

# Old Boston Presbyterian

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Boston, pastor in Ettrick, Scotland from 1705 to 1722, and author of "The Fourfold State of Man" and other books.

"He was all minister—a tough old character," Mrs. Wilson said, her opinion gleaned from the various readings she did before writing the first draft of the Boston Church history booklet published in 1973.

Several of the parishioners were from Ettrick and remembered their parents talking about the Rev. Boston, and so the name was well accepted by the congregation.

Boston Church next became part of a three-point charge, sharing a minister with the Union and Naval Presbyterian churches for three years in 1847.

In 1851, Boston joined with the newly organized (in 1845) Acton Presbyterian congregation. Concern about the physical health of the shared minister led to a withdrawal from the union in 1854 with Boston being supplied theology students from Toronto's Knox College.

A year later, a new union was entered into between Boston and Knox Presbyterian Church in Milton. The two churches shared ministers until 1867.

The Rev. James Mitchell, the first shared minister, was involved in uniting the Boston and United Presbyterian (Seceder) congregations.

Reunited in March, 1860, they held their worship services at Boston Church.

Preparations were undertaken to build a new church in 1860, and a committee was set up to plan for it. Stone was cut from the Hume quarry, with sand hauled from the farm of Thomas Duff, and timber from James Lindsay's farm.

Construction began in 1868 with the old wooden church moved down into the field

where the parking lot is now. Sunday worship was held in the old UP church until the new stone building was completed in 1870. The old pine church building was sold to a Donald McKinnon of Georgetown, who then converted it into a shop.

As the Milton and Esquimaux

congregations grew, it was decided to no longer share a minister and instead become independent charges in 1887.

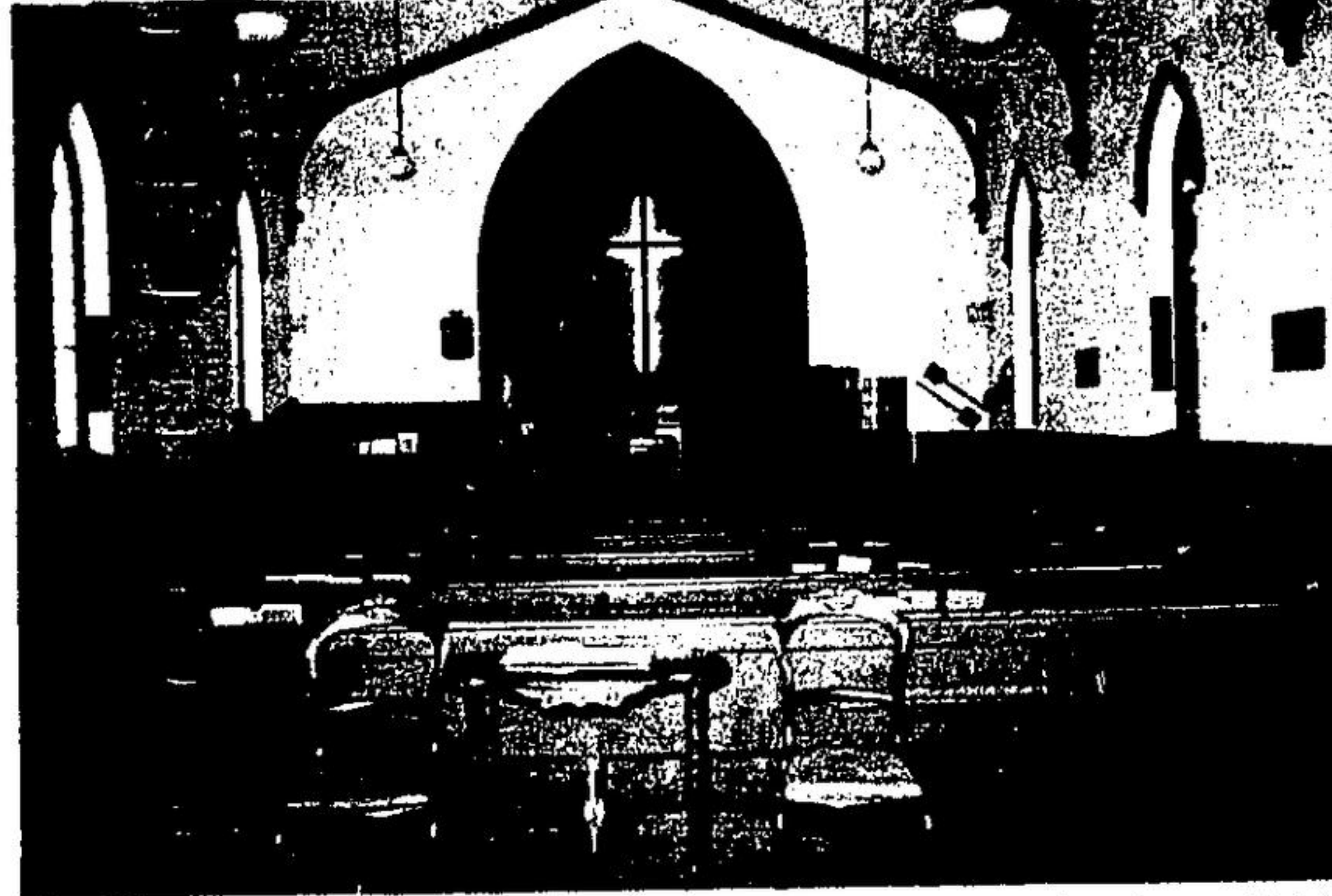
Self-sufficient, Boston Church carried on with its own minister, building a brick manse for him in 1888.

In 1915, a vote was held at Boston Church regarding the

proposed union of Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in Canada. The majority of the congregation opposed the union and the church remained Presbyterian. However it joined with the Hornby and Ormish Presbyterian churches to share a minister until 1929 when Hornby

dropped out of the three-point charge.

Today, the only Presbyterian church left on Third Line is the Boston Church. The rest of the churches all suffered dwindling congregations. As they closed one-by-one, their remaining members returned to the Boston Church fold.



Plain and simple inside, the Boston Church has orange painted pews and rust-colored carpeting. To this day families sit in the same pew their parents and grandparents sat in before them. Numbers identify the pews, but are missing from some.

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Crossword Puzzle Answer on Page C7

ACROSS  
1 Head government (2 wds.)  
2 "of Capri"  
3 Walked, as troops  
4 Lodge, as a group  
5 Atlantic tree  
6 Addison's partner  
7 Rembrandt (abbr.)  
8 Thrive (prefix)  
9 Holland commune  
10 Eye  
11 Dinner clasp  
12 Inhabit  
13 Wee  
14 Carriage  
15 Play on words  
16 Woolly fiber  
17 Mado  
18 Unconscious  
19 Egyptian god  
20 Orinoco tributary  
21 Reverence  
22 Office holders  
23 Musical work  
24 Merriment  
25 Selenographic recording  
26 Actor, — Morley

DOWN  
1 "— Mate"  
2 Secret; hidden  
3 Popular rock group (2 wds.)  
4 Carp family fish  
5 A way  
6 Church  
7 V.I.P.'s hat  
8 Zulu for fact or text  
9 — Van Winkle didn't need them (3 wds.)  
10 — check (restrained) (2 wds.)  
11 See 22  
12 Across  
13 Small ball sound  
14 Squashed (3 wds.)  
15 I love  
16 — (abbr.)  
17 Take heed!  
18 Ancestral  
19 Jewish  
20 Squashed (3 wds.)  
21 I love  
22 — (abbr.)  
23 "—" (abbr.)  
24 Unfilled

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