

STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH

Curates From the 18th and 19th Centuries

There were a number of men who assisted the Rectors of St. John's during this period. Among them were the Rev'ds, Drum, Hodgson, Padfield, Wainwright, Ellis, Brenton, Groser, Skinner and Harris.

Possibly a passing notice should be given to the Rev. J.H, Drum for his life was most interesting. Born in Ireland, and in the company of others he was one of the leaders in the Cabbage Riots of 1848.

On escaping from Ireland on a sailing ship, he landed in Lunenburg, when the craft put in for provisions. He practiced medicine in Lunenburg and the area which became Bridgewater. In 1858 he was ordained a minister in the Church of England and worked throughout Lunenburg County. He married the daughter of The Hon. John Heckman M.P.P.

Rev. Dr. Drum later moved to Bristol, New York, and was Rector of that place when the American Civil War broke out. He served as Chaplain to the Southern Forces. After the war he resumed his work in Bristol where he died at over 80 years of age.

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