

SCOTIA-ST.CROSS HERITAGE WALK

Prayer and Greenspace

During the devastating flood of 1852, many settlers sought safety at Stony Mountain, approximately 20 kilometres to the north. This drawing is C.W. Jefferys' impression of the Reverend John Black preaching at Stony Mountain during the flood. A stone nearby was inscribed with the letters "J.B." and remained there until 1927 when it was brought south and made the cornerstone of John Black Memorial United Church on Henderson Highway

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Presbyterian was the predominant faith of the original Selkirk Settlers. However, it would be 1851, 31 years following the establishment of the Anglican Church in the Settlement, before Reverend John Black would create a formal Presbyterian presence in the community. In 1854, the first Presbyterian church building west of the Great Lakes was constructed at Red River. Old Kildonan or Kildonan Presbyterian Church had a boisterous congregation, some of whose members would go on to establish similar churches throughout Western Canada. Today, Old Kildonan Church stands north of Kildonan Park and Golf Course, surrounded by large trees and some of the oldest headstones found in Manitoba.

Kildonan Park was constructed as the second largest suburban green space (Assiniboine Park in west Winnipeg being the largest) within the City of Winnipeg in 1909. A focal point for the surrounding neighbourhoods since that time, Kildonan Park is primarily known for its pastoral beauty, including lush, manicured lawns, formal gardens and mature elm and cottonwood

trees. Facilities now established in the park are the Peguis Pavilion, Rainbow Stage, the Witch's Hut, an Olympic-size swimming pool, as well as winter

ice skating rinks and toboggan slides. Immediately north of Kildonan Park is the municipally-owned Kildonan Golf Course, the first such course

in the City of Winnipeg, built in 1921.

This image taken of Kildonan Presbyterian Church around 1870, shows the building as it was originally designed – with its wooden steeple (now removed) and without the entrance porch.

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sign size: 609 X 711 mm (24" X 28")

SCOTIA ST. INTERPRETIVE SIGN INSTALLATION

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