

Registered 1993 - Sandy Cove Church Of The Nativity - Circa 1844



On May 1, 1800 William Wilson bought 100 acres of land from Martin Blackford and on September 9, 1800 he sold ½ an acre to Joseph Gidney, Stephen Fountain, and John Morehouse (trustees of the Anglican church) for five shillings to be a public burying ground. In addition to a burial site the land was used to construct a church. An inscription in the lectern bible reads "Presented to the Church of The Nativity on the occasion of the consecration," by Bishop John Inglis, August 7, 1844. The 150th anniversary of this church was held one year after being registered as a heritage property. In 1931 a cross made of copper was dedicated by Archdeacon F.W. Vroom. A gift of the Rev. Doctor Robert Norwood, the cross replaced the original wooden one which had long graced the steeple of the church. Reverend William Bullock was the first rector of the church. Rev. Bullock was noted for becoming the first Dean of Nova Scotia in 1864, and is also remembered for a hymn in which he wrote in 1851, "We Love the place oh Lord" which still appears in many hymnals either as originally composed by Dr. Bullock or in the adaptation from Sir Henry William Baker.