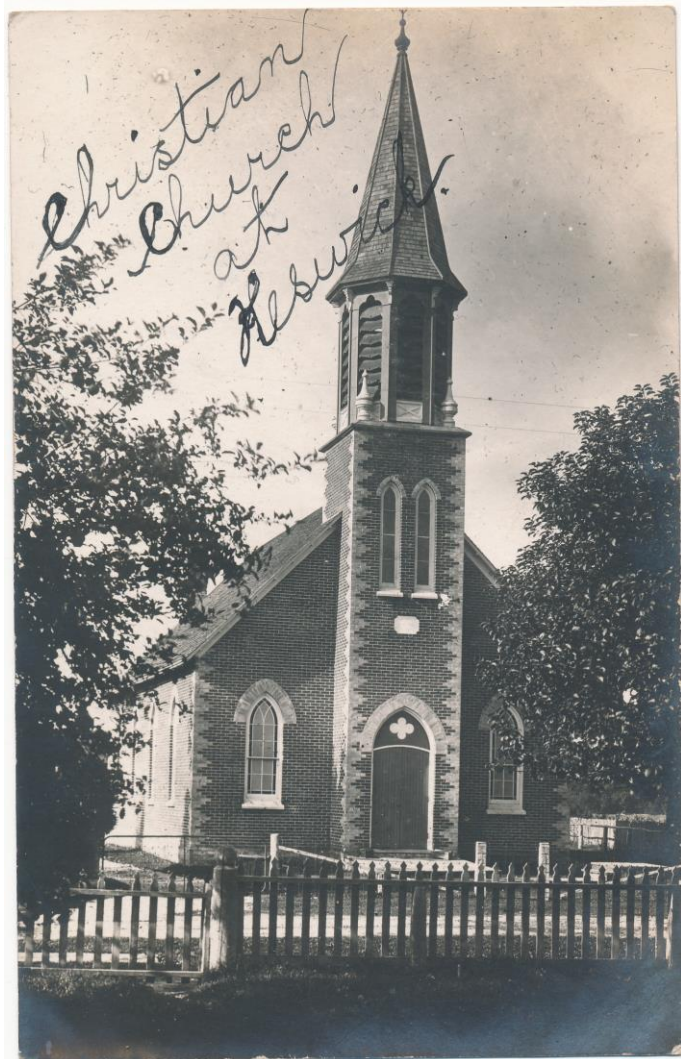




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First *Christian Church in Canada*

The first *Christian Church in Canada* (in Canada) was in Keswick, thanks to the efforts of a woman named Mary Stogdill. Mary moved from New York State and settled in the Newmarket area. She wrote a letter home asking for help to set up a place to worship. A minister was sent and at Mary's house he met with a friend of the Stogdill's, Darius Mann, who lived at Keswick. He urged the Reverend to visit and preach at his house. In 1821, 42 Keswick area families attended that first sermon at Lake Simcoe and 10 were baptized there. A church was later constructed and may have been built near the Mann Cemetery. A second church was built in 1856 on Church Street, Keswick and the third church (pictured) constructed on that same site, remains.



This photo of the Christian Church, Keswick, shows how it appeared as it was built- prior to renovations to raise it and add a basement, in the 1920s.

Courtesy of the East Gwillimbury Historical Society.