

## **INTRODUCTION TO AMITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY**

Today's Amity Presbyterian Church began shortly after the end of the great Civil War. Information obtained from descendants of the original Church founders say the name of the Church was selected to reunite the families that had been divided because of the war. The eldest living member of the Church is age 101, and he has attended the Church his entire life and continues to do so today.

The Congregation was established in 1859 on the Wells farm and originally met in the Wells Schoolhouse, about a quarter of a mile from today's Church. The present Church building was erected in 1879.

Although today there are very few tombstones in the Churchyard, including only twelve with readable inscriptions, the burial ground is full of unmarked graves. The Church Records were maintained in a wooden bureau inside the Church for many years.

Sadly these records were destroyed when rats infested the building and the record books were consumed and shredded beyond repair.