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(Excerpts from a pamphlet published in 1937. Revised and corrected by Margaret Angus and Richard A. Preston.)

St Paul's was built to the Glory of God and to the memory of the Reverend Robert David Cartwright, M.A., father of the late Sir Richard Cartwright. He had been twelve years curate of St. George's, Kingston, when he died in 1843, and he had been Chaplain to the forces in the garrison of Kingston. So popular had he been that it was decided to erect by subscription, a church to his memory. Hence St. Paul's Church was built in 1845 in Kingston's original burying ground which dated back to 1784. The Reverend Doctor John Stuart, M.A., and many of Kingston's pioneer citizens had been laid to rest there before the church was built. The cornerstone was laid in 1845, and, it is said, the edifice was opened for worship on St. Paul's Day in 1847. What it cost to build the church the writer has not been able to find; but the building fund was raised by subscriptions from citizens of Kingston and from troops of the garrison. It has been said that the Sappers and Miners (Royal Engineers) of the garrison took an active part in the building of the edifice. St. Paul's was more or less a garrison church in the early days, as many of the troops of the garrison used to attend Sunday afternoon services arranged by the Chaplain to the forces, the Reverend T. H. M. Bartlett.

St. Paul's was burnt out in the year 1854, the fire being caused by embers from a fire in the Checkers Hotel, which stood on the site now occupied by the Royal Bank building on Princess Street, falling on its roof of wooden shingles. Mrs. Youlden, an old parishioner, told the writer that a ladder and buckets of water would have obviated the fire in the church. She had been a faithful member of St. Paul's congregation all her life when she died four years ago. She attended Sunday School in the church before the Parish Hall was built in 1872. She left one thousand dollars to the church to have the interior of the edifice redecorated. The magnificent slate roof was placed on the edifice after the fire of 1854. After the reconstruction, following the fire, the church was reopened in 1855. It is said that the rector, the Reverend William Greig, M.A., contracted an illness from exposure to the elements in his zeal to try to save his church, during the fire, and died the following year. He was St. Paul's first rector.

Unfortunately, records of the early days of the church were lost in the fire. Hence it is impossible to give names of the wardens

A list of the rectors is given below:

1. Rev. William Greig, M.A. 1848—1855
2. Rev. J. Clark, B.A. 1856—1857
3. Rev. Canon J. A. Mulock, M.A. 1857—1875
4. Rev. (later Archdeacon) W. B. Carey, M.A. 1875—1916
5. Rev. Canon W. F. FitzGerald, M.A.
 Vicar 1907—1916
 Rector 1916—1927
6. Archdeacon J. H. H. Coleman, M.A. 1927—1933
 (Then became Secretary, Synod, Diocese of Ontario)
7. Rev. Ernest Teskey, B.A. 1933—1954
8. Rev. T. H. Good, B.P.S. 1954—

The Reverend William Herchmer, M.A., Assistant Minister of St. George's Parish, acted as rector until St. Paul's first rector was appointed in 1848.

Pew rent seems to have given quite a revenue in those old days, for the first ten pews from the front, in the centre aisle, rented for \$25.00 each a year; and the annual rental of the remainder ran from \$20.00 to \$15.00 each, according to their location; and the pews in the gallery rented for \$12.00 to \$10.00 a year. The annual stipend and salaries of sixty years ago:

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| Stipend | \$1,300.00 |
| Organist | 120.00 |
| Organ-blower | 14.00 |
| Sexton | 175.00 |

The Parish Hall was built in 1872. The late James Shannon, a member of the congregation, took an active part in having it built. But it was not until 1933, when Archdeacon Coleman was rector, that the hall was modernized. In 1955 an upper floor was added.

The writer found seventy-one memorials, including a tomb, and eight gravestones were located under the Parish Hall. He found none under the church edifice. Those under the hall have been covered from the weather since the hall was built in 1872 and so they are in a good state of preservation. He regrets he did not find Mary (Molly) Brant's grave, or a stone to her memory. Probably she was buried in the plot now covered by a concrete platform built by the Kingston Historical Society, a tablet being set in the platform to mark the burial spot of the children and the grandchildren of Sir

CARTWRIGHT—In this plot there is a monument. Inscriptions on its base are quoted in the appendix to this article.

MACAULAY—This adjoins the Cartwright plot. There are three gravestones, the inscriptions of which are given in the appendix.

FORSYTH—The Forsyth plot has a stone penthouse in which used to be a memorial tablet to the memory of Joseph Forsyth. The tablet disappeared a few years ago, probably the work of vandals. However, page 46 of Prof. Young's "The Parish Register of Kingston, Upper Canada, 1785 - 1811" gives the following as the inscription on the tablet:—

"In memory of Joseph Forsyth, Esq., born in Huntley, Aberdeenshire, North Britain, June 24th, 1764, and died in Kingston, Upper Canada, September 29, 1813.

Blessed by nature with a kind and liberal disposition, he was courteous and engaging in his manners. His ear was ever attentive to the call of distress, and his hand always open to the poor and needy. His memory, endeared to all who knew him, will be cherished as long as any survive of that society of which he was one of the brightest ornaments."

Joseph Forsyth's old stone house, now masked by the Golden Lion Block, is in a sorry state of decay. (This house has now been demolished. Eds.) It was once a mansion standing in a garden. In the Forsyth plot there is also a slab to the memory of his first wife who died in 1799.

SMITH—There are slabs to the memory of members of a Smith family. Peter Smith (1752-1826) was head of the family.

DEACONS—The Deacon plot is a railed-in one close to the Parish Hall. Thomas Deacon, head of the family in the early days, was Kingston's first postmaster. He handed over the office to John Macaulay in 1813, and he handed over to Deacon's son, Robert, in 1836. Thomas Deacon was a pew-holder in old St. George's Church in 1809.

MURNEYS—There are two grave stones to the memory of members of the Murney family.

METCALF—Bolted to the church edifice, on the Bagot Street side, is a gravestone to the memory of two of John Metcalf's wives. His son, the late James Metcalf, M.P., was a member of St. Paul's, and his daughter and her husband, Captain James Sutherland, are still members of the old church.

HAGERMAN—In the churchyard can be seen the Hagerman tomb. The inscription on it is shown in the appendix.

pointed to the walls, are nine gravestones to the memory of saints buried there. For inscriptions see the appendix.

BONNYCASTLE—There is a gravestone to the memory of Colonel Sir Richard Henry Bonnycastle, Knt., R.E., who built many of Kingston's fortifications. The stone is built into the foundation of the Parish Hall, and can be seen at the door leading to the furnace room. (This stone is now partially obscured by stairs. Eds.)

There are other stones to the memory of officers. In the Forsyth plot may be seen a slab to the memory of Colonel F. S. Tidy, C.B., who commanded the 24th Regiment of Foot. There is a stone at the southwest corner of the church to the memory of Colonel Colly L.L. Foster, who died in 1843. There is also a stone to the memory of Hugh Earl, Esq., a commander in the Provincial Navy. He married one of Sir William Johnson's daughters.

There is a tomb, the slab on which has an inscription to Elizabeth, wife of Robert Walker; the date given is 1818. Walker probably was he who kept the Walker Tavern of the old days, now the British American Hotel.

Among the eight gravestones under the Parish Hall there is one to the memory of Sarah Richardson (1751 - 1809). The stone was erected by her son the Reverend (afterwards Bishop) Richardson of Toronto.

After the Cataraqui (originally Waterloo) Cemetery was opened for burials in 1850, the churchyard was no longer used; but Archdeacon George Okill Stuart, M.A., was buried in the Stuart plot in 1862. This was the last burial in the old churchyard. The stone walls were built in October, 1820. These require much watching and repair, as vibrations from heavy motor truck traffic shake loose the stones. In October, 1936, the St. Paul's Laymen's Association repaired and repointed the walls and installed concrete buttresses to strengthen a weak part.

Amongst those who sleep in the old churchyard are those who, according to the Parish Register, were buried as nameless ones, for entries show: "A sailor", "A black boy". Other entries show that several negro slaves were buried there — and all these will stand equal before the Great Judge on that Great Day.

2. James Smith, 1758-1813.
 3. William Smith, 1812-1838.
 4. Anne Smith, infant daughter of Peter and Anne Smith, 1802-1803. Also Anne Smith, fourth daughter of Peter and Anne Smith, 1805-1825.
 5. Margaret Cook, wife of Thomas Cook. Died May 5, 1809.
 6. Tomb. Elizabeth Hagerman, 1799-1832. Wife of Christopher Hagerman, Solicitor General, Upper Canada.
 7. Thomas Simpson, 1792-1832.
 8. Anthony Demell, 1756-1810.
 9. Captain George Smith, died 1832 (?) Mary Smith, 1771-1851.
 10. Hanna, wife of John Coy, 1791-1843.
 11. Hugh C. Thomson, 1788-1834.
 12. Sarah Helen, 1845-1850. Mary Ann, 1844-1844. Daughters of Sarah and Thomas G. Darley.
 13. James Henry C. Dickinson, 1818-1851.
 14. Colonel Colly L. L. Foster, Acting Adjutant General, Upper Canada, died 1843.
 15. Anna, wife of George H. Markland, died May 27, 1847 (?)
 16. Thomas Markland, 1757-1840.
 17. Mary Rebecca Mackenzie, died November 6th, 1816.
 18. Michael, son of Michael Spratt of H. M. Dockyard, 1823-1824.
 19. Catharine, wife of Michael Spratt, died August 16, 1819.
 20. Sir Robert Hall, K.C.B., R.N., died 1818.
 21. Mary Washburn, 1795-1817, wife of Daniel Washburn.
 23. Elizabeth, wife of Samuel McGowan, 1799-1840, also infant Eliza, 1840-1840, and Lucenda, 1799-1815 and Samuel McGowan, 1790-1847.
 24. William Robison, 1789-1851.
 25. Martha Price, wife of Thomas Henderson, 1789-1851.
 26. Forsyths, Stone grotto, east side: Mural tablet to memory of Joseph Forsyth, who died in 1813. Has disappeared.
 27. Anne, wife of Joseph Forsyth, 1776-1799.
 28. Colonel F. S. Tidy, C.B., O.C. 24th Regiment of Foot, 1773-1833.
- MACAULAY ENCLOSURE
29. Robert Macaulay, 1744-1800. Ann Kirby Macaulay, 1770-1850.
 30. Robert Macaulay, Barrister, son of Robert Macaulay, 1796-1823.
 31. Mary Kirby, 1783-1837. Daughter of John Kirby of Ticonderoga.
 32. Tablet in cement platform to mark the burying place of the children and grandchildren of Sir William Johnson, Bart.
 33. Hugh Earl, Esq., Commander in the Upper Canada Navy, 1765-1841.
 34. Jane Earl, daughter of Hugh Earl and wife of Colin Miller, 1809-1863.
 35. Magdelene Ferguson, 1764 - 1819. Daughter of Sir William Johnson, Bart. and wife of John Ferguson.
- CARTWRIGHT ENCLOSURE
36. North face of the monument, Richard Cartwright, born in London, October 18, 17720, and his wife Johanna Beasley, born in Albany, N.Y., May 9, 1726. Note: Register shows that he died in 1794 and she died in 1795.

- U.C., January 4, 1827, also Magdalene, their daughter, 1796-1839. Married February 17, 1811, to Captain Alex T. Dobbs; C.B., R.N.
38. South face: Children of Hon. Richard and Magdalene Cartwright, James Cartwright, 1786-1811, Richard Cartwright, 1787-1811, Hannah Cartwright, 1792-1812, Thomas Cartwright, 1799-1826, Stephen Cartwright 1801-1814.
 39. East face: John Solomon Cartwright, Q.C., Barrister, M.P.P. Lennox and Addington, 1804-1845.
 40. Rev. Robert David Cartwright, M.A., for 12 years Assistant Minister of St. George's Parish. To whose memory the adjoining Church was erected. 1804-1843.
The two above being the twin sons of Hon. Richard Cartwright.
 41. Margaret Earl, 1809 (?) 1831, grand-daughter of Sir William Johnson, Bart.
 42. A grandson of Sir William Johnson, Bart. 1793-1811.
Note: Top part of stone is broken off and is missing.
 43. Sophia, wife of Captain P. V. Wood, died May 6, 1845.
 44. Thomas Deacon, 1756-1836. Isabella Deacon, 1766-1842.
 45. William F. Murney, 1809-1832, Barrister at Law.
 46. Henry Murney, 1759-1835.
 47. Robert Talbot, 1778-1843.
 48. Robert Wilkins, died 1801.
Note: This slab was uncovered and is now close to the back of the church. It has deteriorated badly and is very difficult to read.
 49. Elizabeth Metcalf, 1800 (?) - 1841, wife of John Metcalf, also Margaret Knt., 1791-1847. Colonel, Royal Engineers, Kingston, U.C.
 - 51A. Thomas Fleming died July 15, 1845.
 52. Nancy Bartlett, 1783-1819, wife of Smith M. Bartlett.
- UNDER THE PARISH HALL
53. Elizabeth, wife of Robert Walker, 1768-1818.
 54. Christopher W. Smith, 1816-1833, son of Thomas and Jane Smith. Also William Smith, aged 2 months.
 55. Mary Anne, wife of Henry Cook Todd, 1782-1844, and Marianne, daughter of Alfred and Catharine Todd, 1845-1848.
 56. Joseph Wilson, 1810-1841, son of Charles Wilson.
 57. Christianna Walker, 1827-1828 and Alexander John, 1829-1830, and Christanna Sarah, 1831-1832, children of Alexander Ferns, 1799-1835.
 58. George Alfred Wilson, 1830-1833, also Charles Wilson, 1830-1835, sons of William and Ann Wilson of Kingston.
 59. John Dennis Richardson, son of Rev. James Richardson, died at Fort Frederick, January 13, 1817, 23 days old.
 60. Sarah Richardson, 1751-1809, erected by her son, Rev. James Richardson of Toronto.
 61. William James, 1823-1832, and Eliza, 1833-1833, children of Alexander J. and Catharine Ferns.
 62. Oak memorial with the painted inscription worn off.
 - 62A. Isabella, 1822-26, Sara Catharine, 1818-1828, Susanna, 16 days, 1830, children of H. W. and E. D. Wilkinson.
 - 62B. Catherine Elizabeth Killaly, 1840-41,

64. Jane Okill Stuart, 1747-1821, wife of Rev. John Stuart.
65. Charles Stuart, 1782-1816, fourth son of Rev. John Stuart.
66. Mary Ross Stuart, 1785-1815, wife of Charles Stuart.
67. Mary Stuart Jones, 1787-1812, second daughter of Rev. John Stuart, D.D., and wife of Charles Jones, Esq. of Brockville.
70. Lucy Brooks Stuart, 1775-1813, wife of Archdeacon Okill Stuart.
71. John Brooks Stuart, 1809-1835, second son of Archdeacon Okill Stuart.
72. Charles Stuart, Jr., 1814-1850. (This stone was not listed by Col. Long).

NOTE: Upkeep of this historic graveyard is a drain upon the resources of the church. Occasional help has been received from outside sources, as for instance from Sir Campbell Stuart, K.B.E., K.C.M.G., a descendant of the Reverend John Stuart, D.D.; but some more permanent income is required. Eds.

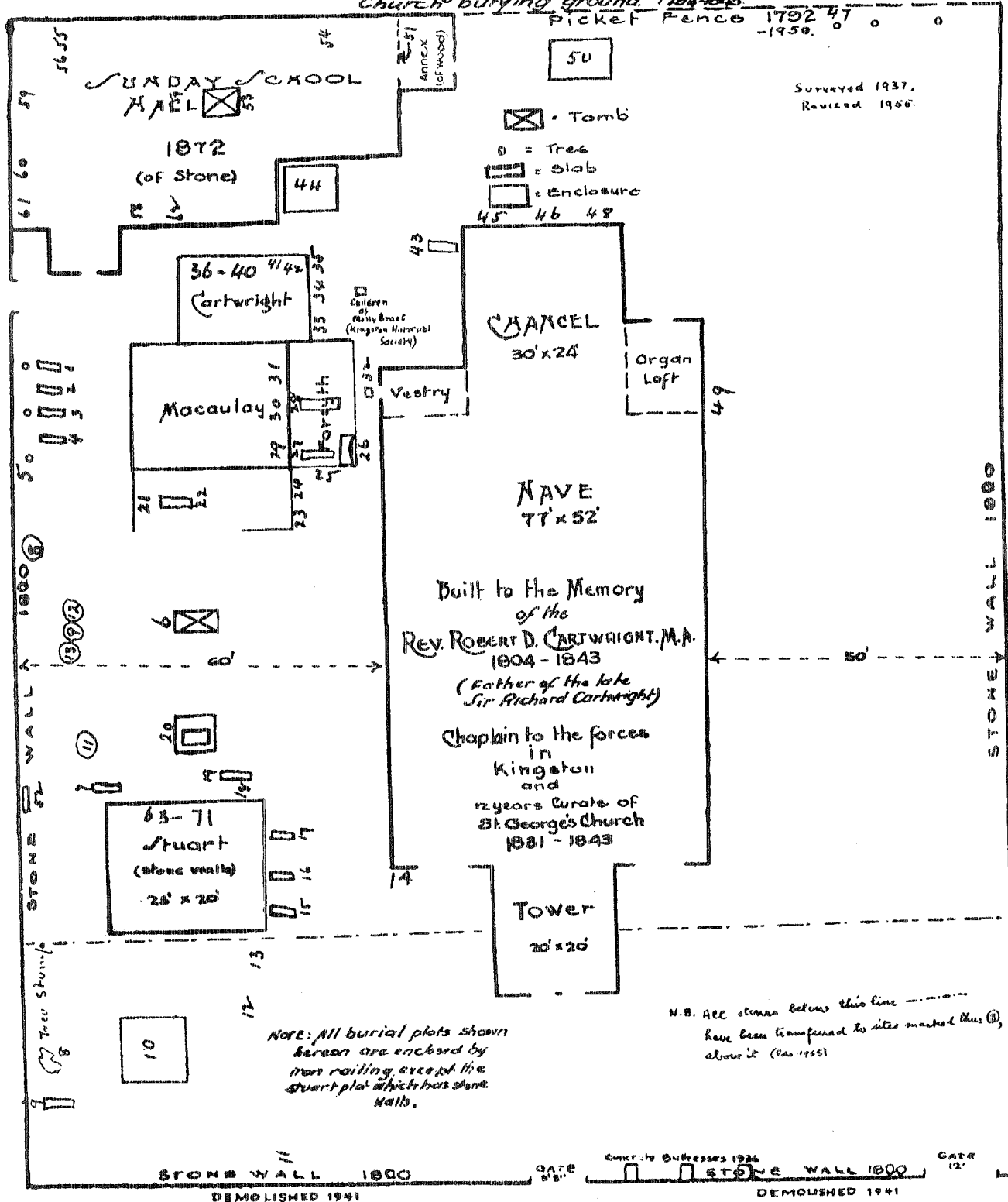
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

KINGSTON, ONTARIO

1845 Stone construction
 Churchyard used to be St. George's
 Church burying ground 1792-1845

Picket Fence 1792 47
 -1950

Surveyed 1937.
 Revised 1956.



Built to the Memory
 of the
REV. ROBERT D. CARTWRIGHT, M.A.
 1804 - 1843
 (Father of the late
 Sir Richard Cartwright)
 Chaplain to the forces
 in
 Kingston
 and
 12 years Curate of
 St. George's Church
 1831 - 1843

NOTE: All burial plots shown
 herein are enclosed by
 iron railing except the
 Stuart plot which has stone
 walls.

N.B. All stones below this line
 have been transferred to sites marked thus (B),
 about 1875 (ca 1955)

QUEEN STREET