10, Con 3—Franktown  
St. Paul's United Church was constructed during 1901-1902, officially opening in January of 1903. Stone for the church came from J. McEwen Quarry, third line of Beckwith. Stone and sand were generously donated by the Bradley Bros. and John McLaren.



**7. Gillies Corners Church (Methodist)**

Lot 3, Con 2—Gillies Corners  
The present brick church was built in the 1920's after a fire destroyed the previous church. The large manse was built around 1901. After the church was closed the property was sold and converted to a private residence.



**8. Beckwith Baptist Church**

Lot 1 Con 6—Tennyson  
The original church made of log was built on Lot 27, Con 6 of Drummond in 1817. It was then replaced with a large permanent brick building beginning late in the year of 1907. construction of the church was contracted to John S. Davies. It is said that a windstorm destroyed the building during construction which explains the "bulging" north wall, where bricklayers are said to have rebuilt upon the partly destroyed base rather than tearing down the remaining bricks and starting over.



**9. St. John's Anglican Church (St. John's Church of England)**

Lot 1, Con 7—Tennyson  
The church was built in 1896. St. John's was the first Anglican church in Beckwith built using Gothic Revival Architectural elements. This style of architecture is evidenced by its pointed windows, a projecting apse, buttresses and a steep roof. After closing in the 1960's, members of the church began attending the Tennyson Baptist church across the road. The photograph seen to the left was taken in June of 1983, after the church was closed and converted into a residence.

**10. Beckwith Church of Scotland**

Lot 14, Con 7  
The first church erected here was a small log hut which later burned. In 1832, a new stone church was built to replace the original. The first clergyman to the Township was Rev. George Buchanan. However, he was later barred from preaching in the new stone church as he refused to conduct services under the auspices of the Church of Scotland, as requested by the most influential members of the congregation. Although, the stone church no longer stands, a cairn was built from stone ruins of the 7th line church.



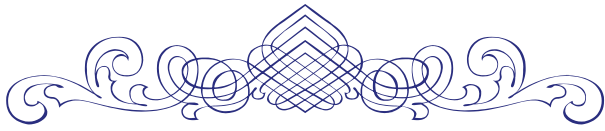
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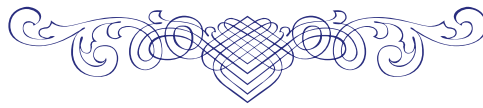
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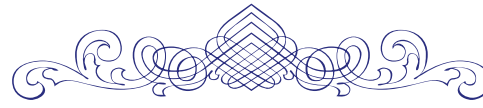
**Historic Churches**

of

**BECKWITH TOWNSHIP**



*Distance: Approx. 55 km*



*Tour One*



**1. Knox Presbyterian Church**

Lot 14, Con 8—Blacks Corners  
The church was first established as the Knox Presbyterian church circa 1845. In 1925 the Church became known as the Knox United Church after joining the United Church of Canada. The church was then closed around 1944.

**2. Ashton United Church (Methodist)**

Lot 26, Con 9—Ashton  
The corner stone for the Methodist Church at Ashton was laid on Friday, May 20th, 1898. Opening ceremonies for the church took place on the following Sunday and Monday, opened by Rev. Dr. Antliffe, a professor in the Montreal Methodist Theological College.



**3. St. Augustine's Anglican Church (St. Augustine's Church of England)**



261 Richmond Rd, Lot 26, Con 3  
The Church was built in 1854 by stone mason John May. The land for the Anglican church and cemetery was donated by sawmill owner William James. The church was officially closed in 1967 but is still maintained by the parish of Ashton. Annual memorial services are still held the first Sunday in August each year at 2:30p.m.

**4. Prospect United Church (Methodist)**

414 Richmond Rd, Lot 25, Con 4  
Initially having been constructed of log, the original church building was located on the south side of the 4th concession, almost directly across the road from where it currently stands. In 1847, the Prospect Methodist Church was relocated to the north side of the 4th concession, where it stands today, and was rebuilt of stone. Following 180 years of services the church was closed in 2002. The church is now currently owned by the Township of Beckwith.



**5. St. James' Anglican Church (St. James' Church of England)**



128 Church St. Lot 11, Con 3—Franktown  
St. James' Anglican Church is one of the oldest churches in Eastern Ontario that is still in continuous use, with Sunday Services still being held at 8:30 a.m. The church's corner stone was laid in 1822 and completed 5 years later in 1827. The stained glass windows in the church, which were brought over from England, had to be stored in Perth to avoid damage until roads to the church were passable. A stone rectory was built (Lot 9, Con 3) in 1828, but sold in 1932 as repairs become too much.

## A Brief History of Beckwith Township

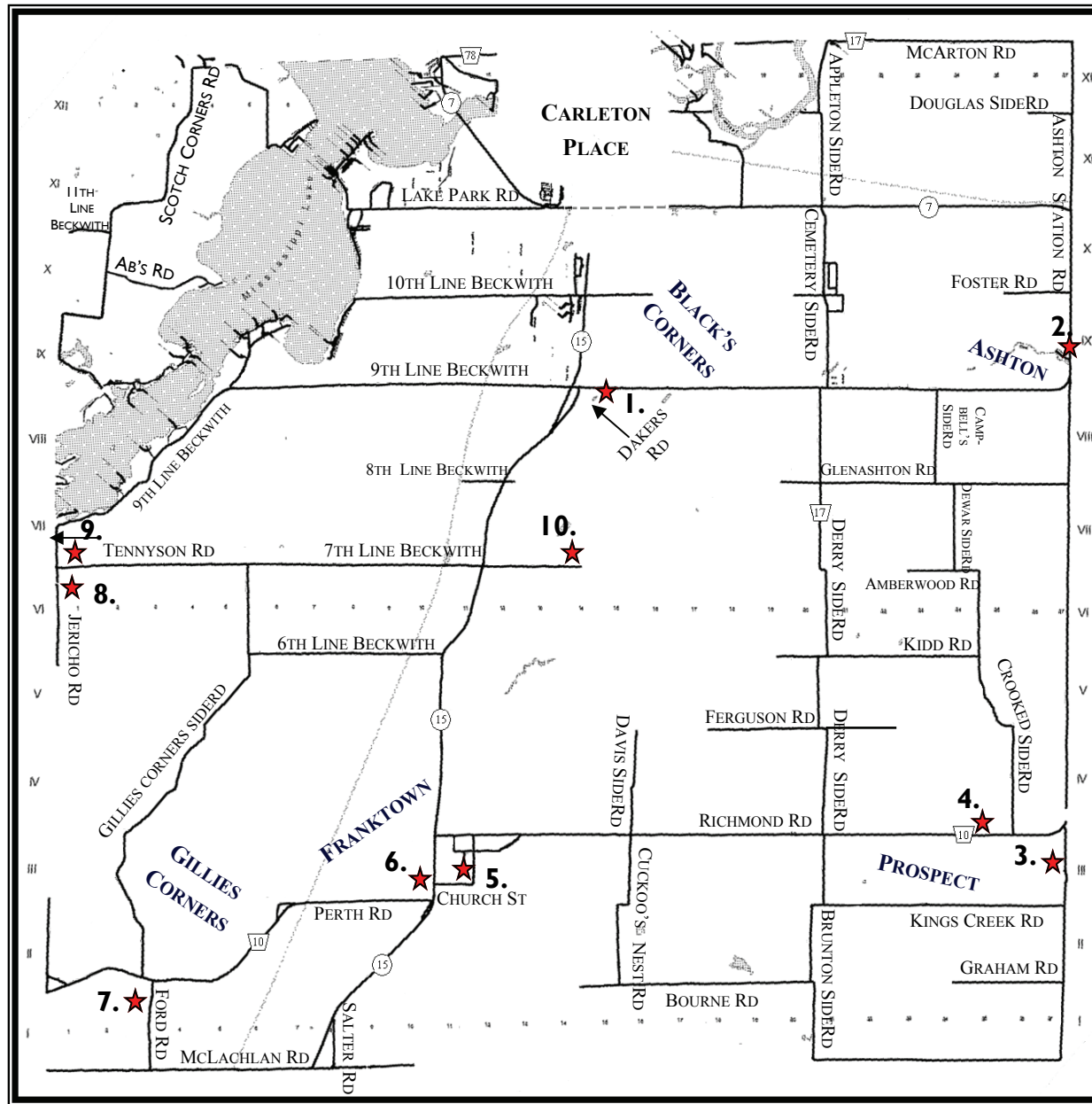
The Township of Beckwith was surveyed in 1816 and settlement started around 1817 with about 27 land grants being acted on.

The Township was named after Sir Thomas Sydney Beckwith (born in 1772 and died in 1831). Sir Sydney Beckwith was the Quarter Master for Canada between 1815 and 1823.

By the 1860's Beckwith's population was 2,629 which included Villages with schools, churches, black smith shops, cobblers, tailors, coopers, taverns, general stores, etc.

In 2011 Beckwith's population was 6,986 made up of people commuting to work with some home based businesses and agriculture.

### Interior of Prospect United Church



### Historical Churches of Beckwith Township

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| Knox Presbyterian Church 1.   | 6. St Paul's United Church (Presbyterian)                                    |
| Ashton United Church (Methodist) 2.                                       | 7. Gillies Corners Methodist   |
| St. Augustine's Anglican Church 3.<br>(St. Augustine's Church of England) | 8. Beckwith Baptist Church   |
| Prospect United Church (Methodist) 4.                                     | 9. St. John's Anglican Church<br>(St. John's Church of England)              |
| St. James' Anglican Church 5.<br>(St. Jame's Church of England)           | 10. Beckwith Church of Scotland (Presbyterian)<br>(Church of the Cross Keys) |

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### For More Information

#### Beckwith Historical Interactive Map

The Beckwith Heritage Committee has developed an Historical Interactive Map on the history of the Township of Beckwith. Please consult our website [www.twp.beckwith.on.ca](http://www.twp.beckwith.on.ca) under Community—History— Beckwith Historical Map.

#### Beckwith Book

An extensive history of the Township of Beckwith was published in 1991 by Glen J. Lockwood *Beckwith: Irish and Scottish Identities in a Canadian Community*. Copies are on display and available for sale in the Township Office reception area at the price of \$45.53 (GST included).

If you have any information or pictures in relation to any of the churches that you would like to contribute to our interactive map, please contact the Township Office at 613-257-1539.