

Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

Today I extend congratulations on the 150th Scotch Colony Anniversary, 1873-2023, in Southern Victoria County, NB.

Last weekend (August 18-20) friends and neighbours near and far gathered for a three day celebration of the arrival of people from Scotland to Victoria County, NB.
For a schedule of events check out the [website](#).

A worship service was held August 20 at Melville United Church in Kincardine, with guest preacher Rev. John Moses who was a student minister with the community in 1974.
Congregations also include Kincardine, Upper Kintore, Lower Kintore, Bon Accord and Kilburn.

The website notes how *“The first church was made of logs and was situated on lot number 33 in Kincardine.*

Also in 1877, the church of Kincardine was finished... under the direction of Rev. Peter Melville for whom the church was named.

Fifteen Sunday Schools were first held in private homes, in the log church, and then in the new churches and schools.”

Upper Kintore, Melville and Kincardine United Churches continue to hold worship services together with Upper Kent and St. James, Perth Andover. Each week the location of the service is posted on social media with the invitation “Come and bring your fiddles.”

One can only imagine, how the face of ministry has evolved over those 150 years. The event website notes how *“The people of the Colony... we could sum up their character in the phrase ‘Presbyterian rectitude’ — sometimes self-righteous, but rarely hypocritical.”*

Many who gathered to celebrate have been touched in one way or another through this ministry. The people of Scotch Colony have supported and cared for one another across the decades celebrating God’s presence, through joys and sorrows. Thank you. Know your presence has made a difference in the lives of many, including the formation of United Church clergy.

Thank you to all for many years of ministry in Southern Victoria County, NB.

Thank you for continuing to be the face of the United Church of Canada in your communities.

In Peace,

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