

The Methodist Church, Birchington - Graves from Quaker Burial-ground perhaps

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Workmen digging foundations for additions etc, for the chapel discovered the ruins of an old grave.

On west side of chapel, about 12 feet from south end of the building, and about 4 feet from the west wall. The grave is about 6 feet deep. The feet were near steps down to school room below chapel. Coffin was oak – nearly rotted away, very few human remains left – little of skull and key bones.

The remains of a body was found in a brick lined grave, about 2 feet down with a York stone slab covering it. The plate on coffin was not decipherable. This was taken by Mr Prater of the Wesleyan Church.

A week later, while workmen were digging foundations for new toilets at the rear of the new school room, an old vault was found– about 2 feet down – measuring about 11 feet by 7 feet – brick lined but quite empty.