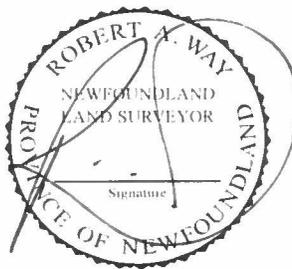


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PARCEL 1
 GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

NEW GOWER STREET ST. JOHN'S, NL

SCALE: 1:300 DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2021

JOB No: 12648-1 SURVEY: ---

FILE NAME: 17148.PLOT DATE: 2021.11.23

Statement of Significance



130 George Street West - George Street United Church

Formal Recognition Type

City of St. John's Heritage Building, Structure, Land or Area

Description of Historic Place

Built in 1873, George Street United Church is the oldest Methodist church in St. John's. It is a stone church built in the Gothic Revival style of architecture by Elijah Hoole. This designation is confined to the footprint of the building.

Heritage Value

George Street United Church is designated as a Municipal Heritage Building due to its architectural and historical values.

George Street United Church is architecturally valuable as a fine example of a modified Gothic Revival church. Constructed of local stone quarried from the Southside Hills, the entire building is sheathed in concrete. Despite this, many typical Gothic elements remain intact including the pointed arch lancet windows and the large stained glass windows. Furthermore, the interior of this church is architecturally valuable for its well-preserved woodwork. The exposed timber hammerbeam roof of the nave is a typical Gothic element.

George Street United Church is also architecturally valuable for its association with British architect, Elijah Hoole. Hoole was a well-known architect whose other works include Gower Street United Church in St. John's. George Street United Church was built by local master builder William Campbell and locally known mason Richard Atwill.

George Street United Church is historically valuable as the oldest Methodist Church in St. John's. Built in 1873, George Street United Church is one of the only churches in the downtown area to survive the Great Fire of 1892. This Church is also historically valuable because on August 5, 1874 it was the site of the Organizational Assembly of the First Methodist Conference. Up until this point, Newfoundland had been a district of the Conference of Eastern British

America. Reverend George Mulligan, as Superintendent Minister of the St. John's circuit and the principal minister of George Street Church, was elected first President of the new conference at this meeting.

Source: City of St. John's, meeting held 1989/07/21

Character Defining Elements

All those elements that are representative of the ecclesiastical Gothic Revival style of architecture, including:

- stained glass windows;
- hammerbeam roof;
- interior woodwork;
- stone construction;
- concrete sheathing;
- turrets at West end of church;
- kicked eaves; and,
- cruciform layout.

Location and History

Community	St. John's
Municipality	City of St. John's
Civic Address	130 George Street
Construction	1873 - 1873
Architect	Elijah Hoole
Builder	Richard Atwill William Campbell
Style	Gothic Revival
Building Plan	Cruciform
Website Link	http://www.georgestunitedchurch.com

Additional Photos:



George Street United Church Registered Heritage Structure

St. John's, NL

Registered Heritage Structure



DESCRIPTION

Built in 1873, George Street United Church is the oldest surviving Methodist church in St. John's, NL. Designed by Elijah Hoole, it is a stone church built in the Gothic Revival style of architecture. This designation is confined to the footprint of the building.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Formal Recognition Type

Registered Heritage Structure

Heritage Value

George Street United Church was designated a Registered Heritage Structure by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2000 due to its aesthetic and historic value.

George Street United Church is the oldest surviving Methodist church in St. John's. A Methodist congregation based at Gower Street United Church was already well established in the mid-nineteenth-century. In February 1862, a committee from the Gower Street congregation was tasked with finding a location for a new church in the working class district on the west end of the harbourfront. A temporary Sunday School and meeting hall were established in rented premises on Pleasant Street, but the committee did not secure a permanent site for the church until 1871.

On May 27, 1872, the cornerstone for the new George Street United Church was laid near the intersection of George Street and Buchanan Street. Construction was led by Devon-born mason Richard Atwell (who died in 1873 from a fall on the construction site) and Bonavista builder William Campbell. The church was officially opened for services on December 4, 1873. On August 5, 1874, the church was the site of the Organizational Assembly of the First Methodist Conference, as Newfoundland became a Conference of the Methodist church in Canada. Up until this point, Newfoundland had been a district of the Conference of Eastern British America. Reverend George Mulligan, Superintendent Minister of the St. John's circuit and principal minister of George Street Church, was elected first President of the new conference at this meeting.

George Street United Church was designed by well-known British architect, Elijah Hoole – the son of a Methodist missionary. Hoole specialized in building Methodist churches and settlement houses in England. After George Street United Church, Hoole went on to design Gower Street United Church in 1894.

George Street United Church is a good example of Gothic Revival architecture – the most common architectural style for Protestant churches in this period. Constructed of locally quarried slate from the Southside Hills, the entire building was parged with concrete some time in the early twentieth century. This obscured the quoining around the large pointed arch window on the front facade; however, the Gothic style of the pointed arch lancet windows and the large stained glass windows remains intact. The woodwork in the church's interior is well preserved, as is the exposed timber hammerbeam roof of the nave – another classic Gothic Revival element.

Due to its location, George Street United Church was spared from the Great Fire of 1892 that gutted many downtown churches. The church building has been expanded twice

since that time. In 1908, the church expanded to accommodate a growing congregation. A new gallery and transepts were built on to the original structure, giving the church a cross layout. In 1959-1960, a gymnasium and classrooms were added. In a part of St. John's which has undergone significant changes since the mid-twentieth century – specifically, the demolition of residential buildings to facilitate the construction of commercial high-rises and the harbour arterial – George Street United is a reminder of the bustling mixed-use neighbourhood that once existed in the area.

Source: Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador property file “St. John’s – George Street United Church – FPT 1480”

Character Defining Elements

All those elements that are representative of the ecclesiastical Gothic Revival style of architecture, including:

- number of storeys;
- steep gable roof;
- hammerbeam roof;
- kicked eaves;
- turrets at west end of church;
- louvred windows on turrets;
- stone construction;
- concrete sheathing;
- cruciform layout;
- size, style, trim and placement of wooden windows;
- size, style, trim and placement of stained glass windows;
- size, style, trim and placement of exterior wooden doors;
- interior woodwork, and;
- dimension, location and orientation of building.

LOCATION AND HISTORY

Community

St. John's

Municipality

City of St. John's

Civic Address

130 George Street

Construction (circa)

1872 - 1873

Builder

Elijah Hoole, Richard Atwill, William Campbell

Style

Cruciform

George Street United Church - Photos of the Annex





